

Pentecost Weekend May 19,20

Morning or Evening of Recollection with Father Joseph Serano, a Norbertine priest from Daylesford Abbey. Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA., just outside of Philadelphia.

The Spirit who makes God a 'we' is also the one who makes us a 'church'

Description: Commenting on the prayer of Jesus, "Father may my disciples be one as we are one", Saint Augustine read this text as a promise to send us the Holy Spirit. For, Augustine saw the Spirit as the "bond" between the Father and the Son. So, when Jesus promised to send us that same Spirit, He gave us a glimpse into what makes the church a church, not just a group of isolated individuals who share a set of common beliefs but a genuine community-What Paul would call "one body with many parts". In short, it's all about unity-but not just any kind of unity. On the first Pentecost "everyone understood Peter's preaching, despite their many different languages", which is the perfect image of a "unity without uniformity". Fr. Joseph Serano will develop these ideas even as he allows ample time for questions and sharing.

Bio: For 25 years, Fr. Serano has taught theology at St. Joseph's University, located in the Philadelphia suburb of Merion Station. He has given many retreats and days of recollection within the Richmond diocese.

Date: Saturday, May 19 ~ 10:00 a.m to Noon. The same presentation will be offered on Sunday evening, May 20~5:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m. Father will also be preaching at all the Masses that weekend.