

What to expect...

Jesus spent numerous times away from the crowds and even his closest disciples in silent communion with the Father.

Following his example, and at the request of our Presbyteral Council, the **Office of Ministry to Priests** has scheduled a **five-day silent retreat for priests from February 2 to 7, 2025.**

The retreat will take place at **the Mother Couderc Retreat House, located on the grounds of Our Lady of Divine Providence House of Prayer.**



Mother Couderc Retreat House

The retreat will begin on **Sunday night at 7:00 PM** and will conclude with lunch on Friday.



Except for our common prayer in the Liturgy of the Eucharist and your own daily meetings with your spiritual director, the environment will be one of complete silence.

If you feel the Lord calling you to give this time to him, do so generously. If you have ever experienced a silent directed retreat in the past, you know what a grace it can be. If you haven't and are now considering it, perhaps this is a prompting by the Holy Spirit.

The names of the four directors and their short biographies are included in this brochure. If you have a preference for one of the directors, please indicate this on the registration form, which is also included here.

SAVE THE DATE — FUTURE EVENTS

2025 Convocation for Priestly Renewal
Embracing Hope
October 6-9, 2025
Bethany Center

2026 Priests' Retreat
January 19-23, 2026
Bethany Center



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For questions, please contact:

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2025 Silent Directed Retreat

*"Jesus took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray."
Luke 9:28*



February 2 ~ 7, 2025
Our Lady of Divine Providence House of Prayer
711 S. Bayview Ave.
Clearwater

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Parish /Organization _____

Special diet and/or needs _____

Spiritual Director (Please choose one.)

_____ If possible, I would prefer _____

_____ I'm open to any of the directors.

Cost (Please choose one)

_____ **\$560** (includes accommodations and all meals)

Please make check payable to: **DIocese OF ST. PETERSBURG**

_____ **Retired Incardinated** — No charge.

Note: Priests in active ministry may utilize their parish allowance for this retreat. The diocese covers the cost for one annual retreat for our retired incardinated priests.

Deadline: December 13, 2024.

Mail Registration form with payment to:

**Silent Directed Retreat
ATTN: Maria Gonzalez
PO Box 40200
St. Petersburg, FL 33743**

RETREAT DIRECTORS



Adrienne T. Novotny, M. Ed.

Adrienne received her Masters in Education from the Towson University. During her more than thirty years as a spiritual director, she has taught the Graduate seminars in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, and has been a spiritual director for the Marian Servants Retreat Ministry.



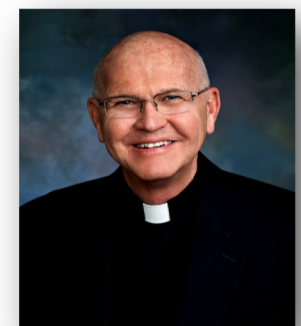
Fr. Robert Cadrecha

Father Cadrecha is a priest of the Diocese of St. Petersburg serving at St. Jerome Parish, Largo, and as a spiritual director. He is also a member of the IPF Priests of St. Joseph, a clerical public association, caring for the interior life of diocesan priests as a retreat spiritual director.



Msgr. John A. Cippel

Monsignor Cippel is a retired priest of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. He has served as a spiritual director of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach and in St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami.



Fr. Arthur Proulx

Father Proulx is a priest of the Diocese of St. Petersburg serving as Director of Ministry to Priests for the Diocese. He is past Dean of Spiritual Formation at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary and has extensive experience in retreat ministry.