

About Us



We are a Byzantine Catholic monastic community of women in the Eparchy of Parma, founded in 2009, dedicated to a vigilant life of prayer and hospitality according to the traditions of the Christian East. Laying down our lives in imitation of the Bridegroom, we joyfully embrace the monastic virtues of poverty, chastity and

obedience. We participate in the dynamic love of the Trinity by sharing a life of prayer, work and recreation at our monastery. Meditating on Scripture, especially the Song of Songs, and immersing ourselves in a life of personal and liturgical prayer, we enter into a spousal relationship with Christ the Bridegroom. Looking to the Theotokos as our model, we open ourselves to the Divine life of the Holy Spirit, bearing forth fruit for the Church and the world. Our monastery provides a spiritual garden and a bridal chamber in which we draw others into this same life-giving relationship with Christ the Bridegroom.

Learn more about us on our website:
www.christthebridegroom.org



Annual Girls' Camp

Our Location

Christ the Bridegroom Monastery is located across the street from the Byzantine Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch in rural Geauga County, Ohio, in Amish Country. We are approximately 45 minutes east of Cleveland, Ohio, and 30 minutes west of Warren, Ohio.



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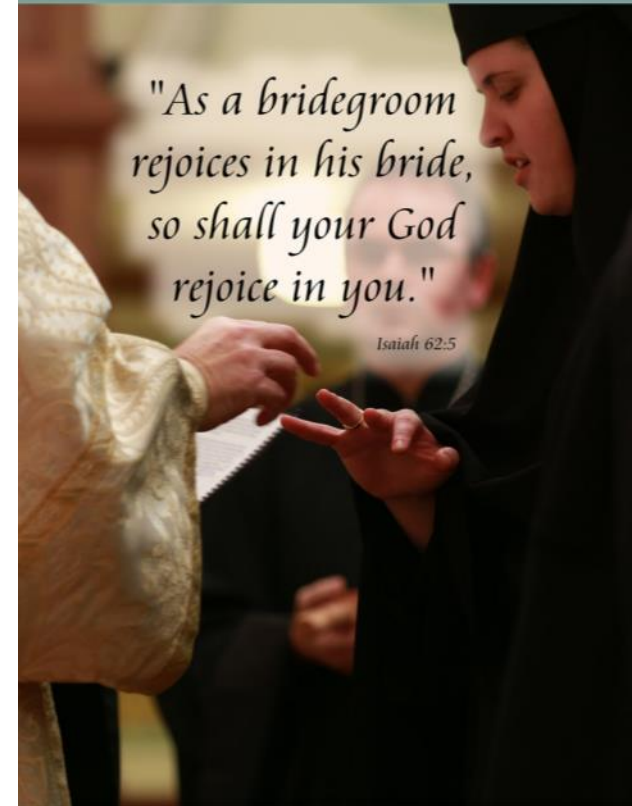


Discernment Retreat

October 12-15, 2017

"As a bridegroom
rejoices in his bride,
so shall your God
rejoice in you."

Isaiah 62:5



Christ the Bridegroom
Monastery
Burton, Ohio

Retreat

Who may attend?

Young, single Catholic women, ages 18-35, who would like to take a weekend to pray about a possible vocation to the monastic or religious life, are invited to inquire about attending this discernment retreat.

What will we do?

Experience the life of prayer at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, listen to talks on prayer and discernment, make use of the opportunity to get to know the nuns, receive healing through the Mystery of Holy Repentance (Confession) and take quiet time to pray about your vocation!

What if I'm older than 35?

Although this retreat is for women ages 18-35, single women older than 35 may inquire about discerning their vocation with our monastery on an individual basis. Please feel free to fill out the online *Vocation Inquiry Form* on our website.



Schedule

Thursday, October 12, 2017

3:30-4:30 Arrival
4:45 Jesus Prayer, Vespers
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Talk – “Monasticism: What & Why?”
(Mother Cecilia)
9:00 Compline, followed by silence

Friday, October 13, 2017

6:30 Jesus Prayer, Matins
8:00 “Poustinia morning”: Prayer, exercise,
breakfast on your own
12:00 6th Hour
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Talk—“Spiritual Motherhood”
(Mother Gabriella)
2:30 Reflection with Isaiah 54
3:00 Recreation
4:45 Jesus Prayer, Great Vespers
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Movie time: “Mysteries of the Jesus
Prayer” and discussion
9:00 Compline, followed by silence

Saturday, October 14, 2017

6:30 Jesus Prayer, Matins
8:00 Silence for prayer and exercise
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Talk—“Vocation Story” (Sr. Natalia)
11:00 Reflection with Isaiah 62
12:00 6th Hour
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Talk & Discussion time—Discernment
(Fr. Patrick Anderson)
3:00 Free Time
4:45 Jesus Prayer, Great Vespers

Schedule, cont.

6:00 Dinner
7:30 Mystery of Holy Repentance
(Confession), followed by social time

Sunday, October 15, 2017

7:00 Jesus Prayer, Matins
9:00 Personal prayer
9:30 Divine Liturgy
11:00 Brunch
12:00 Talk—“Christ the Bridegroom
Monastery” and wrap-up discussion
1:30 Departure

To Register

If you are interested in this retreat, or a future retreat or discernment opportunity...

1. Visit our website:
www.christthebridegroom.org
2. Click on this green button and fill out the online *Vocation Inquiry Form*

Vocation Inquiry Form

3. Mother Theodora will call you to talk about availability

Please fill out the form by September 29. Space is limited. There is no cost for the retreat. With questions, please contact us by phone or email.