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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Reverend Fathers, Parish Council Presidents and Council Members,

I am pleased to announce that a Retreat for the Panis of our Diocese has been scheduled for Friday, April 13 through Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. The scriptural theme is "For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation," (2 Corinthians 6:2).

The participation of the clergy wife or Pani in the work of the parish is vital to the ministry of the Church, yet it has often been overlooked and unappreciated. I believe that our Diocesan clergy wives can greatly benefit from gathering together in Retreat with their Bishop to experience renewal, relaxation, fellowship, education, and worship.

There is a crucial value in such a Retreat and so I strongly encourage you to assist your Pani in this endeavor, by encouraging her to attend, to pay for her registration and travel expenses. Your priest and his wife serve your parish out of love for Christ's Church, for the Diocese and especially for you. Since they work out of love, then you too can surely send your Pani to the Retreat for the very same reason.

The registration for the Panis Retreat is \$100. You should **make the check payable to Camp Nazareth** and your Pani can send it with the registration form. All registration materials should be received by Camp Nazareth by the **April 6th deadline**. If you have any questions please contact Pani Daria Loposky at 724-662-4840 or D.loposky@gmail.com. I am looking forward to seeing all of our Diocesan Panis at the Retreat.

Working in His Vineyard,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Bishop Gregory".

+Bishop Gregory of Nyssa