

ANNUAL MMP RETREAT (OCEANIA) WITH BISHOP GIOVANNI D'ERCOLE

The ***Marian Movement of Priests (MMP)*** is pleased to advise that our Annual Oceania Retreat for 2024 will be held at the St Clement's (Redemptorist) Retreat Centre at GALONG NSW (near Yass) from **29 July - 2 August 2024** (inclusive).

The Retreat will be led by Fr Hugh Thomas, a Redemptorist who has led the retreat many times and who is the Priest responsible for the MMP in NSW. The retreat was until recently to have been led by Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole, a retired Italian Bishop now living in North Africa, but he has had to withdraw due to illness. The retreat is open to all Priests, Religious and Lay members. The retreat commences with lunch at 1.00 pm on Monday 29th July 2024 and concludes after lunch on Friday 2nd August 2024. All necessary information will be provided to participants prior to the Retreat; the daily program for the retreat will be provided on arrival.

A range of room-types are available. Rooms have single beds, or twin-single beds, or double or queen sized beds; a few (flats) also have a sofa for relaxation. All rooms have desks, and some form of heating. While most rooms access shared bathroom facilities, some have ensuites. Rooms that can accommodate two people will wherever possible be allocated to two people (to maximize the number of people who can attend). The cost of the retreat (including accommodation, linen, and all meals) varies with room-type (see overleaf).

Transport to the Retreat Centre can be undertaken either:

- **by CAR** (1.5 hr from Canberra; 2.5 hr from Albury, Orange or Griffith; 3.5 hr from Sydney; 6 hr from Melbourne); or
- **by TRAIN** (the nearest railway station is Harden, 23 km from the Retreat Centre – we will arrange for those travelling by train to be met at the station).

Inquiries can be made by email (mmpriests@gmail.com) or post (PO 636 Castle Hill NSW 1765).

Registration must be made on the form overleaf. **Completed registration forms** should be scanned & emailed (mmpriests@gmail.com) OR posted (PO Box 636 Castle Hill NSW 1765). You are encouraged to register as soon as you can.

A deposit of **\$250 pp for the retreat** is payable at the time of registration, either:

- (i) by **bank transfer** to our St George Bank account (Account name: MMP; BSB: 112879; A/C: 041489990). If paying by bank transfer, please identify yourself in the reference section of the bank transfer notice, OR email a copy of the bank transfer receipt to mmpriests@gmail.com so we know who has paid; OR
- (ii) by **bank cheque** or **money order** or **personal cheque** made payable to the MMP & posted to PO Box 636 Castle Hill NSW 1765.

NOTE: Anyone who cancels their registration after 1 July 2024 will forfeit half of their deposit; anyone who cancels their registration after 19 July 2024 will forfeit all their deposit.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR MMP RETREAT (29 July - 2 August 2024 inclusive)

Surname: First Name: Male / Female (please circle)

Address:

Telephone (mobile preferred): Email:

Room type*	Bathroom type	Cost	Available	Room choice
Single	Shared	\$700 pp	40	
Twin singles (2 people)	Shared	\$650 pp	6	
Twin singles (2 people)	Ensuite	\$750 pp	12	
Double/Queen (2 people)	Ensuite	\$750 pp	7	
Flat (double+sofa) (2 people)	Ensuite	\$850 pp	4	

If the ensuite rooms are not fully booked by 1 July, a few ensuite rooms **may** become available for individuals (for an extra \$100 pp), with priority given to those with the greatest need. Would you like to be on a waiting list for such a room? YES / NO (please circle)

If you have chosen a room for 2 people, whom do you want to share with?

Would you like to stay an extra night (for extra cost) before or after the retreat if it is possible (to be confirmed closer to the retreat)?

BEFORE ...YES / NO... ? AFTER ...YES / NO... ? (In each case, please circle)

Transport - how do you intend to travel to the retreat - **by CAR / by TRAIN** (please circle)?

Do you have any **special dietary** requirements?

Do you have any **mobility** issues (e.g. problems with stairs)?

Emergency contact (Name): (Mobile):

PAYMENT of Deposit (\$250 pp) by:- Bank transfer / Cheque / Money order (please circle)

Amount paid

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Office use:

You may copy this form & invite Priests & friends