

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

What Martha and Mary can Teach Us

Stories about Mary and Martha of Bethany are found in both Luke's and John's gospel. While most discussions of these two gospel women focus on the frazzled worker Martha compared to her quiet prayerful sister Mary, during this retreat weekend, women participants will be invited to consider these stories from a different approach: What life questions still relevant to us today do these two women evoke, and what answers might they suggest?



Throughout this weekend, retreatants will be invited to reflect on the following:

- How do we center our lives on Jesus?
- How do we care healthily for family?
- What is the role of friendship in our lives?
- How do we prepare for and face loss and/or death?

During brief presentations that peel back the layers of the gospel stories, times of quiet reflection, group sharing, and the celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, retreatants will explore the links between Mary and Martha and their own lives.

Note: Retreatants' personal Bibles will be helpful but not essential.



Women's Spring Retreat SCHEDULE

Friday, March 16, 2018

7:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
7:15 p.m. Opening Prayer/Reflection/
Social

Saturday, March 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer (Center Chapel)
9:00 a.m. Theme #1: Jesus as Center
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Group Sharing and Prayer
11:00 a.m. Mass (Center Chapel)
Noon Lunch
12:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Center Chapel)
Break
3:30 p.m. Theme #2: Family
Group Sharing and Prayer
5:00 p.m. Supper
Theme #3: Friendship
Group Sharing and Prayer
7:15 p.m. Evening Prayer (Center Chapel)

Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer (Center Chapel)
9:00 a.m. Theme #4: Loss/Death
Group Sharing and Prayer
11:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (MSJ Chapel)
11:45 a.m. Retreat Closing (Center Chapel)
Noon Lunch and Departure



Registration

Martha and Mary Women's Retreat March 16-18, 2018

Resident: \$180

Retreat, materials, meals, snacks, socials, overnight accommodations

Commuter: \$130

Retreat, materials, meals, snacks, socials

Get a 10% discount if paid in full by Feb. 16, 2018

A limited number of scholarships are available.

Contact Sister Mary Matthias Ward: 270-229-0200

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Sister Cheryl is a former faculty member of Brescia and adjunct professor in the Hesburgh Sabbatical Program at the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. She has taught a variety of theology, liturgy, spirituality and biblical courses, including Women in Christian Tradition and Women's Spirituality. She also speaks regularly to RCIA and adult education groups. Sister Cheryl holds a doctorate from The Catholic University of America in historical theology—systematics, with minors in women's theology and medieval church history.



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2018 Women's Retreat



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Weekend of March 16 -18, 2018

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