



Pastoral Retreat 2026

A Time Set Apart for Prayer, Reflection, and Pastoral Renewal

University of Saint Mary of the Lake
1000 E Maple Ave - Mundelein, IL 60060

Tuesday September 29	Wednesday September 30	Thursday October 1	Friday October 2
1:00 - 6:00 PM Registration (Conference Center/Lodging) 6:15 PM Dinner (Dining Hall) 7:15 PM Opening Prayer & Welcome (Meeting Hall) 8:15 PM Wine & Cheese Reception (Dining Hall)	8:15 AM Breakfast (Dining Hall) 9:30 AM Morning Prayer (Meeting Hall) 10:00 - 11:30 AM Session w. Fr. John Parker (Meeting Hall) 12:30 PM Lunch (Dining Hall) 2:00 - 3:30 PM Session w. Mother Christophora (Meeting Hall) 3:45 PM Choir Rehearsal (Chapel in the Conference Center) 4:30 PM Great Vespers (Chapel in the Conference Center) 6:15 PM Dinner (Dining Hall) 7:45 - 8:30 PM Optional Workshops (see page 2)	8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal (New Gracanica Monastery) 10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (New Gracanica Monastery) 1:00 PM Free afternoon (opportunity to explore Chicago) 3:45 - 4:30 PM Optional workshops (see page 3) 5:00 PM Cocktail Hour (Dining Hall) 6:15 PM Banquet (Dining Hall)	8:15 AM Breakfast (Dining Hall) 9:00 AM Check out (Conference Center/Lodging) 9:30 AM Morning Prayer (Meeting Hall) 10:00 - 11:00 AM Panel Discussion (Meeting Hall) Departure



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Wednesday, Sept 30 at 7:45pm

Conference Center Meeting Hall

Main Plenary Room - 202

- **Making Space: Cultivating a Culture of Invitation and Hospitality** — Fr. Christopher Foley
- **The Convert and the Cradle: Discerning and Preparing Men for Seminary and Ministry** — Fr. John Parker & Fr. Paul Witek

Room 201

- **Preaching in a Time of Spiritual Hunger** — Fr. Matthew Francis
- **Harvest in Hard Soil: Ministry in Established, Plateaued, or Aging Parishes** — Fr. Raymond Browne

Room 102

- **Money, Mission, and the Harvest: Funding Growth Without Fear** — PJ Gorman

Coffee Room

- **Nurturing Growth in Faith in an Age of Artificial Intelligence** — Fr. Kirill Sokolov

Conference Center Lodging

Main Lounge

- **Digital Discernment: 5 Key Principles for Clergy** — Dr. Randa Anderson



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