

The N.E.W. Koinonia News

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HOLY MOMENTS

Dear Koinonia Sisters and Brothers,

I recently heard a song by an artist new to me. His name is Matt Redman and the song that touched my heart and keeps running through my mind is called Holy Moments. Combining this music with Matthew Kelly's writings on Holy Moments brought me to a very powerful and special realization. To quote Kelly, "A Holy Moment is when you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to him ... you simply do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do in that moment."

During Lent I am committed to seeking and living these calls from God, and letting myself be led wherever they may take me. How does this resonate with you? Have you heard God's call today, experienced a Holy Moment? For me this is tied closely to the Koinonia mission statement: *"Calling adults to celebrate the Paschal Mystery in community."*

As we prepare to continue sharing our love of Christ and fulfilling our mission to share the Koinonia experience, we ask God to bless our efforts as we look forward to the 2020 retreats. **You** are a very important member of this organization.

Please accept the call to offer **your** unique gifts to the candidates and to your Koinonia brothers and sisters at **Koinonia #54.**

May 15-17 at St. Joseph Parish in Amery

Planning Meeting: April 18, 2020 11 AM to 3 PM

Prayer Gathering: May 31, 2020 11:30 AM to 3 PM (Mass at St. Joseph at 10:30 AM)

May God bless you! I look forward to sharing a retreat with you soon.

Your sister in Christ,

Bluette



"Service"

From Deacon. Craig

Happy Lent Dear Koinonians, It has been a while since we gathered at St. Anthony's in Tony for a Day Retreat. The Theme of that retreat was "Service" and we used the actions of Jesus in the Gospels to model for us how we need to look at service in our retreats, our parishes and our communities. Often we fall back on the "WWJD" or "What Would Jesus Do?" to help us form our decision making. But we can go directly to Scripture and see what we need to do to serve others and more



extraordinary, to show others how to serve. To show , not to just tell others how to serve, is the key to Jesus' examples. Often we get caught up in the four "C's" of Comfort, Convenience, Cleanliness, and Correctness, without realizing that those boundaries have killed many good intentions. Jesus went beyond those boundaries, He

touched the unclean, he healed the sick, often with no regards to time and place. Jesus traveled to the people who needed him most and did not have a place of his own to hide in. Jesus served God's children and invites us to do the same. Thank you to all who made the January Day Retreat. As always, it is a great joy to gather as Koinonians. Thank you to those who could not attend yet kept us in your prayers. Have a great Lent and an awesome Easter! God Bless,
Deacon Craig

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