For whom is the Conference?

The Information Conference is chiefly designed to help a woman who is discerning this vocation or is already in the process of preparing for consecration. It is also a very helpful conference for anyone assisting in the discernment and formation of a woman for the vocation of consecrated virginity.

Who is a suitable candidate for the vocation?

During the conference the requirements for consecration will be examined by the various speakers. They will address questions about a woman’s suitability for the vocation.

- Life-long virginity; never having been married or lived in open violation of chastity
- By age, prudence and good character having the suitability for dedicating herself to a life of chastity
- The primary role of the diocesan bishop in admitting a person for consecration and determining the conditions under which the candidate for consecration undertakes a life of perpetual virginity lived in the world.
- The necessity of good spiritual direction and intentional living of perpetual virginity for Christ, for some years prior to seeking the consecration.
- Self-supporting and financially responsible for medical care.
- Active practice of the Catholic faith; acceptance of the authoritative teaching of the Church and Sacred Scripture; readiness and capacity for personal growth.

Conference Team Members and Topics:

Bishop Earl Boyea, Episcopal Moderator for the USACV: speaking on consecrated virginity in Scripture and in history. Bishop Boyea also responds to questions during the conference.

Judith Stegman, President of the USACV–IRC: speaking on fundamentals of the vocation, love and virginity, and living in the world as a consecrated virgin.

Theresa Marshall: Conference Hostess and Coordinator of Logistics

Dr. Magalis Aguilera: speaking on various topics including the eschatological witness of the vocation, spiritual formation in the life of the consecrated virgin and the intellectual formation of the consecrated virgin.

Karen Bussey: speaking on the role of the Liturgy of the Hours and prayer in the life of the consecrated virgin.

Mary Kay Lacke: speaking on the Rite of Consecration as a reflection of the consecrated virgin in the life of the Church; the stages of admission to the consecration to a life of consecrated virginity lived in the Church; and the intellectual formation of the virgin in knowledge of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.