

Dallas Benedictine Experience

Wednesday, June 20 – Saturday, June 23, 2012
The Catholic Conference and Formation Center, Dallas

**The 15th annual Dallas Benedictine Experience is presented by
The Friends of St. Benedict, Washington, D.C., and endorsed by
The Benedictine Community of the Holy Savior, Dallas.**

For four days, participants live at the center (lodging and all meals provided) and form a temporary monastic community to experience the balanced way of life of *The Rule of Benedict* as it divides each day into private and corporate (group) prayer, study, work, and rest.

Daily Schedule

- **Daily Gregorian chanting (in English) of Lauds, Sext, Vespers, and Compline (Participants are taught how to chant Gregorian)**
- **Two daily classes on Benedictine spirituality**
- **Question-and-answer sessions about topics presented in classes**
- **Training in *lectio divina* (an ancient prayerful, contemplative way of reading Sacred Scripture)**
- **Private time for prayer, spiritual direction, spiritual reading, and rest**

Retreat Leaders

Sister Mary Donald Corcoran, O.S.B.Cam

Superior of Transfiguration Monastery, Windsor, New York

Sister Mary Donald Corcoran, O.S.B.Cam., is the superior of Transfiguration Monastery (Roman Catholic) in Windsor, New York. A Camaldolese Benedictine nun, she was a leader of Dallas Benedictine Experiences in 1998, 1999, 2005, 2007, and 2008. Sister Mary Donald holds the Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University. She has directed the M.A. program in spirituality at St. Louis University and has taught in the summer spirituality program at Fordham. The co-author of *Spiritual Sisters*, she serves on the Board of Directors of In the Spirit Foundation, and is a well-known teacher, writer, and leader of Benedictine retreats all over the country. This year will be her seventh time as a leader of the Dallas Benedictine Experience.

Father Daniel Forsythe

Father Daniel Forsythe, a Byzantine Catholic priest of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, is the Pastor of St. Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church in Irving, Texas. Ordained to the priesthood in 2009, Fr. Daniel has also served as the pastor of four Byzantine parishes in central Pennsylvania. He is the director of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute, which is charged with training congregational cantors in the Byzantine tradition. He holds a B.A. in Classical Languages from Franciscan University and a Master's in Divinity from Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary. Fr. Daniel has spoken on a range of spiritual and Biblical topics from an Eastern perspective at retreats, conferences, and teen events. This will be Fr. Daniel's first time as a leader of the Dallas Benedictine Experience.

This retreat is open to anyone of any denomination who is interested in learning Benedictine spirituality.

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