

English Canadian Region
Associate Retreat – Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2, 2011
Given by: Sr. Marguerite Marie Fortier, csc



This fall we had the opportunity and gift of Sr. Marguerite Marie for our annual associate retreat. Sr. Marguerite led us through prayer and reflection into the mystical and intimate experience with God that led us to a prophetic stance which said: “this is or is not a good experience”. We need to become conscious of the presence of God working within, (Ps. 131), trust that God loves us and become aware or conscious with the question: “Do I believe and of what am I afraid”?

Sr. Marguerite challenged us by saying: we are called to an intimacy with God, the time today and this century is not geared to spirituality so we need to enter into a state of mystic and prophet. She also presented three orientations throughout the retreat. Below is a brief summary of her presentations.

God for Us – Allow God to look at us and love us (Hosea 11:1-5). It is simple but difficult. It is beyond feeling: it is at the depth of my being, a place of certitude. I have to be in touch with the Triune God. **God for me – God the Creator – The grace of Life.** (Ps. 145: a movement of joy and praise).



God with Us – John 14 is a passage of great intimacy. Intimacy is a state of relationship. Throughout the Gospels we are called to intimacy with Jesus as he is with the disciples so he is with us. I know the action of God in my life.

In Luke 24:13-36 This was an intimate encounter with Jesus...”did not our hearts burn”? The prophetic of the mystical experience – the result of God with us.



God in Us – Is the working of the Spirit in us and through us to those in our lives and all of creation as expressed in Paul to the Romans, chapter 8. The Spirit covers and dwells within us, helping us to become conscious and aware (Ps. 16).

God for Us – the Creator calls me into life

God with Us – Jesus calls to intimacy

God in Us – the Spirit dwells within

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