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Dear Friends,

The Lord is Risen. Alleluias ring out. Liturgically we celebrate Easter for 8 days. Happy Easter again.

Here at the Retreat Center we had a wonderful Triduum Retreat from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday morning. The Seder, on Holy Thursday evening, was led by Joel and Rachael Kaplan who have made this an annual tradition. It sets the tone for all that follows. Thank you, Rachael and Joel. Fr. Columban Crotty, ss.cc. led the group in reflections and the liturgical celebrations. All went superbly well. It was truly a blessing for all who participated.

Tickets still available for the **Stowe-Good fundraising concert**.

In case you need more flyers I have attached one here. All the info is on it.

You can call me and I can mail tickets to you or I will hold them for you at the door.

Bring lots of friends. The proceeds go to support the retreat center.

**Congratulations to the winners of the Support Team raffle:**

**April:** Robert and Mary Ferris; Eleanor Evans, and Alexander Whiteside

**Simply Recovery:** The Simply Recovery weekend retreat from April 27-29 still has openings available. If your usual recovery retreat filled up before you had a chance to register, here is your opportunity. To get more information or to register call Kate at: 978-866-3049

**From the Community Garden Coordinator**

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce the creation of a community garden at the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center. The Retreat Center is open to people of all faiths, offering retreats to both adults and youth that deeply nourish their spirituality in a changing and challenging world.

Volunteers will share in the work, hope, and joy of assisting nature to grow beautiful, healthy food. Produce will be enjoyed by the community and shared with retreat attendees and nearby needy families.

Although we love watching the abundant deer here, the garden will need to be fenced in to survive.

We are asking you to consider volunteering, doing initial rototilling, (anybody have a tractor?) donating fencing materials, plants etc. to make our garden a success. The Retreat Center is a non profit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Thank you very much for considering our request.

Very truly yours,

Paulajean O'Neill

Sacred Hearts Retreat Center Community Garden Coordinator

Paulajean is literally our new next door neighbor. She is a wonderful, energetic woman who loves nature and the retreat center. Great combination! She has agreed to be the coordinator for this new garden project. A few people have agreed to help... how about you?

Happy Spring!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Claire".

Sr. Claire Bouchard, ss.cc.

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