



ORDER OF MALTA  
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## Midwest Regional Retreat Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, Illinois



**September 19-21, 2014**

**Hosted by the Chicago Region**

**“The Spirituality of the Order of Malta”**

**Rev. Eric Hollas, OSB, PhD - Retreat Director**



**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 he also serves as a Magistral 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 theology faculty at Saint John's University, and from 1993-2002 he served as the Executive Director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library. He currently serves as Deputy to the President for Advancement, at Saint John's University.

### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Members and spouses, auxiliary and volunteers and those interested in the Order of Malta.**

Fr. Hollas most recently has given a highly rated retreat in Jacksonville, Subpriory retreats and several retreats for the Western Association.

The retreat will begin at 5:30 PM on Friday. Our focus will be on the “Spirituality of the Order”. Over the weekend there will be four conferences. Mass will be celebrated each day, with times scheduled for Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours in common, and plenty of quiet time for personal reflection. Also, there will be ample opportunities to relax and for getting to know each other better, since one of the purposes of this retreat is to build and strengthen our community. We will conclude on Sunday morning before Noon.



Stritch retreat house is on the grounds of University of St Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary with access to the university gym and swimming pool. There are hundreds of acres of forest and miles of shoreline to explore. Access is ground level with plenty of parking, elevator service to all floors, and a beautiful Chapel is available at all hours. Additionally, in the same house there is a comfortable library, dining room and a common room with refreshments always available from the pantry. All guest rooms are quiet, comfortable and feature a double bed, private bath and shower.



For further information, or to reserve a place, please contact Fra'Tom Mulligan at [paxtnm@gmail.com](mailto:paxtnm@gmail.com) or 847-763-8887. A registration process and further details will follow.

For now please save the dates of September 19-21 to your calendar for what promises to be a very successful spiritual retreat together.