

Priest & Deacon Retreat and Renewal Week

June 8-12, 2026

San Alfonso Retreat House • 755 Ocean Avenue • Long Branch, New Jersey 07740

To register for the *Priest & Deacon Retreat and Renewal Week* at San Alfonso, please complete the registration form and mail with your deposit to *San Alfonso Retreat House* at the address above. You may also register and pay online at www.sanalfonso retreats.org/2026-retreats.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Prefix: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Religious Community: _____

Parish: _____

(Arch) Diocese of: _____

Payment Information – Retreat Stipend \$810

To reserve a space, please enclose a **\$100 non-refundable deposit**. Please make checks payable to: **San Alfonso Retreat House**.

Secure credit card payments can also be made on our website .

(If paying by credit card upon arrival at check-in, a 3% processing fee will be added.)

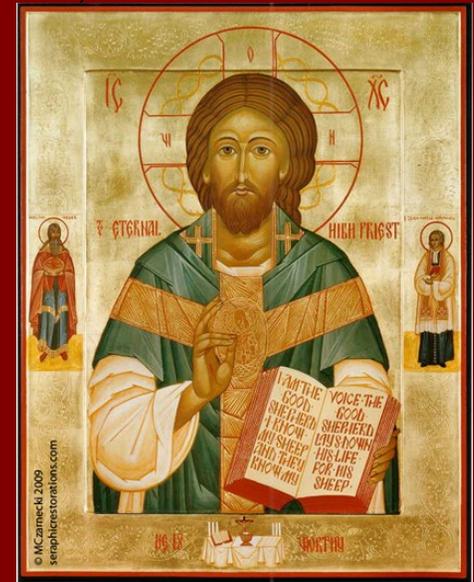
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Special Needs

If you have any special needs or dietary restrictions that we should be aware of, please note them here.

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**A RETREAT AND RENEWAL WEEK
FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS**



**PRIESTS AND DEACONS
AS ICONS OF CHRIST**

Retreat Director and Facilitator
Rev. Larry Richards

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*Join us for an engaging retreat
for priests & deacons, to be
renewed in your vocation,
rooted in the virtue of
Christian Hope.*

ABOUT THE RETREAT
PRIESTS AND DEACONS AS
ICONS OF CHRIST

In their service to God's people, Pope Leo XIV often reminds priests and deacons to "live as **"credible witnesses"** and icons of Christ by rooting their identity in a deep union with Him." Reflecting on what it means to be an "icon of Christ," this retreat will explore the various attributes that embody a ministry which radiates from the heart of the Good Shepherd to those who are hungering for the Lord.

Our presenter, Fr. Larry Richards, will develop this composite image of *Priests and Deacons as Icons of Christ* in a series of talks over the week's retreat. Beginning with the model of Christ, the Chief Shepherd, priests and deacons are reminded that they are beloved sons and as such must first be good sheep which

begins at Baptism when all become children of God, brothers with Jesus who is God the Son, the first child of God. Fr. Richards will further explore how clergy must also be icons of mercy, joy, peace, love and holiness to attract many souls to God. This involves surrendering to the will of God; living a sacrificial life of loving all those entrusted to our care; being an icon of holiness by developing an active prayer life. Then called to mission, clergy are icons who make disciples and lead the faithful to Jesus Christ.

RETREAT CONFERENCE TOPICS

Priests and Deacons as :

- + Beloved Sons
- + Surrendering to the Holy Spirit
- + Icons of Mercy
- + Icons of Joy
- + Icons of Peace
- + Icons of Love
- + Icons of Holiness
- + Icons Who Make Disciples

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

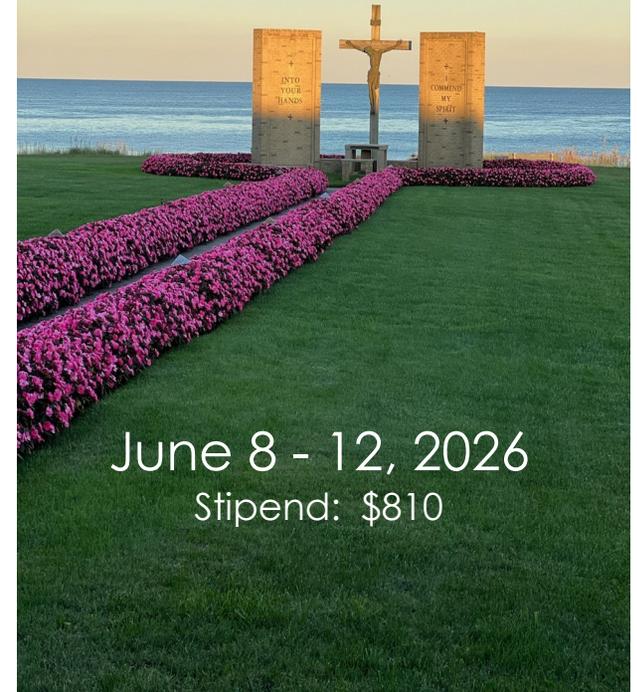


Father Larry Richards was ordained to the priesthood in 1989 and has been a pastor in Erie, Pennsylvania since 2002. He currently serves as pastor of St. Luke Church and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. He has conducted thousands of Parish Missions, Conferences and Retreats. He is best known for making the love of God real in his talks. Father Larry is the founder of *The Reason for Our Hope Foundation* and has many Media presentations including *The Truth*, *The Mass Explained*, and

Confession with hundreds of thousands of copies distributed worldwide and now available for FREE on OurHope.TV. He is the author of *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*, a #1 best seller for Ignatius Press, having sold over 160,000 copies. He authored a second book called *Surrender! The Life Changing Power of Doing God's Will*, published by Our Sunday Visitor, which has sold over 55,000 copies. You can see him on EWTN Global Catholic Television on *Living Right with Dr. Ray*. He is the Spiritual Director for the Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance and hosts a weekly podcast titled, *Anchored In Hope*. His daily homily can be heard on your favorite podcast app.

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June 8 - 12, 2026
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Arrival: June 8, after 3:00 pm
Departure: June 12, after lunch

To Register (See form on back) or
To Register online go to
www.sanalfonsoretreats.org/2026-events

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