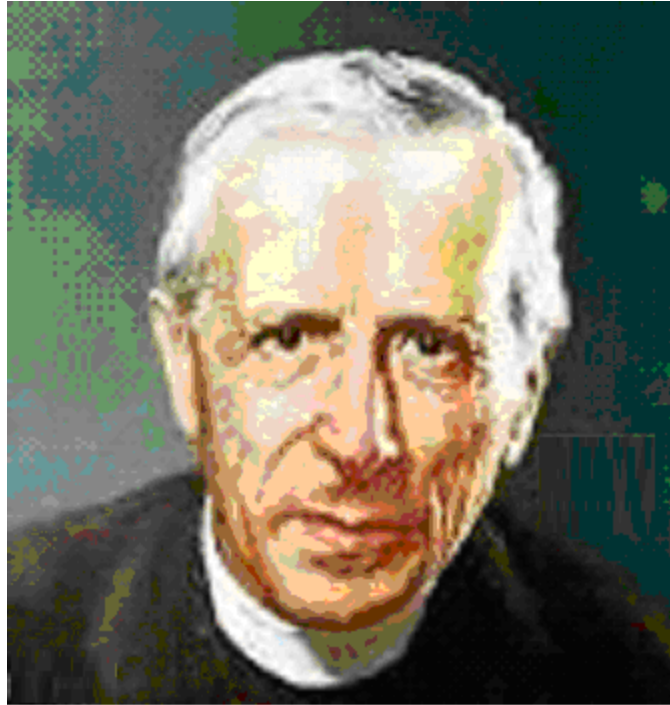


2023 Bishop's Ranch Retreat with Fr. Seán Ólaoire  
Sunday, March 19 – Wednesday, March 22

## "Mysticists: The Next Stage of Our Evolution?"



From the time I was a teenager in Ireland, the Celt in me wanted to weave a triple-knot story reminiscent of the standing-stones petroglyphs of the druids and the illustrations of The Book of Kells. And so, I have spent the last 60 years interlacing my studies of science, psychology, and spirituality into one holistic thread. As part of this thinking, I have striven to liberate spirituality from the reductionism of religion and the concomitant abasement of scriptural revelation to mere literalist, fear-based dogma. And I've attempted to set science free from an outdated monist-materialism which, in spite of over a hundred years of study in the field of quantum mechanics, still pretends that matter is all that exists, and that consciousness is an illusion.

And so, some years back, I invented the term, "Mysticists" to mean a hybrid group who are both mystics and scientists. I believe that this is the next phase of human evolution. Above is a photo of Teilhard de Chardin, the brilliant Jesuit paleoanthropologist who, for me, is a prototype of that next phase.

So, in the 2023 retreat – God willin' an' de creek don't rise - I plan to focus on the two parts of **Setting God Free** which were not covered in last year's retreat - "Setting Science Free" and "Setting Spirituality Free."

And I'm REALLY looking forward to hugging a whole lot of people!

Seán ÓLaoire – Tír na nÓg – Samhain 2022

Sunday, March 19 – Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
The Bishop’s Ranch, 5297 Westside Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Residential and Commuter Options**

\*Residential Rate: ( arrival Sunday 5 PM )  
3 nights lodging, 8 meals: 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 3 breakfasts

Single occupancy \$ 685

Double occupancy \$ 565

Triple occupancy \$ 480

\*Commuter Rate: \$ 300 ( arrival for Sunday dinnerat 6:30 PM )  
no lodging, 5 meals: 3 dinners, 2 lunches, no breakfasts

The above rates are per person, single, double, triple occupancy, or commuters and include the following:

Fr. Seán’s 7- lecture program, meals at the Ranch, snacks and beverages throughout the day, and use of Bishop’s Ranch facilities.

Special requests regarding lodging (need to be on the first floor, etc.)

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Would you like to request a particular roommate?

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Do you have any special needs for meals (special diet, vegan, vegetarian, allergies, etc.)?

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Do you need a ride/or can you provide a ride for another to Bishop's Ranch?

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Please return the completed registration form with a \$200 deposit, payable to Karen Rubin, at 360 Ringwood Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025. The remaining balance is due on or before **February 1, 2023**.

Rooms will be assigned on a first come- first served basis.

Contact me by phone (650)714-2943 or email [kar\\_azar@yahoo.com](mailto:kar_azar@yahoo.com), if you have any questions.

**\*Should your plans change and you are unable to attend the retreat, please contact me.**