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Martyrs Florus & Laurus

Dear Rectors of the Chicago & Mid-America Diocese,

Christ is amongst us!

This year with the blessing of Bishop Peter the fall clergy retreat will be held in Des Plaines, IL at the Diocesan Cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God from October 13 to October 15. Please see the attached schedule of the retreat for more details. Please alert Bishop Peter, your Dean, or me if you or a clergyman attached to your parish will be unable to attend. RSVP to Fr. Andre Papkov at 847-299-2585 or [musicschool@msn.com](mailto:musicschool@msn.com) no later than September 28, 2008 so that Fr. Andre can work with the Cathedral Sisterhood to arrange the appropriate number of meals for the retreat. Please be advised that an ukase will be forthcoming regarding the necessity of attending the Divine Services and the clergy retreat. All clergymen of the diocese should plan to participate in the Divine Services for the Cathedral's feast day of the Protection of the Mother of God. Vestment color is blue.

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 October!

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Priest Gregory Joyce  
Secretary