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of Catholic Leaders**
The Joy of the Gospel in America

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It's Time to Register

To date, **134 dioceses** have already committed to bringing a delegation, and over **250 national organizations** have been invited.

Space is limited, and we anticipate that we will sell out. Make sure your diocese or organization is part of this historic gathering by reserving your spots today!

Register Now

***Detailed registration instructions were sent out via email in November and December. If you haven't received yours, please email convocationregistration@uscgb.org



Scheduled Maintenance

The registration website will be down for scheduled maintenance beginning at **6:00 p.m. Sunday February 19 until 2:00 a.m. Monday February 20, (EST)**. Registration will not be available during this time period. Please plan accordingly, and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Extend Your Stay with Discounted Hotel Rates

Did you know that our discounted hotel rates are available *3 full days before and after* the Convocation? We have secured these discounts for those who would like to add a few days and a little vacation to their travel plans. Consider extending your stay in beautiful Orlando, Florida and taking advantage of its numerous attractions and warm, sunny weather!



For more information, visit our [hotel page](#).



Discounted Theme Park Tickets Now Available

Discounted tickets are available for **Disney** and **Universal** theme parks. If families are planning to travel with Convocation participants, these are great activities for them while the Convocation program is in session. These discounts are also available before and after the Convocation.

Visit our [travel page](#) for more information on these discounts.

Registration coordinators: Please share these opportunities with your group of delegates so they can book their travel accordingly.

Diocesan scholarships are still available— Expand your diocesan delegation today!

There are four different scholarships available to dioceses. Use these scholarship funds to expand and diversify your delegation. Remember, **dioceses have no limit on how many delegates they can bring**. Many of these scholarships allow dioceses to bring additional delegates at little to no cost to the diocese!

Follow the link to learn more about scholarship opportunities and how to apply.

[Diocesan Grant and Scholarship Opportunities](#)



A note for priests and deacons...

Priests are invited to concelebrate the Masses of the Convocation, and Deacons who wish to vest and sit in a special section for the Masses are also welcome to do so. If you wish to participate in this way or any other sacramental opportunities that may arise, you and your local ordinary will need to complete the **Certificate of Aptitude for Priestly Ministry** (for Priests) and the **Certificate of Aptitude for Diaconal Ministry** (for Deacons).

To get these forms, details on how to submit them, and more information on participating, please visit the Convocation's [FAQ's page](#).

*****Please bring your own alb and stole to vest, as the organizers cannot accommodate requests due to volume.*****

"All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives." — Pope Francis



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Join us in praying the Prayer for the Convocation



O Holy Spirit, you who first enkindled in our hearts the joy of the Gospel, renew that same joy in those who are preparing for the Convocation of Catholic Leaders.

Enflame the hearts of our bishops and their diocesan delegations; leaders of national organizations and movements; clergy, religious and laity; all who make this event possible; and Catholic leaders across the United States.

Move us to welcome the word of life in the depths of our hearts and respond to the call of missionary discipleship.

O Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and enable us to enter into the perfect communion that you share with the Father and the Son.*

Mary, Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us. Amen.



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