

"Come and See!"

SVPC Women's Retreat

at St. Francis Retreat Center
Feb 26-28, 2010

Join us for a weekend at Saint Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista, stepping out of our everyday routines to experience the invitation God extends to each of us every day: "**Come and See**" (John 1:39).

Come and see who this God is. **Come and see** what it means to follow the Risen Jesus. **Come and see** how refreshing it is to be given a new heart and a new spirit at the outset of the Lenten Season.

St. Francis Retreat Center is located about 1 hours drive south in the foothills above the historic and quaint town of San Juan Bautista.

The weekend begins Friday night with dinner, the first of four speaker sessions and socializing. After breakfast Saturday morning we come together as a group to listen and learn with the speakers. The rest of the day is filled with lunch, socializing, reading, napping, hiking, biking, talking, and sitting and much more, all to your hearts delight. We reconvene on Saturday evening after dinner for a few more words from our speakers. Fellowship follows with a movie, arts and crafts, snacks, puzzles, cards, knitting, singing and much, much more. The weekend concludes on Sunday morning with breakfast and a final speaker's message, followed by a worship service.

Join us for this wonderful time of reflection and fellowship.

Sisters Marilyn Lacey and Sister Mary Ann Scofield, Sisters of Mercy, will guide us with input, group prayer and reflections. There will be ample time in the weekend for sharing and for celebration.



Marilyn, founder of Mercy Beyond Borders, has worked with refugees for the past 30 years, both overseas and in Silicon Valley. Her 2009 memoir, *This Flowing Toward Me*, chronicles how she has met God in the welcoming of strangers.

Mary Ann, on the staff of Mercy Center, Burlingame, has a PhD in Theology and is a renowned trainer of spiritual directors. She is one of the founders of Spiritual Directors International, which now connects over 6,000 members on 5 continents. Besides her work in the U.S., she has trained groups in Lithuania, Kenya, Thailand, Australia, Singapore, and Korea.



For more information and to hear about many volunteer opportunities at the retreat, contact Trish Guerrieri. 408-746-9890 or email: guerrid@ieee.org