



**Holy Name**  
**Passionist Retreat Center**

*2017 – 2018 Catholic Retreat Theme*

## ***Ave Crux, Spes Unica: Hail to the Cross, Our Holy Hope?***

### **Theme**

The retreat theme for the 2017-2018 season is: *Ave Crux Spes Unica*. In English, it translates as “Hail to the Cross Our Only Hope.” The phrase has its origins in a stanza of an ancient Roman hymn to the True Cross of Christ, dating back to the sixth century: *Vexilla Regis*; The Banner of the King.

At Holy Name, they rather audaciously added a question mark to the ancient verse: “Hail to the Cross Our Only Hope?” The question is directed to each of us. As Christians of the 21<sup>st</sup> century living in the “developed world” do we really perceive and embrace the Cross as our *only* hope?

This year, when you come on retreat you will want to bring your favorite Crucifix, ideally one you can hold in your hand. If you don't have one, the Center will have some available. Your Crucifix will not only serve as a ‘souvenir’ of the retreat but – according to an age-old privilege granted to Passionist retreats and missions – after it is blessed at the conclusion of the retreat, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who reverence the Crucifix on their death bed. We are invited to participate in a retreat this coming season, embracing the Cross as your only hope.

### **When**

This year's Men's Retreat is scheduled for October 20, 21, and 22, 2017. Retreat-ants may begin arriving at 5:00PM on Friday.

### **Cost**

\$220 is the cost of retreat. If you have never been to a retreat at HNRC, you are in for a treat! Each retreat-ant has a private room and bath. All linens and towels are supplied and the food is awesome! The retreat schedule is set up so each person may have time for rest and personal reflection. Additional information about HNRC, as well as a registration page is available online at <https://holynameretreatcenter.com>.