

Resources for Parish Lenten Retreat by Don Doll, SJ

To view more refugee photos visit my website: <http://magisproductions.org>

[You can also order my last book: [***A Call to Vision: A Jesuit's Perspective on the World.***](#)

Creighton's Lenten Retreat by Andy Alexander & Maureen Waldron:

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

Creighton's Online Daily Reflection. I use these daily; perfect for Lectio Divina:

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html>

Creighton has a whole page devoted to Pope Francis:

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/PopeFrancis/>

Here is an update on Refugees in Crisis: 2017

<https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/articles/2017/12/28/year-in-review-the-refugee-crisis-in-2017>

You'll be receiving two one-page hand-outs on Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer.

We'll review both during our sessions MTW.

If you want to hear Abbot Thomas Keating himself:

<http://contemplativeoutreach.org/category/category/lectio-divina>

Experience our Creator God in the 90 min video on the [***From the Big Bang to the Present Day.***](#)

Four books I highly recommend and will be referencing are:

1) ***In His Spirit*** by Fr. Dick Hauser, SJ

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/shop/books/1/paperback/english/prayer>

2) ***Moving in the Spirit*** by Fr. Dick Hauser, SJ

<https://people.creighton.edu/~rjh98250/>

3) ***A Vacation with the Lord***, by Thomas Green, SJ

Review the blessings, your life, your year. Write the blessings in your journal; also write down what are you praying for. What are you asking God. Then pray with one of these scriptures: my favorite, is Psalm 139, but you can also use:

Isaiah 43: 1-7, Isaiah 49: 15-16, Psalms 23, 27, 42, 103-5, John 1: 1-18, Philippians 1:3-

4) ***The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation***, By Richard Rohr

I want to walk you through the downloads that will be available your iPad or computer for your Lenten reading.

Jean-Pierre Boucher, St. Johns the Evangelist parish manager, will make available SUPPLEMENTEL RESOURCES for the parish retreat. To make this retreat it is not necessary to read them. They are offered as readings that may assist in making a good retreat.

As a former teacher, I'd like to provide my students with more resources. The following is an annotated commentary on the resources that we will make available to you.

Readings for **FIRST DAY**, you will find five files:

The word document is Pope Francis offers some reflections on doing lent.

The Keating document is an extended explanation of the process of doing the centering prayer.

Fr. Richard J. Hauser, SJ is a colleague at Creighton University and one of my best friends. *Give Comfort to my People*, is his narrative of how to pray.

Just last week, on February 8th, Cardinal Blasé Cupich published a wonderful six point exclamation of **Amoris Laetitia**. Pope Francis' document on the joy of love that happens in families.

The PDF labeled **Amoris Laetitia**, Pope Francis is 151 pages. Often these documents are difficult to read on the computer. You might order a copy of this document in book form, entitled **The Joy of Love**, on love in the family, published by Paulist press .

Readings for **Day TWO** are these:

An article on suffering by my friend, Fr. Richard J. Hauser, SJ.

The article by Abbot Keating gives a more theological explanation of what centering prayer does and it explains suffering in ways that I surely could not.

The readings for **Day Three** again include two by my colleagues: Fr. Richard J. Hauser, SJ. And Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ:

Finding God's will by Fr. Dick Hauser outlines a method of journaling and examining one's options when seeking God's will in any life decision.

The article by Fr. Dennis Hamm, rummaging through your day, outlines a way of doing the daily examine of conscience that recommended by St. Ignatius.

Racism is a major problem in America. These documents could provide in examination of our conscience. The talks by father Massengale are about an hour long..

The racial justice word document has a series of links which is an excellent examination of conscience reviewing our own racial prejudice. My favorite is the one in Washington, DC.