

Friends of Miramar

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MIRAMAR RETREAT CENTER

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While we wait

Miramar will confirm a new Retreat Schedule soon, but, meanwhile, please keep the Serenity Prayer in mind:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

*Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen.*

-Reinhold Niebuhr
(1892-1971)

ZOOM Mini Retreats SELL-OUTS!

In continuing their ministries during the Corona virus shutdown, Sister Maureen Casey SND and Miramar Registrar Mary-Fran Goodell initiated online Mini Retreats for Women last month. The value-added through Sister Maureen's online presence is that retreatant location is no longer a factor in attendance - anyone on our mailing list from Duxbury to Denmark to Dakhar is welcome to join in! We will be doing another repeat performance of the Mini Day Retreat, *I cannot dance, O Lord, unless You lead me*, on Tuesday, June 2. Call Mary-Fran at 781.585.2430, ext. 312 to register!



Prepping for Daily Mass

We care about our community and hope to make daily Mass available at Miramar again soon, strictly following the Archdiocese's guidelines:

- Seating in the Chapel will be limited to 20; chairs will be designated
- Please do not join us if you are not feeling well
- Hand sanitizer will be available at each Mass
- No gatherings before or after Mass
- All participants must wear face masks
- Family units may sit together
- Allow social distancing during communion
- Hymnals, missalettes, and bulletins have been removed
- You may bring your own missal or other worship aid
- There will be no singing
- Form a single line as you approach the sanctuary and maintain a distance of six feet from the person in front of you; full instruction will be given before reception of the Eucharist
- Reception of the host will be in your hand as opposed to your tongue
- After receiving the host, step forward to the next marker to lift your mask and consume the host
- Pews will be dismissed one at a time



When we put our problems in God's hands, He puts his peace in our hearts.

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Wise Words

Nothing is equal to prayer; for what is impossible it makes possible, what is difficult, easy.

- St. John Chrysostom

**Happy
Father’s Day
from
all of us at
Miramar Retreat
Center!**



Brother Don Champagne, SVD



Raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Brother Don Champagne first encountered men called brothers upon an invitation to visit Techny (Chicago), Illinois, the headquarters of the Divine Word Missionaries – and it was not long after that he entered seminary high school at Techny in 1951.

Since professing his first vows in 1958, Brother Don has served as a business office manager, music educator and formation director at the society’s high school and college. Brother Don professed his final vows in 1964 and was appointed music minister of the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury in 1991, Miramar’s director/rector in 2005 and re-elected as rector in 2017. He feels that *a Brother is one who responds to a personal call to follow Christ in service with people of God as an equal.*

While stationed at Miramar, Brother Don has ministered to those living with HIV/AIDS and the elderly in nursing homes. He was also a board member of the Religious Brothers Conference from 2000-2006 and received the archdiocese’s Cheverus Award for service to the Church in 2015. A jogger for 30 years, Brother Don still *power walks* five miles each morning, rising at 3:00 am. He explains, *It’s healthy for me and prayer time as well.*

This month he will be stepping down from his Rector responsibilities at Miramar. Thankfully he will continue with his music ministry here. His musical talents greatly enhance Miramar’s religious services, and his sense of humor enhances all those fortunate enough to know him!