

2012 Retreats with the

# *Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia*

Retreats for single, Catholic women ages 18-35

## Encountering Christ Retreats

24-26 February  
19-21 October

## Vocation Retreats

20-22 April  
21-23 September

*For more information or to register,  
contact the Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).*



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### **Who can attend these retreats?**

The retreats are for single, Catholic women, ages 18-35. They are designed to offer spiritual refreshment and vocation discernment.

### **What types of retreats are offered?**

**Encountering Christ Retreats:** Retreatants join in community prayers with the sisters and have time for private prayer. Retreat conferences focus on a general topic within the life of the Church, offering spiritual insight for those who seek to grow in their relationship with the Lord. Reception of the sacraments and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available. There are also opportunities for retreatants to speak with the sisters and to meet others who have an earnest desire for God.

#### **Encountering Christ Retreat Dates:**

24-26 February 2012  
19-21 October 2012

**Vocation Retreats:** These weekend retreats are designed for those who are discerning a vocation to religious life. Young women explore the life and charism of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, attending conferences on Dominican spirituality, religious life, and discernment. Our guests pray the Divine Office with us and join in community prayers. Times for adoration, silence, and reception of the sacraments are available. While on retreat, the sisters are available for further spiritual guidance and discussion.

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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. CECILIA

39 Regent Street Regents Park, NSW 2143

[www.nashvilledominican.org](http://www.nashvilledominican.org)

Before registering for the vocation retreat, a discussion with our Vocation Director is required. Please note that our convent can accommodate eight retreatants for the weekend.

## ***Where will the retreats be held?***

### **Encountering Christ Retreats:**

The Hermitage (<http://www.thehermitage.org.au/index.html>)

Old South Road

Mittagong, NSW 2575

*Accommodations: The Marists are pleased to offer single or shared rooms in the newly renovated retreat wing.*

### **Vocation Retreats:**

These retreats are held at our convent and we can accommodate eight retreatants.

Saint Joseph's Convent

39 Regent Street

Regents Park, NSW 2143

## ***What is needed on the retreat?***

For both the *Encountering Christ Retreat* and the *Vocation Retreat*, you are encouraged to bring a Bible, spiritual reading book, chapel attire, casual clothes for outdoor activities, runners, and whatever else is needed for overnight stays. Spiritual reading books will be available if needed. All meals are covered in the registration fee. Linens and towels are provided.

## ***When does the retreat begin and end?***

**Encountering Christ Retreat:** We ask that you plan to arrive between 4:00-4:45pm on Friday, the first day of the retreat. This will allow time to find your room and get situated. An opening conference will begin at 4:45pm, followed by Vespers (Evening Prayer), the Rosary, and then dinner. The retreat concludes with lunch on the last day, approximately 1:30pm.

**Vocation Retreat:** We ask that you plan to arrive around 3:30-4:15pm on Friday, the first day of the retreat. This will allow time to find your room and get situated. An opening conference will begin at 4:30pm, followed by Vespers (Evening Prayer), the Rosary, and then dinner. The retreat concludes with lunch on the last day, approximately 1:30pm.

## ***What about transportation needs?***

### **Encountering Christ Retreat**

**By car:** Those attending this retreat are most welcome to drive. Parking is available at the retreat centre adjacent to the front entrance of LaValla. [Click here](#) for a map to The Hermitage.

**By train:** The Hermitage is closest to the Mittagong train station and about a 2 hour train ride from Sydney's Central station via the Southern Highlands Line. Arrangements can be made to pick you up at a designated time at the Mittagong train station.

**By plane:** The Hermitage is about an hour drive from the Sydney airport. Because of the distance, we will designate one pick up time on Friday for retreatants flying into Sydney who need transportation to the retreat centre. If you are flying, please arrange for a flight that arrives into Sydney before 1pm.

### **Vocation Retreat**

**By Car:** For those attending this retreat, you are welcome to drive. Parking is available on the street in front of the convent or there is a carpark located between the convent and St. Peter Chanel Primary School.

**By train:** The closest train station to the convent is Regents Park. Please let us know when your train arrives and we will pick you up from the station.

**By plane:** If you are flying into Sydney for this retreat, we are happy to pick you up from the airport. Please plan to arrive on Friday before 2:30pm.

## ***What is the cost of the retreat?***

**Encountering Christ Retreats** at *The Hermitage*: \$220.00 (A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to register for this retreat.)

**Vocation Retreats** at *St. Joseph Convent*: \$65.00

Please let us know if you need financial assistance in order to attend these retreats.

## ***How do I pay for the retreat?***

If you are registering for an *Encountering Christ Retreat*, a non-refundable advance payment of \$50 is required. You may bring the remainder of the fee with you when you attend the retreat or you can pay in full up front. If you are attending the *Vocation Retreat*, you may bring the full fee with you or you are welcome to pay in full up front. You can pay with cash, by cheque (payable to the Dominican Sisters), or by online transfer. If you wish to pay via an online transfer, please let us know and we will provide you with the appropriate information.

Donations to help with the administrative costs and financial assistance for retreatants are welcome.

## ***How do I register for a retreat?***

To register for a retreat, please contact the Sisters via e-mail at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).

***“Come and you will see...”***  
***(John 1:39)***



### ***Contact us:***

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