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Registration Deadline Quickly Approaching

The deadline for general registration is March 31. On April 1 late registration will go into effect and registration rates will increase to \$550.

To date, **145 dioceses** have already committed to bringing a delegation, and over **300 national organizations** have been invited. We do anticipate that this event 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

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](#).

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

A Look Inside the Convocation Program...



The Convocation will bring together the great diversity of leaders in the Church in the United States for an unprecedented moment of unity. Together, they will discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the Church in our time. The following Catholic leaders will be in attendance to help guide these important conversations:

- Helen Alvaré (George Mason University)
- Carl Anderson (Knights of Columbus)
- Bp. Robert Barron (Los Angeles)
- Daniel Cardinal DiNardo (Galveston-Houston)
- Timothy Cardinal Dolan (New York)
- Mother Agnes Mary Donovan (Sisters of Life)
- Jason and Crystalina Evert (Chastity Project)
- Abp. Gustavo García-Siller (San Antonio)
- Abp. Wilton Gregory (Atlanta)
- Abp. José Gómez (Los Angeles)
- Fr. Daniel G. Groody (Notre Dame)
- Patrick Lencioni (Amazing Parish)
- Abp. William Lori (Baltimore)
- Matt Maher (Catholic recording artist)
- Curtis Martin (FOCUS Missionaries)
- Sean Cardinal O'Malley (Boston)
- Dr. Hoffman Ospino (Boston College)
- Abp. Christophe Pierre (Apostolic Nuncio)
- Sr. Norma Pimentel (Rio Grande Valley)
- Sherry Weddell (Forming Intentional Disciples)
- Carolyn Woo (Catholic Relief Services)

And many, many more!

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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"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms."

— Pope Francis



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Discounted Theme Park Tickets Now Available

Discounted tickets are available for **Disney** and **Universal** theme parks. If families are planning to travel to Orlando 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.



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