The Lenten Journey: Gethsemane Suffering & Purpose

March 3-5, 2017

New Melleray Abbey

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church (612) notes that Gethsemane depicts that despite the fear of the passion, Jesus remained faithful to the will of the Father for our salvation. He accepted the duty of carrying our sins in His body "becoming obedient unto death. The Passion stories are most important in the gospels because they show Jesus putting into practice what He preached.

Gethsemane was the most crucial moment in His life. It was a crisis of faith because here He died on the psychological and spiritual levels. He did this because He had come to know and trust the goodness and mercy of God in spite of all appearances.

Jesus tells His disciples and us "Stay awake! Watch!" We must have an active, on-going relationship with God so that when the times of psychological & spiritual dying come we will not be strangers. Our life must be about moving away from exclusive self-seeking and moving closer to God.

In this silent retreat we will talk about suffering that comes from relationships and about abandoning oneself to the Father. Retreatants may join the monks for the chanting of the Liturgy of the Hours and for Eucharist.

The registration Fee is \$160.00 with a special commuter rate of \$75.00 for those who do not plan to stay overnight at the Abbey. A limited number of grants are available. The fee includes meals & materials A \$20 non-refundable deposit is requested.

For more information contact Fr. Jonah at New Melleray Abbey: (563) 588-2319 ext 100, or visit the Abbey's website at *www.newmelleray.org*

Tentative Schedule

Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
5.30	Vespers	7.00	Mass	8.15	Reflection &
6.00	Supper	9.30	Conf II		Meditation
6.45	Introductions	3.30	Conf III	9.00	Mass
7.30	Compline	6.45	Discussion	10.15	Closing Blessing
7.45	ConfI				



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Please register me for: The Lenten Journey: Gethsemane March 3-5, 2017

Name:	_ Marital Status
Address:	Phone:
	email:
I have enclosed: (check one)	
Deposit of \$20.00	
Full registration fee of \$170.00	
Commuter rate of \$85.00	
If possible, I would like to have a	room on the first floor
I will need transportation from the	he airport/Bus Station
We would like a Double room if a	available.

Please mail to

"The Lenten Journey" Retreat c/o Fr. Jonah New Melleray Abbey 6632 Melleray Circle Peosta, Iowa 52068

