FRANCIS DEBERNARDO

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They will facilitate prayer services, discussions, and other activities for the retreat.

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Registration fee includes materials, overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Scholarships are available. To apply, contact Catholic Parents Network in writing by September 4, 2007.

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Content

To the historical observer, American Catholics seem either rebellious or subservient in moral matters. How can defiance and compliance be transformed into maturity and a conscientious obedience to the Spirit of God? How do we grow into mature Christians? How do we become integrated, believing adults who understand and value the Church’s tradition and, at the same time, appreciate and trust the promptings of a good conscience? To address these questions, Fr. Keenan will examine the Church and its tradition, the role of conscience, and the virtues of justice, self-care, fidelity, prudence, and mercy.

Schedule

Friday, September 21, 2007
6:00 pm Check-in
7:30 pm Presentation: The Church and Its Tradition
9:00 pm Evening Prayer
9:30 pm Social

Saturday, September 22, 2007
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am The Role of Conscience
10:30 am Quiet time
11:15 am Small group discussion
12:00 pm Large group discussion
12:30 pm Lunch
2:30 pm Christian Virtues
3:30 pm Quiet time
4:15 pm Small group discussion
5:00 pm Large group discussion
5:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:30 pm Video and discussion
9:00 pm Social

Sunday, September 23, 2007
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Q & A, Announcements, Evaluations
10:45 am Break
11:15 am Mass
12:30 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Departure

Presenter

Rev. James Keenan, SJ

James Keenan has been a Jesuit of the New York Province since 1970. He earned a licentiate and doctorate of sacred theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. Fr. Keenan holds Boston College’s Gasson Chair in Theology and is Professor of Moral Theology at Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He is author of Virtues for Ordinary Christians, Commandments of Compassion and most recently, Moral Wisdom: Lessons and Texts from the Catholic Tradition. His research interests include fundamental moral theology, virtue ethics, HIV/AIDS, and church leadership ethics. Fr. Keenan is a Board Member of the Society of Christian Ethics and a member of the editorial board of Theological Studies. His article in Theological Studies, “The Open Debate: Moral Theology and the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Persons,” points out the extensive debate about homosexuality that is occurring throughout the Catholic world.