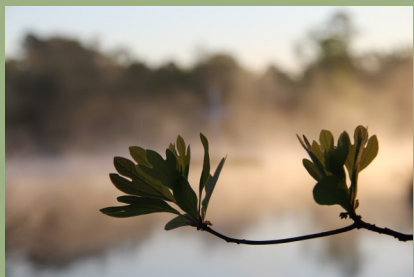


*God is the friend
of silence.
See how nature -
trees, flowers,
grass- grows
in silence;
see the stars, the
moon and the
sun, how they
move in silence...
We need silence
to be able to
touch souls.
~Mother Teresa*



**Our “Great Silence”
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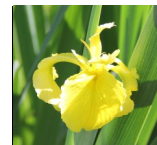
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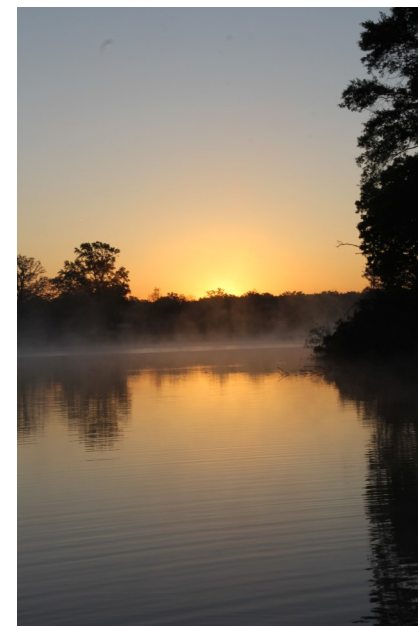
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Contemplative
Retreats

*The
Great
Silence*



**Monastic Rhythms
A 4-Day Silent Retreat**

**Into the Stillness
A 3-Day Silent Retreat**

MONASTIC RHYTHMS

November 12-15, 2018

\$350/person

Private Room in a Cabin for 2

Fair Village at

Lakeview Methodist

Conference Center

400 Private Road 6036, Palestine, TX

*Arrive between 1 and 4 pm on
Monday, November 12 and on
the road after lunch on
Thursday, November 15, 2018*

Our newest retreat in our 4th year designed for those who are experienced in silence and are able to be self-directed during our time together. The silence will seem stark as fall wanes and winter beckons. Centering Prayer is a featured spiritual discipline. Home-cooked meals by our own contemplative chef are a delight. If words are necessary, they will be few and far between. Spiritual Direction will be available for those who find a need but sessions will not be "scheduled."

A Special Note for Clergy

*The Center for Clergy Excellence, Lakeview
Methodist Conference Center,
Charis Spiritual Director
Training Program, and MOSAIC Spiritual
Formation Ministry are offering a \$100 discount per
retreat for Texas Annual Conference Clergy.*

**Space is limited for
a small group ...
Please Register early**

For information, to inquire about availability, or to register for either retreat:

- Email Cindy: cserio@m-sfm.org
- OR Call Cindy 832-330-3973

Upon notification that a spot is available, a \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee is required within 2 weeks of registration to hold your space.

Balance is due and becomes non-refundable 1 month before retreat.



INTO THE STILLNESS

March 18-20, 2019

\$250/person

Private Room in a Cabin for 2

Fair Village at

Lakeview Methodist

Conference Center

400 Private Road 6036, Palestine, TX

*Arrive between 1 and 4 pm on
Monday, March 18 and on
the road after lunch on
Wednesday, March 20, 2019*

Our foundational retreat in its 8th year designed for persons beginning the journey into silence *and* those experienced with silence. We gather for gently spoken and silent prayer throughout the retreat, creative and formative reading options are available, and meal prayer cards draw us into God's presence. Spiritual direction is scheduled to help persons with processing the experience of silence. Our contemplative chef provides nourishment for body and soul.