

You are Invited!

This retreat invites you to deepen the *claiming the fire within* YOU that inspires your life and ministry. We look to St. Augustine, Blessed Theresa and Mother Caroline as models and mentors and explore how SSND as the Atlantic-Midwest Province and international congregation are *claiming the fire within* today. During times of personal reflection and group conversations you can explore how this may apply to you personally and the ministry/department that you serve.

This Retreat Opportunity

is gifted and funded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, AM Province and offered through the Department of Ministry Services.



Location

Malvern Retreat House, 315 S. Warren Ave.
Malvern, PA 19355 | Malvernretreat.com

RSVP!

If you are able to attend the retreat in its **entirety**, please complete the enclosed form and kindly return by:

Thursday, June 1

Create a Meaningful Retreat Experience:

- △ Safeguard for yourself the quiet retreat environment that will allow you to deeply enter your retreat.
- △ Allow yourself to rest and be playful.
- △ Pray as you *can*, not as you *can't*.
- △ Consider journaling to gather any thoughts and reflections that emerge throughout the various components of the retreat.
- △ Consider exploring the beautiful and sacred grounds during designated breaks, prayer and reflection times. Where do you find God in creation?

A Time To:

- △ Step aside from the business and concerns of ministry and life – and rest in God.
- △ Dive deeper into the rich SSND heritage, history and the mission and ministry, as it is articulated, lived and evolving today.
- △ Affirm and deepen your own sense of call to ministry and how you fit into the larger picture.
- △ Connect with colleagues from other SSND ministries.

What to Wear:

Casual attire is welcome; we recommend layering clothes to compensate for air-conditioning and comfortable walking shoes to enjoy the grounds.



June 25 – 28

A retreat for persons serving in ministry with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Atlantic-Midwest Province

"When the bell calls to prayer, recognize it as the invitation to rest in the Divine heart, to gather new strength, new comfort, and new courage."

Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger (5327) - *Adapted*

Presenters:



Barbara Bowers, SSND

has held various leadership roles in SSND community, currently serving as local leader in the senior living residence of Marian Village. For 25 years she served the African-American community on the south-

side of Chicago in elementary education as a teacher and principal.



Sharon Kanis, SSND

has ministered as a teacher of theology and spirituality in SSND sponsored works: Notre Dame Academy, Archbishop Keough High School, Notre

Dame Preparatory School, and Notre Dame of Maryland University. She served on the Provincial Council and now ministers through workshops, retreat programs and as a spiritual director.



Patricia McLaughlin, SSND

has ministered in a variety of SSND sponsored works and their boards. She retired in 2018 as Executive Director of Caroline

Center in Baltimore and remains active as Chair of the board of NDMU.



Kathleen Bonnette, Th.D

teaches theology at Georgetown University and her focus areas include Augustinian spirituality. She recently served as the Assistant Director of the Office of Justice, Peace & Integrity of

Creation for the SSND, AM Province.



Charmaine Krohe, SSND

Sister Charmaine is the Provincial Leader for the School Sisters of Notre Dame, AM Province since 2016. Sr. Charmaine had previously served as President of Mother

Seton Academy, and for 34 years she lived and served the African-American community at St. Ambrose Parish in NW Baltimore as teacher, pastoral associate, hospital chaplain, and founder of the St. Ambrose Outreach Center.

Prayer Leaders:



Delores Moore

has been an SSND Associate since 2013. Delores' life is lived in service to God and God's people: 30 years at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, 3 years at Caroline Center, both

in Baltimore, MD. She recently began graduate studies, building on a BA with a Gerontology and Political major.



Peggy Ann Russell

has been an SSND Associate since 1990 and was director of the Province's Associate Program for several years. She is a founding member of the Anti-Human Trafficking

Alliance of Oxford, PA, and she serves as an elected Council member of the Borough of Oxford where she strives to bring the SSND charism of unity to her community.



Logistics

Arrival: Sunday, June 25

Arrival between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Departure: Wednesday, June 28

After lunch

Accommodations:

McShain Family Center, (please follow signs upon entering the property) single rooms with private baths.

Approximate Travel Times:

- Δ Baltimore, MD (21212) – 2 hrs., 20 minutes.
- Δ Philadelphia Intl. Airport – 50 minutes.
- Δ Demarest, NJ (07627) – 2 hrs., 20 minutes.
- Δ Woodhaven, NY (11421) – 3 hrs.

Questions?

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Our Mission is to

proclaim the good news as School Sisters of Notre Dame, directing our entire lives toward the oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent. As he was sent to show the Father's love to the world, we are sent to make Christ visible by our very being, by sharing our love, faith and hope. (YAS, C4).

