

Summer Stillness Retreat – Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI

Monday Evening: This is a presentation being offered as a standalone option for participants unable to attend Fr. Ron's full retreat. It is included for all participants registering for the full retreat.

Moral Loneliness – The Congenital Ache of a Soulmate

Within each of us, at that place where all that is most precious within us takes its root and where there is a dark memory of having once been touched, caressed, loved, and valued in a way that is beyond anything we have ever consciously experienced. In fact, all the goodness, love, value, and tenderness we experience in life fall short precisely because we already know something deeper. It is in that place that we long for a kindred spirit, a soulmate, for someone to sleep with morally. It is in that place where we are most alone, unanimity-minus-one, and where we suffer moral loneliness. What is moral loneliness? What is its meaning? What are we meant to do about it?

Main Theme: Begins Tuesday morning as a continuation of Fr. Ron's retreat.

Celebrating the Year of Mercy – From Paranoia to Metanoia

Pope Francis has declared this a year of mercy. What is mercy? How do we live more merciful lives and how do we put a more merciful face on God and religion? How do we journey, in both our humanity and our discipleship, from paranoia to metanoia, from having clenched fists to having open hands, from being judgmental to being forgiving, from living out of our wounds to living out of grace, and from putting a petty face on God and religion to radiating the inexhaustible wellsprings of mercy?

Ron Rolheiser was born in Macklin, Saskatchewan and was raised in a large family on a farm near Cactus Lake SK. Ron was ordained to the priesthood with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1972; Ron continued his education, receiving a B.A., B.Th., M.A., M.R.Sc. and Ph.D/STD. He taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College, in Edmonton, Alberta. In 1982, while living and studying in Belgium, Fr. Ron began to write a regular feature column. Today, the popular column is carried by almost 100 newspapers worldwide and in addition, Ron has published 11 books. Fr. Ron is in demand and well known as a speaker; his retreats and workshops have inspired many. Along with his academic knowledge in systematic theology and philosophy, he speaks often in the areas of contemporary spirituality and religion and the secular world. In August 2005, Fr. Ron became the President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio Texas, a position he maintains to this day. Fr. Ron is also known for his commitment to prayer and exercise, a continuing love of sports, his sense of humor, his loyalty to his friends, and the enjoyment of the odd cigar and fine scotch.

Times/Dates: Monday, July 11th, 2016 beginning at 5:30 pm with supper until Thursday, July 14th ending with lunch.

To Register: Contact Queen's House for additional information or to register:

by Phone: 306-242-1916 or

by Email: receptionist@queenshouse.org

Costs: Monday Evening Only: (Includes only the Moral Loneliness Presentation)

- Supper (5:30 pm) and Presentation (7:00 pm) - Moral Loneliness \$40
- Presentation only (7:00 pm) - Moral Loneliness \$25

Full Retreat Participation: (Includes both Moral Loneliness & Mercy Presentations)

- Commuter Price: (includes full conference, Monday supper, lunches) \$200
- Commuter Plus: (includes full conference and all meals) \$260
- Live-In Price: (includes full conference, bedroom and all meals) \$400