

Céile Dé Teaching Retreat – St. Francis Springs: March 22-26, 2023

Terms and Conditions

We know nobody's keen on reading terms and conditions. However, we are still dealing with 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 date approaches.

Summary of Important Dates

December 22 – application deadline for scholarship requests

December 30 – registration opens for the general public

February 1 – deadline for paying balance due or requesting a cancellation

March 22-26 – 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 the venue staff.
2. **It is highly recommended that you administer a home COVID-19 antigen test before** traveling to the retreat center. If you test positive, please stay home.
3. **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.
4. At present, St. Francis Springs does not require masks or vaccination. **There will be other groups at the retreat center while we are there.** Most of our assigned rooms are in the main building.

Registration, Scholarships and Cancellations

1. Please register 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 30, 2022, registration will be opened to the public. Any caimeach who has not registered by then may lose the chance of a place.
2. We have a very limited number of single rooms. These will be prioritized to those with medical needs. If you need one, or would like to be on a waiting list, please indicate this when you register. There will be an additional single supplement fee. If there is someone specific with whom you would like to share a room, please identify who this is on the registration form.
3. The retreat cost is \$440 for a double occupancy room. This includes all meals. Approximately \$70 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 February 1, 2023. 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 accommodation and does not include any financial exchange for the teachings themselves. **A Deercc offering for the teachings is expected** in addition to the \$440 cost for accommodations/meals 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 before December 22 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 3:00 pm (no earlier please) on Wednesday March 22. Please arrive in time for dinner at 6:00 pm. The retreat ends with a final gathering on Sunday March 26 and is expected to conclude by about 1:00 pm.

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

7. 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.

8. 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 \$100 deposit.
9. If you must cancel your attendance at the retreat, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can offer the place to someone else. **If you cancel your booking less than 6 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 your place.

Retreat Environment

1. There will be modifications for Rùn (meditation) and communion and possibly other practices. **Please bring your own quaich.**
2. 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.**
3. 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 Ceile De teaching Retreats](#).