

CONTINUING EDUCATION – 2017

As can be seen by the various programs sponsored by the Diocese, many opportunities were given for our clergy and parish council members to enrich their knowledge about spiritual and parish life.

- February 23-24. A Pre--Lenten Retreat was held at the Franciscan Center in Ashton, PA. V. Rev. Chad Hatfield, D.Min, D.D., President of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, spoke on "The Priest as a Man of Theology, Man of Reconciliation, Man of Prayer and Man of the Eucharist."
- March 21 A talk given by Father John Kowalczyk at the Diocesan Center on "Why People Don't Give", offered insights from a week of training he had in Florida with the Indiana School of Philanthropy. He shared the good things he learned about building in our parishes the structure of giving, bequests, gift annuities, and endowments.
- June 3 Parish Workshop at Christ the Saviour Church, Harrisburg. Bill Marianes spoke on "Igniting the Flame of True Stewardship" providing the Effective Church Model and teaching how to re-organize and re-energize the Parish, its stewardship, ministries and effectiveness.
- September 6 A program about Substance Abuse was held at Christ the Saviour Church, Harrisburg. Fr. Alcuin Kellerhouse, a ROCOR priest from Pittsburgh who is a Doctor of Ministry student at St. Vladimir's Seminary with many years of experience as a substance abuse counselor, spoke on "Recognizing and Dealing with substance Abuse in the Parish."
- September 9 Mat. Valerie Zahirsky, Chairman of the OCA Department of Education, spoke at the Women's Retreat held at St. Tikhon's Monastery Church. Her topic was Women in the Church. She introduced the Lives of Women Saints and the role of women in the Church.
- October 23, 24, 25 Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon, an Orthodox lecturer and author of many books, provided a lecture tour to each Deanery on "Atonement: An Orthodox Theology of Redemption. How Does God save us?" He spoke at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Philadelphia, Christ the Saviour Church in Harrisburg, and Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre.
- November 18 Parish Council Workshop with Sandra Anderson, Ministry Development Coordinator at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis, MN at Holy Apostles Mission in Mechanicsburg. She spoke on A Ministry of Visitation...Sharing our Gifts for ministering to each other through presence, encouragement and practical needs.

In addition, many clergy peer groups were held, including one for our matushki.

Please let the Diocese know if you would be interested in hosting a clergy-continuing education program or parish council workshop at your parish.