Retreat centers located in the Diocese of Baton Rouge

BISHOP ROBERT E. TRACY CENTER
BATON ROUGE

The Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center is available for spiritual renewal, professional training and adult or 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 overnight facility has a total of thirty sleeping rooms which can accommodate up to 120 people. Twenty-four of the rooms can accommodate four persons. Five of our suites provide a bedroom with two single beds and a sitting room with two sofa sleepers. One 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, a theatre with fixed-style seating for 196, a ballroom that can seat up to 500 people, and three dining rooms. A full-time kitchen staff provides all meals and snacks; outside catering is not allowed.

The Tracy Center welcomes private groups, prayer groups, small Christian communities and Bible-study groups. We do not have a retreat director on staff; retreats provide their own director.

Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and tours of the facilities are available by appointment. Please visit us at www.tracycenter.org or on Facebook under The Tracy Center.

Phone 225-242-0222; website: tracycenter.org; 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.

CYPRESS SPRINGS MERCEDARIAN PRAYER CENTER
BATON ROUGE

Cypress Springs Mercedarian Prayer Center is a Catholic retreat center located in Baton Rouge.

The retreat center, which has a chapel that seats 300 and a meeting room that seats more than 300 people, opened in 2010 and is situated on 56 acres that includes woodlands, lakes, ponds, outdoor seating and meditation trails.

It is open to Catholic speakers or for meetings.

Sister Dulcie Maria HMSS also conducts men’s Bible study and women’s spirituality classes. The center opened in 2010.

Phone: 225-752-8480; location: 17560 George O’Neal Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810; open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS
RETREAT CENTER
METAIRIE

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. Our location on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain in Metairie offers a serene environment for spiritual contemplation.

Our vision as expressed by our Advisory Board is that we invite you to "Come to the Quiet, Encounter the Sacred." We offer a full schedule of weekend retreats and weekday Days of Prayer. You may view the details of our offerings at retreats.arch-no.org. Please consider attending a retreat or Day of Prayer that most closely fits your spiritual need.

The retreat center is also available as a venue for faith-based groups to host events including overnight retreats, days of prayer or staff reflection days.

Located about an hour east of Baton Rouge or 15 minutes west of New Orleans, the retreat center has a chapel, dining room offering buffet-style meals, a meeting hall, a library, a large parlor and several breakout rooms. The 11 landscaped acres offer grounds conducive to prayer and reflection that nurture our souls.

We welcome you to come hear the whisper of God and experience nurturing, healing and transformation through the joy of the Good News.

For more information, call us at (504) 887-1429 from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

You may reach us through email at retreats@arch-no.org or visit our website retreats.arch-no.org. Our address is 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006.

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY CENTER
LACOMBE

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, is operated by the Sisters of Mount Carmel. The center offers monthly mornings of prayer, directed and guided retreats, private retreats, group gatherings, 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 faces 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 or 985-264-0314; website carmelite-spirituality.org; email carmelite-center@bellsouth.net; location 62929 Fish Hatchery Road, Lacombe, LA; mailing address P.O. Box 130, Lacombe, LA 70445-0130.

Directions: From I-12 east take Exit 74 (LA Hwy. 434), turn toward Lacombe. Follow on LA Hwy. 434 to U.S. Hwy 190. At round-about, take first right and cross bridge over Bayou Lacombe. Take first right at DaVis Avenue which becomes 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

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 of Loyola.

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 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 bicycle and walking paths and roads, several chapels, a bookstore and a large meeting room that can accommodate up to 50 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, LA 70570-1808.

PRAIRIE RONDE CURSILLO CENTER OPELousAS

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 center can help with a sponsor. The local contacts to assist with that are Carla James 225-229-5519, or Tina Guillory 225-235-6470.

Directions: I-10 west to I-49 one-half of a mile, entrance to right and follow Martin Luther King Drive (LA Hwy. 93). The center is on the left, at 313 M. L. K. Dr.

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: 228-467-2032; email svdretreatcenter@bellsouth.net; website svdso4uth.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 six miles; pass seven red lights, after the seventh red light turn right on 2nd Street (a large Sacred Heart shrine is on the right shortly before reaching 2nd Street; go approximately one-half of a mile, entrance to the retreat center is on the right.

The center is staffed by spiritual directors.

ST. CHARLES CENTER LAKE CHARLES

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 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.

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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. ldcioce.org/retreats; mailing address 2151 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy., Lake Charles, LA 70611.

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.

St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center

Located four miles north of Covington, the St. Joseph Abbey Retreat 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 Abbey Sponsored Retreat weekends approximately 18 times per year for men, women and married couples. On the remaining weekends and during the week, the retreat center is available to groups for religious, educational and charitable purposes.

The retreat center, which opened in early 2018 following a complete renovation, now has 30 bedrooms with queen-size beds, pull out love seats and private bathrooms. The center includes a chapel, two meeting spaces and a dining room. The larger St. Joseph Abbey Church is located on the grounds.

The 1,200 acres of piney 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: saintjosephabbey.com/christian-life-center; email: clc@sjasc.edu; location: Retreat Center, St. Joseph Abbey, 75376 River Road, 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 to Ramsay; travel to the sign for St. Joseph Abbey and turn right onto the bridge.

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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 manresa.org; location 5858 LA Hwy. 44, Convent; mailing address P.O. Box 89, Convent, LA 70723-0089.

Directions: From Interstate 12, exit O'Neal Blvd, and go south 8.9 miles. Turn east on George O'Neal Road and travel 1.4 miles to retreat center.

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Antioch Road, Tickfaw, LA 70466.

Directions: I-12 east to Ham-
mond; take Exit 38B to I-55
north; take Exit 36 Tickfaw/LA
442; turn left on Hwy 442 west;
proceed 0.8 miles to Antioch
Road; take right and go 0.7 miles;
the center is on the right.

**Rosaryville**

**Spirit Life Center**

**Ponchatoula**

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center is located approximately 45 miles east of Baton Rouge off of LA Hwy. 22 in Ponchatoula. Situated on 500-manured 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 meditation path stand outdoor shrines, grottos and stations of the cross. There is also a covered dock on the two-acre pond, a perfect place for reflection.

Rosaryville is staffed by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, formerly the Congregation of St. Mary, and their lay colleagues. Rosaryville Spirit 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.

Rosary Hall, 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 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, 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 225-294-5039; email scallais@oppeace.org; website rosaryvillela.com; mailing address 39003 Rosaryville Road, 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**

To awaken and deepen spirituality to impact our world is the mission of the St. Joseph Spirituality Center, a sponsored ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Through spiritual direction, programs and retreats, the Spirituality Center promotes spiritual awakening, growth and development.

After significant prayer and careful discernment, the trustees of the St. Joseph Spirituality Center and the Sisters of St. Joseph who sponsor the Center have decided to conclude its operations on June 30.

The center will continue to offer spiritual direction to new and existing directees until its conclusion. The spiritual directors may continue serving directees after June 30 on a private practice basis.

The center will offer its last silent retreat for Lent on March 29-30 at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Chatawa, Mississippi and the “Spiritual Graces of Aging for Caregivers” retreat on April 6 from 9 a.m. till noon at St. Joseph’s Academy Mother Alice Hall.

Faithful who feel growth in their spiritual life through the integration of spirituality with social responsibility are welcome to join in conversations, companionship and activities in our Word and Deed program which promotes spiritual growth in people committed to consistent prayer and working on systemic change.

To register for spiritual direction or our programs, contact the center at our website at stjocenter.org; or by phone at 225-383-3349; mailing address 2980 Kleinert Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Directions: I-10 to exit 157B South Acadian Thruway; go north to Broussard St., turn left; go one block to Parker St., turn right; go one block to Kleinert Ave., turn left.

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