

# Advent Retreat & Day of Reflection

Join us during this Advent Season for an opportunity to prayerfully and spiritually prepare for the remembrance of the Incarnation and Christ's birth. Join us Friday evening to celebrate the mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, followed by dinner, reflection and an opportunity for fellowship with other parish leaders. On Saturday, join us for the day as we contemplate the call to "Missionary Discipleship". This day's reflection will be led by Dr. JoAnn Paradise, National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor. Meals are included and overnight accommodations are available. For more information and registration go to <http://conta.cc/2yPnT6m>

## *Missionary Discipleship*

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes, "The heart of its (the church's) message will always be the same: God revealed his immense love in the crucified and risen Christ." Pope Francis invites us to be "missionary disciples," readily sharing the joy that comes from knowing that God loves us and has saved us.

Gather to explore how we can proclaim this joyful message of God's love to others in word and deed, from the heart of the Gospel and the depth of our Catholic tradition.

Dr. Jo Ann Paradise is the National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. Her thirty-three year background as a religious educator includes parish administration and teaching at the elementary, high school and college levels. She holds a B.S. in Education from Carlow University, an M.A. in Theology from Duquesne University, and a D. Min in Spiritual Direction from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, IN. Jo Ann lives in Pittsburgh, PA with her husband Don and extended family.



## Jubilee House Retreat & Conference Center

822 East Main Street, Abingdon VA 24210

### December 8th & 9th

Friday: 6 – 9 p.m. / Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Cost to Attend

\$5-\$25 depending on days and lodging; meals are included.

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