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The Little Details...

While reading a book recently, the author related that we all need a "Sabbath of the soul." Peace is hard to find in our fast-paced technology-driven world. As such, we strive to help our guests experience peace throughout their interactions with the retreat center – from their initial contact, through the planning stage and the actual stay to our invoicing process. We pay attention to the details to allow our guests to focus on their connection with each other and the Lord. Consequently, we are blessed to live one of the Beatitudes through our ministry – happy are the peacemakers.

Fr Jacques Philippe explained that based on Jewish tradition, humans don't keep the Sabbath - *honoring the Sabbath keeps us human*. Without taking time to reconnect with the Lord, we tend to get caught up in all that is worldly. It is essential, then, to make time to come away and rest in God. Taking this time to rest and retreat strengthens our sense of wonder, gratitude and contemplation. Essentially, as we allow our hearts to be a place of rest for the Lord, we become a place of rest for one another – embracing each other with mercy and kindness.

*I am among
you as one
who serves.*

Luke 22:27

At Terra Sancta Retreat Center, we have an especially unique opportunity to create a peaceful environment for our guests – whether you join us for an hour, a day or a week. Early in our existence, Archabott Lambert Reilly, OSB, commented that we erased distractions for our guests allowing them to see more clearly the One who was seeking them. What a beautiful way to express what we do on a daily basis . . . and hearing back from our guests that they are able to rest in the Lord allows us to see that we are accomplishing the mission the Lord has put before us.

Our mission is generous hospitality . . . and paying attention to the details is a large part of this mission. In Pope Francis' *Apostolic Exhortation, Rejoice and Be Glad*, he points out:

144. Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details.
The little detail that wine was running out at a party.
The little detail that one sheep was missing.
The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.
The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.
The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.
The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak.

145. A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan.

We cherish the little details of love for you, our guests. We invite you to join us in this place, Terra Sancta Retreat Center to come away and rest in God! ■



Reeny Wilson, Director

Spring 2019

Love in Action



Angie King, Coordinator

For the last two years I have been blessed to see love in action at TSRC. From my kind coworkers encouragement when the labor is loooong and hard to Florence's Nightingales faithful watering of the plants, from families expression of love with the Children's Memorial Garden, to Terra Sancta Retreat Center's volunteers who maintain the hiking trails, Christian Prayer Labyrinth, musicians, quilters, servers, and prayer warriors...the extent of love in action at the retreat center is palatable and beautiful.

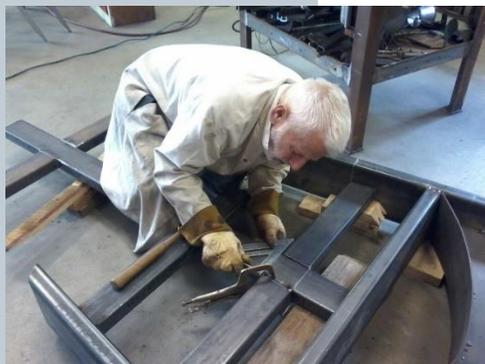
As Catholics we believe Jesus tells us that we are the light of the world. We are called to reflect the love and goodness of our Savior in the way we live our lives. By our words and actions we draw people to Christ and his precious gospel message. Jesus laid down his life for us on the cross. By the single greatest act of love in human history, he paid the full price for all our sins. God's incredible love of Jesus now empowers and motivates us to live lives of love for God and for one another.

In his first epistle, the Apostle John marvels at God's amazing love for us in Christ: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God" (3:1). He also urges us to demonstrate that we are in fact children of God by showing sincere love for others: "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (3:18). Children of God are not hypocrites. We don't just say we love God; we show it by obeying his commands. We don't just say we love our fellow man; we show it by living in a way that puts the needs of others first.

It's important to remember that love is primarily an action word in the Bible, not an emotion. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails" (Chapter 13). Our faith shows itself in things we say and do and in the way we treat other people. Jesus once said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit" (John 15:6). We're told in Galatians those fruits include, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22). When we see these fruits of the Spirit in our lives as Catholics, when we see love in action, it gives us faith that the love of Jesus really is dwelling in our hearts and influencing the way we live and inspiring others to answer the call of love.

How is God calling you?

We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing your acts of love at TSRC. At Terra Sancta Retreat Center, we exist to help you experience a deeper and more meaningful encounter with Christ and one another. We believe in a world where everyone is treated with dignity, welcomes the truth, knows they are loved, and comes away feeling like family. Whether you join us for an event, make a fiscal donation in support of our mission, enjoy a catered meal, share your light in the form of your talents for TSRC or experience a weekend away we invite you to come encounter the peace and power of His presence in this holy place.



One volunteer sharing his light unto the world has touched so many aspects of Terra Sancta. His love in action is not only for his savior Jesus Christ, his Church but also his family – I've seen beautiful expressions of love for his daughter, TSRC Director Reeny Wilson. Just in the two years I've worked at TSRC, Dcn Walt Wilson created the Remember the Children sculpture at the Children's Memorial Garden, handcrafted a candle holder for prayer intentions in Holy Cross Chapel, welded new coat racks and most recently was entrusted to hang the Stations of the Cross from the Holy Land in Holy Cross Chapel; and is now rebuilding the rock work on the greenhouse. Dcn Walt's acts of love at Terra Sancta have been prolific and beautiful to watch as an observer of his profound love of Christ, Church and family. ■

A Prayer for Our Priests

As a staff at Terra Sancta, we are honored to have the clergy of our diocese be our guests throughout the year – individually, for clergy retreats, as they assist with retreats and events and when they attend various diocesan meetings and gatherings.

We offer this prayer for Bishop Gruss and the priests of our diocese:

We pray in Thanksgiving for the gift of each of you, for the many ways you lay down your life in sacrifice for us. We pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon each of you, that your hearts may be truly like that of St Jean Vianney, filled with a deeper love for our Lord and a renewed zeal as you shepherd the people the Lord has entrusted to your care.

May your hearts be filled with the authentic love and unending mercy of the Father, as you experience more intimately His deep love and mercy for you. We ask in the Most Holy Name of Jesus to bring the true healing to your hearts, minds and bodies, and that you know in your hearts the truth of who you are created to be, the amazing gift that each of you are.

We ask Mary to wrap her mantle of her sweet tender love and protection around each of you and lead you ever deeper into her Immaculate Heart and ever closer to her Precious Son, Jesus – into the depth of His Most Sacred Heart, where you will truly experience the fire of their love for you.

May you be showered with every grace and blessing as you continue on this journey to a greater holiness – leading and guiding us along the way.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless each of you in abundance.

*The staff of
Terra Sancta Retreat Center*



We are blessed!

Recently, I participated in the veneration of the Heart of St Jean Vianney at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. As I watched Bishop Gruss accept the relic and then witnessed all the priests who were able to join us in prayer throughout the day, my heart was filled with the deep gratitude for the amazing gift of our Bishop and all of our priests. Without our Bishop and priests, we would not have the Sacraments. As I write this, it brings tears to my eyes. It is easy to take for granted that we can go to daily mass and have various opportunities for Reconciliation and the availability of the other Sacraments. We are so blessed in our diocese.

- TSRC Coordinator



30

Number of days old Caroline was when she attended Refuel with her mom, TSRC Coordinator Holly Baughman.

3,235

Views of our most viewed Facebook post



We exist to prayerfully serve our guests and each other so that we will experience a deeper and more meaningful encounter with Christ and one another.

7

Weddings in Holy Cross Chapel since July 1.



595

Total number of guests at Terra Sancta during the 2018 Summit – our largest single event.

4,074



Cookies ordered from TSRC Catering Services since July 1.

496

Hours worked February 15-19 when TSRC hosted Heart to Heart (retreat weekend for the engaged), Married Sweethearts, a Clergy Workshop and the RCCSS Staff Retreat – in addition to several monthly and weekly meetings. Vivian worked 21 hours during that time.

