Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center
Baton Rouge

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, and conferences.

The three-story Tracy Center overnight facility has 30 sleeping rooms. 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 sitting room with two sofa sleepers and a love seat and chair in the bedroom with two single beds and a private bath.

The Westerfield Conference Building has eight rooms available for day retreats, workshops or breakout sessions. Also available are two chapels, a lounge area, an auditorium that has fixed theatre-style seating for 196, another auditorium that can seat up to 500 people, and three dining rooms. A full-time kitchen staff provides all meals and snacks.

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; email: tracycenter@diobr.org; 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, the center provides housing for retreatants in dormitory-style facilities. 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. The center offers a conference room with seating for up to 100 people, a dining hall and a small chapel in the main building.

Along with booked retreats tailored especially for any and all Christian groups, Magnificat offers Days of Renewal on the last Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Phone: 800-531-9710 or 504-362-5977; mailing address: 23629 Faith Rd., Ponchatoula, LA 70454.

Directions: I-12 to exit 47; south on Roberts Road (Hwy. 45); right on Hwy. 445 (Lee’s Landing Road); left at Hwy. LA 70454.

Magnificat is 1.5 miles on the right.

Manresa House of Retreats
Convent

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; mailing address: P.O. Box 89, Convent, LA 70723-0089.

Directions: I-10 to Sorrento; Donaldsonville exit 182; south on Hwy. 22; left onto Hwy. 70 and left onto Hwy. 3125; right onto Hwy. 4214; and left at Hwy. 44 (River Road); continue five miles. Manresa is on the left.

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center
Ponchatoula

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center is located approximately 45 miles east of Baton Rouge off of Hwy. 22 in Ponchatoula. Situated on 500-manicured acres of a 1,700-acre tract, it is a place for renewal of spirit, mind and body. Visitors can stroll the beautiful grounds, tour the facilities and see the picnic area complete with tables, pool and bathhouse. Beneath a canopy of trees along the Medita-
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A Catholic Renewal and Conference Center
Tranquility within the City

The Overnight Retreat Center has 30 private sleeping rooms, accommodating a maximum of 120 people (quad occupancy). Each room has a private bath.

Additional facilities include a conference center, large and small auditoriums, 8 classrooms, several lounges/common areas, 2 beautiful chapels, spacious grounds and a full-service kitchen with an on-site chef.

The center is accessible to the disabled. Limited audio/visual equipment is available.

For information about the center, fees and rental of facilities call:
(225) 242-0222 or (225) 387-0561
FAX: (225) 242-0134 Email: tracycenter@diobr.org
1800 South Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge
located on the campus of the Catholic Life Center
Debra Clement, Manager

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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 nine dormitory rooms with bunk beds. Seven rooms can sleep eight each, and the two remaining rooms can sleep four each. The hall has a spacious recreation/conference room and separate 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 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, a fully equipped kitchen, two bathrooms, washer/dryer and a 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. 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: 225-294-5039 ext. 102; email: rosaryville02@charter.net; website: rosaryville.com; mailing address: 39003 Rosaryville Rd., Ponchatoula, LA 70454.

Directions: I-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

St. Joseph Spirituality Center, a ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph, has as its purpose the promotion of religious education and spiritual development of adults. This includes 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.

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

The services offered 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.

Since 1984, the St. Joseph Spirituality Center has offered a variety of retreat options based on Ignatian spirituality, including a nine-month program on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Daily Life. Staff members offer ongoing private spiritual direction by appointment. There are no overnight accommodations.

St. Joseph Spirituality Center is located at 2080 Kleinert Ave. in Baton Rouge. Programs are offered as half-day events or retreats on Friday evenings and Saturdays in the St. Joseph’s Academy Dining Hall or in the local area. 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.

For information about the St. Joseph Spirituality Center, call the office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
Retreat centers outside the diocese of Baton Rouge

Christian Life Center
St. Benedict, La.

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 recollection 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 pined 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: 985-892-3473; website: staintjosephabbey.com/clc; email: clc@sjac.edu; mailing address: Christian Life Center, St. Joseph Abbey, 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.

Lumen Christi Retreat Center
Schriever, La.

Since 1985, the Lumen Christi Retreat Center has offered spiritual renewal and development options such as women’s and men’s retreats, Teens Encounter Christ and First Friday Day of Prayer. Churches and groups also host retreats and workshops, providing their own speakers and developing their own theme and schedule.

The center is committed to the universal mission of Jesus Christ. Through a ministry of hospitality, spiritual retreats, preaching and renewal programs, Lumen Christi Retreat Center aims to illumine Christ’s presence and to be a “source of spiritual life and strength.”

The center provides a peaceful setting for guests to slow down and be sensitive to the presence of God. Surrounded by woods, the 50-acre retreat center features a pond with benches, an outdoor Stations of the Cross and two gazebos for those seeking the beauty and meditative solitude of the outdoors.

Indoor facilities include an adult center and a youth center, full kitchen and dining room, library, conference room, chapel and two penance rooms that can accommodate five people each. The corridors and private rooms display more than 100 oil paintings of local topics by local artists.

The adult center can accommodate 80 overnight guests in double rooms with private bath facilities. The youth center, which also accommodates family retreats, confirmation retreats and youth leadership programs, is ideal for groups who desire dormitory living. It can accommodate 100 overnight guests in bunk beds with common bath facilities.

For more information or to request a brochure, call the Lumen Christi Retreat Center Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Phone: 985-868-1523; mailing address: 100 Lumen Christi Court, Schriever, LA 70095.

Directions: From Baton Rouge take Hwy. 1 to Thibodaux; in Thibodaux take Hwy. 24 to Houma; outside of Thibodaux make a right turn at St. Bridge’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.

Jesuit Spirituality Center
Grand Coteau, LA

The Jesuit Spirituality Center located in the heart of Acadiana, 11 miles north of Lafayette on I-10, 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 of Loyola.

The century-old building, located on 900 acres of farmland, has undergone a complete interior and exterior renovation in the past two years. 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 throughout 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, a swimming pool, 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 detailing upcoming events; website: jesuitspiritualitycenter.org; email: office@jesuitspiritualitycenter.org; mailing address: St. Charles College, P.O. Box C, Grand Coteau, LA 70541-1003.

Directions: From Baton Rouge: I-10 west to I-149 north at Lafayette; about 30 miles to the Sun
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Prairie Ronde Cursillo Center
Opelousas, La.

The Catholic Commentator 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 Vicky LaHaye 225-273-2152 or Linda Daigle 225-627-6448. Phone: 337-543-7425; website: whowilllist.com; mailing address: 3651 Hwy. 104, Opelousas, LA 70570-1808.

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St. Charles Center
Lake Charles, La.

Opened in 1996 and operated by the Diocese of Lake Charles, the St. Charles Center offers preachers and directed retreats in addition to a variety of other programs. Located near the Calcasieu 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 830 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed between 12 noon and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Phone: 337-855-1232; website: live.ldiocease.org/retreats; mailing address: 3151 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy., Lake Charles, LA 70661.

Directions: 1-10 to Lake Charles; take exit 33 to Hwy. 171; travel 5 miles to Hwy. 378; turn left onto Hwy. 378; travel 2.5 miles; entrance is on the left.

St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center
Chatawa, Miss.

St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center provides a quiet, peaceful setting for adults seeking to find God more deeply in their lives. The retreat center offers facilities for individually directed retreats, private retreats and group retreats or programs – all in a quiet environment of natural beauty. Facilities include a conference room, two small chapels, a parish church and a small reading library.

Located on 420 acres of pine woods, the center has a small lake, an outdoor swimming pool, a labyrinth and ample walking space. Gener-