



## THE MYSTERY OF GOD: A CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

**WHAT** is a Contemplative Retreat? It is an exploration of WHO GOD IS FOR US.

**WHEN do these retreats occur?** Weekends will be available beginning with the Easter/Pentecost Season and continuing throughout Ordinary Time of 2009. We will expand these retreats to other liturgical seasons upon request. Each retreat has a capacity of 20-25 participants during a weekend or mid-week, if requested.

**HOW do these retreats work?** We follow a basic structure of prayer, short preaching, significant communal and individual contemplative time, including a "Lectio Divina" process.

**WHERE will these retreats be held?** We will accept invitations to join you wherever you are located, e.g., motherhouses, regions, etc.

**WHO will facilitate these retreats?** Members of the Community of Preachers: Martha Alken, Martha Bartholomew, Therese Byrne, Mary Owen Haggerty, Mary McNulty, Mary Ellen O'Dea, Mary Margaret Pazdan, Roberta Popara, Helen Marie Raycraft, Bernadette Reis, Ann Willits.

For additional information and to arrange a retreat convenient for your group's needs, please email Mary Margaret Pazdan, OP Sinsinawa's Congregational Promoter of Preaching at: [mmpazdan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmpazdan@sbcglobal.net).

### *What are people saying about this retreat?*

"Life, with its changes, deaths, ministry, gets so busy, I need more contemplative time."

"Drawn to prayer experiences and my expectation of quality input was fully satisfied."

"Enjoyed the learning of different viewpoints from the group sharing of scripture."

"Liked the Group Lectio Practice; thought the process was wonderful; certain that more and more Sisters and Associates will like the contemplative sharing."

"Very pleased to come together around the WORD, to focus on the WORD."

"This was a different way of being together...created a WOW, an AWE, a BUZZ around communal contemplation."

"Moving from "an individual prayer style" to "a communal contemplative style" provides a broader experience."

"It was very nice to have had this experience! I am alone a lot and being in a new community format, in a contemplative way, was a genuine recovery of the communal."