

Seville Mercy Conference Centre Presents

# TROPICAL RETREAT IN NATURE



A Walking Retreat  
based in Cairns and Far North Queensland  
\$3000 + GST

**2ND - 8TH JULY 2023**

(Includes single room accommodation with shared bathroom, all meals, excursions, and guided trips to key places in the Far North.)

For further information please contact  
Priscilla O'Brien (Ministry Development Coordinator)  
Email: [priscilla@mcauleyministries.org.au](mailto:priscilla@mcauleyministries.org.au)  
Phone: 07 4047 8103

**Retreat is limited to only 15 participants.**



# RETREAT PRESENTER

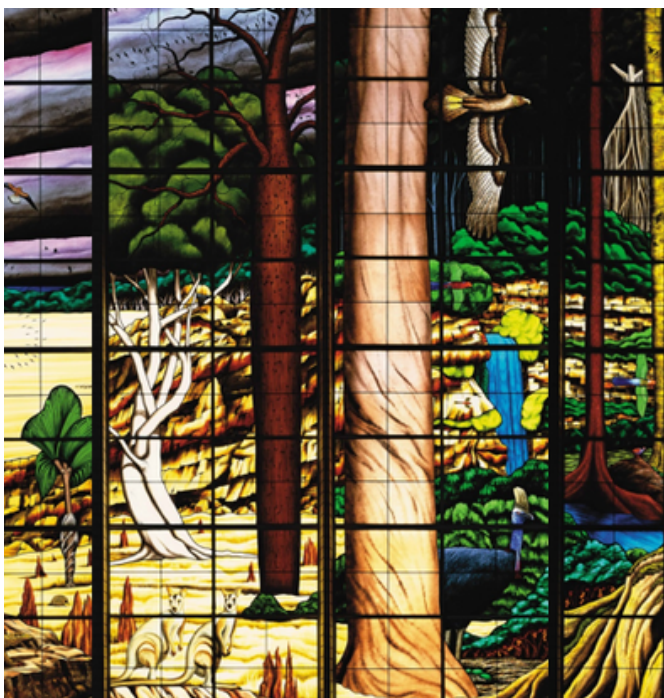
## DR PETER SAUNDERS

Peter is a spiritual director, retreat leader and bushwalker. He has a strong commitment to ecological conversion. He is the founder of the "Being with God in Nature" ministry, providing opportunities in Nature to encounter the Presence that is God in all Creation.



### **The retreat will offer the following:**

- Experience of indigenous culture
- Dreamtime Walk and rainforest walk at Mossman Gorge
- Visit to Crystal Cascades and Cattana Wetlands
- Visit to St Monica's Cathedral - Creation Windows
- Tablelands tour and Lake Eacham walk
- Trip to Cairns Botanical Gardens, Gondwanan Heritage Garden and Saltwater Lake
- Access to Seville's grounds and Mercy Creek Rainforest walk



### **Seville Mercy Conference Centre**



A unique facility operated by the Sisters of Mercy, in a tropical setting. Seville is nestled into the foothills of Cairns with a charm that is warm, personal, and relaxing. The Sisters of Mercy have cherished a spirit of hospitality from their origins. Together with their colleagues, they continue offering this gift by providing a warm and welcoming presence at Seville while aspiring to live and breathe the message of Laudato Si'.

*"The entire material universe speaks of God's love and boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."*

*Pope Francis (Laudato Si')*



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## Tropical Retreat In Nature

Cairns & Far North Queensland

Sunday 2nd - Saturday 8th July 2023

# Application Form

Please complete the form and email to:  
**Vicky Parker (Seville Ministry Planning Coordinator)**  
Email: [vicky@mcauleyministries.org.au](mailto:vicky@mcauleyministries.org.au) Tel: 07 4047 8102

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin OR name and number/s of person to call in case of an emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to apply for a place on the Tropical Retreat in Nature in Cairns, from 2 - 8 July 2023.**

**Cost of the retreat is \$3000 + GST. Payment to be made by 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023. When your application has been approved\* we will send you a link for registration and payment.**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Present Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

If priest/religious, please name Diocese/Religious Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please say briefly why you would want to make this retreat? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dietary Requirements:** We can only cater for diets listed below on the Tropical Retreat in Nature. If you have more specific requirements, you will need to make arrangements for these yourself.

Gluten free  Dairy free  Vegetarian (Fish Ok)  Vegetarian (No Meat or Fish)  Vegan

Other Critical Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH INFORMATION:**

If you suffer from a disability or a medical condition that may impact on you during the Tropical Retreat in Nature please explain, detailing any medications you are on.

Are there any other issues we need to know about that could affect you on this retreat?

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**DETAIL YOUR EXPERIENCE OF WALKING IN THE AUSTRALIAN WILDERNESS:**

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**FITNESS REQUIREMENTS:**

The Tropical Retreat in Nature requires a level of fitness that enables you to walk up to 6km in a day on tracks that are graded from easy to medium, in Far North Queensland. How would you rate your level of fitness? Explain your present physical practices:

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**I declare that all the information provided by me is true, complete and correct in every detail.**

[Information supplied will be used solely to plan this retreat. It will not be used for any other purposes]

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Approval of application

On receipt of your application, Dr Peter Saunders will contact you to arrange an interview (either phone or via zoom/skype). The purpose of the interview will be to provide any further information that you need about the Tropical Retreat in Nature and to ensure that this retreat is suitable for you.