



Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

March 24, 2015
Tuesday of the Great Canon
No. 88

MEMO

To: All Clergy of the Diocese of the Midwest
Re: Convocation Details

Dear Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Our next Annual Clergy Convocation will take place May 11-13, 2015; that is, Monday through Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Pascha. As in the past, the Convocation will be held at the Carmelite Retreat Center located in Darien, Illinois. Please note, however, the address of their new facility: 8419 Bailey Road.

As he explained in his letter to Rectors of February 3, 2015 (Protocol #16), His Grace, Bishop Paul, considers the subject matter of this Convocation to be of utmost importance. Therefore, it is hoped that as many clergy as possible—priests and deacons; active and retired; assigned and attached—will come and participate. Attendance by **Assigned Priests** is mandatory.

We welcome as our special guests Mrs. Cindy Heise, Coordinator for the OCA's Office of Review of Sexual Misconduct Allegations, and Mr. Robert Koory, legal advisor to the Sexual Misconduct Policy Advisory Committee, who will help bring us up to speed on the sexual misconduct prevention and response policies that have been put in place by the Holy Synod.

This year, the Carmelite Center is charging us \$130 per person for meals and for use of the retreat center. If you wish to spend the night at the Carmelite Center, the total is \$250 per person for a single room or \$220 per person to share a room with a roommate. This price will cover both Monday and Tuesday night. If you are not spending the night at the Carmelite Center, the total is \$130.

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An alternative option is to book your stay at the nearby Willowbrook Inn (the former Holiday Inn Willowbrook), located at 7800 Kingery Hwy, Willowbrook, Illinois. To book your stay, please call (630) 325-6400 and ask for the Diocese of the Midwest (or "DMIDWEST") group rate of \$99 per night. This rate expires on April 20.

In the case of all salaried priests, it is also mandatory that the parish cover all expenses incurred by the Clergy Convocation (including travel, lodging, and registration).

The enclosed form contains the schedule and payment information. Please note that our Wednesday session this year is considered non-optional. It will be valuable time spent with our new bishop.

Finally, as always, Philip Sokolov is available to answer any questions you may have, by email at chancery@domoca.org or by phone at (312) 202-0420. Wishing you a blessed Feast of the Annunciation, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. John Zdinak". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "F" and a long, sweeping tail.

Archpriest John Zdinak
Chancellor

**DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST
CLERGY CONVOCATION
11–13 May 2015**

Carmelite Retreat Center
8419 Bailey Road
Darien, IL 60561
630-969-4141

Convocation Schedule

Monday, May 11

3:30 p.m., Check-in/registration
5:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30 p.m., Vespers and Council of Presbyters

Tuesday, May 12

7:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy at SS Peter & Paul Church in Burr Ridge
9:30 a.m., Breakfast
10:30 a.m., SESSION I — Cindy Heise and Robert Koory
12:30 p.m., Lunch
2:00 p.m., SESSION II — Cindy Heise and Robert Koory
4:30 p.m., Evening Prayers
5:00 p.m., Dinner
Free Evening

Wednesday, May 13

8:15 a.m., Morning Prayers
8:30 a.m., Breakfast
(9:30 a.m., Check-out for those staying at the Center)
9:45 a.m., SESSION III — His Grace, Bishop Paul
12:30 p.m., Lunch

*Please detach and return the registration form below by APRIL 30 to:
Philip Sokolov, 927 N LaSalle Blvd, Chicago, IL 60610
Checks should be made payable to Diocese of the Midwest.*

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NAME _____

Please check one: Single room/all meals \$ 250.00
 Double room/all meals \$ 220.00

Roommate:

Commuter \$ 130.00