

Céile Dé Teaching Retreat

Holy Spirit Retreat Center - 11/3/2022 - 11/6/2022

Terms and Conditions

We know nobody's keen on reading terms and conditions. However, we are still in the grips of the pandemic, and setting expectations is one way we can help protect both retreatants and Holy Spirit staff. So, please get comfortable, and take the time to read the fine print.

If you book a place at this retreat, it will be assumed that you have read and accepted these terms and conditions. If you have any questions or concerns about them, please email us at catermonn.inc@gmail.com before you book.

As you know, the situation with the pandemic is fluid and unpredictable. We will try our best to keep you updated on any protocol changes set by our retreat venue or local government authorities but are keenly aware that changes may occur at the last minute, so please stay on top of your email Inbox as the retreat dates approach.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES:

June 15 - Registration open

Sept 1 - registration deadline for deposit and scholarship requests

Oct 1 - deadline for paying balance due or requesting a cancellation

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Please read the following requests and requirements from Holy Spirit and our California Chapter:

From Holy Spirit as of May 2022

In Los Angeles County although the spread of the Coronavirus has begun to increase, the CDC has removed most mask mandates.

*We can no longer require mask wearing, but **strongly urge that all visitors to the Center wear a mask when indoors with large groups.***

*At check-in we ask that you present a CDC Card for vaccinations or a negative COVID test result received within **72 hours of your arrival.** Home tests are fine.*

*Please practice social distancing of 3 to 6 feet if possible. Please wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer, especially when in the guest kitchen. In the dining room, we ask our guests to **wear a mask and use hand sanitizer when going through the serving line.** We are now allowing six people per table in the dining room for meals.*

*If pandemic conditions continue to change, our COVID protocol will be updated accordingly and **you will be notified.***

From our California Chapter

****All retreatants are responsible not only for their own health and well-being but that of others including the staff at Holy Spirit.**

****In accordance with Holy Spirit requirements and our California Chapter, you must present a copy of your vaccination record or negative COVID TEST within 72 hours of your arrival.**

****While Holy Spirit asks that retreatants wear masks when indoors with large groups, protocol for our own meeting rooms will depend on attendee needs and conditions at the time of the retreat and will be discussed at our opening session. Gaiters/buffs, bandanas, and masks with uncapped valves are not acceptable. N95 and KN95 masks are recommended. Our Calif Chapter will also have masks on hand.**

****If a retreatant develops Covid symptoms during the retreat, they will be asked to self-isolate and take a rapid antigen test. If the result is positive, they will be asked to leave the retreat immediately and return home. **Each of us needs to have a travel plan to handle such a situation.****

****If you are a retreat resident: Please do not leave the grounds during your stay, to avoid the possibility of contracting COVID or other illness and bringing it in to Holy Spirit.**

****If you are a retreat commuter: Please limit your exposure off-site to avoid the possibility of contracting Covid or other illness and bringing it to Holy Spirit.**

BOOKING, SCHOLARSHIPS & CANCELLATIONS:

1. Please book quickly to ensure your place, as places are limited. Booking will be offered first to caimeachs in groups associated with this retreat site. On June 15, booking will be opened to the public. Any caimeach who has not booked by then may lose the chance of a place.
2. Rooms can be offered on a single-occupancy basis this year, each with a private bath ensuite. A double-occupancy rate will be available for those who wish to share a room (also with ensuite bath) with another specified retreatant, who must be identified on the registration form. **We request that you find your own roommate.**
3. The retreat fee is \$502 for a private room, \$436 for a shared room; Commuter: \$340 - rates include all meals. A **non-refundable \$100 deposit** is payable upon booking. Payment for the balance must be received by **October 1**. If your balance remains unpaid after that date and we have not heard from you, we will assume that you have cancelled your registration and will offer your place to someone on the waiting list.
4. The retreat fee covers only the teacher's travel and accommodations and does not include any financial exchange for the teachings themselves. ***A Deercc offering for the teachings is expected in addition to the \$502/\$436/\$340 cost for accommodations, and will be collected on the last day of the retreat. Please read about this spiritual practice of giving before you register.***
5. Scholarships for retreat registration costs (**but not for travel expenses or deercc**) are available as Termonn Trust funds allow. Be sure to register and pay your deposit by September 1, 2022 and follow the instructions on the Scholarships page.
6. Please plan to be present for the whole retreat. Places are limited, so please do not register if you cannot commit to being present for the whole retreat. Arrival is from 4pm (no earlier, please) on Thursday, November 3. **Please arrive in time for dinner at 6pm.** The retreat ends with a final session on Sunday, November 6, and is expected to conclude by about 1pm

7. Late arrivals and early departures disturb the làthar (atmosphere) of the retreat for everyone. If you cannot be present for the whole of the retreat, please help us to hold the làthar for everyone by not booking a place.

8. Please be aware that because of the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, there is always a risk that Holy Spirit might be required to cancel our retreat if required protocols change significantly. In the event that this occurs, you will be notified immediately and our retreat will proceed online.

9. Should the in-person retreat be cancelled, the deposit that retreatants have paid will be kept by the California Chapter of Termonn for the online retreat. Retreatants who have made their final payments will receive a refund of the monies paid, less the deposit amount.

10. If you must cancel attendance at the retreat, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can offer the place to someone else. If you cancel your booking less than six weeks before the start date of the retreat, we will refund your final payment only if we are able to fill your place. The closer the cancellation is to the start date, the less likely it will be that we can find someone able to take that space.

RETREAT ENVIRONMENT

11. There will be modifications for Rùn (meditation) and communion and possibly other practices.

Please bring your own quaiçh.

12. At last year's Holy Spirit retreat, the weather was beautiful and most of our teachings were held in a beautiful, quiet outdoor area—weather permitting we will do the same for our November retreat. Our large meeting room has excellent ventilation and allows for safe seating arrangements. Holy Spirit also provides spacious and lovely accommodations for eating meals outdoors. Mornings can be cool while afternoons can be warm—make clothing choices that will accommodate both.

12. We aim to hold a peaceful silence at all times between teaching sessions and meals in order to aid absorption of the powerful energies transmitted during teachings and practices. This includes disconnecting electronic devices from the Internet so that we are not interrupted by their notifications. Please read about The Gift of Silence at Céile Dé Teaching Retreats.