



2015 Convocation of United States Consecrated Virgins

The Beauty of Following Christ: Celebrating the Distinct Vocation of Consecrated Virginitiy in the Year of Consecrated Life

**August 12-16, 2015
Mundelein, Illinois**

Details for the Convocation

The Beauty of Following Christ: Celebrating the Distinct Vocation of Consecrated Virginitiy in the Year of Consecrated Life is the theme for the 2015 Convocation of United States Consecrated Virgins. The convocation will be held **Wednesday through Sunday: August 12-16, 2015**, at the Mundelein Retreat & Conference Center at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.

Who May Attend?

We warmly invite all consecrated virgins, both from the United States and from other countries. With regard to those who are candidates for consecration, the invitation is extended to any virgin who has attended a previous Information Conference and who has formally been accepted by the Bishop of her diocese as a candidate to receive the Consecration of a Virgin Living in the World.

What the Days Entail

The convocation begins with two presentations by Bishop Boyea in which he will use scriptural reflections to expound upon our theme and address God's call to each of us in our daily lives. We are pleased to welcome Fr. Michael Fuller, author of *The Virgin Martyrs: A Hagiographical and Mystagogical Interpretation*, who will speak about the witness of the virgin martyrs. In addition, we will have talks given by consecrated virgins. Linda Long will deliver a presentation entitled "The Beauty of Following Christ" and take a deeper look at the address that Pope Saint John Paul II gave to consecrated virgins gathered in Rome in 1995. Judith Stegman will speak about consecrated virginity as a public vocation in the Church.



Also, Mary Kay Lacke will give a presentation on the Order of Virgins. In addition to our main speakers, we will have several panel and group discussions to enable all attendants to share their personal experiences with one another. At the heart of our days together are specific times set aside for prayer, including Lauds, Holy Mass, Vespers, and Compline. As well, the schedule provides time for personal prayer, recreation, and conversation among the consecrated virgins attending.

Presence of Episcopal Moderator



The Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Episcopal Moderator of the USACV and Bishop of Lansing, Michigan, will join consecrated virgins for the sixth time this year. Bishop Boyea has a love for scripture and history, both of which he will draw upon as he presents his talks.

Fee for the Convocation

The convocation fee of \$450 includes all meals plus 4 nights of lodging in a single room that includes a private bath with a shower.

Attire During the Gathering

The days of gathering are casual, yet we ask that attire be business casual and feminine to keep in line with the witness of our vocation as beautiful brides of Christ. This is especially important for virgins who will be serving at Mass. Sacramental dress should reflect our femininity; therefore, we ask that no pants or shorts be worn by those assisting during the Mass. Also, there is an indoor pool on campus. Should you wish to take a swim, bring your swimsuit!

When Should I Arrive?

When making travel plans, plan to arrive on Wednesday, August 12th between 1-4 pm. Registration will take place in the living room of the Conference Center Residence Hall.

Location

University of St Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary
USML Conference Center
1000 East Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060-1174
847.566.7971
www.usml.edu



Airport Limo Information

The registration form offers details for the airport shuttle that the USACV will arrange.

North Shore Limo

847-816-7474

NSLimo.comcast.net

Destination: St. Mary - USML



2015 Convocation Schedule*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

- 3-8 pm Registration (RH Living Room)
- 4:45 pm Welcome: *Judith Stegman, President of USACV*
Evening Prayer (RH Chapel)
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 6:30 pm Tour of Campus (optional) Meet outside of RH
- 7:15 pm Opening Mass (RH Chapel)
Celebrant Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing
- 8:15 pm Welcome reception (RH Living Room)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015

ST. PONTIAN & ST. HIPPLYTUS

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer (RH Chapel)
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am *Following God's Call: God's Call/Man's Resistance to His Call: Bishop Boyea (CR106)*
- 10:00 am *Following God's Call: God's Daily Call to Each of Us in Our Lives: Bishop Boyea (CR106)*
- 11:00 am Holy Mass (RH Chapel)
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm *Beauty of Following Christ : Linda Long (CR106)*
- 2:00 PM *Being with the One Who Has Awakened my Heart: Prayer in the life of the Consecrated Virgin: Panel discussion*
- 3-5 pm Adoration, personal prayer, confession (RH Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer (RH Chapel)
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 7 - 9 pm Q&A w/Bishop Boyea (CR106)
Followed by time for personal visiting (RH LR)
- 9:00 pm Night Prayer (Optional) (RH Chapel)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015

ST. MAXIMILLIAM KOLBE

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer (RH Chapel)
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am *The Vocation of Consecrated Virginity: a Public Vocation in the Church: Judith Stegman (CR106)*
- 10:00 am *The Virgin Martyrs: Fr. Michael Fuller (CR106)*
- 11:00 am Holy Mass (RH Chapel)
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1-1:45 pm and 2-2:45 pm *Breakout Sessions: choice of one of four topics for each session:*
 1. *Stages of Perfection in Our Walk with Christ: Magalis Aguilera with small group discussion*
 2. *In the World but Not of It: How to Live Consecrated Virginity in a*

Secular, Humanistic World: Panel discussion with input from the floor

3. *Living the Evangelical Counsels of Poverty and Obedience: Panel discussion followed by small group discussion*

4. *Sharing Ideas about What We Could Do in the Association: Directed brainstorming*

- 3-5 pm Adoration, personal prayer, confession (RH Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer (RH Chapel)
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 7 - 9 pm Social & Movie Night (RH Living Room)
- 9:00 pm Night Prayer (Optional) (RH Chapel)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer (RH Chapel)
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am *Being Part of the Order of Virgins, the Virgin Saints, Facts of their lives: they lived with Passion, they gave their lives: Mary Kay Lacke (CR106)*
- 10:00 am USACV Annual Association Meeting: Part I (CR106)
- 11:00 am Holy Mass (RH Chapel)
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm USACV Annual Association Meeting: Part II (CR106)
- 2:15 pm Free time for excursion to Marytown & for prayer
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer (RH Chapel)
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Vigil Mass: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 pm Anniversary Celebration with refreshments (LR)
- 9:00 pm Night Prayer (Optional) (RH Chapel)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer: Chapel (RH)
- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Discussion group/summary/final remarks
- 10:15-12 p.m. Pack and depart

RH - Residence Hall

CR - Conference Room

LR - Living Room

*Schedule subject to change. Final schedule at registration.

2015 Convocation Registration Form

Registration Information

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, and Zip Code _____
Home/Cell Phone _____
Work Phone _____
Email _____
Date of Consecration _____
If not consecrated, please list name and phone number or email of diocesan contact person. _____

Please check all that apply.

- I will be driving or renting a car.
 I will be flying into O'Hare Airport.
Arrival date _____
Airline _____ Flight # _____
Departure date _____
Airline _____ Flight # _____
 Yes I would like Wednesday Shuttle Service from Chicago O'Hare to Mundelein (**Plan to arrive at O'Hare between 1:00 and 4:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th.**)
 Yes, I would like Sunday Shuttle Service from Mundelein to Chicago O'Hare. (**Plan your departure flight between 1:00 and 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 16th. For group shuttle service rates, departure must be after 1:00 pm on Sunday.**)

Special Needs: Please indicate below if you have any special needs we should consider in our planning.

Are you able to help during the convocation? Please check.

- Transportation: I will have a vehicle and will help drive others, especially to Marytown on Saturday.
 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
 Lector for Holy Mass/Liturgy of the Hours
 Cantor Musician (instrument)
 Personal assistance to others with special needs
 Miscellaneous errands as they arise.

Payment Information

USACV Convocation Fee \$450: _____
Includes: all meals & (4) nights lodging

Daily Commuter Fee : _____
\$50/day (Thu, Fri, Sat) and \$30/day (Wed, Sun)
Includes Meals. List day(s) attending.

Optional Donation Amount: _____
Please consider a donation to help those who cannot afford to pay.

Shuttle service expense: _____
\$50 round trip, \$25 one way. (Plus tip for driver)

My check is enclosed: _____ YES _____ NO
I will make payment on this date: ____/____/____

Unless arrangements have been made in advance with the USACV, all payments due by **July 31, 2015.**
Registration information is due by **July 12, 2015.**

Make checks payable to: USACV

Send registration and payment to:

USACV - Registration
300 W Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Presentation Topics

Please indicate your interest in the topics below by numbering your top three choices.

_____ *Stages of Perfection in Our Walk with Christ:* Magalis Aguilera with small group discussion

_____ *In the World but Not of It: How to Live Consecrated Virginity in a Secular, Humanistic World:* Panel discussion with input from the floor

_____ *Living the Evangelical Counsels of Poverty and Obedience:* Panel discussion followed by small group discussion

_____ *Sharing Ideas about What We Could Do in the Association:* Directed brainstorming

SERVING THE VOCATION OF CONSECRATED VIRGINITY



If you have questions, please contact:

Marie Beccaloni - Convocation Coordinator
marie.beccaloni@hotmail.com 773-957-6992
Details and information available on-line:
www.consecratedvirgins.org