



CHRIST THE KING
 SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

"COME AWAY BY YOURSELVES TO AN ISOLATED PLACE AND REST AWHILE." —Mark 6:31

"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you place your trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Reflecting on this past year, I am deeply grateful to have completed my first year as Retreat Center Director. Though it has been a busy year, I have been richly blessed by the retreatants and the dedicated staff at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. During my eight years as a provincial, I missed the daily interaction with so many wonderful people, and now, being here with all of you again, truly feels like coming home.

As we transition from winter to spring, we are reminded of the beauty of new life—both in nature and in our journey of faith. This season of renewal is especially profound as we enter into Easter, celebrating the triumph of Christ's resurrection and the promise of hope it brings to us all.

Lent and Easter are central to our Catholic faith. Jesus' journey of love and compassion led Him to Calvary and the cross, only to be raised to new life by the Father. In many ways, this journey reflects our own experiences—moments of challenge and loss, yet always leading to renewal and grace. I invite you to celebrate this sacred season with us, particularly during Holy Week and the Triduum (Holy Thursday to Easter), led by Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P. (see page 4 for details).

This year, we are also celebrating a milestone—our 75th Diamond Jubilee! **On Saturday, October 4, 2025**, we will gather under the theme: *"Let it Shine! Celebrating 75 Years as Pilgrims of Hope and Light!"*

We are honored to welcome Bishop Jaime Soto and Fr. David Colhour, C.P., our provincial, for this joyous occasion. Please save the date and join us in gratitude for the many lives that have been touched on these sacred grounds. More details will follow soon!

We ask for your prayers for our Passionist brothers and sisters at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, CA, who sustained significant fire damage to their facilities and gardens this past January. While they have resumed retreats, they continue working to restore their space. Let us lift them up in prayer as they rebuild.

Because of your generosity we are able to keep retreat costs as accessible as possible, especially for the 20% of retreatants who are unable to pay the full amount. Time and again, we see that those most in need of a retreat are often those least able to afford it—yet, through God's providence and your support, we have been able to welcome all who seek renewal here for the past 75 years.

May you and your loved ones be blessed with a holy and joyful Easter. Let us continue to keep one another in prayer.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Joe Moons, C.P.

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 Retreat Center Director



CTK News

We continue making important improvements to sustain our retreat ministry. Recent and ongoing projects include: major roof repairs, parking resurfacing, asphalt repairs and lighting upgrades; a full renovation of La Casa—new AC/heating, windows, and expanded program space; a walk-in refrigerator/freezer. As our buildings age, these projects are essential, and we are immensely grateful for the generosity of our supporters—your prayers and contributions allow us to continue this vital ministry.

Thank You to Jim and Normita Spinetta for their most generous gift of \$211,499.00 to Christ the King's Mission.



Please continue to keep in prayer our brothers and sisters at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, CA as they recover and heal from the fire in January.



The Marian Grotto Men's Group have been meeting at Christ the King since COVID-19. The group began with 5 men looking for a place where they could come together for prayer and fellowship during the pandemic. They came to the Center, where they met outside in the Marian Grotto—socially distancing and wearing masks. The group has grown to over 30 men and meet every Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00am. All men are welcome!

Hispanic Ministry



CTK's Hispanic Ministry offers opportunities for participants to deepen their relationship with God through the Spirituality Program that includes learning the Eight Prayer Models and teaching them how to create a Christian Life Plan. During December 2024, Hispanic Ministries joyfully supported the community in the practice of popular religious celebrations with a special Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, along with Posada and Advent celebrations for families. In addition, the Ministry has supported Parish Faith Formation Programs for parents' and also by hosting Confirmation Retreats at the Center.

Ministerio Hispano

El Ministerio Hispano de CTK ofrece oportunidades para que los participantes profundicen su relación con Dios a través del Programa de Espiritualidad que incluye el aprendizaje de los Ocho Modelos de Oración y les enseña cómo crear un Plan de Vida Cristiana. Durante diciembre de 2024, el Ministerio Hispano apoyó con alegría a la comunidad en la práctica de celebraciones religiosas populares con una Misa especial en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, junto con celebraciones de Posada y Adviento para las familias. Además, el Ministerio Hispano ha apoyado días de reflexión en las comunidades parroquiales y también organizando Retiros de Confirmación en el Centro.

Próximos Eventos ~ ¡Todos son bienvenidos, te esperamos con alegría!

Lunes Pasionista



Adoración, Confesiones, Santa Misa, y convivencia

El segundo lunes de cada mes tenemos de 6:30pm a 8:30pm



Rezaremos El Vía Crucis

Los Viernes del 7 de Marzo al 17 de Abril, a las 10am y a las 6:30pm

Día de Retiro de los Hombres

Entonces Él les dijo: "Vengan conmigo a un lugar solitario, para que descansen un poco". Marcos 6, 31
07 de Junio



Retiro Guiado en Silencio

"En La Cruz de Cada Dia"
25-26 de Julio





Curso Virtual sobre Espiritualidad Femenina

Mayo 6, 13, 20, 27

Día de Retiro de las Mujeres
17 de Mayo

Campamento para Familias

"Familia Gozo y Fe"

09 y 10 de Agosto



¿Preguntas? Questions? tgdonan@passionist.org pdonlan@passionist.org aaparicio@passionist.org

Programa Acompañamiento Espiritual Pasionista



El PAEP forma y certifica a sus participantes como Acompañantes Espirituales Pasionistas, proporcionando una formación católica de tres años y el crecimiento integral de sus participantes, en cinco áreas de formación: Dirección Espiritual, Teología Espiritual, Teología Pastoral, Comunicación y Desarrollo Humano.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Teresa G. Donan, Directora del Ministerio Hispano al 916-725-4720, ext 245 o tdonan@passionist.org

Año 1	Año 2	Año 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reflexión Teológica -Límites -Discernimiento -Espiritualidad tradicional Cristiana -AEP "San Pablo de la Cruz" -Diferentes formas de Oración -Lectio Divina -Nuestra Jornada Espiritual -La Vida Espiritual -Cultura -Religiosidad Popular -Desarrollo Humano -Escucha Activa -Prácticas d -Acompañamiento en Grupo -Retiro de Silencio Pasionista 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -La Liturgia de las Horas -Desarrollo Humano -Escucha Activa -Integridad -Espiritualidad Bíblica -AEP "San Gabriel de la Dolorosa" -Tres Caminos a la Santidad -Relación entre la Psicología y la Espiritualidad -Espiritualidad Ignaciana -Místicos Clásicos -Antropología Teológica -Proyecto de Vida -Formar Místicos y Profetas hoy -Práctica de Acompañamiento -Retiro de Silencio Pasionista 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Corazón que Escucha -Cristología -Génesis en La Vida Espiritual -AEP "Santa Gemma Galgani" -Catequesis de la Sexualidad -Diferencias entre la consejería Profesional y Dirección Espiritual -Escucha Activa -Llamados por Dios -Código de Conducta Pastoral -El Arte de saber escuchar. -Proceso de Discernimiento -Desarrollo Humano -Acompañamiento Espiritual Supervisado -Retiro de Silencio Pasionista

Requisitos de Admisión:

- *Edad mínima 30 años.
- *Miembro activo en su parroquia y pertenecer a un Ministerio/Movimiento.
- *Cumplir con los sacramentos de iniciación cristiana y si es casado el Sacramento del Matrimonio.
- *Entrevista Personal. (Iniciamos en Marzo)
- *Carta de Recomendación del Párroco.
- *Certificación Básica Diocesana vigente.
- *Certificación de Ambiente Seguro Vigente.

Upcoming CTK Retreats and Programs 2025

Lenten Day of Prayer



Opening the Door of the Heart

In ritual, prayer, reflection, and friendship, we will journey to the open door of Christ's loving courage and radical self-giving.

Presented by Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP
 Tuesday, April 8th, 2025
 9:00am – 3:00pm
 \$65 includes lunch

Institute for the Study of the Passion 2025 Season



Led by Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP
 Thursdays 10:00am-11:15am (PT)
 Following Community Mass
 Cost: \$45.00 for all sessions
 \$15.00 per session

Spring: April 10, 24, May 8
 Preparing for 1700th Anniversary of the
 Nicene Creed

Summer: July 3, 17, 31
 The Mary Magdalene Series

Easter Triduum



... but your sorrow will turn into joy.”
–John 16:21

Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday **April 17th-20th, 2025**

This year, Christians worldwide will celebrate Easter on the same day, a hopeful sign of unity. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we embrace the Cross with Jesus, trusting in the joy of new life. Join us in prayer, reflection, and celebration as we pledge to be Christ's loving presence in our broken world.

Presenters: Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.
 Fr. Joe Moons, C.P., Fr. Phillip Donlan, C.P.,
 Talib & Olivia Huff

\$350 single/\$300 double
 Easter Liturgy and Brunch Only: \$45

You are welcome to join us for the following services (no cost):

- Holy Thursday Prayer Service and Liturgy: 7:30pm in Quinn room.
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross Gathering: 1:00pm.
- Good Friday Prayer Service and Liturgy: 3:00pm in Chapel.
- Saturday Prayer Service and Liturgy: 7:30pm in Quinn room.
- Easter Sunday Liturgy: 9:00am in Chapel.

***The stations open to public any time
 Good Friday.***

Recovery Retreats Weekends 2025



Nothing fancy. Something simple.

A weekend of conversation, quiet, and recovery for people in 12-step recovery. Newcomers and “old timers” are most welcome!

Women in Recovery:

May 9-11: Presented by Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP
 Sept. 26-28: Presented by Fr. Tom Weston, SJ
 Cost: \$280 per person

Men in Recovery

Sept. 12-14, 2025: Presented by Fr. Tom O’Neill, SJ
 Cost: \$280 per person



Catholic Engaged Encounter 2025 Dates:

May 23-25, Aug. 29-31,
 Nov 21-23

For information or to register, please go to the Engaged Encounter website at:

<https://www.sacee.org>



2025 Dates: June 27-29
 July 11-13

For information, or to register for the program please call John and Peggy Di Nocco, Sacramento Retrouvaille 530-536-0449 or visit: www.helpourmarriage.org

Married Couples Retreat



“Finding Extraordinary Love in the Ordinary”

Come and celebrate the sacred journey of marriage in a community that embraces love, faith, and renewal. Join us for this inspiring experience!

Presenters: Fr. Joe Moons, C.P., Fr. Phillip Donlan, C.P., and Olivia and Talib Huff

July 11-13, 2025
 Cost: \$480 per couple

Directed Silent Retreat

June 9-13, 2025
 Presented by: Fr. Joe Moons, C.P.
 & Fr. Phillip Donlan, C.P.
 Cost: \$480 per person

SAVE THE DATE!



Summer Fiesta 2025

Sunday, June 1
 11:00am-4:00pm

Music by
 The Red Rooster Band
More Details Coming Soon!

For more information on retreats, call 916-725-4720 ext. 301 or go to www.christthekingretreatcenter.org

CTK Celebrations

Fall Gala 2024

Our seventh Annual Fall Gala, Denim and Diamonds, was held on October 5, 2024. The event included Mass, a social, 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 the largest fundraiser for the Center. **We look forward to our next Gala on Saturday, October 4, 2025 when we will be celebrating 75 years as Pilgrims of Hope and Light! Save the Date!**



CTK Guild Christmas Luncheon and Fundraiser

Our CTK Guild held their annual Christmas luncheon and fundraiser December 2024. The theme this year was Corporal Acts of Mercy. A raffle was held for a chance at some lovely gifts. In addition to many guests, CTK staff and the Passionist community attended.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

A celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe was held on December 12. Festivities included Mass, heartfelt mañanitas and a beautiful procession where roses were carried in by Mass attendees in honor of Our Mother. Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP presided over Mass.



Posadas

CTK's Hispanic Ministry hosted a Posada Day of Retreat for families. Hispanic Ministry Director Teresa G de Donan and Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP facilitated the day. Fr. Joe Moons, CP who was St. Nick, handed out gifts to the children.



New Year's Retreat

Our New Year's overnight retreat provided retreatants the opportunity for prayer and reflection, followed by a social to celebrate and to ring in the New Year together. Mass and brunch was held on New Year's Day.



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.

Ways to Give to CTK

Monthly Giving: Recurring donations are a great way to help us plan for the future. If you are already giving monthly, please consider increasing your gift.

The Gift of Time: Volunteer at CTK: Give the gift of time by volunteering at Christ the King. There are several volunteer opportunities including Evening & Weekend Retreat Host/Hostess, General Event Support and Grounds/Maintenance. For more information, please go to our website or contact the Development Office.

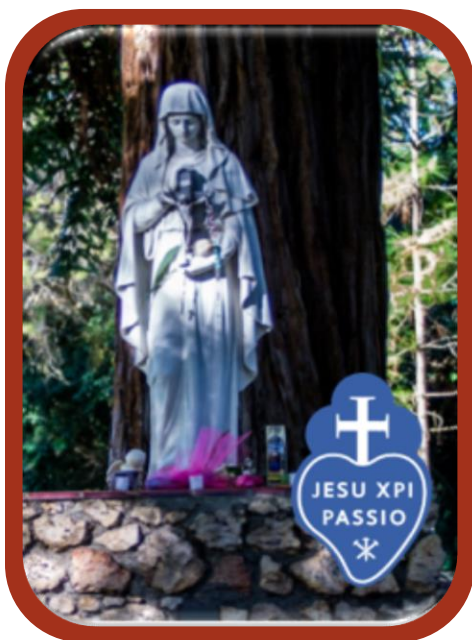
Upcoming Events: Summer Fiesta, Sunday, June 1, 2025
Fall Gala-75 Year Celebration, Saturday, October 4, 2025

Interested in receiving our weekly Passionist Charism Reflection and Retreat Center Updates?
 Please email sgill@passionist.org.

For additional information about ways to give, 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.

“Give, and it will be given to you.” (Luke 6:38)





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Save the Date

Join Us for Our 75th Year Celebration!

*The Diamond Jubilee: Let it Shine!
Celebrating 75 years as Pilgrims of Hope and Light*

*Saturday, Oct 4th, 2025
At Christ the King
Mass, Dinner, Auction*

More details to come...