

## A MESSAGE... FOR SATURDAY MORNING REMOTE RETREAT PARTICIPANTS



## **Dear Saturday Morning Remote Retreat Members:**

Thank you for joining us every Saturday morning since March 28, 2020 for our Emmaus Ministry Half-Hour Remote Retreats via email.

Pre-Covid, we were traveling all over the United States helping dioceses adopt the ministry in their areas. Overnight, as you know, everything changed. We had to do something! Consequently, that same week more than 100 of us began meeting virtually every Saturday morning for Half-Hour Emmaus Ministry Remote Retreats.

Though they are very low-tech, they are particularly powerful for many of us. We have received much peace and comfort by joining together or by praying the retreats on our own at different times. In March of 2020, we promised to continue them until we are once again able to offer in-person retreats.

We are very happy to report that our first in-person retreat of this year will be offered on August 13, 2021 in Carver, MA!

## CONSEQUENTLY, AFTER 70 WEEKS OF SATURDAY MORNING REMOTE RETREATS, OUR LAST SATURDAY MORNING RETREAT WILL BE ON JULY 31, 2021.

Some of you who registered to receive these retreats may have been with us every single Saturday; some of you only sporadically; and some of you, not at all. We have no way of knowing how many of you are actually using these retreats—or how effective they are. We only know that we answered the call of the Holy Spirit to provide programs virtually.

If you have been with us every week, we hope this change does not cause any hardship for you. <u>Know that all</u> <u>70 of the retreats will always remain available to you via our website at this address</u>. You can access any of them at any time. Parents have told us that they often go back and "do" the retreats more than once.

Also, we strongly encourage you to join us at any of our in-person retreats. <u>Keep checking our website for the</u> <u>latest updates on upcoming retreats in your area.</u> We hope to be adding others soon. (If you'd like to spearhead the effort in bringing this ministry to your area, no matter where you are, please call Diane at 800-919-9332)

Again, thank you all for your spiritual support in joining together virtually every Saturday for more than a year. The pandemic was not all bad! We look forward to continuing our connection with you in even better ways in the future. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

Love and prayers, Diane