



AMERICAN NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church, announces that the Church's 2016 Convocation will be held August 11-13, 2016 at the Bishop Claggett Center, Adamstown, MD (www.claggettcenter.org). Psalm 100 is the inspiration for the theme of the convocation: *"Serve The LORD With Gladness."* "I'm very excited about theme and emphasis of Convocation 2016," Bishop Lucey says, "because God calls all to make all things new in Christ. We are invited into joy in the Lord. We pray this convocation might be a joyous opportunity to bring the love of the God to all."

The convocation will be rich in content with featured speakers and panel discussions about the evolution of independent Catholicism and the role of the ANCC 's role in that the movement. Additionally, there will be workshops dedicated to the real issues that face ANCC communities on the parish and local community level: planting and building ANCC communities, utilizing social media and new technology as evangelization tools, enlivening and celebrating our Catholic identity through liturgy and effective witness of the ANCC in the greater communities where we live. In addition to the informative sessions and content, the convocation will be marked with times of communal prayer, celebrations of the Eucharist, and opportunities to meet and socialize with ANCC laity and clergy from across the country.

The Bishop Claggett Center, located within 60 minutes of both Washington DC and Baltimore, opened in 2014. It is located on 268 acres on a scenic bluff overlooking Sugarloaf Mountain and the Monocacy River Valley in rural Maryland. Each attendee will have a private, air-conditioned room with queen bed and private bath. There are also rooms available for couples who may be attending. The conference space offers state-of-the art media and WiFi for attendees and conference presenters. The Claggett Center, which is fully ADA compliant, is known for the quality of its meals and strives to accommodate special needs as much as possible. Those interested in attending should visit the center's website for an overview of the facility. Registration cost will be \$275 per attendee and will include all lodging, meals, snacks, activities and conference sessions.

Various committees are being formed to plan and oversee the remaining details of the convocation. Those committees are Worship and Liturgy, Speaker Procurement, and Registration and Hospitality. It is hoped that each parish would have a representative serving on the Registration and Hospitality Committee. Members of the laity who would like to serve and assist with the work of any of these committees should register via online volunteer registration or email Father Paul Gulya, (pgulya@anccmail.org) no later than October 10. Also, if any ANCC member is a travel agent who could assist with group travel rates and assist with arranging ground transportation, please contact Fr. Paul.

Updates will be issued periodically as the agenda is solidified and presenters are procured. Registration will begin in early January, 2016.

Link to ANCC Convocation 2016 Volunteer Registration Form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BNQowKknFeNPq99MYo34JUsuI-ZdAOkfMYprEBHhWCg/viewform>



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