



# End of the Year Retreat

## *Echoes of Faith: Called to Serve as Mirrors of the Cross*

Rooted in the heart of Franciscan spirituality, this retreat invites directors, faith formation coordinators, and catechists to rediscover their ministry as a living reflection of Christ's love. Inspired by the Franciscan understanding of being a Mirror of the Cross, participants are called to contemplate how their daily service becomes a humble echo of Jesus' self-giving presence in the world.



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Cost:  
\$20.00

Thursday, May 28, 2026  
9 AM–12 PM  
Mission San Luis Rey  
4070 Mission Ave., Oceanside, CA 92027

The day offers space to pause, pray, and reflect on the sacred responsibility of forming others in faith. Just as St. Francis sought to mirror Christ in simplicity, joy, and compassion, catechetical ministers are invited to see their vocation as a path of ongoing conversion—one where they both teach and are continually formed by the Gospel they share.

Together, participants will explore:

- How Franciscan spirituality shapes our call to serve with humility, joy, and tenderness
- What it means to be a Mirror of the Cross in ministry—reflecting Christ's love through presence, patience, and compassion
- The ways our ministry becomes an echo of God's mercy in the lives of those we accompany
- Practices that sustain the heart of a servant-leader: prayer, simplicity, gratitude, and fraternity

By the end of the retreat, participants will leave renewed in spirit—encouraged to continue their ministry with the gentle strength of Christ, the joyful simplicity of St. Francis, and a deeper awareness of how their lives echo faith for others.



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