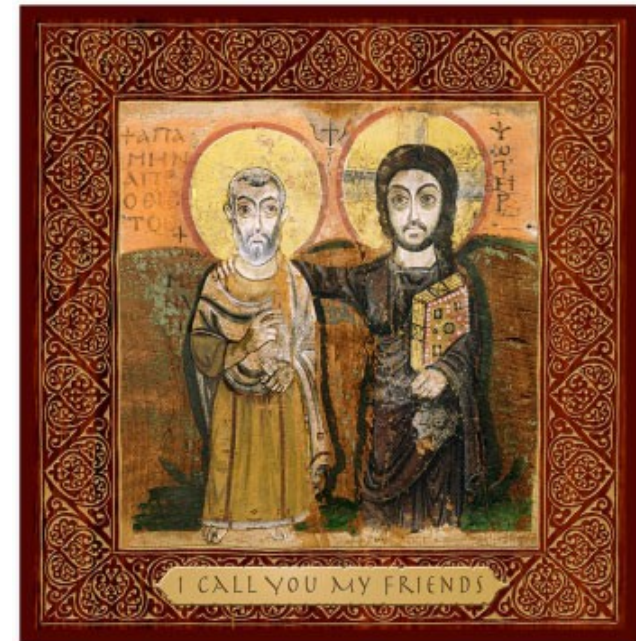


# ***SANCTUS...***

***...EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF  
GOD'S MERCY***

**APRIL 22, 2017**



Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

*Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.*

## **Testimonials:**

- Chance to grow/rekindle faith.
- There is no greater way to reach others than sharing our own personal journeys of faith. Come and see what God has in store for you.
- The Sanctus retreat covers a lot of ground in one day. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and highly recommend it.
- Like having my battery charged.
- You could feel the Holy Spirit there.
- Through the testimonials heard, I learned more about myself and how my spiritual background has played a part in my current life.
- The Sanctus retreat is a great opportunity to strengthen your faith and gain insight into the faith of fellow parishioners.

## **What if I am not Catholic?**

As our sign at the corner says, St. John Fisher is  
"A Catholic community for all!"

You are welcome at any of our gatherings and offerings throughout the year.

If you desire to know more about Jesus, the *Sanctus* retreat is a fine place to start. It is not limited to Catholic parishioners but is open to anyone who is interested in attending.

If you would like to explore a relationship with Jesus in a more intimate setting, Sanctus is for you.

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## What is "Sanctus"?

*Sanctus* is a one-day retreat in which you have time away from the busyness of life to reconnect with God, with faith, with others seeking that which makes us truly happy.



Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things but carrying out daily things in an extraordinary way—with love, joy and faith.  
-Pope Francis

But you are merciful to all, for you can do all things, and you overlook men's sins, that they may repent. For you love all things that exist, and you loathe none of the things which you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it.  
-Wisdom 11:23-24

## Icon— I Call You My Friends

7th century Coptic icon. Presents Christ in a unique light; not as king, teacher, or even beloved, but as our friend. Holding the books of the Gospels, Jesus rests His arm on the shoulder of St. Mina, a Coptic ascetic and martyr of the third century. The original icon is at the Louvre in Paris.

Scriptural Reference—John 15:9-17

## What does *Sanctus* mean?

*Sanctus* is a Latin word that means "holy." We are all called to be holy, to holiness. Living a holy life means living out Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us.

During the retreat, you will have time to explore what holiness and mercy means for you and others in your everyday life. These retreats are open to all adults.

The following questions will be considered:

- *Have you ever wondered whether your life journey was leading you to true happiness?*
- *Have you ever experienced the power of God's mercy?*
- *Have you ever thought you would like to connect more with the spirit of the Risen Christ?*
- *Have you ever been called to die to self in order to serve another?*
- *Have you ever wished you could learn how to live your faith more fully?*
- *What are the highlights and challenges with my own journey of faith?*
- *How has God touched me during my lifetime up to this point?*
- *How can we live with "holiness for life"?*
- *Have you thought of reconciliation as an exercise of God's mercy?*
- *How have your expectations with regard to reconciliation been affected by the Year of Mercy?*

Retreatants share how they try to live out the call to holiness in their everyday lives: successes, failures, fears, as well as the joyful moments that come with life!

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All are welcome to come! We begin in the Auditorium with continental breakfast at 8:30 am. Lunch is provided. Team members and attendees are encouraged to attend the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass together.

Currently we offer two retreats per year. The retreats are held onsite at St. John Fisher Parish.

The upcoming Sanctus retreats for 2017-2018 are:

October 28, 2017  
April 21, 2018

## PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR THE SANCTUS RETREAT!

Check one box:     October 28, 2017     April 21, 2018

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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