

Dear Members of the Diocese of the Central States,

Trinity Church in Mason, Ohio, welcomes you to greater Cincinnati for our annual synod (October 21-23, 2020). All business meetings and worship services will be held at Trinity Church. We have reserved a block of rooms at the [AC Hotel](#) (new Marriott chain) which is about 5 minutes away. Our special room rate for this hotel is \$139 per night. You must book by 09/20/2020 to get this rate. Please book now so we will know if additional rooms become necessary. You may book your room using the following link in order to receive the special group rate:

[Book your room at DCS Synod Group Rate](#)

You may also book by phone:

AC Hotel Cincinnati at Liberty Center
7505 Gibson Street
Liberty Township, Ohio 45069
513-759-6500
<https://www.marriott.com/cvgci>

These have been difficult days for our parishes in light of the COVID crisis, economic downturn and racial unrest which have afflicted our country. We are prayerful and hopeful that none of these issues will adversely affect our synod plans. Our synod committee will closely monitor how things are progressing and keep you updated as the time for our synod draws closer. We will carefully observe whatever precautionary practices may be in effect at the time.

Mason and the adjoining West Chester Township are prominent suburbs about 30 minutes north of downtown Cincinnati. The entire region offers many intriguing and enjoyable places to experience and explore. We are happy to provide suggestions; let us know if we can help.

Registration costs for the synod are \$65 per person. Our Thursday evening banquet will be at the popular and elegant [Jag's Steak & Seafood](#) just a few short minutes from the church building and hotel. Costs for the banquet will be \$75 per person. Total cost for the synod including the banquet is \$140 per person. All fees will be collected during check-in. We are not able to accept credit cards. Only cash or checks are acceptable. Checks must be made payable to Trinity REC.

Everyone attending the synod must register in advance. Please use the following web-form to register: [REGISTER NOW](#). Please have all registration information submitted by August 31, 2020. This is necessary for planning. Using the on-line form helps ensure the transmission of the necessary information and facilitates accurate name/ID tags. You may register up to two different individuals on a single form. If you need to register more than two people, please submit multiple forms.

If the above "REGISTER NOW" link does not work for you, please copy and paste the following URL into your web browser:

<https://rec-dcs.org/synod2020reg.html>

Anticipating our time together,

+Peter Manto
Bishop Ordinary

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Transportation:

Mason is easily accessible by car. Airports-Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International (CVG) or Dayton International (DAY). Both airports are about a one hour drive from the church.

Planning Schedule:

Wed. 10/21/20: Hotel check-in at AC hotel beginning at 2:00 PM. Registration and payment of fees will begin at 4:30 PM at the welcoming reception hosted by Bishops Manto and Sutton. Complimentary wine, beer, sodas and hors d'oeuvres will be available. The room for registration and reception will be announced later.

Thurs. 10/22/20: Late registration at Trinity Church beginning at 8 AM. 9 AM Opening Service of Holy Communion (Bishop Manto celebrant and homilist), morning business sessions, luncheon, afternoon guest speaker and clergy meeting with Bishop Sutton, followed by the banquet at Jag's Steak & Seafood at 6pm.

Fri. 10/23/20: Closing Eucharist at 9:30 AM (Bishop Sutton celebrant & homilist).