

## ***Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre – A Home Away from Home***

Queen's House is a gathering place and oasis in an ever changing world. We are nestled in a quiet corner of Saskatoon on the bank of the South Saskatchewan River.

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**SACRED IN THE CITY: SEEING THE SPIRITUAL IN THE EVERYDAY** - Facilitator: Author and retreat leader Margaret Silf. **Thursday June 30, 9:30am - 3:30pm**. Cost: \$65 commute; \$85 commute+; \$135 live-in. Where do we find the sacred presence in our urban and suburban lives today – at home, at work, in the market-place, on the move, and in our gathering places? This day long retreat will give participants the opportunity to discover 'God in all things' in the ordinary events of our lives.

### **THE OTHER SIDE OF CHAOS: BREAKING THROUGH WHEN LIFE IS BREAKING DOWN**

Facilitator: Author and retreat leader Margaret Silf. **Friday July 1, 7:00pm - Sunday July 3, 1:00pm**. Cost: \$130 commute; \$165 commute+; \$275 live-in. This retreat will give participants the opportunity to explore a spirituality of transition and how 'breakdown' can be the gateway to 'breakthrough'. This topic is especially relevant in today's world of constant crisis. While crisis is always confusing and life-changing, it can be a gift that takes us closer to the fullness of our humanity.

### **MORAL LONELINESS – THE CONGENITAL ACHE OF A SOULMATE: Public lecture Monday July 11, 7:00pm**

Retreat leader: Author and theologian Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. Within each of us, at that place where all that is most precious within us takes its root and where there is a dark memory of having once been touched, caressed, loved, and valued in a way that is beyond anything we have ever consciously experienced. In fact, all the goodness, love, value, and tenderness we experience in life fall short precisely because we already know something deeper. It is in that place that we long for a kindred spirit, a soulmate, for someone to sleep with morally. It is in that place where we are most alone, unanimity-minus-one, and where we suffer moral loneliness. What is moral loneliness? What is its meaning? What are we meant to do about it?

**CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY – FROM PARANOIA TO METANOIA Tuesday July 12, 9:30am – Thursday July 14, 1:00pm**. Retreat leader: Author and theologian Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. What is mercy? How do we live more merciful lives and how do we put a more merciful face on God and religion? How do we journey, in both our humanity and our discipleship, from paranoia to metanoia, from having clenched fists to having open hands, from being judgmental to being forgiving, from living out of our wounds to living out of grace, and from putting a petty face on

God and religion to radiating the inexhaustible wellsprings of mercy?

**ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT** - Facilitators: with Anna Mycyk assisted by Gisele Bauche. **Monday July 18 - Friday July 22, 9:00am – 4:00pm.** Live-In: \$760.00 (includes meals & room); Commute: \$450 (includes lunches). Fee includes materials, pigments, 23kt gold leaf on bole. Participants are responsible for their own brushes, and the gesso wood panel board (\$110-\$125). An icon is like a window into eternity. This retreat will introduce participants into the ancient Christian tradition of icon-writing. During this five day retreat, through prayer and contemplation, you will learn the technique of writing an icon. Using a gesso wood panel board, egg tempera, natural pigments and gilding with gold leaf, you will write your own icon. The prototype that will be written is 'Christ Emmanuel.' This retreat will include daily prayer, demonstrations, theological reflections and group sharing. Participants will also receive individual instruction with the retreat leaders. It is not necessary for participants to come with a background in art or theology - all are most welcome. This might be one of the most creative weeks of the year for you!

**5 DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT** - Facilitators: Dianne Mantyka and Bishop Gerry Wiesner, OMI. **Sunday August 14, 4pm – Thursday August 18, 2:30pm.** Live-In: \$815 (includes lodging, meals, spiritual direction and facilitation.) Summer provides time for rest, reflection and renewal. Come to this peaceful riverside setting to restore, realign and strengthen your soul. Throughout this time in silence and solitude you will have opportunity to meet daily with a spiritual director and to spend time praying with scripture. Taking time for this retreat is a means to help you encounter God, become aware of the Spirit, and to live out more freely Christ's presence in your life.

**ONGOING EVENTS AT QUEEN'S HOUSE INCLUDE:**

**CENTERING PRAYER:** Monday evenings, 7pm • **TAIZE PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** Second

Tuesday of the month, 8pm • **PERSONAL DAY(S) OF PRIVATE PRAYER:** Book anytime •

**QUEEN'S HOUSE WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST:** Wednesdays, 2:30pm (call to confirm time – all are warmly welcome!) • **24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Fourth

Monday of the month, 12:00pm – Tuesday 12:00pm

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** Have you considered inviting a spiritual director to journey with you as a trusted companion? The **spiritual director** is a dedicated traveller of the interior pathways and has the skills to accompany another person who is experiencing the joys and challenges of life. The director listens, encourages, supports and assists the seeker in paying attention to their life. Queen's House has a number of trained spiritual directors who come from the ecumenical Christian community and offer a wide variety of interests and experience. To learn more about these spiritual directors please visit the website. If you are new to spiritual direction or have any questions about this listening ministry please contact our coordinator, Sr. Adeline, 306-242-1916 x234. A suggested offering for spiritual direction is a sliding fee scale of \$25—\$80 a session.