

Resources from Randy

Updates in Adult and Family Ministry

In this issue:

- Casa Romero Renewal Center
423 West Bruce Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 224-7565
Director: Fr. David Shields, S.J.
Assistant: DeAnn Cortes

Imagine a day away from phones, computers, programs, and meetings. Imagine a day of prayer in a warm, home-like setting, surrounded by beautiful art, lush plants, and opportunities for solitude on a back porch or in a walled garden. Imagine being fed really good food by local cooks. Imagine leaving where you are and finding God in a quiet haven in the midst of the bustling city. Imagine a retreat day at **Casa Romero!**

Many parish staffs, parish councils, school and Christian formation staffs know the benefits of a retreat day once or twice a year to revitalize their personal spirituality and their common ministry commitment. Those responsible for planning the staff day first ask themselves: “Where shall we go this year?”

Casa Romero, located on the near south side, is a renovated former School Sisters of Notre Dame convent. Vacant for several years, the 119-year-old structure caught the eye of Jesuit Father David Shields, associate pastor of nearby St. Patrick Parish. Countless hours and generous donations later, Father David and his many supporters have transformed the historic building into a warm and inviting home which offers unique bilingual programs such as *Quinceanera* Retreats for Moms and Daughters, family programs, Bible study, Teen and Parent Reflection Days, Mom’s Retreats, and numerous other spiritual offerings. While dedicated to the spiritual renewal of its own neighborhood, Casa Romero is open to all parish and community groups who wish to use the space. There are also facilities for overnight programming. Meal arrangements can be made with local Hispanic restaurants, groups can bring in their own food, and there are also some local cooks who will prepare meals fresh at the site.

The center offers a quiet reflective place in the midst of life’s distractions. The fees are very reasonable and possibilities for shared retreats with local groups can be arranged. Perhaps your catechists and those of another culture could share with one another and enrich each other’s journey. Assistant DeAnn Cortes is very open and creative in helping you arrange a retreat day that refreshes and yet stretches you to see God in new ways and new places. You will love your visit to Casa Romero!