

**People of Faith: Mary Testin**

Residence: St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

Family: Single

Church: Member of the preaching and outreach staff at St. Anthony Retreat Center.

Ministry: A laywoman, Testin earned her bachelor of arts degree in theology from Marquette University and her master's at Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. She has been serving the Catholic Church for the last 26 years in a variety of ministries in liturgy, R.C.I.A., adult and children's formation, social justice and campus ministry. For the last 20 years she has lived in the Twin Cities area.

Motivation: "I consecrated my life as a single person 11 years ago so I could focus fully on serving others who are seeking God," Testin said. "Many people are giving up on religion, but still hunger for spirituality. It is my deepest desire that we help people find their way to God wherever they are on their faith journey. Retreats and spiritual direction help people to recognize the activity of God already present in their lives. I am privileged to be able to share in this search for the holy with others in such a beautiful natural setting and with this wonderful retreat center staff."

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