

## WHY IS IT I WON'T GO TO A RETREAT?

As editor of Knights call and State Public Relations Chairman, I have had the privilege of participating in the planning of the Knights of Columbus State Retreat. I a recent planning session attended by SK Bill Duster, State Council Activities Chairman, Frank Humpherys and Sir Knight, Father Ed Knerk, S.J. We talked about personal spirituality and what it takes to get close to Jesus. During the discussion, Father Ed noted his amazement at the amount of time spent on our modern gadgets. Even at retreats where it is suggested we spend quiet time in meditation in order to establish our individual spirit with Jesus, we have observed texting, e-mailing and social networking on our cellphones. We seem to be unable to be break the habit, even temporarily. Father Ed commented that in the past, prior to personal technology, we were "forced" to spend time with ourselves, which allowed for contemplation and quiet meditation. Today, we can't seem to be away from our "hand held devices" long enough to gain serenity and a clear mind.

Most Catholic men joining the Knights of Columbus state that one reason for joining is to have a deeper faith. And yet, many of us fail to take advantage of those opportunities, such as the State Retreat, to break away from the nonstop clutter in our lives in order to re-energize ourselves.

If this makes sense to my Brother Knights, there is still time to sign up for the State Retreat to be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Sedalia, Colorado; October 21-23. The Retreat will use the Knights to Christ Daily meditation book as its centerpiece. Sessions will be held on the Principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The goal of the retreat is to renew our spiritual connection with Jesus Christ. Mass, Confession and personal conferences will be available. For more information, contact Frank Humphereys, 303-798-0438. To register for the Retreat, call 303-688-4198, ext. 122.

Vivat Jesus,

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