



2017 Theme Retreat and Day Workshop

Led by

Fr Peter Mclsaac SJ was born in Canada, but has lived and worked in Jamaica for many years. Fr Mclsaac entered the Society of Jesus in 1989. After completing his Licentiate in Theology in 1998, he was ordained a priest. He has been involved in social ministries, education, and pastoral work.



From 2006-2012, Fr Mclsaac was Regional Superior of the Society of Jesus. He has directed the deaconate programme for the Archdiocese of Jamaica for the past ten years, and has taught systematic theology for 15 years at the St Michael's Theological College, where he is now Director. In 2010 he was President of the Conference of Religious of the Antilles for a term of two years. Currently, Fr Mclsaac is the Chair of the Archdiocesan Board of Education in Jamaica, and Pastor of St Thomas Aquinas church, where he presently resides. He has many years of experience directing the Spiritual Exercises, and giving retreats and workshops across the Caribbean, US, Canada, Africa and Asia.



Eight Day Theme Retreat : “Be Holy, for I am Holy”

It is the desire of God that we might be holy. But what is it to be holy and how do we grow in holiness? It is to be "set apart" by God, to be "dedicated" and "consecrated" to God. But it is also the transformative power of God that we embrace in the depths of silence and contemplation. We set ourselves apart in this retreat as a holy time and holy place where God might continue to create us as a sanctified vessel of his grace. Our prayer will focus on the contemplation of the holiness of God; what he has given to us as holy; and how we are transformed into a holy people.

Date: Aug 2 (Wed) to Aug 10 (Thurs), 2017

Time: Registration begins at 3pm on Aug 2

Program begins at 8pm on Aug 2 and finishes at 12:30pm on Aug 10
(lunch on last day is included)

Venue: Xavier House, Cheung Chau

Target Participants: Participants who have joined prayer workshop or have experience of individual guided retreat for three days or above in Ignatian style.

Language: English (may choose English or Cantonese for spiritual direction)

Fee: HK\$5,200



One Day Workshop ***From the Head to the Heart: Images in Prayer***

In some forms of contemplation, images are used to open our hearts to the presence of the God of Compassion. In other traditions, mystics speak of the emptiness of true contemplation. How can images help us to unite our hearts to God, and how do they distract us from true union? The retreat/workshop will explore and compare the mysticism of St. Ignatius and that of St. John of the Cross, so that we can discover both the similarities and the differences of these two rich spiritual traditions, that can enrich and liberate our diverse forms of Christian prayer.

Date: Aug 12, 2017 (Saturday)

Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm

Venue: 9/F Catholic Diocese Centre, Caine Road, Hong Kong

Language: English (with Cantonese simultaneous interpretation)

Fee: HK \$200