

Consecrated Virgin Information/Discernment/Formation Weekend Registration Form May 30 - June 1, 2025

*Registering for this retreat weekend comes with the understanding that this consecration
is a way of life not simply a “devotional consecration.”*

*The discernment /formation materials prepared for consecration to a life of virginity for women living
in the world by the Diocese of La Crosse will be introduced this weekend and available for purchase.*

Yes, I understand this explanation of the consecration & would like to participate in the
discernment/formation weekend.

I will be coming to participate in person. Questions- contact Barb 608-788-7700 ext. 2271

Name _____ phone # _____

Email _____ (Arch)Diocese _____

Traveling by Car _____ Arriving _____ Departing _____ Train _____ Bus _____ (I will need a ride)

Registration \$35 room _____

Understanding finances are at time tight, a free will offering for materials _____

You may send your check ahead of time or pay upon arrival.

Check made out to: Diocese of La Crosse; Memo line: Office for Consecrated Life, Consecrated
Virgin Retreat

Food allergies/ dietary restrictions _____

I will not be able to attend in person but will be able to connect virtually on “Google Meet.”

Email _____

Return this form to: Diocese of La Crosse

Attn: Miss Barbara Swieczak, 3710 East Ave. S., PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

For more information, contact Miss Barbara Swieczak 608-788-7700 ext. 2271,
bswieciak@diolc.org or Sr. M. Donna Krzmarzick, Director, Office for Consecrated Life: 608-
791-2690, dkrzmarzick@diolc.org.

During the Second Vatican Council Pope Paul VI requested
this ancient form of consecrated life
be brought back into the back into the life of the Church
for women living in the world.

The feast of the Visitation, 31 May 1970 the Decree
establishing the Rite in the Roman Pontifical was promulgated.

It begins with these beautiful words.

"The rite for the consecration of virgins

belongs to the treasures of Roman Liturgy.

Jesus Christ left holy virginity as a legacy to His bride (the
Church), one of His most precious gifts."



Holy Cross Diocesan Center 2nd Floor House of Formation

Schedule May 30 – June 1, 2025

Friday - arrive any time after noon

Saturday –

7:30 am Morning Prayer - 2nd floor, House of Formation chapel

8:00 am Morning Mass - 2nd floor House of Formation chapel

After Mass, breakfast & virtual connection/ introductions ~ dining room across the hall from chapel.

We will keep the connection open with our virtual friends during the breaks & meals to allow for discussions, questions, general visits.

9:00 am Dr. Serenella Del Cinque, presentation on Pope Paul VI and the Rite Consecration. *Serenella received the conservation on July 16, 2003. She is serving the Church and our vocation working in the offices for the Dicastery for Institutes for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. She has studied the works, writings and life of Cardinal Montini/Pope Paul VI and the importance of his role in bringing this consecration back into the life of the Church.*

Break

11:00 am Tools for Discernment ~ Homily from the Rite of Consecration

Lunch/Break/Personal Prayer/Reflection

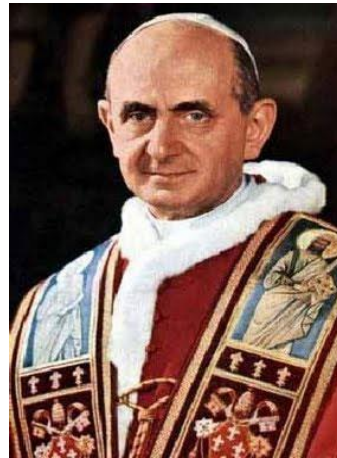
2:00 pm Discernment/Formation

Break/ personal prayer, dinner, Evening Prayer, closing

Sunday - 6:45am Mass, Morning Prayer, breakfast, departure



Cardinal Montini and Pope John XXIII



Pope Paul VI

During the Second Vatican Council it was Cardinal Montini, the Cardinal of Milan, who promoted the restoration of the Rite of Consecration of virgins for women living in the world. Once he became the pope he continued the reinstatement of this ancient form of consecrated life, promulgating it on 31 May 1970, the Feast of the Visitation.