

2021 United States Convocation of Consecrated Virgins

July 2-6, 2021

Saint Joseph, Guardian of Virgins



Dates & Location

The 2021 United States Convocation of Consecrated Virgins will be held from Friday, July 2 through Tuesday, July 6 in Enders Island, Connecticut, at the St. Edmund's Retreat Center. The theme of this year's convocation will be *Saint Joseph, Guardian 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 been accepted by the Bishop of her diocese as an aspirant or 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. His presence will either be virtual or in person. We are very pleased to welcome him once again to our gathering.

What the Days Entail

In addition to Bishop Boyea, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, plans to offer us a virtual presentation. Father David Whiteside also hopes to join us as chaplain again as he did in 2019. We will gather together in prayer for 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 **\$550** for single room occupancy, including all meals and 4 nights of lodging. *Because this does not cover all costs of organizing the convocation, please consider making an optional donation.* We need a minimum of 20 people to register and pay a refundable deposit of \$50 by April 30, 2021 in order to assure we can hold the 2021 convocation. The registration process and fees for virtual attendees will be announced after plans for the in-person event are confirmed.

Planning Your Arrival & Departure

When making travel arrangements, plan to arrive at the St. Edmund's Retreat Center on Friday, July 2 before 5:00 pm, and plan to depart after 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 6, so as not to miss our closing Mass and discussion. When arriving by plane, Providence, RI airport would be closest to fly into, 35-40 min drive mostly highway down 95 south. Hartford, CT airport is another option, it is about 1:15-1:30 hour drive with multiple highways. You can also arrive by Amtrak train to the Mystic, CT station. We can help to arrange groups to share taxis. **Please inform the Convocation Coordinator, Joani McCann, of your travel plans as soon as possible, including flight numbers and times of arrival and departure to and from Connecticut.**

E-mail joani.mccann@gmail.com.

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.

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