

ECCLESIA DOMESTICA

WHO ARE WE?

Ecclesia Domestica is a Latin phrase which signifies "The Domestic Church" or "the church in the home". The Christian family is the first cell of the life of the Universal Church! Our mission is to facilitate retreats where you can celebrate the Sacraments, such as the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. Join with other men in prayer such as the Most Holy Rosary, Angelus, Liturgy of the Hours, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Grow in faith through large group and small group sessions, and have ample time for individual prayer and reflection. Additionally, each retreatant is offered private spiritual direction with a priest or deacon. These features all come together to form a wonderful opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith!



"Jesus permits the spiritual combat as a purification, not as a punishment. The trial is not unto death but unto salvation."
— St. Padre Pio

ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE!



"MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE ANGELS, WHO THOUGH INVISIBLE ARE ALWAYS WITH YOU. OFTEN INVOKE THEM, CONSTANTLY PRAISE THEM, AND MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR HELP AND ASSISTANCE IN ALL YOUR TEMPORAL AND SPIRITUAL AFFAIRS."

- ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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BASIC TRAINING FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

AN ECCLESIA DOMESTICA RETREAT

When: MARCH 14-16, 2025
Registration starts 8:30am Friday
First talk 9:30am
Ends about noon Sunday

Where: Sisters of St. Francis Retreat & Conference Center
102 6th Street South East
Hankinson, ND

Cost: \$300 - Includes accommodations & meals
\$200 - Students rate

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SCAN TO REGISTER

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FOR OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT WITH FLESH AND BLOOD BUT WITH THE PRINCIPALITIES, WITH THE POWERS, WITH THE WORLD RULERS OF THIS PRESENT DARKNESS, WITH THE EVIL SPIRITS IN THE HEAVENS. - EPH 6:12

YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO JOIN US FOR A THREE-DAY RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC MEN



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SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
RETREAT & CONFERENCE
CENTER
HANKINSON, ND

SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS REAL



"Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent, the devil, is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

- 1 Peter 5:8

The words of St. Peter to those early Christians make it clear that the enemy is looking to utterly destroy our lives. We battle Satan every single day. We fight against the bondage of sin and addiction; we fight off the temptation to fall into despair. Not only is he attacking us, but he is going after our families, our friends, and our Church. In these days of trial, we are the soldiers on the frontlines, we are the warriors in the fight against evil. Are you ready for the fight?

Like soldiers under siege, we can become weary of the daily fight. The devil will whisper that we aren't strong enough, make us feel isolated and alone, abandoned by God, left to our own devices. Nothing could be further from the truth! Legions of angels fight



by our side, and we stand side by side with every Christian in the world. As St. Peter said, "Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings."

Soldiers must train for battle, sharpen their skills and maintain their readiness. Our shield is faith, our sword is prayer, but do you know how to effectively use these weapons? Join us and learn how to employ these weapons in our daily battle against the enemy. Learn how to build a life of prayer, to stay strong and alert, always ready for the next attack. Learn the tactics of the devil, so his cunning won't take you by surprise. Put on the full armor of God, and follow Jesus Christ, the Lion of Judah, into battle.



WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS RETREAT

EUCHARIST

Since the Eucharist is the pinnacle of all the sacraments; we celebrate the Holy Mass daily while on retreat.

LARGE GROUP

Our large group sessions are designed for Praise & Worship, prayer, teaching and testimonies.

SMALL GROUP

Our small groups are designed for a more intimate approach in sharing and in prayer.

MEALS

Breaking bread together fosters a spirit of brotherhood and family. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided, as well as overnight accommodation. Bring snacks to share.

EXPERIENCE THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER

Saturday evening is devoted to Prayer Ministry. This is an opportunity for you to experience firsthand the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Whether you are in need of spiritual, emotional or physical

healing, our prayer teams will help you unlock the power of the holy name of Jesus. With healing and deliverance comes true freedom, allowing you to open yourself to the Lord in new and profound ways, and truly come alive in Jesus Christ.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Retreatants will have an opportunity for private spiritual direction with a Priest or Deacon while on the retreat.

CONFESSION

It is recommended you receive the sacrament before you arrive for the retreat. Our Priests will be available to hear confessions throughout the weekend.

ROSARY

We will pray the Rosary daily.

ADORATION

There will be perpetual adoration throughout the Retreat. This will give you the opportunity to sit with our Lord.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Ecclesia Domestica Retreats

January 31 - February 2, 2025

*Women's Retreat
Franciscan Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND*

March 14 - 16, 2025

*Men's Retreat
Franciscan Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND*

May 30 - June 1, 2025

*Women's Retreat
Abbey of the Hills - Marvin, SD*

September 2025 (TBD)

*Tentative Retreat
Central MN TEC Center - Little Falls, MN*