



Українська Католицька Єпархія св. Євщм. Йосафата у Пармі
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSEPH IN PARMA

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Ісусу Христу!

Dear Brother Deacons,

We hope that all of you are well and have enjoyed a wonderful Pascha. Thank you for your positive response to the initial letter advertising an Eparchial Deacon and Wives Retreat. The Retreat will be held in Upper Mary Hall at the Gilmary Retreat Center near Pittsburgh during the weekend of August 26-28, 2016. Enclosed with this letter is a Registration Packet.

The theme of the Retreat will be, *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal 2.20"*

Retreat Master will be Protodeacon David Kennedy of Saint Elias Parish in Brampton, Ontario, who is excited to be with us and has a wonderful retreat planned. It really is going to be a delightful experience.

The Program will begin on Friday, August 26th with Vespers at 6:30pm. The Retreat will end on Sunday August 28th with a conference 1:00pm with Bishop Bohdan. For more information, please see enclosed Program. Deadline for Registration is Friday, August 12th. Late Registrations can be made, but there will be no guarantee that all retreat materials will be available. The cost per Deacon for two nights is \$165.00, (Cost per Wives is \$100.00) which covers a double occupancy private room, private room with two twin beds, linens, towels, coffee and beverage, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, and Sunday Breakfast.

Each participant should bring a copy of

- Bible
- Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- Notepad or notebook; a pencil or pen.

Please remember to do the following:

- Provide your ordination date in the registration packet that you are returning, as serving assignments will be made according to seniority.
- Bring and wear cassock (Inner Riasa), and Rason as appropriate, especially at church services when not serving.
- Bring your own vestments.
- Disclose any special accommodation or dietary needs in regards to sleeping, mobility, food, etc.

We look forward to you and your wives attending. Please pray for our diaconal ministry, our families, our parishes, and the success of this Retreat and the coming together of so many Brother Deacons and Wives in Christ our God. Let us all pray daily for one another. Please contact us if you have any questions about the Eparchial Deacon and Wives Retreat. Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

Co-Chairmen, 2016 Eparchial Deacon and Wives Retreat Committee

Fr. Deacon Trevor Fernandes

Fr. Deacon Myron Spak



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