

RETREAT OVERVIEW

This retreat is an opportunity for prayer and reflection on our vocation as Priests of Jesus Christ. It also gives us the opportunity to socialize with our brother priests.

Our Bethany Center is the perfect location to gather within our own diocese. **The Priestly Growth and Enrichment Commission** invites you to take advantage of this natural setting that inspires respite from the responsibilities of ministry at a challenging time in our history.

The private accommodations, conference center, and recreation areas offer an ideal place to relax and spend time together. The schedule of the retreat allows time for fraternal gathering while giving ample time for silence and reflection.

For reservations or more information contact Rev. Gary Dowsey at 727.264.8968. **Please submit your registration with payment** as soon as possible to reserve your space.

Registration Deadline Friday, January 2, 2026

A \$200 non-refundable deposit will be deducted from your payment for cancellations made after January 2, 2026.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2026 CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTLY RENEWAL

*Priestly Identity -
Son, Brother, and Father*
Bishop Austin August Vetter
October 5-8, 2026
Bethany Center

2027 PRIESTS' RETREAT

Mary, Companion of Priests
Sr. Fidelis Marie Lanowich, O.S.B.
January 18-22, 2027
Bethany Center



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Living the Gospel

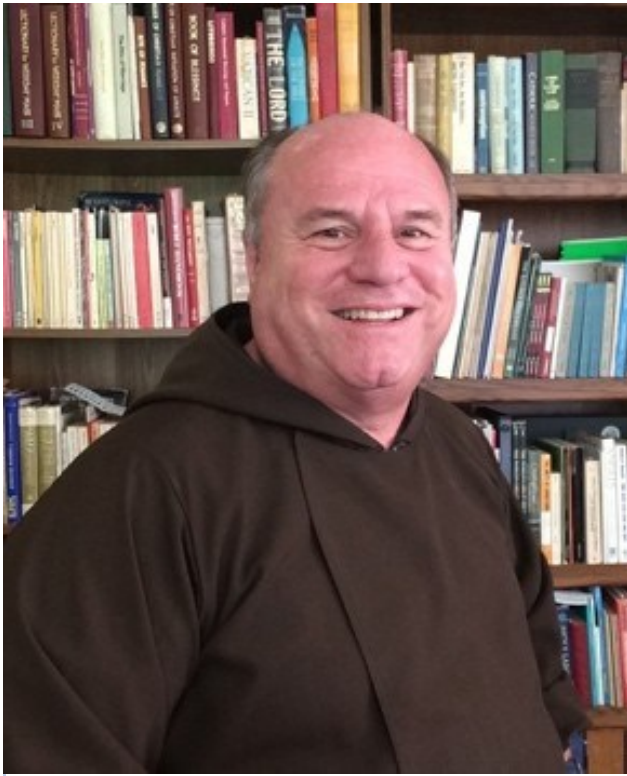
Face to Face Together Again for the First Time

Rediscovering God Again
in My Priesthood

with Fr. Vinnie Fortunato

2026 Priests' Retreat
January 19-23, 2026
Bethany Center

Facilitated by the Priestly Growth
and Enrichment Commission



Rev. Vincent Fortunato, O.F.M. Cap

is an ordained priest with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. He has served his community for twenty years in Formation Ministry and as Provincial Minister for six years. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Darlington Seminary and Master of Art degree in Spirituality from Creighton University. He has certifications in Spiritual Direction and Directed Retreats. He has taught Spiritual Direction at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall and Washington Theological Union. Father Vinny has worked in the Institute for Priestly Formation for many years teaching spiritual direction to priests at Creighton University. He is a preacher for Parish Missions and retreats and is a Missionary of Mercy. Presently he is a parochial vicar at St. Ann's in Hoboken, New Jersey.

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

- 4:00pm Registration opens
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 7:00pm Opening reflection concluding with Night Prayer

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JAN 20 & 21

- 7:30-8:30am Breakfast
- 8:45am Morning Prayer and Reflection
- 11:00am Mass
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 4:30pm Reflection followed by Evening Prayer
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 7:00pm Exposition, concluding with Benediction - Sacrament of Reconciliation available

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:30-8:30am Breakfast
- 8:45am Morning Prayer and Reflection
- 11:00am Mass
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 4:30pm Reflection followed by Evening Prayer
- 6:00pm Dinner followed by social time and refreshments

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 8:00am Mass with Closing Reflection
- 9:00am Breakfast
- 10:00am Checkout

Name _____

Parish _____

Email Address _____

Special diet and/or needs _____

Single Accommodation **\$850**

Retired Incardinated (Paid by the DOSP)

Please make check payable to **DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG**
Please detach registration form and mail with check to:

PR 2026 - ATT: REV. GARY DOWSEY

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