21st ANNUAL LIFE AWARENESS PROJECT

Father Michael Pratt, Diocesan Vocations Director, led the discernment retreat on July 13 at the Church of the Madalene for those considering the possibility of priesthood and/or religious life, wanting to learn to listen to God’s call and how to be open to hearing it. The seventeen participants took part in small group discussions and listened to talks provided by Fr. Paul Sheller, OSB, Conception Abbey in Missouri, Sr. Mary Rachel Nerbun, RSM, St. Francis Hospital, and Fr. Pratt. Among those also attending were several diocesan priests, Benedictine Sisters, and a Benedictine monk.

Sarah Dicks, from St. Bernard’s and BKHS, challenged the group in the afternoon with a Catholic Trivia game!

Multiple Serrans donated cookies and snacks and also helped throughout the day.

Bishop Konderla celebrated the Saturday evening parish Mass with Fr. Desmond and Fr. Pratt con-celebrating. Some of the seminarians served. The rest attended, along with the retreatants and Serrans.