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ST. MACRINA INSTITUTE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE EDUCATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN DIACONAL, CATECHETICAL, OR GENERAL LAY MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE. WE HAVE EXPANDED BEYOND THE PROGRAMS IN CHICAGO, DETROIT, DAYTON, CINCINNATI, KANSAS CITY TO BRING IN SOME WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA STUDENTS—OFTEN ONLINE—AND HAVE BEGUN A NEW GROUP IN CLEVELAND LEAD BY FR. JACOB VAN SICKLE WITH SOME HELP FROM DIOCESAN FACULTY AND LOCAL CLERGY. THAT GROUP IS GROWING.

WE HAD THE THIRD ANNUAL ST. MACRINA SUMMER CONFERENCE THIS YEAR IN A NEW VENUE, AT ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER IN SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN. THOSE WHO CAME ENJOYED A GOOD CONFERENCE. WE ONLY HAD AROUND 20 PEOPLE THIS YEAR, THE ATTENDANCE WAS DOWN, BUT HOPEFULLY WE WILL GET ATTENDANCE BACK UP NEXT YEAR. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION AND TO STRUCTURE A SINGLE PLACE WHERE THE BISHOP CAN MEET MANY STUDENTS AND HAVE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR VOCATIONS. IT ALSO COUNTS TOWARD THE NATIONAL DIACONAL VOCATIONS PRACTICUM REQUIREMENT AND GIVES A GOOD EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CATECHESIS TO THOSE ON THE CATECHETICAL TRACK.

ON BEHALF THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE, WE THANK THE DIOCESE FOR ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS.

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