

New Starting and Ending Times for Retreats!

Retreat Registration Form - 2012

Full Registration Deposit Only + Private Room

2012—Note new Retreat Times for 2012

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| Healing Thru Crucified Christ Retreat | January 13-15, 2012 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00 |
| Macho Man of God Retreat | January 27-28, 2012 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00 |
| Grandma, Mom, & Daughter's Retreat* | February 10-12, 2012 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00 |
| *AGE (Please Check one) 7-13 <input type="checkbox"/> FREE | 14-16 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50 | 17+ <input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00 |
| Marriage Retreat (registration is per couple) | February 17-19, 2012 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$137.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00 |
| Healing the Physical Body Retreat | February 24-26, 2012 | <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 2012 retreats starts at 5:30 p.m. on the day the retreat begins. Unless otherwise stated, 2012 retreats start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and end Sunday at 1 p.m.**

THE MEN'S RETREATS will start Friday @ noon and end Saturday @ 10 p.m.! Check-in starts @ 10a.m. Friday. 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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Name: _____

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____

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

Email address: _____ Handicap

Register online: www.flameofmercy.com

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EXCEPT THE MEN'S RETREATS!

The Ambassadors of the Flame of Mercy

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Back in 2012!

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 our 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.



The Flame

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

A Family Affair

Article by: Jessica Mendez

A FAMILY AFFAIR

It is said that a man's character is revealed through the behavior of his wife and children; for this reason I feel that our testimony is not complete if I do not include the progress that our children have made over the last year. If you don't already know, Ralph and I have six children; Jaime, age 10; Anastasia, age 5; Faustina, age 4; Raphael IV, age 3; David, age 19 months and Bernadette, age 2 months.

You may remember that in the previous article I wrote about the tremendous work the Lord has done in my husband by giving him the grace to change the manner in which he disciplines our children. Before we moved here it seemed that everything was a battle with them. They also were extremely sensitive to correction and would get their feelings hurt easily. It felt as if we always had to walk on eggshells around them. They all seemed to have problems dealing with anger and disobedience.

Our oldest son was pulling further and further away from us, it seemed that he only tolerated being around us, and did not see us as his true family. Our two middle children, Faustina and Ralphie, were not very friendly or social and rarely greeted anyone with whom they were unfamiliar. Anastasia had a strong fear of the dark. They all had a difficult time sitting still during our family rosary and in mass.

Being at the ministry was a complete lifestyle change for them, but they have adapted surprisingly well. Going to Morning Prayer has really helped them to respect prayer time, to sit still and participate. As we pray the rosary, it is such a tremendous blessing to hear them as they pray along. We also receive compliments on their behavior when we go to mass, as they are learning to sit still for longer periods of time.

Our oldest son has developed a strong relationship with my husband now that there are no outside influences distracting him. Now he looks forward to spending time with Ralph when they have their father - son bible study. This also has brought him to a greater confidence that he can share his feelings with us and let us know when something is bothering him. Most of all, they all are learning to be more obedient and are not as resistant to correction and discipline as they were a year ago.

Overall, I have seen that children truly are a reflection of their parents. It is amazing to me how the Lord constantly convicts me through my children. For example, I may be in the habit of doing something that seems totally okay to me, (like having a tantrum when I don't get my way), but as soon as I see one of my children acting the same way I did, I realize how that particular habit or behavior is an obstacle between me and the Lord. I am reminded of the obstacles I create when I see the obstacles that are created by my children's behavior. This is the reason our move to the ministry was so critical, not only for our spiritual growth, but for that of our children as well. Blessed Pope John Paul II once said that "all members of the

family have the grace and responsibility of building, day by day, the communion of persons making the family "a school of deeper humanity"; this happens when there is care and love for the little ones, the sick, the aged; where there is mutual service everyday; when there is a sharing of goods, of joys and of sorrows.

A fundamental opportunity for building such a communion is constituted by the educational exchange between parents and children in which each gives and receives. By means of love, respect and obedience towards their parents, children offer their specific and irreplaceable contribution to the construction of an authentically human and Christian family..."

I believe that the fullness of this statement is being fulfilled in our day to day lives as we continue to share our goods, joys and sorrows with this community. Being a part of this ministry has been such a wonderful opportunity for our family to grow in love and service towards each other and those around us. I have seen that our children fully rely on God to provide their needs through us. When they get hurt or feel ill, they will always ask me or my husband to pray for them so that Jesus can make them feel better. My daughters will not go to sleep if Ralph doesn't say their bedtime prayers with them and give them a blessing. They have complete faith that they are truly protected and nothing can harm them if they have their father's blessing.

I am so grateful for the lessons my children are learning by being a part of this community. They are so friendly to others when

we go out; People are always surprised at how my children will just run up and hug them. They have so much love to give and are always willing to share it. I don't think they could have learned this kind of love without being a part of this ministry. There are still so many lessons to be learned, and I am looking forward to each one of them. I am also looking forward to sharing them with you at the upcoming retreats.

My family and I continue to pray for each one of you. May the Blessed Mother continue to cover you in her mantle and shield you from the attacks of the enemy that would hinder you in your walk with the Lord. I invite you to attend our next retreat so that the Lord may also reveal to you how truly blessed you are.



The Mendez Family

HAPPY NEW YEAR



January Birthdays!
 We thank God for the day you were born!
January's Birthday Drawing Winner for a free Retreat: BENNY CARRASCO!

Happy Birthday to: MIRNA AGUIRRE, RICARDO ALVARADO, CASANDRA BARRON, RICARDO BAUTISTA, MARY BEDAN, EMMA BOSQUEZ, BENNY CARRASCO, CRIS CHAVEZ, STEVE COZAD, ABELARDO PAZ DUARTE, KAREN FOLGAR, ANDREA GARZA, RUBY HULAN, KOLBE JOHNS, WENDY MARTINEZ, RAUL V. MEDINA, HECTOR PASILLAS, ELIASER JR. PEREZ, GREGORIA PEREZ, LEONARDO PEREZ, MICHELLE RUBIO, VICKY SANDOVAL, BILL SINGER, VICTORIA STEWARD, AND JESSICA VELASQUEZ. We pray birthday blessings on all celebrating 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

THE MACHO MAN RETREATS START FRIDAYS @ NOON— AND END SATURDAY @ 10 P.M.



Starting and Ending Times for Retreats!

Starting January, 2012, we will return to our standard retreat schedule, beginning Fridays @ 7, ending Sundays about 1 p.m.

With one exception...

The Macho Man Retreats will continue starting Fridays @ noon— and ending Saturday @ 10 p.m.



HEALING through the CRUCIFIED CHRIST
 January 13-15, 2012

A New Year – A Free, Joyful You

Possible Retreat Topics Include:

- How to Forgive from the Heart: *So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.* Matthew 18:35
- Eliminating Past Hurts & Moving Forward in Freedom
- Receiving Deeper Healing
- The Mystery of Christ Crucified for your Sins
- How to Trade My Sickness & Sorrows for the Crucified Jesus
- Healing with the Crucified Jesus through the Eucharist

Having trouble forgetting the past?

Can't forgive those who hurt you, including yourself?

Tired of carrying blame, guilt, and regret?

Galatians 2:19-20 (NAB)
I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.

Registration: \$165.00

Macho Men of God Retreat
January 27-28, 2012
Still Fri.@noon-Sat @ 10 pm!

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
- Understanding the plan God has for your life



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.

Retreat starts Friday @ Noon! Ends Saturday @ 10 pm!
 The cost of this retreat is \$165.00 per person



THE MARRIAGE RETREAT
FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012

- Communication:** Is your spouse getting angry when you communicate?
- Intimacy:** Has romance left your marriage and bitterness set in?
- Forgiveness:** Do you have a hard time forgiving your spouse because you think things won't change?
- Prayer:** Do you want to know why your prayers are not being answered?
- Interference:** Are people, jobs, in-laws or other things interfering in your marriage?
- Children:** Are your children controlling your marriage?
- Ex-Spouses:** Do you feel your spouse loves ex-spouse's children more than yours?

The cost of this retreat is \$275.00 per couple. A deposit of \$137.50 is needed to secure your reservation. No Walk-ins.

Grandma, Mom & Daughter's Women's Retreat
February 10-12, 2012



Attention:
All Women, Mothers & Your Daughters, Aunts & Nieces, Grandmothers & Granddaughters!

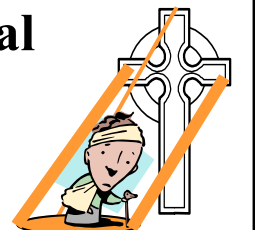
Minimum Age 7 yrs.

"All of you mothers who bring pleasure to My Heart, the merit of your work is no less than the deeds of the priest in the highest office... To this, your responsible work, I give My special blessing."

Message from our Lord Jesus
 Theresa Fleischman, Messenger

The cost of this retreat for ages 14-16 is \$ 82.50
 Age 7-13 Free
 for Ages 17 + \$165.00 per person

Healing the Physical Body Retreat
February 24-26, 2012



- Tired of being sick?
- Doctors can't find what's wrong?
- Tired of paying the doctor to manage your sickness?
- Body won't heal?
- Can't keep your healing?

Possible Topics to be covered:

- ◇ Spiritual root of physical sickness
- ◇ The brain and heart connection
- ◇ Toxic effects of Anger, Unforgiveness, etc. on the Body
- ◇ Retraining Your Brain
- ◇ Rejecting Fear of Family Illnesses, Death
- ◇ Learning to Accept & Love Yourself the Way God Made You
- ◇ Living to Your Fullest Potential for God's Purpose

The cost of this retreat is \$165.00.