

## RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES 2024

*"All deacons in the Diocese of Rochester must make an **annual retreat** of at least 3 days to enhance their spiritual growth and development. This obligation may be fulfilled either by attending the retreat organized yearly by the St. Stephen's Diaconal Community Association or by attending a retreat of the deacon's own choosing. **This must be recorded on your yearly self-evaluation report.**"*

Recalling this obligation to make an annual retreat, I've listed for your consideration some options, first and foremost the **Annual SSDCA Retreat from September 6-8, 2024 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua**. The others are options within a reasonable driving distance, some of which have drawn positive recommendations from members of our community. If you have enjoyed a particularly positive retreat experience and wish to recommend it to our community, please just send the information to me and I'll be happy to add it to the list.

**\*\*Annual SSDCA Retreat, September 6-8, 2024, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua – details to follow\*\***

Priests, Deacons, Seminarians Retreat, June 17-21, 2024, Franciscan University at Steubenville <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/>

Deacons Retreat, June 7-9, 2024; Clergy Retreats, September 9-12 and October 7-10, 2024; also Priests & Deacons Renewal Week, June 10-14, 2024 at San Alfonso Retreat Center, Long Branch, NJ  
<https://www.sanalfonso retreats.org/2024-events>

Deacons Retreat, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, June 7-9, 2024 (Deacon Greg Kandra)

Various retreats for deacons and deacon couples, including retreats in Spanish, at Joseph & Mary Retreat House, Mundelein Seminary, Archdiocese of Chicago

(<https://www.josephandmaryretreat.org/retreats-for-deacons>)

Abbey of the Genesee, Piffard NY, <https://www.geneseeretreat.com/>

Mt. Saviour Monastery, Pine City NY,  
[https://www.msaviour.org/guest\\_mnu.php](https://www.msaviour.org/guest_mnu.php)

Mt. Irenaeus, Friendship NY, <https://mountainonline.org/visit-us/>

Christ the King Retreat House, Syracuse NY,  
<https://ctkretreat.com/retreats>

Mercy Spirituality Center, Rochester,  
<https://www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org/retreat-info>

Sacred Heart Institute, Long Island and elsewhere, <https://cor-jesu.org/deacon-retreats/>

<https://www.stbernards.edu/events/retreat-course-june-2024>

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry Annual Retreat Course

<https://stpaulcenter.com/deacons2024/>

2024 Deacons Conference, Steubenville, November 15-17, 2024  
Conformed to Christ the Servant – A Scriptural Approach to the  
Permanent Diaconate