



Pope Benedict XVI

Love, the Universe and Everything: How the Incarnation Makes It All New!



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About the Summer Program

Madonna House is a community of men and women whose call to live the Gospel of Love has brought them great joy. The Incarnation touches every aspect of life. If you are between the ages of 19 and 35 and are searching for the deepest meaning of your existence come and experience our daily life of work, prayer and recreation. Hear from our members - women, laymen and priests - about our way of life (The Little Mandate) which you can live anywhere. Come for all 5 weeks or just a minimum of 1 week.

July 7th - August 10th

Life Lessons from the Little Mandate

- Week 1 July 7-13 **Take up Your Cross** - Solidarity with all people
- Week 2 July 14-20 **Be Simple** - Say Yes. Say No. Know Yourself
- Week 3 July 21-27 **Pray** - School for Prayer
- Week 4 July 28-Aug. 3 **Fast** - Moving beyond consumption
- Week 5 August 4 - 10 **Listen** - Who are you? Think, reflect, be responsible for your life

What to Expect

- Daily Mass, communal prayer, and adoration
 - Working alongside community members
 - Seminars, lectures, witness talks, discussions
 - Recreation and free time
 - Personal spiritual guidance available
 - Family-style meals
 - Dormitory living
- Open to men and women 19-35 years of age.



We Welcome Visitors Throughout the Year



Our Lady of
Combermere

We welcome visitors throughout the year to share in our *ordinary* daily life, and to learn the *extraordinary* truth of God's presence in every moment of that life (minimum stay of one week). We pray, work, relax together, and participate in the following:

Fall (October through early January)

Ten classes on Fundamentals of the Spiritual Life, with study and reflection time after each talk.

Liturgy classes introduce the seasons of the Church year, and our customs in celebrating them. Live the liturgical year in everyday life,

beginning with Advent. Then enter Christmas to receive the Greatest Gift – the Child born to be King. Celebrate the full season into Epiphany, with rich traditions to feed both spirit and body.

During Advent, use your free time to learn a new craft in our handicraft department.

Winter (January through Easter Sunday)

Weekly classes on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, with study and reflection time after each class.

We continue the liturgical journey, entering Lent through a rich daily prayer life and spiritual readings for the season. Then walk through Holy Week with the Lord Jesus, so as to enter his Risen Life and proclaim: Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

During Lent, try your hand at the art of pysanky – a type of Russian/Ukrainian/Polish egg decorating – to “push back the darkness” in this world with the light and joy of the Resurrection.

Spiritual Formation Program

We also offer a program for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood. This runs from October through April.

How to Contact Us

To register, please write, phone or email:

Registrar of Men / Women / Priests
Madonna House Apostolate
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Combermere ON K0J 1L0
Canada

Telephone: 1-613-756-3713
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E-mail: registrar@madonnahouse.org
(Include your postal address)

*There is no set fee. Donations welcome
according to your means.*

For more information, please phone or
visit our website:

www.madonnahouse.org

From our web site you can:

- Take a tour of Madonna House with full-colour photographs.
- Find out more about our community.
- Learn about Catherine Doherty, our foundress, and read excerpts from her talks, articles and books.
- Discover the work of our mission field houses around the world.

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