

BEREAVEMENT RETREATS

with Fr. W. Demetri Belsito

Sunday, April 29 - Wednesday, May 2, 2018

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18)

Through this time together, with opportunity both for teaching and for mutual sharing, the group will consider:

- Death and its many faces; the phenomenology of loss
- The seemingly endless series of other ensuing losses; the complexity of Bereavement
- Human internal response to loss; the pain of Grief
- Human external response to loss; the panoply of Mourning
- What is the Christian response to loss and suffering?
- What is the gift of hope and healing for those who have lost someone they love?
- How does one heal by the grace of God and His love?
- How does one find strength in the midst of suffering?

The structure of the day will struggle to weave time together with time being alone; the group will be encouraged to share on all levels of experience, allowing for individual reticence and respecting the desire for mutuality. Doubts, fears, uncertainties, worries, questions... all are welcome, and all are pertinent to the group's quest.



Father W. Demetri Belsito is an ordained Deacon in the Greek Orthodox Diocese of North America. He graduated from the diaconate program at the Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts in 2009. Father Demetri obtained his master's degree in Social Work from the University of Connecticut School of Social Work in 1995 and obtained a PhD in 2016, also from the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. He is an LMSW (Licensed Master Social Worker) and is a Social Work Supervisor for the Department of Children and Families in Connecticut. He was a substance abuse counselor for six years and has worked in the field of child welfare at DCF since 1991. Fr. Demetri teaches at St Joseph's University in West Hartford and the School of Social Work at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. Fr. Demetri is the Director of Sunday School at Holy Trinity has taught many classes, workshops, and retreats for people of all ages. Father Demetri also gives talks on Orthodox Spirituality, Iconography, the Lives of the Saints, and the Fathers of The Church.

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Shared Room \$315 per person

Private Room \$405 per person

Three nights, the retreat check-in is at 7:00PM. Departure is at 1:00PM

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