

# Social Service Institutions / Organizations

## St. Silouan Retreat

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### Accomplishments/Progress Since the 13th All-American Council

Throughout 2004, the V. Rev. John Breck continued to mentor the Rev. John Parker, priest in charge of Holy Ascension Orthodox Mission in Mt. Pleasant, SC. He did premarital counseling with one couple and celebrated the marriage ceremony. He continues his ministry as a father confessor, offering spiritual counseling as well, and serves Liturgy occasionally at the parish. Since Holy Ascension Orthodox Mission rented a full-time space in March 2004, parishioners attend services at St. Silouan Retreat infrequently. While he continues to welcome the monastics of SS. Mary/Martha Monastery, Wagener, SC, he is no longer the official spiritual father of this community. During 2004, St. Silouan Retreat was open to receive retreatants for eight months. Fr. John officially retired in January 2004.

Statistics for 2004 are as follows: The total number of retreatants was 60. Among them were 7 monastics, 7 Orthodox clergy, 2 Orthodox clergy wives, 4 non-Orthodox clergy, and one non-Orthodox clergy wife.

#### ♦ Activities of Fr. John Breck

His book *Sacred Gift of Life* was translated and published in Russian and Bulgarian during 2004 (earlier it was published in Romanian; a French translation is under way). He devoted substantial amounts of time to the writing of another book, *Stages on Life's Way* (currently in the editorial process at SVS Press).

Fr. John also regularly assists with celebrating divine services throughout the year at Holy Apostles Mission and SS. Mary/Martha Monastery. Other events include his teaching two courses at St. Sergius Institute, Paris (patristic exegesis, bioethics) in February; in March, visited and taught at Orthodox seminary in Durres, Albania; in June, gave keynote address at SVS Institute; in July, gave the main lecture (on bioethics) at Antiochian Village for clergy conference; in August was the main speaker at St. John the Baptist Fellowship in England (bioethics) at invitation of His Grace Bishop Kallistos Ware; in September, directed Army Chaplain Retreat, St. Christopher's Retreat Center, Seabrook, SC and lectured and gave courses in Cluj, Romania, and St. Sergius Institute, Paris.

#### ♦ Activities of Lyn Breck

Lyn began closing her private practice, *Therapia Counseling Services*, in May by not taking on any new clients. She has been asked by several individuals to offer spiritual accompaniment and to date has accepted to work with two people.

Among her activities, Lyn co-directed a retreat in February for women ("Mother of God, Joy of All Who Sorrow") with Julia Raboteau in Williamsburg, VA; in March gave a talk to Orthodox Women in Healing Ministries in Washington, DC, and directed retreat ("I Will Give You a New Heart") for clergy of the Greek Archdiocese and seminarian wives in Boston, MA; met with Mgr. Paul Aldersen to plan illustrated publication of his writing; directed session "Codependency for Christians" in Charleston area; and wrote a chapter for the book *Stages on Life's Way*, for SVS Press.