

# **The Pray More Advent Retreat Study Guide**

## **Living Through Seasons of Waiting With Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt**

### **Reflective Questions**

“He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them,” Rev. 21:3.

1. Fr. Gale relates how his second trip to Rome was more enjoyable because he had been joyfully anticipating it for months. Have you ever anticipated a big event in your life? How did the anticipation affect your experience?
2. In order to be able to anticipate Heaven, we need to be able to recognize our poverty here on earth. How can you work on growing more aware of your poverty on earth, in anticipation of spending eternity with God in Heaven?
3. Jesus revealed to St. Catherine of Sienna that the holy relationships we have with others on earth will find deeper fulfillment in Heaven. How can this knowledge help you grow to a greater appreciation of your relationship with others right now?
4. God loves to shower us with good things and blessings. What are some of the blessings He has put into your life? How can you grow in appreciation of His goodness to you both in these blessings and in the joy He has prepared for you in Heaven?