

Mission of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

The purpose of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center is to assist each person who comes to the Center, in person and online, to develop an interior spiritual life based on the teaching and example of the great mystics of the Church.

Pope Paul VI beatified Saint Sharbel at the conclusion of the second Vatican Council in 1965 saying: "the way to true renewal of the Church and the world is through the example of Sharbel."

Every 22nd of the month the center will offer a day of solitude, study, and prayer in honor of Saint Sharbel.

For each of us to develop and/or deepen our interior life we rely on the Church's doctrine and teaching, the way of the saints, and the truth of our Creator's loving intent for us.

The Center will offer courses, retreats, and days of recollection to help each person develop more deeply the interior life. There will be a course of study and prayer that will lead to levels of competence in personal growth in holiness, and in spiritual accompaniment. By means of a special agreement the formative institute begun by Fr Adrian Van Kaam and Dr. Susan Muto will continue at the Center.

The Center will fall under the Maronite Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. A Director, Board of Advisors, and a Financial Advisory Council will constitute the Center's governance under the direction of the Eparchial Bishop.

The possibility of a small Retreat Center with 17 private rooms, which already has zoning approval, also will be discerned.

Saint Sharbel's intercession will be actively sought, not just for favors asked and for miracles, but also to ask this great wonderworker of the Church to help us deepen our own interior lives as we grow on the path to holiness.