

Men's group notes 2025-03-04

We welcomed a new brother to our group, Albert Howell.

We continued our discussion about some possible Lenten retreat options and will talk more about this at our next meeting. One of the retreats is the Scott Hahn day of fellowship on Saturday April 5th in Waltham, MA. The cost is \$35 00, with registration at 8am but the event starts at 9am and goes on until 3pm with a vigil mass at 4pm. So, a possible option is to stay for the mass there and go out to eat as a group after mass or drive back to St. Johns and go to our regular 4pm mass.

Scott Hahn's is the founder and President of The St. Paul Center and has written many books and also writes for the Pilot. You can read his articles and many other articles online from the Pilot by signing up for the Pilot online at:

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We talked about our last meeting we had with Sr. Helena and Maggie, discussing points they both brought up in their testimony. Of course this led us into many discussions. We were certainly blessed to have them attend our meeting.

Rich mentioned the book “The Great Divorce” by C.S. Lewis. It is a theological dream vision by C. S. Lewis, in which he reflects on the Christian conception of Heaven and Hell.

You can download a pdf version of the book at <https://archive.org/details/ebook-lewis-c-s-the-great-divorce/mode/2up>

Rich also mentioned a play by Chesterton on God and the death of Jesus. A sacrifice for us and for salvation. It led us into discussions about the meaning of Jesus as the sacrificial lamb and the scape goat offerings in the Old Testament.

Rich also sent an email about someone he interviewed who is a BU alum and a world expert on deacons: <https://www.clearfaithpublishing.com/product/sacred-silence-daily-meditations-for-lent/>

(Richard sure has been busy getting interesting books for us to read!!)

We continued some of our discussion about Evil and how do we respond to it. And will pick up on it again. It seems like this topic will be with us for some time.

For our next meeting we will discuss what each of us will be doing for our own Lenten journey.

The next meeting will be March 18th. Hope all had a blessed start to the Lenten season.

Norbert