



SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

Where God and Sea Come Together

June 2025

Dear Friends,

On September 25, 1925, the first retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House was offered to twelve men. It was led by Fr. Thomas Hanley, C.Ss.R., Provincial Consultant for the Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers. Ever since that first retreat, San Alfonso has been welcoming thousands of men, women, religious sisters and brothers, clergy, married couples, high school students, numerous and varied groups and faith-seeking individuals from near and far.

It is by God's good grace that we have been able to continue this ministry over these past one hundred years; and so, it is only fitting that we give abundant thanks to our gracious God and to you, dear friends, with a special celebration of this momentous Anniversary.

On November 15, 2025, we will be hosting a gala benefit dinner at Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, NJ. The evening is scheduled to begin at 5:00 and to end at 9:00 PM. All proceeds gained from this major fundraising event will be used to support and sustain the ministry of San Alfonso for the next one hundred years.

Our special guest for that evening will be Rev. John McGowan, C.Ss.R. who will be honored with The San Alfonso *Man for all Seasons Award*. It is a humble tribute to a great Redemptorist Priest who has given close to thirty years of selfless service to the ministry of this retreat house. In that time, he touched the lives of countless individuals, strengthening their hearts and enriching their souls with his loving and embracing gift of self.

We hope we can count on your generous support by considering one of the many sponsorship opportunities listed in the enclosed brochure. Whether you choose to take out an ad in our Commemorative Journal, buy a table or tickets to join us that evening, or simply send a donation, *know that we are most grateful for your generosity and support.*

Now more than ever, our world needs those places where one can "come away and rest awhile" with God. We hope you will help us continue to provide such a place here at San Alfonso – for countless years to come.

If a monetary gift is beyond your present means, we humbly ask for your good prayers that God will continue to bless the retreat ministry of San Alfonso and all those who come to these hallowed grounds. This will be our one major fundraising event. We hope we can count on your generosity, your support, and your prayers.

May God richly bless you,

Fr. Joseph Tizio
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