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From Our New NOCERCC President

Dear NOCERCC Members,

This is certainly not the conditions under which I wanted to introduce myself, but wanted to reach out to the membership of NOCERCC. First and foremost, I hope that you, your families and colleagues, as well as your parishes are safe during these challenging days. Let us all join in prayer for those who are suffering as well as those we have lost.

I am honored to have been chosen to lead our organization going forward. I want to acknowledge and thank Tom Dragga for his leadership these past six years and for all that he and the Board were able to accomplish. As I mentioned at the convention, we are stronger and better because of their time and efforts. Thank you all for that.

When my name was put into nomination and I was asked if I would accept the nomination, my first comment was that the work of NOCERCC was so helpful as I began working in the ongoing formation office for the Archdiocese of Newark. It is an organization that must continue. It will, with the help and cooperation of all of us. I am looking forward to meeting with the Board at our scheduled June meeting. Please God, this crisis will pass by then and we will be able to gather.

However, this organization does not belong to me or the Board. It is our organization; we all play a part. And as long as we have that understanding of ownership, working together, we will fulfill our mission.

I am still learning the history of NOCERCC; and still discovering its potential. So many good things are happening in so many dioceses. I hope to create an

avenue for the sharing of those resources. Shortly we will be making available the list of resources we compiled at the convention. I hope we can continue as a clearinghouse for sharing these on an ongoing basis. Please let me know if you have other suggestions or thoughts about how we can help one another.

Please be careful ... remember the power of prayer, especially in times of testing. Stay safe and sanitize!

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Mental Health Resources for Priests and Clergy

In times of challenge and difficulties such as what we are all facing right now, we certainly all feel overwhelmed. If you feel you need someone to talk to or one of your priests needs someone to talk to, please see below the phone conversation availability offered from our Member Partners:

Guest House: Please call 248-393-8913. Prompts will take you from there.

St. John Vianney Center: David Shellenberger has made himself available to any priest. He serves as President of SJV Center. Please call 610-518-2000. Ask for him by name and tell the receptionist that it is a confidential call. You will be asked for your diocese or religious community and no other identifying information.

For resiliency/stress management resources in times of crisis, please [click here](#) to access **St. Luke Institute's** specially prepared page.

Thanks to our Member Partners for their help and support. Let us continue to look after and care for one another, certainly assisting with our prayers.

The **USCCB** also offers [this page of resources](#) for liturgies and prayer.

If anyone has other resources you can share with the larger membership, please email us at nocercc@nocercc.org and we will make sure to get this information out to all!

In Gratitude for our 2020 Convention

Our 2020 Convention in Newark was truly a time of fruitful conversation, networking, and vision cultivation! We wish to thank the following:

Our hosts:

Cardinal Joseph Tobin and the Archdiocese of Newark for their generous hospitality and outstanding service to our every need.

Our speakers:

Rev. Mark-David Janus CSP Paulist Press President/Publisher

Sr. Mary McCormick OSU Dean, St. Mary's Seminary & Graduate School of Theology

Bishop Gerald Kicanas DD Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Tucson

Our panelists:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Reilly Rector/Dean Immaculate Conception Seminary & School of Theology at Seton Hall University

Rev. Gerald McBrearity, PSS Rector, Theological College at The Catholic University of America

Rev. Msgr. David Hoefler Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Diocese of Springfield in IL

Rev. Brian Alford Director of Priest's Continuing Formation/Vocation Director, Diocese of Springfield in IL

Rev. Jim McClintock Director of Continuing Formation, Diocese of Beaumont

Our Outgoing Board Members/Officers:

Rev. Thomas Dragga, President, Diocese of Cleveland

Rev. Ray McHenry, Vice-President, Diocese of Des Moines

Our Venues:

Archdiocese of Newark's Archdiocesan Center

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Seton Hall University

Immaculate Conception Seminary & School of Theology at SHU

The Grand Summit Hotel

Liberty House

Our Exhibiting Partners:

Guest House, St. John Vianney Center, St. Luke Institute, Institute of Priests and Presbyterates at St. Meinrad's, Ministry to Ministers Sabbatical Program at Oblate School of Theology

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