

ECCLESIA DOMESTICA

WHO ARE WE?

Ecclesia Domestica is a Latin phrase which signifies "The Domestic Church" or "the church in the home". The Christian family is the first cell of the life of the Universal Church! Our mission is to facilitate retreats where you can celebrate the Sacraments, such as the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. Join with other men in prayer such as the Most Holy Rosary, Angelus, Liturgy of the Hours, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Grow in faith through large group and small group sessions, and have ample time for individual prayer and reflection. Additionally, each retreatant is offered private spiritual direction with a priest or deacon. These features all come together to form a wonderful opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith!



"If we wish to discover in all its richness the profound relationship between the Church and the Eucharist, we cannot neglect Mary, Mother and model of the Church... Mary can guide us toward this most holy sacrament because she herself has a profound relationship with it."

—St. John Paul II

THE FATHER COMPLETELY GIVES EVERYTHING HE IS TO THE SON; THE SON COMPLETELY GIVES HIMSELF BACK IN TOTALITY TO THE FATHER.



"MAN CANNOT FULLY FIND HIMSELF EXCEPT THROUGH A SINCERE GIFT OF HIMSELF."

— GAUDIUM ET SPES (PARAGRAPH 24)

TOTUS TUUS

MAKING A TOTAL GIFT OF SELF
AN ECCLESIA DOMESTICA RETREAT

When: OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2026
Registration starts 8:00am Friday
First talk 9:00am
Ends about noon Sunday

Where: Abbey of the Hills Retreat Center
46561 147th St
Marvin, SD 57251

Cost: \$325 - Includes accommodations & meals
\$225 - Students rate

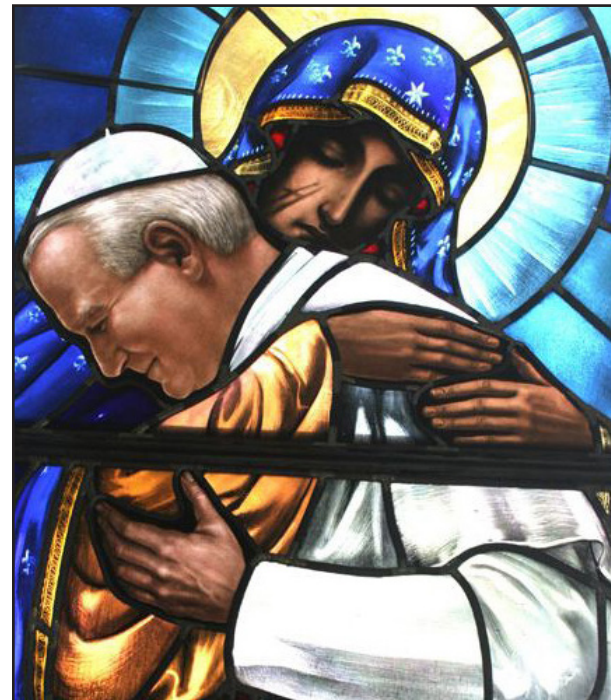
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SCAN TO REGISTER

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"TOTUS TUUS EGO SUM, ET OMNIA MEA TUA SUNT - I AM ALL YOURS, AND ALL THAT I HAVE BELONGS TO YOU" —ST. JOHN PAUL II

**YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO
JOIN US FOR A THREE-DAY
RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC MEN**



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RETREAT CENTER
MARVIN, SD**

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I
HAVE LOVED YOU.**



What holds us back from going all-in, from giving ourselves totally over to God? For most of us it's fear. Our human instincts tell us that if we give away everything we have, there will be nothing left for us. But we are called to renew our minds, to stop thinking as humans do, and think instead the way Jesus does. With the renewal of our minds must also come a renewal of our hearts, so that we can transcend the limitations of human love, and love instead the way Jesus calls us to...with His Sacred Heart. To love as Christ loves means to give everything we have, a complete emptying of one's self, holding nothing back.

How can we get past our fears and make a total gift of self to the Lord? As St. John Paul II showed us the way to make this total surrender is to ask the help of the Blessed Mother. It was Mary who first offered all that she had, all that she was, to the Lord. It was she who first went all-in for Jesus, and through her fiat, we can find the inspiration and courage to make that same kind of surrender.

Going all-in, making a total gift of ourselves to God, means making a total gift of self to our wives, to our children, to our brothers and sisters in Christ. It means loving each other as Jesus loves us. It means giving without counting the cost. It means emptying ourselves, trusting that the Lord will fill us up in return. By uniting our surrender to that of the Blessed Mother we can find the courage to offer up our lives, just as Jesus did for us. We can echo the words of St. John Paul II and say to the Lord, I'm here, I'm all-in, I'm totally Yours!



WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS RETREAT

EUCCHARIST

Since the Eucharist is the pinnacle of all the sacraments; we celebrate the Holy Mass daily while on retreat.

LARGE GROUP

Our large group sessions are designed for Praise & Worship, prayer, teaching and testimonies.

SMALL GROUP

Our small groups are designed for a more intimate approach in sharing and in prayer.

MEALS

Breaking bread together fosters a spirit of brotherhood and family. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided, as well as overnight accommodation. Bring snacks to share.

EXPERIENCE THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER

Saturday evening is devoted to Prayer Ministry. This is an opportunity for you to experience firsthand the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Whether you are in need of spiritual, emotional or physical

healing, our prayer teams will help you unlock the power of the holy name of Jesus. With healing and deliverance comes true freedom, allowing you to open yourself to the Lord in new and profound ways, and truly come alive in Jesus Christ.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Retreatants will have an opportunity for private spiritual direction with a Priest or Deacon while on the retreat.

CONFESSION

It is recommended you receive the sacrament before you arrive for the retreat. Our Priests will be available to hear confessions throughout the weekend.

ROSARY

We will pray the Rosary daily.

ADORATION

There will be perpetual adoration throughout the Retreat. This will give you the opportunity to sit with our Lord.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Ecclesia Domestica Retreats

November 20-22, 2026

*Women's Retreat
Nazareth Retreat House - Crookston, MN*

February 5-7, 2027

*Women's Retreat
Franciscan Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND*

March 5-7, 2027

*Men's Retreat
Franciscan Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND*