

July 6, 2010

Dear Retreatant,

The time for our retreat together (August 1-6) draws near. I have been praying that you will arrive to Mercy Center with a deep desire for encountering the God of Mercy who longs to welcome you. Let me add my welcome, too!

As you know, our theme is “The God We Meet in Prophets, Parables & Poetry.” I encourage you to bring your Bible and perhaps also some favorite poems. I will be giving a presentation each morning on the theme for the day, and Helen Marie Gilsdorf, RSM, will be leading us in common prayer each evening. We’ve also set aside time before dinner each day for group sharing—join in, or not, as the Spirit moves you. Other than that, we will maintain contemplative silence throughout our days. For those who would like private direction sessions during the week, Mary Ann Scofield, RSM, Suzanne Buckley, and Therese Tong will be available.

We begin with dinner at 6:00 on Sunday, August 1, and finish with a closing prayer together mid-afternoon on Friday August 6. Our retreat ends mid-afternoon on Friday, but you need to vacate your bedroom by midmorning (unless, of course, you make individual arrangements with the Center to stay on), as there is a very large group arriving to Mercy Center later that day for other events.

We place our confidence in the God who inspires us to spend these days in prayer; God never disappoints! Looking forward to being with you soon,

Warmly,

Marilyn Lacey, RSM

