

REGISTRATION BROCHURE

THE 52ND ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSIONS

SEPTEMBER 28 - 30, 2021
SHERATON SAN DIEGO HOTEL AND MARINA
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This House
Brings to Light the
Mystery of the Church

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This house brings to light the mystery of the Church, which Christ made holy by the shedding of his blood, so that he might present her to himself as a glorious Bride, a Virgin resplendent with the integrity of faith, a Mother made fruitful by the power of the Spirit.

Holy is the Church, the chosen vine of the Lord, whose branches fill the whole world, and whose tendrils, borne of the wood of the Cross, reach upward to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed is the Church, God's dwelling-place within the human race, a holy temple built of living stones, standing upon the foundation of the Apostles with Christ Jesus its chief cornerstone...

April 2021

Dear Friends,

As this comes to you, the nation is beginning to see signs of hope in the midst of the pandemic. In most areas of the country, our churches have reopened, albeit with limited capacities. Vaccinations are progressing and more doses are being produced and distributed. Hospitalizations have decreased and the number of deaths – though still far too high -- have markedly decreased in the past month. Thanks be to God!

Clinging to these signs of hope, the good folks of Region Eleven continue to work hard and are excited at the prospect of welcoming you to the 2021 National Meeting, September 28-30 in San Diego. Of course, all safety protocols will be in place in keeping with state, city, and hotel policies.

We will focus on the *Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar* and each keynote and workshop will draw its inspiration from the multi-faceted *Prayer of Dedication*. In addition, the days will include fine liturgies, the “Morning with the BCDW,” opportunities for networking, exhibits, business and committee sessions, and memorable social activities.

On Tuesday evening, we will travel to the historic Mission San Diego de Alcalá founded by Saint Junipero Serra – the first of the twenty-one famed California missions. Our principal celebrant for the opening Mass will be Archbishop José Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and President of the USCCB.

We are very grateful for the very kind invitation of Bishop Robert McElroy and for the hard work of our Local Chair, Dr. Noreen McInnes of the Diocese of San Diego. The entire region has been actively preparing for your arrival. They have attended to countless details and assure us of a warm California welcome!

We do hope that you will join us as we review the liturgy of dedication, as we examine the role of art and architecture, and as we continue to “build” the Kingdom of God.

Blessings,

Rita A. Thiron
Executive Director, FDLC

Noreen McInnes
Local Chair

Laura Bertone
Region XI Board Representative

THE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Saint Vincent DePaul, priest

- 9:00 Committee Set-up
1:00 Board Meeting until 9:00 PM
Varies Early Arrivals

- 2:00 Workshop Session A
(Truxaw or Hurd) 
3:15 Break with Exhibits
3:45 Workshop Session B
(McMillan or Sunghera) 
5:00 Break
5:30 Mass at the Hotel
6:30 Free Night in San Diego

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Saint Wenceslaus

- 8:00 Morning Prayer
8:30 Exhibit set up until 11:00
9:00 Registration opens
10:00 Panel Discussion on Reinvigorating
Parishes after Covid 
12:00 New Member Orientation
1:00 Opening Rite and Welcome 
2:15 Break with Exhibits
3:00 Regional Caucuses
4:00 Break
4:30 Board buses to Mission San Diego de Alcalá
5:30 Mass at Mission
(with Archbishop Gomez) 
6:30 Presentation on CA missions
(Fr. Chinnici) 
7:00 "Taste of the Region" on the grounds of
the Mission
9:30 Buses back to hotel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Morning with BCDW
10:00 Regional Caucuses at tables
10:30 Break with Exhibits
11:00 Business Session I  ★
11:55 Liturgy of Remembrance
12:00 Lunch and Exhibits
1:30 Business Session II  ★
3:00 Break
3:30 Business Session III (Committee Work)
5:00 Mass at Hotel  ★
6:00 Break
6:30 Cocktails
7:00 Banquet
8:00 Awards  ★

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

STUDY DAY

*Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels*

- 8:00 Study Day Registration opens
8:30 Morning Prayer
9:00 Welcome
9:15 Plenary I (Bishop Garcia) 
10:15 Table Discussion
10:30 Coffee break; Exhibits Open
11:00 Plenary II – (Father Simons) 
Noon Table Discussions
12:15 Outdoor Lunch with Entertainment

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 [Tour Day]

*Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

- 9:00 Board buses for Christ Cathedral
1:00 Lunch at Cathedral after tour
2:00 Depart for Mission San Juan Capistrano
3:00 Tour of Mission
4:30 Board buses
6:00 Arrive back at Sheraton

(: Virtual Conference Recording Access)

(★: Virtual Conf. Livestream Business Session)



HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHERATON SAN DIEGO HOTEL AND MARINA

- ★ You may make your hotel reservations now! We have booked a block of rooms at the very lovely, waterfront Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina at 1590 Harbor Island Drive.
- ★ The hotel has established a special Passlink for the attendees of our national meeting. <https://book.passkey.com/e/50169909>. Cut-off date for our room block is September 8, 2021.
- ★ Please note: There are actually two Sheraton hotel properties on the same peninsula. We will be in the second hotel – “Bay Tower.” The reservation link automatically books you in the correct building.
- ★ We have a special group rate of \$189 per night (regularly \$260-\$310).
- ★ Want to make a mini-vacation out of this? The hotel will also honor this rate (based upon availability) three days prior and three days after our meeting.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

- ★ The hotel provides a free shuttle bus from nearby San Diego airport (code “SAN”).



HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

As always, your health and safety are our greatest concern. Indeed, for this national gathering, we have formed a “Health and Safety Committee.” We are very grateful to Doctors Bill and Sandy Adsit for leading this effort. (Bill is also a permanent deacon for the Diocese of San Diego.)

Throughout our planning, we have been monitoring all policies established by the Diocese of San Diego, the CDC, the State of California, San Diego County, and the Sheraton Hotel. We will continue to do so.

Of course, medical protocols are changing daily, but at this writing, we will observe the following for our members who will be present in San Diego.

- All participants and guests must be fully vaccinated and be able to show proof of this.
- Temperatures will be scanned on arrival and checked daily.
- Participants will wear a mask at all events.
- Extra masks and hand sanitizers will be provided.
- We will follow hotel procedures for social distancing in room set-ups -- including the ballroom, chapel, and exhibit area.
- The hotel has established safety protocols regarding food service, including staffed coffee breaks and lunches.
- We will follow the then-current policies of the Diocese of San Diego regarding choir and assembly singing.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

MORNING PRAYER

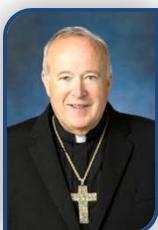
for early arrivals

PANEL DISCUSSION

We will look at pandemic-era liturgical practices and a look-forward to methods which might reinvigorate parish life and restore liturgical norms. Experts and diocesan leaders will review new diocesan policies, suggest effective programming and resources, examine pastoral realities, and necessary medical protocols.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

OPENING RITE



We formally begin our meeting with prayer. Our presider is Bishop Robert McElroy of the Diocese of San Diego.

Welcoming comments from our Local Chair,
FDLC Board Chair and Executive Director



BREAK AND TRAVEL

Board busses outside the hotel and travel to Mission San Diego de Acalá.

MASS

A traditional welcome and blessing by Native Americans

Celebration of the Eucharist with Principal Celebrant is Archbishop José Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and President of the USCCB.



PRESENTATION

Learn the history of the twenty-one California Missions
with Father Joseph Chinnici, OFM



TASTE OF THE REGION

Enjoy the cuisine of Region Eleven on the lovely grounds of the Mission San Diego de Acalá.



WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 29 ABOUT THE STUDY DAY

PLENARY I: May All People be Clothed with the Dignity of Your Children

The *Prayer of Dedication* makes clear that the church building is not only to be a place of worship, but also a place of refuge: "Here, may the poor find mercy, the oppressed attain true freedom, and all people be clothed with the dignity of your children, until they come exultant to the Jerusalem which is above." What does this say about the nature of our Church and the mandates to our parish mission? What implications does this have for our liturgical celebrations?



Bishop Daniel Garcia was installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey on January 29, 2019. Prior to that, he served as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Austin. Ordained to the priesthood on May 28, 1988, he held a variety of pastoral assignments in the diocese, including Pastor, Vicar General, and Moderator of the Curia. He holds degrees from St. Mary Seminary at the University of St. Thomas and an MA in Liturgical Studies from St. John University in Collegeville.

PLENARY II: A Temple Built of Living Stones

"When a church is constructed as a building destined solely and permanently for gathering the People of God and for carrying out sacred functions, it is fitting that it be dedicated to the Lord with a solemn rite, in accordance with the ancient custom of the Church" (ODCA, Chapter II, no. 2). With appreciation and respect for the history of the rite, this session will examine the structure of the *Order of Dedication of a Church and an Altar* and the rich pastoral options it contains.



*Father Thomas Simons is the pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Comstock Park, Michigan and former director of the Office of Worship in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. He holds an MA in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame (1981). He has served as a member of the Subcommittee on Blessings for the BCL and as a Colloquium Facilitator for the National Conference on Environment and Art for Catholic Worship [Form/Reform]. He has served as an adjunct professor at Loyola Marymount University (CA) and Aquinas College (MI). He is the author of *Holy People, Holy Place*, a study of the Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar (revised 2020, LTP) and *Blessings: A Reappraisal of Their Nature, Purpose, and Celebration* (Resource Publications) and a *Blessing for God's People* (Ave Maria Press).*

SESSION A-1: Dedicated to the Lord with a Sacred Rite

"...For today, your faithful people desire to dedicate to you, solemnly and for all time, this house of prayer..." For the faithful of the Diocese of Orange, that day came on July 17, 2019 - after years of renovation and preparation, Christ Cathedral was dedicated! This workshop will focus on the details of that dedication rite - the multi-cultural expressions which enriched it, the practical considerations which contributed to the beauty of the celebration, and the year of spiritual preparations which preceded it.



Lesa Truxaw has served as the Director of the Office for Worship in the Diocese of Orange since 2003. Prior to that, she served at St. Boniface, Anaheim, and at St. Vincent DePaul, in Huntington Beach. She holds a Master's degree in Liturgical Studies from Santa Clara University.

SESSION A-2: Holy is the Temple: Singing the Mystery of the Church

The Order of Dedication of a Church and an Altar draws upon a rich heritage of psalms and hymns. While it provides assigned antiphons and psalmody, it also allows a wide variety of opportunities for “suitable hymns.” How can we choose music which supports the liturgical action and engages the participation of the assembly? Moreover, how will these texts remind us that this church is a place for word and sacrament, ritual and refuge, and the constant praise of almighty God?



Bob Hurd is a teacher, composer, and liturgist. He gives workshops and retreats on liturgy, music, and spirituality and teaches in Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry. His recent book, Compassionate Christ, Compassionate People: Liturgical Foundations of Christian Spirituality is available from Liturgical Press. His widely-used liturgical music is published by OCP.

SESSION B-1: Let Us Take Part in These Sacred Rites with Loving Devotion

“In order that the faithful may fruitfully take part in the Rite of Dedication,... [they] are to be instructed about the various parts of the church and their use, the Order of the Dedication, and the chief liturgical symbols employed in it so that, fully understanding the meaning of the dedication of a church through its rites and prayers, with appropriate help, they may take a conscious, devout, and active part in the sacred action” (ODCA, Chapter II, no. 20). How can we best facilitate such formation? What methods might be employed? How can we best teach parishioners, of every culture and generation, to appreciate the beauty and the importance of the rite? How can we involve many parishioners in its authentic celebration?



Sr. Sharon McMillan, SNDdN, was the first woman in the United States to receive both a Licentiate and a Doctorate in Sacred Liturgy from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome. She is a Professor of Liturgy in the Graduate Program in Pastoral Studies for Santa Clara University. She has served as an Assistant Professor of Sacred Liturgy at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park; as a member of Notre Dame's Kenyan Province as a guide and teacher of novices who came from throughout Africa; and as liturgy coordinator at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey.

SESSION B-2: Resplendent to Every Eye: Beauty and the Liturgy

The *Prayer of Dedication* includes this passage: “Exalted is the Church, a City set high on a mountain for all to see, resplendent to every eye with the unfading light of the Lamb, and resounding with the sweet hymn of the Saints. How can the church building reflect and serve the mission of the Church? How do art and architecture contribute to the liturgical act? How can beauty and design –in a variety of cultural expressions – reflect the Author of Creation?



Rev. Gilbert Sunghera, S.J. is an associate professor in the School of Architecture at University of Detroit-Mercy. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California (Irvine), a Masters in Architecture from the University of Wisconsin (1987). He holds an MDiv. from the Jesuit School of Theology (2002) and a Masters in Sacred Theology from Yale University (2005). He leads an award-winning group of liturgical design consultants.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

PRAYER: A CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

A MORNING WITH THE BCDW

Archbishop Leonard Blair (Archdiocese of Hartford) is the current chair of the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship. He will address us virtually. BCDW Secretariat Staff members, Father Andrew Menke (Executive Director) and Father Dustin Dought (Associate Director), will offer updates on the status of the liturgical texts as well as projects and policies of national interest. Here, too, we will entertain your questions in the ballroom and through a moderated chat room.



BUSINESS SESSIONS

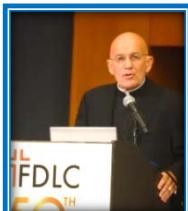
Business sessions will be held before and after lunch. Members will hear reports on the financial status of the Federation and on the progress of various projects. Regions are developing position statements for your consideration – an important element in our meeting and in advancing the mission of the Federation. Eligible diocesan delegates may vote in person as well as virtually. (Specific instructions will be given in September.) Committees will have time to meet with all volunteers and interested newcomers.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

MASS AT THE HOTEL

COCKTAILS

BANQUET AND AWARDS



2021 McMANUS AWARD

The FDLC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Rev. Edward Foley, Capuchin, will be honored with this year's Frederick R. McManus Award at the San Diego National Meeting.

Father Foley is recently retired from Chicago's Catholic Theological Union where he served as the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality, as a Professor of Liturgy and Music, and as the founding director of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program. He holds an MDiv from St. Francis School of Pastoral Ministry (Milwaukee), an MM from the University of Wisconsin, and an MA and PhD from the University of Notre Dame.

A prolific and award-winning author, his publications appear in nine languages. He has lectured in over sixty Roman Catholic dioceses around the world. Besides exercising practical theology as an educator, he preaches and presides at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 ~ OPTIONAL TOUR
CHRIST CATHEDRAL AND MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

In 2019, attendees at the national meeting expressed great enthusiasm for an additional day to visit two churches in the nearby Diocese of Orange. Join us as we tour the diocese's newest and oldest houses of worship -- Christ Cathedral and Mission San Juan Capistrano.

Comfortable chartered buses will leave from the hotel on Friday morning and will travel to Garden Grove for a private, two-hour tour of the newly-renovated Christ Cathedral and the impressive cathedral campus. Luncheon will follow in the Cathedral Cultural Center.

Hop back on the bus and head back south, stopping at the famed Mission San Juan Capistrano. Founded in 1776 by Saint Junipero Serra, the campus has a beautifully preserved Serra Chapel, lovely gardens, and historic artifacts.

Look for this special option on the online registration form!





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Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina

MEETING REGISTRATION ONLINE

REGISTER TODAY ONLINE AT: www.fdlc.org/2021

REGISTRATION FEES	Registered <u>before 9/1/21</u>	Registered <u>after 9/1/21</u>
Member: Full Conference	\$375	\$425
Non-Member: Full Conference	\$425	\$475
Member: Virtual Attendance	\$75	\$80
Friday Tour (incl. bus and luncheon)	\$65	\$65
Extra Reception Ticket (Tuesday)	\$50	\$50
Extra Lunch Ticket (Wednesday)	\$65	\$65
Extra Lunch Ticket (Thursday)	\$65	\$65
Extra Banquet Ticket (Thursday)	\$100	\$100
Donation to the Tabat Scholarship Fund*	\$5 or more	\$5 or more

Registration Online at:
www.fdlc.org/2021

Mark your choice of
payment options:

Check (Preferred)
or
Credit Card

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTRATION

- ◆ The reception, banquet, and two lunches are included in your full meeting registration. Extra tickets for your guests are available as noted above.
- ◆ Virtual Registrants will receive login information in September via email.
- ◆ Requests for refunds, less \$35 processing fee, must be submitted in writing to the National Office by September 7. If ever the entire meeting is cancelled due to a nationwide health emergency, all monies will be refunded.
- ◆ For further information, contact the FDLC National Office at 202-635-6990 or nationaloffice@fdlc.org. Thanks!

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Due to the current pandemic health crisis, we understand you may be unable to join us in-person for the 2021 FDLC National Meeting. We are pleased to offer the option for Virtual Attendance for a fee of \$75 (early bird price) to view from home. *Information including login instructions will be sent to registrants via email in September.*

Virtual Attendees will have access to recordings of indicated sessions (see Schedule at a Glance) shared online as soon as possible following the live events. For business sessions, a limited livestream will be available to view/listen to proceedings. Virtual voting delegates who choose to vote will be given access to cast an electronic vote for final motions (see your Regional Representative for more information); however, virtual attendees will not be able to participate in discussion or vote on subsidiary motions.