

National Conference of Vicars for Religious Eastern Region

September 27, 2018

Dear Vicars/Delegates:

Peace and all Good!

As we move into the fall season I hope you have had time to renew yourselves in body, mind and spirit through the summer. I always find that there are less meetings and the schedules take a softer rhythm. Now is the time to prepare for our Eastern Regional Conference which will be held at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center, 158 Delavergne Avenue in Wappinger Falls, NY from October 23-25. At the last Eastern Region Meeting during the National Conference, the group decided to continue with the theme and chose *Intercultural Preparation* as the focus of our fall meeting. It was requested that we have speakers from Assumption College for Sisters and Holy Apostles College and Seminary.

Our speakers are Sister Joseph Spring, SCC, President of Assumption College for Sisters and Rev Anthony McLaughlin, Vice Rector and Professor at Holy Apostles College. We have asked both schools to bring an alum or current student to join in the panel presentations.

Since we are *the host region* at the National Convention this year, the schedule has time for us to plan the necessary tasks assigned to such a prestigious position! We have time for prayer, sharing and reflection.

Our secretary, Sr Paulina Hurtado, OP, will send out the registration forms along with the schedule. Please send in your registration by October 9, so we can complete the event planning with the retreat center. If you plan to bring your check please inform me before you come. I look forward to seeing everyone and continuing to learn more about how we can further our ministry to those who come to the USA as religious men and women.

Joyfully,

Ann David Strohming, OSF
Eastern Region Chairperson