Are you in need of some time away? Is your spirit crying for a change of scenery? During this time of social distancing, the Creighton University Retreat Center is able to remain open. It may be the perfect time for you to come for some time of prayer and reflection or that 8 day retreat you have been promising yourself. We have private rooms available and are also able to offer spiritual conversation and/or spiritual direction while maintaining the recommended 6 foot distance between one another.

Please note: We are continuing to follow the recommendations of the State of Iowa and would consider welcoming groups of less than 10. Each will be given a private room and bathroom. Our conference space is large enough for 10 people to meet and yet remain 6 ft. apart. This of course is subject to change on the recommendation/guidelines issued by Governor Reynolds.

Amy Hoover and Fr. Bob Dufford, S.J. are available for spiritual direction or conversations via Zoom. Contact the retreat center for more information.

Amy Hoover was appointed Dir. of the Retreat Center in March 2013 and is also the resident Spiritual Director. She received certification in spiritual direction from the St. Joseph Educational Center in Des Moines in 2003. She then continued her education and received her Master’s degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University in 2010. She is experienced in individual, group and retreat direction using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. She is also a trained supervisor of spiritual directors. She has two adult children and two grandchildren.

Fr. Robert Dufford, S.J., was born in Chicago, grew up in Omaha, entered the Society of Jesus is 1961, was ordained in 1973, and received two Masters degrees from St. Louis University, one in philosophy, and one in theology (spirituality). He is probably best known for his work in composing liturgical mu-sic (Sing to the Mountains, All the Ends of the Earth, Like a Shepherd, Love One Another, Be Not Afraid, etc.) which have been published in various hymnals and missalettes around the world. He has given around 400 workshops in liturgy and liturgical music around the U.S., Canada, and Australia. For 11 years he worked with liturgies at St. John’s parish at Creighton University in Omaha. For 14 years he was on staff at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, WI, providing music for the liturgies, giving retreats, and writing the occasion liturgical tune. Fr. Dufford currently resides at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA where he provides spiritual direction and is still toying with music for prayer and liturgy.