

## 2009 National Holy Name Convention

The Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies of Boston will be hosting the 39th Annual National Holy Name Convention. The convention will be held at the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA from Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 11, 2009. The link to the retreat center's website is <http://www.miramarretreat.org/>.

We are please to announce that the cost of this year's convention will be the most attractive in years. The registration fee will be **\$400** per person, double occupancy. The registration fee includes all convention materials; the convention tour on Saturday; 8 meals (Thursday evening; 3 meals on Friday and Saturday and Sunday morning breakfast) and lodging for three nights. The retreat center has 30 rooms (60 beds) and since over the past four years we have averaged between 54 - 58 attendees, the site is ideal to accommodate our convention needs. However, it is highly recommended that you make your reservations early to guarantee your lodging at the retreat center. For non-voting delegates or spouses, there would be an additional **\$25** fee if you wanted to participate in an optional tour on Friday.

There is a small possibility, if the number of attendees remains about the same as the past few years, that there may be about 2 or 3 single rooms available. These reservations would be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and the attendee would be notified 30 days prior to the convention that their reservation for a single was accepted. The registration fee for a single room would be **\$500**.

If you choose not to lodge at the retreat center, the registration fee would be **\$300**. Local hotel/motel rooms in the Duxbury / Plymouth area range from about \$120 to \$200 per night. The convention committee would be happy to help anyone locate the most affordable hotel/motel in the area. Otherwise, we suggest you check numerous Internet websites (Orbitz; Travelocity; AAA to name a few) who specialize in this area.

This year, more than in the past, we highly recommend making reservations early if you intend to lodge at the retreat center since the number of rooms are limited and we will begin to accept reservations 30 days prior to the start of the convention for requests for single rooms. Please send your reservations to:

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To summarize, the retreat center is located in the charming seaside town of Duxbury, MA, some 35 miles south of Boston. In our opinion, it is one the finest facilities in the Archdiocese of Boston. Please check out its website at <http://www.miramarretreat.org/> and hopefully you will agree. We will also take advantage of its location when planning our convention tours. In addition, weather in early October offers some the finest weather of the entire year in New England - cool dry days (60 - 70 F) and very comfortable sleeping weather (low 50's in the evening). Also, we will have a transportation committee available to pick you up from the local commuter rail train station and bring you directly to the retreat center. Getting from Logan Airport is very easy, you take the Silver Line Bus to South Station, walk upstairs and catch a commuter rail train to Duxbury. Estimated cost is about \$8.00, more detailed information will be sent out at a later date.

Finally, we plan to keep the same pricing for ads in the Convention Ad Book (\$150 full page; \$75 half page and \$50 for quarter page) as at the Minneapolis Convention in 2008. More information will be available shortly. See you in October.

AUHNS Boston Convention Committee