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Praised be the Lord Jesus Christ!

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Greetings to everyone! I am writing this letter to inform you about some upcoming events for our Lector Ministry at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. I am very grateful for your continual service to the Shrine that many of you do, not only at the altar through your ministry, but in so many different ways. Thank you also for participating in our Lector Picnic, which took place in July. I was also very glad to find out that many of you were very eager to participate in the **Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.** Unfortunately for some reasons we did not have enough participants, so we have decided to **reschedule it for Spring 2019** and make some changes in organizing it. We will keep you informed about any updates on that.

For the reason that I have to be away for couple weeks from the Shrine, I have decided with the Lector Committee to move our planned **Lector meeting** from October 15th to **Thursday, November 29th**. It is a mandatory meeting (we do not have many of those), so please try to join us for that.

I have already placed an order for the new **Workbooks for Lectors for 2019 – Year C**. I will distribute them to you some time in November in the Sacristy or during our Workshop on November 29th. The workbooks are a gift from the Shrine, so you do not need to pay for them. However, if you would like to make a donation, the cost of one book is \$ 13.00. The checks can be written to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Also, please keep the old books for 2017 – Year A and for 2018 – Year B. As I have mentioned to you, we don't have to buy these books every year, because the content, as well as the cycle of the readings, is repeated after every 3 years. So it is enough to have three books, one for each cycle of readings – A, B,

and C. If for some reason you do not wish to receive the Workbook, please let me know. It is something that can help, but it is not mandatory to use them.

Christmas Dinner for all the lectors has recently become a beautiful and joyful tradition for our ministry. I hope we can continue and organize similar event this year as well. In the next couple of weeks we will plan this event in detail. If you have any ideas about it, please let me know or contact Barbara Krempa. As for the date, I think the first two weeks of January would be best to organize such an event.

Here are the upcoming events for our Lector Ministry:

- **November 29, 2018 (Thursday) – Lector Formation Meeting (Spiritual & Workshop) at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room (Visitor Center)**
- **January 2019 (the exact date still to be determined) – Christmas Dinner for Lectors**
- **Spring 2019 (the exact date still to be determined) - Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.**
- **November 2019 (the exact date still to be determined) – Trip to the Sigh and Sound Theater for “The Miracle of Christmas” – *we have already started making arrangements for this trip.***

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With prayers,

Fr. Timothy Tarnacki OSPPE