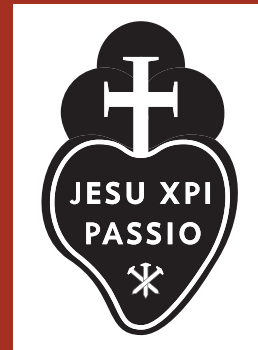




Christ the King Spring Newsletter

2022



MAY THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST BE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, I've been suffering from lower back pain. Maybe you are familiar with how back pain or other body pains are. Bending, sitting, standing, laying down, it all feels painful and uncomfortable. It's definitely nothing to brag about and something I don't want to identify with. But somehow, when it comes up in conversation, there's a sense of empathy I receive. Apparently, I'm not alone.

These days, finding one's identity is hard to do with all the distractions and challenges being brought to us. Finding a community where we belong and feel supportive can also be challenging.

As a Passionist family, we identify with our Sign. The heart shaped Sign focuses on love. Above the heart is a cross, the greatest sign of God's love. Inside the heart is written Jesu (Jesus' name in Hebrew) Xpi (The beginning of the word Christ, in Greek) and Passio (Latin for Passion). Beneath the words, are three nails which represent the ones fixed to Jesus on the Cross. It's the sign that brings us back to our founder St. Paul of the Cross. It's through this Sign, that we are reminded about our foundation to keep as a constant reminder the Passion of Jesus Christ. It's a sign that has survived generations.

In the past couple years, our retreat center has gone through quite a change. The first year of the pandemic we switched to online formats for many of our Passionist programs. And now in our second year, we opened our doors and planned for in-person programs, but the pandemic continued to loom in the background.

Our retreat team, staff and vowed Passionists stayed strong to our foundation that your spiritual growth and connection to God during these days with the pandemic is very important. Our mission to be inclusive and at the foot of the cross with those who are suffering continues to lead us, here at CTK. We believe your spiritual health and physically being on our sacred grounds is not an option but rather a life source. We truly are here for you.

One thing I've noticed, you receive news and updates about the retreat center. We rarely ever hear how you're doing. In a time where it's easier to text a person a few words to connect, I'd like to switch up the pace. Please feel free to email me (nsvistoonoff@passionist.org) or write to me, personally. I'd love to hear from you about how you are doing and what's new and exciting on your side.

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Until next season or until the next time we meet on the grounds, may God continue to bless you.

Natalie Svistoonoff

Christ the King Passionist Family

Our CTK Staff and Passionist Community consists of many individuals who are talented and dedicated towards our Passionist mission. Often we are asked how the various departments represent God's love at the Retreat Center. If you think about the Kitchen, our Chef's passion and love for food and nourishment is shared with everyone. Our Maintenance, Grounds and Housekeeping personnel, make sure the beds are comfortable, the rooms are warm (or cold) depending upon the time of the year, and the grounds are kept tidy and beautiful. Our Passionist Community and administrative staff are always available for your needs.



Christ the King Highlights

Fall Gala 2021: Our fourth Annual Fall Gala was held on October 2, 2021. The theme was an Evening in Paris. The event was held onsite and included Mass, social, sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions, and dancing. Many thanks to all who supported our Gala event by donating, volunteering, and/or by attending the Event. The Fall Gala is a major fundraiser for the Center. We look forward to our next Gala on Saturday, October 8, 2022. **Save the Date!**



Christ the King Highlights Cont.

Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon

Our Ladies Guild held their Christmas luncheon and fundraiser on December 14. Several members hosted a table, decorated their tables in grand holiday affair and invited guests to join them at their table. This year's theme was Mary, Our Mother. Christ the King hosted 2 tables for staff, Passionist community and volunteers. Everyone enjoyed a delightful lunch prepared by our chefs Deanna Jensen and Anoud Zaki. A raffle was held for beautiful gifts.



Simbang Gabi Celebrated at CTK

CTK hosted Simbang Gabi, a Filipino tradition, December 15-23. Participants attended evening Masses for nine nights. After celebrating Mass, packed meals were given to attendees to eat in the comfort of their home.



Development News

Supporting Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Thank you for your continued support of Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center!

The Center is dedicated to sustaining the vision of our founder, St. Paul of the Cross by offering retreats and ministry activities intended to provide spiritual renewal and growth. Donations provide support to on-going programs, provide retreat scholarships, and care for the beautiful buildings, gardens and grounds at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center.

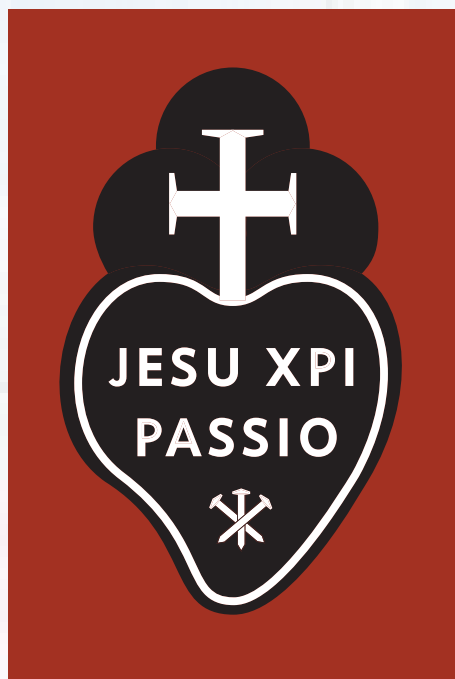
Update: Our \$40K Matching Gift Challenge Campaign was a success. Through the Fall Appeal, Giving Tuesday, and Christmas Appeal the goal was reached! During the Fall Gala 2021-Fund a Need the fundraising was focused on the improvements of the Quinn Room to replace carpeting and curtains, and to give the room a much needed fresh coat of paint. Work is scheduled to begin in April 2022.

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Gifts: If you have RMD in 2022 and are fortunate enough not to need your required IRA for living expenses, consider donating your 2022 withdrawal directly to Christ the King.

To learn more about ways to give to Christ the King, including monthly gifts, planned giving, go to our website at www.christthekingretreatcenter.org or contact Sandra Gill in the Development Office at 916-725-4720, ext. 302 or sgill@passionist.org.

A generous soul will prosper, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

...Proverbs 11:25



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Upcoming Programs and Events in 2022

Institute for the Study of the Passion

The Passion in the Text – **ONLINE**



Led by Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP
 Thursdays 10:30am – Noon
 Spring Series 2022 – May 5, 19, June 2
 Summer Series 2022 – July 21, August 4, 18

Recovery Retreats - Men (May 6-8)
 Women (May 20-22)
 Silent Retreat – June 6-10
 Married Couples Retreat – July 15-17

Save the Dates 2022

Fiesta – Sunday, June 5
 Fall Gala – Saturday, October 8

Holy Week 2022



Exploring the Mind of Christ – **Online Program**
 April 14th-16th / 90 minute daily sessions
 Presenters: Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP, Talib Huff, and
 Olivia Huff.

Stations of the Cross - Friday, April 15

All 2022 Passionist Programs will be posted on our Website! Please check our website at <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org> for updates on upcoming programs and events. Or call us at 916-725-4720, Ext. 301.