

SUMMER AT SAN PEDRO CENTER

- SAN PEDRO CENTER IS THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT & RETREAT CENTER FOR ALL THE PEOPLE AND PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF ORLANDO. A COMMUNITY OF FRANCISCAN FRIARS LIVES AT SAN PEDRO AND PROVIDES PASTORAL SUPPORT.
- LOCATED ON 485 ACRES ON THE SHORES OF LAKE HOWELL, SAN PEDRO IS THE HOME OF THE ENGLISH & SPANISH CURSILLO. IT IS ALSO THE HOME OF THE DIOCESE'S LAY MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM. EACH SUMMER OVER 250 CHILDREN ENJOY SCRIPTURE CAMP ON THE LAKESIDE.



SUMMER 2009—a “little space” for you!

If ever there were a summer to give yourself a mini-break, THIS one is it!!

After you've juggled the kids' schedules, your vacation (if you're having one this year) and all the other things on your list, save a little space for yourself.

And that is what we have tried to offer this summer at San Pedro Center – LITTLE SPACES FOR YOU!

Take a look at what we are offer-

ing in June, July and August and see if there is anything that appeals to you.

If our scheduled programs don't do it for you, call us up and book a day or two for a **private retreat**. During the week, especially, we often have a room or two available for people who need to get away. You will enjoy the peace and quiet in the cool of the morning and evenings here at San Pedro. Spend an hour with the cows on the south fields.....they

have a wonderful calming effect. Or, spend an hour of prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament in Mary, Mother of God chapel.....another beautiful place at San Pedro.

Whatever your “peace and quiet” needs, let us try to provide a “little space for your self” this summer. Even an hour or two on our grounds is soul-restoring. Try it, we would love to see you sometime over *this* Summer,

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SUMMER SABBATH OVERNIGHTS



Stressful times call for peaceful measures. Accept summer's invitation to slow down, rest and be refreshed in body and soul. Our 2009 Summer Sabbath Overnights offer short, manageable and affordable “retreats” as part of your summer relaxation. (Sorry, no commuters.)

Arrive anytime after lunch and return home by noon the following day. Brief reflections will focus on a different aspect of life and ministry. We encourage those involved in specific areas of Christian life and service to join us, but all are welcome to join any “Sabbath” of your choosing.

Treat yourself to a much-deserved getaway; spend time in

a little “world apart” in an atmosphere of prayer, reflection and silence.

Stressful times call for peaceful measures! Surely, you're worth a day and a half of personal time!

SUMMER SABBATH ONE: PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

Wed. July 8 – Thurs., July 9

SUMMER SABBATH TWO: HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Wed. July 15 – Thurs., July 16

SUMMER SABBATH THREE: TEACHERS & CATECHISTS

Wed. July 22 – Thurs., July 23

Arrive at noon on Wednesday, depart at noon on Thursday.

Price: \$80 per retreat (includes dinner, breakfast, room & program)

LED BY: FR. BEN BERINTI: a Missionary of the Most Precious Blood priest serving on the Pastoral Staff of San Pedro Center. He holds a B.S./Eng. Lit, St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN, an MDiv/Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, and a D.Min. in theology, Boston University. Fr. Ben has ministered in the Diocese of Orlando for 11 years and offers numerous workshops, retreats, days of reflection, sacramental catechesis, and adult faith formation throughout the diocese. Prior to moving to Florida and his work as a parish pastor, Fr. Ben served in campus ministry, residence life, and teaching religion and humanities at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, IN and Saint Xavier University, Chicago, IL. While in Chicago, Fr. Ben also directed C.Pp.S. seminarians in theologate studies at Catholic Theological Union. Fr. Ben's theological interests focus on sacraments, liturgy, art and spirituality, and faith and culture.

SUMMER PARISH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Effective, faith-filled Catholic parish leaders, with a commitment to lifelong learning and spiritual growth, are critical to the planning, implementing and evaluation of ministry programs and activities that will make a difference in their parishioners' lives.

San Pedro Center is inaugurating the **Summer Parish Leadership Institute**. Through a series of workshops that provide information, training, spiritual nourishment and networking opportunities, the

Institute hopes to provide much needed support for parish clergy, staff and lay leaders as they seek to fulfill their important roles in our Catholic parishes.

The offerings for Summer, 2009 are:

July 8- Prisms for Seeing Your Parish & Ministry

July 15 -The Parish as a Learning Community

July 22- Empowering Others for Collaborative Parish Leadership

Sessions : 10am -2 pm (includes lunch) Cost: \$30/ session; \$80/ 3 sessions. Led by: San Pedro Center Staff: Fr. Ben Berinti, Fr. Patrick Quinn, Dr. Carol Stanton.



Lori Reinneck, Director of Family Life, St. Margaret Mary Parish, Winter Park, FL. Attending a Catholic Leadership Institute Focus group.

A JOURNEY WITH JONAH: the Spirituality of Bewilderment

Sometimes, it is only in the midst of the 'tempest', in the heart of a storm of circumstances which we cannot control, that we come finally to realize something of the wonderful mystery of God .

Of course, our own minds and hearts are more like Jonah's than we care to admit. And that is why like Jonah we need, in the spiritual life, to be shocked and shaken out of certain fixed ways of thinking and feeling. We need to begin to recognize God in places where we would never, perhaps, have suspected his presence before, and not only in the big city or in the places of our enemies, but also in the many seemingly banal and bizarre circumstances of our lives.

But to learn this lesson, really to learn it, we need, like Jonah, to undergo the grace and mystery of bewilderment. Of course, we need many other graces as well—for example, the grace to sit still, the grace to meditate, and the grace

and the energy to work for peace and to fight for justice. But, sometimes, it is only in the midst of the 'tempest', in the heart of a storm of circumstances which we cannot control, that we come finally to realize something of the wonderful mystery of God and realize also how far beyond anything we can imagine or hope for are his plans both for ourselves and for the entire world.

People who have never been bewildered in life, or in spiritual life, are not likely to be in close or living contact with transcendent love. This truth is something that the great Jesuit, Jean-Pierre de Caussade, understood very well. There is a short prayer in his most famous work, *Abandonment to Divine*

Providence, which has always impressed me. It is a prayer which asks God somehow to initiate us into the strange, necessary knowledge of bewilderment—a prayer that is instinct, therefore, with the wisdom of the Book of Jonah. I can think of no better way of ending [this meditation] than by drawing attention now to this short prayer:

O Divine Love, conceal yourself, leap over our suffering, make us obedient! Arouse us and confuse us. Shatter all our illusions and plans so that we lose our way and see neither path nor light until we have found you.

(Jean-Pierre de Caussade, *The Sacrament of the Present Moment [L'Abandon a la Providence Divine]* p. 35)

from A JOURNEY WITH JONAH: the Spirituality of Bewilderment, Paul Murray, OP, Columba Press, 2002., pp.61-62

LAY MINISTRY SUMMER COURSES

Those preparing to be commissioned lay ministers as well as current lay ministers in parishes often find their time limited during the busy parish year.

Aware of this, San Pedro Center is offering three summer classes directed toward those who are in the FLM program or parish ministers who would like an update.

THINKING THEOLOGICALLY: TEN WORDS YOU NEED TO KNOW This session will acquaint you with the foundational concepts of Catholic Christian theology. Helpful for all FLM courses as well as for theological reflection.

Fr. Patrick Quinn, TOR Saturday, June 20 , 9:30—noon. Cost: \$20

WHAT HAPPENED AT VATICAN II? Until another Council is called the Church remains in a time of reception of Vatican II. What happened at Vatican II? As the Church approaches the fiftieth anniversary of the calling of Vatican II, are there new interpretive categories for understanding it?

Fr. Patrick Quinn, TOR Saturday, June 27, 9:30—noon. Cost: \$20

SEMINAR: *Quest for the Living God* by Elizabeth Johnson This is the orientation session for an ongoing Seminar in 2009-2010 based on this important book which explores new insights into God in the Christian tradition. Saturday, July 25 Led by: Fr. Ben Berinti, C.Pp.S. & Dr. Carol Stanton

TENDING THE FIRE WITHIN: A RETREAT FOR ARTISTS



Led by:
Fr. Ben Berinti,
C.Pp.S, a member of the
pastoral team of San Pedro.
Engaging, creative and chal-
lenging presenter.

Beauty, creativity, truth and goodness are inextricably linked with the things of the Spirit and the nature of God. In the very medium of their expressive disciplines, artists practice the fundamentals of the spiritual journey: attending, awaiting, beholding, revealing and confronting mystery.

John O'Donohue once wrote: "At the deepest level, creativity is holiness."

This retreat invites artists of all disciplines: Come away to a quiet, nurturing and contemplative space and be filled with the peace of a retreat meant to be supportive of your creative work. While in the midst of a community of artistic practitioners, plenty of open, unencumbered space – personally, spiritually and creatively – will be offered. Short meditations will be scattered throughout the weekend to awaken and deepen the connec-

tions between your spiritual and aesthetic experiences. Explore and cultivate a deepening awareness of how your visual, auditory and literary art interacts with your spiritual life.

July 31 – August 2, 2009

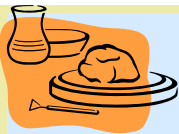
Check in at 4 pm Friday, dinner at 6. Depart at noon on Sunday.

Cost: Private Rm.- \$180

Shared Rm.- \$140

(includes 5 meals and program)

ART & SPIRITUALITY SUMMER SERIES



- **JUNE 16 & 23: COME PLAY IN THE CLAY!!!!**

Spend a summer morning hand building a lily-pad- inspired *bird feeder* or *bird bath* (your choice). Return the next week to glaze your creation. We guarantee the birds will visit your garden! 10 AM –12:30 PM Cost: \$35 (includes clay, glazes and two firings)

- **JULY 21: LET YOUR CREATIVITY BLOSSOM WITH WATERCOLOR**



Learn the basics of color mixing and the differences between painting wet on wet and wet on dry. With little effort and no anxiety watch a bouquet of beautiful flowers take form on your paper. Cost: \$25 (includes all supplies) Bring a bag lunch.

LED BY ARTISTS KIM BROWN & BETTY SHAW

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

- The annual **Retreat for the Feast of Saint Francis** will be held on **September 25, 26, and 27, 2009**. Be introduced to Franciscan spirituality or strengthen your Franciscan spirit. This retreat will be led by San Pedro Franciscan Friars, Patrick, David and Vianney.
- *CARE of CREATION and SOCIAL JUSTICE from a FRANCISCAN PERSPECTIVE* is the title of the Lady Poverty Fraternity, Chapter of Mats to be held on **October 30th through November 1, 2009**. These days of reflection are open to the public. Speakers will be Franciscan Friars.

Registration

Contact: Betty Shaw, San Pedro Center, 407-671-6322, x 228 or register on-line:
www.sanpedrocenter.org

Our planetary home is not ours alone...we live in community with an abundance of creatures upon which we depend daily; even though we rarely think about them.

(from: *Care for Creation*, Iliia Delio, Keith Warner, Pamela Wood, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2008, p. 21)

TEACHERS ONLY RETREAT

Loving the Questions: Creating Hospitable Space for Learning

As Parker Palmer maintains, we teach as we are and to teach is to create hospitable space for learning. All the more reason to take the time to create personal reflective space for ourselves so that we may be better able to create corporate reflective space for those we teach. This kind

of hospitality is also at the heart of the Christian ethos at the heart of our Catholic education.

TUES., JULY 28 9:00-2:00

Cost: \$25 (includes morning snack and lunch)

This retreat is for any teacher from any school preparing for the new school year. On a limited basis we can offer this to an entire school staff UPON REQUEST, either at San Pedro or at your site. Call Carol at 407-671-6322, x 222 for availability

PRESENTERS:

Fr. Ben Berinti is a member of the Missionaries of the Most Precious Blood. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and a D.Min in theology from Boston University. He has taught religion and humanities at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, IN and Saint Xavier University, Chicago, IL. While in Chicago, Fr. Ben also directed C.Pp.S. seminarians in theologate studies at Catholic Theological Union.

Carol Stanton has a PhD in Theology and an MPhil from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. She also holds a Masters in Religious Education from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. She has taught elementary and high school students as well as adults in pastoral ministry and Masters programs. She is currently Co-Director of the Diocese of Orlando's pastoral ministry preparation program, FLM, and Director of Program Marketing for San Pedro Center.

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

OCTOBER 17, 2009

9:30-3:30

**HEAL THYSELF: DREAMS
AND YOUR WELL-BEING**

DR. JAMES RINI

UCF Associate Faculty Member,
Graduate Program, Counseling
Education, Dept. of Psychology,

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CAMP – PLACES STILL
AVAILABLE!!!!**

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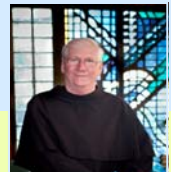
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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SAN PEDRO CENTER

FR. J. PATRICK QUINN, T.O.R.



Dear Friends of San Pedro,

Spring has arrived, summer is on its way and we are already planning our programs for fall and winter- it's never too early for any of us to plan. We are looking forward to yet another successful summer Scripture Camp here at San Pedro. If you know of any youth who are looking for a meaningful camp experience please send them our way. Many of our campers are deeply moved in faith by the experience.

We have two new buildings on campus. One is an annex to our Administration building that houses the offices of programming and pastoral staff, Mary McDaniel and Betty Shaw and Foundations in Lay Ministry Program Coordinator, Gloria Pagan. The other building contains two fully equipped classrooms. This is in response to much needed space for presenting the many programs that we offer.

During the summer months we will continue our full liturgical schedule with Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM and Mass at 8:30 AM Monday through Friday. In addition we will continue our Friends of San Pedro Mass on the first Sunday of the month throughout the summer. You are most welcome at these events and know that you are always remembered in the prayers of the friars here at San Pedro. May God bless you and keep you throughout this summer and always.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. J. Patrick Quinn, TOR