

A photograph of a person walking on a paved path in a park-like setting. The path is bordered by a low concrete wall and a wooden railing. In the foreground, there are purple and red flowers. The background shows a large tree and a body of water in the distance.

STOKING THE FIRE

A Mini-Sabbatical for Priests Ordained a Number of Years

After a certain number of years of ministry, priests...need encouragement, genuine appreciation, a new deepening in all aspects of formation with the purpose of examining their actions, and a re-awakening of the motivation underlying the sacred ministry. They also need to reflect on: pastoral methods in the light of essentials, the communion among priests of the presbyterate, friendship with the Bishop, surmounting any sense of exhaustion, frustration and solitude and, finally, rediscovering the font of priestly spirituality.

Directory on the Life and Ministry of Priests, Congregation for the Clergy, 94

If you're between parish assignments, this may be the perfect time to refresh your spirit and refocus your priorities. Consider taking just four weeks to relax and recharge your spiritual life. The Stoking the Fire Sabbatical offers a quiet place and a focused program to prepare you for the next challenges of ministry. Join fellow priests in this unique sabbatical experience. You'll find a mix of activities and recreation, paired with time for reflection and relaxation. Call (800) 357-8477 or e-mail smipp@saintmeinrad.edu to find out more.

WEEK 1: UNWIND

A Week of Rest and Relaxation

Testing: Your Emotional and Spiritual Condition

Testing: Your Leadership Style

*Optional: Spiritual Direction, Counseling,
Weekend Outing*

WEEK 2: ATTEND TO YOURSELF

Feedback on Your Emotional/Spiritual Condition

Group Book Discussions (Books will be chosen during Week 1)

*Optional: Spiritual Direction, Counseling,
Weekend Outing*

WEEK 3: ATTEND TO THE FLOCK

Feedback on Your Leadership Style

Group Book Discussions (Books will be chosen during Week 1)

*Optional: Spiritual Direction, Counseling,
Weekend Outing*

WEEK 4: RE-ENTRY

Designing Your Personal Growth Plan

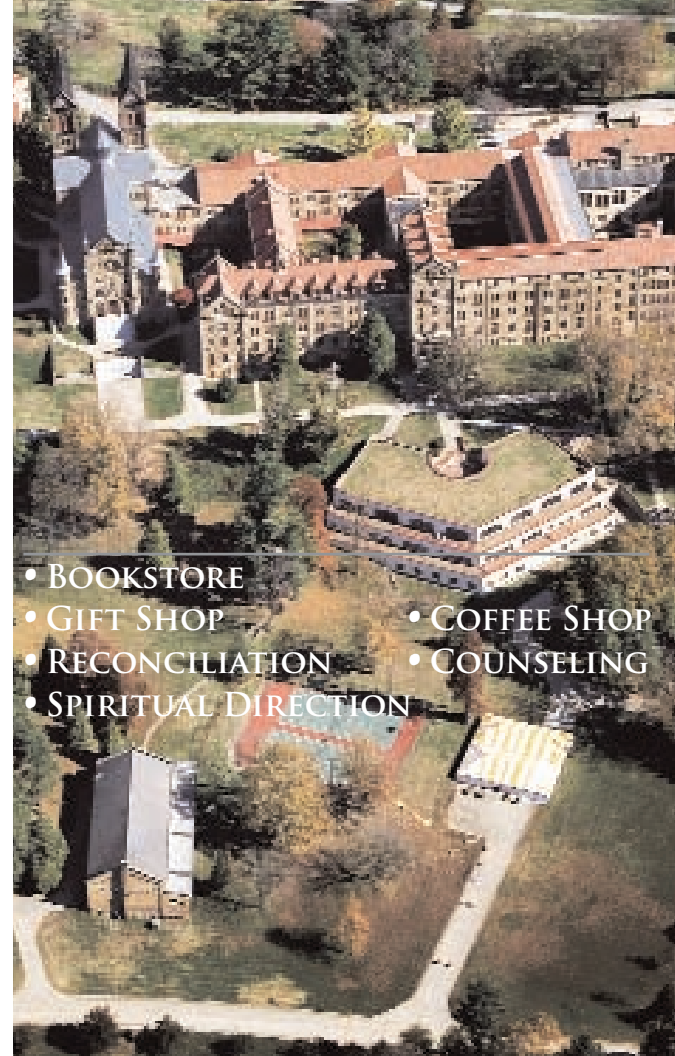
A Second Week of Rest and Relaxation

Homily Preparation for Returning Home



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- EMMAUS WALKS WITH FELLOW PRIESTS
- PRIVATE ROOM
- LIBRARY
- DINING OUT
- GYM
- INTERNET ACCESS
- COMMUNAL PRAYER
- LOCAL SIGHTSEEING
- GOLF NEARBY



- BOOKSTORE
- GIFT SHOP
- RECONCILIATION
- SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
- COFFEE SHOP
- COUNSELING

Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands of the presbyterate. Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone. Attend to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in both tasks, for by doing so you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.

I Timothy 4:14-16



CONTACT US

For information on dates and registration:
Institute for Priests and Presbyterates
Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology
200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577
(800) 357-8477
smipp@saintmeinrad.edu
ipp.saintmeinrad.edu
© 2010 Saint Meinrad