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Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver

Dear Rectors of the Chicago & Mid-America Diocese,

Christ is amongst us!

As communicated earlier, this year with the blessing of Bishop Peter the Great Lenten clergy retreat will be held in Des Plaines, IL at the Diocesan Cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God from March 20 to 22. Please alert Bishop Peter, your Dean, or me if you or a clergyman attached to your parish will be unable to attend. RSVP to Mrs. Natalia Gill at 847-373-4002 or dcma.rocor@gmail.com no later than March 8, 2010 so that Mrs. Gill can work with the Cathedral Sisterhood to arrange the appropriate number of meals for the retreat. Please note that the vestment color for the Divine Services is purple.

Please review the enclosed schedule for more details on the planned work of the retreat and the Divine Service schedule.

There are many lodging options near the Cathedral since this is also the area of O'Hare airport. Please contact me if you have questions in this regard. Clergymen are responsible to arrange their own lodging for the retreat.

I look forward to seeing you all in Des Plaines this March!

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev. Fr. Gregory Joyce
Secretary of the Diocesan Council

CC: His Grace Bishop Peter
Members of the Diocesan Council

Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia
Great Lenten Clergy Retreat
Protection Cathedral
Des Plaines, IL
March 20-22, 2011

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**March 20, 2011**

6:00 p.m.      General Unction

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March 21, 2011

7:00 a.m. Moleben "Before Every Good Work" – Cathedral

7:30 a.m. Breakfast – Cathedral Hall

8:00 a.m. Opening Remarks & Instructions – Bishop Peter
Report of Diocesan Activities since the Fall Pastoral Retreat – Bishop Peter
Election of the Editing Committee
General Discussion of Pastoral Issues & Church Issues
Question & Answer Period

10:00 a.m. Diocesan Questionnaire Discussion – Fr. Gregory Joyce
Clergy Data: Review and Update – Fr. Gregory Joyce
Clerical Ordination Certificates – Fr. Gregory Joyce
Diocesan Assessments & Processes – Fr. Gregory Joyce
Preparation for the 2012 Diocesan Assembly – Fr. Gregory Joyce
Diocesan Music Committee Report
Diocesan Audit Committee Report
Diocesan Military Chaplaincy Report

11:30 a.m. Monastic Community Report – Fr. John Whiteford

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Draft Resolution of the Clergy Retreat – Editing Committee

1:30 p.m. Pastoral School Report – Fr. Martin Swanson

2:00 p.m. Youth Committee Report – Fr. Ilia Marzev

- 2:30 p.m. ORPR Camp Report – Fr. Daniel Marshall
- 3:00 p.m. Draft Resolution of the Clergy Retreat – Editing Committee
- 3:30 p.m. Diocesan Financial Report
- 4:00 p.m. St. John Kochurov Society Report
- 4:30 p.m. Free Time for Clergy to Interact
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Vespers & Matins
Confession for Gathered Clerics

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**March 22, 2011**

- 8:00 a.m. Meeting of Bishop Peter, Great Lenten Hours, Hierarchal Presanctified Divine Liturgy, Thanksgiving Moleben
- 11:00 a.m. Brunch
- 12:00 p.m. Resolution of the Clergy Retreat  
Outstanding Business  
Closing Remarks – Bishop Peter
- 1:00 p.m. Meeting of the Board of the Pastoral School  
Meeting of the Diocesan Council