

## ***SAVE THESE DATES!***

### **Priest Retreat and Pilgrimage Opportunities in 2022**

Brothers,

As I announced at the virtual convocation, I am happy to develop for you two offerings for the coming year, 2022. The theme of both will be “**Saint Paul and Today’s Priest.**” You are welcome to take part in either the retreat or the pilgrimage or both! Keep in mind that there are a limited number of places available.

The **retreat** will be **May 30 to June 3**. The retreat director will be Fr. Thomas Stegman, SJ who has written several books and articles on Saint Paul including the volume in the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture on Second Corinthians. The retreat will be held at Miramar in Duxbury which offers very comfortable accommodations in a lovely setting. The retreat will begin with dinner on Monday, May 30 and end after breakfast on Friday, June 3. The cost is \$700. Please contact Jean Hayward at Clergy Personnel to sign up.

The **pilgrimage** will be **October 11 through October 22**. Arriving in Athens on Wednesday, October 12, we will tour Athens for a full day and then Corinth for a day before departing on Saturday, October 15 for a seven day cruise, “Steps of Saint Paul,” conducted by Celestyal Cruise Lines. Each day we will visit a different site, including Thessalonica, Philippi, Istanbul, Pergamon, Ephesus and Patmos. Using the ship as our home and we can travel from place to place during the evenings and arrive fresh for tours each day. The cruise is all-inclusive so all meals and beverages onboard and gratuities are included. The three nights in Athens will be at a five star hotel with breakfast and dinner. The final pricing for the land, hotel, cruise, transfers and all excursions will be under \$3,000 for ten days. Airfares are not available yet but this will run an additional cost from \$800 to \$1200. If you have frequent flyer miles you can see what is available and save the cost of the flights. In the coming month we will provide more details and an application from pilgrimatours who will be handling all arrangements. A deposit will be required but there will be an extended period when it is refundable. For more about the cruise and the ship you can visit [celestyal.com](http://celestyal.com). Our package will include all excursions for each day and better staterooms; options for ocean view cabins and for single occupancy will be offered at additional expense.

Our goal in these and future offerings for priests is to provide enrichment in many ways - spiritual, theological and fraternal - in a relaxing environment and at reasonable cost. Our lives and ministry are very busy. We need time for personal growth and rest!

If you have questions you can reach me at [macinnij@msn.com](mailto:macinnij@msn.com) or at St. Pius V, Lynn at 781-595-7487, ext 117. Let me know your thoughts and suggestions for retreats and programs for growth and priestly fellowship. I hope you can join me and your brothers!

Yours in Christ, *John*

Rev. John MacInnis



**Priests' Retreat**  
**"Saint Paul and Today's Priest"**

**Monday, May 30 - Friday, June 3, 2022**

**Miramar Retreat Center**

**Director: Reverend Thomas Stegman, SJ**

**Cost \$700.00 per person**

*Please contact Jean Hayward at the Pastoral Center to register.*

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