

Walking With Francis: An Interactive Retreat on the Petrine Ministry of Pope Francis

*Led by
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Monday, January 6th to Friday, January 10th, 2025

The theme or motto of the Jubilee Year 2025 chosen by Pope Francis is: **“Pilgrims of Hope”**. He invites us to *“fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and a farsighted vision.”* At the beginning of this new year, a wonderful way of doing this is to review the Petrine Ministry of Pope Francis and his most important teachings during this interactive retreat. Since March 13, 2013, his Petrine Ministry has greatly influenced the Church and impacted the world. His major teaching documents ***Evangelii Gaudium, Laudate Si, Amoris Letizia, Fratelli Tutti, Gaudete et Exsultate and Laudate Deum*** have touched each of us and reminded us of the centrality of the message and documents of the Second Vatican Council in the life of the Church. He has reinvigorated the **Synod of Bishops** and modeled for us the meaning of **Synodality** which must guide our way of being Church.

This five-day retreat, beginning on Monday afternoon and ending with lunch on Friday, will closely examine Pope Francis’ ministry and his major teaching documents over the past eleven years. Attentive to the results of the recent Synod on Synodality and using the method of **‘Conversations in the Spirit’** which guided the **Synodal journey**.

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, will lead us each day with conferences, group reflections, Eucharistic Celebrations, and opportunities for individual Spiritual Direction.

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Suggested Offering: \$600.00 pp

Includes 4 night’s accommodation, meals, retreat program & spiritual direction. Commuters welcome, a private room is provided for your comfort each day.

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Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, a member of the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers), a biblical scholar, lecturer, author and retreat director. A graduate of St John Fisher University (Rochester), Regis College (Toronto), the Pontifical Biblical Institute (Rome), and the Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française (Jerusalem), he has lectured across Canada, the USA, Ireland, Italy, India and in the Middle East. He served as Pastor and Executive Director of the Newman Centre Catholic Mission at the University of Toronto (1994-2000), National Director and CEO of World Youth Day 2002 in Canada and the founding CEO of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation in Canada (2003-2019). He was English language Media Attaché at five Synods of Bishops at the Vatican (2008, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2018) and was also the Assistant to the Director of the Holy See Press Office during the historic Papal Transition of 2013. Fr. Rosica worked with the Holy See Press Office during the first years of Pope Francis’ Petrine Ministry. He resides at Presentation Manor for Seniors in Scarborough as well as assisting in several parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto. He has led several retreats at Manresa Jesuit Spirituality Centre in Pickering.