



PROVINCIAL CONVOCATION 1917 Centennial 2017

Information Sheet for All Those Registered Welcome to our family reunion!

Dear Registrant:

We are so glad you are coming. The following contains much information you will need to help make this Convocation a success and special experience for you. Please read this carefully and respond to the appropriate person(s).

1. **Airport Shuttle Service:** If you have not already, please let our Registrar Alison Saichek know your arrival and departure times, airline and flight numbers, if you have signed up for the airport bus shuttle. Alison will have more information and instructions about pick up points and times. The buses are not allowed to park, so people need to arrive at the spot five minutes early and wait for the bus. No ID or receipt is required to board the bus at the airport. → alisonkbush@gmail.com ←

(While you are at the Cincinnati airport, you may want to watch for the miniature therapy horses.)

2. Details about **St. Anne Retreat Center** can be found at <http://stanneretreatcenter.org>. Check it out! Phone and internet connections available in the main areas, not as good in the individual rooms. All linens and towels will be provided, so unless there is a medical need, please do not bring pillows, foam pads, etc. Check with Alison Saichek if you have questions. → alisonkbush@gmail.com ←

3. **Workshops:** You will be receiving a separate email letter about the workshop choices. There are lots of choices covering many topics close to the heart of Franciscans plus two movies. You will be asked to vote on six choices from the list, so that the workshop planning team can decide on room assignment according to the number showing interest in that topic. Email your votes to Dianne Aid. → wolffgubbio1@gmail.com ←

4. **Eucharist, Morning Prayer, Compline:** For this Convocation we are trying something new in order to be good stewards of Mother Earth and spare a few trees. The liturgies will be available digitally! Masud Syedullah heads up the liturgy team and will be posting all the liturgies on the website and/or emailing them to you. You may bring them on your iPad or tablet, or if you prefer print out your own copies as needed. The advantage of using your electronic equipment is that you can adjust the size of print to meet your own needs, and have all the liturgies in one handy place. → ibnsyedullah@gmail.com ←

5. Photography and videotaping: We are looking for volunteers to do our recording of highlights of the convocation for live streaming on our Facebook page and on the TSSF website. Phil Geliebter will give instructions for how to do this. He says it's easy! The more, the merrier. We want to post sermons, speeches and addresses, parts of our liturgies, photos of the Eucharists, banners, Franciscan ministry trifold displays from the various fellowships, interviews and reflections from various tertiaries attending, especially those coming long distances, etc.

6. The First 100 Years: John Brockmann's book on the history of the Third Order in the Province of the Americas will be available at the Provincial Convocation for the special introductory price of \$9.00. This 25% discount is for pick up only at the convocation—after that, you may order the book directly from Amazon.com for \$12.00 (plus S&H). If you want to pre-order copies at the discounted convocation price, please email John Brockmann at → jbrockma@udel.edu ← by June 1.

7. Centennial Tee Shirts: If you know people in your fellowships who are not coming but who would nonetheless like a tee shirt, email Julie Goodin with the info → mymateoboy@gmail.com ← and have them send a check payable to TSSF for the appropriate amount to TSSF c/o Alison Saichek, P. O. Box 92, Fremont, CA 94537.

8. Volunteer Opportunities: We have the names of those who have volunteered on the registration form, and bless you all, we have a good number of eager Franciscans. Some of you have already been contacted for specific tasks. Here are some more volunteer jobs, and we would like you to indicate which ones you want to help with.

Registration Day –

- Lead Volunteer: someone to keep track of volunteers and their assignments
- Directing traffic
- Helping unload and carry luggage from buses to the registration desk
- Showing people to their rooms
- Helping carry items for people to their rooms
- Leading a tour of the building and grounds

During Convocation –

- Put up signs for workshop locations
- Tidy up fellowship room and check supply of snack foods and beverages
- Run quick trip to pick up needed supplies
- Priests and other confessors who are willing to hear confession

At end of Convocation –

- Help pack up banners and trifold ministry displays that need to be mailed
- Help pack up book store materials

Let me know your specific volunteer choices. → bhosea@mac.com ←

9. What to bring: Besides the obvious don't forget these.

- Bring your Devotional Companion, Principles, Directory/Intercessory List, and person Rule of Life.

- Reminder – There will be renewals of profession and mid-noviciate renewals at the Saturday Eucharist, so bring your Rule of Life if you intend to renew. All may renew.
- You may want to bring your own Bible and prayer book for personal use.
- Read and bring with you Murray Bodo's book, *Francis and Jesus*. If you don't have a copy yet, there will be some in the Convocation bookstore.
- Bring that Prayer Card with the Centennial Prayer sent out two years ago. You know, the green laminated card with the prayer in three languages – “Lord Jesus Christ, when the world was growing cold, you sent Francis...”
- Bring a smile, your singing voice, open heart, love for Jesus, and Franciscan quirkiness!

One month and we will all be together for our “family reunion” and Centennial celebration. Safe travels to you all.

Pace e bene

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Chair, Provincial Convocation 2017