

## *Your Sanctuary in the City...*

Earlier this year, we asked people to submit a phrase to describe what the Cenacle Retreat House means to them. We wanted to select one to use in our marketing campaign. We received a variety of responses, for which we were grateful, and chose the above phrase.

This is *your* Cenacle. We hope that you, your loved ones and your faith community feel welcomed here. Our desire is that you feel a part of the Cenacle mission—to awaken and deepen faith through the spiritual ministries offered here so that you and all people may experience God more deeply in their everyday life.

This Cenacle desires to be a *sanctuary*, a place where you will encounter God. While God is present in everything and everywhere, we humans need special places that are dedicated as places to meet God. The Cenacle's buildings, grounds and atmosphere are designed and cared for in ways to help draw you into the beauty and peace that can help you to recognize God's presence while you are here. Then you will be able to recognize God's presence in the relationships and circumstances of your life when you return home.

We are pleased to welcome these presenters who have experienced Cenacle in other cities and who will join us in Houston for the first time. ...More...

Rev. Bill Burton, OFM – in October and January for scripture programs  
Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM – in February for a joyous Franciscan flavor  
Rev. Joe Nassal, CPPS – in Advent, Lent and mystics in May

Many Cenacle friends will return, including:

Rev. Richard Buhler, SJ – March 4-6 for the silent retreat to prepare us for Lent  
Br. Joel Giallanza, CSC – July 22-24 for a weekend with St. Thérèse of Lisieux  
Sr. Carletta LaCour, OP – September 11 for a day of T'ai Chi Chih to prepare for the series  
Jeanie Miley – for contemplative prayer series in October and February  
Colleen O'Grady – November 19-20 for a Thanksgiving overnight for women

Don't miss "Meet Me at the Shack"—one of our most popular retreats last year—with Sr. Lois Dideon and Pastor Chuck Kindsvatter on November 12-14. Register early to assure your place!

We know that the economy has affected everyone, and the Cenacle is sensitive to this. Please notice that we no longer have a different offering amount if you register after a certain date.

The entire Cenacle family—Sisters, employees, spiritual direction staff and volunteers—is grateful for you and your continued support. You are our best ambassador to help ensure that the Cenacle will be here now and in the future. Be assured of our continued prayers for you and your loved ones.

In Christ's peace,



Sr. Mary Guido, rc  
Local Leader, Cenacle Sisters and Ministry Coordinator