

2010 NCDVD CONVENTION

In conjunction with MATS and the NCEA Seminary Division
SEPTEMBER 13-17

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
333 West Kilbourn Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203



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Every year we hear from so many vocation directors on how important our annual conferences are for our own formation and to give us the tools and support to be able to work with so many good men around the country who are discerning their Call from Jesus Christ to the priesthood. The two of us who are writing this letter have been in vocation work now for eight years and cannot fathom how we could carry out this mission without the help of all of our annual conferences, our sharing of resources, most of all our prayer together, fraternity and the friendships which are formed.

In September 2010, NCDVD will hold its 47th annual convention in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We in Region VII (Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana), have the privilege of hosting this great event in downtown Milwaukee near the shores of Lake Michigan. Joining us this year will be MATS and the Seminary Division of the NCEA which will give focus to the joint mission of forming men to be priests of Jesus Christ. We welcome the opportunity to share these days together.

During the Convention, we will celebrate two great feasts which are closely related: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows. For this reason we have chosen the theme for this year to be “Thy Will Be Done”. As we learn each day to grow in our ability to imitate Mary’s “yes”, especially at the Cross, we deepen our consecration as “other Christ’s” and so are sent to invite others to join in this great mission to bring the world to Christ.

Our hotel, the Hyatt Regency, is located in downtown Milwaukee just a few blocks from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and the harbor, where we will provide the Evening Boat Tour for those who want to enjoy the beauty of the city from the water while experiencing a sumptuous banquet together. There will also be an architectural tour to see some of the famous landmarks of Milwaukee including the breathtaking Basilica of St. Josaphat. For those who are more sophisticated and want to learn about the culture of the people who make up this famous city, we will also provide a tour which we believe will spike your interest and appetite—the Bikes, Beer, and Brats Tour. On this unique and exclusive tour you will be able to visit a micro-brewery and sample some of the goods. You will be able to visit the renowned Harley Museum and learn its history. This tour will end at St. Francis Seminary where you will experience the sophisticated and distinctive flavors of the multi-varieties of brats and beers produced in the Milwaukee area.

Please remember to register for the convention at www.NCDVD.org. Along with all of Region VII we look forward to greeting you and spending these days of faith and fraternity together.

Sincerely in Christ,

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