

Facilitators -

Bernie Carroll, SJ has been a long-time spiritual director at Loyola House. He visited Taizé many years ago. He was pastor of Holy Rosary parish, Guelph for 10 years and Director of Martyrs Shrine, Midland for 5 years. He loves singing the Taizé chants.

Tarcia Gerwing obtained a B.A. from the University of Saskatchewan and her M.A. in Ministry and Spirituality from Regis College, University of Toronto. Tarcia has been an Associate Staff member and Guest Director at Loyola House since 1992, working on a variety of programs. Tarcia also trains spiritual directors at Loyola House and through the Guelph Ecumenical Guild.

Dan Leckman, SJ found God during his years studying History & Russian Studies at McGill University. In 2006, he discovered his vocation to become a Brother in the Society of Jesus. He joined Loyola House as a spiritual director in 2015.



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Taizé

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**Weekend Retreats with
the Chants of Taizé**

Facilitated by *Bernie Carroll, SJ,
Tarcia Gerwing & Dan Leckman, SJ*

2018 - 2019



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Taizé is a town in France where an ecumenical monastic community has existed since 1940. Today, the Taizé Community is made up of



over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a “parable of community” that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples. Tens of thousands have spent time there each year since the early 60s. Their chants are now sung in churches around the world.

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to

remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.

*We chant our joys and praises;
we sing our aspirations and
petitions; we give thanks.*

Format of the Weekend

The manner of prayer is based on the manner of worship of the Taizé ecumenical monastic community.

We begin Friday evening at 8 pm with Prayer and Chants around the Cross and continue with morning, noon and evening prayer on Saturday and Sunday. The retreat finishes with Eucharist on Sunday at 11:30 am, followed by lunch.

Who is it for?

In Taizé the emphasis is on youth but all age groups appreciate this contemplative style of prayer. People who love to sing can easily learn the chants and even ad simple four-part harmony. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God.

N.B. This is not a totally silent retreat.

December 7-9 2018
March 22-24 2019
December 6-8 2019

Cost: \$260 - live-in
\$160 - commuter

Fees include accommodations, meals, sessions with a spiritual director (unless stated otherwise), daily liturgy, and access to the land. Commuter fees do not include accommodations. All fees are in Canadian dollars.

To apply for this retreat, complete the online application form at **loyolahouse.com** under Application. A downloadable form may also be completed, from the application webpage.

Checking In

Unless otherwise noted in the schedule, retreats and programs begin promptly at 8pm on the first day and end at 1pm on the last day.

Payment Policy

Payment in full must be received in order to secure your booking. Cancellations & Refunds are managed on an individual basis.