



LOS ANGELES RETREAT CENTER COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE PANDEMIC WITH NEW INITIATIVES

Los Angeles (September 9, 2020) – Throughout Southern California and the nation, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the lives of many. The Los Angeles region has been home for decades to leading retreat centers providing a place of rest for those in need of spiritual nourishment. Today, these centers are announcing a collaborative program for the region – the Los Angeles Retreat Center Community (“LARCC”), offering both online retreats and personal self-directed retreats for those in the area.

“We have been working collaboratively during the crisis, sharing information and practices to try and respond as effectively as we can to an unprecedented situation.” Noted Dr. Mike Cunningham, Retreat Center Director at Mater Dolorosa.

The following are the current members of LARCC, offering a choice of locations, facilities, and programs to Los Angeles area residents that are convenient wherever they live and whatever their particular faith expression:

- Holy Spirit Retreat Center (Encino) <https://www.hscenter.com>
- Mary and Joseph Retreat Center (Rancho Palos Verdes) <https://maryjoseph.org>
- Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center (Sierra Madre) <https://materdolorosa.org>
- Sacred Heart Retreat Center (Alhambra) <https://sacredheartretreathouse.com>
- Serra Retreat (Malibu) <https://serraretreat.com>

All the retreat centers are offering both online retreats and single and multi-day personal retreats*. All the centers are located in spectacular settings, with gardens and vistas to help visitors enjoy that much needed private self-guided spiritual retreat. Enjoy guest rooms with a private bath and blissfully free of any electronic devices! Rooms are fully air-conditioned and have been cleaned & sanitized following CDC guidelines. Day options are also available from each retreat center.

The online programs can be conducted either on-site or at the location of your choice, making it simple to enjoy one of these retreats wherever you are situated.

A combined calendar of events is attached to this Press Release for the period September through October 2020 for distribution.

The retreat centers hope this new collaboration will help those in need of a retreat or a spiritual break to find the most appropriate venue and program to meet their requirements.

*Sacred Heart is offering online programs only at this time.

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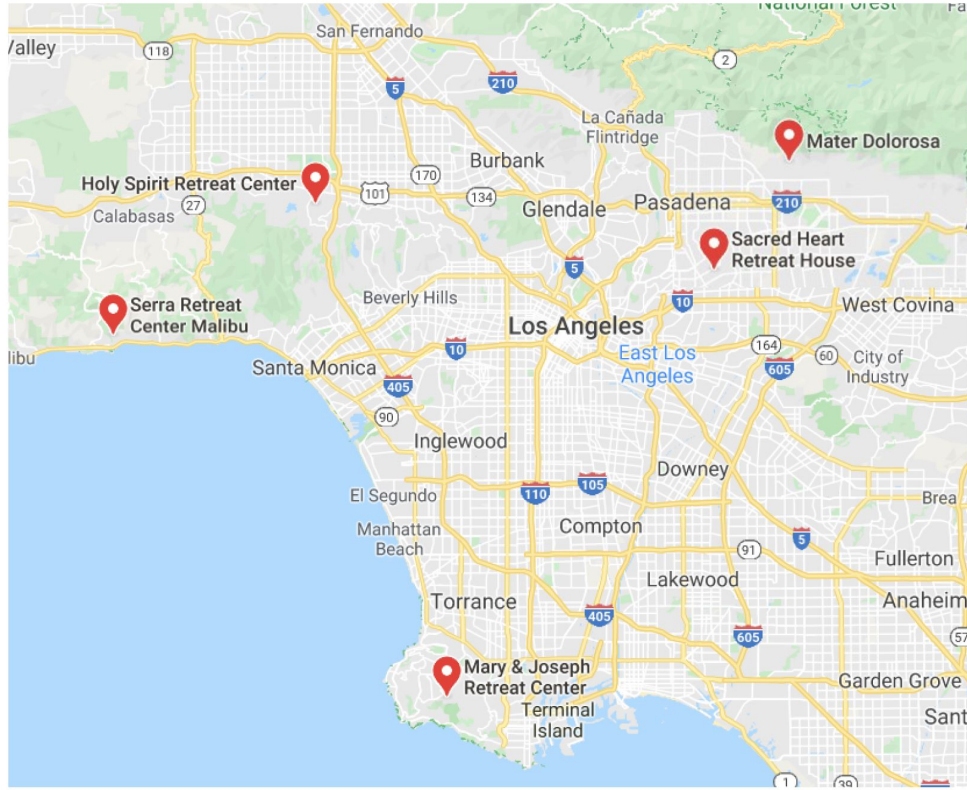
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Location of Los Angeles Retreat Center Community Member Organizations