



The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

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Office of the Archbishop

Thursday 8 September, 2022

Dear Brother Priests,

The Priest Convocation is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, November 8 until noon on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort in Cambridge, Maryland.

The Convocation is intended for all the priests of the Archdiocese of Washington together with other priests in an archdiocesan assignment. It is an opportunity for us to reflect, relax with one another, and pray together, and should be an enriching experience for us all. This year Bishop Gerald Kicanas will lead us in our reflections on the priesthood with the theme "Priesthood Matters".

For over sixteen years, Bishop Kicanas exercised his episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Tucson. He was appointed Coadjutor Bishop on October 30, 2001 and was installed as the Ordinary on March 7, 2003. A priest of Chicago, ordained in 1967, he served in various capacities in the seminary system of the Archdiocese of Chicago for over 25 years, preparing men for parish ministry. In 1984 he was appointed Rector of Mundelein Seminary at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. On March 20, 1995, he was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.

Bishop Kicanas brings a wealth of pastoral, educational and administrative experience to our convocation. He is the former Vice President of the USCCB, the former Secretary of the USCCB, and the former Chair of the Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services. His educational credentials include a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, a M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola University, and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, IL. He has conducted Convocations, Retreats and Missions for Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Laity in many dioceses in the U.S.


For purposes of budgeting, each parish or place of ministry will be asked to pay \$700 for each priest in attendance. In the case of retired priests, this registration fee will be drawn from the retirement fund. This will cover most of the hotel expenses and speaker fees.

My hope is that you will be able to be present. The superiors of religious communities have been asked to encourage their priests to be available to assist with Mass and emergency calls. Deaneries may wish to discuss ways of distributing the services of religious priests and student resident priests. Despite these measures, you may find it necessary to cancel some Masses. I believe our people will understand the reason for this and be supportive.

Enclosed with this letter is a schedule outlining the program, a registration form and directions to the Hyatt Regency. I ask that you return the registration form by October 4, 2022. If you wish to extend your stay at the hotel beyond the two nights, it is important that you call the hotel in advance to ensure that rooms are available.

Looking forward to being with you in November and with my pledge of prayers, I am

Faternally yours in Christ,



✠ Wilton Cardinal Gregory,
Archbishop of Washington

Enclosures