

**THE FEDERATION OF VIETNAMESE CATHOLICS IN THE USA
VIETNAMESE PRIEST CONVOCATION - EMMAUS VIII**

October 14-17, 2019

At the Vietnamese Catholic Center, 1538 N. Century Blvd, Santa Ana, California 92703

"Let mutual LOVE continue" (Heb 13:1)

Monday, Oct 14, 2019: "Meet and Greet "

1:00 PM-5:00 PM: Welcome and registration @ the Vietnamese Catholic Center (1538 Century Blvd, Santa Ana, California 92703).

5:00 PM-6:30PM: Opening Liturgy @ Vietnamese Catholic Center. Main Celebrant and Homilist: Most Rev. Oscar Solis (Bishop of Salt Lake City and chairperson of the subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops). Opening Remarks: Msgr Trinh Minh Tri, President of the Federation of Vietnamese Catholics in the United States.

6:30 PM-7:30 PM: Dinner

7:30 PM-10:00 PM: Introduction of participants. Reports by regional leaderships.

Announcements and social hour.

10:00 PM: Return to Hotel

Tuesday, Oct 15, 2019: "Priestly Fraternity"

8:00 AM-8:30 AM: Breakfast @ Vietnamese Catholic Center.

8:30 AM-9:15 AM: Morning Prayer

9:30 AM-10:45 AM: Presentation and group discussion. **"Pastoral Joy and Challenges in Priestly Life."** Facilitators: Rev. Joseph Nguyễn Thanh Châu, New President of the Federation, and Msgr. Joseph Phạm Quốc Tuấn, Southwestern Regional Chairman.

10:45 AM-11:00 AM: Break

11:00 AM-12:15 PM: Presentation and group discussion. **"Joy and Challenges in the Personal Life of Priests."** Facilitator: Rev. Matthew Nguyen Khac Hy, STD., Rector of the Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas.

12:30 PM-3:30 PM: Lunch, break

3:45 PM-5:00PM: Presentation by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States Archbishop Christophe Pierre, **"Contributions of Vietnamese American Catholics to the Church in the United States,"**

5:30 PM-6:30 PM: Eucharist

Main Celebrant: Archbishop Christophe Pierre; Homilist: Archbishop Joseph Nguyen Chi Linh of Hue VN (President of the Vietnamese Conference of Catholic Bishops)

6:30 PM-7:30 PM: Dinner

7:30 PM-9:00 PM: Entertainment Activities

9:00 PM-10:00 PM: Adoration of the Eucharist, Evening Prayer, Sacrament of Penance.

10:00 PM: Return to Hotel.

Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019: "Joy and Hope"

8:00 AM-8:30 AM: Breakfast @ Vietnamese Catholic Center.

8:30 AM-9:15 AM: Morning Prayer.

9:30 AM-10:45 AM Plenary Discussion "**Fraternal Support amongst the Presbyterate**"

Panelists: Most Rev. Thomas Nguyen Thai Thanh, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange; Rev. Joseph Nguyễn Thanh Châu, Msgr. Joseph Phạm Quốc Tuấn, Rev. Matthew Nguyen Khac Hy.

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM: Break

11:00 AM-12:30 PM: Presentation of **the 2019 Amended Constitution & Bylaws of the Federation**. Presenters: Msgr. Joseph Trịnh Minh Trí, Msgr. Francis Phạm Văn Phương Past Federation President; Rev. Michael Mai Khải-Hoàn, Past Southwestern Regional Chairman.

12:30 PM – 4:00 PM: Lunch. Break or tours.

4:30 PM-5:00PM: Memorandum photo.

5:00 PM-6:30 PM: **Solemn Mass** at Christ Cathedral (*1328 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840*). Main Celebrant and Homilist: Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of the Diocese of Orange.

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM: Moving to the Restaurant for the Banquet.

7:00 PM-10:00 PM: Emmaus VIII Banquet hosted by the Southwestern Region Vietnamese Catholic Community @ Diamond Seafood Palace (*6731 Westminster Blvd. Westminster CA 92683*) **(Formal: Clerical Suits)*.

10:00 PM Return to Hotel.

Thursday, Oct 17, 2019: "Going Out to Serve"

7:30 AM-8:00 AM: Hotel Check-out

8:30 AM-9:00 AM: Breakfast at the Vietnamese Catholic Center

9:00 AM-9:30 AM: Morning Prayer.

9:45 AM–10:45 AM: Panel Discussion "**Proposed Future activities of the Federation**"

Panelists: Past and present Presidents of the Federation.

11:00 AM-12:00 AM: **Closing Mass and Transfer Protocols of Officers for 2019-23 Term**. Main Celebrant: Most Rev Thomas Nguyễn Thái Thành. Homilist: Rev. Joseph Nguyễn Thanh Châu, New President of the Federation.

12:00 PM: Farewell in the Fraternal Peace of Christ.