

Association of Diocesan Liaisons to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal



February 26, 2019

My dear Liaisons and Associate Liaisons,

I am writing this letter to specifically encourage your participation at our Annual Convocation this year. First, I apologize for the tardiness of this letter and the specific details around this year's convocation, but like the church, we too have had some serious challenges during this year.

In light of the CHARIS initiative in Rome and the decisions of the annual Gathering meeting, I feel that we are in a very important moment for the Renewal in the United States and Canada, as well as for the ADL. Needless to say, the more engagement and participation by liaisons at this year's convocation, the more your experiences and challenges will help to shape how we move forward together.

The annual January Gathering of Charismatic Leadership meeting that took place this year in Tempe, Arizona, (normally in Miami) brought together about 50 leaders from different streams of the Renewal, some familiar and some new. The CHARIS initiative was our topic of discussion especially in how it relates to the formation of a National Service of Communion (NSoC) for the United States of America. Consensus was reached that this annual Gathering, through patient continuity, should become the NSoC for the USA. The planning team for this event, of which I am a part as your chairperson, was expanded to include other leadership to plan next year's event, to put together the structures to be voted upon for the creation of the NSoC, and to elect a representative for an initial Continental Service of Communion meeting next January.

What does this mean for us as an Association? What does this mean for me as a Liaison? How do we fit together with all of these other leadership realities? What role can we fill to support the NSoC? There are many questions like these that need to be answered and that is why I am asking you to make every effort to be with us in person or at least to designate someone from your diocese to represent your local Renewal at the convocation.

I honestly believe that all of these structural changes afford us as an Association the opportunity to hit the "Reset" button to business as usual. There are times when in the life of any organization when the subsequent generations are tasked to maintain the structures of the past to the detriment of the present mission. If we don't look critically at this, we will simply cease to exist or at least cease to be relevant to the present move of the Holy Spirit in the church.

Feel free to contact Terry Riggins at terryriggins56@gmail.com or (703) 593-0939, who is now arranging the convocation details for us or myself at frouellette@gmail.com or (913) 671-9233 with your questions or concerns. We appreciate your patience with us as we work for you.

May the Holy Spirit continue to bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Anthony G. Ouellette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Anthony G. Ouellette, ADL Chair

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