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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with joy that I invite you to the **52nd Annual Assembly of the National Conference of Vicars for Religious, March 22-24, 2020.** Our theme is "*Called to Be Prophets of a Future Not our Own*". Once again, we will gather at the Felician Convent, 3800 W. Peterson Ave, Chicago, IL.

Each year, we are blessed to be welcomed by the Felician Sisters whose venue provides for us an affordable, religious setting which supports our witness as we serve the religious in the US Church.

The Mid-Western Region is ready to welcome and lead us through these days. We have taken our theme from the prayer of St. Oscar Romero where he invites us to explore the challenge to be light-bearers and to plant seeds of hope in these times of some darkness and conflict. The Assembly schedule is enclosed.

We have invited the leadership of the varied Conferences of Religious and Consecrated Life to join us and hope that Fr. Hank Lemoncelli, OMI from the Congregation in Rome will be with us to join the activities of our days together.

#### Here is some helpful information:

- New Vicar's Orientation: Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 pm
- Assembly Opening: Sunday, March 22 at **4:00 pm**
- Use <u>O'Hare Airport</u>: much closer to the Felician Convent. Travel plans will be sent so you can share a cab
- Travel day: Wednesday, March 25

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible when we gather in March. We have much to share and celebrate as individuals and as a Conference. It will be good to have time to network, enjoy one another's company and meet in our regions.

Scholarship money is available for those who may not be able to afford the cost of attending the Assembly. Please contact your Regional Chair for an application. This year we are again having a lottery prize drawing for those who get their registration in early. Check the registration form for the date!

Many blessings during these days of the New Year! May there be a place deep in our hearts where our God delights in dwelling within us and leading us in new ways for 2020. Let us be together in prayer.

Sincerely.

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