

What is this "Vocations Retreat"?



All people are called to be holy: Not all people are called in the same way.

The purpose of the retreat is to raise awareness and to explore ALL different types of vocations, not only religious life or the priesthood. We plan to journey and pray together to deepen our understanding of what God has planned for our lives. If you are

a young person earnestly trying to figure out what God is calling you to, we encourage you to invest in your future and come see where God is calling you to serve.

What will I gain from the retreat?

This retreat has been designed to help you know who you are and what God is calling you to be.

Is it single life? Is it marriage? Does God want me to be consecrated and/or to live my vocation out within my family? Can I serve God as a lay person, or does God want me to be ordained? Am I more suited to public service or to quiet contemplative life?



Breathing with both lungs.



This retreat is also a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with our Catholic Church's Eastern and Western sides. Half of the retreat's presenters and liturgical services will be from the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church and the other half from the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

What should I expect?

Informative and thought provoking talks, food, adoration, social time, food, Mass, community service work, vespers, sumo wrestling, music, Divine Liturgy, food, and more...

Who is this for?

This retreat is being organized for young people who are seriously discerning God's plan for them. It is for mature high school students and young adults.

When is this retreat?

The weekend after Easter! Registration will start at 6 pm on Friday, April 29 (Session 1 will start at 7), and continues till 2 pm on Sunday, May 1.

Where is the retreat?

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
5120 - 54 A Street, Lloydminster, AB.



Lloydminster is on the border of Alberta and Saskatchewan, located on Highway 16, almost exactly half way between Edmonton and Saskatoon.

Holy Spirit Parish can be found by turning north from Hwy 16 onto Hwy 17 (yes, the "border road" with the big orange markers). Then go through 'downtown', cross the train tracks, and turn left (west) at the ESSO. Two blocks west and you're there!
if you get lost... call us 780-875-7802

Accommodations:

Simple accommodations will be provided; one gender will be 'camping out' in the church choir loft, and the other gender will be billeted by the organizers. Please bring a 'foamy' or air-mattress.

Participants can also arrange their own accommodations if they desire.



Our sponsors:



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This retreat is being organized with the blessing of Bishop David Motiuk, of the Eparchy of Edmonton.

Vocations Retreat

"What is God calling me to?"

"How do I get there?"

**April 29 - May 1, 2011
Lloydminster, AB**

For More Information:

www.vocationsretreat.pbworks.com

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Fr. Bo: (780) 808-2937**

**Also visit us on FaceBook:
"Vocations Retreat Lloydminster 2011"**

Registration:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Age: _____

☐ male, ☐ female

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____

☐ Roman Catholic, ☐ Ukrainian Catholic, or ☐ Other

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Health Care #: _____

Please note any allergies, dietary needs, or any health conditions that we should be aware of:

attach a separate sheet of paper if needed

☐ Check this box only if you will arrange your own accommodations: (Please note: we can not be responsible for anyone staying outside our "simple accommodations")

Signature of Parent or Guardian (Required if the participant is 17 or younger):

Please email, mail or fax your registration to:

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Registration Fee & "Deadline":

Thanks to our sponsors it's only \$25! Cheques should be made out to "Holy Spirit Catholic Church". This fee needs to be given at or before the sign-in (6-7 pm on the 29th).

We would appreciate your registration sooner than later (hopefully well before Easter) so that we can know how many people to prepare for. However we won't set a deadline because we know that sometimes God works within us at the last minute. Please let us know as soon as you decide to attend.

What to Bring:

- Clothes
- Toiletries
- Mattress
- Pillow & Bedding
- Bible
- Journal (optional)
- Water Bottle / Coffee Cup

Our Main Presenters:

Sr. Gertrude Sopracolle, osu

Sister Gertrude, comes from Goodsoil, SK. When God called her to Religious life, the Ursulines of Prelate whom she had been taught in school by with were seen as the ideal choice for her. In this community of "contemplatives in action" she continues to witness to the joy of being a "spouse of Christ" "educating for LIFE". 35 years in classroom teaching has given way to diverse ministry as director of an Ursuline Discernment House/Residence called Maryhome, located in St. Albert, AB. Spiritual Direction, Retreat work, RCIA accompaniment and Ecumenical Dialogue, plus gardening, cooking, cleaning, talking to house plants, pruning trees, gazing at the stars, shoveling snow, chipping ice, are all recognized as an invitation to be "contemplative in action" while "educating for life". In 2011 she will celebrate her 50th year of profession. Sr. Gertrude is tall, active, energetic, a very good listener and fun. Occasionally she still does a head stand.

Fr. Bo (Bohdan) Nahachewsky

Fr. Bo, originally from Saskatoon, is a Ukrainian Catholic priest serving five parishes in Eastern Alberta. Married in 1998, he and his wife have three active children, seven aquarium fish, and a big container full of composting earthworms. Fr. Bo studied in Saskatoon & Ottawa, served in an inner-city mission in Winnipeg, lived in a contemplative monastery in California, worked with youth in Edmonton, is a consecrated iconographer, and is a fan of Sumo Wrestling. After his ordination to the priesthood in 2003, and a brief stint at the Cathedral in Edmonton, Fr. Bo was entrusted with the spiritual care of the people of Lloydminster and area where he still serves today.

Our Other Speakers:

Fr. Louis Fowoyo

Fr. Louis is from Nigeria. A priest for 25 years he was inspired by French Canadian priests who served in Nigeria during his childhood. Because of what they did for him, he felt called to return his services as a priest to the country of their origin. However, much to our amusement, he did not realize that we have cold weather here.

He was rector of a seminary in his Diocese back in Africa. He is a prayerful man with lots of knowledge, wisdom and love.

Sr. Marijka Konderewicz, ssmi

Sr. Marijka is currently assigned to the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Center in Saskatoon. Born and raised in Australia, she moved to Canada in 1995. Upon completion of her novitiate, she studied in Ottawa and Toronto and obtained a Masters in Ministry and Spirituality, and is a certified Spiritual Director. She is on the team for Spiritual Directors at Queen's House in Saskatoon. She enjoys walking, reading, watching Aussie rule football and tennis.

Sr. Bonnie Komarnicki, ssmi

Sr. Bonnie is originally from Saskatoon. She has been a Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate for 26 years serving the Church as a religious educator and a high school teacher. Sr. Bonnie has lived in New Westminster, Saskatoon, Yorkton and Ottawa. Her educational background is a BA, Bed from the U of S in Saskatoon. She enjoys reading, embroidering, visiting her nieces and nephews and is an avid Rider fan.

Kelly Aalbers

Kelly is a young man (17) who is still discerning God's call in his life. He figured he needed a retreat to help him figure things out so... after some talking to people he organized this. Cool huh?

Kelly is the middle child of three siblings. He is a wanna be farm boy who loves hunting and fishing. He hopes to do some "ministry" type of work this coming fall with "LEAP." Kelly is tall.