

## REMINDER TO ALL

There are still Openings for the Spring Gennesaret Retreat

May 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

Please pass the word to potential retreatants within your parish, especially those who are homebound and chronically ill. Anyone with a serious illness may be a retreatant for the Gennesaret retreat. It is open to persons of all faiths, though it is a Roman Catholic retreat in format, prayer, and style. This retreat is designed for persons whose medical condition would normally be considered a hindrance to participating in an overnight retreat program.

The retreatant's medical condition must be considered chronic and potentially life threatening. Examples would be paralysis due to advanced multiple sclerosis (MS), lupus, diabetes, cancer patients, advanced heart disease, stroke, AIDS, and ALS to name a few. The retreat offers a healing experience of prayerful care and support for those who struggle each day with their limiting illness. The retreat is offered free of charge no cost to the retreatants. The retreat staff members volunteer their time and service and The Archdiocese of Louisville covers operating expenses, including rental of facilities and room and board. Free will offerings are gratefully accepted. If a parish sponsors a parishioner for the Gennesaret retreat, we ask the parish to make it's contribution directly to the Office of Pastoral Care. Please pass the word and encourage your parishioners to consider Gennesaret Retreat for the Seriously Ill.

The maximum number of retreatants that can be accommodated is 15. One of the nursing staff and the retreat directors will interview each prospective retreatant prior to the retreat. Selection for participation will be made on the basis of a two-fold criterion. A waiting list will be maintained for last-minute openings and for future retreats.

For more information or inquires please call the Pastoral Care Office at Maloney Center, phone 502-636-0296, ask for Jocelyn Frazier.