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Press Release

Monastic Community at Walt Disney World

Final registrations for inaugural November retreat, 11/6 – 11/10

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During the month of November 2014, people will gather to create a monastic community at the Walt Disney World Resort. In addition to praying the daily office, monastics will practice spiritual disciplines to enhance personal beliefs and discern community response to God.

This November, a monastic community will **PRAY** the daily office; **REFLECT** on God's Holy Story; **PRACTICE** spiritual disciplines connecting us with God and with God's people; **DISCERN** how God speaks through popular culture; and **IMAGINE** and **LIVE** into a rule of life claiming space within God's sacred story. The inaugural retreat coincides with the release of *A Disney Monastic: theme park travel guide for the God-seeker*, The Rev. Kevin M. Goodman's book about discovering God through spiritual practices while riding some of Disney's most popular theme park attractions. This guide "acknowledges both the wonder and magic of the world and the sometimes harsh realities of living in it." (The Rev. Sarah K. Fisher, from the book's forward) In fourteen chapters, the guide begins and ends with a chapter titled "Where Am I Going?" Each chapter challenges the reader to think about and to respond in writing to questions, such as "How Do I Feed Myself and My Neighbor?" (Hunger) and "Can I Change?" (Judgment) Each chapter references a major attraction in Walt Disney World, characters and their behaviors in Disney's movies, and a Biblical passage related to the behaviors of these characters - all presenting a journal-writing experience.

The inaugural retreat is organized by Digital Monastics NFP, a creative and supportive organization of people designing retreats, writing books, creating art and seeking Christ at all times and in all places. The mission of Digital Monastics is to empower Seekers to find God where they gather, play, work and worship.

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The retreat begins at 6:30PM, Thursday, November 6th and concludes on Monday, November 10th at 9:00AM.

The cost of the retreat is \$1500 which includes: 4 nights lodging at the Holiday Inn Walt Disney World Resort Lake Buena Vista, all breakfasts and dinners, retreat materials, 3-day Park Hopper admission to the Walt Disney World Resort, and transportation to and from the Orlando International Airport. Monastics must make their own flight arrangements.

Registration closes September 30th. To register or to donate to Digital Monastic NFP, link to www.disneymonastics.com

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