

**DIOCESE OF FARGO**  
**IGNATIAN RETREAT - AUGUST 21-29, 2017**  
**FRANCISCAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**102 6TH ST SE**  
**HANKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA**

The eight-day directed Ignatian retreat is a personalized retreat for those who are seriously interested in deepening their life of prayer, and in becoming aware of the voice of the Lord as He calls us to enter our priestly vocation more deeply at this point in our lives. As five hundred years of spiritual tradition witness, this kind of retreat, made well, is a uniquely powerful instrument for giving new life to both our prayer and our calling.

The directed retreat calls for men willing to meet the Lord in prayer and silence for eight days, and desirous in responding generously to His call for spiritual growth.

The retreat is held in an atmosphere of **SILENCE** as the best space for hearing the Lord speak to our hearts in prayer. Each retreatant meditates about four times a day on different texts of Scripture, and meets once a day with the retreat director to share the Word of the Lord in his prayer, to clarify any issues that may arise, and plan the prayer for the next day. In this way, the retreat is personalized to the individual situation of each retreatant. Daily Eucharist and meals (in silence) are part of the group schedule. Prayerfully consider if you would like to make this retreat.

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**Fr. Dennis Brown, OMV**

Fr. Dennis Brown is a member of the Congregation of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV). The OMV's were founded in 1826 by Ven. Pio Bruno Lanteri with the specific and primary apostolate of giving the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Their secondary foundational apostolate is formation of the clergy. He has been directing, and occasionally preaching, the exercises since he was ordained to the priesthood in 1989. He has personally given the individually directed exercises to hundreds of people and has been involved with the exercises in one way or another since 1975.

Fr. Brown was blessed to receive personal spiritual direction from Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., Fr. Walter Ciszek, S.J., Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, among others. He studied philosophy for years, and then studied Catholic Doctrine receiving an MA from the Pontifical Institute of Advanced Studies in Catholic Doctrine, located at that time at St. John's University in Queens, NY in 1982. Fr. Brown then entered the OMVs and studied theology at the Angelicum University in Rome and was ordained by Blessed John Paul II at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome in 1989.

In New York City he produced a Catholic public affairs syndicated radio program associated with Homiletic and Pastoral Review. He later also became assistant editor of HPR, whose editor was Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J. - another secondary foundational apostolate of the OMVs is communications. Fr. Brown studied filmmaking, television production and book publishing in night courses at New York University.

Fr. Brown has served at various OMV locations: Rome, Vienna and Basilica Loretto in Austria, New York City, and Boston. He is now the Spiritual Director for Diaconal Formation for the Archdiocese of Denver.