

My Sheep Will Hear My Voice

AUTUMN WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 22 - 24, 2019

Siena Retreat Center on beautiful Lake Michigan in Racine



*Like a shepherd,
He will tend His flock,
In His arm He will
gather the lambs and
carry them in His bosom;
He will gently lead
the nursing ewes.*

(Isaiah 40:11)

There is a painting by Joseph Farquharson in my daughter's Maryland home of an old shepherd in Scotland. It is winter and the cold evening sun is setting on a snowy pasture where sheep are waiting for their evening meal. The old man carries a load of straw on his back in complete isolation from the wider world while the sheep draw near, hungry. When I visit my daughter, I spend time reflecting upon the lonely beauty of the evening where nature and need cross paths on just another day. I think of the verse from John 10:14 where Jesus proclaims that he is the good shepherd and that his sheep will hear his voice, and will not follow the voice of a stranger. I have a sense of the shepherd's fidelity and his goodness. Could Jesus be like this shepherd who desires with every fiber of his being that we hear his voice?

But how? Is the voice of God meant for mystics and saints alone? Or can you and I have access to the voice of the Shepherd? How do I hear God? How does God speak? More importantly, how do I enter the conversation with Jesus and, more pointedly, how do I respond?

This retreat will invite ancient techniques of prayer around Guigo's Ladder. We will learn about meditation and contemplation that pours out from the Scriptures. There, in the divine texts of God's Word, we will hear God's voice specific to our lives and our needs. You won't want to miss this dynamic style of prayer or the sacred quiet this retreat will offer. Come, rest awhile in the arms of the Good Shepherd!

Retreat Facilitator: Mary K. Matestic, MTS

Workshop Leaders and Prayer Support: Joyce Budny, Diane Gilles, and Mary Lang

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This retreat is open to 50 women. Individual rooms with bathrooms available to all.

Cost: \$232.00 for the weekend (includes 5 meals and 2 overnights)

Early registration is recommended since this retreat fills quickly. Deadline 11/12/19.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: (Day) _____ Cell _____ Email Address _____

Please secure your registration by sending a \$35.00 non-refundable check (applied to the fee) payable to:

— **MARY K. MATESTIC, WOMEN'S RETREAT** —

Mail to: Mary K. Matestic, Autumn Women's Retreat, % 9520 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners, WI 53130

Questions re: facilities and special dietary needs: Call April at 1-262-898-2590

A confirmation letter and link to the location will be sent upon receipt of registration.