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To: INSTITUTE OF LAY FORMATION participants
From: Todd Graff
Subject: Upcoming session
Date: September 11, 2023

Greetings of Peace! To prepare for our upcoming Institute session as we begin this formation year on, “**Eucharistic Formation for Missionary Discipleship**,” please note the following...

1. Our session will take place on this **Saturday, September 16th, at Sacred Heart Parish in Owatonna**, located at 810 South Cedar Avenue. [A map to the parish can be found at our diocesan web site: <http://www.dow.org/directories/parish.html?id=33>.] There is parking available in a large lot behind the church, and an entrance to the church and parish center is located just off of the parking lot.
2. All are invited to begin the day with **the celebration of Mass at 8:30 am** in the church. After Mass, at 9:00 am, we will move over to the parish center to gather for breakfast, Morning Prayer, and the beginning of the morning session at 9:30 am. (You may come directly to the parish center at 9:00 am, if you are not coming to Mass.) We will adjourn the session at about 3:15 pm. A **full schedule for the day** is being sent along with the email communication.
3. Fr. John Sauer and Ms. Annmarie DeMarais will serve as our **presenters/leaders for the session**. You may wish to bring a Bible and a notebook or journal with you to the session. There will also be **prayer time in the church**, before the Blessed Sacrament, for a half hour before lunch. It may be helpful to bring along some material to use for prayer and reflection during this time.
4. Please remember to complete the **reading assignment** for this session: “**The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church**” (Introduction and Part I: “The Gift” [pp. 5-18]). You can find it online by [clicking here](#). Also, Fr. Sauer is encouraging you to view the movie, “**Babette’s Feast**,” before the session – if you can do so and have the time. *This is not required.* (You can find viewing information for the movie by [clicking here](#).)
5. Please remember to complete the “**Participant Information Form**” and bring it with you to this session (or send to me). A copy is being sent along with the email communication. *Thank you!*

And, finally, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and/or concerns before our session. If you need to reach me on Friday evening or early on Saturday morning, my cell phone # is: 507-429-2808. Take care, and travel safely on Saturday. *God bless!*