The Wild Goose- April 24 – June 26th **Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit!**

The Wild Goose is a 14 week video series dealing with different experiences of the Holy Spirit. Each week's video stands on its own, so they don't have to be watched in any particular order, although we will follow the standard format. The videos are all available on the **FORMED** platform, so if you have to miss a session or two, you will be able to watch them on your own time.

Fr. Dave Pivonka is the moderator of this series and he is a very charismatic and dynamic speaker. He says in the course outline:

"The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening God's love and transforming power in the hearts of all those participating...I believe the blessing of this series will be directly related to how well you are able to quiet yourself and pray. We need to make ourselves available to God's Spirit if we are to more fully experience his loving presence. Also, consider having a prayer journal where you can jot down thoughts and reflections as you make your way through The Wild Goose series."

You may be wondering about the title of this course, The Wild Goose. Fr. Dave explains that this title is an ancient Celtic phrase used to describe the active role that the Holy Spirit plays in our life.

Although it is 14 week course, we are condensing it to 10 weeks so that the course doesn't extend into the summer holidays. This means that on 4 evenings we will watch and discuss 2 videos. The evening starts promptly at 7 pm and will end by 9 pm.

Participants will be put into tables of 6-10 people, each with a facilitator to lead the discussion after viewing the videos.

Coffee (decaf) will be provided and each table will take turns bringing in a dessert for the group. These will be available 10 minutes before the course starts at 7 pm and will be available throughout the evening.

Guidelines for the course:

- 1. The course will start and end on time.
- 2. Please allow all members at your table an opportunity to speak; however, if you choose not to speak, that is perfectly fine too.
- 3. The facilitator will ensure that no-one person speaks too much.
- 4. Allow people to finish speaking before you jump into the conversation.
- 5. Be respectful at all times.
- 6. Privacy and confidentiality of the discussions are to be respected by all team members.
- 7. The participants at each table will generally remain the same for the 10 weeks, although exceptions will be allowed, as needed.
- 8. Please bring a water bottle or coffee mug to reduce the time required to set up and clean up.
- Sharing of our personal experiences is a key component of the course and allows us to see God's power at work within us; however personal sharing is not mandatory, as per #2 above.
- 10. Feel free to bring a friend with you.
- 11. There is no fee to participate and the bringing of a dessert is voluntary.
- 12. Feel free to bring a notebook if you wish to keep a prayer journal.

- 13. We are always open to suggestions to improve4 the format or for future courses.
- 14. If you can't make all 10 sessions, do not worry. You can make them up on your own time.

In this Jubilee Year, the Holy Spirit may be calling you to participate in this course, as your own personal Pilgrimage of Hope.

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