

Diocesan Policy on Priests' Retreat

I. General Law

Canon 276 speaks of the holiness of life that "clerics are bound in a special way to pursue" since "they are dispensers of the mysteries of God in the service of His people."

After mentioning that "priests and deacons aspiring to the presbyterate are obliged to carry out the liturgy of the hours daily," the Canon also says: "They are equally bound to make time for spiritual retreats according to the prescripts of particular law."

II. Particular Law

- A. Priests in the Diocese of Crookston must make an annual retreat.
- B. This retreat shall be made at a retreat house or a religious house, preferably in silence, with the help of a retreat director or retreat master.
- C. The retreat shall last at least four full days.
- D. Any exceptions to the above must have the approval of the Bishop.