

Céile Dé Teaching Retreat - St Francis Springs - 3-6 March 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 St. Francis Springs 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 ceilede.retreats@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:

Dec 15 - registration deadline for scholarship requests

Dec 16 - registration opens for general public

Jan 15 - deadline for paying balance due or requesting a cancellation

Mar 3-6 - retreat at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Stoneville, NC

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (COVID-related):

1. All retreatants are responsible for looking after their own health and well-being and must also consider other people's health and well-being at all times, including that of venue staff.
2. **All retreatants must be fully vaccinated** (including any boosters recommended for their age, health, or occupational group) by at least two weeks before the retreat **OR present a negative COVID-19 test result** (PCR, not antigen test) taken in the 72 hours prior to the start of the retreat. You will be asked to share a copy of your vaccination record or test result; this information will be kept strictly confidential.
3. OPTIONAL -- It is **highly recommended that you administer a home COVID-19 antigen test** series and, if the result is positive, stay home from the retreat. These tests are now more widely available and affordable. [Read how an epidemiologist recommended using them for Thanksgiving gatherings.](#)
4. **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.
5. At present, St. Francis Springs asks that retreatants wear **masks** in public areas. Mask 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. Masks will be available at the St. Francis Springs front desk if you need one.

6. Please **do not leave the grounds** during your stay, to avoid the possibility of contracting COVID or other illness and bringing it into St. Francis Springs.
7. **There will be another group at St. Francis Springs during our retreat.** The only time we will be sharing space with them is during meals, and most of our meal times will be staggered at an interval from theirs. All of our group's assigned bedrooms, with one exception, are outside the Main Building, where the other group will be staying.

BOOKING, SCHOLARSHIPS & CANCELLATIONS:

8. **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 December 15, booking will be opened to the public. Any caimeach who has not booked by then may lose the chance of a place.
9. **All rooms will be offered on a single-occupancy basis** this year, each with a private bath, almost all ensuite. A double-occupancy rate will be available for those who wish to share a room with another specified retreatant, who must be identified on the registration form.
10. The retreat fee is \$530 for a single, \$440 for a shared room; both rates include all meals. Approximately \$90 of that is to cover the travel and accommodation costs for the teacher. **A non-refundable \$100 deposit is payable upon booking. Payment for the balance must be received by Termonn-East Coast Chapter by January 15, 2022.** 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.
11. 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 \$530/440 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.](#)
12. **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 December 15 and follow the instructions on the [Scholarships page](#).
13. **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 3pm (no earlier, please) on Thursday, March 3. Please arrive in time for dinner at 6pm. The retreat ends with a final session on Sunday, March 6, and is expected to conclude by about 1pm.

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.**

14. Retreatants must recognize that because of the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, there is a risk of the retreat being cancelled by St. Francis Springs if required protocols change significantly. If this happens, the retreat will revert to being online via Zoom on the same dates.
15. Should the in-person retreat be cancelled, the deposit that retreatants have paid will be kept by Termonn-East Coast Chapter as payment for the online retreat. Retreatants who have made their final payments will receive a refund of the monies paid, less the deposit amount.
16. If you must cancel your 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 it up.

RETREAT ENVIRONMENT

17. There will be modifications for rùn (meditation) and communion and possibly other practices. **Please bring your own quaih.**
18. Come prepared for cooler meeting rooms, as we may be opening windows and doors as needed for additional ventilation. You may also want to eat some of your meals outdoors, and we will be taking advantage of St. Francis Springs' beautiful and extensive grounds. **Bring warm clothes, so that you can be comfortable both indoors and out.**
19. 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](#).**