



Diocese of Fall River
Office of the Bishop
Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

February 21, 2023

Dear Brothers in Christ,

As we begin the holy season of Lent, I write to remind you of a special diocesan event, our annual Women and Men's Conference, which will be held at Stonehill College on March 11, 2023. This will be the first time in three years in which we can come together for an in-person Conference, and I am looking forward to it. Posters, flyers, and bulletin announcements have been made available to parishes to promote the event. It is my hope that you are inviting your parishioners to participate in this Conference; it offers to them a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

The theme for the Conference is "*Receive Jesus. Worship Jesus.*" Our speakers will be Mari Pablo, a ministry consultant with The Evangelical Catholic and a presenter for Ascension Press, and our brother priest, Father Roger Landry. The day will also include breakout sessions in English, Portuguese, and Spanish; Adoration; veneration of the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Garcia; and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit. During the lunch break, there will be an opportunity for reconciliation and time to visit the vendors who will be exhibiting with us for the day. I will celebrate a 4 p.m. Mass to conclude the program.

Registration for the Women and Men's Conference may be done online at fallriverdiocese.org or by mail using the registration form on the flyers sent to your parish. Lunch, morning refreshments, and the option for CEUs are included in the registration fee.

On a personal note, I invite you to join me in hearing confessions between 12 Noon and 1 p.m. I realize it might be difficult for some of you to commit to this invitation because of distance and Saturday Masses. For those who can join me, please let me know so we can plan on the appropriate space for confessions. To register for this event, simply fill out the enclosed form and return it to me.

As I noted earlier, I look forward to greeting members of your parishes at the Women and Men's Conference in March. May this time of preparation to celebrate the Paschal Mystery serve as a time to be renewed in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

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Diocese of Fall River Women and Men's Conference - 2023

Priest Registration Form

Name _____

Parish _____

E-mail _____

Please check how you can be involved in this Conference.

- Attend the entire day
- Hear confessions
- Con-celebrate Mass at 4pm
- Unable to attend

Please return this form to:

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