



Homecoming

Bethany Retreat House

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Autumn Tea Set for September 25

Friends of Bethany Retreat House will gather for its annual tea on Sunday, September 25, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help social hall in Hammond, Indiana. Proceeds from the annual tea help with operating expenses for the retreat house.

This year the tea celebrates our global neighbors. Guests from various countries and cultures will tell about the meaning and practice of tea in their homelands. Each table will be dedicated to a specific country. Guests there will be able to reflect on life in that country as they view its artifacts and share in conversation.

A menu of mini scones with jams and Devonshire cream, a variety of tea sandwiches, and an assortment of mini desserts will delight guests, who again have the opportunity to take chances on large gift baskets. There will also be a wide array of door prizes.



Bethany seeks sponsors to underwrite expenses for the event. Sponsorship gifts from \$100 to \$500 are welcomed. A tax acknowledgment will be provided to each donor.

To make for an abundance of prizes, the retreat house welcomes door prize items from newsletter readers and the general public. Bethany also seeks any gift items that might be incorporated into the raffle baskets. Donations can be brought or mailed to the retreat house. Sr. Joyce Diltz and Susan Steinkraus in Bethany's office will be glad to answer any questions about prize and raffle items.

Doors open at 1:15 p.m. for the 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. tea. Tickets are \$30 per person, with reserved tables of eight available for \$240. Registration information can be found on Bethany's website, <http://brh.phjc.org/index.php/news-special-events/autumn-tea>, or by calling Bethany's office at 219-398-5047.



Coming Home
NORTHWEST INDIANA
Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ

October 22-23, 2016

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, sponsor of Bethany Retreat House, have a rich and lengthy history of serving the people of Northwest Indiana. Many Homecoming readers have been a part of that history and are invited to celebrate with the PHJCs as they share who they have been, who they are today, and who they hope to be in the future. Please register for these free events by October 7 via <http://ch.phjc.org/index.php/upcoming-events/northwest-indiana> or by calling Abigail Blake, PHJC Donor Relations Associate, at 219 947-8560.

Saturday, October 22, 2016 **Bishop Noll Institute field house**

Noon – Doors open/Meet and Greet/Displays
(light buffet available)
1:00 p.m. – Reunion for Former Poor Handmaids and Alumnae of Ancilla Domini High School
3:00 p.m. – PHJCs – Past, Present, Future
4:30 p.m. – Mass with Bishop Hying followed by Buffet and Program

Sunday, October 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Service to honor PHJCs buried at St. Joseph Cemetery (Corner of 10th and C Sts., La Porte, IN 46350)
10:30 a.m. – Prayer Service to honor PHJCs buried at Calvary Cemetery (2701 Willowdale Rd., Portage, IN 46368)
11:30 a.m. – Lunch at St. Mary Medical Center (1500 S. Lake Park Ave., Hobart, IN 46342)
12:30 p.m. – Tour of The Linden House of Hobart (360 W. 61st Ave., Hobart, IN 46342)

From the Director's Chair

by Joyce Diltz, PHJC



The theme for this year's tea, honoring our global neighbors as we gather for tea, grew out of articles in the last HOMECOMING on the "other" and on a book about praying for the world. It feels like a clear invitation of the Holy Spirit that through the tea we get to know people whose stories and customs, though different from our own, can enrich our appreciation and expand our hearts.

With all the other Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters, I invite you to join in our Coming Home Northwest Indiana celebration. It can be a time of reunion with former teachers and co-workers as well as a chance to see how the PHJC congregation continues to address current needs in our world. We would love to see you at the celebration and to connect with you!

At the end of September Susan Steinkraus will retire from her position here at Bethany. She and her husband have plans to travel and to enjoy some leisure together. Susan has been such an invaluable and gentle presence at Bethany. I will miss her dearly!

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Recommended, and available in Bethany's bookstore:

- *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Metropolitan Books, 2014, \$26 cloth.
- *Conversations with Mother Teresa: A Personal Portrait of the Saint, Her Mission, and Her Great Love for God* by Renzo Allegri. Word Among Us Press, 2010, \$12 paper.
- *Creating Just Language*. 8th Day Center for Justice, 2016, \$12.
- *Awakening the Energies of Love* by Anne Hillman. Bramble Books, 2016, \$25 paper.
- *Praying for Those with Addictions* by Anne Costa. Word Among Us Press, 2016, \$13 paper.
- *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Convergent Books, 2015, \$23 cloth.
- *Ignatian Book of Days: Daily Reflections from the Spiritual Wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola* by Jim Manney. Loyola Press, 2014, \$12.95 paper.

In Memory Of

Salvador Bolanos

by Martha and R. Louie Gonzalez

Bertha J. Kluszynski

by Joseph and Margaret Kluszynski

Noreen and Kathy

by Linda Friedrich

Richard Resler

by Martha and R. Louie Gonzalez

Carolyn Rodriguez

by Martha and R. Louie Gonzalez

Robert Ladendorf

by Shirley Ladendorf