

The United States Association
of Consecrated Virgins
Living in the World
Hosts:

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

July 25-28, 2017

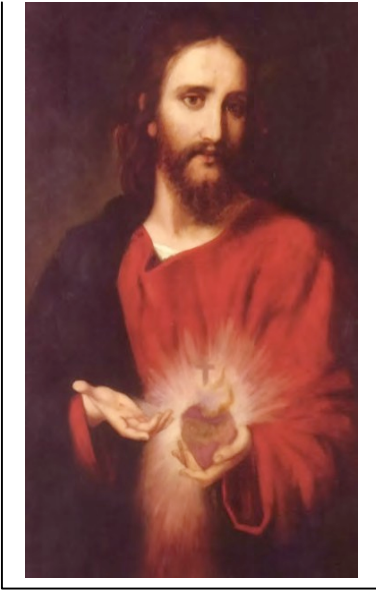
Attendance at the information conference is a very helpful step in the discernment process for a woman who is considering or preparing for the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world. A suitable candidate for the vocation of consecrated virginity is a woman who...

- 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.



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In the consideration of the vocation to a life of consecrated virginity lived in the world, it is important to realize that the woman pursuing this life recognizes this as a unique vocation from God who calls her out of the love He bears for her into an eternal, irrevocable union with Christ, the Divine Bridegroom. Her graced response to this call transforms her whole life, not only the service in which she is engaged but every aspect of her life as a spouse of Christ in the midst of the world.



Love surpassing all others

In his encyclical letter, "Deus Caritas Est," Pope Emeritus 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, the participants will explore the answers to these questions.

There will be opportunities for personal consultations with Bishop Earl Boyea, Episcopal liaison for the USACV, 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 Liaison 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.

Theresa Marshall, Mary Kay Lacke, Karen Bussey 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 and the distinct spirituality of the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world.



Registration Form

USACV Information Conference, July 25-28, 2017

“Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World”

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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 **Tuesday, June 20, 2017**, to:
United States Association of Consecrated Virgins, 228 North Walnut 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, July 25, with Evening Prayer at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner. Sign-in takes place at the Cenacle Conference Center from noon to the opening of the Conference. The conference ends Friday, July 28, with Holy Mass at 11:15 AM, followed by lunch at noon.

CONFERENCE FEES

ITEM :	RATE:
<i>For Conference Participants staying at Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center.....</i>	
• Registration Fee:	80.00
• Lodging (3 nights)	
• Single room is \$105 per person ,per night	315.00
• Double room is \$85 per person, per night	255.00
• Meals (included in the overnight and commuter fees)	
(Single room) TOTAL COST:	<u>\$395.00</u>
(Double room) TOTAL COST:	<u>\$335.00</u>

For Commuters:.....

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

- **Commuter Fee - \$42 per day(meals included)** **42 X 3= 126.00**

TOTAL COST: \$ 206.00

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 Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center

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

Do you require early arrival, overnight accommodations (July 24th) and/or late departure overnight accommodations, (July 28th)? Please explain.

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

Directions to the Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center can be found at : <http://www.cenaclesisters.org/chicago-retreat-conference-center/getting-here/>

USACV Website: www.consecratedvirgins.org