



A Retreat for Lectors, Readers, and All Who Proclaim God's Word

Sharpen the Saw means preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have... **YOU**... It means having a balanced program for self-renewal in your life... Without this renewal, the body becomes weak, the mind mechanical, the emotions raw, the spirit insensitive, and the person selfish.

Stephen R. Covey

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Caring for Those Called to Proclaim God's Word

*Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and **still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.** Luke 12:48*

It is not sufficient, however, simply to have a “warm body” filling a given role. **Those engaged in liturgical roles need to be well prepared for those roles** and to know how to carry them out with reverence, dignity, and understanding.

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The Lector or Reader gives voice to Scripture. Open to the Spirit and faithful to the Word, Lectors are called to proclaim clearly and confidently so that all may hear and believe. With prayerful preparation and attention to pronunciation, the ministry of Lector presents unique challenges – ask anyone who has read the Universal Prayer listing the sick and deceased of a predominantly ethnic parish! **What a daunting, yet grace-filled opportunity and responsibility!** Lectors offer their time and talent for the benefit of so many – yet who tends to their needs?

Sustaining the Journey, a retreat series endorsed by both the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and the American Guild of Organists, is an opportunity for all Liturgical Ministers to experience **renewal** and **refreshment**. With a combined 70+ years of liturgical ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, presenters **Bob Soeder** and **Mary Hrich** bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge, and music. Each retreat includes a light meal, time for fellowship and prayer, stories, singing, and a little learning along the way! Designed for **all Lectors and Readers**, this *Sustaining the Journey* event will leave you with food for thought and a renewed enthusiasm for liturgical ministry. **Come for the food – stay for the nourishment!**

Content can be customized to meet your organization's specific needs.

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