

"The Mirage and the Oasis"



An Evening of Recollection on the
Thoughts, Actions and the Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Mothers
Tuesday, April 4th, 7pm here in the church.

A Lenten Evening of Reflection: with Fr. Steve Olds from St. Vincent de Paul Seminary

As the Season of Lent progresses along, this evening of reflection explores the *Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the Early Church* addressing our human thoughts and resulting actions.

Just as Jesus entered into the Desert to confront the Evil One and draw closer to the Father, men and women in the early Church would often go to live in the desert in order to grow in their faith and their personal intimacy with God. Their example has provided the Church with much wisdom over the centuries, especially in the ways of what it means to be a faithful human being.

All too often, when we are experiencing afflictive-thoughts that tempt us toward actions which are inconsistent with who we are as Christ's disciples, we feel that there is nothing we can do? The Desert Fathers and Mothers have a surprisingly positive insight on this experience, which reveal ways we can respond positively to negative instincts, and find in this Lent a greater freedom for entering a Holy relationship with others and with God.