



# Application for the Spirit of Saragossa Retreat in Daily Life

The North American Center for Marianist Studies (NACMS), an entity of the Marianist Province of the United States, is pleased to offer The Spirit of Saragossa Retreat.

## **The Spirit of Saragossa Retreat**

This retreat is for seasoned religious and lay Marianists as a support in confirming and strengthening their commitment in living the Marianist charism.

The Spirit of Saragossa Retreat invites a retreatant into the 'spirit' of Father Chaminade's own transformative experience before Our Lady of the Pillar in Saragossa, Spain during his three-year exile (1797-1800) during the French Revolution.

This retreat is based on the foundation that "God so loved the world that God sent The Beloved Son, *born of a woman*, that all who believe in him might have life." This retreat moves one prayerfully through four Marian mysteries as found in the Scriptures (the Annunciation, at the foot of the cross at Calvary, at Pentecost in the Upper Room, and at the wedding feast at Cana). Through these Mysteries the retreatant comes to know on a deeper level, Jesus – God's love Incarnate, living among us through the person of Mary.

The Spirit of Saragossa Retreat was developed in 2008 by an international team of Marianist brothers, sisters, and priests to be an extended retreat experience, a 30-day retreat, for Marianist religious preparing for final vows (perpetual profession).

For those who cannot get away for the long retreat this directed retreat has been adapted for religious and lay Marianists as a "retreat in daily life." In this style the retreatant continues in his or her daily life with a focused daily prayer time, some reflective writing, and weekly direction meetings with the retreat director. This style of the retreat is spread out over a period of about five months.

**1. Please list your contact information:**

- Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

- phone hm: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

cell: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- email \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Describe your Marianist association and for how long have you been with this?**

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**3. Why do you wish to make The Spirit of Saragossa Retreat?  
What interests you about this retreat?**

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**4. What other retreat experiences have you had: family retreat, guided, preached, ACTS? Have you made any directed retreats?**

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**5. The Spirit of Saragossa Retreat in Daily Life is a directed retreat that is spread out over a period of about five months. It involves a daily prayer time of at least 30 minutes, some journal writing on your prayer experience, and regular (usually weekly) direction meetings with your retreat director, lasting from 30 to 50 minutes.**

Are you able and willing to commit to this? (Y or N)

Any comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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b) Have you been in spiritual direction before? (Y or N)

Are you presently in spiritual direction? (Y or N)

If Yes, what have you found most beneficial in going to spiritual direction?

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- 6. A letter of recommendation is requested from your spiritual director or a religious or lay Marianist, stating:**
- how long they have known you;
  - how they see you living your faith;
  - how they see the Spirit of Saragossa Retreat supporting your Christian and Marianist faith life and development.
- This letter is to be sent by them to [nacms1@gmail.com](mailto:nacms1@gmail.com) or by U.S. Mail to:  
**Attn: Spirit of Saragossa Retreat  
North American Center for Marianist Studies  
4335 E. Patterson Road  
Dayton OH 45430-1083**

**7. Below is a listing of retreat directors trained in the Spirit of Saragossa Retreat.** Our NACMS website has a photo and description of each retreat director. Though a retreat director may not be in your city would you be willing to meet with a retreat director via ZOOM or some other computer video connection? (Y or N)

**- East Coast**

- Brother Tim Driscoll, S.M. (Long Island, NY)
- Brother Steve Glodek, S.M. (Philadelphia, PA)
- Pati Krasensky (Whitney Point, NY)
- Brother Jack Ventura, S.M. (Philadelphia, PA)

**- Central (Mid-West)**

- Brother David Betz, S.M. (Dayton, OH)
- Father George Cerniglia, S.M. (St. Louis, MO)
- Mrs. Susan Ferguson (Dayton, OH)
- Tony Garascia (South Bend, IN)
- Father Bob Jones, S.M. (Dayton, OH)
- Sister Laura Leming, F.M.I. (Dayton, OH)
- Brother Tom Redmond, S.M. (Dayton, OH)
- Sister Nicole Trahan, F.M.I. (Dayton, OH)

**- Texas**

- Father Sean Downing, S.M. (San Antonio, TX)
- Brother Fred Stovall, S.M. (San Antonio, TX)
- Sister Gretchen Trautman, F.M.I. (San Antonio, TX)

**- Hawaii**

- Father Marty Solma, S.M. (Honolulu, HI)

**8. Please name your top two or three choices for your retreat director and why you ask for him or her.**

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**9. The Spirit of Saragossa Retreat in Daily Life is sponsored through The North American Center for Marianist Studies (NACMS) in Dayton. The cost of Spirit of Saragossa Retreat In Daily Life is \$500 which includes the cost of the Retreat Binder and your stipend to your retreat director.**

**Please send your completed Application Form to NACMS ([nacms1@gmail.com](mailto:nacms1@gmail.com)) or U.S. Mail to:**

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**NACMS will inform you within two weeks once you have been accepted as a retreatant and connect you with your retreat director. The two of you will then work out your meeting schedule.**

**Thank you for your interest in The Spirit of Saragossa Retreat In Daily Life.**

**Contact NACMS for more information, phone: # 937.429.2521; or email: [nacms1@gmail.com](mailto:nacms1@gmail.com).**