

# 2013 Summer Retreat Schedule

## **Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28, East Coast**

*Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center*  
Venice, Florida – Adults and Families (all ages)

Website for retreat facility: [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org)  
Contact: Sharon Bouvier at [bouviershar@verizon.net](mailto:bouviershar@verizon.net) or 941.748.1684

## **Thursday, June 27 – Sunday, June 30, East Coast**

*Our Lady of Thornwood Retreat Center*  
Thornwood, New York – Adults and Families (all ages)

Website for retreat facility: [www.ourladyofthornwood.com](http://www.ourladyofthornwood.com)  
Contact: Lori Downing at [ld1202@comcast.net](mailto:ld1202@comcast.net) or 732.598.9626

## **Sunday, June 30 - Thursday, July 4, Midwest**

*Bishop Lane Retreat Center*  
Rockford, Illinois – Adults and Families (all ages)

Website for retreat facility: [www.bishoplane.org](http://www.bishoplane.org)  
Contact: Barbara Wasilewski at [tom.barb62@yahoo.com](mailto:tom.barb62@yahoo.com) or 248.535.9834

## **Sunday, July 14 – Thursday, July 18, California**

*Old Mission Santa Barbara Retreat Center*  
Santa Barbara, California – Adults only (18 years and older)

Website for retreat facility: [www.santabarbaramission.org](http://www.santabarbaramission.org)  
Contact: Kelly Babraj at [kellybabraj@hotmail.com](mailto:kellybabraj@hotmail.com) or 310.897.0194

## **Monday, August 19 – Thursday, August 22, Pacific Northwest**

*Warm Beach Christian Camp*  
Stanwood, Washington – Adults and Families (all ages)

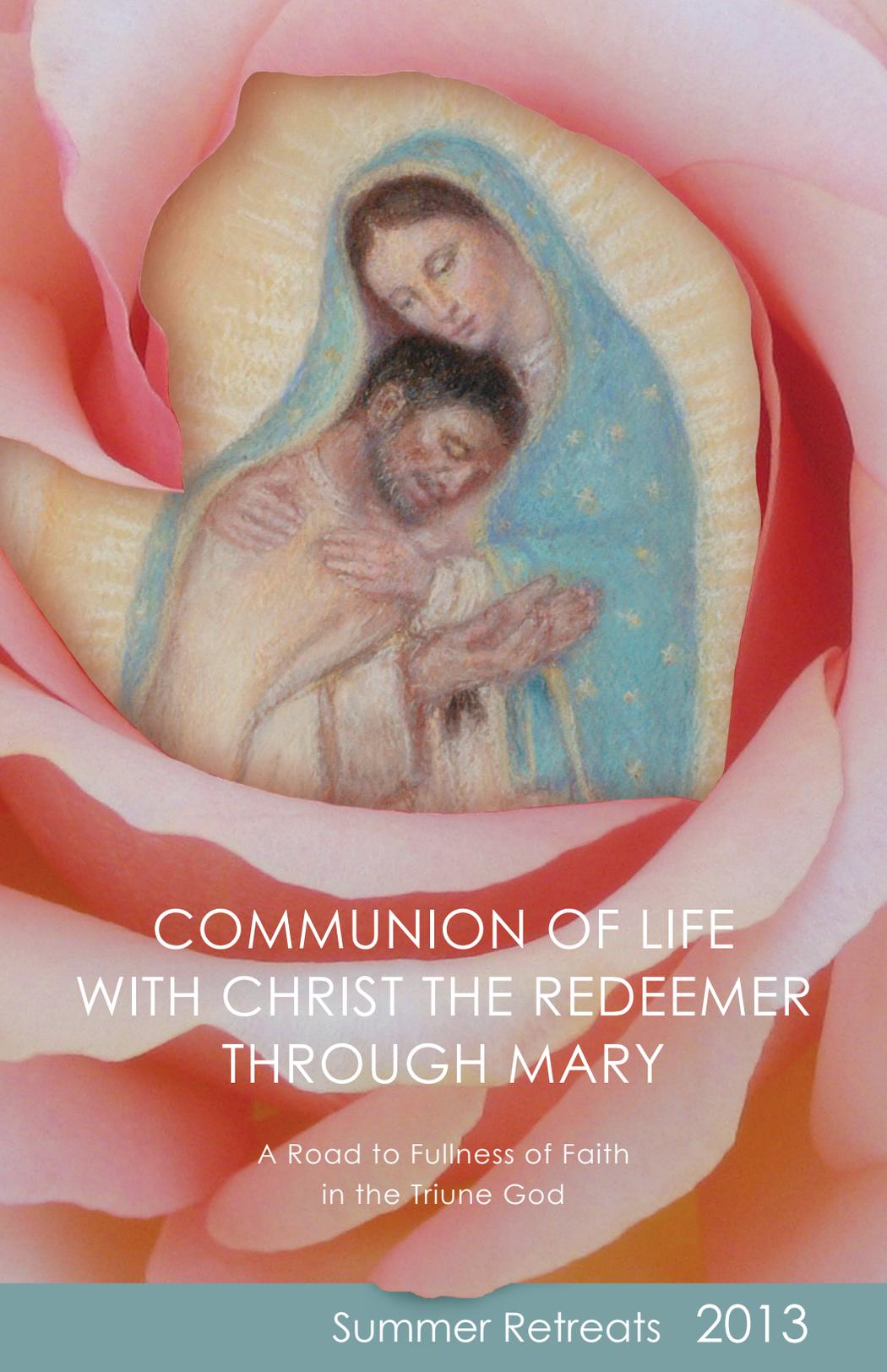
Website for retreat facility: [www.warmbeach.com/rentals/recreation](http://www.warmbeach.com/rentals/recreation)  
Contact: Conchita Mannella at [conchitamannella@gmail.com](mailto:conchitamannella@gmail.com) or 425.677.8507

## **Friday, August 30 - Monday, September 2, Canada**

*Sanctum Retreat Centre, Caroline*  
Alberta, Canada – Adults and Families (all ages)

Website for retreat facility: [www.sanctumretreat.ca](http://www.sanctumretreat.ca)  
Contact: Sharon O'Reilly at [oreilly.sharon55@gmail.com](mailto:oreilly.sharon55@gmail.com) or 780.444.5902

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## COMMUNION OF LIFE WITH CHRIST THE REDEEMER THROUGH MARY

A Road to Fullness of Faith  
in the Triune God

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*"It is precisely here at Loreto that we have the opportunity to attend the school of Mary who was called "blessed" because she "believed" (Lk 1:45). This Shrine, built around her earthly home, preserves the memory of the moment when the angel of the Lord came to Mary with the great announcement of the Incarnation, and she gave her reply. This humble home is a physical, tangible witness to the greatest event in our history, the Incarnation; the Word became Flesh and Mary, the handmaid of the Lord, is the privileged channel thru which God came to dwell among us" (cf Jn 1:14).*

– Pope Benedict XVI, Loreto, 2012

## Fr. Jaroslaw Zaniewski's Open Invitation to Everyone Summer Retreats hosted by the Families of Nazareth Movement

### Dear Friends and beloved Children of Mary:

I have the privilege of writing this invitation from the shrine in Loreto, Italy, of the Holy House where Mary lived, where the greatest event in our history began to unfold, as our Holy Father Benedict XVI reminded us on his visit here in October 2012, during which he initiated the Year of Faith.

Having been mysteriously delayed in writing this letter, I now see it connected with another "great announcement" by our Holy Father who surprised the entire world by announcing his resignation. Just the night before, Fr. Slawek and I were led by our Blessed Mother to St. Peter's square to entrust our beloved Holy Father to Her loving care by reciting the ancient Marian prayer, "We fly to your patronage."

This brings me to the timely theme of our summer retreats which is **Communion of Life with Christ the Redeemer through Mary - A Road to Fullness of Faith in the Triune God.** Without a doubt, Pope Benedict entrusted his pontificate and the entire Church to the loving care of the Blessed Mother. This Marian way of leading the Church is fittingly summed up in his words addressed here in Loreto on Oct 4, 2012:

*"I wish to entrust to the Most Holy Mother of God all the difficulties affecting our world as it seeks serenity and peace, the problems of many families who look anxiously to the future, the aspirations of young people at the start of their lives, the suffering of those awaiting signs or decisions of solidarity and love. I also wish to place in the hands of the Mother of God this special time of grace for the Church, now opening up before us. Mother of the "yes," you who heard Jesus, speak to us of him; tell us of your journey, that we may follow him on the path of faith; help us to proclaim him, that each person may welcome him and become the dwelling place of God. Amen!"*

As I ponder these meaningful words of the Holy Father, especially in connection with the recent spirituality of events affecting the future of our Church, I am very glad for the theme of our summer retreat. I more clearly perceive the role of the FNM spirituality of being caught up in echoing Mary's fiat, especially in the church of North America. Through it, the Holy Spirit calls us to return to our foundation, that is, to the basic things which make up both our faith and our deepest aspirations to live out our faith each day, facing the realities of our journey here on earth. And how, in the midst of it, we strive to be more persistent in allowing our Souls, our inner beings, and indeed our entire lives and communities, to become more credible "dwelling places" of God.

Our Holy Father, through his own example of humble admission that the Church needs a new leader, and through his entire consistent and unselfish service to the Church, reminds us that it is precisely by remaining in the "school of Mary" that we learn how to do this. By returning to God we realize anew how *"important man is to God . . . so that man may return to being man. With God, even in difficult times or moments of crisis, there is always a horizon of hope: the Incarnation tells us that we are never alone, that God has come to humanity and that he accompanies us"* (Benedict XVI, Loreto, Oct. 4, 2012).

Personally, this rings true for me and becomes a lived experience precisely when the Blessed Mother brings us together, for example during our retreats or other encounters in which we have no doubt that Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, *"is also our mother, and she opens to us the door to her home, she helps us enter into the will of her Son. So it is faith which gives us a home in this world, which brings us together in one family and which makes all of us brothers and sisters"* (Benedict XVI, Loreto, Oct. 4, 2012).

This gives me the confidence and assurance to state that not just I or the Board of the FNM invite you to our various summer retreats but – I dare to say – it is Mary herself!

In Christ's love,

Fr. Jarek

Moderator of the Families of Nazareth Movement, USA

*"Under her motherly gaze, may each of us walk joyfully, obedient to the voice of her divine Son, strengthening unity, persevering together in prayer and witnessing to genuine faith in the continuous presence of the Lord."*

– Pope Francis