



VICAR FOR CLERGY
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

5th September, 2023

Dear Father,

The Convention of Pastors will be the first week of October at The Breakers in Spring Lake, beginning Monday evening 2nd October through midday, Thursday, 5th October. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of a committed layman whose concern for effective preaching has motivated his gift, this year's gathering will focus on preaching skills needed in today's world. Two acclaimed communicators, Peggy Noonan and Rabbi Mier Soloveichik, will discuss the challenges of effective verbal communication in our tech-saturated society. Peggy Noonan has a long career in both spoken and written communication. Rabbi Soloveitchik is a renowned preacher who leads the vibrant congregation at Congregation Shearith Israel on the West Side of Manhattan. Both are persons of deep faith whose skill will engender good discussions for our gathering.

In addition, Father Matthew Ernest will discuss updates in liturgy and Father William Cleary will provide insights into the B cycle of the lectionary for the upcoming liturgical year. Dr. Charles Comosy will discuss the complicated issues of transgender and related issues.

Unfortunately, His Eminence will be at the Synod and so will be unable to be with us in person but will be with us in spirit.

If you plan to participate in this year's convention, please let me know so I can firm up the practical concerns of the week (sufficient rooms, etc.) Registration forms are enclosed. Please return them by mail or email. Please email your response to me at Edmund.Whalen@archny.org.

With my gratitude for your steadfast dedication to our people and the assurance of my continued prayers,

Faternally,

Most Reverend Edmund Whalen
Vicar for Clergy

2022 Archdiocesan Convention of Pastors
The Breakers Hotel
1507 Ocean Avenue
Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762
October 2, 2023 – October 5, 2023

Will you attend the Convention of Pastors:

YES: _____

NO: _____

Title: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Parish Name and Address:

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you willing to stay at a hotel/guest house other than The Breakers: Yes ___ No ___

DO YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES?

*Be sure to indicate food allergies (Ex. Celiac disease, peanut allergy, etc.).
The menu will include salad daily for lunch and dinner.*

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS THAT WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF?

Example: I need handicap access; I cannot climb stairs.

*E-Mail registration to
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