The Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center is available for spiritual renewal and growth, professional training and adult and youth formation. As part of the Catholic Life Center, the Tracy Center can provide space for day and overnight retreats, business and youth conferences.

The three-story overnight facility has 30 sleeping rooms like a hotel setting minus the TV and phone. Each of 24 rooms can accommodate up to four people. Five of the six suites consist of a bedroom with two single beds (one king if beds are joined) and a sitting room with two sofa sleepers. The smaller suite has one bedroom with two single beds and a love seat and chair in the sitting area. All rooms have a private bath.

The Westerfield Conference Center, adjacent to the overnight facility, is a state-of-the-art meeting facility with audio/visual technology. The conference center provides space for 120 people or can be divided into three separate meeting areas for smaller groups.

The Tracy Center Education Building has eight rooms available for day retreats, workshops or breakout sessions. Also available are two chapels seating 40 or 175, a theatre with fixed-style seating for 196, a ballroom that can seat up to 500 people or 400 seated at banquet tables, and three dining rooms. The Tracy Center has some green space for walking and sitting with beautiful large oak trees.

A full-time kitchen staff provides all meals and snacks. A maintenance staff is available should there be a need.

The Tracy Center welcomes private groups, prayer groups, small Christian communities and Bible-study groups. Though there is no spiritual director on staff, retreatants may bring their own director.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Phone 225-242-0222; website tracycenter.org; email tracycenter@diobr.org; location 1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge; mailing address P. O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2028.

Directions: I-10 to Acadian Thruway exit; go north 3/4 of a mile. The Catholic Life Center and Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center are on the left.

Magnificat Center of the Holy Spirit
Ponchatoula

Magnificat Center of the Holy Spirit provides a relaxed setting for all types of retreats.

Opened in 1982 and located in the pine forest of the Florida Parishes, the center has 30 acres of wooded grounds for inspirational walks and porches for quiet reflection as well as outside stations of the cross.

The center offers a conference room with seating for up to 100 people, a dining hall and a small chapel in the main building. Overnight housing for retreatants is unavailable in dormitory-style facilities that will sleep up to 79 with shared bathrooms.

There are additional facilities that are available for private, personal retreats.

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Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center
Metairie, Louisiana

The Archdiocese of New Orleans’ Retreat Center, dedicated to Our Lady of the Cenacle, continues the tradition of the Cenacle Sisters begun in 1958 of providing a place to nurture the soul. Its location on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain in Metairie offers a serene environment for spiritual contemplation. This is an ideal setting to hold overnight retreats, days of prayer or staff reflection days.

Located about an hour east of Baton Rouge, 15 minutes west of New Orleans, the retreat center has a chapel, dining room with buffet-style meals, a meeting hall, a library, a large parlor and several breakouts rooms. Up to 50 guests in private rooms with private or semi-private bath facilities can be accommodated at the retreat house. The 12-landscaped acres offer grounds conducive to prayer and reflection that nurture spiritual lives.

We welcome you to draw near to God as you experience the peace and serenity that the Retreat Center has to offer.

Phone 504-887-1420 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; email retreats@arch-no.org; website retreats.arch-no.org; 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie, LA 70006.

Directions: From Baton Rouge, take I-10 east to Williams Blvd. exit; go north to West Esplanade Avenue, turn right; travel on West Esplanade Avenue to the U-turn before Transcontinental Blvd.; make the U-turn; travel four blocks to St. Mary St.; turn right. The center’s driveway is at the end of St. Mary Street.

Christian Life Center
St. Benedict, Louisiana

Located four miles north of Covington on the grounds of St. Joseph Abbey, the Christian Life Center is open to individuals and groups seeking peace and reflection in a monastic setting suitable to their spirituality.

St. Joseph Abbey is home to the Benedictine monks, who conduct Retreat League Weekends approximately 26 times per year for men, women and married couples. On the remaining weekends and during the week, the Christian Life Center is open to groups for religious, educational and charitable purposes.

The center has accommodations for 41 persons in modest but comfortable private rooms with private baths. Guest rooms, a chapel, a library and a dining room are located in the center. The larger St. Joseph Abbey Church is located on the grounds.

The 1,200 acres of pine woods and tranquil ponds offer retreatants the opportunity for quiet and reflective leisure.

The center strives to continue the tradition set down more than 14 centuries ago by St. Benedict, who believed that the stranger or guest who comes to the monastery gate is to be received as Christ, but, it reserves the right to decide which programs meet the stated goals of the facility.

Phone 985-882-3473; website saintjosephabbey.com/clc; email clc@sjac.edu; location St. Benedict, LA 70457.

Directions: Take I-12 to exit 63-B Covington (U.S. Hwy. 190) north; continue past Hwy. 437 to Hwy. 25 (traffic light); continue north on Hwy. 25 about 300 yards; turn right on Airport Road and continue to the stop sign; turn left onto River Road; travel to the sign for St. Joseph Abbey and turn right onto the bridge.

Carmelite Spirituality Center
Lacombe, Louisiana

Cradled among 72 acres of towering pine trees, a picturesque lake and trails slicing through the property, the Carmelite Spirituality Center in Lacombe offers retreats to people of all faiths.

The center, which opened in 2005 and is operated by the Sisters of Mount Carmel, the center offers monthly mornings of prayer, directed and guided retreats, private retreats, group gatherings in a monastic setting, parish retreats, spirituality workshops and even the ability to design your own program.

Overnight facilities accommodating up to 50 people in semi-private and private rooms are available as well as two cottages. Along with the piney woods, the grounds include a swimming pool, labyrinth and provides an idyllic venue for reflection and prayer.

While enjoying a meal from the full-service kitchen, diners can bask in a beautiful view of the azalea-lined patio, which nudges up against the dining room.

The library contains numerous resources and can also serve as a meeting room. The chapel can seat up to 50 people comfortably.

Phone 985-882-7579; website carmelitespirituality.org; email carmelcenter@bellsouth.net; location 62292 Fish Hatchery Road, Lacombe, LA; mailing address P.O. Box 130, Lacombe, LA 70445-0130.

Directions: Take I-12 east take Exit 74 (LA Hwy. 434), turn right toward Lacombe. Follow on LA Hwy. 434 to U.S. Hwy 190, turn right and cross bridge over Bayou Lacombe. Take first right at Fish Hatchery Road (Capital One Bank is the landmark). Proceed 1.9 miles and the center is on the right.

Jesuit Spirituality Center
Grand Coteau, Louisiana

The Jesuit Spirituality Center located in the heart of Acadiana, 11 miles north of Lafayette on I-49, is open to men and women of all faiths.

The former St. Charles College became the Jesuit Novitiate in 1922 and a retreat center in 1972, providing a quiet and restful environment for those seeking to listen and respond to God with generosity and openness through the experience of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.
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The century-old building, located on 900 acres of farmland, has undergone a complete interior and exterior renovation. It now provides 33 rooms with private baths and individual air control, as well as new furnishings.

Year-round offerings of three-, five-, eight- and 30-day individually directed retreats, and a variety of weekend programs and retreats, are scheduled through the center.

An individually directed retreat differs from the more common group or preached retreat in that the retreatant meets privately each day with a spiritual director. In these sessions, the director listens to the retreatant’s description of what has happened in prayer since the day before and then selects additional exercises and Scripture passages to assist the retreatant in the journey of faith as a companion of Jesus.

The center has a labyrinth, bicycle and walking paths and roads, several chapels, a bookstore and a large meeting room that can accommodate up to 80 people.

Phone 337-662-5251 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to request a brochure, call the Lumen Christi Retreat Center Monday through Tuesday, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Phone 925-868-1523; email lumenchristi@bidioce.org; mailing address 100 Lumen Christi Court, Schriever, LA 70395.

Directions: From Baton Rouge take LA Hwy. 1 to Thibodaux; in Thibodaux take LA Hwy. 24 to Houma; outside of Thibodaux make a right turn at St. Bridget’s Church (about one mile past the overpass); turn left onto Hwy. 311 and continue past the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Look for the Lumen Christi signs on the left.

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House
Grand Coteau, Louisiana

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House was built by the Diocese of Lafayette in 1938 and was dedicated to the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits have administered and cared for the house since that time. For more than 70 years, this oasis of prayer has been helping to form the spirituality of people in all walks of life.

Based on the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, a 15th century Basque saint and founder of the Jesuit order, Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House offers conference style retreats for men, women, and couples. These retreats, directed by Jesuit priests and thoroughly trained lay directors, are based on St. Ignatius of Loyola’s famous Spiritual Exercises. Mass, reconciliation, stations of the cross and the rosary are also featured during the retreat experience.

The room capacity is 51 and most of the rooms have private baths. A gracious library, newly renovated chapel and colorfully landscaped grounds provide the backdrop for wonderful retreats. Also available is a private visit chapel that many enjoy. Meal service is available.

Built in Spanish mission style, the facility features an enclosed courtyard with the peaceful sounds of a flowing fountain and lots of seating area. Old oaks grace this central patio and lots of seating area. Old oaks grace this central patio and lots of seating area. Old oaks grace this central patio and lots of seating area.

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Manresa House of Retreats

Manresa House of Retreats opened in 1929 as a retreat center for men. Since then, the Jesuit-run center has become a favorite retreat facility for men in the south. Manresa sits on 130 wooded acres along the Mississippi River.

Manresa offers sleeping accommodations for 111, all having private bath facilities, a main chapel and four reflection chapels, a library, gardens and shrines.

All retreats are in the manner of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

While most of the retreats are preached retreats for men, some spaces are available for individually directed retreats for men and women.

For more information, call between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Phone 800-782-9431; website manresala.org; location 5858 LA Hwy. 44, Convent; mailing address PO. Box 89, Convent, LA 70723-0089.

Directions: I-10 to Sorrento/Donaldsonville exit 182; south on Hwy 42; left onto Hwy 70 and left onto Hwy. 3125; right onto Hwy. 42; and left at Hwy. 44 (River Road); continue five miles. Manresa is on the left.

Our Lady of the Way Spiritual Life Center

Our Lady of the Way Spiritual Life Center opened in 1981, when the community of professed sisters in residence returned to a newly renovated motherhouse in New Orleans. It was at this time the congregation began its ministry of hosting and/or sponsoring retreats, days of prayer, workshops and other activities for religious, clergy and laity.

Rosaryville, erected in 1955, is a three-story building. On the first floor are offices, an informal gathering area, three dining rooms and two kitchens. On the second floor are a library, an audio-visual center, a small conference room, a suite for visiting retreat directors, the Holy Rosary Chapel and a smaller area, the Upper Room that may be used for workshops and/or conferences for groups from 35 to 50 people. On the third floor are eight semi-private rooms and semi-private baths.

St. John Hall, erected in 1966, is adjacent to Rosary Hall and houses a large conference room, a small parlor, the gift shop, the massage therapy room and 34 private and semi-private bedrooms.

Kateri Hall has eight dormitory rooms with bunk beds. Five rooms can sleep eight each, two rooms can sleep 10 each, and the one remaining room can sleep four. The hall has a spacious recreation/conference room and separate renovated bathrooms with showers for boys and girls. It is ideal for youth groups and Rosaryville’s Camp Kateri for boys and girls each summer. There is also a new chapel named Queen of the Most Holy Rosary that can hold about 80 retreatants. There is also a sports court adjacent to Kateri Hall as well as ample space for outdoor games.

Shalom House is a one-story, self-contained hermitage. It has sleeping capacity for six or more.
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Phone 337-662-5410; website ourladyoftheoaks.com; email oloaks@centurytel.net; mailing address P. O. Drawer D, Grand Coteau, LA 70541.

Directions: From Baton Rouge take I-10 to Lafayette; take I-49 north; go approximately 12 miles to Sunset/Grand Coteau exit 11 (Hwy. 93); turn right at the exit and go about 2 blocks; turn right on Martin Luther King Drive; go two blocks and turn left at the traffic light; Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House entrance is the third driveway to the right, past the church and school.

**Prairie Ronde Cursillo Center**

Opelousas, Louisiana

Prairie Ronde Cursillo Center is open on weekends for Catholic men and women only. Cursillo means a short course in Christianity. The Cursillos are scheduled for men and for women on separate weekends throughout the year. Overnight facilities are available for up to 60 people in a dormitory-type setting, with shared bathrooms and showers. Separate housing is available for priests or deacons leading retreats. There is a chapel and a bookstore with an area for reading. Handicapped facilities are available.

Each person will need a sponsor for the weekend. The local contacts to assist with that are Gail Guidroz 225-603-2257, or Linda Daigle 225-627-6448.

Phone 337-543-7452; website howillist.com; mailing address 3651 LA Hwy. 104, Opelousas, LA 70570-1808.

**Rev. William Kelley Retreat Center**

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

The Rev. William Kelley Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi features 55 acres for peaceful reflection, located a block off the Bay of St. Louis.

The center, which is operated by the Divine Word Missionaries, is available for lay people, clergy, religious, singles and married persons.

The center offers 30 rooms with two beds in each room with private bathrooms. Some additional housing is available if needed.

The center has a conference center, smaller rooms for break-out sessions, library, chapel, hanging swings and a path through the woods. Specific retreats, such as Retrouvaille, can be requested although the majority of groups bring their own leadership. Also, private or directed retreats are available.

A kitchen and retreat staff is available. Divine Word Missionaries can be available for Mass and/or confessions upon request.

The center opened in 2002.

Available services include cooking, cleaning and a coordinator.

Phone: 228-467-2025; email svdretreatcenter@bellsouth.net; website svd south.com; mailing address 510 N. Second Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Directions: I-12 east to Slidell; I-10 east to Bay St. Louis; take Exit 13, Hwy. 603 south to Hwy. 90 east (approximately 6 miles); pass seven red lights, after the seventh red light turn right on 2nd Street (a large Sacred Heart shrine is on 2nd right shortly before reaching 2nd Street); go approximately one-half of a mile, entrance to the retreat center is on the right.

**St. Charles Center**

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Opened in 1996 and operated by the Diocese of Lake Charles, the St. Charles Center offers preached and directed retreats in addition to a variety of other programs. Located near the Calefass River, the center provides a deep woods setting with walks along the swamp leading to the river.

Accommodations include separate facilities for 72 adults and 78 youth in double-occupancy rooms. Bath facilities are private on the adult side and shared on the youth side. Other amenities include three libraries, the Chapel of the Assumption, two small conference rooms for 50 people, two large conference rooms for more than 100 people and a dining room.

The center is staffed by spiritual directors and retreat directors and is open to people of all denominations. For more information, call 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed between noon and 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

Phone 337-855-1232; website live.ledioce.org/retreats; mailing address 2151 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy., Lake Charles, LA 70661.

Directions: I-10 to Lake Charles; take Exit 33 to LA Hwy. 171; travel 5 miles to LA Hwy. 378; turn left onto LA Hwy. 378; travel 2.5 miles; entrance is on the left.

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A fully equipped kitchen, two bathrooms, washer/dryer and large worktable. It is ideal for those seeking an extended private retreat or for small groups needing a meeting facility.

Rosaryville hosts retreats, conferences and events planned by church and civic organizations. It also sponsors retreats, workshops, prayer days as well as directed and/or individual retreats.

Rosaryville Retreat Center offers a new Memorial Cemetery to serve all families with both mausoleum and in-ground availability.

Massage therapy and individual spiritual direction are two programs offered by Sister Mary Noel OP, who is a nationally certified massage therapist and a spiritual director.

Phone 225-204-5039; email scalais@oppeace.org; website rosaryvillela.com; mailing address 39003 Rosaryville Road, Ponchatoula, LA 70454.

Directions: 1-12 to Pumpkin Center exit 35; turn south at Hwy. 22 turn left; go two miles to Rosaryville Road; turn right, go one mile to the Rosaryville gate.

**St. Joseph Spirituality Center**

Baton Rouge

For the faithful who wish to deepen their spiritual life, the St. Joseph Spirituality Center offers ongoing private spiritual direction by appointment and a variety of retreat options based on Ignatian spirituality, including a nine-month program on The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Daily Life. Other programs include peer supervision for spiritual directors and half-day events or retreats on Friday evenings and Saturdays on the beautiful St. Joseph’s Academy campus.

Staff members are also available as guest directors at retreat centers throughout the country and conduct on-site retreats and programs in area church parishes. There are no overnight accommodations.

The center welcomes all people who are seeking to deepen their faith life, regardless of their particular faith tradition.

The St. Joseph Spirituality Center, a ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph, offers activities that foster the wholeness and holiness of each person, which leads to a deepening and effective consciousness of the role of the Christian in the world.

Services include: workshops that promote instruction in Scripture, theology, and prayer; workshops geared to self-understanding and improving relationships; days of prayer and retreats of longer duration, both preached and directed; private spiritual direction and pastoral counseling.

For information about the St. Joseph Spirituality Center, call 225-383-3349; email dianne@stjoecenter.org; website stjoecenter.org; mailing address 2980 Martin Luther King Drive; go two blocks off the Bay of St. Louis.

Directions: I-12 to Slidell; I-10 east to Bay St. Louis; take Exit 13, Hwy. 603 south to Hwy. 90 east (approximate six miles); pass seven red lights, after the seventh red light turn right on 2nd Street (a large Sacred Heart shrine is on 2nd right shortly before reaching 2nd Street); go approximately one-half of a mile, entrance to the retreat center is on the right.

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