

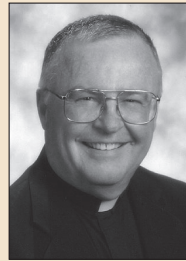
Still Keeping the *Faith*

Fall Retreat sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries Friday, October 18 – Sunday, October 20, 2019

Begins with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday – Ends with lunch at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS, VISITORS CENTER - BELLEVILLE, IL

St. Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, gave this task to those who would join his community of priests and brothers: "We must lead (people) to act like human beings, first of all, and then like Christians, and, finally, we must help them to become saints." During this retreat, we'll presuppose the "human being" part. But to help us be better Christians and even saints, we'll consider questions like these: Who is God for me? Who is Jesus Christ for me? How can I take up my cross to follow him? And how can I be a saint?

PRESENTER: FR. JIM ALLEN, OMI



Fr. Jim Allen, OMI is completing his 60th year as a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate. During those years, he has been an educator, a parish pastor, the Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, on the road preaching parish missions and retreats and working at the Oblate General Headquarters in Rome, Italy. Currently, he lives with his "senior" brother Oblates in Belleville, but on most Sundays, he celebrates Mass with a beautiful little community of young, Spanish-speaking migrants living in nearby Clinton County. He's also written a book, *Peanut Butter Cookie Lover and other Musings of a Middle-aged Catholic Priest*, but so far no one wants to publish it. (Maybe the title is too long.)

- Price for weekend: **\$175** (includes six meals, two nights lodging, snacks and handouts)
- If commuting: **\$115** Sat. & Sun.: **\$100** Sat. only: **\$70** (includes lunch & dinner)
- Please Note: A \$50 deposit must be made by **September 23, 2019**, to hold reservation. Deposit is non-refundable.
- We have round-the-clock attendant care. If you require help taking prescription medications/injections, you must bring written directions signed by your physician.

The Victorious Missionaries provide spiritual support for people with disabilities or chronic illnesses and those who want to share their journey.

We warmly invite you to take this opportunity to reflect on your own faith-filled path to God.

FALL RETREAT

Return by September 23, 2019

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Special diet . . . what kind? Diabetic Low Salt Low Fat Other _____

Special needs in hotel room _____ Need deaf interpreter? Yes No

Check One: Full weekend: \$175 Commuting: \$115 Sat. & Sun.: \$100 Sat. only: \$70 (w/lunch & dinner)

Check VISA Discover MC AmericanExpress

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

(IF PAYING BY CHECK – MAKE PAYABLE TO: OLS SHRINE/VMS)

PRINTABLE REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE AT VMUSA.ORG



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