



Monastery of the Holy Spirit

Private Retreat



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Fellow Catholic Men,

Knights of Columbus St. John Paul II Council 15996 is hosting a private retreat at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers GA the weekend of January 29th – 31st, 2027. Attendance is limited on a first-come, first-served basis – registration closes October 9th.

The Heart of the Gospel retreat is a compelling proclamation of the Good News presented by Fr. John Riccardo of the ACTS XXIX: Mobilizing for Mission apostolate. Through video presentations, Fr. Riccardo leads men through the story of salvation in a dynamic way by emphasizing the explosive power of the Gospel and transforming their understanding of what it means to say, “Jesus is Lord!”

There will be two pre-retreat sessions at St. Clare of Assisi to help us prepare both spiritually and practically.

Check in at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit is between 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Friday with check out at 11:00 am on Sunday. The donation to attend the pre-retreat sessions and the weekend retreat is \$215 per person and includes:

- Two pre-retreat sessions held at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church. Dates and times will be provided when we are closer to the on-site retreat.
- Breakfast, lunch, and supper at the Monastery. Vegetarian fare is available on request. Coffee, tea, and refreshments are also available throughout the day.
- Private rooms include a bed, desk and reading chair. Most rooms have a shared bath. Bed linens are provided. You need to bring your bath linens and personal toiletries.
- Retreatants take meals together in a dining facility observing the same silence as the monks.
- Retreatants may attend any prayer services in the Abbey Church and have a designated section in the monastic choir to accommodate them.
- Our spiritual leader is Fr. John Ricardo and the ACTS XXIX: Mobilizing for Mission apostolate.



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- Casual attire is recommended, but no shorts, or shirts with inappropriate logos, images, or phrases please.
- Remember to bring a bible and journal materials.

SK Peter Kruszka is the point of contact (943-248-1701) for this retreat. Carpooling will be available from St. Clare and possibly another location. Details will be included in future communications.

As the Monastery requests our payment will be one check for all participants. To meet the Monastery's request, please click on or scan the QR Code below. To facilitate registration and payment, please register not later than Friday, October 9th, 2026. Payment is part of the registration process.

Additional communications and instructions will be forthcoming as we get closer to the retreat.

Retreat Registration





Retreat Schedule

Friday

- 2:00 - 4:00 pm Arrival
- 5:20 pm Vespers (Evening Prayer) *followed by Supper*
- 6:00 - 6:30 pm Confession
- 7:30 pm Compline (Night Prayers)
- 8:00 pm Grand Silence

Saturday

- 7:00 am Mass with Lauds
- 8:00-8:45 am Breakfast *immediately after Mass*
- 9:00 - 12:00 am Heart of the Gospel w / Fr. John Ricardo
- 12:15 pm Sext (midday prayer) *followed by Lunch*
- 1:15 - 4:00 pm Heart of the Gospel w / Fr. John Ricardo
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm Meditation in Monastery Church
- 5:20 pm Vespers (Evening Prayer) *followed by Supper*
- 7:30 pm Compline (Night Prayers)
- 8:00 pm Grand Silence

Sunday

- 6:50 a Lauds (Morning Prayer)
- 7:30 am Community Mass
- 8:00 - 8:45 am Breakfast *immediately after Mass*
- 8:45 - 10:20 am Heart of the Gospel w / Fr. John Ricardo
- 10:30 am Retreat Ends