

“There is a time for everything...under Heaven” Ecclesiastes 3:1



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After 45 years of annual retreats, **it is time...**

Faith and Sharing Detroit held its final retreat on August 7 and 8th. Twenty-two members prayed, sang, reflected, and shared faith. Fr. Bob Malloy, O.F.M.Cap., animated the Word with the theme *Hope in and for our Troubled World*. Fr. Bob is past national chaplain for Faith and Light and currently ministers at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

At our Saturday night Happening **it was time** to share not only what has happened to us on the 2021 retreat, but also how Faith and Sharing has impacted our lives over the years we have been attending. (Three members made the first retreat 45 years ago!).



On Sunday morning **it was time** for thirteen of us (the others couldn't stay overnight) to memorialize our deceased members. We fondly and prayerfully remembered their names, their gifts, and their impact on us personally as we lit tea candles in their memory. We each took home 3 candles (battery operated!) to continue remembering and praying for them.

“There is a time to mourn and a time to dance.”

We did both at our retreat! We did indeed mourn the concluding of our retreat ministry. It was time!

Yet our hearts were dancing with joy as we celebrated the fruits of our past retreats and looked ahead to sharing community with each other as we plan to gather in 2022 for a “Christmas in July” pot luck.

Our future is yet to come...our past has been celebrated with great joy!

