



## YOU ARE INVITED!

Would you like to learn more about religious life? Do you have questions about discerning your vocation? You are invited to share in our monastic celebration of the Liturgy of Hours, joining with us to pray together in the simplicity and beauty of our church. There will be time to talk about your personal story and to hear how we discerned our vocations. You will be able to share with others participating in the weekend, your experiences, hopes, and concerns about making life decisions.

“Come Away” is offered as a retreat experience for single Catholic men between the ages of 23 and 45 who are discerning the possibility of a call to monastic life.

### SAYINGS OF CISTERCIAN FATHERS

“The love of God is a river of peace, streaming out in its greatness and flowing in with gentle waters. At the same time it is a torrent, rushing along with mighty force and sweeping everything away with it!”

-John of Ford

“If you more closely contemplate every creature, from the first to the last, from the highest to the lowest, from the loftiest angel to the lowliest worm. you will surely discover divine goodness -- which we have called nothing other than divine love - which contains, enfolds, and penetrates all things, by the steady, mysterious, and self-contained simplicity of its presence.”

-Aelred of Rievaulx

“Love's birthplace is God. There it is born, there nourished, there developed. There it is a citizen, not a stranger. Love is given by God alone, and it endures in Him, for it is due to no one else but Him and for His sake.”

-William of St. Thierry



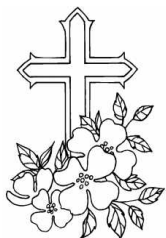
# COME AWAY

MARCH 18-20, 2016

New Melleray Abbey

*Peosta, Iowa*

New Melleray Abbey is a Cistercian, Trappist monastery located 12 miles southwest of Dubuque, Iowa, between Highways 20 and 151.



The community welcomes your participation in our “Come Away” weekend from Friday evening, March 18, to Sunday afternoon, March 20. Your meals and lodging accommodations at New Melleray are offered without charge.

### For more information

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New Melleray Abbey  
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### Friday

2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Arrival  
5:30 p.m. Vespers  
6:00 Evening Meal  
6:45 Welcome / Orientation  
7:30 Compline

### Saturday

3:30 a.m. Vigils (optional)  
6:30 Lauds  
7:00 Eucharist  
7:30 Breakfast  
8:15 Discerning a Vocation  
9:15 Tierce  
9:30 Discussion with Monks, Questions and Answers  
10:30 Tour Inside Abbey  
11:45 Sext  
12:00 p.m. Lunch, Rest Period  
1:45 None  
2:00 Work & Outside Tour – “Spirituality of Work “  
4:00 Walk with a monk.  
5:30 Vespers  
6:00 Evening Meal  
6:45 Practice of Lectio Divina  
7:30 Compline

### Sunday

3:30 a.m. Vigils (optional)  
6:30 Lauds  
7:00 Abbot’s Chapter Talk  
9:00 Sunday Eucharist  
10:30 Process of Admission and Stages of Formation  
11:30 Blessing of Participants  
11:45 Sext  
12:00 p.m. Lunch, Rest Period  
1:45 None  
2:00 Departures  
5:30 Vespers and Benediction  
6:00 Evening Meal  
7:30 Compline

