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Dear Friends in Christ,

With the fall season quickly approaching, we are reminded of God's infinite beauty in the landscape here at Malvern Retreat House. People often remark about the multitude of colors with our trees and shrubs providing memorable moments for picture-taking. With the changing of the seasons I am reminded of God's perfect timing in our lives. Perhaps you need a retreat this fall to prepare for changes in your life...or, you may need some restful time to reflect on your spiritual journey. Regardless of the need, be assured Malvern Retreat House is your home for all of the seasonal changes in your life.

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James A. Fitzsimmons, President

Annual Remembrance Mass – September 19th

It's important to memorialize our departed loved ones by participating in a special Remembrance Mass scheduled for Sunday, September 19th at the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center. If your loved one is a Man or Woman of Malvern, please submit his/her name to the office if he/she passed away since September, 2009. You are then cordially invited to the Remembrance Mass on September 19th by registering with our office staff. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided immediately following the Mass.

Westover Country Club Golf Outing – September 22

The 22nd Annual Dr. Don Gallagher Memorial Golf Outing will take place on Wednesday, September 22nd at Westover Golf Club in Jeffersonville, PA. For only \$135.00 per golfer, you will receive a golfer gift, lunch, green and cart fees, cocktail hour and dinner. All this is yours...and you will be supporting the retreat house at the same time! If you can't get the day off or you are not a golfer, we have many ways for you to support the event. Consider being an event sponsor, join us for the dinner and auction for \$40.00. For more information, contact Michele O'Neill at 484-321-2544 or email moneill@malvernretreat.com

Women's Retreat – Our Lady of Peace – September 24-26

Mark your calendar for the traditional women's retreat in the Main House, September 24-26. This year Sister Mary Catherine Walton, SSJ will direct the retreat along with Fr. Gregory Hickey, Rector. The theme for the retreat is, "*Whom Shall I Send...Send Me Lord.*" Sister Mary Catherine is a certified spiritual director and retreat director since 1980. She holds a BS from Chestnut Hill College in Monroe, CT; an MA from St. Charles Seminary. She has posted religious articles in various publications. Fr. Hickey is the current rector here at the retreat house. He is the former chaplain and theology professor at Immaculata University. Together, they form a dynamic team for this retreat. Call 610-644-0400 to register or online at: www.malvernretreat.com

Women's Retreat –October 1-3

Fr. Edward "Ned" Murphy will direct this annual retreat hosted in the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center. The schedule for this retreat varies from year-to-year with blocks of quiet time allocated for reflection and prayer. Fr. Murphy is a mainstay at the retreat house known for his stories working with homeless boys in New York City.

In 1978 Father Murphy opened a house for homeless young men, the runaways and throwaways of NY City. During the fifteen years of the house's existence over 60 young men called it their home.

While living with the young people Father Murphy helped to establish a soup kitchen for the hungry and the homeless of the Bronx called Part of the Solution (POTS). The kitchen started in a small storefront in 1982. In 1986 a building was purchased in which the services were expanded to include a residence, a medical facility, a legal clinic, a food pantry and many other services. Father Murphy remains as president of POTS.

To register, call 610-644-0400 or online at: www.malvernretreat.com

Donut Man Concert for Children – Sunday, October 10th

Jump, clap, sing and laugh with the world-renowned Donut Man on Sunday, October 10th from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM. Through his gift of music and story-telling, children are introduced to Bible stories in a fun-filled manner. This is a great place for families to sow seeds of Biblical values into their lives. As the Donut Man says, "This is fun that redeems." \$35.00 per family; \$10.00 for individuals. Ages 3-12 years of old. Call to register in advance at 610-644-0400.

Adoremus Te for Teens –Sunday, October 17th

All teenagers from 7th through 12 grades are invited to attend the upcoming Adoremus Te afternoon hosted in the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center from 2 PM-8PM. As a fall youth event, this is a day in which teens will embrace the Eucharistic Lord through the celebration of Mass with Bishop McIntyre, Eucharistic adoration "under the stars," inspirational preaching by Fr. Stephen DeLacy, dynamic music, fun and games outside and great food! Contact the Office for Youth and Young Adults (OYYA) by visiting their website at www.oyya.org or the Malvern website at: www.malvernretreat.com for additional information. This is a rain or shine event.

Annual Communion Breakfast –Sunday, November 14th

Save the date for the Annual Communion Breakfast to be hosted at the retreat house on Sunday, November 14th. Mass will be celebrated at Malvern Preparatory School (across the street from the retreat house.) Immediately following Mass, a delicious lunch will be served in Memorial Hall-the main dining room. A guest speaker will be chosen within the next few weeks. Call the office for more details.

Blessing Tree Remembrance Ceremony – Sunday, December 5th

The Second Annual Blessing Tree Remembrance Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, December 5th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in St. Joseph's Hall. This is an Advent celebration for families wanting to remember a deceased or living loved one in a special way. During this time, ornaments purchased by families will be placed on the Christmas tree after being blessed by Fr. Gregory Hickey. Special light refreshments and Christmas cookies will then be served after Christmas caroling to the dining room. It's a memorable afternoon for grandparents and children too. If you would like to donate \$10 for a special porcelain Christmas tree ornament (stocking, snowflake or heart) with your special inscription in gold lettering, call Michele O'Neill today at 484-321-2544 for more information.

Spirit Power Retreat –Wednesday, December 8th

Save the date for the Fifth Annual Spirit Power retreat day, Wednesday, December 8th. Marty Rotella, Grammy nominee and founder of Spirit Power will direct this joy-filled day of preaching, healing and music, along with Fr. Stephen DeLacy. 9:00 AM-3:30 pm; \$45.00 per person. The theme for this year is "*The Power of the Heart*" in light of Our Lady's Feast Day, The Immaculate Conception. This is a great way of participating in the spirit of Advent, taking time away from the stresses of the holiday season. This is a retreat in which your heart will be lifted! Mass, continental breakfast and lunch are included. Register early by calling 610-644-0400.