



**JOHN PAUL II HEALING CENTER**  
*Transformation in the Heart of the Church*

## **Restoring the Glory Event Report June 8 - 12, 2015**

This year's Restoring the Glory retreat, with its focus on and in-depth teaching around St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, provided the exceptional opportunity for participants to explore the depths of their identity in Jesus Christ. Almost 70 participants attended the week, including nine seminarians from five different dioceses or orders, as well as priests and women from several religious communities. The team was blessed by the presence and spiritual covering of six priests. The powerful presence of priestly authority was instrumental in creating an environment that was covered in prayer and spiritual safety.



JPII staff greeted the volunteer team on Monday morning, making sure that everyone had an opportunity to get reacquainted, prepared, and “prayed up” for the week. It was a sweet time of reuniting with people who give so much of themselves to the Lord through this ministry. Most of our volunteer team members travel to Tallahassee to support our events, and are not compensated for their time or their travel. It is with deep gratitude that we accept the gift of their love and service.

The main presenters for the week included Bob, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and Bart. There was a grace-filled flow between the three of them during the entire week that proved to be quite powerful. Bart's exuberant style, along with Sr. Miriam's beautiful feminine clarity, provided the perfect blend with Bob's fatherly teaching gift. There were many reports of profound encounters with the Lord, and healing's during the week. Some occurred in prayer ministry, others in quiet time, and still others in the worship music, adoration or in the Sacraments. It is always refreshing and encouraging to see that God can meet the deep places of our hearts in so many different ways.



Some of the comments from the week were:

- "For me, [this week was] a lifting of the weight of the world."
- "Dr. Bob upholds and shares the true Church with love and beauty."
- "My confession was so beautiful!"
- "I appreciate[d] the loving atmosphere for all, no matter where they were in the [healing] process."
- "I felt the power of the intercessory prayer. I have not been so free to experience the present moment as I have been this week."
- "This ministry is a microcosm of the living Church. I was blown away by the integration of intellect with heart, and of preaching of a proper disposition of the heart for the Sacraments. Jesus moved in my heart in new ways."
- "Extremely beautiful. It's a little piece of Heaven on Earth."

- “Amazingly powerful. I got to the root of many of my emotional and physical problems...God’s love is so deep.”
- “Amazing. Insightful. Gentle. Spirit-filled.”

A particularly poignant moment in the week occurred Thursday morning. With all the priests standing behind him, and team members along the perimeter of the room, Bob led a prayer session for participants to experience a healing encounter with the Lord. As the prayer continued, the priests, each wearing a stole as a sign of their priestly authority, moved among the participants, praying quietly for each person. The room was thick with the presence and love of God, and it was beautiful to see the “Groom” ministering to His Bride. Many participants noted the power of this experience.



We have a very busy summer ahead of us: including trips to Louisiana, Texas and Seattle. We will be in the Austin area in mid-July for Prayer Ministry Training and Unveiled; Corpus Christi for a Healing the Whole Person event with the SOLT community; Lafayette for Unveiled in early August; and then Seattle for Healing the Whole Person in late August. We would love to see you at one of these events, or one of the others coming up in the fall!

*For all of our supporters, thank you for being a part of this ministry-in your gifts of prayer, time and finances. Your efforts make it possible for us to continue bringing Transformation into the Heart of the Church!*

Blessings to all of you!

JPII Healing Center Team