

Men's Retreat

September 25-27, 2009

Reservation Form for Retreat Program - PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Cell (____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Have you made a retreat here in the past? _____

Are you willing to share a room? () Yes () No _____

Special Dietary or Other Requirements? _____

I hereby authorize Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center to charge my (check one): VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____

ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE (mm/yy) ____/____

NAME ON CARD _____ SIGNATURE _____

Amount to Charge: \$ _____ PLEASE NOTE: If you are charging your expenses or paying by check, you may pay the registration fee (\$30.00) or the total amount. If your credit card billing address is different from the above, please write it on a separate sheet of paper and include with your form. We will notify you to confirm your reservation.

Please mail the Reservation Form to: Retreat Office, Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center, 1300 U.S. Highway #1, North Palm Beach, FL 33408. Telephone (561) 626-1300

If charging your payment, you may also fax this form to (561) 627-3956. This registration form is available in printer-friendly format on our Internet home at: <http://www.ourladyofflorida.org/register.htm>

St. Paul of the Cross,

"IESU XPI PASSIO" (The Passion of Jesus Christ)

Our Founder Paolo (Paul) Danei was born at Ovada, Province of Alessandria in NW Italy on January 3rd 1694. At 18 he decided he'd live a holy and perfect life. In 1715 he enrolled in the Venetian forces engaged in a holy crusade against the Ottoman Turks. However, just before setting out, he came to realize God was calling him to something quite different.

In 1718 he renounced a substantial inheritance as well as marriage as he sought to deepen his spiritual experience and better determine his life's true vocation. And so, in 1720, vested in a rough black tunic and barefoot, and begins a long and solitary period of intense reflection, meditation and penance, in the course of which he clearly comes to see he's being called by the Spirit to proclaim God's immense love and mercy revealed to us through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Hence his future religious title, "Paul of the Cross". Between the 2nd and 7th December of that year he writes down his Rule for a future Passionist Congregation

Ordained a priest in 1727, he begins an intense itinerant missionary activity at parishes in different parts of Italy and, in 1737 he opens the very first Passionist community (known as a "retreat") on Monte Argentario. He patiently awaited the pontifical approval of his new Institute.

At long last, in 1741, Pope Benedict XIV approves his Rule for the new Congregation. Very soon afterwards Paul takes in new companions and founds a string of retreats and his Congregation begins to grow and thrive. Paul never ceases to preach, covering many parts of the country, all the while counseling and directing souls through an incredible number of letters.

Rev. Paul Wierichs, C.P. - Director of OUR LADY OF FLORIDA: Fr Paul most recently served as Pastor of St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton, PA, beginning February 2004. Fr. Paul was professed a Passionist on March 8, 1964 and was ordained a Passionist priest on May 18, 1978.

MEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 23-27: THEME: WE WALK BY FAITH:

Is a Retreat for Me? If you want to find a measure of peace and a way to deal with the tension that often exists between living gospel values and just earning a living, a retreat may be of great help for you. If you are confronted with difficult relationships at home or at work, a retreat may be just what you need to rediscover your capacity to love meaningfully. If there is a sense of loss, hurt or pain, or if you must deal with catastrophic illness, a retreat may be the respite and refreshment you need. If you sense a need to deepen your faith, to recover your values, to find the courage to face an uncertain future, you may find a retreat to be of great benefit

Can I Afford To Go On a Retreat? Perhaps the better question might be, "Can I afford NOT to make a retreat!" Making a retreat is one of those things. From an economic point of view, the retreat offering is far less than one would spend on any entertainment or. Recreational event.

Moreover, it has been our consistent policy that monetary concerns need not hinder anyone from making a retreat. The good news is that if you can not afford the \$195 Dollars, please give the amount that you can. Since our OFFERTORY is CONFIDENTIAL at the end of the RETREAT. (GIVE THE AMOUNT THAT YOU COULD AFFORT) Registration fee of \$30.00. OUR LADY OF FLORIDA: JUST WANTS YOU TO EXPIRIENCE OUR SPIRITUAL CENTE.

**ST EDWARDS: Please contact JERRY ESTEVEZ
954-655-8021**

**BLESSED JOHN XXIII: Please contact PAULO
MANZATO 305-632-8718 or JERRY ESTEVEZ.**