

# Episcopal Diocese of Michigan 2009 Ministry Retreat

**When** is it? Thursday, January 8 – Saturday, January 10, 2009

**Where** is it? *The Retreat Center at St. John's in Plymouth, MI –*  
<http://www.TheRetreatCenter.org>

**Registration fee for Nominees, Postulants and Candidates:** \$175 per person  
**Reservation Deadline: December 18, 2008**

**What** is it?

- ❖ A chance to explore one's call to ordained ministry
- ❖ An opportunity for worship, fellowship, learning and reflection
- ❖ A gathering of men and women at all points on the journey of their ministry discernment
- ❖ A place to ask questions – EYSJ, lay opportunities, academic and financial requirements, clergy wellness, field placements, spiritual direction and more
- ❖ A forum to interact with Bishop Wendell Gibbs and clergy and lay persons involved in the ministry discernment process, including members of the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Michigan

**Who** should attend?

- ❖ If you are currently a nominee, postulant or candidate for the priesthood or the diaconate, your participation in the Ministry Retreat is a **required** step in your process.
- ❖ If you are the companion of a nominee, postulant or candidate in the process, a special companion's session is planned just for you on Saturday morning, January 10. Companions of ordained priests and deacons will share real-world experiences and address questions. There is no charge to attend this session.
- ❖ If you are at the earliest stages of discerning a call to ministry – lay or ordained – a special "inquirers" session is planned for Saturday morning, January 10.
  - If you've ever wondered how God can use your gifts as a member of the lay order, please **join us** for the inquirers' session.
  - If you've ever wondered if you are being called to the priesthood or the diaconate (even if it's just a whisper), please **join us** for the inquirers' session. You'll find information and fellowship, not pressure.
  - Your sponsoring clergy is encouraged to attend this session with you.
  - There is no charge for you or your sponsoring clergy to attend this session.

## Questions or Reservations

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