

# HOPE AND COURAGE IN RESPONSE TO SUFFERING: ST MARIA OF PARIS

Friday, March 5 (7:00 p.m.) – Sunday, March 7 (1:00 p.m.), 2010

Retreat led by Dr Paul Ladouceur.

Author and Professor of Theology  
at the University of Sherbrooke.

St Mary of Egypt Refuge  
in Queensborough/Tweed, Ontario.

Cost: \$100 per person. Pre-registration  
and deposit are required.  
Space is limited.

Fee includes accommodation and  
meals. Contact us if you require  
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St Maria of Paris (Mother Maria Skobtsova, 1891-1945) is a modern Orthodox saint known for her selfless devotion and care for the poor. She was exiled from her Russian homeland and became a nun in Paris in 1932. Arrested in 1943 for helping Jews in Nazi-occupied Paris, she was sent to the Ravensbrück Concentration Camp in Germany, where she died on Holy Saturday 1945. She was canonised in 2004, together with three members of her entourage who worked closely with her.

The retreat will focus on Mother Maria's selflessness and courage, revealed in her life and writings, as a lived Christian response offering solace and hope in the face of suffering in modern societies.