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_____ Unity in Diversity: Understanding the Work of Welcoming & Integrating (bilingual: Sr. Sonia Avi, IHM)

_____ Brown Skinned Madonnas: Many-Cultured Images of Mary from Guadalupe to Czestochowa (English: Bro. Mickey McGrath, IHM)

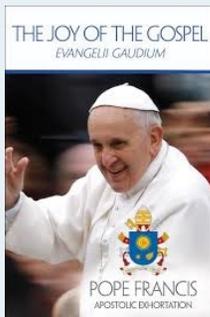
_____ Hispanics Redefining American Catholicism (bilingual: John Fisher, OSFS)

_____ Discípulos Misioneros: Ilamados para evangelizer (español): Deacon Jose Rene Zayas)

_____ Leadership: A Call from Baptism (bilingual: Mr. Julio Diaz)

_____ The Call to Missionary Discipleship (bilingual: Sr. Linda Taber, IHM)

_____ Cultural Identity & Catholic Religious Spirituality (bilingual: Sr. Claire Sullivan, IHM)



“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”

“When the inner life closes in one's own interests, there is no longer room for others, the poor no longer enter, the voice of God is no longer heard, the sweet joy of His love is no longer enjoyed, the heart no longer beats enthusiastically in doing good.”

“Instead of imposing new obligations, (Christians) should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet.”

“Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.”

“If we start without confidence, we have already lost half the battle and we bury our talents.”

“The technological society has managed to multiply the occasions of pleasure, but finds it very difficult to generate joy.”

“Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way.”

“Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God.”

“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”

The Cathedral Parish Of the Immaculate Conception

Convocation and Multicultural Celebration

October 12, 2019
Saturday

Convocation
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Multicultural Celebration
12:30 to 3:00 PM



642 Market Street
Camden, NJ 08102

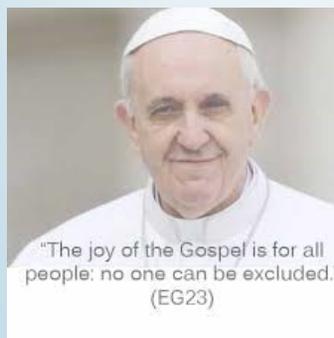
How we got here...

Bishop Sullivan called the members of the diocese together for a Convocation of Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel. Each parish selected ten leaders who prepared for several weeks to attend this gathering in Atlantic City last March. The three-day event was a tremendous blessing for the diocese. Top notch speakers presented keynote addresses and breakout sessions with the delegates of each parish strategically attending different talks, so as to bring back the good news to their parish committee. The prayer opportunities and vibrant liturgies accented a special gift that was this conference filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. At the end, each parish prepared an EASTeR project which serves as a visioning plan for the parish.

One of our delegates suggested we offer our own “mini-convocation” to engender the same spirit and blessings. We decided that this would be the perfect opportunity to marry this event with a multicultural celebration which was one of the goals of the recently completed V Encuentro and a desire we have had for a few years. **Thus, we gather on October 12 to share our faith, the joy of the Gospel, our unity in the midst of diversity.**

Schedule for the Day

- 8:00 Registration, Coffee and Donuts
- 9:00 Morning Prayer (Cathedral)
- 9:30 Keynote Address (all together)
Missionary Discipleship: The Time is Now to be a Prophet
- 10:10 Conference One: breakout sessions
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Conference Two: breakout sessions
- 11:35 Break
- 11:50 General Session (Cathedral)
EASTeR Project Reviewed & Discussed



Name: _____

(choose one)

_____ I will attend the Convocation only.

_____ I will attend the Multicultural Celebration only.

_____ I will attend both events.

Other considerations: please complete

_____ Number of people attending

_____ I will bring a small dish representing my culture for the afternoon festival

Please complete the reverse side, cut this third of the pamphlet when completed and return to a member of the pastoral team or the rectory.

You may attend two talks. So that we balance sessions, please choose the top three you would like to attend with 1 being your first choice.