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To: Priests

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

Re: Registration open for Clergy Study Day with Dr. John Bergsma – October 26

We are pleased to welcome Dr. John Bergsma of the St. Paul Center for our next clergy study day on October 26. The event will take place at the Chancery lower level grand halls beginning at 10 a.m.

Dr. Bergsma will offer two talks – The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Gospel of Mark: Preparing to Preach Year B. The first talk will focus on the connection of the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Gospel of Mark and the second one will highlight the Gospel of Mark and Lectionary Year B.

Dr. John Bergsma is professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. A former Protestant pastor, Dr. Bergsma entered the Catholic Church in 2001 while getting his Ph.D. in Bible from the University of Notre Dame. A close collaborator of Dr. Scott Hahn, Bergsma speaks regularly on Catholic radio and at conferences and parishes nationally and internationally. He has authored over a dozen books on Scripture and the Catholic faith, including *Bible Basics for Catholics* (Ave Maria Press), *Stunned by Scripture: How the Bible Made Me Catholic* (Our Sunday Visitor) and *A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: Old Testament* (with Brant Pitre; Ignatius Press). Dr. Bergsma's talks and studies are available on CD and mp3 from catholicproductions.com. He and his wife Dawn reside with their eight children in Steubenville, Ohio.

You will not want to miss this study day! Lunch will be provided to all participants. To register, please email Amanda Hailey at ahailey@archatl.com or call 678-595-9181. Space is limited for this event. We hope to see you there!