Registration Form

"Journey into Life: Learning to Live with HIV/AIDS"

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Please confirm my retreat registration via:

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Registration Fee: $10 (includes lunch)

Registration required by May 20, 2013.

To register, send completed registration form and fee to:

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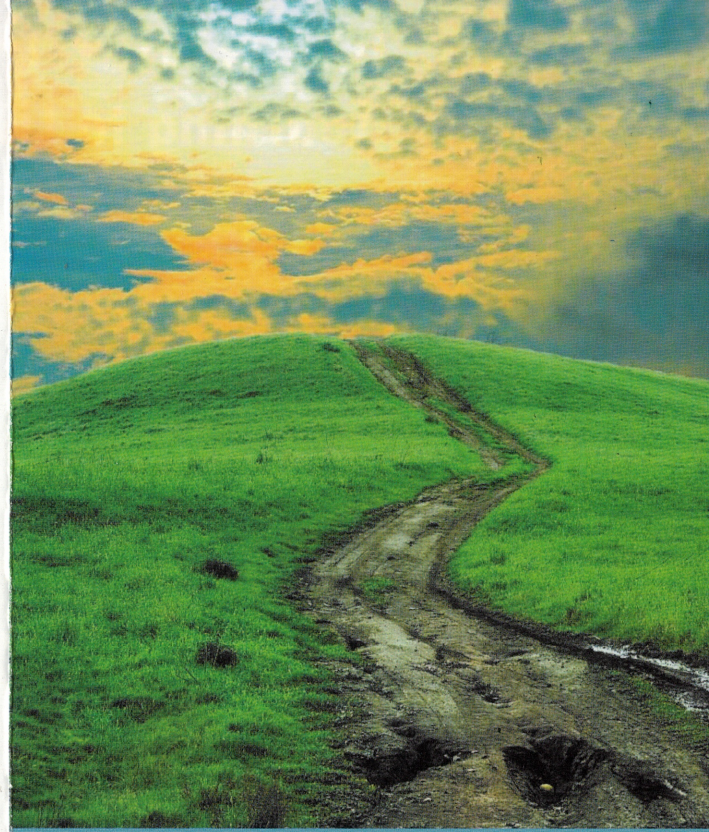

JOURNEY INTO LIFE:

Learning to Live with HIV/AIDS

A retreat for Persons with HIV/AIDS

May 29, 2013

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Centro Maria
720 Jackson Street NE
Washington, DC 20017
(*near Brookland/CUA Metro Stop*)

Facilitated by Fr. Dennis Rausch

Sponsored by:

New Ways Ministry
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Content of the Retreat

When my doctor told me I was HIV+ in 1988, shock set in, I had been testing every six months. I could hear this voice inside saying, "Dennis, you'll be dead in a year or two." That's what most of us believed back then. I told no one, it was a dark and lonely time in my life. After about a year, I told myself, "Dennis, you're healthy. Get up and get out there and do something constructive with your life." And so I did.

I now could see a new path for myself, one that would eventually lead to real meaning, purpose, and value for me as a person and a priest.

The scriptures tell us, "Life is changed not ended." Out of what felt like a certain death sentence, came a new life journey that has filled my life with more joy, sense of purpose and ministries that I would never have thought possible.

I want to share my journey into a new life of HIV/AIDS that I can only describe as incredible blessing with many ups and downs. It has led me into seemingly insurmountable experiences of pain, suffering, grief, and loss that led me back to new life, and endless possibilities.

Join me on this unimaginable journey into a new life, living well with HIV.

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Prayer

9:15 am Introductions

10:00 am Presentation with Q & A
"Am I more than this disease? The demons I had to confront."

11:00 am Quiet time for personal prayer
"What demons do I face living with HIV/AIDS?"

11:30 am Small group discussion

12:00 pm Lunch

12:45 pm Presentation with Q & A
"Living well with HIV/AIDS: The journey begins anew, hope lives on, and the dream shall never die."

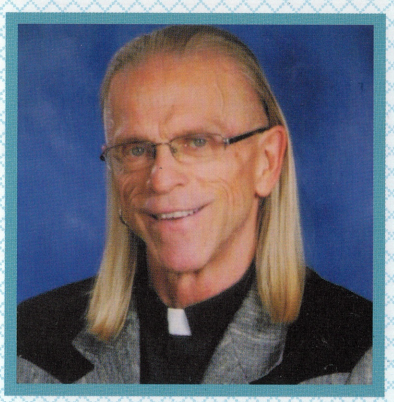
1:45 pm Quiet time for personal prayer
"How do I find new life with this disease? What hopes and dreams do I have for my life?"

2:15 pm Small group discussion

2:35 pm Large group feedback, wrap-up, evaluation

3:00 pm Closing Liturgy

4:00 pm Departure



About the Facilitator

Fr. Dennis Rausch entered the seminary in 1970. After two years as a missionary in Papua New Guinea, he felt called to the Divine Word Missionaries and was ordained in the community in 1980 in Chicago. He then served as vice principal and teacher in the community's high school seminary in Bordentown, N.J. and recruited for the college seminary in Iowa.

In 1996, Fr. Dennis moved to South Florida and worked as a campus minister before incardination in the Archdiocese of Miami. He was involved in parish ministry in Coral Gables, Hallandale, Wilton Manors, and Davie, Florida.

Fr. Dennis began a ministry for persons living with HIV/AIDS in 1996 and served as diocesan director of this ministry for fifteen years. He is a trained HIV/AIDS pre- & post-test counselor, and a Psychotheological Counselor. He has been semi-retired since 2004 but continues to be involved in HIV/AIDS ministry and parish ministry at St. Maurice Church in Fort Lauderdale.