

Fr. Chris Manahan, SJ, has been director of the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago since January 2015,



working to maintain the tradition of a warm welcome and home-like atmosphere for retreatants who come here to pray and grow in their relationship with God. Early in his formation as a Jesuit he spent five months, from January to May 1995, with Fr. Dick McCaslin, S.J., and Sr. Marie Schwan, CSJ, at the Retreat House; and, after arriving in September 2014, also learned from Fr. John Schwantes, SJ, and Sr. Kerry Larkin, OSM, how to serve retreatants well. He is impressed that over the years that the peaceful atmosphere he remembers as a

novice remains, thanks to the staff's care and concern. A native of Rochester, MN, he entered the Jesuits in 1993 after a 15-year newspaper career in Albert Lea, MN, and Cedar Rapids, IA, also served as pastor on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and provided spiritual formation at the Jesuit Novitiate in Saint Paul, MN, for young men preparing to make vows in the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).