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**NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED AUTHOR AND SPIRITUAL LEADER, FR. PAT BRENNAN,
TO SPEAK AT MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES' BREAKFAST SERIES**

Mayslake Ministries of Lombard, IL welcomes Father Pat Brennan, on Saturday, November 19 from 9 to 11 a.m. to their newly-created "Saturday Morning Breakfast Club." Fr. Brennan, Director of Mission Integration and Pastoral Care at the Clare at Water Tower in Chicago, will be speaking at the Mayslake facility at 450 East 22nd Street, Suite 170. Brennan's presentation, entitled "*Transforming Anxiety and Stress*" will address discovering God's peace in the midst of daily challenges.

Fr. Brennan holds doctorates in Pastoral Ministry and Psychology. For thirteen years, he was Director of the Office of Evangelization for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, where he developed innovative renewal programs for local churches. He's an expert in the field of evangelization and church renewal and has served as a consultant throughout the country. Father Brennan is a psychotherapist and has authored more than 15 books, articles and audio series, including "The Mission Driven Parish," "Re-Imaging the Parish," "Spirituality For An Anxious Age," and "The Way of Forgiveness." He is a weekend presider at St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Naperville and is the director of the National Center for Evangelization and Parish Renewal.

Price per person for this presentation is \$20 and includes a light breakfast. To register online, visit www.mayslakeministries.org, or call 630.268.9000. Future speakers for Mayslake Ministries' "Saturday Morning Breakfast Club" include, Dr. Mary Amore, Monsignor Kenneth Velo, and Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago. For more information visit www.mayslakeministries.org.

Mayslake Ministries is a lay-based, not-for-profit spiritual center founded in the Franciscan tradition. We transcend invisible lines of parish, church and diocese to reach out to all who seek to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, through retreats spiritual direction, and adult faith formation programs.

MORE INFORMATION ON FATHER PAT BRENNAN

Fr. Pat Brennan, director, served for more than a decade as Director of the Office of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Pat continued the emphasis on evangelization as pastor of Holy Family Catholic Community, Inverness, IL, creating a convergence model of ministry with eight divisions and 140 individual ministries all focused on evangelization. He has consulted on parish renewal strategies throughout the United States, as well as with dioceses in Canada, Ireland, Germany, Great Britain and Australia.

The Center's strategies have been developed through Fr. Pat's extensive academic research and laboratory experiences in parishes. He is on the faculty of the Loyola Institute of Pastoral Studies, Chicago, Dominican University and several other academic institutions. Fr. Pat has authored more than 15 books, articles and audio series, including The Mission Driven Parish and Re-Imaging the Parish. He also produces Horizons, a weekly radio and cable TV program..

MORE ABOUT MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES

Mayslake Ministries, formerly known as the St. Francis Retreat House in Oak Brook, Illinois, is a lay based 501.c.3 not-for profit organization. Since its founding in 1991 by Fr. Jonathan Foster, OFM, as a "retreat house without walls" Mayslake Ministries has served the spiritual needs of Christian/Catholic men and women from all walks of life with a variety of spiritual enrichment programs, retreats, and individual spiritual direction. Under the leadership of its current executive director, Dr. Mary Amore, Mayslake Ministries continues this legacy providing a tranquil environment for all people who seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

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