

Please read through the information in this packet before you arrive on the morning of convention.

Introduction

May 1, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We welcome you to the Electing Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real on June 16, 2007 to be held at York School. This is a very special time in the life of our diocese. It is time for us to come together to discern who we will call to be our third bishop. By the time this day arrives you will have read the information on the website, had the opportunity to meet each of the nominees, engage them in dialogue, and begun the discernment process which culminates in the election of our new bishop.

Included in this packet is a registration form, directions to York School with a map and parking information, summary bios of the nominees, Guide to Convention, and the Rules of Convention. At the time of registration on the 16th you will receive your name tag, lunch ticket, order of business agenda, ballot packet, and ballot results sheet.

One added reminder – please plan to car pool as there is limited parking at the school. If you have additional questions please call Brian or Susan (831-394-4465).

We look forward to seeing you in June. Please pray for the delegates, the nominees and for us.

The Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero
Assisting Bishop

Ann Wright
President, Standing Committee

Registration

Registration will take place at York School on Saturday, June 16th, beginning at 7:30 am. Latecomers may register at the Credentials Committee table which will be open from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. This will be the only time to register and to exchange alternates and delegates. Alternate delegates may register following the proper procedure of transfer, including the signature of the rector or vicar of the delegate's congregation. Disputes and questions of convention delegates or clergy to be seated will be referred to the Credential Review Committee. Registration packets will contain a name tag, lunch ticket, ballot packet, and ballot results sheet.

Substitution Procedures

See attached Memo to Members of Convention.

Seating

Open theatre-style seating will be available in the York School gymnasium for clergy and lay delegates only. When Convention is called to order, the doors will close and remain closed until convention recesses or adjourns. Delegates are asked to remain in their seats until votes are taken. All other visitors, including alternates, may listen to the proceedings from the Little Theater with audio feed.

Parking

Parking is limited at York School and there is no parking allowed on the streets adjacent to the school. Cars parked on the street are at risk of being towed by local police. **Please carpool!**

Rules of Order

This meeting will be conducted with the Special Rules of Order, found at the end of this document (pages 1-8). These supersede, for this meeting only, the "normal" Rules of Order found printed in your copy of the Constitutions and Canons.

Nominations

There will be no nominations from the floor per the rules adopted by Convention on October 21, 2006. Nominees will be presented by the Search and Standing Committees. There will be no nominating speeches.

Voting

Ballots will be collected at the doors by the counters. Balloting instructions will be given preceding each ballot. After voting, delegates are free to leave the gym for a fixed period of time which will be announced in advance. Convention will reconvene for prayer, meditation, and song before the announcement of ballot results and the taking of the next ballot.

First Aid

First aid will be available for medical emergencies. Please notify a doorkeeper or convention staff member for assistance. First aid supplies will be available on site.

Telephone Calls and Messages

Please remember that all pagers, cell phones, blackberries, and computers must be turned off and put away while in the gym. Cell phones may be used outside the gym although reception at York is not always reliable. It will not be possible to deliver messages to convention participants. Please arrange for emergency contact before convention.

Accessibility

York School is wheelchair accessible. Attendants, unless registered as delegates, are not allowed on the floor of convention.

A large print delegate's package will be prepared for any clergy or lay delegate in need of one. To request a large-print package, please call the Diocesan Office at 408-394-4465 by May 18, 2006.

If you have any questions or need particular assistance, please call the Diocesan Office at 408-394-4465 well before the day of convention. If an accessibility need comes up during convention, please speak with a member of convention staff.

Childcare

Childcare will be provided for the children of voting delegates on site by prior registration. Please call the Diocesan Office by June 1, 2006 to reserve childcare. Delegates are responsible for providing lunch, drinks, and snacks for children using childcare.

Lunch

Lunch will be provided for those who register for Convention.

Chapel

The York School Chapel will be available for prayer and meditation.

Other Needs

Doorkeepers and convention staff members will be available to help answer your questions.

Testimonials

It is imperative that the Testimonial of Election be signed by a majority of clergy and lay delegates following the election. The Convention will not recess until the testimonials have been signed. There will be stations set up for this.

Directions to York School

Please see attached map (last page).

Summary Biographies of Nominees (attached here)