

West Africa Congregation Retreat for Brothers

The first and principal duty of all religious is to be the contemplation of things divine and constant union with God in prayer....They are faithfully to observe the period of annual retreat.

(Code of Canon Law: Canon 663, #1 & #5).

The CLT, in collaboration with the two Province Leadership Teams, have organised retreats for both the Anglo-Irish and the West Africa Provinces in July/August and November this year. The details of the retreat are as follows:

West Africa Province:

Date: July 29 – August 4, 2018
Venue: Diocesan Retreat Centre, Sunyani
Led By: Fr. Ronald J. Mc Ainsh, C.Ss.R
Theme: “Pilgrim Brothers with the Compassionate Christ”

Daily themes: (these are just guides for the retreat director):

- Day one: The white heat of the Father’s love. Jesus the manifestation of this love.
- Day two: Impediments to this love and how we heal them.
- Day three: Our response to this love in celibacy and sexuality.
- Day four: Living this love in community and as Brothers. Simplicity of life and accepting our role as co-responsible leaders.
- Day Five: The challenges and pain of human living and the danger of compromise.
- Day Six: Sustaining the life through prayer and with the help of Our Lady.

We shall also reflect on the danger of being indifferent, the way we are settling into a mediocre middle-age, and then look at the wider issues in the Church in terms of the eschatological dimension which will include the support of our Lady, Edmund Rice and the saints.

The journey will be paced and gentle, and Fr. Ronnie will be available for chats, reconciliation, advice and encouragement..

Draft Timetable:

Sunday, July 29th:
4:00 pm Arrival
6:00 pm Supper
7:30 pm Opening session

Monday, July 30th – Saturday, August 4th

7:00 am Breakfast:

8:30 am Morning prayer

9:00 am First session

12:00 Noon Eucharist

1:00 pm Lunch

3:00 - 4:30 pm Available for chats, reconciliation, advice and encouragement

4:30 pm Second session

6:00 pm Supper

7:30 pm Adoration

8:00-9:00 pm Available for chats, reconciliation, advice and encouragement

About Fr. Ronald McAnish, C.Ss.R:

Fr. Ronald McAnish C.Ss.R is a Redemptorist priest. He is the Provincial of the London Province. He is an experienced preacher of retreats to religious. He is also a Chapter facilitator, a former formator and an experienced counsellor.