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Dear Friends in Christ:

Happy New Year! As we prepare for the new retreat year, it's important for us to approach the year with gratitude and foresight; particularly, as we discern God's will for our retreats throughout the year. This year we are pleased to announce a new theme, "Whom Shall I Send...Send me Lord." (*Isaiah 6:8*) With a focus on bringing more souls to Christ, we are encouraging our retreatants to respond with conviction to the call of the Lord. Let us pray for a successful retreat year for all those who will grace these holy grounds.

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James A. Fitzsimmons, President

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### **Retreat House Will Become a Smoke-Free Environment**

The Board of Directors passed a Resolution on December 9, 2009 enacting a "smoke-free environment" for all facilities representing Malvern Retreat House, including Lower McShain. This new policy is effective with the first retreat of January, 2010.

### **MRH Direct Introduced**

Malvern Retreat House is introducing MRH Direct. This is a new time and cost-saving program to help manage your donation or registration cost for a retreat weekend. This new payment system will assist the retreat house by lessening administrative costs which include less paper and postage. It's a win-win for you and the retreat house. Many of you may already be using electronic funds transfer or credit cards when you pay bill electronically. Now you can support Malvern Retreat House through MRH Direct. Each month, or as you designate, Malvern will simply transfer your donation or payment from the account you designate-savings or checking account, credit or debit card in the exact amount you specify. If you have additional questions, contact Thomas Harmaty at 484-321-2538 or [tharmaty@malvernretreat.com](mailto:tharmaty@malvernretreat.com) The program will be available in January 2010.

### **Website Launches New Look**

Be sure to check out the newly revised website at: [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) New editions to the site include a *YouTube* function in which we will highlight some of our retreats and retreat directors, a *Facebook* page in which you can connect with other Malvern retreatants, blog about your retreat and so much more. People from 12 countries and 400 cities in the U.S. visited our site during a one month period from November and December. We are still working on the site to provide additional information about our retreats on an ongoing basis. Be sure to tell your friends to click on the site too.

## Traditional Retreats for Men Start on January 8th

Don't forget to pass the word to your spouse, relatives, neighbors and friends about a weekend retreat at Malvern!

Date	Retreat	Retreat Director
January 8-10	Epiphany	Fr. Gregory Hickey and Fr. Joseph Gleason
January 15-17	Our Lady of Fatima	Fr. Edward Murphy and Fr. Joseph McCloskey
January 22-24	SS. Peter and Paul	Fr. Frank Devlin and Fr. Gregory Hickey
January 29-31	Holy Spirit	Fr. Jude Michael Krill and Fr. Joseph Breighner
February 5-7	St. Blaise	Fr. Edward Rozko and Fr. Gregory Hickey
February 12-14	St. John Neumann	Fr. John Nordeman and Fr. Gregory Hickey

### Women Afire Retreat – “Untie Him and Let Him Go”

The Women Afire team will, once again, direct the Fourth Annual Women Afire retreat in the Main house this year, February 19-21<sup>st</sup>. Directed by Anna Iatesta, Kathleen McCarthy, June Piola and Anne McGlone, the theme this year is from John 12:43, “*And when he had said, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial hands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”*” Fr. Stephen DeLacy and Marty Rotella will return as co-directors of this retreat focusing on healing and courage.

### Divine Mercy Retreat – Fr. Pablo Straub, CSsR Will Direct

Fr. Pablo Straub, CSsR will journey, once again, from Mexico to Malvern for the Annual Divine Mercy retreat, April 9-11<sup>th</sup> scheduled on Divine Mercy weekend, April 9-11<sup>th</sup>. What is a Divine Mercy retreat?

Our Lord's explicit desire is that this feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. This Sunday is designated in "The Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist" as the "Octave Day of Easter." Pope John Paul II made the surprise announcement declaring, "**It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'**" The retreat ends on Divine Mercy Sunday with a special closing Mass. Designated for men, women and teens, if you are looking for a life-changing retreat, this one is for you. Make sure you register early.

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