

From the Teresa of Ávila's "Interior Castle"

"This Beloved of ours is merciful and good. Besides, he so deeply longs for our love that he keeps calling us to come closer. This voice of his is so sweet that the poor soul falls apart in the face of her own inability to instantly do whatever he asks of her. And so you can see, hearing him hurts much more than not being able to hear him... For now, his voice reaches us through words spoken by good people, through listening to spiritual talks, and reading sacred literature. God calls to us in countless little ways all the time. Through illnesses and suffering and through sorrow he calls to us. Through a truth glimpsed fleetingly in a state of prayer he calls to us. No matter how halfhearted such insights may be, God rejoices whenever we learn what he is trying to teach us."



" Union is as if in a room there were two large windows through which the light streamed in it enters in different places but it all becomes one. "

"True perfection consists in the love of God and our neighbor, and the better we keep both these commandments, the more perfect we shall be."

The retreat will take place at the **Marianist Retreat and Conference Center**, 4000 HW 109, Eureka, MO. The center is located on 120 acres adjacent to the Meramec River and features miles of forest trails, cliffs, streams, a grotto, meadows and a sculpture garden. Private rooms include private toilets and showers. The \$190 fee includes 6 meal. **"The 7 Mansions"**

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Specific Dietary or Special Needs?

How did you hear about this program?

Any physical limitations?

Cost: \$190 per person

Couple rate/share room, \$170 per person

Commuter rate: \$94 (includes 4 meals)

Non-refundable deposit: \$25 each



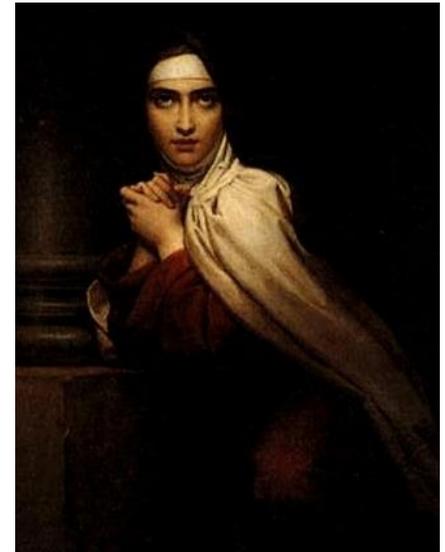
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"THE SEVEN MANSIONS OF THE INTERIOR CASTLE"

"I began to think of the soul as if it were a castle made of a single diamond"
Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

February 2, 3, 4, 2018

Friday, 5pm to Sunday, 1pm

What kind of retreat will this be?

Join us for a special retreat weekend, offering sacred space and time to explore the Seven Mansions of Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle. Teresa is one of Christianity's great mystics and teachers. The Seven Mansions of the Interior Castle is her final work and one of the most profound literary works on contemplation and experiential mysticism.

Prayer stood at the center of Teresa's teaching. Her fidelity to prayer was a means of deepening her intimate relationship with God. She considered a life of prayer in terms of love.



Together we will reflect on the light of Teresa's timeless insights into the human soul, its journey towards God, and how Teresa's teaching is relevant to our personal contemporary spiritual journey today.

This retreat will include presentations, small group process and periods of reflection and Centering Prayer.



Who is Teresa of Avila?

Saint Teresa of Ávila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus, baptized as Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda y Ahumada (28 March 1515 – 4 October 1582), was a prominent Spanish mystic, Roman Catholic saint, Carmelite nun and author during the Counter Reformation, and theologian of contemplative life through mental prayer.

INTERIOR CASTLE is one of the most celebrated books on mystical theology in existence.

Suggested reading for this special event is "The Interior Castle" (from the Collected Works of Teresa, Vol.II, Translation by Kavanaugh & Rodriguez) (Note: some participants found reading The Interior Castle was most helpful after attending the conference)



This labyrinth and the swing pictured above are just a few of the many beautiful and peaceful areas located at MRCC.



Retreat leader, Susan Komis

Susan is the former Director of Chapter Programs & Services of Contemplative Outreach and continues to serve as a commissioned presenter and retreat director. She is a Pastoral Minister and has been active in adult faith development, spiritual direction and inter-spiritual dialogue. Susan previously worked in Human Resources for two corporations.

The Interior Castle is one of her favorite topics in the contemplative dimension. Susan has offered this weekend event throughout the United States, Canada and the Dominican Republic. She resides in a suburb of St Louis, Missouri, is married and the mother of adult children and grandchildren.

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