

Suggested Pulpit Announcement

Good Morning! I am _____, our parish's retreat captain, representing Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center. I'd like to offer an invitation to the parish:

Holy Name Retreat Center offers retreats for both men and women. Today I am extending a special invitation to the men of the parish of our annual retreat, the weekend of _____. The retreats are led by the Passionists Fathers and their team – who have been leading retreats and parish missions for 300 years throughout the world. The facility has 79 private rooms. Come enjoy the delicious food, newly renovated library, peaceful chapel, gift shop and the beautiful grounds which includes prayer gardens and the outdoor Way of the Cross on 10 acres in Bunker Hill Village.

This year's retreat theme is:

RISE UP IN CHRIST'S LOVE: GENERATIONS IN ACTION

In this unsettled world today, where do we find peace and allow it to inspire our society across generational lines?

We hear in Deuteronomy 6:5-7, the book Christ most often quotes, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words, which I instruct to you this day, shall be in your heart. And you shall explain them to your children. And you shall meditate upon them sitting in your house, and walking on a journey, when lying down and when rising up." Join us for a weekend as we explore unique ways to share Christ's love through our faith and action. Just like Christ in the garden of Gethsemane faith in action is not without suffering because it is grounded in love. Together we can inspire future generations to rise, and be on our way.

I will be outside the Church after today's Mass. I would like to tell you more about the retreat, so please see me for additional information – and a reservation envelope! (Please watch the bulletins for a bulletin announcement). We hope to make this a successful weekend for our parish. A retreat weekend is too good for anyone to miss!

Thank you for your attention and I am hoping to see you at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center on _____.