

# CATHERINE'S COTTAGE

(NEW HERMITAGE)



## A PLACE FOR SOLITUDE

Contemplative  
Space

Restoration &  
Renewal

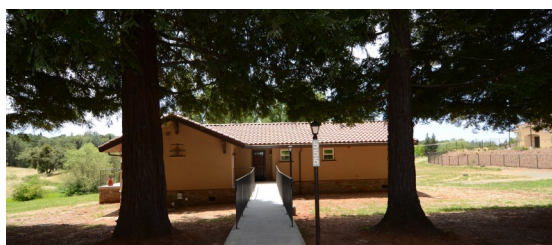
Quiet  
Reflection

Beautiful Natural  
Surroundings



"In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there" (Mk 1:35). "When you are able to create a lonely place in the middle of your actions and concerns, your successes and failures slowly can lose some of their power over you. For then your love for this world can merge with a compassionate understanding of its illusions. Let us therefore live our lives to the fullest but let us not forget to once in a while get up long before dawn to leave the house and go to a lonely place."

*Out of Solitude, Henri J. M. Nouwen*



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## Catherine's Cottage (new hermitage)



The Mercy Auburn campus has opened a new hermitage for individuals who are seeking a quiet space for solitude and personal retreat. Catherine's Cottage (named for Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy), is a duplex of two single suites located on the South side of the campus, accessible by way of the lower parking lot of the Retreat Center.

The hermitage will serve in a special way those persons who want a unique experience of time spent apart for prayer and solitude. Each suite has one queen bedroom and full bathroom (complete with furnishings and linens); living room with a desk, chair and reclining sofa; meditation/prayer space with comfortable seating; kitchen with refrigerator, microwave oven and toaster. The units are enhanced with skylight and windows throughout, French doors that open to an outside deck with views of the vast and natural beauty, ceiling fans, air conditioning and internet connectivity.

Overnight resident charges include healthy meals provided in the Retreat Center. The suites will be equipped with hot water dispenser and coffee maker, and guests are welcome to bring provisional refreshments of their choice. Guests can schedule appointments for spiritual direction, massage, or arrange their stay during the time of a scheduled retreat (additional charges will apply). All rates apply to "single" resident occupancy.

Mercy Center Auburn has been a place of retreat and gathering for persons and groups who reserve space for a day, weekend, or extended period of time. Catherine's Cottage will be reserved for retreatants who want a more secluded space and/or when there is full occupancy in the retreat center.

### Rates for Hermitage:

- \$135 for first day: self-serve breakfast; lunch and dinner trays in retreat center
- First day fee of \$135 is considered *non-refundable deposit* and is payable at time of reservation.
- \$110 each additional day up to five days (minimum two-night stay on weekends); after five days cost drops to \$75 per day; extended stays require prior approval. All meals included in daily rate.
- Reservation requests by telephone: 530-887-2019 or e-mail: [info@mercycenter.org](mailto:info@mercycenter.org)

