

AFIRE TIP #15

Provide a Retreat Scholarship!

Matt Talbot Retreat Movement

Venerable Matt Talbot was an Irish Catholic laborer who suffered from alcoholism from a very young age. His story of triumph over alcohol through his religious and spiritual discipline has



been an inspiration to many since his death in 1925. In fact, so inspirational that a retreat movement emerged in his name.

A Matt Talbot Retreat Weekend offers an opportunity for people in recovery to seek a stronger spiritual experience and enhance their sober way of life. There are nearly 200 groups worldwide, many in the northeastern USA.

WHAT YOUR GROUP CAN DO

Your AFIRE group can provide an opportunity for personal and spiritual transformation by raising money to provide a scholarship for someone in recovery to attend a Matt Talbot Retreat Weekend (*approximately* \$200).

THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MAY BE

1. Someone that your group knows (in parish/ congregation or community) – place an announcement in your bulletin, etc.

2. Someone referred by a local recovery center, support group, sober home, nonprofit, etc.
3. You may also contact the Matt Talbot Retreat Movement and have them choose the recipient



HOW TO BEGIN THE PROCESS

- ▶ Visit the Matt Talbot Retreat Website: <http://matttalbotretreats.org> for more information on the movement and local groups
- ▶ Email Matt Talbot's secretary at: secy@matttalbotretreats.org
- ▶ Or – contact a retreat center near you to inquire about upcoming Matt Talbot Retreats
- ▶ Tell them that you would like to provide a scholarship for someone to attend the weekend.
- ▶ As always, don't hesitate to contact us at: info@apeopleafire.org if you would like more information or assistance.