

A Suite Offer

Private suites/rooms with bath and kitchen are *now available* for a more enjoyable stay during your retreat. **These spaces are limited**, and will be \$125 extra per retreat. If you'd like more private accommodations, make your reservation in advance. You could also share a suite and divide the cost! Just call 806.832.4243 to check availability and make arrangements.

Register online: www.flameofmercy.com

AFM Women's Retreat September 30-Oct. 1, 2011



Possible Topics to be covered:
Being a Woman of Excellence:
 The desire to live in the will of God
 Dignity, Importance of the Word, Authority
Joy in the State You are In:
 Are you Married, but Living a Single Life?
 Do You See Your Children as a Burden instead of a Blessing?
 Are You Single and Sad?
 Are You Widowed and Weary?
Forgive and Live Again
 How to Finally Forgive

All Retreat now start on Friday at Noon, and end Saturday at 10:00 pm.

The cost of this retreat is \$165.00 per person.



The Flame

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Give Your Entire Heart to the Lord



Article by Jessica Mendez



The Healing of the Heart Retreat was a retreat like no other. The Holy Spirit truly revealed many things to me that were deep in my heart which I had been completely oblivious to

previously. After the retreat the Lord placed in me a great desire to continue learning about my heart and how to continue giving it to the Lord entirely. He placed a powerful tool in my path which is helping me fulfill this desire. This tool is a book by Kimberly Hahn called *Chosen and Cherished*. I only began reading this book a week ago and I must express that it is rich and filled with so much insight, that my heart felt so full when I read it. Kimberly spoke of the way we try to hide the dark things in our heart. This prompted me to wonder what things are in the darkest corners of my heart that I try to keep hidden from the Lord and from those around me. The Blessed Mother said at the Feast of the Assumption in 2009, "My children allow... for every area of darkness in your life to be removed. Let the light shine and the Love of God remove the destruction of sin in your soul."

For many of us it may be difficult to imagine the Lord wanting to enter the home of our hearts to clean the deepest, darkest, dirtiest, corners that lie within the hidden crevices which at times we ourselves are not even aware exist. Regardless of our limited imaginations, the Lord *does want* to enter in and clean those unspeakable areas in the home of our hearts, which until now have been bolted up and closed off with barbed wire, mine fields and "NO TRESPASSING" or "DANGER" signs.

When I asked the Lord to come in and clean those areas in my heart, He did not hesitate. Before I could change my mind, the revelations began to arise and there was no way for me to try to run, hide or even reason my way out. The things the Lord revealed truly were things in my heart and as He revealed them and I acknowledged them, He was able to clean them out. Before the retreat my heart was becoming almost impenetrable because of past hurts and disappointments. When the Lord prompted me to do something I would have a delayed reaction because my heart would not receive it right away. Now if the Lord prompts me to do something it hurts my heart if I even think about not doing what He has asked of me. He has removed the spirit of disobedience from my heart. The Lord said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." (Lk 9:23-24) The Lord is clearly telling us, "Give to me all of these things that you

don't want anyone to see, those things that you think I can't see, so that your heart can truly be mine." 1 Samuel 12:24 says, "Only fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart, for consider what great things he has done for you." How *then* can we serve Him with all our heart if there are areas that we still want to hide and hold on to? If we are too afraid of what others will say or think about us? The Blessed Mother knows us extremely well, she told us this at the Feast in 2006, "I come today with much joy at seeing you taking this time to be with me, your Mother, who knows each one of her children, knows the heart, who knows all their weaknesses and knows all our goodness of God in each one of you." If she knows all our weaknesses and still chooses to love, how much more does your Heavenly Father who created you, still continue to love?

The Lord gives us gifts and talents to share with His people to bring them closer to Him. Are you using these for Him and for His glory or for yourself? These are areas in which generosity is extremely crucial, for if we withhold our gifts, if we withhold our love, if we withhold any area in our life how can we say our heart belongs to the Lord?

I share these things with you because this is what the Lord has put in my heart. I encourage you to continue coming to receive healing, for the Lord does desire in such a loving way, to clean the home of your heart that He may find a place for His throne, that He may dwell in it. We continue to pray for you and I hope to see you at our grand celebration for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Mama.

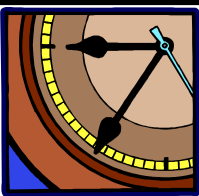
*My prayer:
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Entre Jesus en mi corazon.*

YOUR TALENTS ARE NEEDED

The Lord has placed it on Henry's heart as well as the other ministers, that it is time for me to coordinate praise and worship for this ministry. I ask for your prayers in this great task and I also invite you to help. If you are musically gifted and feel called to provide live music for the Feast or any of the retreats, I ask that you please contact me via email at JessicaM@flameofmercy.com or at the office: 806-832-4243. I thank you for your prayers and for your service to the Lord. I pray that the Lord continue to touch your heart and bring healing in those areas which you have not been aware existed. I pray also that the Blessed Mother continue to cover you in her mantle and remove any obstacles which the enemy may place to prevent you from giving your heart to her son, Jesus Christ.

Check out our *Ambassadors of the Flame of Mercy on Facebook page.*

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New Starting and Ending Times for Retreats!

Retreat Registration Form -

		Full Registration	Deposit Only	+	Private Room
Macho Man of God Retreat	September 2-3, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50		<input type="checkbox"/> +\$125.00
Resurrection of the Self Image Retreat	September 16-17, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50		<input type="checkbox"/> +\$125.00
Women's Retreat	September 30-October 1, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50		<input type="checkbox"/> +\$125.00
In-Depth Intergenerational Retreat	October 21-22, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 97.50		<input type="checkbox"/> +\$125.00
Macho Man of God Retreat	November 4-5, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50		<input type="checkbox"/> +\$125.00
Resurrection of the Self Image Retreat	November 18-19, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50		<input type="checkbox"/> +\$125.00
Healing the Heart Retreat	December 2-3, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50		<input type="checkbox"/> +\$125.00

TO REGISTER: You can register by sending in this form and deposit to: *AFM, PO Box 1707, Shallowater, Texas 79363-1707*. Please make checks payable to AFM.

The Ambassadors of the Flame of Mercy is a non-profit, tax-exempt Christian organization. **The cost of this retreat includes a bunk bed (dorm), meals, snacks, and retreat materials.** Deposit is refundable up to seven days prior to the retreat.

Please bring your own towels, sheets and pillowcase. We'll supply your pillow and blankets.

Also please bring your Bible, comfortable clothes, and toiletries. **Check-in for all retreats starts at 10:00 a.m. on the day the retreat begins. Unless otherwise stated, weekend retreats start at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday and end Saturday at 10 p.m.**

Flying to Lubbock: please plan your arrival prior to 10 a.m. on Friday, and plan your departure on Sunday. For more information see our website at www.flameofmercy.com or call us at (806) 832-4243 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT.

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Age : 16 - 20 21-35 36-50 Over 50

Email address: _____ Handicap

August Birthdays!
 We thank God for the day you were born!
August's Birthday Drawing Winner for a free Retreat: CECELIA PORRAS!

Happy Birthday to: THERESA SUAZO, MARIA ALANIS, YOLANDA ARAIZA, DOMINIC L BUCCELLI, ANA CALDERON, MARICELA CARRASCO, CARMEN CERVANTES, TOBY CONSTANCIO, MANDY DEGOLLADO, FELIPE DIAZ, ROSALIE DRUMRIGHT, JOE RAY GARZA, YOLANDA GARZA, MARLITA GOGAN, TRACY GUTIERREZ, RAYMOND LEDEZMA, JOSE LOPEZ, EDDIE MEDIANO, ELEANOR MITCHAM, BRUCE MOREN, ALEX MORENO, ANGELA NEYWICK, LEE OLIVAS, LEROY D. OLIVAS II, EDWARD SALAS, KANDY SAUCEDO, ELSA SILVA, MARK SUNDY, LORRAINE TANAKA, ANTHONY TORRES, LUISA TORRES, OLGA VILLARREAL, DANNY WAGNER. We pray for birthday blessings on all having birthdays this month!

Must be at least 18 years old to win. Board members and members of their family are not eligible. The certificate is good for all retreats except the Intergenerational Healing Retreat, and would only be for 1/2 the Marriage Retreat (or payment for one person of the couple). Certificate must be used within 1 year of your birthday, and must be used by the person named on the certificate.

MINISTRY GARDEN GETS MAKEOVER

Rita's Garden has been a favorite location for visitors, retreatants, and the ministers for the past 14 years. The garden was started in 1997 in memory of little Rita Marie Huntzinger to celebrate and to thank God for what he has freely given. The first garden was made entirely of rose bushes and 1 eastern redbud tree and was built in a circular shape. In 2000 the garden was changed to remove the circular shape and add pathways, a small waterfall, benches, new trees and bushes including the introduction of lavender.



Garden August 2011



Garden May 1998

The 2011 renovation is a total redesign of every aspect of the garden. The new garden includes an additional 1000 square feet of plant beds and pathways, a large fountain, gazebo, additional benches, a new sidewalk and fence, and many new plants. At night the garden lights up offering a peaceful place to meditate and pray under the night sky. Whether you are coming to a retreat or are just in the neighborhood, we invite you come by and enjoy the blessings of the garden.

Bring a Friend to a Retreat and Save!

Don't just tell someone to come to a retreat at AFM, bring them as a show of support. When you bring a friend and they pay the full regular price of the retreat, you will receive a blessing of 50% off your retreat registration fee.

- ⇒ You both must attend the same retreat. One person must pay full registration price.
- ⇒ Only one discount deal for every one person paying full registration price.
- ⇒ Half price discount must be used for that same retreat only.
- ⇒ Not good for the Intergenerational Retreat.
- ⇒ The full registration payment cannot be combined with any other deals such as scholarships or discounts.
- ⇒ Discount is only available after full registration cost is received.
- ⇒ Friend Retreat Deal is good only for 2011 retreats.

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WEAR THE EYES OF MERCY

Wear the eyes of mercy where you become a lover of the soul, where you see beyond your pain, beyond your needs for love, beyond your desires of comfort.

Mercy is looking and seeing, and most important: loving to the point of forgiveness where all debt is paid for and forgiveness of the heart takes place. Remember that, my children, your debt has already been paid, but you must accept it by forgiving the debts of others. Mercy is love and forgiveness in action. Where are you lacking in action?

I will triumph with my most Immaculate Heart through mercy. I will triumph over the souls you pray for by your mercy.

Today I pray, today I send you the grace of mercy. I hold back nothing from you, especially mercy. So must you also do. Think today of who owes you by hurting you. Give them to me. Forgive as though your life depended on it, because it does. I desire that you may be the truest example of my mercy. Hold no one back from me. Treat each child of mine as though I am loving through you. Desire more to love than to be loved. The eyes of mercy see beyond judgment, beyond condemnation, beyond your eyes of selfishness, beyond your eyes of self-reliance. I wish that you would decide today to be disciples of mercy. Hold not back love or forgiveness. (December 8, 1999)



Resurrection of the Self-Image Retreat

September 16-17, 2011

This life-changing retreat is our most popular. God can change everything in one weekend... in one moment!

- Have you been rejected?
- Is this your third or fourth marriage and you can't figure out the problem?
- Are you having trouble letting go of your ex-spouse's abuse?
- Do you live in fear?
- Are you carrying a lot of guilt?
- Do you feel like God has let you down?
- Have you been physically, sexually or mentally abused?
- Are you called to be a leader but have fears of failing?



Bilingue

You are a unique, one-of-a-kind, masterpiece, child of the Most High Living God. Come into the fullness of what God has planned for you!

The cost of this retreat is \$165.00 per person

Macho Men of God Retreat
September 2-3, 2011

Possible Topics Include:

- Why prayers are not answered
- Leading your household to victory
- Feeling the Love of God the Father
- Building a new foundation
- What pleases God
- Getting healed and passing it on
- Overcoming Addictions



This retreat has been designed to bring men back to the basics that were lost and forgotten; the basics of understanding who they are in God's eyes, what their duties and authority are in life.

The cost of this retreat is \$165.00 per person

Retreats start Friday at Noon
Ends Saturday 10 pm