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SOLD OUT!! The liturgical ministers conference, "Our Worship and Our Service", hosted by the Josephite Pastoral Center in April reached capacity with attendees as far as New York and South Carolina. The conference welcomed 105 attendees whom were eager to participate and work towards the objective for the day; to exercise their role and responsibilities as ministers and to have a deeper appreciation for the gift and the opportunity of service.

The conference was comprised of spiritual and educational workshops, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and a Vigil Mass with celebrant and homilist Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ. Motivated by the Year of Faith, the Pastoral Center hoped the event would deepen the _____

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_____ and understanding of the Liturgy of the Mass for attendees.

Since the new director's start in Spring 2012, Cheryl Holley, has focused on bringing life and activity back to the seminary. Ms. Holley was inspired to sponsor a workshop when she noticed a problem while speaking and observing parishioners during Mass. "People weren't connecting. The celebration of the Eucharist was being missed," said Ms. Holley.

To address the issue Ms. Holley felt it was the Pastoral Center's duty to bring attention to the fact that as ministers "we are all servants. We are all connected to the celebration of Mass. If we can break open that realization

than we can make a difference."

The day focused on eight different ministries and attendees broke into smaller groups to grow closer to their ministry. Altar servers, clergy, environment, extraordinary ministers of communion, hospitality, music, lectors and liturgical dancers were among the day's sessions.

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