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Vocations: The Call to Serve

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February 23, 2009

Dear Reverend Clergy:

On behalf of the Parish of St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church, we extend a warm welcome to you. This year's Clergy Conference will take place at the Malvern Retreat House (St. Joseph's in the Hills) from Monday, April 27 through Thursday, April 30, 2009. Details regarding the agenda for the Clergy Conference will be forwarded by the Diocese.

The complete cost, including lodging and meals is \$395 per person. This year all clergy will be housed in a private building on 123 beautiful acres of secluded wooded scenery to allow for total privacy. All clergy will have private accommodations for three nights, in addition to eight meals and plenty of snacks. The Facility is also equipped with state of the art conference rooms, a chapel and a kitchen.

Please complete the enclosed registration form and send it in the envelope, along with your registration for the Diocesan Assembly and all payments. Checks should be made payable to **St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church – 2009 Diocesan Assembly** and your registration materials should be returned by **April 1, 2009.**

For those driving to the Retreat House, directions are enclosed. For those who are taking AMTRAK or who are flying in, transportation will be provided, courtesy of the host committee, from Philadelphia International Airport to the Malvern Retreat House. We ask that you provide the necessary information requested on the form so our volunteers can track your flight and schedule pick-up times accordingly.

On Wednesday, April 29, 2009, our parish will host you for dinner and we will provide transportation to and from the Malvern Retreat House. For those clergy who are members of the Diocesan Council, your meeting that evening will take place at the church and all necessary transportation will be provided by our committee. Transportation will also be provided for clergy from the Malvern Retreat House to the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel on Thursday morning, April 30.

This year's Diocesan theme is ***Vocations: The Call to Serve***. **Ephesians 4:11-12** reads "*and his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers . . . for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*" We look forward to hosting you.

Sincerely,

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