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Site of Convocation 2013 is Richmond



Comfort Inn Conference Center on West Broad Street. Our morning masses will be held at the nearby Gentle Shepherd Church.

Father Tom Gallub, the assistant pastor of Gentle Shepherd, and Mother Sandy Olson, the General Assembly Representative to the Board of Governors, will serve as co-chairs of this year's program committee. The convocation theme is "Resurrection and Renewal."

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Comfort Inn at the rate of \$59 per night per room. You may reserve your room by contacting the Inn directly: 804 359-4061. Be sure to let them know you are attending the Ascension Alliance Convocation.

Registration for the convocation itself will be handled by the Central Office. Registration applications are going out with this announcement. The registration fee is \$65 per person, regardless of whether you stay at the Comfort Inn or not. This fee covers registration, two box lunches, program materials, and a modest amount to support the Alliance. Clergy, members, family, and friends are all welcome.

Mailing List Corrections

You have received this newsletter because we thought you might like to receive news from us. If you do not wish to be on our mailing list please send an e-mail with your name to:

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The Ascension Alliance is pleased to announce that Convocation 2013 will be hosted by the Gentle Shepherd Community in Richmond, VA, from Friday evening August 23rd through Monday morning, August 26th. Meetings, presentations, and workshops will be held at the hotel and conference center,

Seminary Offers New Degrees

Ascension Theological College, our seminary, is pleased to announce that it is offering two new degrees: the Master of Spirituality (MSp) and the Master of Theological Studies (MTS).

The school sought state review for these programs as a result of the closing of Sancta Sophia Seminary in Tahlequa, OK, an esoterically-oriented school. Anyone who is interested in personal enrichment or non-ordained ministry can pursue the MSp degree. The MTS degree is designed for those who wish to prepare for ordained non-sacramental ministry.

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New Priest Ordained for Gentle Shepherd



We are very pleased to announce that Father Don Knight, pictured right, was ordained to the Catholic apostolic priesthood by Bishop Tom David Siebert, center, on September 29, 2012 at Gentle Shepherd Church in Richmond, VA. Father Don will assist Bishop Siebert and Father Tom Gallub, pictured left. He also leads our weekly prayer list.

About the Ascension Alliance

One small branch of the Mystical Body

- A **"Free Catholic" and "Emerging" Church.** We are born of a free Catholic vision, in the tradition of a fledgling Independent Catholic movement, inspired by the intuitions of the Emerging Church, and following in the example of Jewish Renewal. We require rigorous preparation for ordained ministry but encourage maximum self-determination and a creative response to the needs of today's world. Our bishops and priests trace their apostolic succession as far back as that of even the most ancient of Catholic and Orthodox communions.
- **We are about fellowship, the spiritual path, and love.** Honoring the legacy of Archbishop Herman Adrian Spruit, we strive to be a fellowship of spiritual pilgrims. Without imposing dogma, we give ourselves and others the freedom and encouragement we need to live the truth and become ever more renewed and transformed. For us, Christ's ministry is the law of love and truth. Saint Augustine may have said it best, "Love and do as you will."

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