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Happy New Year!

As we begin 2017, we enter into the year of the Convocation of Catholic Leaders. We are now only six months away from this historic gathering. May we use this time to prepare our hearts for the Convocation and pray that 2017 be a year in which the heart of the Church in the United States is enkindled anew by the Holy Spirit.

Early Bird Registration Extended Through January

Early bird registration has been extended through the month of January. So far, **122 dioceses** have already committed to bringing a delegation, and over **250 national organizations** have been invited.

Make sure your diocese or organization is part of this historic gathering by reserving your spots today! Take advantage of the extension to get your delegation registered at a discounted rate.

[Register Now](#)

***Detailed registration instructions were sent out via email in November and December. If you haven't received yours, please email convocationregistration@usccb.org or check your automatically filtered inbox folders.



Interested in Being an Exhibitor?

There is still time to apply to be an exhibitor at the Convocation! However, exhibitor space is extremely *limited*. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, as space permits. Those **applications received by January 31** will be given priority.

Exhibitor registration will open in February for those organizations whose applications have been approved.

[Exhibitor Information and Application](#)

Take Advantage of Diocesan Grants and Scholarships!



To date, four generous sponsors have already agreed to provide grants to dioceses looking for financial assistance to bring a delegation to the Convocation. This is a great way to expand and diversify your delegation, at no cost to the diocese.

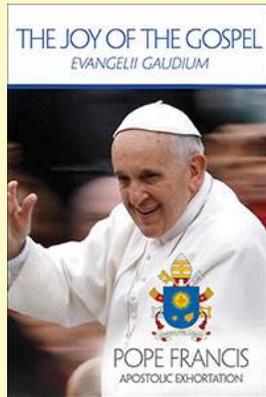
Follow the link to learn more about scholarship opportunities and how to apply.

[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](#).



"I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities." — Pope Francis

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