

Common FAQ's Regarding Caritas

Q. I'm not a Catholic, but interested in attending the retreat, am I still able to attend?

A. Yes, our retreat is open to everyone. But it is a Catholic retreat. All we ask is your willingness to be open. We do not try to convert anyone or force Catholic values on anyone.

Q. I'm not Vietnamese, can I attend?

A. Yes. English is the predominant language used on the retreat. However some Vietnamese will be used in the topics and discussions, including references to Vietnamese culture and tradition. Again, we ask for your willingness to be open.

Q. Do you have scholarships available?

A. Yes. We will consider it on a case-by-case and need basis. If you really want to attend, we will do our best to help.

Q. I'm not yet 20, can I still attend?

A. This will be reviewed by the Registration Team and Cha Tri. Please contact us by email.

Q. I'm over 30, can I still attend?

A. The retreat is designed for people in their 20's and 30's. So anyone in their 30's are welcomed. If you prefer the Caritas Retreat spoken mainly in Vietnamese for people in their 30's-50's from May 28-31, 2009 in California, please contact Elaine Thoa Vu at elainevu@yahoo.com.

Q. Is it a good idea for my significant other and I to attend the same Caritas Retreat?

A. Yes! However, we learn from experience that going on a retreat with the appropriate attitude is key to how much one will gain from it. If you both intend to go, please talk about giving each other personal space on the retreat to grow individually as well as a couple. Experience has clearly shown that couples who give each other enough personal space on the retreat benefit and grow *more* from it, whereas couples who are often by each other's side end up growing and benefitting *less* from the retreat.