

# 2018 United States Convocation of Consecrated Virgins

July 6-10, 2018

## “Our Lady of Charity, Model and Queen of Virgins”

### *Dates & Location*

The 2018 United States Convocation of Consecrated Virgins will be held from Friday, July 6 through Tuesday, July 10 (with an optional extension to Friday, July 13) at the Morning Star Renewal Center in Miami, Florida. The theme of this year’s convocation will be “Our Lady of Charity, Model and Queen of Virgins.”

### *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*

In addition to Bishop Boyea, this year we are pleased to welcome the Most Reverend Peter Baldacchino, Auxiliary Bishop of Miami and the Most Reverend John Favalora, Archbishop Emeritus of Miami. Additionally, consecrated virgin Maria Luisa Oefele will give a presentation called: “The *Fiat* of Our Lady – the *Fiat* of a Bride of Christ.” There will also be a panel discussion on “The Meaning of the Vocation of Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World, for Today’s Church and Today’s Society.” At the heart of our days together are specific times set aside for prayer, including Lauds, Holy Mass, Vespers, and the Rosary. As well, the schedule provides time for personal prayer, recreation, and conversation among the consecrated virgins attending.

### *Presence of the Episcopal Liaison*

The Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Episcopal Liaison of the USACV and Bishop of Lansing, Michigan, will join consecrated virgins for our annual gathering. Bishop Boyea will celebrate our opening Mass and will deliver a two-part presentation on the book of Revelation titled “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches.” We are very pleased to welcome him once again to our gathering.

### *Fees for the Convocation & Optional Extension Days*

The convocation fee is **\$395** for double room occupancy (+\$40 for single room occupancy). This total includes all meals (except one lunch), 4 nights of lodging, and all admissions/ activity fees. Anyone arriving in Miami on Thursday evening may request accommodations at Morning Star and breakfast on Friday morning for an additional \$45. The fee for the optional extension days is **\$330** (+\$30 for single room occupancy), which includes all meals (except one lunch), 3 nights of lodging, and all admissions/ activity fees. Please inform Judith or Magalis (see contact info on p. 3) if you plan to arrive in Miami early and would like additional accommodation at Morning Star.

### *Planning Your Arrival & Departure*

When making travel arrangements, plan to arrive at the Morning Star Center on Friday, July 6 before 5:00 pm, and plan to depart after noon on Tuesday, July 10, so as not to miss our closing Mass and discussion. Van taxi cost from the Miami International Airport is about \$50 each way. We can help to arrange groups to share taxis.



#### **Morning Star Renewal Center**

7275 SW 124 Street

Miami, FL 33156-5324

(305) 238-4367

[www.morningstarrenewal.org](http://www.morningstarrenewal.org)

## *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 serving as sacristans, cantors, lectors, or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during the Mass.

## *Program* (subject to change)

### CONVOCATION

#### Friday 7/6

- 8:30 AM: Breakfast for early arrivals.
- 5:30 PM: Welcome.
- 6:15 PM: Holy Mass with Bishop Boyea.
- 7:00 PM: Opening Reception/Dinner.

#### Saturday 7/7

- 7:30 AM: Morning Prayer.
- 8:00 AM: Holy Mass with Bishop Boyea.
- 8:45 AM: Breakfast.
- 10:00 AM: Presentations by Bishop Boyea.
- 12:30 PM: Lunch.
- Afternoon: Visit Fairchild Tropical Gardens.
- 4:45 PM: Rosary and Evening Prayer.
- 5:30 PM: Dinner.
- 7:00 PM: Presentation by Maria Luisa Oefele.
- 8:00 PM: Anniversary Celebrations.

#### Sunday 7/8

- 8:00 AM: Morning Prayer.
- 9:00 AM: Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Favalora (of Miami).
- 10:30 AM: Brunch, followed by Q&A with the Archbishop.
- 1:00 PM: Panel-led discussion.
- 3:00-5:00 PM: Adoration, Benediction, Evening Prayer.
- 5:30 PM: Dinner.
- 7:30 PM: Talent Show.

#### Monday 7/9

- 7:30 AM: Morning Prayer.
- 8:00 AM: Breakfast.
- 10:00 AM: Mass at Shrine of Our Lady of Charity.
- Lunch on your own in Bayside (enjoyable tourist area on the Bay in downtown Miami).
- Afternoon: Visit Bayside.
- Boat ride on the Bay.
- 5:30 PM: Rosary and Evening Prayer.
- 6:15 PM: Dinner.
- 7:00 PM: Association Meeting at MorningStar.

#### Tuesday 7/10

- 7:30 AM: Morning Prayer.
- 8:00 AM: Closing Mass with Bishop Baldacchino.
- 8:45 AM: Breakfast.
- 10:30 AM: Closing discussion.
- Bag lunches available.
- Noon: Departure to airport for those not remaining for extension days. (*Flights should be scheduled in the afternoon/evening.*)

### OPTIONAL EXTENSION

#### Tuesday afternoon 7/10

- Afternoon: visit the beautiful and historic St. Agnes Church in Key Biscayne for Adoration and a parish visit.
- Mid-late afternoon: visit the beach and Bill Baggs park in Key Biscayne (lighthouse, trails).
- 4:30 PM: Evening Prayer at pavilion on the beach.
- 5:30 PM: Barbeque at pavilion (Morning Star chef will travel with us).
- 7:30 PM: Sunset drive back to retreat center.

#### Wednesday 7/11

- 7:30 AM: Morning Prayer.
- 8:00 AM: Breakfast.
- 9:00 AM: Depart for Everglades.
- Afternoon/evening: visit Everglades; airboat rides.
- 5:00 PM: Mass and Evening Prayer at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Miami.
- 6:30 PM: Dinner.

#### Thursday 7/12

- 7:00 AM: Early Breakfast.
- 8:00 AM: Depart for Key West (3 hour drive).
- Afternoon: visit in Key West, lunch and tour on your own (with highlights noted).
- 4:00 PM: Evening Prayer and Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Star of the Sea in Key West.

#### Friday morning 7/13:

- 7:00 AM: Breakfast available.
- Departure to Miami airport.

## *Travel Plans*

Please inform the Convocation Coordinators of your travel plans when possible. Including flight numbers and times of arrival and departure to and from Miami. E-mail both [drmagaliaguilera222@gmail.com](mailto:drmagaliaguilera222@gmail.com) and [judithstegman@ocvus.com](mailto:judithstegman@ocvus.com), or use the phone numbers on the next page to contact Magalis or Judith.

# 2018 Convocation Registration Form

## Registration Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Consecration: \_\_\_\_\_

*If not consecrated, please list name and phone number or email of diocesan contact person.*

*If not consecrated, please list the year of the Information Conference that you attended.*

## Additional Information

**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.*

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

## Anniversaries

*Please indicate below if you are celebrating a significant anniversary of your consecration in 2018 (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years).*

**Talent Show:** *Do you have a special talent or artistic gift to share? Emily Byers and Ginnie Meyer are organizing a talent show at this year's Convocation. Please e-mail Emily if you are interested in participating: [emily.claire.byers@gmail.com](mailto:emily.claire.byers@gmail.com)*

## Payment Information

**USACV Convocation Fee: \$395** \_\_\_\_\_

(+ \$40 for single room occupancy)

(+ \$45 for accommodation Thurs. evening)

*Fee includes all meals (except one lunch), four nights lodging, and all admission/ activity fees.*

**Optional Extension Days: \$330** \_\_\_\_\_

(+ \$30 for single room occupancy)

*Fee includes all meals (except one lunch), three nights lodging, and all admission/ activity fees.*

Optional Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

*Please consider a donation to help those who cannot afford to pay.*

Optional Installment Plan:

*(if payment is not made in full at time of registration)*

\$150 non-refundable deposit by May 1, 2018

\$200 installment by June 1, 2018

Balance due by July 6, 2018

My check of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

*If not full amount, I will make payment on (date): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_*

Registration and payment (or deposit) due on **May 1, 2018.**

(No registrations will be accepted after June 22, 2018.)

Final payments are due by **July 6, 2018.**

Make checks payable to "USACV."

Send registration and payment to:

**USACV – Registration  
228 North Walnut Street  
Lansing, MI 48933**

## Convocation Coordinators

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