

2017 John Main Seminar Registration Form
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Registration: (After June 19, 2017, add \$100)

Please check **both** your preferences for Retreat or Seminar including lodging **AND** Meal Plan applicable
Single rooms prices have increased to reflect single occupancy of a double room.

- ☐ **Retreat registration:** S \$400, D \$305
☐ **Seminar registration:** S \$515, D \$420
☐ **Retreat+seminar registration:** S \$915, D \$725
☐ **Commuter (seminar & Sat. Dinner)** \$285

My room preference: ☐ Single ☐ Double

Double roommate: _____

☐ **Meal Plan for Retreat:** \$80

☐ **Meal Plan for Seminar:** \$70

Make check payable to: WCCM-USA

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

- ☐ **I agree to the cancellation policy.**
☐ I would like vegetarian options.
☐ I would like to make a **Donation** to assist another person to attend. Check enclosed.

Donation Amount \$ _____

I am paying by Credit Card

☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ DISC

Amount to be charged: _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE: _____ CSV Code _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Cancellation Policy:

Telephone cancellations are not eligible for a refund. If you need to cancel your registration and request a refund, please email your request to: sharon@wccm-usa.org by June 18, 2017.

A \$75 administrative fee will be assessed on all cancellations. Refunds are processed by check only. **Cancellations received after June 18, 2017** will not receive a refund, regardless of circumstances causing the cancellation.

A limited number of partial scholarships are available.

Inquire by email:

Pat King (patrickking50@gmail.com)

**The Retreat is not available as a commuter!
Cash Meals will be available at both events.**

To Register Online with credit card, go to:
wccm-usa.org/upcoming-events/

Or to pay by check payable to WCCM-USA,
send with completed registration form to:
WCCM-USA Administration
7017 E. Calle Canis Tucson, AZ 85710-5422

For information:

Call: 1-520-829-3197

Email: Sharon@wccm-usa.org



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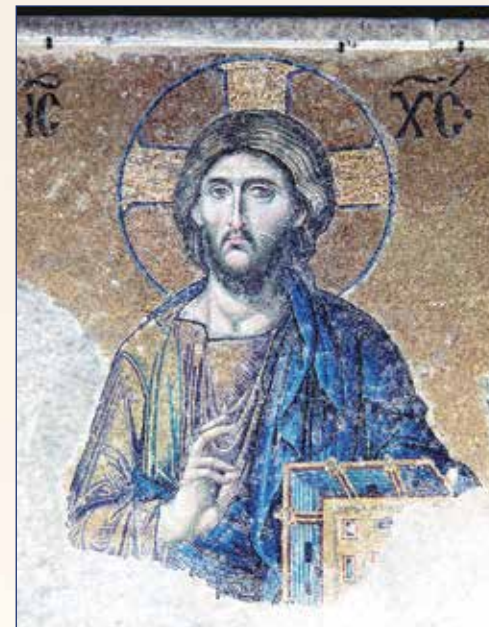
The venue for the 2017 JMS is the University of St. Thomas located in the heart of Houston's Museum District. It is adjacent to the world renowned Rothko Chapel and Menil Collection and a few minutes from the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, the Contemporary Arts Museum, the Museum of Natural Science and the Houston Zoo.

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Houston, TX 77006
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The John Main Seminar 2017

August 10-13, 2017

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Praying with the Masters Today

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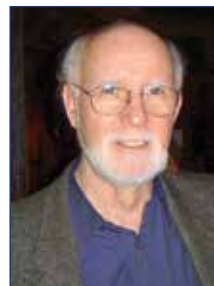
Bernard McGinn, PhD

Contemplative prayer has been a part of Christianity since its beginning. Contemplation (*theôria/contemplatio*) may be thought of as an integral aspect of human nature, expressed in different ways across many cultures and religious traditions. In this seminar I would like to give a brief introduction to the nature of mysticism through an exploration of the development of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. I will sketch the understanding of contemplation in some

of the premier mystics in the history of Christianity. Examples from the early Church will include John Cassian and Gregory the Great. Medieval teachers represented will be Bernard of Clairvaux, Meister Eckhart, and the anonymous author of *The Cloud of Unknowing*, while early modern mystics like Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, will also feature in the presentations.

These great mystics are not just historical monuments, but active resources for those drawn to the contemplative life. Contemplative prayer is a conversation with God (as Teresa says), but for us today, I will argue, it is also a dialogue with the contemplative tradition, as modern mystical teachers like Edith Stein, Thomas Merton, and John Main have shown. I will include insights from these and some other modern figures in my comments, which I intend not so much as purely academic presentations, but as reflections to stimulate how we might plumb the meaning of contemplative prayer today.

Bernard McGinn is widely regarded as the preeminent scholar of mysticism in the Western Christian tradition. An internationally respected theologian, historian, and scholar of spirituality, the history of Christianity, and the history of Christian thought, he has written extensively about spirituality and mysticism. Prof. McGinn is the Naomi Shenstone Donnelley Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology and of the History of Christianity in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He has written 18 books, 12 edited and over 300 articles in scholarly journals, has edited and co-edited 10 books, and has lectured at over one hundred colleges and universities in North America, Europe, and Israel.



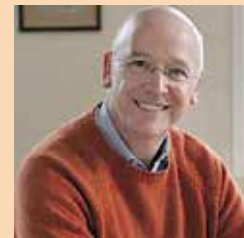
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*How we can understand and
follow the teaching of Jesus
on the inner journey?*



Jesus calls us to a complete change of mind – a progressive transformation of our inner nature that is essential to our experience of life as a meaningful journey. Through the talks, reflection, and, above all, the silence and stillness of the retreat, Laurence Freeman, OSB will inspire us and reinforce the power of meditation as part of our lives. Fr. Laurence is the spiritual guide and director of The World Community for Christian Meditation, an international and ecumenical network of meditators, groups and centers.

Register early as residential spaces are limited.
Discounted early registration through June 19.
Registration closes July 17.

Special Needs and Accommodation Information

Air-conditioned, modern dorm-style 2-bed rooms with en suite bathrooms. Rooms are allocated on a first come, first served basis. For questions, contact Velma at velmarice@gmail.com or 713-660-6237.

Special Needs: If you need an ADA room, elevator or special diet, contact Velma at velmarice@gmail.com or 713-660-6237.

Food Options:

Meal Plan:

Retreat: All meals from Monday evening through Thursday lunch.
Seminar: All meals from Thursday evening through Sunday breakfast.

Cash plan: Pay with cash or credit card at the Retreat and/or Seminar.

Check In:

Silent Retreat: August 7, 3–6:30 pm
Opening session begins at 7 pm
Silent Retreat concludes August 10 at 12 noon.
Seminar: August 10, 3–6:30 pm
Opening Session begins at 7 pm
Seminar concludes August 13 at 12 noon.