

Tidings *from*

St. Joseph Retreat Center, Cohasset, MA

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VOLUNTEERING: A MUTUAL BLESSING

It is with sincere gratitude that the St. Joseph Retreat Center Team thanks all of our wonderful volunteers for continually giving of their time, help and presence to further the mission of connecting neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God.

"I enjoy volunteering at St. Joseph Retreat Center since it gives an opportunity for me to give something back to a place that has blessed me in the past with quiet time, peace and time with God our Father."

John Allaire

"I feel a sense of profound peace at St Joseph's. There is a warmth from all individuals coming together looking for answers in this complex world. It is a pleasure to help out when I can!"

Deanne Cavanaugh

"Giving service at such a wonderful place puts me spiritually closer to Jesus."

Peter Chasse

"I have experienced some wonderful people who ... truly inspire me by their search and desire for time with the Lord, where they can be quiet and listen and try to make sense of challenging moments in their lives. I can usually find some time above and around the responsibilities to enjoy the environment there. It's like a bonus period of quiet time for myself with the Lord amid God's glorious creation!"

Anne Conway, CSJ

"I enjoy volunteering to greet people at St. Joseph Retreat Center because I can go a few hours earlier to sit and pray by the ocean. Another day I brought a friend and while I greeted people she sat and enjoyed the view and the quiet. When I finished at 6:00 p.m. we walked at Nantasket Beach. I have enjoyed a few overnights while being *on duty*. I love the quiet and it gives me time to slow down and be present to the Lord."

MaryJoan Lofgren, CSJ

RETREAT CENTER STAFF

Joan M. McCarthy, CSJ, *Director*
Jean Martin, *Administrative Assistant*
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Jenny Talbot, *Support Services Co-Coordinator*
Karen Sugar, *Secretary*



Sunrise view from St. Joseph Retreat Center, Kathleen Cour, OP

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO GROUPS

St. Joseph Retreat Center is an ideal place for a day or overnight stay for non-profit groups. We offer meeting space for groups of up to 30 people for a day and overnight accommodations for up to 16 people in private rooms. All meals are included with your reservation. For our brochure and pricing, please contact us by email or phone or visit our website.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS PLAN AHEAD FOR BEST AVAILABILITY

GUIDED RETREAT

September 2 - 8, 2011
MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS
John Kerr, CFX

DIRECTED RETREATS

November 1 - 9, November 14 - 18,
November 26 - 30

MORNINGS OF PRAYER

September 23, 2011

GOD'S AUTUMN GIFT OF AGING

Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ

October 28, 2011

PRAYING WITH MARY: SAYING YES!

Kathleen Short, CSJ

November 21, 2011

GATHERING THE HARVEST: COMING HOME TO GOD

Patricia Boyle, CSJ

Sign for 3 or more Mornings at a reduced rate.
Call for details.

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Please visit our website for details on our 34 - day Program
February 3 - March 7, 2012

THIRTY DAY SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

July 3 - August 6, 2012
Joan M. McCarthy, CSJ

QUOTES OF THE MONTH What did you like best . . . ?

"I could not get over how the house permeated a comfortable silence."

"The depth and beauty of the environment both inside and outside the house spoke so consistently of God's work in my being."

"As a CSJ I am so proud to see our charism IN ACTION. This is such a needed ministry and this spot is one of the best in the country (I have seen many). Thank you for all that goes into keeping this alive for us."

"Thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their ongoing commitment to this much needed and appreciated ministry."

"Welcome of staff, sheer beauty of natural setting, experience of silence, care taken with house to provide physical comfort (furniture and pillows), music, variety of prayerful places (inside and outdoors)."

"I loved the open-heartedness of the house."

"I loved it all ~ every blade of grass, every tweet of the birds, every wave of the sea, the scenery, the beach, the food, the porch, the ceiling fan, the hot chocolate, the silence honored by all."

WEEKEND RETREAT

November 11 - 13, 2011
**VISIONS OF THE NIGHT: A STUDY OF
DREAMS IN REVELATION AND
RELIGIOUS PRACTICE**
Russell Holmes