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National Catholics Church gathers for First Clergy Convocation

(08/11/13) -- On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Bishop and the Clergy of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC) will gather for the First Annual Clergy Convocation to take place on August 15 – 17, 2013, at St. Marguerite's Retreat House, Mendham, NJ.

During the Convocation, the clergy will gather in council to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they celebrate the many blessings of God and discern where the Spirit is leading the greater National Church.

Guided by the principles of the Second Vatican Council, please pray with us: *We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives. Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all; enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name, may we temper justice with love, so that all our discussions and reflections may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants. We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, forever and ever. Amen.* (Book of Blessings, pg. 191 – This prayer was used before every session of the Second Vatican Council).

The American National Catholic Church is a Catholic community outside of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to making the world a more caring place. Guided by a presiding bishop, the church celebrates the same sacraments as the Roman Church and follows the spirit of reform

initiated by the Second Vatican Council. The Church has parishes across the U.S. and a host of ministries to the alienated, underserved, and forgotten. For more information visit www.TheANCC.org.

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