



Bethany House

From those who attended past conferences:

"Everything was so helpful! I would highly recommend this conference for anyone interested in this vocation."

"Very well organized! The Consecrated Virgins were accessible and available to answer any questions."

"I was very much edified by the team of consecrated virgins, hearing how each of them lives out her vocation. Thank you for your help in my discernment."



*The United States Association
of Consecrated Virgins
hosts:*

2015 National Information Conference on the Vocation of Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World

*Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat and
Conference Center
DeWitt, Michigan*

August 4 to August 7

Attendance at the information conference is a helpful step in the discernment process for a woman who is considering or preparing for the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world. A suitable candidate for the vocation of consecrated virginity is a woman who...

- has never married or lived in open violation of chastity; has lived as a virgin throughout her life
- by age, prudence, and good character is deemed suitable for dedicating herself to a life of chastity in the service of the Church and of her neighbor
- petitions her Bishop to receive the Consecration and is admitted to the Consecration by her local bishop; it is he who determines the conditions under which the candidate is to undertake a life of perpetual virginity lived in the world.
- usually has worked with a spiritual director and lived a private promise of perpetual virginity for some years before seeking the Consecration of a Virgin.
- is able to support herself by work or pension or independent means and has provided financially for her medical care
- is practicing her faith and accepts the teaching of the Church and Sacred Scripture, with a readiness and capacity for personal growth.



Love surpassing all others

In his encyclical letter, "Deus Caritas Est," Pope Benedict XVI writes: *"He has loved us first and he continues to do so; we too, then, can respond with love. God does not demand of us a feeling which we ourselves are incapable of producing. He loves us, he makes us see and experience his love, and since he has "loved us first," love can blossom as a response within us."*

Consecrated virginity is a response to love, God's love. It is the blossom of God's love that inspires a person's 'yes' response to the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world.

What is the vocation of consecrated virginity, and how does a person discern a call to live as a consecrated virgin?

During the conference days there will be opportunities for personal consultations with the Bishop and with the consecrated virgins attending the conference. Daily celebration of the Eucharist, Liturgy of the Hours, small groups and quiet time for personal prayer and reflection are all part of the four day conference schedule. For more information see the registration form.

Meet the Team for the Conference:



Bishop Earl Boyea, Episcopal Moderator for the United States Association of Consecrated Virgins, will speak about the essential elements of living a life of consecrated virginity in the world. Bishop Boyea will also be available to respond to group and individual questions regarding the Order of Virgins.

Judith Stegman, President of the USACV, will address the topic of Christian vocations and place the vocation of consecrated virginity within the context of the various forms of consecrated life in the Church. She will also discuss the virginal, feminine and spousal nature of the vocation of consecrated virginity.

Mary Kay Lacke, Theresa Marshall, Karen Bussey, Nicole Bettini and Dr. Magalis Aguilera will address a variety of topics pertinent to a person discerning the vocation of consecrated virginity, including reflections on the Rite of Consecration, the distinct spirituality of the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in society, the preeminent place of Our Lady as model and guide for the consecrated virgin and the importance of the Liturgy of the Hours in her prayer life.



Registration Form

USACV Information Conference, August 4-7, 2015 "Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World"

Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat and Conference Center,
703 East Main Street, DeWitt, MI. 48820-9499
Tel. 517-669-8321

For questions concerning the Conference, contact
Conference Coordinator, Theresa Marshall, Tel. 734- 332-4648; email- marshallcv@gmail.com

Please **PRINT**, complete and return this form by **Monday, July 6, 2015**, to:
United States Association of Consecrated Virgins, 300 West Ottawa St., Lansing, MI 48933

Your Information:

Title_____ First: _____ Last _____ Gender: [] M [] F

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Check all that apply: I am a

[] Vocation Director [] Spiritual Director [] Person discerning the vocation [] Consecrated Virgin
[] Other _____

The Conference begins on Tuesday, August 4, with Evening Prayer at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner. Sign-in takes place at Bethany House from noon to the opening of the Conference. The conference ends Friday, August 7, with Holy Mass at 11:15 AM, followed by lunch at noon.

CONFERENCE FEES

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For Conference Participants staying at Bethany House:.....

- Registration Fee: 80.00
- Lodging (3 nights): 103.25
- Meals (3 breakfasts @ 8.00 ea., 3 lunches @ 9.00 ea., 3 dinners @ 10.25 ea.): 81.75
- Conference Room Fees, August 4 -7 (2 half-days @ 5.50 ea; 2 whole days @9.50): 30.00

TOTAL COST: \$295.00

For Commuters:.....

- **Registration Fee:** **80.00**

- **Meals for which you will be present (cost per specific meal x number of meals):**
 - Breakfast @ 8.00 x () = _____**
 - Lunch @ 9.00 x () = _____**
 - Dinner @10.25 x () = _____**

 - Total Meal Cost = _____**

- **Conference Room Fees:**
 - Aug. 4: 5.50 = _____**
 - Aug. 5: 9.50 = _____**
 - Aug. 6: 9.50 = _____**
 - Aug. 7: 5.50 = _____**

 - Total Conference Room Fees = _____**

 - TOTAL COST: \$ _____**

Payment of the registration fee is due with the registration form. The balance of payment is due at the time of the conference. Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

For All Participants:

How did you hear about the Information Conference?

Do you have special dietary restrictions or physical challenges requiring assistance?

For Participants Staying at Bethany House:

Do you require transportation arrangements from airport or bus station? Please explain.

Do you require early arrival, overnight accommodations (Aug.3rd) and/or late departure overnight accommodations, (Aug. 7th)? Please explain.

Theresa Marshall will make these arrangements for you and let you know the additional cost involved.

Directions to the Retreat Center can be found at www.stfrancis.ws

USACV Website: www.consecratedvirgins.org