

St. Joseph Day Retreat Presentation ZOOM Link

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SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the St. Joseph Day Virtual Retreat! It's my distinct pleasure to introduce today's Retreat Facilitator Carol Kleinert

Carol and I met about 5 years ago while carpooling to a retreat in Lawrence. We instantly became friends and kindred spirits! As a Lay person, Carol has a unique background in religious life, having discerned with the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 2 years after High School, and now years later, discerning with the Order of Carmelite Discalced Secular community at the St. Joseph Monastery in St. Louis.

If it wasn't for Carol's encouragement at the start, I'm not sure Gratia Plena would have become a reality. She has been a support for this ministry since its beginnings & is currently a remote advisor. She has developed and provides discernment instruction for our residents and virtual "come & see" retreats for potential residents.

Carol also has a strong professional background in Personnel, and is trained as a Catholic Spiritual Mentor. She was the Director of Religious Education for 9 years coordinating all Parish, School of Religion activities as well as training and certifying many catechists in the Springfield Diocese of Illinois.

For the past 15 years Carol has provided retreats on Ignatian Spirituality, Marian themes, Angels, the Vatican Documents, as well as Lenten retreats (and after today she can add St. Joseph to the list!). She has also offered classes on various Catechetical topics and subjects such as the Early Church Fathers.

Carol strives to live as contemplative a life as possible in her home in Edwardsville, IL; she also enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren who live nearby.

Please join me in welcoming today's presenter ~ Carol Kleinert!