



Weber
Retreat and Conference
Center

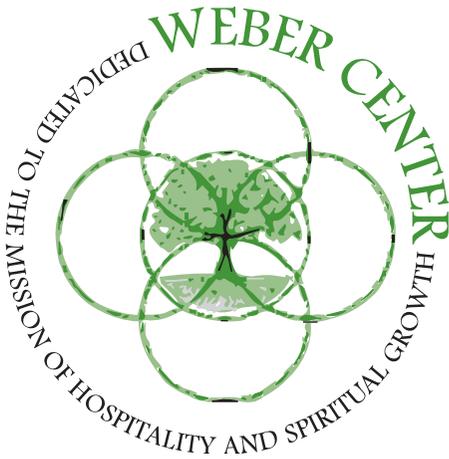
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Weber Retreat and Conference Center MISSION STATEMENT

Weber Center,
guided by the mission
of the Adrian Dominican Sisters,
is dedicated to hospitality
and the opportunity for spiritual growth.

Weber Center provides
a retreat-conference environment
for discernment and growth,
as well as a gathering space
where people come to be enriched.





LOGO MEANING AND SYMBOLISM

The Wheel of Being design is found in many religious traditions that recognize wholeness and integration as human values.

The meaning complements the mission of Weber Center rooted in Christian and Dominican tradition.

The four entwined circles

reflect the Dominican foundation in
study
prayer
community and
mission

united by a circle of Truth, motto of the Order.

The human figure in the center design represents the Cosmic Christ superimposed on a Tree of Life Source and Center of Weber's special mission –

hospitality and opportunities for spiritual growth for all peoples who come to find peace and rest in the Center itself and in all the spaces it encompasses.

They include the circular Meditation Garden and outdoor Labyrinth, spaces situated in God's world of nature where many have found inspiration as they have reflected upon the meaning of their lives.

The campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters is unique in the many meditation forms designed in the same circular pattern.

They provide hospitality and spiritual growth for all who enter here.

Prayer and Reflection Areas

Each of the four resident floors has a simple space available for guests to find solitude, silence and serenity during their stay at Weber. Resources for meditation (the Bible, books, music) will enhance the time spent in reflection. The Eucharistic liturgy is celebrated in Lumen Ecclesiae Chapel at 11:45 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and in Holy Rosary Chapel at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Mass is also celebrated daily at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Catherine Chapel located in the Dominican Life Center.

The Women's Resource Room

In the Women's Resource Room you will find books, videos, cassette tapes and CDs that are available to our guests. This library highlights the mission of Weber Center to offer the opportunity for spiritual growth and to experience a wide range of resources for prayer and meditation, as well as current issues that confront our world. An Internet-ready computer is available for the convenience of our guests.

INAI

Adjacent to Weber, INAI Studio offers a lovely place to discover a quiet gallery of photographs, models and slides in which to experience a unique ministry — design of sacred space. INAI is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday – Sunday.

The Labyrinth

The labyrinth is an ancient symbol found in a variety of cultures. Throughout the centuries it has spoken to women and men of the mystery of the Circle of Life. Many people find the labyrinth to be a place and a vehicle of healing, a place where one can consciously reflect upon the sacred journey of life.

The outdoor labyrinth can be walked from dawn to dusk throughout most of the year. It is closed in the winter since ice and snow prevent it from being safely accessible.

The Circle Garden

This lovely garden reflects the ever-changing seasons and provides a peaceful place to ponder life's mysteries. You are invited to come and enjoy the beauty of the Circle Garden as winter melts into spring, spring blooms into summer, and summer graciously gives way to fall.

Weber Center welcomes you!



INAI Studio



Outdoor Labyrinth



The Weber Garden

July

The Creative Journal

July 14-16

Friday, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, 1 p.m.

Journaling in prose, poetry, line drawing or the mandala are forms of prayer. During this weekend, participants will have time for these kinds of creative work — born out of silence, music and movement.

Please register by June 23

Guide: Suzanne Schreiber, OP

Single-occupancy:	\$ 200	Double-occupancy:	\$ 125 per person
Deposit:	\$ 50	Deposit:	\$ 50
Balance:	\$ 150	Balance:	\$ 75
Commuter:	\$ 100		
Deposit:	\$ 50		
Balance:	\$ 50		

Suzanne Schreiber,

an Adrian Dominican Sister, is a photographic artist who uses her camera to create visual poetry and express her belief that everything is connected. Her subjects are light, subtle movement, openings, textures and juxtapositions in which the silence of the moment is revealed. She is also a musician who knows that music, rhythm, movement and dance, as well as photography, can be healing and transforming. Sue holds degrees in art, art education and religious studies. She ministers in a variety of settings where she can facilitate the creativity of others.



The Biblical Roots of Justice

July 16-21

Sunday, 7 p.m. – Friday, 1 p.m.

In how many different ways is the term “justice” used today? We may hear “let justice be done” spoken with a vengeful tone. Or we may refer to “the justice system” in our western world in relation to crime and unlawful activities. Or “justice” may be joined with “peace” by those working against injustice in the world.

The term “biblical justice,” a rich, expansive, and challenging concept, stretches our 21st century understandings of justice. Most simply expressed, biblical justice refers to humankind’s right relationships with God and the land/earth.

During this week of study and reflection, we will consider several sections of the Bible and identify the contributions each section makes to our understanding of biblical justice. Our journey will take us into the primeval history of Genesis 1-11, the Exodus/Sinai traditions and covenant stipulations of Sabbath and Jubilee, the prophetic literature, wisdom literature and the psalms, and the Gospel of Luke. In this time of broken and bruised relationships in our world, such study and reflection can energize and inspire us as ministers of justice and hope.

Please register by June 23

Presenter: Sarah Sharkey, OP

Single-occupancy:	\$ 425	Double-occupancy:	\$ 325 per person
Deposit:	\$ 125	Deposit:	\$ 100
Balance:	\$ 300	Balance:	\$ 225
Commuter:	\$ 125		
Deposit:	\$ 50		
Balance:	\$ 75		



Sarah Sharkey,

an Adrian Dominican Sister, is a professor of sacred Scripture at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. Her enthusiasm for the Word of God contained in the Scriptures permeates her teaching.

August

Lands of Dominic: Armchair Pilgrimage

August 17-23

FULL

September

The Wounded Healer: Caregivers in the 21st Century

September 9

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The role of care giving can be both rewarding and draining. Recognizing the part spirituality plays in sustaining our ability to provide compassionate care is important, not only for our own wellbeing but also for the wellbeing of those we serve. This workshop will address the role of spirituality in care giving and differentiate it from religion or faith.

Please register by August 19

Presenter: Bettina Mollica, OP

Cost: \$ 50

Deposit: \$ 25

Balance: \$ 25

Lunch is included.

Bettina Mollica,

an Adrian Dominican Sister, holds a master's degree in formative spirituality from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, and a certificate in clinical pastoral care from Mount Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. She is an adjunct instructor at Ohio Dominican University and has extensive background in both teaching and pastoral ministry.

Bettina serves as a private consultant specializing in spirituality and wellness programs for those in the helping professions. She has worked in the fields of aging, mental health, medicine, and recreation.



Creating Connections: Personally, Professionally, and Spiritually A Gathering of Former Adrian Dominicans

September 15-17

Friday, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, 1 p.m.

The focus of this weekend will be “connecting the dots” of your life from multiple levels. By gaining clarity around facets of your personal, professional and spiritual lives, you can make creative choices around your wants and needs. *By contemplating and giving to others the fruits of your contemplation, you grow and become!*

Please register by August 25

Presenter: Patricia L. McDonald, OP

Single-occupancy:	\$ 200	Double-occupancy:	\$ 125 per person
Deposit:	\$ 50	Deposit:	\$ 50
Balance:	\$ 150	Balance:	\$ 75

Patricia L. McDonald,

an Adrian Dominican Sister, is an educator, workshop presenter and facilitator for churches, hospitals, and education and business environments. Her work has taken her to Canada, China, the Dominican Republic, France, Ireland, South Africa, Ukraine and throughout the United States.



Piece Work, Soul Work

September 22-24

Friday, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, 1 p.m.

Prayer patterns are as varied as quilting patterns and during this weekend participants will look at both. We will begin with the same pieces, but no two projects will look the same as each quilter will design her own pattern based on what works best for her. This will be a mystery project resulting in a 36" x 36" wall hanging. During the Soul Work sessions, participants will employ journaling and small-group discussion to look at their own prayer life, identifying ways to deepen communication with their God. A materials list will be mailed upon registration.

This program is limited to 25 participants.

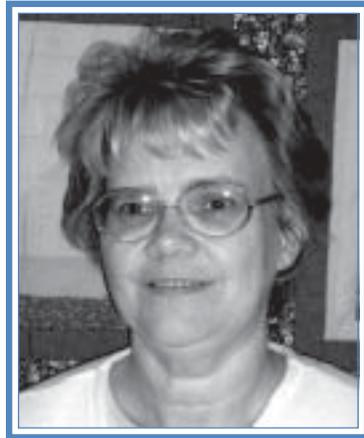
Please register by September 1

Directors: Barbara Harvey and Ann Hughes

Single-occupancy:	\$ 200	Double-occupancy:	\$ 125 per person
Deposit:	\$ 50	Deposit:	\$ 50
Balance:	\$ 150	Balance:	\$ 75

Barbara Harvey

has over 25 years of experience in crafts and quilting. She has worked in local fabric and quilt shops where she has taught several classes on quilting, crafts and basic sewing.



Ann Hughes

believes that piece work and soul work go hand in hand, that both are creative acts of the individual spirit. She has been quilting since 1989. Ann serves as President and CEO of the Adrian Chamber of Commerce.

Spirituality of Healing

September 29-October 1
Friday, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, 1 p.m.

This retreat is intended for all who are engaged in the healing process, for individuals who are actively engaged in their own healing, as well as for those who assist others in this process. Throughout this weekend, Dr. Finley will explore the spiritual dimensions of healing, examining themes such as understanding trauma and the role of spirituality in the healing process, developing a contemplative understanding of healing, and what it means to be a wounded healer. There will be time for silence, group meditation, personal reflection and discussion of the themes presented.

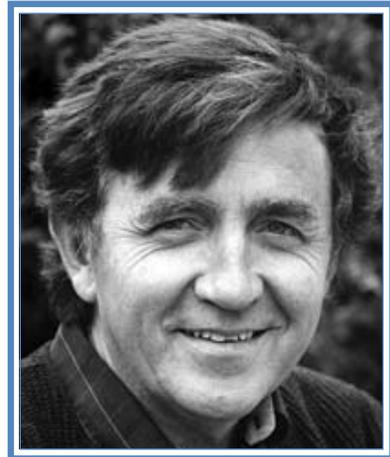
Please register by September 8

Presenter: James Finley, PhD

Single-occupancy:	\$ 250	Double-occupancy:	\$ 175 per person
Deposit:	\$ 50	Deposit:	\$ 50
Balance:	\$ 200	Balance:	\$ 125
Commuter:	\$ 125		
Deposit:	\$ 50		
Balance:	\$ 75		

James Finley

is a former monk from the Trappist monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky. He has led silent retreats throughout the United States and Canada. He is the author of *Merton's Palace of Nowhere*, Ave Maria Press, *The Contemplative Heart*, Sorin Books, and most recently, *Christian Meditation*, published by Harper San Francisco. He is a clinical psychologist in private practice with his wife in Santa Monica, California.



October

Holy Wisdom Workshop

October 6-8

Friday, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, 1 p.m.

The Wisdom books of the Old Testament have recently uncovered the ancient, compelling features of Holy Wisdom or Sophia. New Testament reflection has discovered these features as the picture of Jesus unfolds in surprising new ways. The implications for Christians today range from surprising new ways to imagine God to creative exploration of new ways to understand and pray about ecology. The weekend will provide time to reflect and pray about this unfolding revelation of God.

Please register by September 15

Presenter: Mary Irving, SSND

Single-occupancy: \$ 200
 Deposit: \$ 50
 Balance: \$ 150

Double-occupancy: \$ 125 per person
 Deposit: \$ 50
 Balance: \$ 75
 (per person)

Commuter: \$100
 Deposit: \$ 50
 Balance: \$ 50



Mary Irving,

a School Sister of Notre Dame, has been engaged in spirituality ministry for over 25 years, offering spiritual direction, retreats and workshops. For 10 years she was on the faculty of Washington Theological Union's formation program for spiritual directors in Silver Spring, Maryland, and she has served on the faculty of Creighton University's summer program in spirituality. Mary holds a master's degree in theology from Weston Jesuit School of Theology and a doctor of ministry from Catholic University of America.

The Transforming Power of Contemplation

October 13-15

Friday, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, 1 p.m.

In this workshop contemplative practice will be interwoven with presentations on the theology of contemplation and theories of consciousness. Particular attention will be given to the theories of spiral dynamics, evolutionary enlightenment, and Teilhard de Chardin's creative evolution. We will also address how to integrate social consciousness with contemplative consciousness in a more holistic way. There will be opportunities to share our experiences of mysticism and mission with one another.

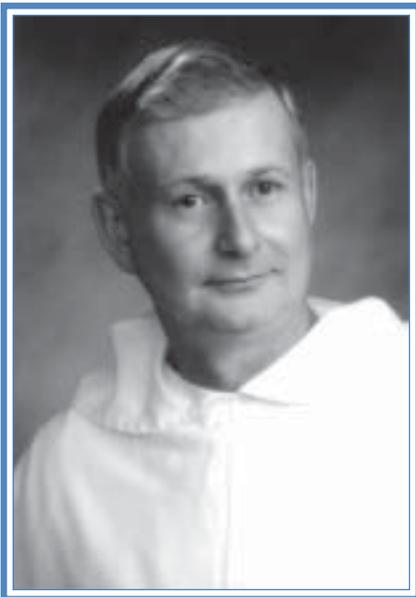
Please register by September 22

Presenter: Donald Goergen, OP

Single-occupancy: \$ 200
 Deposit: \$ 50
 Balance: \$ 150

Double-occupancy: \$ 125 per person
 Deposit: \$ 50
 Balance: \$ 75
 (per person)

Commuter: \$100
 Deposit: \$ 50
 Balance: \$ 50



Donald Goergen

is a Dominican theologian, preacher, teacher and writer. His most recent work has been on the theology and practice of contemplative living and the evolution of consciousness. His most recent book is *The Fire of Love: Encountering the Holy Spirit* (September 2006, Paulist Press). He has lectured widely in Asia and Africa as well as in the United States.

Registration Information



These pages are designed to enable you to register for several Weber-sponsored events. For each event you wish to attend, cut one of the pages in half and complete the necessary information **on both sides of the paper.**



It is essential that you complete all information that is requested, particularly phone number and e-mail address, when applicable. Generally, a confirmation will be sent to you by e-mail; if you do not have e-mail access, your confirmation will be mailed to your home address.



For more information, please call 517-266-4000 or e-mail WeberCenter@adriandominicans.org.



A **non-refundable deposit** in the amount indicated with each event must accompany registration. (A late fee may be applicable for late registrations.)



Registration will be accepted by phone if guaranteed by credit card.



Participants may be met at airports in Detroit (Metro) or Toledo. There is a one-way charge of \$20 for this service.



Be sure to indicate if you desire single or double-occupancy during your stay.



Please indicate with whom you are rooming.



Program cost includes room and meals.

Please send payment with registration for the appropriate event to:
Weber Center • 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive
Adrian • MI 49221-1793



Registration form

- Enclosed is my check payable to Weber Center
- Please send airport pick-up form
- Please send a map with directions
(maps may also be downloaded at www.adriandominicans.org)

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

E-mail address _____

Billing Information:

If paying by credit card, please provide the following information:

Visa MasterCard Discover

Your name as it appears on the card: _____

Card number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature of cardholder: _____



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Earth Spirituality: A Dominican Response

October 20-22

Friday, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, 1 p.m.

During this weekend we will explore the following themes: *eco-justice* as the context for all justice, the role of women religious in witnessing to eco-justice, and our specific response as Dominican women to the age-old and very-much-alive Albighensian heresy.

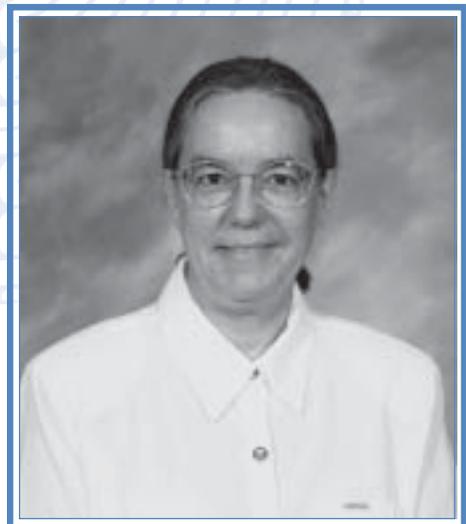
Presenter: Sharon Zayac, OP

Please register by September 29

Single-occupancy:	\$ 200	Double-occupancy:	\$ 125 per person
Deposit:	\$ 50	Deposit:	\$ 50
Balance:	\$ 150	Balance:	\$ 75
Commuter:	\$ 100		
Deposit:	\$ 50		
Balance:	\$ 50		

Sharon Zayac,

a Springfield Dominican, is a former secondary teacher and hospital CEO, and was the first graduate of the master's program in Earth literacy at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana. Sharon is the director of Jubilee Farm, her congregation's 111-acre center for ecology and spirituality. Sharon speaks frequently and passionately on Earth-centered topics.



Come and Paint

October 27-29

Friday, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, 1 p.m.

This weekend retreat is designed to awaken your creative energies through painting, a way of prayer and a form of spiritual expression. Mary encourages participants to listen to their deeper selves as they paint, and to trust what emerges. Both beginners and novices will benefit from this gentle environment that offers freedom to engage in the creative process without expectation, comparison or competition. While painters are invited to bring their favorite brushes, all supplies will be provided.

This program is limited to 25 participants. *Please register by October 6*

Presenter: Mary Southard, CSJ

Single-occupancy:	\$ 225	Double-occupancy:	\$ 175 per person
Deposit:	\$ 50	Deposit:	\$ 50
Balance:	\$ 175	Balance:	\$ 125
Commuter:	\$ 125		
Deposit:	\$ 50		
Balance:	\$ 75		

Mary Southard,

a Sister of Saint Joseph of LaGrange, Illinois, is an artist in love with life and with the Creator. She believes that the wisdom and creativity at the heart of all beings are alive and stirring in each of us. Mary is an experienced educator, spiritual companion, retreat director and workshop leader/facilitator. She delights in being with others in their process of discovery.



In Conversation: The Universe Story and Gospel

December 1-2

Friday, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, 1 p.m.

In recent years increasing attention has been given to “the new cosmology” or “the new universe story.” How does this “new” cosmology interface with our Christian tradition? How does it impact our faith? What do we retrieve, what do we discard, what do we re-imagine? The purpose of this workshop is to explore some of these challenges.

Please register by November 11

Presenter: Patricia Walter, OP

Single-occupancy:	\$ 150	Double-occupancy:	\$ 100 per person
Deposit:	\$ 50	Deposit:	\$ 50
Balance:	\$ 100	Balance:	\$ 50
Commuter:	\$ 75		
Deposit:	\$ 50		
Balance:	\$ 25		

Patricia Walter,

an Adrian Dominican Sister, teaches systematic theology at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. Among the courses she offers are Eco-theology and Spirituality, Christology, and Theological Anthropology. Pat has a longstanding interest in cosmology, metaphysics and theology.



Directed Retreats

December 3-9

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. – Saturday, 1 p.m.

Please register by November 12

Single-occupancy:	\$ 425	Commuter:	\$ 225
Deposit:	\$ 100	Deposit:	\$ 100
Balance:	\$ 325	Balance:	\$ 125

Mary Pat Dewey, OP,

an Adrian Dominican Sister, has a master's degree in theology from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Her ministerial experiences include education, pastoral ministry, justice and peace advocacy, and retreat ministry in parishes and retreat centers throughout the country.



Teresa Disch, OP,

is an Adrian Dominican Sister who has been a retreat and spiritual director for 25 years. She has experience in teaching, adult leadership development, parish ministry, deacon formation and pastoral counseling. Teresa has served the Catholic faith communities of the dioceses of Detroit, Lansing, Chicago and Pueblo, Colorado.

Charlotte Hoefler, OP,

is an Adrian Dominican Sister and a staff member at the Dominican Center for Religious Development. She has ministered for over 30 years as a retreat and spiritual director, instructor and supervisor in the Internship Program for Spiritual Directors, and has facilitated adult faith-formation experiences.



Carol Johannes, OP,

served on the staff of the Dominican Center for Religious Development for 16 years. An Adrian Dominican Sister, she has conducted retreats throughout the U.S. and overseas, ministered as a spiritual director, and taught and provided supervision in the Internship Program for Spiritual Directors.



Rosemarie Kieffer, OP,

an Adrian Dominican Sister, is the director of the Dominican Center for Religious Development. She spent many years in the ministry of religious education and served as a pastoral associate for 19 years in a city parish without a full-time priest. Rosemarie is also a member of the weekend retreat team for the laity at St. Paul's Retreat Center in Detroit.





The fireplace in the lobby creates a warm, cozy environment.

There are two spacious multi-media conference rooms, with several smaller meeting rooms available for break-out sessions.



The multi-media 130-seat auditorium utilizes fully digital audio and video equipment.

Comfortable bedrooms with private baths.



A Preview of Some Coming Events in 2007

February 1,
“Preaching the Gospel of Luke in Lent,”
with Barbara Reid, OP

February 15-18, “A Serenity Retreat for Women,”
with Tommie Dayton and Rose Celeste O’Connell, OP

April 20-22,
“The Song of the Soul,”
with Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB

June 1-3,
“‘The Living Flame of Love’ of John of the Cross,”
with Mary Meegan, OP

October 5-7,
“Piece Work ~ Soul Work,”
with Barbara Harvey and Ann Hughes

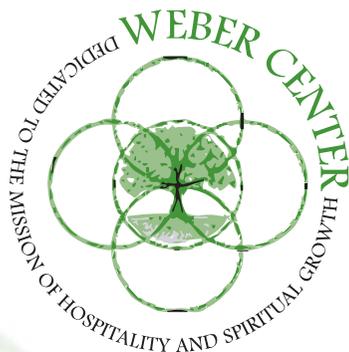
*Program reservations for July through December 2006
will begin on March 1, 2006. A non-refundable deposit
of \$50 must accompany each reservation.
Phone reservations may be made with a credit card.*



Photo-collage of Weber Outdoor Labyrinth and Motherhouse cemetery, 2000,
by Aneesah McNamee, OP.

Original photo-collage is located in Weber Center.

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Guest Accommodations

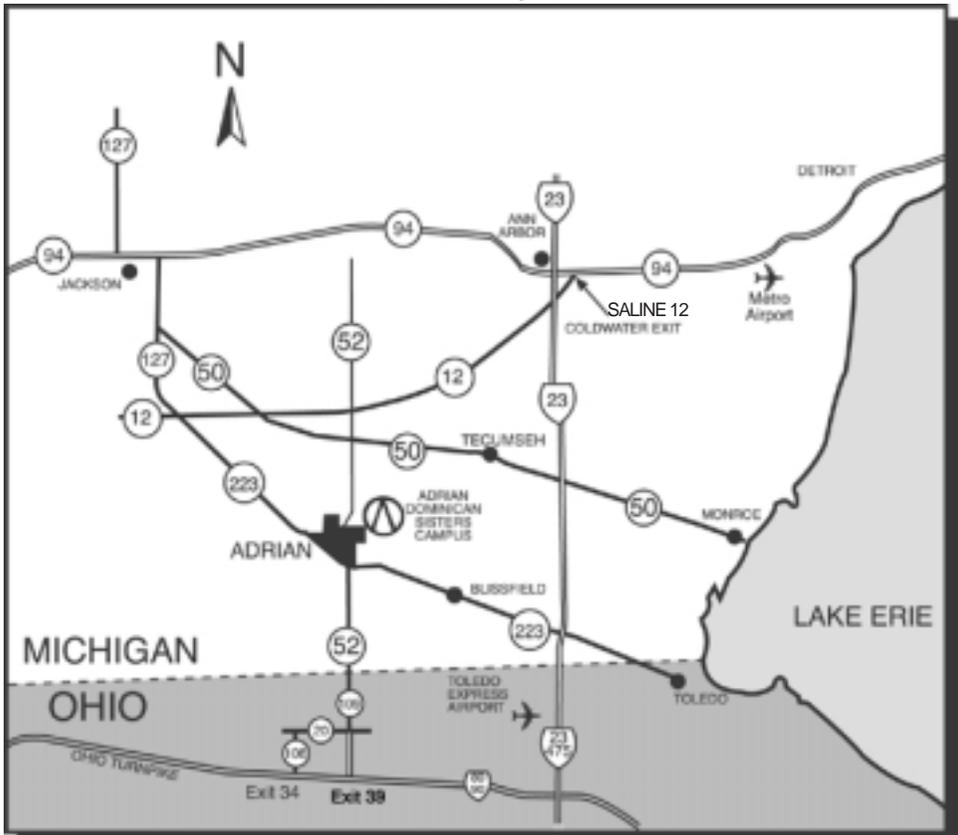
Most weekend programs offered at Weber Center begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday (no evening meal is provided) and conclude after Sunday dinner at 1 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, rates for weekend events are \$200 for private-room accommodations and \$125 per person for double-occupancy. All bedrooms have private bathrooms and adjustable thermostats for heating and cooling.

Private Retreats

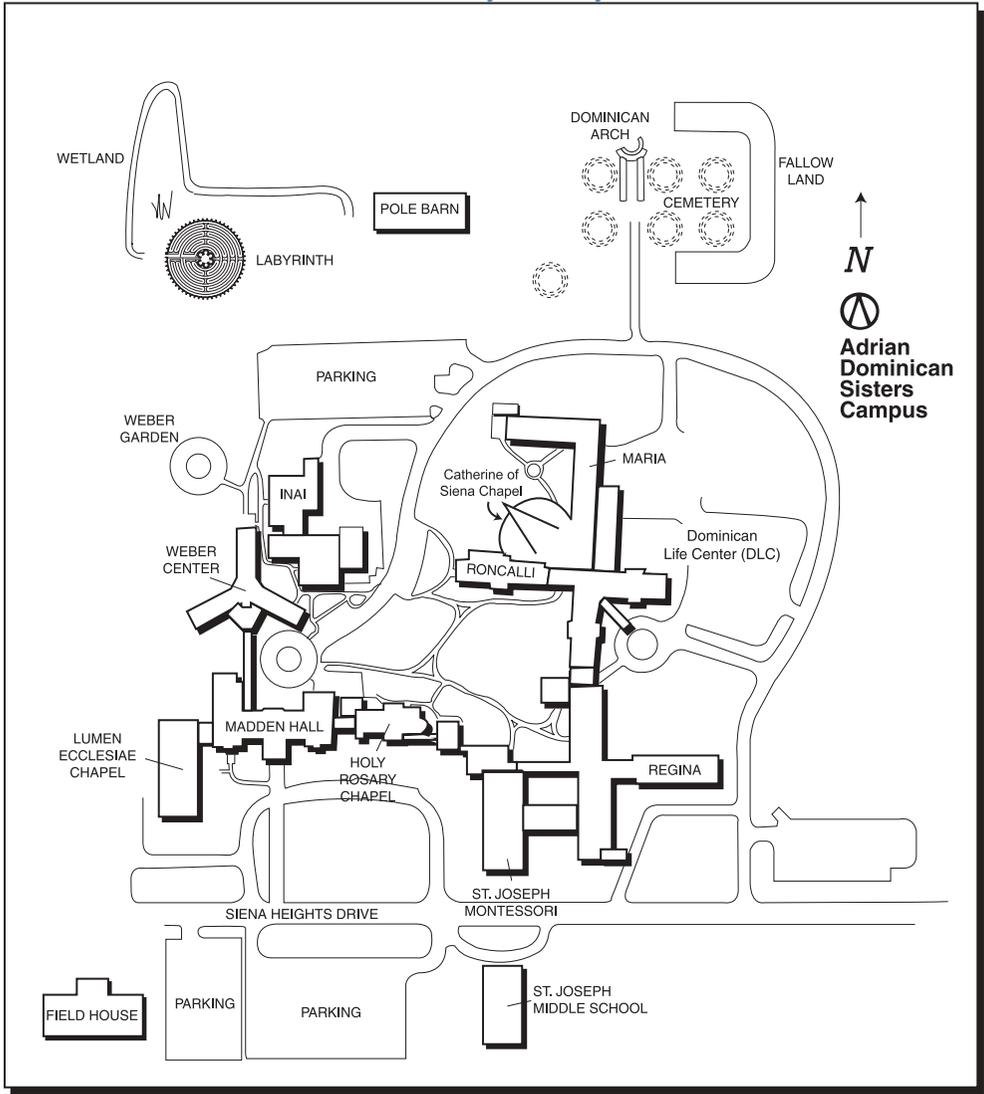
Individuals wishing to make a private retreat should make arrangements by calling 517-266-4000. A member of the Weber staff will be happy to assist you with your accommodations. A \$55 fee is charged per night. Meals in the Madden Hall Dining Room are included in these rates.

Individual Directed Retreats

Arrangements can be made to meet with an experienced spiritual director during your retreat. However, these arrangements must be made prior to your arrival in order to ensure that a director will be available. A stipend is negotiated with the retreat director. Fees for accommodations are the same as those noted above (\$55 per night).



The Adrian Dominican Sisters Campus Map



Be sure to check our web site at www.adriandominicans.org/weber/ for up-to-date programming information.

On occasion, it is necessary to cancel or reschedule some programs, while new offerings may be added to our calendar. You may also see previews of coming events.