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House Of Sanctification

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**“..that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You,
that they also may be in us, that the world may believe..”**

**Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the Fruit of your Womb, Jesus!**

Who are we?

The House of Sanctification (HOS) is a retreat center built by the ‘John Paul II Institute of Christian Spirituality,’ through the generosity of many souls. The Institute was founded and Consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to the Holy Trinity on August 15, 1998. Their principle address is PO Box 7845, Jacksonville, Florida, 32238, USA. The Institute was founded because it saw a great need to study the ‘new and divine’ holiness realized in certain twentieth century holy souls, such as St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Saint Faustina Kowalska, Blessed Dina Belanger, Venerable Conchita Cabrera de Armida, plus others who have been recognized by Holy Mother Church. Since we have been studying these privilege souls, we are beginning to understand more about the unity God so greatly desires with His children. It is our privilege now to disseminate and teach the “‘new and divine’ holiness with which the Holy Spirit wishes to enrich Christians at the dawn of the Third Millennium, in order to make Christ the Heart of the World.”*

*(Pope John Paul II in the L'Osservatore Romano, July 9, 1997)

Where are we?

We are in San Sebastian de Garabandal nestled in the

Cantabrian Mountains in northern Spain about an hour southwest of Santander, or 40 minutes south of San Vicente de la Barquera, located on the coast. We are the last little village going up a winding mountain road, about 2000 feet above sea level in a most beautiful setting.

Who are allowed to stay here?

You are welcome to stay here if you are a member of the John Paul II Institute or if you are interested in hearing about our spirituality. We are not a hotel or an inn; we are strictly a retreat house. We welcome all Priests and Religious free.

What is our spirituality?

By studying the holy souls chosen by the Institute we have found that they describe a union with God more intimate, perfect, and sublime than anything seen prior to our times. This same unity, already realized in Mary, tends toward and fulfills the ideal God had for Adam and Eve. God greatly desires for His children to return to the original ‘State of Justice’ for which He created us!

What is the status of the HOS?

The HOS was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to the Divine Will of God on the 4th of April, 2000 during a special pilgrimage to Garabandal to dedicate the House of Sanctification. We opened our doors

June 1, 2000, Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ that year, and received our first guests on the 15th of June. We have been kept pretty busy since then.

This house belongs to Mary, our Mother, and She has busied Herself with bringing Her children here to learn a spirituality that She, Herself lives.

We are opened every month of the year except November through January. We give group or private retreats. We are a non-profit organization, so we exist only on donations. Most pilgrims donate \$25.00€ a night.

We serve an 'enhanced' continental breakfast, which includes a variety of breads, cereal, fruits, cheeses, coffee, tea, and fruit juices. Lunch and dinner (5.00 - 8.00€) are provided for in the village, for which we will be happy to make reservations for you prior to your arrival.

What are our plans for the future?

Our plans include adding new buildings to house more pilgrims as we are overflowing already. Souls are hungry for a closer unity with their Heavenly Father, and our Good Lord is 'waiting with baited breath' for souls to come to Him with this intention. But it is important to understand how to attain this unity with your most Benevolent Father. How can you receive something of which you have no knowledge?

Some interesting stories!

It has been made clear to us here that our Mother, Mary, is using the HOS to help spread the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart. Here are a few stories to show this:

A Priest from India wanted to learn about the 'new and divine' holiness to take back to his people. He told me he had 500 souls in his congregation. He asked me if I had three particular books on the subject, which I did not. I prayed, along with him, that Our Lady would help us.

I was taking a friend to borrow a tent we had stored so he could go to Fatima for the Beatification of Francisco and Jacinta. When I opened the tent up to take some things out that had been stored in it, the exact same three books the Priest asked me for fell out! I was amazed and stunned! It thrilled me to take the books back to this holy Priest and tell him that they were definitely a gift from his Heavenly Mother! This Priest will start spreading seeds about the 'new and divine' holiness that Our Lady can use to start transforming the face of India!

Two young men came to our door and said that they had heard of us and was wondering if they could see the house. Of course! They came in and told us that they would like to know more about the 'new and divine' holiness. Since they had not made reservations anywhere we invited them to stay at the HOS so we could talk without interruptions. They told us they were only going to stay one night. Well, they ended up staying three nights and left on 'cloud 9' going back to Holland to spread the 'good news' they had learned at the House of Sanctification! Seeds our Mother can use to transform Holland!

Anyone interested in our retreat schedule or to arrange your own private or group retreat, please do not hesitate to call or write Ann Ellison at the information provided on the letter head!