

THE PATRIOT'S CALL: *United for Faith & Freedom*

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“A Day of Renewal” The Assembly 1818 Retreat



This week, the Sir Knights of Assembly 1818 were blessed with a truly wonderful spiritual event at the Retreat Center at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. From the moment we gathered for a welcoming continental breakfast, there was a sense that the day would be something special. Father Leland's thoughtful and inspiring lectures invited us to look inward with honesty and upward with renewed hope. The beautiful grounds of OLPH offered quiet

places for reflection, and the delicious lunch prepared by the staff reminded us of the simple joy of sharing a meal in fraternity. Father Greg's celebration of Mass, along with the opportunity for confession for those who wished to partake, deepened the grace of the day, and our time of adoration brought everything to a peaceful and reverent close. Again and again, the brothers spoke of how powerful the experience was how it strengthened their faith, renewed their spirit, and reminded them of the noble calling we share as Catholic gentlemen and patriotic Knights. For those who were unable to attend, we can say with confidence that next year's retreat will be well worth your participation. We offer heartfelt thanks to all who came and left with even greater devotion to our Lord and with a renewed commitment to serving God and country.



Saint Ignatius teaches that the spiritual life is shaped by interior movements those gentle stirrings, thoughts, and inclinations that rise within the soul. His Rules for Discernment help us become aware of these movements, understand where they come from, and respond to them with wisdom. Ignatius explains that God's movements draw the soul toward greater faith, hope, and love; they bring peace, clarity, and a quiet strengthening of the heart. These consolations are to be welcomed, received, and allowed to deepen our trust in God. In contrast, the enemy seeks to unsettle the soul with confusion, fear, discouragement, or spiritual heaviness. These movements lead us away from God and must be recognized for what they are temptations to be resisted and rejected. By paying attention to what is happening within us, we learn to distinguish the voice that leads to life from the one that leads to unrest. Ignatius invites us to walk with a discerning heart, receiving every good movement as a gift from the Lord and firmly turning away from whatever seeks to diminish our peace, our courage, or our closeness to Him.















