

Dear Reverend Father

**An Invitation to the Diocesan Annual Retreat – 2-6 October 2023 and 13-17 May 2024
The Franciscan Centre, Ladywell Convent, Godalming**

This retreat, our first since the pandemic, will be our first at Ladywell in Godalming and will be led by Rt Rev Hugh Allan O.Praem. There are 21 spaces available, in this beautiful setting with newly refurbished ensuite rooms, so quick booking is advised. We will also require a 50% deposit (£200) for all paid spaces on the retreat. Owing to the relatively small number of spaces, the same retreat will be delivered twice, first in October 2023 and then in May 2024.

The Rt Rev Hugh Allan O.Praem, Prelate and Titular Abbot of Beeleigh, is the Apostolic Administrator of the Prefecture of the Falkland Islands and Ecclesiastical Superior of the Missions sui iuris of the islands of Ascension, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha. Fr Hugh was born in Hertfordshire, and was raised as a Free Presbyterian. At 16, he converted to Catholicism and trained to be a teacher at St Mary's University, Twickenham. On leaving university, he joined the Order of Canons Regular of Prémontré, also known as the Norbertines or 'White Canons'. He made his solemn profession in 2001 and was ordained a priest in November 2002 by Bishop Terence Brain. He has served as a full-time school chaplain in North Manchester and parish priest in Gorton, Manchester. He moved to Chelmsford in 2008 to become superior to a new canonry. In 2022, Abbot Hugh formally erected The Priory of Our Lady of Sorrows in Peckham.

A map and details of how to get to the retreat centre by car or public transport can be sent to you on request. If you are able to join us, please complete and tear off the bottom section of this letter, for more information on the venue, please visit <https://franciscancentre.org.uk>.

BOOKING FORM

Please specify which week you would like to attend the Diocesan Annual Retreat

- 2-6 October 2023**
 13-17 May 2024

Please note the contribution towards the retreat does not reflect the total cost as this is subsidised by the Diocese. This subsidy also includes the provision of places to retired priests at no charge to them.

Please tick one section:

- Please invoice for the deposit of £200 (NB the outstanding balance will need to be paid one month before the retreat)
 Please invoice for the full cost of the retreat, £395
 I am a retired priest and do not need to pay

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Special Dietary or other Requirements _____