

# ECCLESIA DOMESTICA

## WHO ARE WE?

Ecclesia Domestica is a Latin phrase which signifies “The Domestic Church” or “the church in the home”. The Christian family is the first cell of the life of the Universal Church! Our mission is to facilitate retreats where you can celebrate the Sacraments, including the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Reconciliation. Join with other women in prayer such as the Most Holy Rosary, Angelus, Liturgy of the Hours, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Grow in faith through large group and small group sessions, and have ample time for individual prayer and reflection. Additionally, each retreatant is offered private spiritual direction with a priest or deacon. These features all come together to form a wonderful opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith!



*“From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son.”*  
— St. Pope John Paul II

ALL I HAVE TO OFFER YOU IS MY HEART FOR MY SON.



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— SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

## THE HEART OF A MOTHER MY HEART FOR MY SON AN ECCLESIA DOMESTICA RETREAT

**When:** September 25-27, 2026  
Registration starts 8:30am Friday  
First talk 9:30am  
Ends about noon Sunday

**Where:** St. Mary Magdalene Center  
511 Kearsarge Mountain Rd  
Warner, NH

**Cost:** \$365 - Includes accommodations & meals  
\$265 - Students rate

**To Register:**  
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# THE HEART OF A MOTHER

## MY HEART FOR MY SON



CALLED TO EXPLORE A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS, AS ONLY A WOMAN CAN HAVE.

YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO JOIN US FOR A THREE-DAY RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN



SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026  
ST. MARY MAGDALENE CENTER  
WARNER, NH

# FROM A HEART IMMACULATE COMES LOVE WITHOUT EFFORT



There was a time when all was right, all was in order, and all was love. Then, sin entered the world, and with it came anger, envy, betrayal, mistrust, hatred, and pain. The first casualty of sin is love, but at the same time, love is also the antidote. It is no mistake that Jesus left us with the commandment to “Love one another, as I have loved you.”

Yet in a world so focused on the cult of self, where selfishness is considered admirable, the ability to love without counting the cost has become lost. Agape love, true, self-sacrificial, self-giving love, is hard to find, and hard to give. Do we really have it in us anymore, to love without effort?

In the Blessed Mother we have the perfect example of what it means to follow Jesus, and in her Immaculate Heart, we have the perfect example of what it means to love without effort. Despite the sword which pierced her heart, she never lost hope, she never embraced bitterness, never lost her ability to love. Even now she pours out that love upon us, without effort, without restraint.



To love with the love of Jesus Christ means holding nothing back, nothing in reserve, pouring out ourselves completely for others. Mary invited the children at Fatima to embrace her Immaculate Heart saying “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.” For God is love, and so is Mary’s Immaculate Heart. The heart of a mother, Her heart for her son.



## WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS RETREAT

### EUCHARIST

Since the Eucharist is the pinnacle of all the sacraments, we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each day on retreat.

### LARGE GROUP

Our large group sessions are designed for Praise & Worship, prayer, teaching and testimonies.

### SMALL GROUP

Our small groups are designed for a more intimate approach in sharing and in prayer.

### MEALS

Breaking bread together fosters a spirit of sisterhood and family. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided, as well as overnight accommodation. Bring snacks to share.

## EXPERIENCE THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER

Saturday evening is devoted to Prayer Ministry. This is an opportunity for you to experience firsthand the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Whether you are in need of spiritual, emotional or physical



healing, our prayer teams will help you unlock the power of the holy name of Jesus. With healing and deliverance comes true freedom, allowing you to open yourself to the Lord in new and profound ways, and truly come alive in Jesus Christ.

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Retreatants will have an opportunity for private spiritual direction with a priest or deacon while on the retreat.

### CONFESSION

It is recommended you receive the sacrament before you arrive for the retreat. However, our priests will be available to hear confessions throughout the weekend.

### ROSARY

We will pray the Rosary daily.

### ADORATION

There will be opportunities for adoration throughout the Retreat. This will give you the opportunity to sit with our Lord.

## SAVE THE DATE

*Upcoming Ecclesia Domestica Retreats*

**October 8-10, 2026**

*Men's Retreat  
Abbey of the Hills - Marvin, SD*

**November 25-27, 2026**

*Women's Retreat  
Nazareth Retreat House - Crookston, MN*

**February 5-7, 2026**

*Women's Retreat  
Franciscan Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND*

**March 11 - 16, 2025**

*Men's Retreat  
Franciscan Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND*