

Where's Deacon Michael?

So this week, the prayer life of the school has continued, but its shepherd is away for a very special reason. As part of preparation for receiving Holy Orders, the Bishop has the job of ensuring candidates are spiritually prepared. So, one of the questions he will ask me is, have you undertaken your 'canonical retreat'? So what does 'canonical' mean? Well, it means that the retreat is mandated by Canon Law – the Church's own legal system, which is the oldest in continual use in the world.

So where have I gone? When I moved to Connecticut one of the first places I visited was Mystic Seaport. It is a really beautiful spot – it reminds me of Maine, where I spent a very happy summer vacation in my childhood. But what you may not know about Mystic is there is a retreat house there, on Enders Island, just off Mason's Island. It is run by the Edmundite Fathers and contains a beautiful chapel right on the water. A retreat is a time for God to speak to my heart of His plans for me and for our school.

Please know that I will be praying for you all– and for the ministry which the Lord has entrusted to me at Trinity. God bless you and pray for me!