

RENEW OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA

ReNew of Northwest Florida's mission is to provide opportunities for people to deepen their spiritual lives.

We believe that those whose inner lives are sustained by God's love are best equipped to build a more compassionate, peaceful, and hopeful world. Likewise, we believe that the most pressing problems of our age are only symptoms of this inner disease, the lack of love. In the words of Thomas Merton: "Without the deepening capacity to love, we have nothing to give others, and no way to help or serve the world."

The centerpiece of ReNew of Northwest Florida's mission is The Rusty Goat Coastal Farm and Retreat, established in 2022. It is a place of renewal for those who would benefit from much needed rest and reconnection: Reconnection with nature; with quieter, unforced rhythms; and reconnection with the inner life in an unhurried rural sanctuary. The Rusty Goat offers time and space for short-stay, no-cost sabbaticals and retreats, serving individuals, families, and groups who would not otherwise be able to financially afford such a time away. When available, the farm is also provided to artists, writers, and other creatives in search of respite or a time of spiritual retreat.