

REGISTRATION BROCHURE

*Please join us for a virtual gathering
of the Federation*

RAISED UP TO A NEW HOPE

*The 51st National Meeting
of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions*

Thursday, October 1, 2020

*Sponsored by the
Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions
and the
Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship*

ABOUT THE 2020 NATIONAL MEETING

Dear Colleagues,

The 2020 National Meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions was to have been held in beautiful San Diego. But in April, we made the prudent decision to cancel our annual gathering. The safety of our members, presenters, and exhibitors remains our top priority.

Not wanting to break our fifty-year tradition, we still plan to gather together, but now in a virtual format! Our annual meeting will be held Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Our theme is “Raised up to a New Hope.” The words are taken from the *Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs – IV* and they capture our certain hope that, with God’s grace, we can emerge from our current crises of the Coronavirus, racial injustices, and worship restrictions with renewed energy and promise.

Our own formation is always important during our national meetings. We are delighted to announce that our featured speaker will be Msgr. Kevin Irwin. This world-renowned theologian will examine the theological, ecclesial, and pastoral implications of pandemic-era practices. As always, he will offer his keen insights, wit, and wisdom.

We know that by now you must be “zoomed out,” so we have condensed our usual three-day meeting into an intensive one-day event. It will include all our usual components -- prayer, presentations and addresses, the BCDW Report, committee reports, and opportunities for dialogue.

Regional caucuses are always a vital part of our annual gathering. The following day, October 2, we will engage in regional discussions in scheduled two-hour time slots. Your Board representative will communicate with you about particular times and agenda items.

In other words, the important work of the liturgical renewal continues – the renewal of God’s holy people through God’s liturgy.

Please plan on being a vital part of it all! While you won’t have to pack a suitcase, hop on a plane, or sleep in a distant hotel, we do invite you to join nearly nine hundred FDLC members from every diocese in the United States.

Does all this sound exciting? Of course it does. And here is some even bigger news: IT’S FREE! We know that finances are tight right now in your homes, parishes, and dioceses. Thanks to our generous sponsors and to your past faithfulness with dues, we decided to not charge our members anything for this event – zip, zero, nada! We remain grateful for all that you do, every day, for this Federation and for the People of God.

Blessings,

Rita Thiron
Executive Director

Laura Bertone
Meeting Chair

Rev. James Bessert
Chair, Board of Directors

THE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

EASTERN TIME	EVENT
11:00	Welcome/Introduction to the Day
11:15	Opening Prayer
11:45	Addresses
Noon	State of the Country: FDLC Survey Results
12:15	Plenary I: Msgr. Kevin Irwin
1:00	Lunch Break
1:45	Plenary II: Msgr. Kevin Irwin with online discussion
2:30	Prayer and Messages
2:45	BCDW Report
3:30	Business Session with Board Reports
4:15	Next Steps
4:30	Closing Reflections
4:45	Closing Prayer
5:00	Dinner Break
	EVENING OFFERINGS
6:00- 6:30	Virtual Cocktails and Virtual Booths with Sponsors
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
Varies	Committee Work
Varies	Regional Meetings -- Two hour time slots scheduled by your Board Rep

★Please note that all times are listed as the Eastern Time Zone. Our members on the West Coast can join us with their morning coffee!

★ Support our sponsors by joining them in the evening “virtual booths.” Hint: take advantage of their special offers.

★Your virtual program booklet will be e-mailed to you in the days before the meeting!

★Worship aids for the prayer services will be included in that program booklet.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



WELCOME

A special virtual “hello” from our national chair, Laura Bertone, from the Archdiocese of San Francisco.



A GATHERING PRAYER

A Celebration of the Word with participation from various cultures and regions of the country.



OPENING ADDRESSES

Remarks from your FDLC Board Chairman, Father James Bessert and your Executive Director, Rita Thiron



SURVEY RESULTS

A report on the results of FDLC’s nationwide survey of sacramental and liturgical practices during the pandemic.



PLENARY ADDRESS: “IN EVERY AGE, O LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE”

The worldwide pandemic of the Coronavirus impacted cultures, economies, and individual behaviors almost overnight. In an effort to stem the spread of the virus, churches shuttered their doors and Masses were viewed online even during the holiest days of our liturgical year.

Sacramental rituals, liturgical principles, ministerial roles, and pastoral practices were changed, adapted, or suppressed. The Second Vatican Council’s vision for the Church’s Liturgy -- and the people’s participation in it -- suffered at the hands of fear, government regulation, and utmost caution. How has all this impacted our understanding of ecclesiology, liturgical theology, and pastoral practice? What can we do, going forward, to preserve our faith and its liturgical expressions?

ABOUT MONSIGNOR KEVIN W. IRWIN

Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin is a priest of the Archdiocese of New York. He served as a faculty member of the Catholic University of America for over thirty years, where he held the Walter J. Schmitz, Chair of Liturgical Studies (2000-2015), served as the Dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies (2005-2011), and currently holds the position of Ordinary Research Professor.

A prolific writer, Msgr. Irwin is the author of eighteen books on liturgy and the sacraments; over seventy articles in scholarly journals; and over ninety reviews. His main research and publishing interests are on the principles of mediation and sacramentality and the role of creation in liturgy and sacraments.

Msgr. Irwin has served several terms as an Advisor to the United States Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship and served for a decade as an advisor to the Bishops' Committee on the Permanent Diaconate. As a member of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, he was charged with writing and producing "Become One Body One Spirit in Christ," an interactive video on the theology, spirituality, and history of the Mass which was a vital element in formation for the *Roman Missal, third edition*.

Msgr. Irwin is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, the Catholic Theological Society of America, and the Society for Catholic Liturgy. In 2012, he received the *Jubilare Deo* award from the National Association for Pastoral Musicians, and in 2014 he received the McManus Award from the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.

In addition to his numerous international presentations, Msgr. Irwin has presented to countless national audiences in over forty-five dioceses in the United States.

Earlier this year, Paulist Press published his latest book, *Pope Francis and the Liturgy: The Call to Holiness and Mission*. This winter, his newest book, *Liturgy and Sacraments in the Time of Covid*, will be released from Paulist Press.

LUNCH BREAK

PLENARY SESSION II

A continued look at the liturgical and pastoral implications for a Post-Vatican II Church in a post-pandemic world. You will have the opportunity to submit your questions to Msgr. Irwin through a moderator.

BCDW REPORT

Archbishop Leonard Blair (Archdiocese of Hartford) is the current chair of the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship. He will be joined by BCDW Secretariat Staff members – Father Andrew Menke (Executive Director) and Carmen Aguinaco (Multi-Cultural Specialist). In this always popular and important report, we will receive updates on the status of the liturgical texts as well as projects and policies of national interest. Here, too, we will entertain your questions through a moderated chat room.



BUSINESS SESSION

The Board will offer reports on the state of the Federation, give an update on various projects in development, and dialogue with the members on future goals and endeavors.

CLOSING REFLECTIONS

In our closing prayer, we will incorporate the voices of our members who serve in a variety of roles and in various regions of the country. From the comfort of your office or living room, join us as we offer due praise to God.

DINNER BREAK

EVENING OFFERINGS

Grab your own favorite beverage (“BYOB”) and join our sponsors in the virtual booths. Stay and chat a while and take advantage of their special offers.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Each region will gather in two-hour time slots –chosen at a convenient time for your people and your time zone. Watch your inbox for further information on your region’s meeting.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The content of this meeting is designed for our members – clergy and laity, parish and diocesan ministers. We trust that this will be an affordable option for you, even if you have not been able to attend a national meeting in the past.

Thanks to our sponsors and to your own continued support of the Federation, there will be no registration fee for this year’s national meeting. We are offering free registration to all our members of record.

- ★ Directors and Staffs of Diocesan Offices of Worship
- ★ Members of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions
- ★ Associate Members
- ★ Industry Members

Just visit www.fdlc.org/2020 and find the button to the online registration form. You will receive an automated confirmation as well as regular reminders as the meeting gets nearer.

[Click here](#) to become a member of the Federation.

[Click here](#) for more information on how you can sponsor a portion of the meeting, place an ad in the digital program, or be recognized as an individual donor (“steward,” “friend,” or “contributor”).

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