



Diocese of La Crosse Office for the Diaconate

Discernment Retreat Schedule

April 4, 2020 ✨ St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon

All conferences in the library, unless otherwise noted

Saturday, April 4

- 9:00 am Opening Prayer and Orientation - (Fr. William Felix & Deacon Kevin Ray – Chapel)
- 9:30 Classroom Visit (*Introduction to Sacred Scripture* – Conference Room)
- 10:30 Conference: Liturgy and Prayer in Deacon Formation (Chris Carstens)
- 11:40 Devotions – Chapel
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Conference: The Ministry & Life of Deacons (Deacons Kevin Ray & Ned Willkom)
- 2:00 Discussion (Deacons Kevin Ray, Ned Willkom, Jerry Rynda)
- 3:10 Conference: Diaconal Vocation and Discernment, Including the Role of the Family in Discernment, Formation, and Diaconal Ministry (guest deacons and wives)
- 4:10 Conference: Overview of Academic, Spiritual and Pastoral Formation (Chris Ruff, Fr. Justin Kizewski, Deacons Jerry Rynda and Ned Willkom)
- 5:00 Evening Prayer – Chapel
- 5:15 Dinner
- 6:00 Panel Discussion, Question-and-Answer Session (guest deacons, wives and staff)
- 7:00 Conference: The Sacramental Character of the Diaconate (Fr. Justin Kizewski)
- 7:45 Final Conference: Formation of the Deacon (Fr. William Felix)
- 8:30 Closing Prayer