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Dear Parish Family,

I am writing you from Holy Name Retreat Center where I am having a retreat. I had a little break in between talks and prayer time, so I thought of dropping a thought or two for you.

I am having a wonderful time here. I always love retreats. It allows me to look at my life more deeply, more spiritually, and be saturated with His grace. There are a good number of priests attending this retreat (30 or more) and it's always an uplifting experience to be with brother priests in fellowship, most especially if you had not seen many of them in a while. It won't be a surprise either if the Cardinal himself will come and visit us. He has done that in previous priests retreat. And let me say the center is doing a great job keeping us all safe with practices put in place due to the pandemic.

Our retreat master is Fr. Joe Larramie, a Jesuit priest who is based in Missouri and has handled many retreats for priests and seminarians and college students also. Interestingly, he said he wanted to be a sports commentator for ESPN. It was his life's dream! In fact he started doing play by play announcements for local games in his hometown. He was really pursuing that dream but God had His fingerprint on him and wanted him not as a sport announcer but as a God proclaimer. Its history from then on!

Did that happen to you? You really wanted something in your life and was halfway through in achieving that dream when God entered the picture and called you to be something else. Happens many times in life, doesn't it? Fr. Joe thanked God for showing him the way! He had found his true calling!

Hello from the retreat house and God bless!

Fr. Dwight

P.S. The Knights have their Chicken Sunday this weekend. You can get them after the 8:00am and 10:00am masses and if you wish, you can pre-order them at www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/kc-chickens . Delivery is available.