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Please join the women of The Church of St. Michael & St. George for the Annual Women's Retreat. Our goal is to provide you a contemplative experience in order that you may deepen your spiritual life.

Julian of Norwich was a fourteenth-century mystic and recluse who recounts the subtle and radical insights granted to her through visions of the crucified Christ as she lay on what she believed to be her deathbed. Her subsequent recovery led to twenty more years of reflection and contemplation, and to her writing a detailed account of these mystical experiences.

In Thomas Merton's own words he says, “But Julian is, without doubt, one of the most wonderful of all Christian voices. She gets greater and greater in my eyes as I grow older, and whereas in the old days I used to be crazy about St. John of the Cross, I would not exchange him now for Julian if you gave me the world and the Indies and all the Spanish mystics rolled up into one bundle. I think Julian of Norwich is, with Newman, the greatest English theologian.”

During our time together during this Women's Retreat, we will be meditating, reflecting and discussing Julian of Norwich's spiritualities found in her writings on, “Revelations of Divine Love.”

Our Spiritual Leaders



After answering God's calling to the priesthood, The Rev. Marie Gray was received into the Episcopal Church in 2003. She graduated from Nashotah House Theological Seminary with a M. Div. degree (*cum laude*) in 2007 and a D.Min. degree in 2013 with a concentration in Spirituality. During this time, she was ordained to the

Diaconate in April 2008 and the Priesthood in November 2008 by the Rt. Rev. Russell Jacobus in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

After working at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin as a staff chaplain for several years, her calling then took her to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, Wisconsin as Priest-in-Charge from 2010 to 2015. During that time, she taught her dissertation “St. Benedict Spiritual Caregiver's Ministry” to the local community, and provided Spiritual Direction at Nashotah House Seminary. Currently, Marie is the Spiritual Director for the Diocesan Deacon's School and will be an instructor teaching “Spirituality” in the Fall of 2017. In addition, the Diocese is promoting a Commission on Congregational Vitality, of which she is a current member and serving as priest to St. Francis Church in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

The Rev. Ezgi Saribay will celebrate the Eucharist on Saturday.

The Mercy Center

The Retreat will be held at The Mercy Center, 2039 N. Geyer Road, in Frontenac, Missouri, approximately 20 minutes from The Church of St. Michael & St. George. Directions and a map will be sent to participants with the Retreat confirmation letter. The Center has a tranquil environment of hospitality and healing. The campus includes 70 acres, featuring walking paths, a labyrinth and Stations of the Cross. Meals are served buffet style in the dining room. Worship services will be held in the beautiful chapel. For more information on The Mercy Center, see their website, www.mercycenterstl.org.

What to Bring

Bring comfortable, informal clothing. Depending on the weather, you may want to bring a warm coat and walking shoes or boots. You also may want to bring your Bible and a journal. Come by yourself, or bring a friend, with whom to share. Online payment available on the Church website: www.csmsg.org.

Registration fee: \$150 for a single room, \$110 for double room, and \$80 for commuters

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____

Special dietary needs? _____

Transportation needs? _____

For more information, or if you'd like to assist with retreat activities, please contact Laurie Brown at 314.721.1502, or laurie@csmsg.org.

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