



2019 Priest Alumni Retreat

February 19, 2019

My Brother Priest,

It is a joy to invite you to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for the 2019 Priest Alumni Retreat, to be held July 29 to August 2, 2019. The retreat will be led by Father Pio Mandato, F.M.H.J.

Father Pio is a Franciscan priest living as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton, under Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Father Pio was born in Italy. His parents came from Pietrelcina in Southern Italy, the home of Saint (Padre) Pio, and Father Pio received his first Holy Communion from Padre Pio before coming to the United States to grow up in New Jersey. He entered the Capuchin Franciscans at age 17, was ordained in 1985, and has been involved in various apostolates throughout the years, including hospital chaplaincy, working with the homeless, giving retreats and celebrating healing Masses. In 1998 he was accepted into the Diocese of Scranton and began living a life of prayer as a hermit and at times going forth to preach. Father Pio has been exceptionally well received by the seminary community when he led a recent day of recollection here. We are delighted that he has accepted the role of retreat master for our 2019 retreat.

The 2019 retreat will be a time to pray together and enjoy priestly fraternity ~ an opportunity for renewal and rest in a place that is familiar and beloved to our alumni. This time spent at Saint Charles can rekindle the joy and fervor of our priesthood while drawing us closer to Christ, so that we might become even more joyful disciples in service of Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to reserve a space soon. The retreat will begin on Monday July 29, 2019, with 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, followed by dinner; and will conclude on Friday, August 2, 2019 after lunch. Please complete the attached registration form and enclose your deposit (or full amount due). If you have questions or specific concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Aileen Kain, Director of Alumni Relations (610-785-6530 or akain@scs.edu).

With fraternal best wishes, I remain

In Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Rector