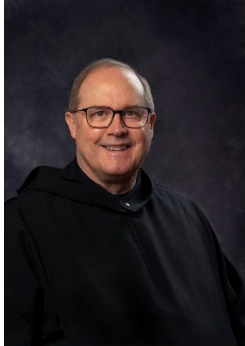


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Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, Florida

Led by Retreat Master Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, GCChC



Fr. Eric Hollas is a Benedictine monk and the prior of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN. Born in Oklahoma City, he is an alumnus of Princeton University, did seminary studies at Saint John's University (MN) and received the Ph.D. in medieval studies at Yale University.

Since 1985 he has been a member of the faculty and staff of Saint John's University in Minnesota, and from 1993-2002 he served as executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at Saint John's. At HMML he helped to develop the Malta Study Center, which works to preserve the archival heritage of the Order of Malta. For nearly fifty years the Center has partnered with the National Library of Malta in this effort; and currently the Center is engaged in preservation efforts at the State Archive of Tuscany in Florence. During his tenure at HMML he was also instrumental in beginning work on *The Saint John's Bible*, the first hand-written, illuminated and monumental Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the early 16th century.

In 2004 Fr. Eric was invested as a chaplain in the Western Association of the Order of Malta. He is now a member of the American Association and serves in the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes. He is active as a retreat director in the American, Federal and Western Associations of the Order, and for fourteen years he has written a weekly blog entitled *A Monk's Chronicle*, located at www.monkschronicle.wordpress.com.