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SISTERS RETREATS

JUNE 6-11, 2010—6 DAY OPTION
AND
JUNE 13-20, 2010—8 DAY OPTION



An invitation to reclaim our vision,
hope and faith ...

Contemplation and Religious Life:

A Reflection and Context

We are not human beings having spiritual experiences
But rather spiritual beings having human experiences.
Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.

The above observation of Fr. De Chardin is perhaps even more insightful today than it was years ago when he first offered the reflection. As Religious men and women we must firmly anchor our lives within the living context of life lived contemplatively: seeing the bigger picture, recognizing the mystery, acknowledging the sacred, and in all things, reclaim our vision, our hope, and an energetic faith and belief.

Each day, during the retreat, we will begin our reflections by praying together in the spirit and words of one of these great saints in the contemplative tradition: St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, St. Teresa of Avila, Thomas Merton, Meister Eckhart and Blessed Theresa of Calcutta. These reflections will contextualize our spiritual journey within the great tradition of contemplation and prayer. The presentations will not be heady, unreachable, or impractical but rather firmly rooted and grounded in our lived experiences of grace.

Rev. Thomas Santa, C.Ss.R., a native of Grand Rapids, MI. was professed as a Redemptorist in 1973 and ordained in June 1978. A graduate of Holy Redeemer College and the State University of New York, Father Santa is currently Director of the Redemptorist Renewal Center. He has ministered within the Redemptorist formation system, served as President and Publisher of Liguori Publications, and worked in retreat ministry and spiritual direction for a number of years. He has Masters degrees in theology and religious education. He has contributed several books to the *Essential Catholic Handbook* series published by Liguori Publications. Other titles include *Marian Shrines of North America*; *Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask*; *Understanding Scrupulosity*; *Sacred Refuge: Why and How to Make A Retreat*. His most recent book is *Desert Graces: Meditations from the Sonoran Desert*. (E.T. Netter/Paulist Press)

Reservations are required for all retreats. Please contact us for more information or to register
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\$455.00—8-Day Retreat

\$350.00—6-Day Retreat