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Register now for these upcoming events:

“Leading Like Jesus” Encounter Session with Fr. Kent Hemberger, Blake Wells and Tami Gates, Tuesday, July 13, 2010. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

SUMMER THEOLOGY INSTITUTE: *Caritas in Veritate* “Charity in Truth”, July 15-17, 2010. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

RETREAT: “My Angel Will Go Before You,” with Fr. Jarrod Lies, July 30-August 1, 2010. [Click here for a description and registration information. Click here to learn more and register.](#)

RETREAT: “The Kingdom of God: Destination of Our Pilgrim Journey of Faith,” with Fr. John Lanzrath, August 27-29, 2010. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

[Click here to go to the Calendar of Events page of the Center’s web site](#) for more about all Spiritual Life Center offerings.

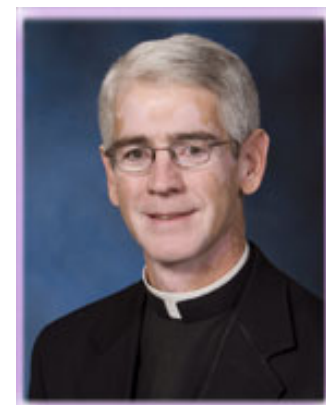
Message from the Director by Father Kent Hemberger

May 2010

We rejoice and give thanks to God in this beautiful month of May. With so many activities going on in our city and families during May, it is difficult for us to schedule events for groups. However, these next couple of months can be a great time for Private and Directed Retreats. The Spiritual Life Center is quieter with the focus being more on retreats for priests and religious in June. May and June also are great times to be able to take advantage of the beautiful grounds here at the Spiritual Life Center. I am not scheduling a single week for directed retreats, but am instead making myself available as much as possible to fit your schedule if you would like a directed retreat. Just call and schedule a retreat for yourself that can last a few days or a week.

We do have some events planned later in the summer, with a second “Lead Like Jesus” encounter in July and two retreats given by Fr. Jarrod Lies and Fr. John Lanzrath later in the summer. I expect some of these retreats to fill up so you may want to make your reservation early. Check our calendar below.

In Christ,





Rev. Kent Hemberger, Director

Our Recent Guests

Many of you know the Spiritual Life Center to be a place for retreats, adult education programs and other Catholic events. But you may not know that the Center serves as host for a wide variety of groups and functions. Here is a short list of our guests for the month of April, followed by some of the groups and events we will host during May. It is our hope you will suggest the Center as an event destination for church and other non-profit groups and organizations you may know about.

Some of the Spiritual Life Center guests in April included: Confirmation retreat for St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (McConnell AFB), Engaged Encounter, Catholic Bishops from Kansas and other dioceses, Alternative Gifts International, Serra Club, Missionary Catechists of the Poor, Good Leaders, Good Shepherds (priests from the Diocese of Wichita), KU Medical Center, South Central Kansas Library System, Via Christi Health System Executive Retreat, East Heights United Methodist Church women's retreat, and many others!

Some of the Spiritual Life Center guests we expect in May include: Tobacco Free Kansas Youth Retreat, Pastors and Principals from Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese of Wichita, Ecumenical Order of Charity, Serra Club, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Wichita) Curso Pedro Retreat, Good Leaders, Good Shepherds (priests of the Diocese of Wichita), Discalced Carmelite Nuns and Friars from throughout the United States.

"First Wednesday" Eucharistic Adoration at the Center: May 5

Please come and spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament here at the Center on Wednesday, May 5. We shall expose the Eucharist beginning at noon and continue until 8 p.m. You may call the front desk to designate a time you will be here, or just come.



You may also contact SLC Volunteer Coordinator Tami Gates at tgates@slcwichita.org.

Spring Cleaning Review at the Center



Many thanks to members of the Engaged Encounter leadership team who joined us for a special Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 17. As you know, the beautification of the grounds is an enormous task. Our staff works very hard, but we cannot accomplish this without the help of our many fine volunteers. We accomplished quite a lot and enjoyed a nice lunch. Thanks also to those who “just came” and pitched in!

We are also seeking groups and organizations to assist us with grounds beautification and maintenance throughout the season until next winter comes.

Can you help?

This is a great opportunity for service hours for Catholic high school students. We encourage you to call or send Tami Gates an email at tgates@slcwichita.org. Tami can let you know what our specific needs might be and how you or your group can help. Being a Spiritual Life Center volunteer has its privileges, including discounts on books and programs.

Thank you!!!



Leading Like Jesus

Lay leadership development is one of the core missions of the Spiritual Life Center. In keeping with this mission, the Center hosted the first ever “Leading Like Jesus Encounter” on Tuesday, April 20. More than 40 people joined us for the day-long training that teaches leaders of all shapes and sizes to follow the example of Jesus, who was the ultimate Servant-Shepherd-Steward.

We were particularly fortunate to have here with us Owen Phelps, Ph.D., author of the book “Leading Like Jesus” who led the group through the day. Owen passes along the following note regarding his experience here.

“I’ve presented many Encounters, but the one in Wichita was really special. First, I have never had the benefit of facilities better suited to a profound but pleasant learning experience than those at the Spiritual Life Center. The leaders and members of the Wichita Diocese are to be congratulated for providing themselves with such a wonderful place for personal and spiritual growth. But even more impressive than the facilities were the staff members at the Spiritual Life Center. Under the leadership of Father Kent Hemberger, they were prepared for every contingency and handled every request efficiently with warmth and kindness.

In a way unique in all the church, staff members at the Spiritual Life Center are leading the way in helping people in every walk of life learn to lead like Jesus in their homes, their workplaces, their parishes and their communities. This speaks volumes of their vision and commitment to serve, and I feel blessed just to play a small part of this amazing process.” --Owen Phelps

A training session for those who wish to be “Leading Like Jesus” instructors was held the following day. As a result, we now have a solid core of trainers who will be presenting the Encounter session again here soon—in July, then as part of a four-part series in September, and again with an all-day session in November (**see [Calendar of Events](#) for registration**)



details).

We encourage you to join us for an Encounter. The “Leading Like Jesus” book is available in the Spiritual Life Center Book Store.



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