

Detailed Convocation Flow

NOTE that all times and descriptions are still pending.



FRIDAY – JUNE 30, 2017

Registration Begins

Registration Open at the Hyatt Regency Orlando

Friday, June 30 | 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Set-Up at the Hyatt Regency and Orange County Convention Center

Friday, June 30 | 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY – JULY 1, 2017

SATURDAY DAILY THEME: UNITY

Convocation Check-In and Registration at the Hyatt Regency Orlando

Saturday, July 1 | 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (and continuing each day of the Convocation)

Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit: Unity, Joy and Evangelical Discernment

Saturday, July 1 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

On the first day of the Convocation, participants will have come from various dioceses, ministries, interests, perspectives, and cultural families. The Opening Mass is an opportunity to gather together in the Lord, to affirm our unity in the joy of the Gospel, and to ask for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Convocation. (See Evangelii Gaudium [EG], nos. 1-13, 50 and 259-261.)

Convocation Welcome: Bishop Edward Burns (Diocese of Dallas)
(Emcees and Moderator) Julianne Donlon Stanz (Diocese of Green Bay), and
Gloria Purvis (EWTN Morning Glory Radio)

Principal Celebrant/Homilist: Timothy Cardinal Dolan (Archdiocese of New York)

Principal Concelebrants: Daniel Cardinal DiNardo (Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)
Seán Cardinal O'Malley (Archdiocese of Boston)
Donald Cardinal Wuerl (Archdiocese of Washington)
with Bishop John Noonan (Hosting Ordinary)

Afternoon Break

Saturday, July 1 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Convocation 101: Engaging the Vision

Saturday, July 1 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

These orientation sessions will allow participants to discuss their particular perspective and role in the Church – what needs and concerns they have in their specific role, reality, and what they are seeking for the future – and how they will engage the Convocation in the light of Pope Francis’ Evangelii Gaudium. (See EG, nos. 3, 13-18)

1. Bishops
2. Pastors and Priests
3. Diocesan Leaders
4. Parish Leaders
5. Leaders in Movements, Lay Apostolates, and New Communities
6. Organizational and Institutional Leaders

Dinner Break

Saturday, July 1 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This particular dinner break will include food and drink from the various ethnic cultures that comprise the Catholic Church in the United States as yet another sign of unity amid diversity.

Evening Devotion: Mary, Mother of Evangelization

Saturday, July 1 | 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Prayer Leaders: **Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller** (Archdiocese of San Antonio)
 Bishop Martin Holley (Diocese of Memphis)

To end the evening, the Convocation will feature an evening devotion focused on Mary, patroness of the United States (in her title as the Immaculate Conception), and as a bridge builder that connects all cultural families and Catholic faith expressions. This gathering will feature bishops and participants sharing witness and prayer, as well as music that reflects the various components of Marian devotion across the U.S. (See EG, nos. 287-288.)

SUNDAY – JULY 2, 2017

SUNDAY DAILY THEME: RENEWAL

Morning Plenary Session: Charting the Landscape and Mission Field

Sunday, July 2 | 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer / 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session

What is the landscape and mission field in which Catholic leaders in the United States live and are called to work? This session will explore the landscape of the Catholic Church in the United States and the U.S. culture, using findings from the USCCB Right Brain Research Project together with data from sociologists and researchers on culture and Catholic life in the U.S. today, in a spirit of “evangelical discernment” (EG, no. 50). (See EG, nos. 14-18 and 50-109.)

Emcees: **Bishop Edward Burns** (Diocese of Dallas)
 Julianne Donlon Stanz (Diocese of Green Bay)

Bishop Introduction: **Archbishop Thomas Wenski** (Archdiocese of Miami)

Brief Keynote Presentation: **Dr. Hosffman Ospino** (Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry)

Reaction/Conversation: A multi-ethnic group of cultural leaders who can comment on trends and challenges from the 30,000-foot perspective; recommended members include:

Moderator: **Gloria Purvis** (EWTN Morning Glory Radio)

Participants: **Dr. Helen Alvaré** (George Mason)
Fr. Tom Gaunt, SJ (CARA, Georgetown)
Brian Johnson (Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)
Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR (Corazon Puro)
Kerry Weber (*America, Mercy in the City*)

Mid-Morning Break

Sunday, July 2 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Morning Breakout Sessions (Round A): Reflecting on the Landscape and Mission Field

Sunday, July 2 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Convocation participants would break out to go further and deeper with the landscape and mission field, in particular on the pressing issues that are most critical in the dynamic of the Church in the United States.

Round A	Topic Working Titles (in development)
Breakout #1	The Church in the Current Political and Cultural Climate
Breakout #2	The Landscape of Intercultural Awareness and Dialogue in the Church
Breakout #3	The Rise of the “Nones” and Understanding Inactive and Disconnected Catholics
Breakout #4	Catholic Social Thought: The Role of Business, Advocacy, and the Community in Reducing Poverty
Breakout #5	Growing Isolation in America: Individualism and Indifference
Breakout #6	Social Media and Digital Media: Their Impact on the Church Today
Breakout #7	The Reality of Singleness in the Church
Breakout #8	Addressing and Understanding the “Throw Away Culture”
Breakout #9	Violence and Unrest in Our Communities
Breakout #10	The Catholic Landscape at Colleges and Universities
Breakout #11	The Impact of Immigration on Catholic Life in the United States
Breakout #12	The State of the Family and Human Sexuality: Struggles and Opportunities
Breakout #13	The State of Catholic Education and Catechesis in the United States
Breakout #14	The Church’s Relationship with the State
Breakout #15	International Solidarity: Our Role Within the Global Landscape
Breakout #16	The Landscape of Popular Culture, Media, and News in the United States
Breakout #17	The Needs and Contributions of Latinos in the U.S. Church: A Primer for <i>Encuentro</i>
Breakout #18	Dialogue, Relationships, and Encounter: The Ecumenical & Interreligious Landscape

Breakout #19	Discerning Vocations, Charisms, and Gifts for Mission in the Church and in Society
Breakout #20	Illuminating the Landscapes and Challenges according to <i>Evangelii Gaudium</i>
Breakout #21	Racism and Exclusion in America
Breakout #22	The Landscape of Parish Life and Catholic Ministry Today

Lunch Break

Sunday, July 2 | 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Plenary Session: The Radical Call to Missionary Discipleship

Sunday, July 2 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Who is a “missionary disciple” and what are they called to do? This session will explore the understanding of missionary discipleship as described by Evangelii Gaudium and other pertinent Church documents, setting a foundation for advancing the call to be and to form missionary disciples across the United States. (See EG, nos. 19-49, 110-134, 160-175, et al.)

- Emcees:** **Bishop Edward Burns** (Diocese of Dallas)
Julianne Donlon Stanz (Diocese of Green Bay)
- Bishop Introduction:** **Archbishop Leonard Blair** (Archdiocese of Hartford)
- Brief Keynote Presentation:** **Donald Cardinal Wuerl** (Archdiocese of Washington)
- Reaction/Conversation:** A multi-ethnic panel of bishops and other leaders involved in forming missionary disciples; recommended members include:
- Moderator: **Gloria Purvis** (EWTN Morning Glory Radio)
- Participants: **Bishop Frank J. Caggiano** (Diocese of Bridgeport)
Fr. Rafael Capó (Southeast Pastoral Institute)
Sr. Mariam James Heidland, SOLT (*Loved As I Am*)
Curtis Martin (Founder and CEO, FOCUS)
Sherry Weddell (*Forming Intentional Disciples*)

Afternoon Break

Sunday, July 2 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass: Mercy and Renewal

Sunday, July 2 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Inspired and motivated by the call to missionary discipleship, the Convocation community renews its commitment to the Gospel and celebrates God’s mercy which is always the basis of every encounter with the Lord and every missionary renewal. (See EG, nos. 3, 24, and 27, and Misericordiae Vultus, no. 10.)

Principal Celebrant/Homilist: **Archbishop Wilton Gregory** (Archdiocese of Atlanta)

Dinner Break

Sunday, July 2 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Evening of Adoration and Reflection: Encountering Jesus, Healer of Wounds and Source of Mercy

Sunday, July 2 | 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Pausing for a moment in the fast pace of the Convocation, this session will be an opportunity to reflect on the past and present struggles within and outside the Church, including each individual's need for the Lord's mercy. As the community looks ahead and continues to seek the Lord's face, it takes time to name and pray for forgiveness and healing for the wounds and missteps along the way. As Pope Francis has urged: "Heal the wounds, heal the wounds." (See also EG, nos. 3 and 76-109.)

Bishop Introduction: Bishop Daniel Flores (Diocese of Brownsville)

Principal Celebrant: Seán Cardinal O'Malley (Archdiocese of Boston)

MONDAY – JULY 3, 2017

MONDAY DAILY THEME: WITNESS

Eucharistic Procession and Benediction: A Church That Goes Forth

Monday, July 3 | 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

We begin the morning with a Eucharistic procession and benediction, reminding us of our witness to the world, to be "a Church that goes forth" to the peripheries of culture and society. (See EG, nos. 12-13, 46-49, 174, 262)

Procession Leader: Archbishop William Lori (Archdiocese of Baltimore)

Morning Plenary Session: Going to the Peripheries

Monday, July 3 | 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Who is missing from the table? As evidenced by the research, there are so many men and women on the peripheries: those disengaged from the Church, those who are in poverty and who struggle, those with disabilities, those who are hurt, angry, and uncertain. This session will look at ways to go beyond "our own comfort zone," to reach all people in need of the Gospel. (See EG, nos. 20, 23-24, 48-49, 176-258.)

Emcees: Bishop Edward Burns (Diocese of Dallas)
Julianne Donlon Stanz (Diocese of Green Bay)

Bishop Introduction: Bishop Oscar Cantú (Diocese of Las Cruces)

Keynote Presentations: Archbishop José Gomez (Archdiocese of Los Angeles)
Carl Anderson (Knights of Columbus)

Reaction/Conversation: A multi-ethnic panel of cultural and ministerial leaders who can comment on their work at the peripheries; recommended members include:

Moderator: Gloria Purvis (EWTN Morning Glory Radio)

Participants: Fr. Paul Check (Rector, St. John Fisher Seminary)
Kim Daniels (GP Catholic)
Dr. Ansel Augustine (Archdiocese of New Orleans)
Sr. Norma Pimintel, MJ (Catholic Charities, Rio Grande Valley)
Dr. Carolyn Woo (formerly Catholic Relief Services)

Mid-Morning Break

Monday, July 3 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Morning Breakout Sessions (Round B): Going Deeper into the Peripheries

Monday, July 3 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Convocation participants would break out by the periphery areas for further conversation, going deeper with particular groups or within certain areas of ministry and Catholic life in the United States.

Round B	Topic Working Titles (in development)
Breakout #1	Understanding the Transition from Youth to Young Adulthood: The Growing Periphery
Breakout #2	The Marginalization of Motherhood: A Growing Periphery
Breakout #3	An <i>Encuentro</i>/Encounter with Hispanic & Latino Catholics: A Periphery in Our Midst
Breakout #4	Living in the Margins in Our Country and in the World: A Church for the Poor That is Poor
Breakout #5	Reaching Wounded Families: Those Struggling with Brokenness
Breakout #6	The Feminine Genius: The Role of Women in the Church
Breakout #7	Understanding Addiction and the Church's Ministry with the Addicted
Breakout #8	The Silent Voices: Reaching Out to the Victims of Violence, Abuse, and Trafficking
Breakout #9	Pastoral Care for Those with Same-Sex Attraction or Who Struggle with Their Sexual Identity
Breakout #10	Reaching Out to Individuals and Families Affected by Incarceration
Breakout #11	Youth on the Margins: Understanding Those Struggling with Depression, Suicide, Gangs, and Discrimination
Breakout #12	From Inclusion to Belonging: Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Community
Breakout #13	Living in the Peripheries of Urban Communities
Breakout #14	Going to the Ends of the Earth: International Mission Work
Breakout #15	Lord, Who Is My Neighbor? Solidarity with the Immigrant
Breakout #16	Honoring Our Wisdom Figures: The Role of the Elderly and the Gift of Life at all Stages
Breakout #17	Reaching Out to All Cultural Families: Healing the Experience of Exclusion
Breakout #18	Catholic Health Care: Ministering to the Spiritual and Physical Needs of All People
Breakout #19	Reaching the Margins in Rural America
Breakout #20	Understanding Victims of Sex Abuse: in Culture, Society, and the Church
Breakout #21	Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice: Understanding Migrants and Refugees
Breakout #22	Who's on the Peripheries in Our Local Parishes and Communities?

Lunch Break

Monday, July 3 | 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Round C): Practical Strategies Beyond the Convocation

Monday, July 3 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Convocation participants would break out in various workshop sessions for further conversation on the practical applications for their ministry area, going deeper with action steps and ideas for advancing the directions set forth in *Evangelii Gaudium*.

Round C	Topic Working Titles (in development)
Breakout #1	<i>Evangelii Gaudium</i> at the Parish: Revitalizing the Local Community
Breakout #2	The Life and Dignity of the Human Person: Strategies for Promoting and Living Catholic Social Teaching
Breakout #3	Welcoming the Stranger: Ministry with Migrants, Refugees, and Immigrants
Breakout #4	<i>Laudato Si</i>: Practical Strategies for Caring for God’s Creation
Breakout #5	<i>Amoris Laetitia</i>: Families as Principal Agents of the New Evangelization
Breakout #6	Sharing Christ’s Story, Sharing Our Story: Effective Witness and Communication
Breakout #7	Moments of Return: Sunday Mass, Holy Days, and Sacraments in Evangelization
Breakout #8	In a Global Age of Polarization: Civil Dialogue, Bold Witness, and Healing Divisions
Breakout #9	Communicating the Church’s Vision of the Human Person and Human Sexuality
Breakout #10	Missionary Disciples in Solidarity with the Suffering Church
Breakout #11	Faith, Reason, and Science: Learning and Teaching the “Why?” and “How?”
Breakout #12	Reaching Out to Those Hurt by Leaders and Members of the Church
Breakout #13	Identifying and Meeting the Changing Needs of All Parishioners
Breakout #14	Faith in Action: Advocacy and Organizing with Poor and Marginalized Communities
Breakout #15	Engaging the “Nones” and Ministry with Inactive and Disconnected Catholics
Breakout #16	Vocations, Formation, and Seminaries in the Work of Missionary Discipleship
Breakout #17	Leadership Formation and Lay Ministry in the Work of Missionary Discipleship
Breakout #18	Addressing Violence and Racism in our Communities
Breakout #19	Catechesis: Forming Young People in the Joy of the Gospel
Breakout #20	Raising Up Latino Leaders: Missionary Discipleship in the Process of <i>Encuentro</i>
Breakout #21	Growing by Attraction: Evangelization Through the Beauty of the Word of God
Breakout #22	Missionary Discipleship and Business Leadership

Afternoon Break

Monday, July 3 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Fortnight for Freedom Mass: Witness and Celebration

Monday, July 3 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

On the eve of Independence Day, we take a moment to celebrate and pray for our freedom to witness, to serve, to act with justice, and to celebrate the faith that compels us to missionary discipleship, and especially to pray for all Christians around the world and those suffering from violence and persecution because of their faith. (See EG, nos. 61 and 255-258.)

Principal Celebrant/Homilist: Archbishop William Lori (Baltimore)

Dinner Break

Monday, July 3 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Evening Experience of Praise: A Celebration of Faith, Witness, and Mission

Monday, July 3 | 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Prayer Leaders: Joseph Cardinal Tobin C.Ss.R. (Archdiocese of Newark)
Bishop Frank Dewane (Diocese of Venice)

To end the evening and point towards the holiday, the Convocation will feature a special celebration of Catholic music and entertainment, focusing on motivating participants to engage in the work of witness and mission. (see EG, nos. 4-10, 42, 121-122, 127-129)

TUESDAY – JULY 4, 2017

MONDAY DAILY THEME: MISSION

Morning Plenary Session: Spirit-Filled Evangelizers Equipped for Excellence

Tuesday, July 4 | 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer / 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session

This plenary will focus on helping Catholic leaders become better equipped for success in their evangelization efforts and in their work of forming missionary disciples, to truly become missionary disciples at work in the world. At the same time, the shared mission of discipleship and evangelization depends on personal prayer and on one's openness to the Holy Spirit. This session, then, will offer a reminder that ministerial excellence is only possible when one's work for the Kingdom is an expression of and nourished by one's daily reliance on the Lord. (See EG, nos. 19-49, 110-134, and 259-288.)

Emcees: Bishop Edward Burns (Diocese of Dallas)
Julianne Donlon Stanz (Diocese of Green Bay)

Bishop Introduction: Bishop Richard Malone (Diocese of Buffalo)

Capstone Presentation: Patrick Lencioni (Amazing Parish)

Closing Keynote Address: Bishop Robert Barron (Archdiocese of Los Angeles)

Mid-Morning Break

Tuesday, July 4 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Diocesan, Movement, and Organizational Goal Setting

Tuesday, July 4 | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (includes lunch break)

Convocation participants would break out by groups according to diocese (or by apostolic or ecclesial movement or national organization or institute) to assess what they have heard over the past four days and discuss: (1) how this will impact their local realities and experiences, (2) what defines “success” for their area or ministry and (3) how they can be and how they can inspire other spirit-filled evangelizers in the parishes, dioceses, movements, and across the country. (see Pope Francis, “Address,” November 10, 2015, Florence, Italy)

Delegations and organizations are invited to set strategic and action-oriented goals and objectives for their forthcoming work as missionary disciples.

Box lunches (included with registration fee) are available throughout this session, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Mass of Sending: Mission and Going Forth

Tuesday, July 4 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The time has come to go forth – as missionary disciples forming others to become missionary disciples, too. The Closing Mass will be an opportunity to pray for the Holy Spirit’s assistance in helping the efforts of the Convocation and of the Church in the United States to bear fruit, and to send forth participants with renewed enthusiasm and practical insights to share. A message of the Holy Father would close the Convocation. (see EG, no. 261, and also nos. 19-49 and 259-288)

Principal Celebrant/Homilist: Daniel Cardinal DiNardo (Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)

Message from the Pope: Archbishop Christophe Pierre (Apostolic Nuncio to the United States)
(pending/tentative)