

# Retirement for Mission for Sabbatical

"...Stand on the shore of new invitation..."

*John O'Donoghue, 'For Retirement', Benedictus*

**1 March – 13 April 2019**



*St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living, Baulkham Hills*

*33 Barina Downs Road Norwest NSW 2153*

# Retirement for Mission Sabbatical

*This sabbatical is ideal for women and men religious and clergy who have reached that time in life when full time active ministry is no longer possible. The sabbatical provides space and the companionship of others who are at the same stage in life – a few years either side of retiring from a fully active life.*

St Joseph's Centre sits within beautiful, spacious grounds at Baulkham Hills, 40 minutes north-west of Sydney's CBD and Sydney Harbour.

Within the grounds there is a labyrinth, as well as other reflective spaces, and a swimming pool. Inside there is a Chapel, spaces for quiet reading, guest lounges with TV/DVD and tea/coffee facilities and laundry facilities. All rooms are en-suited.

**Date: 1 March – 13 April 2019**

**Venue: St Joseph's Centre for  
Reflective Living, Baulkham Hills  
33 Barina Downs Road, Norwest**

**Cost: \$8,200**

**Applications Close: 17 October 2018**

*Please note participants are invited to arrive on the afternoon of 1st March.*

## *Presenters and Topics*

### **International Presenter**

*Our 2019 international presenter is still to be confirmed. Sharon Price rsm from Catholic Religious Australia is negotiating with presenters and will confirm as soon as possible.*

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### **Active Wisdom: Mission, Charism and the Time of my Life**

*Catherine Shelton rsj*

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### **Mission: Pope Francis' Call for a Joyful, Beautiful, Warm and Syndol Church**

*Noel Connolly ssc*

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### **Life's Threads: Weaving through the Years to Come**

*Dr Alex Nelson*

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### **Exploring the Gospel of Luke: Compassion, Hospitality and Release for the Earth Community**

*Elizabeth Dowling rsm*

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### **Images of God**

*Brendan Kelly sj*

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### **Aging and Awakening: God's Surprising Gifts**

*Kerin Caldwell sgs*

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### **Remembrance of Things Present: the Future Meets the Past**

*Dr Ann Zubric*

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### **The Unfolding Story of Love in Universe: A Journey into the New Cosmology**

*Tony Hempenstall cfc*

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### **The Human Journey: Understanding Change, Loss and Grief**

*TBA*

*Spiritual direction will be available  
throughout the Sabbatical.*

*As John O'Donoghue begins  
his blessing 'For Retirement'*

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*"This is where  
your life has arrived,  
After all the years  
of effort and toil;  
Look back with  
graciousness and thanks  
On all your great  
and quiet achievements.*

*You stand on the shore  
of new invitation  
To open your life  
to what is left undone;  
Let your heart enjoy  
a different rhythm  
When drawn to the  
wonder of other horizons"*



For further information about the sabbatical program please contact:

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