

Malvern Retreat House – St. Joseph-in-the- Hills - Malvern, PA



*For the first time, the USACV is hosting the National Information Conference on the Vocation of Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Association is delighted to be collaborating with the Archdiocesan personnel and the staff at Malvern Retreat House to make this an excellent conference.*

#### FOR WHOM IS THIS CONFERENCE OFFERED?

- Women who are considering or preparing for the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world
- Bishops
- Priests and seminarians
- Vocation directors
- Spiritual directors
- Consecrated virgins who have never attended the Information Conference before

All are welcome to attend. You may also want to visit our Website: [www.consecratedvirgins.org](http://www.consecratedvirgins.org)

*Those who have attended the Conference in the past have commented on their positive experience:*

*"Everything was so helpful! I would highly recommend this conference for anyone interested in this vocation."*

*"Very well- organized! The consecrated virgins were accessible and available to answer any questions."*

*"I was very much edified by the team of consecrated virgins, hearing how each of them lives out her vocation. Thank you for your help in my discernment!"*

The United States Association of  
Consecrated Virgins  
Invites You to Attend

### *2014 National Information Conference*

*On the Vocation of  
Consecrated Virginity  
Lived in the World*

*August 5-8*

Attendance at the USACV Information Conference is a very helpful step in the discernment process for a woman who is considering or preparing for the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world. A suitable candidate for the vocation of consecrated virginity

- has never married or lived in open violation of chastity, and has lived as a virgin throughout her life
- by age, prudence, and good character is deemed suitable for dedicating herself to a life of chastity in the service of the Church and of her neighbor
- petitions her Bishop to receive the Consecration and is admitted to the Consecration by her local bishop; it is he who determines the conditions under which the candidate is to undertake a life of perpetual virginity lived in the world.
- usually has worked with a spiritual director and lived a private promise of perpetual virginity for some years before seeking the Consecration of a Virgin.
- is able to support herself by work or pension or independent means and has provided financially for her medical care
- is practicing her faith and accepts the teaching of the Church and Sacred Scripture, with a readiness and capacity for personal growth.





## +++++++Love surpassing all others+++++++

In his encyclical letter, "Deus Caritas Est," Pope Benedict XVI writes: *He has loved us first and he continues to do so; we too, then, can respond with love. God does not demand of us a feeling which we ourselves are incapable of producing. He loves us, he makes us see and experience his love, and since he has "loved us first," love can blossom as a response within us.*

Consecrated virginity is a response to love, God's love. It is the blossoming of God's love within her heart that inspires a person's 'yes' response to the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world.

*What is the vocation of consecrated virginity, and how does a person discern a call to live as a consecrated virgin? These are the questions being addressed during this conference.*

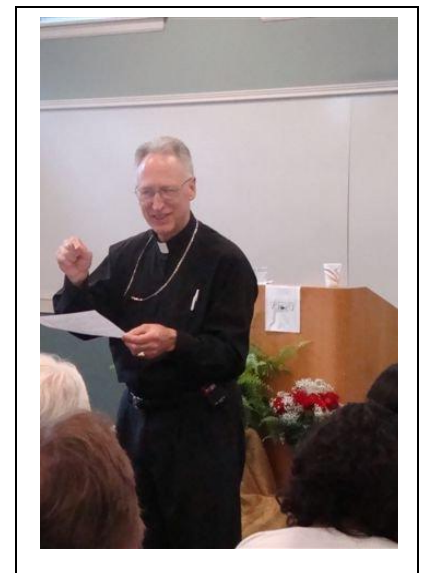
**During the conference days** there will be opportunities for personal consultations with the Bishop and with the consecrated virgins attending the conference. Daily celebration of the Eucharist, Liturgy of the Hours, small groups and quiet time for personal prayer and reflection are all part of the four day conference schedule. For more information see the registration form. The lovely grounds and beautiful grottos of Malvern Retreat House lend a contemplative atmosphere to the whole conference.

### Conference Speakers include:

**Bishop Earl Boyea, Episcopal Moderator** for the United States Association of Consecrated Virgins, who will speak about the essential elements of living a life of consecrated virginity in the world. Bishop Boyea will also be available to respond to group and individual questions regarding the Order of Virgins.

**Judith Stegman, President** of the USACV, who will address the topic of Christian vocations and place the vocation of consecrated virginity within the context of the various forms of consecrated life in the Church. She will also discuss the virginal, feminine and spousal nature of the vocation of consecrated virginity and draw out the implications of the phrase "living in the world."

**Mary Kay Lacke, Dr. Magalis Aguilera, Theresa Marshall and other consecrated virgins** will address a variety of topics pertinent to a person discerning the vocation of consecrated virginity, including reflections on the Rite of Consecration, the distinct spirituality of the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in society, the preeminent place of Our Lady as model and guide for the consecrated virgin and the importance of the Liturgy of the Hours in her prayer life.



## Registration Form

### USACV Information Conference, August 5-8, 2014 "Consecrated Virgins Lived in the World"

Malvern Retreat House  
315 S. Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355-0315  
Phone (610) 644-0400 / Fax (610) 644-4363 / Website: MalvernRetreat.com

For questions concerning the Conference, contact  
*Conference Coordinator, Theresa Marshall, Tel. 734- 332-4648; email- marshallcv@gmail.com*

Please **PRINT**, complete and return this form by **July 7, 2014**, to:  
**United States Association of Consecrated Virgins, 300 West Ottawa St, Lansing, MI 48933**  
Website: consecratedvirgins.org

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:** I am a

- Vocation Director  Spiritual Director  Person discerning the vocation  Consecrated Virgin  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**The Conference begins with dinner, Tuesday, August 5, and registration anytime earlier that day. The conference ends Friday, August 8 with Holy Mass at 11:15 AM followed by lunch at noon.**

Please check the appropriate boxes:

	<b>Conference Registration Fee: required for all participants</b>	<b>\$80</b>	
<i>I plan to :</i>			
	<b>Attend the complete conference:</b> Arrive Tuesday before 6:00 p.m. dinner, August 5, 2014 leave Friday, August 8, 2014 after lunch (3 nights)	<b>\$270</b>	
	<b>Commute daily (cost includes meals)</b>	<b>\$50 per day X No. of days</b>	
	<i>Please make check payable to: USACV</i>	<b>TOTAL COST =</b>	

Please note that **early arrival** before the Conference is possible for \$60.00 per day but meals are not available at the retreat house. (There are local eating establishments within walking distance.) There is **no availability** of accommodations **after the Conference** due to a men's retreat that is scheduled for that weekend.  
**Please arrange an early arrival directly with the Malvern Retreat House.**

How did you learn about the USACV Information Conference?

Do you have special dietary needs?