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**59th Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**October 5-8, 2020**

Dear Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Christ is in our midst!

With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Paul, the 58th Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will take place on October 5-8, 2020. Due to the ongoing pandemic, it will be held over the internet.

### **Reports and Registration**

Annual Parish Reports to the Diocesan Assembly are due on September 15; these may be accessed and submitted via <<https://reporting.domoca.org/>>. Officers are asked to please email reports to <[chancery@domoca.org](mailto:chancery@domoca.org)> by September 15. Resolutions may be submitted by email or mail by September 30.

Registration for the Diocesan Assembly is due on September 15, and may be submitted via <<https://reporting.domoca.org/>>. There is no fee to register; however, delegates must be accredited according to the Statute of the OCA <<https://www.oca.org/statute/article-ix>>. The composition of delegates from each parish is made up of the *assigned* priests and deacons, and an equal number of lay delegates. One lay delegate is allowed from each parish not having an assigned priest. Lay delegates are elected by a parish meeting or parish council (consult parish bylaws).

### **Schedule**

On Monday, October 5, the Diocese will publish video addresses by His Eminence, Archbishop Paul and the Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. Robert Koncel.

A virtual meeting of the Bishop's Council will take place on Monday, October 5 at 1:00 PM Central (2:00 PM Eastern).

A virtual meeting of the Diocesan Council will take place on Monday, October 5 at 6:00 PM Central (7:00 PM Eastern).

On Thursday, October 8, the virtual Diocesan Assembly Plenary Session will be held beginning at 5:00 PM Central (6:00 PM Eastern). It is expected to run for two hours. All participants should view the video addresses from His Eminence and Mr. Koncel beforehand.

## **Elections**

With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Paul, the 59th Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will conduct NO elections. The term of office for ALL Diocesan Council members and elected Auditors will be extended one additional year, and regular elections will be conducted at next year's Diocesan Assembly in October of 2021.

## **Materials and Future Communications**

All future communications will be sent to Rectors and Priests-in-Charge and all who have been registered for the Assembly. An easy-to-find and easy-to-use webpage will be set up on <<https://domoca.org/>> collecting all this information and all submitted reports. Connection information for the meetings will be communicated closer to the time of the meetings.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

In Christ,

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