

Why San Damiano?

SAN DAMIANO OFFERS:

An environment where one can develop an eye for God's Presence — an ear for God's Word.



A setting which answers the quest for solitude, prayer, a deeper union with God, and a compassionate communion with others.



An escape from the distractions of the workplace for off-site business planning, management development or organizational growth.



A safe and quiet place to be alone, with a friend, partner or group — to gain a fresh view of life — to sort things out.

Whatever a retreat may be for you, we invite you to step away for awhile from your everyday cares and visit us. We warmly welcome you.

“ *The choice of San Damiano has been a blessing beyond articulation for the diocese, for its priests, ministers, faithful. No other gathering spot in the two counties matches it.* ”

Most Reverend
John Cummins,
Bishop of Oakland,
FST News



SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

Features



WELCOME...
San Damiano offers contemporary programmed retreats, private retreats (with spiritual direction available upon request), as well as opportunities for

religious, non-profit or business groups to utilize the facilities for retreats, conferences or workshops.



- 78 Guest Rooms, (Private or Double Occupancy, Private Bath)

- 6 Conference/ Meeting Rooms for Groups of 5 - 125

- Spacious Dining Room

- Chapel

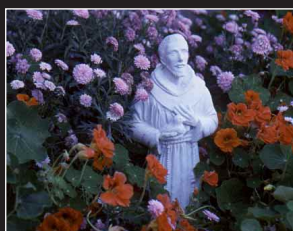
- Gift Shop/Book Store

- 55 Wooded Acres

- Private Meditation Areas

- Shaded Footpaths

- Organic Garden



Our Mission

THE MISSION OF SAN DAMIANO RETREAT is to provide a peaceful environment of natural beauty where spiritual renewal and growth may be sought by people of all faiths and backgrounds. In the spirit of St. Francis and guided by the Franciscan traditions of joy, hospitality, compassion, peace and simplicity, we offer contemporary and challenging retreats and programs in response to the changing needs of God's people.

Directions



- Interstate 680 to Danville
- Exit Diablo Rd.
- West on Diablo Rd.
- Turn left at Hartz Ave.
- Go one short block
- Turn right on Prospect Ave.
- Continue on Prospect
- Bear left at fork
- Road is now Highland Drive
- Continue up the hill 1 1/4 miles
- The road ends at San Damiano
- 710 Highland Drive



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Our Center

SAN DAMIANO RETREAT is located 30 miles east of San Francisco in Danville, California, on 55 acres of wooded hillsides.



Overlooking the San Ramon Valley, our Center offers spectacular views of Mt. Diablo. It is named after a tiny Italian church near

Assisi, where, almost 800 years ago, St. Francis received his call from God to renew the church. Since 1961 followers of St. Francis have been offering retreats here at San Damiano.

The peace and beauty of our gardens and spacious grounds offer an environment where individuals, groups and organizations may reflect on new insights . . . new choices . . . new decisions.

Chapel/Meditation



San Damiano offers people of all faiths and backgrounds various opportunities for quiet reflection and prayer. Throughout the gardens and grounds are private areas for those seeking solitude. The spaciousness of the surrounding hillsides, with their meandering footpaths, provide a setting of serenity and peace for those in search of a deeper awareness of God.



“San Damiano, a beautiful Mission-style complex where every nook is adorned with icons and statues, is set high in the golden hills above Danville.”

—Diablo, The Magazine of the East Bay.

Meeting Rooms



The Fireside Lounge, our largest conference room, can accommodate over a hundred people. Openness to the adjacent courtyard and oak wooded hillside creates a comfortable, outdoor ambiance.



Five additional meeting rooms are available for groups from five to fifty. Private areas located throughout the gardens are ideal for smaller discussion groups.

Dining Room



Quality meals are provided in our tastefully decorated dining room with its high wood-beamed ceiling. Large windows offer scenic views of the flowers and fountain in the courtyard on one side, and oak trees that frame the San Ramon Valley on the other.



Our dining room and its staff offer hospitality — the heart of the Franciscan tradition.