

# ECHES



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*Through the years, calling,  
inviting all to come to know the Lord  
and accept His Gift of Peace*

Winter 2009

## LENTEN Prayer Days

Once again we are happy to offer two Lenten Days of Prayer. The first prayer day is on **Ash Wednesday, February 25**, beginning at 9:15 a.m. and ending by 2:30 p.m. The second prayer day is on **April 6, Monday of Holy Week**. Fr. Jim Burshek, S.J., will be the presenter for these prayer days. The days will consist of three prayer conferences, quiet time and the celebration of the Eucharist. The Jesuit priests on the staff will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A pleasant lunch and coffee breaks are provided. These days are open to all men and women and provide a good opportunity to bring new men or women to “come and see” what we do at White House. The suggested offering is \$20 per person. Space is limited. Call to register: 314-533-8903.

# *God Will Provide*



Like the rest of the world, many of the retreatants of White House are facing financial challenges – hardly anyone, as we know, is immune from the present economic woes. It is truly heartening to see that even with these difficulties the number of retreatants for last year declined only slightly and the average free-will gift given for each retreatant went up.

White House has always welcomed anyone desiring to make a retreat, no matter what their financial position. Please continue to invite people to White House – and please continue to come yourselves. We at White House trust in the generosity of God and the generosity of our retreatants. Neither has ever let us down! While this may be a difficult year for all of us in “financial” capital, help us make it a **banner year in spiritual capital**.

## **Promoting Ignatian Spirituality**

White House recently had the privilege of hosting a workshop for key leaders in the Jesuit ministry of higher education. Sixty men and women from 26 of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities met for three days at White House over the Christmas break to learn more about Ignatian spirituality and the centrality of this spirituality to the mission of our schools. These colleagues loved being at White House and we loved the opportunity to host them!



## **Welcome to Cyndi Barton**



White House is happy to welcome a new member to our staff. Cyndi Barton has come on board as the new office manager for us at White House. Cyndi comes to us with a strong background in administration, real estate and finance, having served as a project assistant for Discovery Group and as an administrative supervisor at Southwest Bank. Besides her extensive professional experience, Cyndi holds an M.B.A. degree from Saint Louis University. Cyndi also is a retreatant at White House Retreat.

As office manager, Cyndi will be the voice of White House for many of our retreatants, especially expeditors, facilitators and captains. Making sure that registrations for retreats are done efficiently and accurately is one of her main duties. Beyond this, Cyndi oversees all the operations of our office and coordinates mailings and publications.

Please welcome Cyndi to our team. Her expertise, her calm and happy demeanor, her love of White House are great gifts to all of us.

# Women's Retreat Strategic Initiative

At the initiative of the Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees, a working committee of women and men has been formed to improve and customize the marketing approach to women's retreats. Some elements being discussed are: recruiting a group of women to serve as "ambassadors" for White House to personally carry our message to parishes, schools, other groups; engaging more effectively the present structure of captains and expeditors in our recruiting of women retreatants; examining the ways and the materials we use to market our retreats for women; capitalizing on the family heritage and traditions of White House; developing one-day events which will invite women to come to White House to see what we are about. We continue to look for and welcome ideas to enhance this part of our ministry.

# Our New White House Trustees

Since its inception, White House has had dedicated lay people who have served as directors of this apostolate and given great help and guidance in the development of its facilities and its programs. The White House Board of Trustees is the oldest continuously serving board of any Jesuit retreat house in the world. As of December 8, 2008, it has four new members: Robert Carroll, Kenneth Clark, Justin Durel, and John Lally. They replace Ralph Cassell, John Heinsz, Gerry Hempstead, and Steve Tharpe. The dedication and commitment of these trustees have benefited and strengthened White House tremendously. White House has been blessed since its beginning with men and women who have dedicated so much time and energy to help White House be a place of prayer and peace for so many. Michael Lawlor continues as the Board's Chair. Trustees come to the Board with a proven commitment to White House, since according to the bylaws candidates for the membership on the trustees must have made a minimum of four White House retreats and must have made a retreat at White House within the preceding two years.

## WOMEN!

Registration for **March through July 2009 women's retreats** began on January 17, 2009. Registration for September through November retreats begins on June 1, 2009. A non-refundable \$50.00 deposit must accompany your registration. The dates are published now so that women can begin planning for their retreat.

White House Retreat Office  
7400 Christopher Drive  
Saint Louis, MO 63129  
314-533-8903  
[reservations@whretreat.org](mailto:reservations@whretreat.org)

### 2009 WOMEN'S RETREATS WEEKDAY

**March 16 – 19**

**April 13 – 16**

**May 4 – 7**

**May 18 – 21**

**July 20 – 23**

**September 14 – 17**

**October 5 – 8**

**October 19 – 22**

**November 16 – 19**

### WEEKEND

**May 21 – 24 Memorial Day**

**June 18 – 21 Fathers' Day for  
men and women in recovery**

**July 23 – 26**

**November 19 – 22**



## ANNUAL COMMUNION MASS AND BREAKFAST

**Sunday, March 29, 2009**

9:30 a.m. at Saint Louis University High School

# White House Retreat

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## *Save The Date*

Annual Captains' Cookout:  
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

### IN MEMORIAM

*Remember in your prayers these retreatants who have died. All are remembered in the daily Masses and prayers of thanksgiving at White House.*

#### May 2008

Dakin Williams

#### June 2008

Carl J. Dreyer, MD  
C. F. Goettelmann  
John W. Hoffman  
Francis J. Miller  
Kathryn F. Miller  
James C. Moloney  
Ludwig S. Nolfo  
Bernice H. Park  
C. John Petry  
Msgr. Frank J. Russ  
Ronald E. Vaughn  
John Ziombra

#### July 2008

James Buehrle  
Richard E. Esswein  
Hubert Fox  
Thomas J. Fucoloro  
John E. Galmiche, Jr.  
Leroy C. Hentges  
Margaret K. Hollman  
Gale L. Kirk  
Jane H. Kristof  
Thomas P. McCarthy, Sr.  
Francis J. McKeon, Jr.  
David H. McKinney  
Daniel A. O'Brien  
Brian M. O'Neill  
John S. Pettit  
Dorothy M. Quigley  
Edward F. Ryan  
Richard A. (Rick) Schneider  
Gregory A. Siemer  
Frank C. Sovar

Mark G. Strobl

Roman J. Tylka

#### August 2008

Joseph L. Eschbacher  
Donald E. Hlavaty  
Robert A. Karsznia  
Timothy J. Kennelly  
Robert J. Kern  
Mary Jane Lee  
John G. Lemon  
Herbert J. Lischwe  
Deacon Terrance M. McNamee  
William Monaghan  
Richard P. (Pearse) Mullally  
Thomas R. Sowers

#### September 2008

Paul DiMariano  
Dan Finney, Sr.  
Joseph Peter Giambalvo  
Thomas F. Glennon, Jr.  
Virginia L. Grieshaber  
Charles L. Hall

#### October 2008

William H. Ginger, III

#### November 2008

Robert E. Bracelin  
Loyola A. Bushnell  
Albert J. Crotty  
Richard B. Deters  
Lena J. Famous  
Joseph A. Flick, Sr.  
James F. Haake  
Meelad A. Hasson  
James L. Hatfield, Sr.  
Douglas P. Helein  
Edward G. Kelley

John J. Kehoe

Rev. Donald L. Neuner

Delores Mary Perrine

Norbert Pierceall

Linton L. Raley

Joseph F. Randazzo

Alois S. Reck

Paul R. Schumm

Eduardo V. Segura

Edward J. Sindelar

James Swanston

Alvina E. Viragh

Herb J. Waser

Fred P. Williams

Irvin J. Wozniak

#### December 2008

Terrell M. Baum  
Vincent A. Bauman  
Nancy C. Beetz  
Ronald J. Betz  
Robert E. Carmody  
Alroy H. Chambers  
Doris A. Dresner  
Vera P. Forster  
Edward W. Grace  
George W. Hynes  
Elizabeth C. Jordan  
Richard B. Kemplage  
William C. Koon  
Audrey Korte  
John T. (Jack) Leonard  
Ben F. Marshall, III  
James McGinn  
E. Ann O'Brien  
Donald G. Leavitt  
Thomas J. Murphy

Msgr. James P. O'Connell

James H. Patmore

Beebe M. Queenan

Joseph W. Rauscher

Elmer J. Saake

Herman A. Schmitt

John H. Schulz

Robert Shortal

Charles F. Snyder

Joseph J. Suthoff

Thomas J. Tierney

Kenneth Walter

Terry D. Watson

Norbert C. Winschel

#### January 2009

John D. Broyles, Jr.

James L. Donahoe

Louise M. Dopking

Rose Mary Doyle

Frank J. Engel

Robert W. Fuerst

Henrietta M. Grush

Robert Hodapp

Alois J. Lorenz

Harry A. Pflanz

Patrick J. Potts

Robert Rumping

George J. Textor

### IN GRATITUDE

*The following friends have asked for memorial gifts to White House Retreat in the wake/funeral notice of a loved one. For helping us in this special way, we extend our most grateful appreciation and thanks to:*

#### The Family

On the death November 29, 2008, of  
**Loyola Bushnell**

#### The Family

On the death December 2, 2008, of  
**John T. (Jack) Leonard**

#### The Family

On the death December 22, 2008, of  
**John H. Schulz**

#### The Family

On the death December 31, 2008, of  
**Donald G. Leavitt**