



The Episcopal Diocese of DALLAS

May 2018

We are so pleased you have expressed an interest in the Discernment Retreat of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. This year's retreat is scheduled for August 5-7, 2018, at

Prothro Center on Lake Texoma
269 Methodist Ln.,
Pottsboro TX, 75076
903-786-2141

Check it out:

<http://www.prothrocenter.org/>

Arrive: Sunday, August 5, 4:00 p.m.

Depart: Tuesday, August 7, 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$110.00 per person

We are all called to lives of Christian service. Are you called to ordained ministry or to deeper and more focused ministry in your home parish? The diocesan discernment retreat is a wonderful opportunity for greater in-depth exploration of the Lord's call in your life.

Join the Commission on Ministry and others who are curious about their call and hear presentations on ministry, learn more about our discernment process for those seeking ordination, and get to know Bishop Sumner a little better.

Anyone may come to the retreat. Attendance is not a commitment to begin formal discernment, but it is a requirement for all those who do wish to enter the ordination process.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jeremy W. Bergstrom
Canon for Vocations

Who attends this retreat?

Participants are those individuals who have already begun the discernment process and those who are discerning for lay or ordained orders in the Diocese of Dallas. There will be members of the Diocesan Staff and the Commission on Ministry present.

Overnight Accommodations

Registrants will be placed two to a room with another registrant or a member of the Commission on Ministry of the same gender, except in the case of married registrants who will be assigned together. Single rooms can be requested, with payment of a supplemental fee of \$30.00.

Can my family attend?

Your spouse is encouraged to attend. Children are not invited as the retreat content requires prayerfulness and attentiveness.

Can I come to only part of the retreat?

No. You must be present for the whole time. The talks and reflections build on each other, so it's important to get in at the beginning and stay throughout.

What if I miss this one?

Attendance is strongly encouraged. Rarely do we allow someone to begin formal discernment without attending one of these retreats. Please let us know as soon as possible if attendance on these dates is absolutely impossible.

What is the cost?

Your cost for the two-night, three-day retreat is \$110.00 per person. The single supplement (for a private room) is an additional \$30.00. The fee includes the following meals during the retreat.

Sunday: Dinner and Hospitality

Monday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Hospitality

Tuesday: Breakfast and Lunch

Are scholarships available?

Because the diocese heavily subsidizes this event, there is no financial assistance offered. If you need assistance, we recommend you contact your parish and ask if they can assist you financially.

When does the first event start?

Please try to arrive to the retreat center and register between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. We start with orientation at 5:00 p.m. If you will be later than 5:00 pm, please let us know.

What should I wear and bring?

Dress casually. Shorts and tennis shoes are the norm. Also bring your Bible and Book of Common Prayer. Other necessities are a flashlight with working batteries, insect repellent, and sun block. There is a swimming pool and lake swimming, and a few hours of free time, so bring swim gear if you'd like. Bed linens, pillow, and bath towels are provided. Please do not bring expensive or valuable equipment as Prothro Center assumes no responsibility for their safe keeping.



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Registration for the Discernment Retreat – August 5-7, 2018
Sponsored by the COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Fill out the below registration information and turn in this form before
Friday, July 27, 2018

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

Your spouse is invited and encouraged to attend this important event.

WILL YOUR SPOUSE ATTEND? YES NO

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL: _____ HOME: _____

CHURCH: _____

RECTOR: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND NUMBER: _____

ANY DIETARY/PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS? _____

Cost is \$110.00 per person. Single supplement fee is \$30.00.

Make checks payable to Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. Write "Discernment Retreat" on the memo line. We do not accept credit cards.

Mail this form, along with payment, to:
Episcopal Diocese of Dallas
Attn: Amy Wooten
1630 N. Garrett Avenue
Dallas, TX 75206

Please contact Amy Wooten at the Diocesan Offices if you have any questions: awooten@edod.org or phone: 214-826-8310.