

2020 Summer Stillness Retreat – Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

*Please note: All presentations will be offered on **Zoom***

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Dates: Public Lecture **“Faith, Doubt & Darkness: Understanding the dynamics of belief and doubt beyond the fervor of youth”**
Monday July 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Retreat **“Naming the Present Moment of our Faith: Searching for nurturing metaphors in a time of receding transcendence”**
Tuesday July 7, 9:15 a.m. – ends Thursday July 9, 11:30 a.m.

Cost: Monday evening only: Lecture only \$25

Full Retreat: \$100 per screen

Gathering with others to enjoy this retreat? Please consider making a donation to Queen’s House for each additional participant. Thank you for your generosity!

Registration Details:

There are two options to consider when registering for this on-line, Zoom retreat:

Visit our website: <http://www.queenshouse.org>

Participants can now register and pay online!

OR

Call Queen’s House and register over the phone: 306-242-1916. As we are still closed to the public, our staffing is minimal - please leave a message and we will be in touch ASAP.

Thank you! We know this is a new format for us all. Summer Stillness has been offered at Queen’s House for more than 30 years, and we are grateful for the technology that allows us to virtually gather in the summer of 2020.

Monday Evening Public Lecture: Begins at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 6th.

This presentation is offered as a stand-alone option for all participants unable to attend Father Ron’s full retreat. It is included for participants registered for the full retreat.

“Faith, Doubt & Darkness: Understanding the dynamics of belief and doubt beyond the fervor of youth”

“We live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, and then not!” Faith has this curious quality. Some days we can walk on water and other days we feel like atheists. This lecture will explore the deep inner dynamics of faith. What is real faith? What is genuine doubt? What are the dark nights of the soul that can assail us? How do we work at sustaining a genuine faith?

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

“Naming the Present Moment of our Faith: Searching for nurturing metaphors in a time of receding transcendence”

How do we move from being good to being great? How do we break the long-standing patterns and habits of mediocrity in our lives? How do we move beyond the last and deepest sadness of our lives? During this period of Summer Stillness we will attempt to take a deeper look at the invitations that Jesus has given us to grow. The great mystics have always stated that when we reach the highest level of human maturity, we will have only one question left: How can I be more helpful? How can we be more mature, more helpful, and more generative?

Fr. 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 a fine scotch.

Retreat Schedule:

Each session will be shown on Zoom and will end with some time for questions and discussion with Fr. Ron and participants.

Monday

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Welcome and Public Lecture
9:00 p.m. Night Prayer

Tuesday

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Session 2
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Session 3
4:15 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Session 4
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Session 5
4:15 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thursday

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Session 6
11:15 a.m. Closing Prayer Service