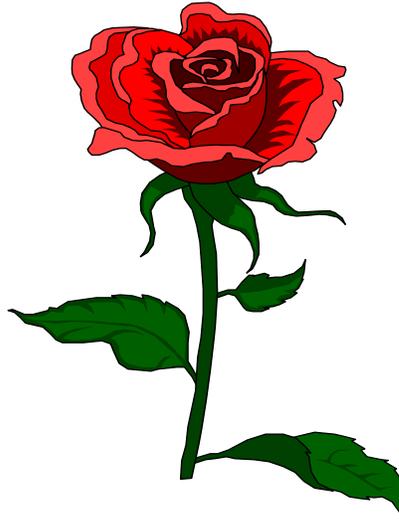


DEMONTREVILLE RETREAT WEEKEND



The Rose Blooms again

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Focus: To enter into the joy of the resurrection of Jesus. The culmination of the Paschal Mystery. (Exercises of the “Fourth Week”)

To Know Christ (and how to be a disciple) in his resurrection
To fall in love with Jesus as he serves us in the paschal mystery
To follow him as a disciple in bringing Christ into our world

How to pray the mysteries of the resurrection:

- 1. The Lord of Life invites now to a time of celebrating.**
- 2. What I want now: I ask God for the gift to feel glad and to rejoice intensely because Jesus Christ is risen in exaltation and in great power and glory.**
- 3. Looking foreword: Think of ways that I can “sacramentalize” the experience here at Demontreville. Something simple like being especially (but quietly) caring to a loved one; some sign of the blessings received (and now passed on to others).**

I Praise you for this Resurrection Madness

Lord of such amazing surprises
 As put a catch in my breath
 And wings on my heart
I praise you for this joy,
 Too great for words,
 But not for tears and songs and
Sharing:
For mercy
 That blots out my betrayals
 And bids me begin again,
 And to limp on,
 To hop-skip-and-jump on,
 To mend what is broken
 In and around me
 And to forgive the breakers;

For this YES
 To life and laughter,
 To love and lovers,
 And to my unwinding self;

For this Kingdom
 Unleashed in me and I in it forever
 And no dead ends to growing,
 To choices,
 To chances
 To calls to be just
 No dead ends to living,
 To making peace
 To dreaming dreams,
 To being glad of heart;

For this resurrection madness
 Which is wiser and I
 In which I see
 How great you are,
 How full of grace,

Alleluia!

Ted Loder, *Guerillas of Grace*, p. 123