

2019 United States Convocation of Consecrated Virgins

July 5-9, 2019

“*Ecclesiae sponsae imago*: A Practical and In-Depth Study for the Consecrated Virgin”

Dates & Location

The 2019 United States Convocation of Consecrated Virgins will be held from Friday, July 5 through Tuesday, July 9 at the University of St. Mary of the Lake (USML) Conference Center in Mundelein, Illinois. The theme of this year’s convocation will be “*Ecclesiae sponsae imago*: A Practical and In-Depth Study for the Consecrated Virgin.” Presentations will focus on this new instruction on the *Ordo virginum*, which was promulgated by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life in June 2018.

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.

Presence of the Episcopal Moderator

The Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Episcopal Moderator 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 continue his presentations 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.

What the Days Entail

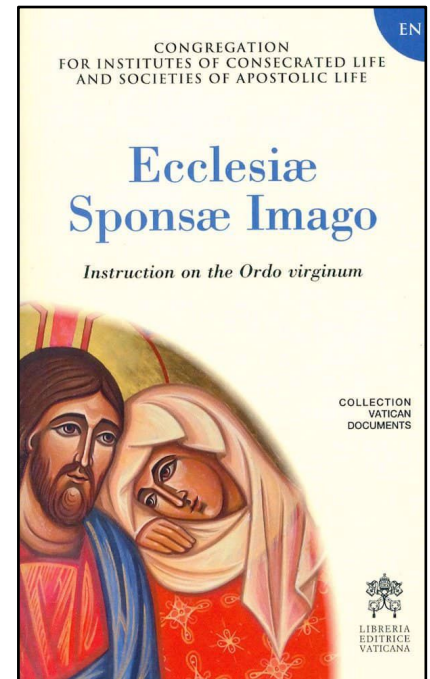
In addition to Bishop Boyea, we are pleased to welcome Fr. David Whiteside as the chaplain for this year’s convocation. At the heart of our days together are specific times set aside for prayer, including Lauds, Holy Mass, Vespers, and Adoration. As well, the schedule provides time for personal prayer, recreation, and conversation among the virgins attending.

Fees for the Convocation

The convocation fee is **\$560** for single room occupancy or **\$508** for double occupancy. This total includes all meals and 4 nights of lodging. *Because this does not cover all of the costs of organizing the convocation, please consider making an optional donation on p. 3.* Please inform Joani or Francesca (see contact info on p. 3) if you plan to arrive in Chicago early and would like additional accommodation at the retreat center. The commuter fee for locals who do not wish to stay at the retreat center is **\$272**.

Planning Your Arrival & Departure

When making travel arrangements, plan to arrive at the University of St. Mary of the Lake (USML) Conference Center on Friday, July 5 before 5:00 pm, and plan to depart after 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 9, so as not to miss our closing Mass and discussion. Van taxi cost from Chicago O’Hare Airport is about \$50 each way. We can help to arrange groups to share taxis. **Please inform the Convocation Coordinators, Joani McCann and Francesca Riddick, of your travel plans when possible, including flight numbers and times of arrival and departure to and from Chicago. E-mail both joani.mccann@gmail.com and friddick45@gmail.com.**



USML Conference Center

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Mundelein, IL 60060.

(847) 566-8290

usml.edu/conference-center/

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.

Tentative Convocation Program

Friday 7/5 – St. Anthony Zacarria & St. Elizabeth of Portugal

- Afternoon: Registration
- 5:15: Dinner
- 6:15: Evening Prayer and Welcome
- 7:00: Holy Mass (Bishop Boyea, celebrant)
- 8:00 Reception/Dinner

Saturday 7/6 – St. Maria Goretti

- 7:30: Morning Prayer
- 8:00-9:00: Breakfast
- 9:00: Presentation by Bishop Boyea: **“Book of Revelation: The Struggle Continues – Part I”**
- 10:00: Holy Mass (Bishop Boyea, celebrant)
- 11:00: Presentation by Bishop Boyea: **“Book of Revelation: The Struggle Continues – Part II”**
- 12:00: Lunch
- Free time
- 2:15-3:30: Adoration/Confessions
- 3:45-4:45: **Presentation by Judith M. Stegman, J.C.L.: “Ecclesiae sponsae imago: Canonical Introduction”**
- 5:00: Evening Prayer
- 5:30: Dinner
- 7:00-8:00: **Presentation by Dr. Magalis Aguilera, Psy.D.: “Psychological, Spiritual, and Divine Principles of the Virginal Vocation”**
- 8:00-9:00: Group discussion: canonical introduction and psychological aspects of *ESI*

Sunday 7/7

- 7:30: Morning Prayer
- 8:00-9:00: Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00: **Presentation by Emily Byers, M.Th.: “Discernment & Formation in *ESI* & *Ordo Virginum Vol. II*”**
- 10:15-11:00: Group discussion: discernment and formation in *ESI*
- 11:00: Holy Mass (Fr. David Whiteside, celebrant)
- 12:15: Lunch

- Free time
- 2:00-3:15: Adoration/Confessions
- 3:30-4:30: **Presentation by Maria Luisa Oefele: “Consecrated Virginity as *Kerygma* of the Gospel: Reflections on *ESI* and the Rite of Consecration”**
- 4:45: Evening Prayer
- 5:15: Dinner
- 6:30-7:30: **Presentation by Jenna Cooper, J.C.L.: “Consecrated Virgins and the Local Church: Theological and Canonical Considerations in Light of *Ecclesiae sponsae imago*”**
- 7:45–9:00: Talent Show

Monday 7/8

- 7:30: Morning Prayer
- 8:00-9:00: Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00: Group discussion: the Rite of Consecration, the local Church, and *ESI*
- 10:00-10:45: **Presentation by Dr. Renu Silvano, S.T.D., via DVD: “Scriptural Aspects of *ESP*”**
- 11:00-12:00: **Presentation by Maria Luisa Meza: “Consecrated Virginity: A Life Worth Living”**
- 12:15: Lunch
- 1:00: Association Meeting, Part 1
- 2:00: Afternoon Tea Break
- 2:30: Association Meeting, Part 2
- 4:00: Evening Prayer (in meeting room)
- 4:30: Holy Mass (Fr. David Whiteside, celebrant)
- 5:30: Dinner
- 7:00–9:00: Anniversary Celebrations

Tuesday 7/9 - St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

- 7:30: Morning Prayer
- 8:00: Breakfast
- 9:00: Holy Mass (Fr. David Whiteside, celebrant)
- 9:45-10:30: Closing Discussion
- 11:00: Check out/Departure to airport
(Return flights should be scheduled in the afternoon/evening.)

2019 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 2019 (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years).

Talent Show: *Do you have a special talent or artistic gift to share (music, dance, poetry, visual art, etc.)? Emily Byers is organizing a talent show at this year's convocation. Please e-mail Emily if you are interested in participating: emily.claire.byers@gmail.com*

Payment Information

USACV Convocation Fee: *includes all meals, 4 nights lodging*
\$560 (single room) _____
Roommate: _____ **\$508 (double room)** _____
\$272 Commuter fee (NO lodging) _____

Optional Purchase of *ESI* book(s): \$10 each

Number of *English* copies: _____ x \$10 = _____

Number of *Spanish* copies: _____ x \$10 = _____

We have acquired a limited number of English and Spanish paperback copies of Ecclesiae Sponsae Imago from the Vatican publisher. Please specify above if you would like to purchase.

Optional Donation Amount _____
Please consider a donation to help defray costs of the convocation.

I want my donation to go towards (indicate with an "x"):

- _____ Financial assistance for attendees
- _____ Flowers for chapel
- _____ Sponsorship of chaplain
- _____ Snacks and refreshments
- _____ Greatest need

My check of _____ is enclosed.

If not full amount, I will make payment on (date): ___ / ___ / ___

Registration and payment (or deposit) due **June 15, 2019.**

(No registrations will be accepted after June 28, 2019.)

Final payments are due by **July 5, 2019.**

Make checks payable to "USACV."

Send registration and payment to:

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