

SAYINGS OF CISTERCIAN FATHERS

*“The love of God is a river of peace,
streaming out in its greatness and flowing
in with gentle waters. At the same time
it is a torrent, rushing along with mighty
force and sweeping everything away
with it!”*

— John of Ford

*“If you more closely contemplate every
creature, from the first to the last, from
the highest to the lowest, from the loftiest
angel to the lowliest worm. you will surely
discover divine goodness — which we have
called nothing other than divine love —
which contains, enfolds, and penetrates all
things, by the steady, mysterious, and
self-contained simplicity of its presence.”*

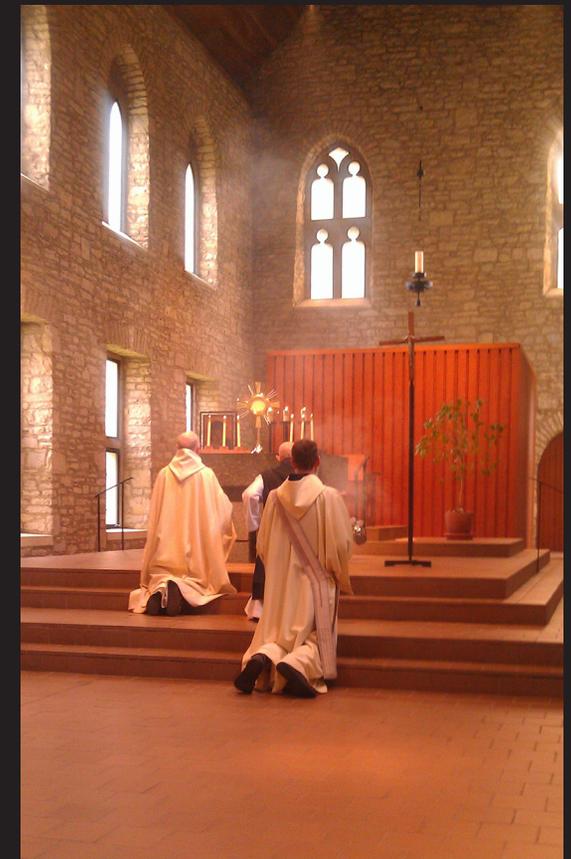
— Aelred of Rievaulx

*“Love’s birthplace is God. There it is born,
there nourished, there developed. There it
is a citizen, not a stranger. Love is given
by God alone, and it endures in Him,
for it is due to no one else but Him and
for His sake.”*

— William of St. Thierry

Would you like to learn more about religious life? Do you have questions about discerning your vocation? You are invited to share in our monastic celebration of the Liturgy of Hours, joining with us to pray together in the simplicity and beauty of our church. There will be time to talk about your personal story and to hear how we discerned our vocations. You will be able to share with others participating in the weekend your experiences, hopes, and concerns about making life decisions.

“Come Away” is offered as a retreat experience for single Catholic men between the ages of 23 and 45 who are discerning the possibility of a call to monastic life.



COME AWAY

March 9-11, 2018

June 8-10, 2018

Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2018

NEW MELLERAY
ABBEY

Peosta, Iowa

New Melleray Abbey is a Trappist Cistercian monastery located on 3,500 acres of woods and farm land 12 miles southwest of Dubuque, Iowa.



The community welcomes your participation in our “Come Away” weekend from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. The weekend, including meals and lodging at New Melleray, is offered without charge.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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FRIDAY

- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Arrival
- 5:00 p.m. Welcome / Orientation
- 5:30 p.m. Vespers
- 6:00 Evening Meal
- 7:30 Compline

SATURDAY

- 3:30 a.m. Vigils (optional)
- 6:30 Lauds
- 7:00 Eucharist
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:15 Discerning a Vocation
- 9:15 Tierce
- 9:30 Discussion with Monks,
Questions and Answers
- 10:30 Tour Inside Abbey
- 11:45 Sext
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch, Rest Period
- 1:45 None
- 2:00 Work & Outside Tour –
“Spirituality of Work “
- 4:00 Walk with a monk
- 5:30 Vespers
- 6:00 Evening Meal
- 6:45 Practice of Lectio Divina
- 7:30 Compline

SUNDAY

- 3:30 a.m. Vigils (optional)
- 6:30 Lauds
- 7:00 Abbot’s Chapter Talk
- 9:00 Sunday Eucharist
- 10:30 Process of Admission and
Stages of Formation
- 11:30 Blessing of Participants
- 11:45 Sext
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch, Rest Period
- 1:45 None
- 2:00 Departures
- 5:30 Vespers and Benediction
- 6:00 Evening Meal
- 7:30 Compline

