

CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS

A place for solitude, prayer and reflection

Hermitage Retreat Center

Sponsored by the Congregation of St. Joseph

Spring May 2015

Retreatant Jottings.....

Grateful I am for this place of respite. The silence supports my desire to go deep within and listen there. With the quiet, I can hear my heart beat and it is as if God is tapping in my heart, reminding me that I am never alone.

I leave strengthened by the reminder of who I am and who walks with me.

I am aware more fully also that God is ever present with all others as well, and hope to respond as such.

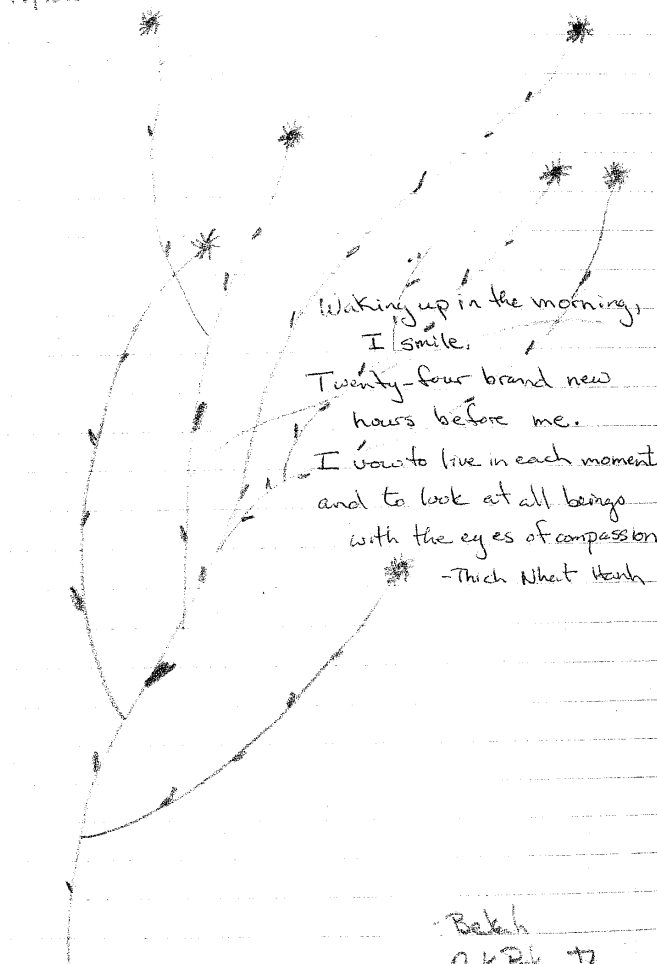
“When you encounter another person, when you have dealings with anyone at all, it is as if a question is being put to you. So you must think, What is the Lord asking of me in this moment, in this situations?” from the Gilead

Linda (Mystic Tree) March 2015



For one thing--the biggest thing--I always come back from CITW as a more caring and loving person. It doesn't last forever, but it is a crucial adjustment. I have been more patient and understanding with my family, and I have spent a bit more time in prayer. Like a car needs regular maintenance, I think spiritual folk need regular times of silence and solitude. CITW supplies that. It's sort of like a car maintenance and repair shop for the soul.

19, 2015



Drawing by Bekah with quote.

In the Wilderness...

Spring is such a refreshing season. The flowers start displaying magnificent colors and varieties. The birds are singing early in the morning through the end of the day. The frogs are serenading all of us, especially in the evening twilight. What a delightful time to come to Christ in the Wilderness to experience quiet and solitude! We have opening in the summer months. Check your schedule and re-

serve some time away.

Planet Green Recycling Program

Recycle for CITW

The Congregation of St. Joseph, who owns CITW, has as one of its Generous Promises:

We, the Congregation of St. Joseph, promise to recognize the reality that Earth is dying, to claim our oneness with Earth and to take steps now to strengthen, heal and renew the face of Earth.

Christ in the Wilderness, in our efforts to support renewing the face of Earth and to also raise funds to support our retreat center has signed up for an ewaste recycling program through Planet Green.

We've just kicked off this amazing fundraising program for Christ in the Wilderness. This fundraising effort will help us support our retreat ministry, and we can always use your help.

This program is really simple and even better... it's free! All you have to do is GO GREEN and recycle old printer cartridges and small electronics.

When you do, Christ in the Wilderness receives a check!

How to get started:

Sign up as a participant at <https://planetgreenrecycle.com/citwretreat>.

Collect old printer ink cartridges, cell phones, and small electronics into any old cardboard box.

Send the box on its way, using a free

shipping label you can print from <https://planetgreenrecycle.com/citwretreat>.

Simple, right? We hope we can count on your help. You can collect items from family, friends, coworkers or put up a collection box somewhere for us. Once you have 20 items you can print out a postage free label at Planet Green and send the box in. We will receive credit for your recycling. If you visit CITW for retreat, you can bring your items here and I will take care of sending them in to Planet Green.

What type of items are accepted for recycling?

Here is a list of the items accepted by Planet Green Recycle

- Inkjet Cartridges
- Cell Phones/Pagers & Accessories
- GPS & Radar Detectors
- Mobile Hot Spots
- Calculators
- eBook Readers
- iPods/MP3 Players
- Digital/Video Cameras
- PDAs
- iPads/Tablets
- Video Game Consoles & Handhelds
- Video Games & Accessories

Laser/Toner Cartridges (Please Note, pre-paid shipping labels cannot be used to ship these items)



Have you thought of remembering us?

- When you are making your will and are thinking about charitable bequests, have you ever thought about including Christ in the Wilderness? This would help us immensely in the future as we might continue our retreat ministry.
- Our legal title and address are Christ in the Wilderness, 7500 S. Randecker Road Stockton, IL 61085 -8922 We are a not-for-profit 501(c)(3).