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Memo

Date: July 3, 2023

To: Priests

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

Re: Registration Reminder – Clergy Study Day, From Hero to Servant to Mystic: Navigating the Deeper Waters of Priestly Spirituality, Fr. Scott Detisch, author and pastor

Registration Reminder – Our summer Clergy Study Day will take place on Thursday, August 3, at the Chancery, in Grand Hall A and B. Please see details below.

Please mark your calendars for our summer Clergy Study Day, Thursday, August 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our presenter will be Fr. Scott Detisch, award winning author and pastor who will be discussing his book entitled, *“From Hero to Servant to Mystic: Navigating the Deeper Waters of Priestly Spirituality.”*

From Hero to Servant to Mystic addresses both the initial and ongoing formation of priests by tracing three significant stages in how their spiritual lives unfold. Fr. Scott Detisch offers seminarians, priests, spiritual directors and clergy personnel directors a way of understanding the whole gamut of spiritual growth and development in priests by focusing on three major clusters of energies within men—the Hero, the Servant and the Mystic. By recognizing the difficulties that may arise within the inner life and outer world of a priest, Detisch offers helpful methods for navigating through those challenging periods. By applying these energies to their spiritual lives, priests will experience a different form of relationship with the person of Christ—the Hero, who offers his life for Christ; the Servant, who ministers *with* Christ; and the Mystic, who lives his life *in* Christ.

Fr. Scott Detisch is a priest of the Diocese of Erie, PA. He has been involved in parish ministry, theological education and priestly formation for many years. He currently serves as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Girard, PA. In addition, Fr. Detisch is an adjunct professor in systematic and sacramental

theology at St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. He has also published another book with Liturgical Press entitled “*Being Claimed By the Eucharist We Celebrate: A Spiritual Narrative for Priests and Deacons.*”

In addition to the Clergy Study Day, we will also have a brief presentation by Mr. Brendon Murphy, a history teacher at Marist, who is a committee member of both the Archbishop’s Committee for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Dialogue as well as the Inter-religious Dialogue Committee for the Society of Mary. Mr. Murphy has developed an adult lecture series that focuses on Jewish-Catholic relations that has been lauded by both Jewish and Christian leaders. Mr. Murphy has taught classes at St. Jude the Apostle and is teaching this summer at OLA. This lecture series is available to all parishes in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Lunch will be provided and all attending will receive a copy of Fr. Scott’s book.

You will not want to miss this Clergy Study Day opportunity. Please RSVP to Amanda Hailey at ahailey@archatl.com or 678-595-9181.