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M E M O

TO: Priests
FROM: (Very Rev.) Alan E. Thomas, VG
RE: Workshop on Spiritual Direction
DATE: August 14, 2017

I received the attached information from the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth in Wernersville. If you are involved in the ministry of spiritual direction, you may find this helpful.

JESUIT CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

AT WERNERSVILLE

8 August 2017

The Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, V.G.
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
927 S. Logan Boulevard
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Dear Fr. Thomas:

Christ's peace. I write at the suggestion of Fr. Bill Glosser and the Committee for Spiritual Life & Priestly Ministry of the Diocese of Allentown to invite priests who serve as spiritual directors in your diocese to a day of reflection here at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth in Wernersville, PA. Our staff and Fr. Glosser devised this program to offer diocesan clergy who are engaged in the ministry of spiritual direction an opportunity for professional development and fraternal support. We ask you to extend our invitation to the priests of your diocese.

Our program is entitled "The Spirit in My Heart: A Day of Reflection for Diocesan Priest Spiritual Directors" and will take place here on Friday, 22 September 2017 from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The day costs \$50 and will include input from two of our staff members, time for personal prayer, Mass, and lunch. Priests coming from a distance are invited to come the night before and stay over for a modest fee; priests who can come earlier on Friday are welcome to spend some time in prayer in the morning before the program begins. Scholarship aid is available if the cost is prohibitive for an individual.

Full details and the registration link may be found on our website, www.jesuitcenter.org. I have included two (2) copies of the event flyer; we would be happy to provide a PDF of the flyer for use in your diocese. Please contact our registrar, Mrs. Melinda Leonowitz, at mleonowitz@jesuitcenter.org or 610-670-3642 should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Br. Christopher Derby, SJ
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Join us Friday, Sept. 22, 2017 at 10:30 AM

Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth

“The Spirit in My Heart”

A Day of Reflection for Diocesan Priest Spiritual Directors
– Susan Baker & Frank Kaminski, SJ, presenters

“But with a spiritual director, I have to talk about what is in my heart. The examination of conscience isn’t the same for confession and for spiritual direction. For confession, I have to look at where I was lacking, where I lost patience, if I was greedy — that kind of thing, those concrete things that are sinful... But in spiritual direction, I must examine what is happening in my heart, where the Spirit is moving, if I felt desolation or consolation, if I am tired, why I am sad: These are things to talk about with the man or woman who is my spiritual director.” (Pope Francis, May 18, 2015)



Ignatian spirituality is based on discernment of spirits and the communal life of the Church; only in assisting and supporting one another can we truly understand the movements of God’s Spirit. This day for diocesan priests who are spiritual directors will provide input and discussion focusing on the importance of spiritual direction, supervision and discernment, and will also include liturgy, time for personal prayer and lunch.

Program begins: 10:30 AM | Departure: 3:30 PM

Deposit: \$25 | Cost: \$50 (\$85 if arriving Thursday & staying overnight)

Register at www.jesuitcenter.org or by contacting

Melinda Leonowitz at mleonowitz@jesuitcenter.org or 610-670-3642

“with a spiritual director, I have to talk about what is in my heart”

— Pope Francis

To: Secretaries for the Clergy of the Archdioceses of Philadelphia and Newark, Dioceses of Harrisburg, Scranton, Altoona-Johnstown, Greensburg, Erie, Pittsburgh, Metuchen, Paterson, Trenton, Camden, Wilmington, Arlington, Rockville Centre, The Archeparchy of Philadelphia, and The Eparchy of Passaic

From: Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth & Fr. William F. Glosser

Re: Day of Reflection for Diocesan Priest Spiritual Directors

Date: Friday, 22 September 2017, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Proposed Format of the Day

Participants are welcome to come the night before or earlier on the morning of 22 September.

10 AM	Registration
10:30 AM	Welcome; Input on Spiritual Direction and Supervision
11:45 AM	Liturgy
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Input on Discernment
	Time for Personal Prayer
3 PM	Gathering of Graces
3:30 PM	Departure

- The Diocese of Allentown's Committee for Priestly Spiritual Life and Ministry, in conjunction with the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth, Wernersville, PA, is sponsoring this day for priests who serve as spiritual directors (especially to brother priests).
- We invite any interested members of your presbyterate to join us for a day of priestly fraternity and continuing education. Priests who may be interested in serving as spiritual directors but have no previous experience are indeed welcome. Perhaps some of our clergy or your clergy would be open to providing spiritual direction to the priests of each other's Dioceses.
- Would you be so kind, with your Ordinary's approval, to pass this information on to your presbyterate?
- We pray for God's blessing upon our priesthood and the ministry of spiritual direction to our brother priests.



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TO: All Parish and Bulletin Editors

FROM: Deacon Michael, Ministerial Coordinator

RE: The Shroud of Turin Talk

- Bulletin Announcement -

SAVE THE DATE!

The Shroud of Turin Talk will once again be held at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown on **Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.** In 2013 Bill Wingard established “**Shroud Talks**” to present the history and science of the **Shroud of Turin** and tackle the biggest mystery...**Is the Shroud the actual burial cloth of Jesus?** You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the **Shroud of Turin**. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. **Priests will be available following the presentation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.** No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. For more information, contact Deacon Michael at (814) 288-3036 or email michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. **All are welcome!**



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September 5, 2017

TO: Pastors
FROM: Family Life Office

- **Respect Life Packets from USCCB**

Each year the Family Life Office sends the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat Office mailing labels for all our parishes so each parish receives the yearly Respect Life Packet. You should be receiving yours soon if you haven't already.

This packet is filled with useful articles, pamphlets, liturgy ideas, etc. on a multitude of respect life issues. Much of the material is also available online at usccb.org. Please let us know if you have any questions.

PROCLAIM! 10:30 am; Live Mass Telecast 11:00 am - Noon
Every Sunday on WATM-TV ABC 23
Live Mass Also Airs on Cornerstone Faith and Family Channel

The Minute-a-Month Electronic Ministry
Proclaim! TV Newsletter

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Father Dickson and Father Crowe TV Mass Celebrants

Sunday, September 10, Blue Mass Will Honor All Fire, Police, and EMS Personnel for Dedicated Service

The 11:00 am TV Mass for Sunday, September 10, will be celebrated as the annual Blue Mass honoring all police, fire, and emergency service personnel.

A section of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral will be reserved for all First Responders in attendance. The guests have been asked to wear their uniforms representing the roles they play in the public service sector.

The Blue Mass celebration will be open to the general public. Our Blue Mass is unique in that it will be celebrated as our live televised Mass on WATM-TV and the Faith and Family Channel of Cornerstone TV. As a result, many thousands of homebound viewers will be able to appreciate this very special event, with music under the direction of Evonne Yanzetich-Homway. We hope you will be able to join us in person, or on TV!



Both newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown have accepted our invitation to serve as Guest Celebrants and homilists for our live televised Mass.

Father Jonathan J. Dickson will celebrate the TV Mass on Sunday, September 3, and Father Peter D. Crowe will celebrate the televised Mass on Sunday, September 24, on WATM-TV ABC 23 and the Faith and Family Channel of the Cornerstone TV Network.

Both men were ordained to the Priesthood on May 27, 2017 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak. Their ordinations were the first to the Diocesan priesthood in six years.



Father Dickson is assigned as a Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College, and Father Crowe is serving as a Parochial Vicar at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown.

Father Dickson also is assigned as Chaplain at Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College and Father Crowe also is assigned as Chaplain at DLP Conemaugh in Johnstown. Both began their new assignments on June 28.

As Father Dickson and Father Crowe begin their new lives in service to God and His Church, we wish them the very best and we are grateful that they have accepted our invitation to share the blessings of their priesthood with our many thousands of grateful viewers. We look forward to having both as our Guest Celebrants during September.



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**Two Newly Ordained Priests
Guest Celebrants for September:
Father Jonathan Dickson Sept. 3
And Father Peter Crowe Sept. 24**

Two newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will be our Guest Celebrants and Homilists for September.

Father Jonathan J. Dickson will celebrate the Liturgy for Sunday, September 3.

Father Peter D. Crowe will be the celebrant of the Mass for Sunday, September 24.

In addition, **Very Rev. James F. Crookston**, Rector of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral will celebrate the annual Blue Mass on Sunday, September 10, honoring all First Responders for their service. (See page 1 for additional details on these special events.)

The Sunday Mass is telecast live from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown from 11:00 am until noon on WATM-TV ABC 23 and the Faith and Family Channel of Cornerstone TV. The Mass is also rebroadcast at 9:00 pm Sundays on the Atlantic Broad band Public Access Cable Channel 9.

Our complete list of celebrants for September:

Sunday, September 3 Rev. Jonathan J. Dickson
*Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Victory Parish,
State College, Centre County*

(The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday, September 10 Very Rev. James F. Crookston
Pastor and Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

(The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time,
and Annual Blue Mass for All First Responders)

(*Special Seating for Our Special Guests*)

Sunday, September 17 Very Rev. James F. Crookston
Pastor and Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

(The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday, September 24 Rev. Peter D. Crowe
Parochial Vicar, Saint Benedict Parish, Johnstown
(The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Minute-a-Month Mass Sept. 17

The Minute-a-Month TV Ministry Mass for September will be celebrated as the 11:00 am TV Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on **Sunday, September 17**, the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Keeping the Faith Sept, 2017 Guests

Keeping the Faith, hosted by **Bishop Mark Bartchak**, airs at 10:30 am Sundays on WATM-TV preceding the live TV Mass.

Our complete lineup of guests for September: **Sunday, September 3:** In celebration of the Labor Day holiday, three generations from one family will talk about their hard work and service at the Martha and Mary house in Johnstown, operated by Catholic Charities

Sunday, September 10: Francine Swope, Diocesan coordinator of Youth Ministry, and Sacramental Preparation, looks ahead to the Diocese's Catholic Life Conference scheduled for later this month.

Sunday, September 17: Amy Hill, Communications Director for the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, updates the Bishop on public affairs matters impacting the Catholic Church.

Sunday, September 24: In celebration of her 40th anniversary as a Catholic school teacher, **Pam McConnell**, an educator at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Altoona, discusses the joys of her teaching vocation.

Our Viewers Write, E-mail, and Call!

Dear Father Bridges,

We recently won a raffle at our church and wanted to share our good fortune with your TV Ministry. Please use this gift to help keep the Mass on the air.

God Bless!

--G&Ac, Johnstown

Dear Proclaim!

I watch your telecast every Sunday morning. I would like my name added to the newsletter mail list.

Sincerely,

--WB, Huntingdon, PA (Huntingdon County)

Dear Proclaim!

I am so glad you have the Sunday Morning TV Mass. It's really the only way to hear the Mass. It is deeply appreciated Here is a little donation to help keep things going.

God bless all of you!

--RY, DuBois PA, (Clearfield County)

Expansion of Our Ministry Coming Soon!

Effective soon, our TV Mass will be available to a larger audience than ever before via the Internet and other forms of social media!

We're excited about the opportunities available to us, and we believe you will be, too!