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Dear Pastor/Youth Advisor:

Christ is among us!

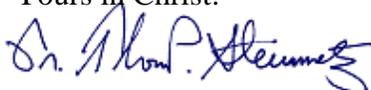
The annual N.A.M.Y. conference is coming up! The conference will begin on Sunday, June 25 and end on Thursday, June 29. at the Colombiere Retreat & Conference Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI. You can visit their website at www.colombiere.com. The cost of the conference is \$185 per person.

- **The deadline for registration is May 25, 2017. Please take the time to read this carefully, so that your paperwork is properly filled out and will be received in a timely manner. We have changes some of the forms this year to make them simpler and clearer. There is one new form, the “group cover sheet.” On one cover sheet per group needs to be filled out. Please also take note of the arrival and departure time parameters.**
- Youth participants must be at least 13 years old by December 31, 2016, under 19 years of age by June 29, 2017, and not yet started college. Please don't ask for exceptions.
- All advisors attending the conference must be over 25 years of age. In addition, a criminal records check must be completed on each advisor through the procedures established by our eparchy. If the eparchy does not have a criminal background check on file, please complete the provided form and **send to Fr. Theophan Leonarczyk**, 3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132, or fax it to 603-644-2371.
- Please remember that you should have an appropriate number of male and female advisors to provide adequate supervision for your own group. If you have male and female youths attending, your group should have male and female advisors.
- Make your flight arrangements to Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW), or if coming by train to Pontiac Station (PNT).
- Please send me an email at oloc.church@comcast.net with the information about when you are arriving, flight #, airline or train, and number of passengers. **Please send this information as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made to provide your transportation to and from the airport.**

- The theme chosen for this year's N.A.M.Y. conference is **Love Your #Selfie: Appreciating God's Masterpiece in the Mirror**. I am asking then that this theme be incorporated into this year's skits. The skit should be a reminder that all of us bear God's image (Genesis 1: 27), and that, no matter how we feel about ourselves, God has chosen us to be the likeness of His Son, so the He might be the first of many brothers (Romans 8: 29).
- I have attached a variety of forms, which will also be made available for downloading at the website for the eparchy (www.melkite.org). **Registration forms, permission forms, and conference rules must be filled out for each youth attending the conference.** Please make copies of the completed forms to bring with you while you travel. **Send me the original signed forms.**
- I have also attached the guidelines for N.A.M.Y. advisors, as established by the diocese. Please review them. Advisors are expected to be supervising their groups during talks, meals, and other functions.
- We have a pool this year-be sure to bring a bathing suit!.

God bless all of you for your dedication to our youth. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. See you all in Michigan!

Yours in Christ:



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