

*You are cordially invited...*

...to spend a day at the scenic and historic Benedictine Abbey in Still River, Massachusetts. Situated amidst apple orchards and rolling hills, the Abbey has lovely walking trails, and a spectacular view of the surrounding mountains. We are privileged to once again have the Friars of the Primitive Observance facilitating our retreat. Our guest speaker is Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, known to millions as the friendly face and soothing voice of Catholic motherhood. She is the mother of five, an author, speaker, frequent guest on EWTN, and host of "Mom's Corner" on Ave Maria radio. Donna has recently written a new book describing her 10-year friendship with Blessed Mother Teresa.



*Mother Teresa and Donna-Marie's son, Joseph.*

**Date:** Saturday, 24 October 2009

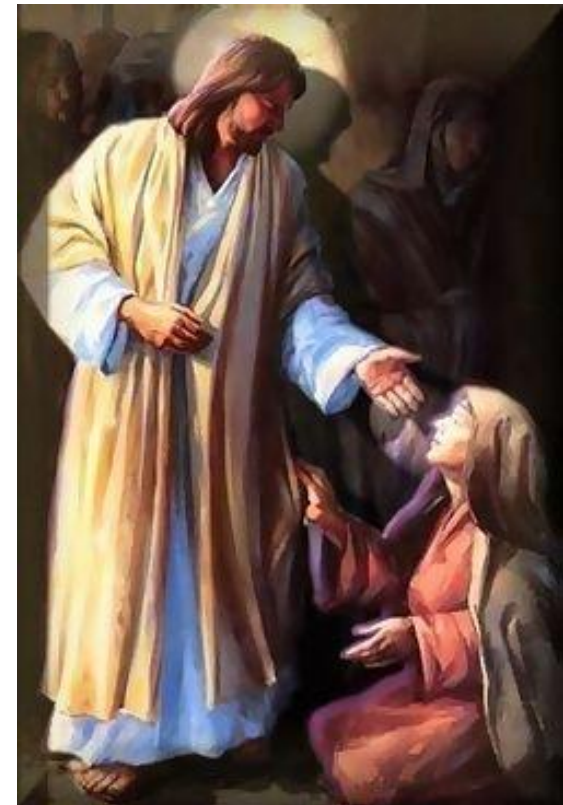
**Place:** St. Benedict's Abbey  
252 Still River Rd.  
Still River, MA

### Schedule of Events:

- 7:30 Rosary
- 8:00 Mass
- 9:10 Refreshments and registration
- 9:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:45 "If Only I Could Touch His Cloak"  
- presented by Donna-Marie
- 11:00 Free time for prayer, a walk around the beautiful grounds, or quiet reflection. (You may want to bring a lawn chair, walking shoes or a book.)
- 12:00 Lunch

- 1:00 "Guiding Others to Christ's Cloak"  
- presented by Donna-Marie
- 2:00 Adoration
- 3:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3:30 Closing prayer

Confessions will be offered throughout the day by the Franciscans of the Primitive Observance.



## Registration

Cost for the day: \$55 (includes lunch)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:  
Saint Francis Church**

Send your registration to Monique at:  
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## *The Little Daughters of the Sacred Heart*

The Little Daughters of the Sacred Heart is a group of Catholic mothers who strive to truly embrace our vocation as the primary means of our sanctification. We believe that God has given mothers such a beautiful path to holiness, but one that in our present world is greatly misunderstood and undervalued. Sometimes it is difficult for women to see that when they wash clothes, clean a toilet, or hold a fussy child out of love for Christ and their families, that they have performed a holy action. In fact, we believe that since many of our actions as wives and mothers are hidden, even despised, they are especially awesome in God's eyes.

We believe that God has entrusted us with a particular mission to mothers in our time and that He wants to pour out His heart on us that we might "bind up the wounded, give sight to the blind, unstop the ears of the deaf and cause the lame to walk." (Isaiah 35:5,6)

In the manner of St. Therese of Lisieux, we offer our daily sacrifices and duties to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, turning these hidden tasks into a means of obtaining grace and merit for mothers who urgently need it, but cannot or do not obtain it for themselves.

We are completely faithful to the Magisterium, devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Therese of Lisieux.

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*"Jesus, I want to love with Your Heart. I desire to be Your Hands to bring healing to this world. Give me, I beg You, Your Eyes today Lord, that I may see You in those You have entrusted to my care. When someone calls to me, complains or whines, I desire to hear Your voice beckoning me. If I grow weary of the constant demands of my vocation, refresh me with the grace to understand that you do not ask me to carry this cross alone. Enable me to find You beside me in the midst of my daily duties and struggles, and please elevate them to Your Holy Heart."*  
- excerpt from LDSH's Morning Offering

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## *Touched by God*



## A Women's Day of Reflection on the Mercy of Christ

24 October 2009