

SERVING THE VOCATION OF CONSECRATED VIRGINITY



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

The United States Association of Consecrated Virgins will sponsor a modified convocation of consecrated virgins in 2024 in conjunction with serving at the National Eucharistic Congress (NEC). Consecrated virgins are participating in areas of the Eucharistic Revival in their own dioceses and parishes, and by participating together at the Congress in July, we give expression to the consecrated virgin's innate love for her Eucharistic Spouse. In addition to participating in the NEC, consecrated virgins are invited to pray Morning Prayer together and have Holy Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in the morning, before heading to the NEC venue. Our convocation program allows time for adoration/personal prayer, part-time volunteering, and assisting at our *Ordo virginum* vocation booth during the daily Expo. Consecrated virgins have offered to lead Evening Prayer for NEC participants at St. John the Evangelist Church, so Evening Prayer is also built into our program. (See 2024 draft Convocation Program).

NEC planners have also invited consecrated virgins to fill full-time volunteer leadership positions at the Congress. We encourage consecrated virgins who are available to consider filling these roles. More information follows; a few key notes are that full time volunteers must arrive to attend an all-day training session on Tuesday, July 16; lunches, dinners, and Congress passes will be provided to full-time volunteers. Consecrated virgin full-time volunteers are most welcome to stay at the Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House with the consecrated virgins (register below).

WHAT is the National Eucharistic Congress?:

- Visit: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>
- A historic gathering of the Church in America
- **Five powerful days** of worship, formation, and fellowship
- A world-class lineup of speakers
- Dynamic **participation tracks**

WHEN: July 17-21, 2024

WHERE: Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN

HOW to register for the NEC and Convocation of Consecrated Virgins?

A two-step process:

❖ **STEP 1) REGISTER for the National Eucharistic Congress (NEC):**

- Contact Lorraine Manlolo for our group discount code (lorraine.manlolo@gmail.com).

- Register at www.eucharisticcongress.org/register-standard to secure your Congress pass at the discounted rate of \$200 (usually \$299 - \$375). Notes on registration questions:
 - Page 1: "I am registering as" Answer: General Attendee or Group
 - Page 3: "If you are attending with an organization, apostolate, or religious order, what is the name of your group?" Answer: United States Association of Consecrated Virgins.
 - Page 3 or 4: "What general sessions do you plan to attend?" Answer: sign up for all the general sessions, unless you know you will not be present on a particular day.
 - Page 5: choose: Individual Congress Pass \$375.
 - Page 7: enter the group code : *contact Lorraine Manlolo for the group code*. The price will then change to the reduced rate plus a \$6 service charge and you'll be prompted to enter credit card information.
 - Select the Impact/breakout sessions you want to attend. Please do this ASAP as breakout sessions are filling up. If you have any questions, you can contact NECRegistration@eucharisticcongress.org, (833) 895-6886 Ext. 1.
 - Contact Lorraine Manlolo (lorraine.manlolo@gmail.com) after you register for the NEC, to let her know your intentions for housing.
 - *NOTE: See section below regarding full-time volunteering, which will not require a Congress pass.*
- ❖ **STEP 2) REGISTER for the 2024 Convocation and Housing at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center.**
- Register using the attached manual mail-in form, or
 - Register [HERE](#) with the online registration form, and pay by credit card.

ABOUT the 2024 United States Convocation of Consecrated Virgins:

Housing

Housing for the Congress is very limited, and the USACV is fortunate to have secured 32 rooms at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House ([Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House - Indianapolis, IN \(fatimaretreathouse-indy.org\)](http://OurLadyofFatimaRetreatHouse-Indianapolis,IN(fatimaretreathouse-indy.org))), where the cost per person, including breakfast, is \$96/night. Thanks be to God, we have received offers of financial help for consecrated virgins who may need assistance in order to attend. With this in mind, virgins who wish to attend should register for the Congress and reserve retreat center housing, even if unable to afford the full cost (just let us know that you have need of some financial assistance, below). Our rooms are booked for single-occupancy, each sharing a bathroom with one other room.

Meals

Breakfast everyday (Thursday 7/18 to Sunday 7/21), and the Anniversary dinner on Saturday 7/20, are included in the registration fee for those lodging at the retreat house. Lunch and dinner

each day are on our own. Per the NEC website, “outside food and beverages are not allowed at the venues. Concessions will be available for purchase at both Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center during meal times. A variety of food trucks will be present in the surrounding area with food available for purchase.” Local restaurants are also a choice. There may be an option for dinner at the retreat house for those who opt to not attend the evening revival sessions at the NEC (this dinner, if available, is not included in the package retreat center cost). Saturday’s Anniversary Dinner location is still to be determined and is included in the convocation registration fee. Due to time restrictions, our celebratory anniversary dinner will not allow for attendance at the Congress revival session on Saturday evening.

OTHER Important Notes:

Convocation Logistics Planning Meeting:

We will hold a video call on Tuesday, July 9 at 8:00 pm ET for all Convocation / Congress attendees to discuss carpooling, etc. Please attend! It will be an important planning meeting for us all, before the live event: <https://meet.goto.com/167371557>

2024 Convocation Logistics Planning Meeting!

Jul 9, 2024, 8:00 – 8:45 PM (America/New_York)

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Volunteer Opportunities During the NEC:

Consecrated virgins are encouraged to volunteer your services during the Eucharistic Congress in a number of different ways: 1) by representing our vocation at the *Ordo Virginum* Vocation Booth in the Expo Center; 2) by offering to serve in one of the part or 3) full- time volunteering positions at the NEC, and 4) by your prayer for the Congress speakers and attendees:

- 1) The *Ordo Virginum* Vocation Booth in the Expo Center: Consecrated virgin Jenna Chang (jgchang1@gmail.com) is coordinating our expo booth, where we will have vocation materials available, Vocation Tree displays, and videos playing. The Expo Booth will be open from Noon to 6:30 pm Wednesday 7/17 to Saturday 7/20 (it will not be open on

Sunday 7/21). We would like to have at least three consecrated virgins serving at the booth during all the open hours. If you are interested in being part of our Expo Booth crew, please register now for the Convocation / NEC and contact Jenna by July 9 to let her know your availability and interest!

- 2) Part and Full-time volunteer opportunities to serve at the Eucharistic Congress are available here: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/volunteer>. As you consider these opportunities, do so in light of the programs of the convocation (at the retreat center) and the Congress. You should consider how / if you would like to serve as soon as possible. Those volunteering part-time should register for the NEC and for the convocation (if staying at the retreat center) as described above in steps 1 and 2. We'll work out transportation details at our Logistics Planning Meeting on July 9.
- 3) Those who desire to volunteer full-time are encouraged to contact Lorraine Manlolo (lorraine.manlolo@gmail.com) for more information. There are great volunteer leadership roles available, and the NEC Volunteer and Hospitality Manager is hopeful that consecrated virgins might fill these roles. It is our understanding that full-time volunteer staff will be provided lunch and dinner each day (including Tuesday, July 16 when there will be a mandatory, all-day in-person training and orientation), and will not need to purchase a Congress pass being full-time volunteers. Roles include: set up, tear down, maintain hospitality suites, ushers, door monitors, line monitors, registration table, greeters, info kiosks, translators if bilingual, runners, etc.
- 4) Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. John the Evangelist Parish beginning with an opening Mass at 8:30 am on Wednesday 7/17 and continuing, even through the nights, until closing at 9:30 am on Sunday 7/20. For a complete schedule, please contact Claire Halbur (clairehalbur.cv@gmail.com). Consecrated virgins are encouraged to drop in, or plan time for adoration in prayer for the Congress. We can discuss transportation at our Logistics Planning Meeting on July 9.

May I participate if I am a consecrated virgin who has already arranged housing and NEC registration through my parish or another group?

Yes! Please let Lorraine Manlolo know you will be coming, and your housing arrangements. Consecrated virgins are welcome to participate together in the volunteer opportunities noted above, to attend NEC sessions together, and to stop in at our *Ordo virginum* booth in the Expo Hall - we envision this as a meeting spot among the virgins. You are also welcome to join us for breakfast and morning prayer at the retreat center, and for the Anniversary dinner on Saturday.

May I participate if I am a candidate for consecration?

Yes! If you are an applicant / candidate in your diocese, you are welcome to participate.

Are there expectations for dress?

We ask that consecrated virgins dress in ways befitting brides of Christ. If you are serving as a reader, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, cantor, or are representing our vocation at the Expo booth, please consider wearing a dress or skirt.