

## ABOUT OUR DEACON RETREAT & OUR RETREAT DIRECTOR

WADHAMS HALL APRIL 1-3, 2011

Our annual retreat for deacons is scheduled for April 1-3, 2011 at Wadhams Hall. You will find in this mailing a copy of the retreat schedule. The theme this year is: *“The Good News (Gospel) is like Irish music – It touches the heart and makes the feet dance.”*



Our retreat leader this year is **Rev. Michael J. Carmola**. Father Carmola is a priest of the Syracuse Diocese. After completing his seminary studies at St. Bernard's in Rochester he has had extensive pastoral experience serving in a number of capacities for the Diocese of Syracuse. In addition to assignments as associate and as pastor he was also Hospital Chaplain at Upstate/CIM in Syracuse, Vocation Director, and later Personnel Director for the Diocese. His last assignment as pastor was at Immaculate Conception Parish in Fayetteville in 1992. For many years Father Carmola was also coordinator of the "Upstate Update" program for the northern dioceses of the State. This program is geared toward the formation of new pastors and also of deacons and lay leaders who serve as parish administrators. Since 1994, Father Carmola has served as Director of Christ the King Retreat Center in Syracuse giving spiritual direction and directing retreats in the Syracuse area and beyond. He will bring to our retreat his wit and his wisdom based on his pastoral and his life experience. We are extremely fortunate to have him come to Ogdensburg.