

"PRAYING WITH CHRISTIAN MYSTICS"

Sacred Hearts Retreat Center
226 Great Neck Road
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Time: Coffee 9:30 AM **Circle:** 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM **Cost:** \$25

Facilitator: Sr. Cynthia Bauer, OP, Dominican Sister of Hope, Certified Chaplain for Hospital/Hospice, Certified for Bereavement Support Groups and Spiritual Direction

APRIL 18

Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) produced an extraordinary series of nearly 400 letters on spiritual education and the public affairs of the Church and served as an advisor to Pope Gregory XI and his successor, Urban VI. Catherine is also the author of the *Dialogue* and a Doctor of the Church.

MAY 16

Julian of Norwich (c. 8 November 1342 – c. 1416) was an English anchoress and an important Christian mystic and theologian. Her *Revelations of Divine Love*, written around 1395, is the first book in the English language known to have been written by a woman.

JUNE 20

Meister Johann Eckhart (c. 1260-1327), Dominican theologian and Rhineland mystic, a Master of Sacred Theology at Paris in 1302. He was at various times a provincial in the Dominican Order, a professor of theology and a renowned preacher and spiritual director.

SEPTEMBER 19

A Carmelite nun who joined the convent at the young age of fifteen, **Saint Therese of Lisieux** (2 January 1873 – 30 September 1897), lived a cloistered life of obscurity. Though she preferred hidden sacrifice during her short life, her words, her legacy, and her 'little way' has made her one of the more popular saints of today.

OCTOBER 17

Saint Teresa of Avila, (28 March 1515 – 4 October 1582) a 16th-century Carmelite nun and Doctor of the Church, withstood tremendous opposition to revive the primitive monastic rule and conditions of poverty, hardship and solitude for religious life.

NOVEMBER 7

Saint John of the Cross (Spanish: San Juan de la Cruz; 1542 – 14 December 1591) was a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, a Spanish mystic, a Roman Catholic saint, a Carmelite friar and a priest, is known as the Doctor of Mystical Theology. The central theme of his mysticism is that through a life of pure faith and love of God, the soul may attain union with the Divine.



Sister Cynthia Bauer, OP

A Dominican Sister of Hope, Sr. Cynthia, is also a Board Certified Chaplain for Hospital and Hospice ministry, and Certified for Bereavement Support Groups and for Spiritual Direction.

For thirty-eight years sister was a nun in a Dominican Monastery, a contemplative community. In 2000 she transferred to an active Dominican congregation.

Sister was Director of Pastoral Care in Sacred Heart Home in New Bedford, Campus Minister at Bristol Community College, Hospice Chaplain in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, followed by Hospital Chaplaincy in Morton Hospital in Taunton and more recently St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. In between she has been offering Bereavement Support Groups and Spiritual Direction.

Sister Cynthia received her BA and MA in Theology at Providence College. She also received her Certification for Spiritual Direction at Our Lady of Peace Center, Narragansett, RI. Her Certificate in Thanatology was given at Mt Ida College in Newton, MA.

You are warmly invited to come to Sacred Hearts Retreat Center where sister is presently ministering and offering spiritual enrichment programs.

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