

# Press Release

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## National Liturgical Meeting Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vatican Document

The 2013 National Meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions will convene in Erie, Pennsylvania, October 8-11, 2013 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. Co-sponsored by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions and the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship, the meeting will offer diocesan directors of worship and members of diocesan liturgical commissions an opportunity to exchange ideas and to identify national and regional priorities.

This year's meeting, entitled The Christian Mystery and the Enduring Value of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the promulgation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy and the immanent close of the Year of Faith.

A special day of study on Wednesday, October 9, includes presentations by three distinguished scholars, each followed by a facilitated table discussion and time for questions and answers with the presenter. Archbishop Piero Marini, Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations under Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, will address the historical and theological context of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. Marini was the secretary to Archbishop Annibale Bugnini who directed the liturgical reform following Vatican II. The next two presentations concentrate on two aspects of Church life which have been highlighted since the promulgation of the Constitution. The sacramentality and the role of Word of God in the celebration of the liturgy will be the focus of scripture scholar, Sister Dianne Bergant, CSA. The day's final presentation, offered by Archbishop Samuel Aquila, will look at the rites of initiation as a source of hope and the shape of Christian life.

The meeting is open to all those interested. The \$410 registration fee (\$310 for FDLC members) includes attendance at all sessions, the banquet and receptions. Discounts on hotel rooms are available. Further registration information is available from:

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