

September 29, 2011
St. Michael & All Angels

Dear Friends in Christ,

Let's be ready for the 110th Convention of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, which will be held on October 29 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Springfield. Please send in your meal registration NOW!

Bishop Scruton has invited the Rev. Francie Hills (St. James, Great Barrington) to serve as our chaplain. Special music is planned and the Convention Eucharist will be held at the Hotel this year. We will be hearing/seeing 'live' some of our missionaries from around the globe and from 'domestic' mission projects in WMA.

Remember that the three pre-Convention Corridor meetings will be held:
October 5, 2011

@ St. Helena's, Lenox 7 pm

October 12, 2011

@ Good Shepherd, West Springfield 7pm

October 13, 2011

@ Nativity, Northborough 7pm

Agenda items will include the proposed Constitutional change, an introduction to the 2012 Ministry Plan & Budget, Nominees for office and more.

DELEGATE & CLERGY Registration on 10/29 begins at 7:00 a.m. and will continue as announced.

Please note this year is a return to a one day Convention and all of our work will be at the Sheraton. We have much to engage!

For those participating in the annual Western Massachusetts Diocesan Convention for the first time - we pray you will find it to be a source of inspiration and a joy to serve. Others who have attended before can still be surprised and moved by the Spirit. The prayer is always: Lord, allow convention to soar and show us the way forward in mission.

You will find enclosed in this digital posting the various reports and schedule of the work and ministry of Convention. Other helpful items are enclosed with this 2nd Convention packet. Bring it all with you to the Sheraton! A report from the Resolutions Committee will be forthcoming.

Faithfully yours,
The Venerable William H. Coyne
Secretary of Convention