

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC

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Memo

Date: February 28, 2024

To: Priests

From: Father Pedro Poloche, STL, JCL, director, Ongoing Formation of Priests

Re: Lenten Day of Reflection, Chrism Mass and Jubilarian Dinner registration

Brothers in Christ,

We are already in our second week of Lent and Holy Week is just around the corner! As you know it has become a tradition of our Atlanta Presbyterate to gather at the Cathedral of Christ the King every year on the Tuesday of Holy Week for our Lenten Day of Reflection, the celebration of our Chrism Mass and a banquet celebrating our priest jubilarians. This is always a great day as we come to reconnect with one another.

I am very pleased to announce that our Lenten Day of Reflection facilitator will be our very own Fr. Branson Hipp, director of the Catholic Center at Georgia Tech. Fr. Branson's reflection is entitled, "**Concepts Create Idols, Only Wonder Knows**" -Gregory of Nyssa. He will give two talks.

Talk 1: "**You live in a deranged age - more deranged than usual, because despite great scientific and technological advances, man has not the faintest idea of who he is or what he is doing.**" -Walker Percy. Reflections on difficulties of modern man understanding the faith and how Christ responds.

Talk 2: "**The gaze is what saves.**" -Simone Weil. Reflections on the work of recovering wonder and awe in the daily life of priesthood and praying with the Triduum.

We have planned a full day of activities. Like last year, we will begin our day at 10 a.m. with coffee and fellowship. The first talk begins at 11 a.m. (Please see

the order of events for the day below.) The reflection and dinner will take place in Hyland Center.

At the end of our Lenten Day of Reflection, there will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. The Chrism Mass begins at 4 p.m. Mass will be followed by the banquet celebrating our priest jubilarians with a social beginning at 5:15 p.m.

To RSVP for the Lenten Day of Reflection, Chrism Mass and Jubilarian Dinner, please visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/17cb4b41-c1dc-4ad8-b5ac-32d20a024f23> and RSVP only for the events of the day that you plan to attend.

We use these numbers to get an accurate head count for catering, so it is very important that you register online.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Hailey at ahailey@archatl.com or call 678-595-9181.

**Lenten Day of Reflection
Chrism Mass
Jubilarian Dinner
Schedule**

10 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship	Hyland Center – Christ the King
11 a.m.	Lenten Day of Reflection (Session I) Hyland Center	Hyland Center – Christ the King
12 p.m.	Lunch	Hyland Center – Christ the King
1 p.m.	Lenten Day of Reflection (Session II) Hyland Center	Hyland Center – Christ the King
2:30 p.m.	Confessions Begin	Cathedral and Confession Booths
3:30 p.m.	Vesting	Priests – Kenny Hall Bishops/Jubilarians – Ministry Offices
4 p.m.	Chrism Mass	Cathedral
5:15 p.m.	Cocktails	Hyland Center – Christ the King
6 p.m.	Dinner and Presentation	Hyland Center – Christ the King