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Dear Knights and Dames,

The American Association's Fall Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of October 14 to October 16 at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, in Mundelein, Illinois. Father Eric Hollas, a familiar face to many of our members, will once again bless us as our Retreat Master.

Mundelein, Illinois, the site of the retreat, is about a forty-five minute drive from Chicago's O'Hare Airport.



Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, is a Benedictine monk and priest of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN. He was born in Oklahoma City, and he received his B.A. in history at Princeton University in 1971. Following seminary studies at Saint John's, he received the Ph.D. in medieval studies at Yale University. His special interests include the history of Spain in the Middle Ages, the history of monasticism in medieval Europe, and the history of the book. He is a member of the Medieval Academy of America and The Grolier Club in New York. He serves as a chaplain in the Western Association of the Order of Malta, as well as in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Since 1980 he has been a member of the faculty of the School of Theology and Department of Theology at Saint John's University in Minnesota, and for nine years (1993-2002) he served as the executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at Saint John's University. Following his term at HMML, he was named Senior Associate for Arts & Cultural Affairs at Saint John's University.

Among his many activities, Fr. Eric was instrumental in initiating *The Saint John's Bible*, a project in which the monks of Saint John's have commissioned Donald Jackson, scribe to the Queen of England, to create a hand-written and illuminated Bible. The weekend will begin with check-in on Friday evening, October 14 and will end on Sunday morning, October 16, 2016.

Registration materials are now available on our website.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Maria at the NY office. Telephone: 212-371-1522, Email: maria@orderofmaltaamerican.org, Fax: 212-486-9427.

