

Canonical Orthodox Western Rites Conference

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**The Fraternity of St Gregory the Great
Of The Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia**



Mt Alvernia Retreat Center
158 Delavergne Avenue,
Wappingers Falls, N. Y. 12590-0858

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1pm Tuesday October 4th

to

2pm Friday October 7th 2011

This Conference will be held at Mt Alvernia Retreat Center. It is located in the village of Wappinger Falls, New York, on 204 acres overlooking the Hudson Valley in Dutchess County. Each room has a private sink, commode, and shower.

The Franciscan Friars have been most generous with the cost...even to the point of NOT charging for children, and giving deep discounts to married clergy who come with their wives.

The Antiochian Western Rite Clergy will be invited to be with the ROCOR-WR clergy in this historic event which we pray will be the first of many. There will also be a gathering of Benedictines and possibly their Oblates at the same time.

Note, clergy families who bring their children are totally responsible for them and are expected to maintain the usual high standard of behavior. On the First Floor 6 bedrooms are adjoining (1&2) (3&4), (5&6) parents and children can take these bedrooms and leave the adjoining door open so the kids feel more secure and parents can look after them without coming into the hall.

The conference is open to clergy and laity.

Cost: Individual:	\$150
Couple:	\$225
Couple and 2 children:	\$225

All meals are included!

Directions by car: Mount Alvernia Retreat Center is located in the village of Wappinger Falls, off of Route 9D. It is approximately 60 miles north of New York City and approximately 10 miles south of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Major highways nearby include: Interstate 84, the New York Thruway, Route 9, and the Taconic Parkway. For exact directions, call the Mount Alvernia Office or consult the online map facility at maps.expedia.com.

Directions by train:

From Grand Central Station, on the Metro-North Hudson Line, the nearest train station is the New Hamburg Station. Call the Metro-North Railroad or check their web site, www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mnr for schedule, fare, and station information.

From Albany, New York, on Amtrak, the nearest train station is the Poughkeepsie Station. From Poughkeepsie, take a taxi cab. Call Amtrak or check their web site, www.amtrak.com for schedule, fare, and station information.

**Accommodations are on a first come, first served basis.
There are only 52 rooms available!**

What are the Purposes of the Fraternity?

We believe that the Western Rites, which were already a thousand years old when Russia was converted to Orthodoxy, are grace-filled celebrations of the Liturgy. They are apostolic in origin, equal in purpose to, though different in expression from the Eastern Liturgies.

We believe that the Orthodox West held four major rites (Roman, Gallican, Ambrosian, and Mozarabic) and each contained a similar essential structure. The Roman Rite has many local variants (which include those that now have taken shape in the Orthodox Western Rite!) The Fraternity of St Gregory respects the rich variety of current use and its members refrain from criticizing each other's Liturgies.

We believe that Orthodoxy is the answer to the continuing fragmentation of the Christian Communities of the West and their loss of the moral standards from the time of the apostles.

We believe that our mission is to continue to plant churches in the midst of every community to address the spiritual hunger and need of human beings, especially the unchurched.

Though it is not necessary to be in the Fraternity of St Gregory to be in the Western Rite of ROCOR, it is our hope that the mutual encouragement and fraternity offered to our members especially sustains us as we found and grow churches. Our weekly Nationwide Compline Conference Call keeps us in touch with each other and gives us an opportunity to pray together for one another's needs, our Bishops and the Church.

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