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Dear Rectors of the Chicago & Mid-America Diocese,

Christ is Risen!

This year's Great Lenten clergy retreats were canceled due to the repose in the Lord of His Eminence, Metropolitan Laurus. With the blessing of Bishop Peter we will hold two extraordinary clergy retreats in our diocese following the election of the new First Hierarch. These clergy gatherings will take place in two locations to allow the maximum number of clergy to participate. Please alert Bishop Peter, your Dean, or me if you or a clergyman attached to your parish will be unable to attend. Clergymen of the diocese are welcome to attend either or both of the gatherings listed below.

Spring Clergy Retreat #1: Cleveland, OH
May 26-27, 2008
Contact: Fr. Ilia Marzev: 440-382-9763 or imarzev@yahoo.com

Spring Clergy Retreat #2: Houston, TX
May 30-31, 2008
Contact: Fr. John Whiteford: 281-467-0264 or frjohnwhiteford@yahoo.com

These retreats are provided for the clergy of the diocese to allow us to interact, discuss spiritual issues surrounding our ministries, and most importantly to give the clergy an opportunity to confess and commune of the Holy Mysteries together. Additionally, these retreats will give the clergy of the diocese the opportunity to discuss the new First Hierarch and receive Bishop Peter's instructions and guidance as our Church Abroad transitions from the leadership of Metropolitan Laurus to the leadership of the newly-chosen Metropolitan.

It is imperative that you contact Fr. John or Fr. Ilia to let them know that you will be attending no later than May 19, 2008. You may also contact me if that is more convenient for you.

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Priest Gregory Joyce
Secretary