



Women's Retreat 2018

Here I am, You, called me. 1 Sam 3:5

Dear Sisters in Christ;

We invite you with excitement and great anticipation to this year's Community of Christ the Redeemer Women's Retreat! Our theme this year is "**Hear I am, You called me.**" 1 Sam 3:5. We will consider ways we can receive our call and life from the Lord, remember our call, and grow in the call the Lord has for us in this time. We call upon the Holy Spirit who will give us the freedom and power to receive and respond to the Lord to live our call. Freedom can grow as we work with our emotions, disappointments and grief. Freedom also grows as we keep on the course God has called us to, even in times of personal challenges. You will hear more details at the retreat!!

Fr. Steve Borello will be giving our main talks this year. He is from the Joliet, IL diocese and works with the men from his diocese who attend St. John Vianney Minor Seminary here in St. Paul. He gives spiritual direction, has worked in parishes, given marriage counseling and worked with addiction counseling. He is excited to serve us! Expect a little Italian thrown in for fun!!

The Women's Leadership Team wants to prepare you for some changes for this year's retreat. We will have a bit of a change in schedule to offer some flexibility for talks, quiet time, and rest. We will close with Mass and end at 1:30pm on Sunday. Fr. Jeff suggested that we go to confession to our own confessor prior to or after retreat. So we will not offer confessions this year at WAPO.

We are also changing our guest policy to not invite guests. As we grow, it is becoming more important that we build our life together and form our identity as sisters in a particular part of the Body of Christ. We refer you to the registration details. Daughters of CCR members are welcome, and are not considered guests. Other guests should come to our women's events offered at other times, such as Advent Brunch, and Women's Praise Gatherings. **If you have already invited a guest or have other guest questions, please leave your name and contact information with Aimee in the office. Someone will get back to you concerning your request.**

Blessed Mother pray for us as women to hear and answer the Lord with His grace. Help us to place our trust in the Father who always cares for us.

Please pray for our time together.

God bless you,

The Women's Leadership Team

Registration Details

This year's retreat will be held on March 23rd-25th and the cost of the weekend will be:

- CCR Members – \$145 per person (\$160 after Feb. 19)
- CCR Member Daughters– \$145 per person (\$160 after Feb. 19)
- Students – \$90 per person (\$105 after Feb. 19) Note: any daughters in high school may attend, but since they have WAPO the week before retreat, we will “**confirm registration**” if there is room once adult women have registered for our women's retreat. Mothers discuss with your pastoral group leader about your daughter's maturity level and caring for your daughter on retreat.

We will have the entire camp reserved for the weekend, which leaves us with the potential to have 225 women attend.

- Members are in a CCR Pastoral Group and/or listed in the CCR directory, are active members of SPO.
**Daughters of CCR Members are welcome as well.

Note: We are not having outside guests besides daughters of CCR Members this year. Please check the CCR calendar for other upcoming women's events that are open to guests. **If you have invited someone already, please leave your name and contact info with Aimee in the office.** Someone will get back to you with your request. We do not have room this year for a “non- CCR member daughter” who would bring a baby due to our large number of CCR members' babies being born.

In an effort to get all registrations in on time, all fees will go up \$15 on February 19th. Our cut off date is March 8. Our preferred way for you to register is online via the form below or via the CCR app. If you haven't created an account yet (guests must create an account too) or have forgotten your password, click the members login from the main menu, then click the link from the login page that says '*click here for instructions on how to set up a member account*' or '*forgot password*'. *Once you are logged in, click the 'Events' tab.* If you are registering or paying for a guest, you can add them by clicking the '*register guest*' button in the top right corner of the form.

**Your RSVP is your payment and completed online registration form.
The deadline to sign up for the retreat is Thursday, March 8th.**

We will not be collecting money at camp. Please be sure to reserve your spot, even if you are only coming for part of the weekend. This is important for planning purposes of both Camp Wapo and ourselves.

If finances hinder your ability to attend or if registering online is not an option, please give Bill Schmitzer a call (at 651-451-6123 x-105) to make other arrangements. One way you can help others is to make a donation over the \$145 registration fee. This would go towards helping a sister who could not otherwise afford to go.

Babies: If you will be attending this retreat with a baby, please see the letter attached for details on how we will accommodate the both of you. Don't let a baby discourage you from coming!

Lodging: If you would prefer an alternative to staying at Wapo, we have reserved a block of rooms at the nearby Forest Inn in Amery (The hotel can only hold the block of rooms until Feb. 22nd). If you stay at the hotel, you will be responsible for taking care of the reservation with the hotel as well as your own transportation to/from Camp WAPO throughout the weekend. The \$75 Retreat Fee covers your cost for the retreat and is in addition to any fees from the hotel. The rooms are blocked off until February 19th. You can reach the hotel at 715-268-4100. Let them know that you are attending a retreat at Camp WAPO with Community of Christ the Redeemer. Also, most of the hotel rooms have a double occupancy, so if you are planning to room with someone, you will need to work out the arrangements/payments with that person.

Arrival: The first session will begin Friday, March 23rd at 8:00 pm. Please arrive early enough to get signed in and unpacked. Camp Wapo is a little over an hour from the Twin Cities, just outside of Amery, WI. You may arrive anytime on Friday after 6:30 pm. (See the attached map for directions). When you get to camp, you can park in any of the open parking spaces. Once those are full, you can use the field by the beach. We need to leave the main loop through camp open in case of an emergency, so please be aware of where you are parking. "Check in" will be located in the Crossfire building. At check in, you will receive your booklet, which will have your room assignment, name tag, and other retreat information.

NOTE: Retreat will run until 1:30 pm on Sunday this year. A brunch will be served on Sunday. Please plan accordingly if you need extra food for the day or weekend.

You will need to bring your own, sleeping bag, pillow, towel, washcloth, toiletries, Bible, journal etc.

In case of an emergency, your families can contact us at (715) 554-3601 or at (651) 336-2064 anytime during the weekend. Some cell phones will not get reception, but you can leave a message at both of these numbers and it will be delivered to us via the camp staff.

If you have any questions, other than those related to guests, please send Ling Becker an email at lingbecker@gmail.com or call her at 651-485-9532.