



Mater Dolorosa  
Passionist  
Retreat Center

*"Peace I leave with  
you; my peace I give  
to you;  
not as the world  
gives do I give to  
you.  
Let not your hearts  
be troubled,  
neither let them be  
afraid."  
John 14:27*

# Walking with God during difficult times

## Online Retreat 2020-2021

Living through historic times brings out the best and the worst of humanity; many of us have already seen this during this first, and hopefully last year of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The changes we have had to face, react to, and adapt to have been considerable. Many have also noted, most of these issues have been out of our control. While a recession and economic downturns have their significant detrimental effect, the experience of helplessness and separation, which the health crisis caused, was something new for most of us.

Science did not have the answers; local and national governments created notices, guidelines and an ever-changing set of policies; all intended to keep us safe while trying to limit the damage to everyday lives. These are likely to continue until we have an effective vaccine and treatments to avoid the further tragic loss of life.

Meanwhile, we have to live in and through the situation and its effect on us all. Where do we go in these circumstances, finding where God is in all of this. **Walking with God** during these times is a retreat that may help considerably in this journey.

**Registration Cost: \$125\***

\*The cost of an Online Retreat includes conference videos, and 1 year subscription to the Spiritual Break delivered to your email



# WALKING WITH GOD...

## WHY AN ONLINE RETREAT?

So where do we go in these circumstances? How do we find where God is in all of this?

*Walking with God During Difficult Times* is a retreat that may help considerably in this journey, as it draws parallels between the hurt and separation many of us have felt recently, and that which was experienced by those who came before us in sacred scripture. In listening and feeling, we can reflect on where God is calling us during this process, that far from being abandoned, He is with us on the journey if only we can notice **His presence**.

## DISCOVER WHERE GOD LIVES WITHIN

These days, the Passionist community of Mater Dolorosa recognizes the increased need for times of spiritual renewal and restoration. So while the physical doors of MDPRC may be currently closed in accordance with public health & safety orders, we remain committed to offering the spiritual nourishment that so many are seeking in these times of isolation. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin reminds us that we are spiritual beings having a human experience, yet we are often not tuned into the truly sacred nature of our lives - especially now as so many of us find ourselves without those definitively spiritual encounters such as attending Mass or ministry gatherings.

Our Retreat Team has put together a series of conferences that will be delivered to you via email, offering you a Retreat without the traditional schedule or setting, but an opportunity for self-reflection and exploration nonetheless.

*From the beginning of the pandemic, I've felt God's presence... [this retreat] was a call to return to Him, an opportunity of Grace." (Retreatant)*



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*Our knowledgeable, caring and educated staff can guide your this spiritual experience with an engaging online experience.*

## RETREAT TEAM

**Mrs. Jean Bowler**  
**Dr. Michael J. Cunningham, O.F.S.**  
**Fr. Bruno D'Souza, C.P.**  
**Fr. Michael Higgins, C.P.**  
**Deacon Manuel & Chela Valencia**

## RETREAT PROGRAM

- ♦ Preparing for the Retreat with Dr. Michael Cunningham, O.F.S.
- ♦ Introduction to the Retreat with Fr. Mike Higgins, C.P.
- ♦ Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. Bruno D'Souza & Paul Puccinelli
- ♦ "Walking With God During Difficult Times" presented by Fr. Bruno
- ♦ Stations of the Cross with Brother John Rockenbach
- ♦ "Reconfirmation" presented by Dr. Michael Cunningham
- ♦ Pray the Rosary with Deacon Manuel Valencia
- ♦ Celebrate the Eucharist with Fr. Mike Higgins, C.P.
- ♦ Reflection with Jean Bowler & Fr. Mike
- ♦ "Finding God in the Unexpected" presented by Deacon Manuel & Chela Valencia
- ♦ Lectio Divina with Fr. Bruno



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