

EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September 11-13, 2026: Annual SSDCA Retreat, Notre Dame Retreat House
October 1, 2026: Continuing Formation Report due
November 7, 2026: Phoebe's Friends Day of Reflection, 9AM-3PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral

Father Bob Kennedy will be our retreat leader for the **Annual SSDCA Retreat** at **Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, September 11-13, 2026.**

EMBRACING MERCY

With the help of psalms and parables of mercy, the meditations of this retreat will explore the ways God embraces us with mercy and the ways we embrace the mercy God offers us.

Notre Dame Retreat House has provided the following information regarding fees and registration:

\$360 / Couple for two nights
\$180 / Couple for one night
\$250 / Single for two nights
\$125 / single for one night
\$70 / Commuter

Here is the payment link: <https://bit.ly/SSDCADeaconsandWives2026>

With the advent of a new fiscal year, you may wish to send in your **SSDCA dues** and/or consider a contribution to the **St. Lawrence Fund**. Suggested dues are \$40/couple and \$20/single. If you are sending in dues or a contribution, kindly make the check payable to the Diocese of Rochester and note in the memo line if it's for SSDCA dues or the St. Lawrence Fund. Please send them to my attention for processing: Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester NY 14624. Thank you.

Phoebe's Friends will have a **Day of Reflection** at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 9AM-3PM**. For questions or information please contact Bernadette Rall at bernadette.rall812@gmail.com.

Kindly be reminded that the required **Continuing Formation Report is due by October 1, 2026**. The Deacon Personnel Board thanks those deacons who have submitted the report and appreciates the consideration of those deacons who have yet to send it in. Thank you.

Thank you to Carol and John Tomandl for their hard work in coordinating the **SSDCA Picnic**, which was held yesterday at Cayuga Lake State Park in Seneca Falls. Keep an eye to an announcement for the 2027 picnic, which will likely be held in July 2027.