

## Retreat and Sabbatical Programs

Retreats and sabbaticals provide opportunities for us to re-focus and recharge our ministerial energies.

Retreats help us remove ourselves from the daily routine of our ministry and provide opportunities for us to re-focus, re-energize, and re-connect to our priorities as ministers of the word and actions of Jesus.

Sabbaticals also remove us from our daily routines but for an extended period of time to unplug and recharge, providing a more rest oriented time, or to address spiritual or academic challenges.

Following is a sampling of offerings found on the internet. It is not a comprehensive list and AUSCP does not endorse any program offering. It is simply a list gathered through searching the web for priest retreats and sabbatical programs to assist priests in searching for these programs. If you would like to suggest a program for others to consider, please let us know. We would be happy to include the information.

Please note: All links are active as of March, 2026

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### **Retreats**

[Bon Secours Spiritual Center](#), Marriottsville, Maryland  
Private Retreats [available](#)

[Eastern Point Retreat House](#) – Gloucester, MA  
5-Day and 30-Day Directed Retreats

[Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center](#), West Hartford, CT  
Priest Retreat: September 14-18, 2026, Fr. Thomas J. Scirghi, S.J.

[Institute for Priestly Formation](#), Omaha, NE  
Various Programs

[Mercy by the Sea](#) Retreat and Conference Center (Madison, CT)  
Directed and Private Retreats

[New Ways Ministry: Retreat for Gay Priests, Brothers, and Deacons](#)  
Monday, July 6 – Thursday July 9, 2026  
Email: [info@newwaysministry.org](mailto:info@newwaysministry.org) or call 301-864-3604

[Nemi Renewal Center](#) (Centro Ad Gentes) Nemi, Italy  
Individual Guided Retreats (pasta included)

[Norbertine Hermitage Retreat](#) Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Personal Retreats

### [Opus Bono Priest Retreats](#)

- Sept 19-21 at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, WI
- Oct 31-Nov. 1...Norbertine Abbey in Paoli, Pa.

*For info or other dates call John Smith (517) 230-5930 / (810) 375-2722*

[The Retreat Center of Saint Benedict's Abbey](#) Benet Lake, Wisconsin  
Individual retreats

## **Sabbatical & Continuing Education Programs**

### [Center for Continuing Formation:](#)

St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD  
Various Retreats and Sabbatical Program:

### [Institute for Continuing Theological Education](#)

(Pontifical North American College) Vatican City, Vatican City

### [Jesuit School of Theology \(JST\) Renewal Program](#) —

Santa Clara University – Berkeley Campus

### [Mercy Center](#) (Colorado Springs, CO)

Numerous Sabbatical Program offerings

### [Redemptorist Renewal Center](#) (Tucson, AZ)

Various programs and retreats

### [Institute for Priests and Presbyterates at Saint Meinrad](#)

St. Meinrad, Indiana

Several sabbatical programs

**Other suggestions:** Camino de Santiago — The pilgrimage can take one of dozens of routes to Santiago de Compostela, in the northwest corner of Spain.