"I Have Loved You With An Everlasting Love –
I Am Constant In My
Affection For You"
Jeremiah 31 v 3

Dear Friends,

Last Year 2020 and now 2021, have been unprecedented in our lives.

The Covid Pandemic has left many of us devastated and shocked. None so more than at the present when friends, family and church



clergy and members are affected and saddened by the loss of dear ones. Numbers now have Names. We are restricted from our normal way of life and worship, in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

This gives most of us a lot of unstructured time with no real plan of what to do or how to cope.

On the other hand, this same pandemic has helped people to turn closer to God and to pray as never before.

Yes many of us are still working from home, and continuing with education of children in the home, caring for relatives or friends, etc. We are busy people, but its just a different busy-ness, with little relief.

Some people are at a loss of how to pray. How to come closer to God.

We have all become familiar with Zoom, WhatsApp etc. to communicate with family and loved ones.

Internet has also opened doors for Retreats for people unable to leave home. It may be that you would not have thought about it before or felt you had the time or opportunity to have a Retreat – a time given to God so that you can learn to pray and grow in your relationship with God.

It is our experience that many people are longing for deeper more satisfying ways of personal prayer, but don't know how, and may well be unaware of this longing in themselves

Do we know how to pray with the Bible? This is an opportunity to learn new ways of praying with the Bible.

At **St Dominic's House of Prayer, the Bluff,** we are attempting to reach people in parishes such as yourself, to offer you

6 - DAY RETREAT IN YOUR DAILY LIFE

and this can be done online. How?

You will be offered a Guide who will meet with you **ONLINE daily, for 35-40 minutes.**

The Guide will listen to your concerns, and make suggestions for your prayer, mainly based on Scripture. You then commit to pray for

30 minutes or more each day on your own, deepening your relationship with God.

This is the prayer commitment we ask from each one. The rest of your day continues with all the usual tasks. No leaving home, freezing meals for the family, and... who will feed the dog?

We are planning TWO ONLINE RETREATS

- 1. Lent 13-20 March 2021 and the second one
- 2. 22-29 May 2021

The Retreat will begin with an online Meeting of all those taking part and the Guides, for an **OPENING PRAYER**. That will be on the Saturday. You will be given a prayer task.

The Guides are Sisters Leoncienne, Carol and Prudence

You will meet your personal Guide, and you arrange together the time you will meet and what platform you will use.

Data or Internet connection are essential.

From Sunday to Friday – 6 days – you have your personal meeting at a time that works for you both.

On the final Saturday There is a **CLOSING PRAYER** with the whole Group again.



You may request an online APPLICATION FORM from

Sr Leoncienne, St Dominic's House of Prayer, The Bluff.

Email address: stdominic@eastcoast.co,za

Please give us your Name and Surname, Cell number and email address.

The cost of the Retreat is R1,200.00 per person

Anyone may take part, from any Church Affiliation, and there is no age limit. However the Retreat is aimed at people who have a faith in God and are hoping to deepen their relationship with God in a personal way.

There will be limited places, so it will be 'first come - first served'.

We will need your application back asap, but at the latest by

Friday 26th February 2021 with a **Deposit of R240.00** to secure your place.

Details of how to do this will be on the Application Form.

AND ENTER INTO HIS PEACE