



July-August 2018

Chapel News

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center



Dear Friends,

This past June I had a procedure at Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York City. Thankfully everything was successful. I am grateful your prayers! I have been ever mindful of our theme this past retreat season, "By His Wounds You are Healed," as I have dealt with my current health issue. I have placed my trust in the Crucified Christ.

As our retreat team looked to the next retreat season, we were inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: **Gaudete Et Exsultate** (Rejoice and Be Glad – MT 5:12). The subtitle: *On the Call to Holiness in Today's World* led to our next retreat season theme: **YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS!**

At our baptism we began our journey to holiness, and whether we ask for help or not, the Lord is with us in all ways and at all times. Like the sound of carillon bells, however distant they may be, God calls us forth on the path of holiness. In his letter, Pope Francis makes clear that holiness is found most often in the ordinary actions of our days.

My prayer for you and everyone who comes to Our Lady of Florida is that after you make a retreat, or attend a Day of Reflection, we have helped you to grow in holiness and become a better Christian. It is challenging to fulfill the commission given to us on the day we were baptized. We were called to become saints, bringing the message of Jesus to others: "Love God, neighbor and self." This is our holy path, for we are called to be holy. May your growing holiness touch others around you.

I have now been YOUR retreat director for 12 years. You are outstanding men and women who are God-centered and gifted beyond imagination. I would hope this year as you prepare to come on retreat that you begin to pray about **YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS** and what it means for you. I trust God will have a special message of love and encouragement for each of you.

You may also want to take time to read Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation in preparation for your retreat. Here is the web link – just copy and paste this into your browser:

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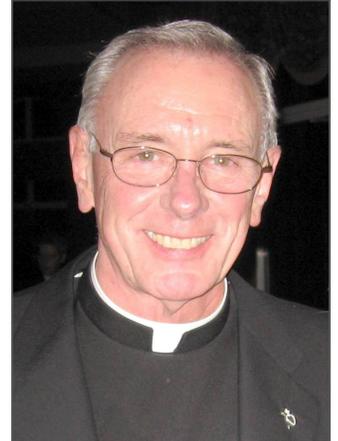
Our Passionist community will be growing with Fr. Francis Finnigan, C.P. returning from Paris, and Fr. Edward Wolanski, C.P. joining us as his assignment in Raleigh, NC comes to an end.

While our programs are different during the summer months, we are still here for you. Stop by for a Mass card or some prayer time in the chapel. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Be assured of my prayers and of the Passionist Community. We look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Paul Wierichs, C.P.



**July 20-22: Annual Young Adults Retreat
(18-35 years old)**

Led by Passionists & Peer leaders with the
Diocese of Palm Beach
Theme: “By His Wounds You are Healed”
*Through the generosity of donors, the cost of this
retreat is reduced to \$100.*

Registration & deposit required

*To register online, visit Our Lady of Florida’s
website, click on the Retreats tab and scroll down
to Special Retreats. For further assistance, call
561-626-1300.*



**The Day of Reflection for July
has been cancelled.**

Bookstore News

**A new (fiscal)
year means new
titles are arriving
in the Bookstore.**



**What will be added to your summer
reading?**

**Stop by and see the next good book
that is waiting just for you!**

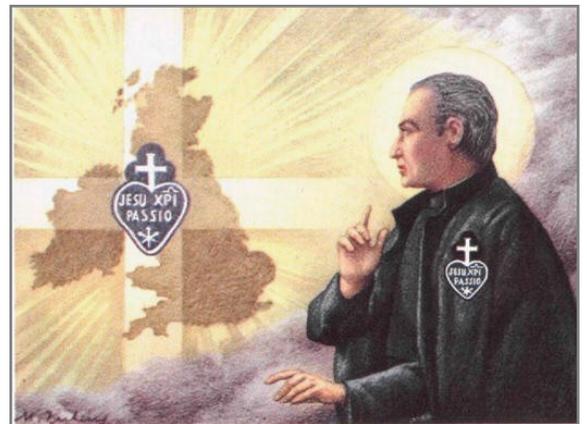
**Special Passionist Dates
to Remember**

July 6
Feast of St. Marie Goretti, Passionist

July 9
Our Lady of Holy Hope

July 24
Blessed Niceforo Diez Tejerina &
the Passionist Martyrs of Daniel

August 26
Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Passionist



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