

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!



"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament [the Eucharist], I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."
– St. Augustine

TRUE HOLINESS IS WHEN YOU CAN LOVE WITHOUT EFFORT.



"GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE AND LIKENESS: CALLING HIM TO EXISTENCE THROUGH LOVE, HE CALLED HIM AT THE SAME TIME FOR LOVE. GOD INSCRIBED IN THE HUMANITY OF MAN AND WOMAN THE VOCATION, AND THUS THE CAPACITY AND RESPONSIBILITY, OF LOVE AND COMMUNION. LOVE IS THEREFORE THE FUNDAMENTAL AND INNATE VOCATION OF EVERY HUMAN BEING."

- ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II

LOVE WITHOUT EFFORT

FINDING HOLINESS IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST
AN ECCLESIA DOMESTICA RETREAT

When: November 20-22, 2026
Registration starts 8:30am Friday
First talk 9:30am
Ends about noon Sunday

Where: Nazareth Retreat House
620 Summit Ave. N
Crookston, MN 56716

Cost: \$325 - Includes accommodations & meals
\$225 - Students rate

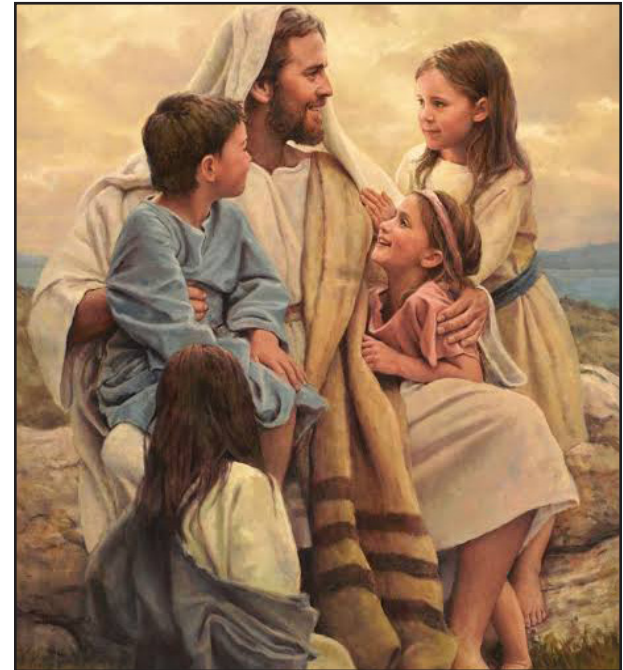
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SCAN TO REGISTER

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**"THE MEASURE OF LOVE,
IS LOVE WITHOUT MEASURE."**

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



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NAZARETH RETREAT HOUSE
CROOKSTON, MN**

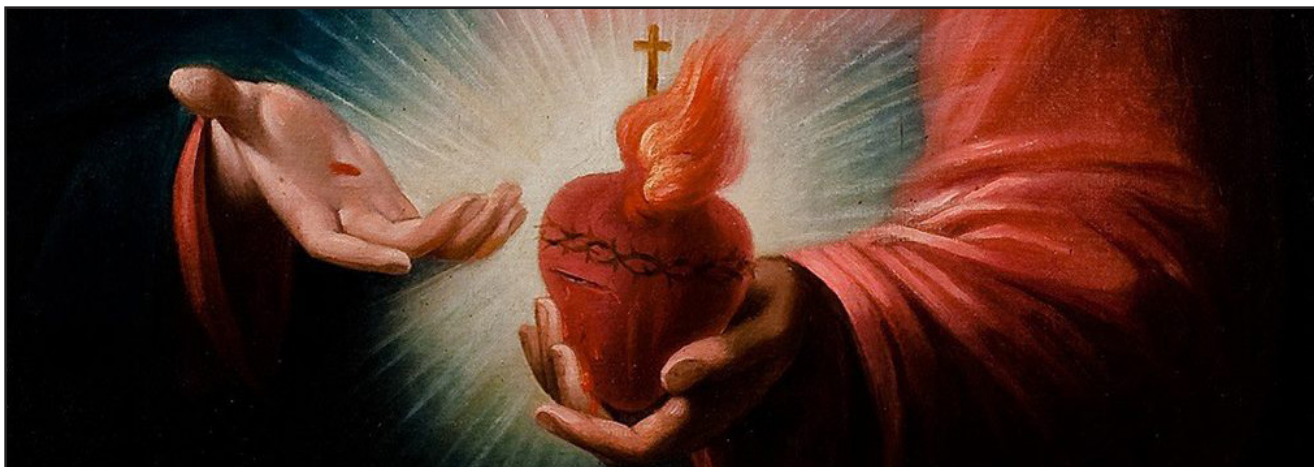
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What is holiness? Is it living a life free of sin? Is it found in pious acts, attending Mass or praying the rosary every day? Is it living a life with God right at the center of all we do? To be certain, all of these are good and holy things, but if our quest for holiness is based strictly on the things we do, we can easily become overwhelmed. These things can become burdensome, things we feel obligated to do, rather than opportunities that bring us closer to God. Why do these good and holy pursuits fail to satisfy our longings?

It's because we are thinking only with our human minds, rather than with the mind of Jesus Christ. Jesus told us to Love God with all our hearts, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. He gave us a new commandment, to love one another as He loves us. He told us to love our enemies, pray for those who persecute us, and to give without counting the cost. He lived it from the cross when he begged the Father to forgive his executioners.

So, what if holiness is found in the ability to love all our neighbors without effort? Loving our enemies, especially those who persecute us is not easy, but this is the path that Jesus said leads to holiness. Holiness isn't found in the things we do; it is found in the way we love. To love with the love of Jesus Christ, a love that knows no limitations and does not discriminate. To love without thought, to love without effort. That is how we can find holiness: in the Love of Jesus Christ.



WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS RETREAT

EUCCHARIST

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

MARY'S CALL TO COURAGE

February 5-7, 2027

Women's Retreat

Franciscan Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND

Step Up! Man up!

March 5-7, 2027

Men's Retreat

Franciscan Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND