



**2016 Annual Educational Conference
National Conference of Veterans Affairs Catholic Chaplains
“Pastoral Care In Crisis Intervention”
October 24-28, 2016
University of Utah Guesthouse and Conference Center
Salt Lake City, Utah**

July 1, 2016

Dear NCVACC Members and VA Catholic Chaplain Brothers!

I am pleased to write to you regarding our 2016 NCVACC Annual Educational Conference. The theme for this year's conference is "Pastoral Care In Crisis Intervention." This is a 13 hour course, led by our own, Fr. Charles Barnes, from the VA Puget Sound Healthcare System.

Pastoral Crisis Intervention may be thought of as the combination of faith-based resources with traditional techniques of crisis intervention. Pastoral crisis intervention represents a powerful addition to traditional community and organizational psychological support resources. The purpose of this two-day course is to assist the participants in learning how pastoral interventions and traditional psychological crisis interventions may be effectively integrated. Course content is developed by the International Critical Incident Foundation (ICISF).

Participants receive a workbook and a certificate of completion plus 13 CEU's for course completion.

Our conference this year is to be held at the University of Utah Guesthouse and Conference Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference begins Monday October 24th with the Liturgy of the Eucharist at 4PM. **Please note: the training will begin Monday evening at 6 PM, which is a change from previous years.** The conference ends Thursday evening on October 28th. Please plan your travel days to be at the conference Center by Monday at 4PM for Eucharist and dinner at 5PM. We will have our Thursday banquet as usual, allowing travel home on Friday morning.

The University of Utah Guesthouse and Conference Center is located on the grounds of the University of Utah and is adjacent to the grounds of Fort Douglas. In addition to the guesthouse accommodations, the buildings of the once active fort provide a beautiful setting for the conference. The Guesthouse is a modern hotel with options for a private room, or for attendees to share a room. Please visit their website at www.universityguesthouse.com

Again, this year the VA requires a process of "pre-registration" for all external conferences, which includes the NCVACC conference, through the VA ACES website. Please consult with your local VA education people and supervisor regarding ACES.. The registration information will also be on our website: www.ncvacc.net. **Funding is tight in the VA, so please plan that your travel may not be funded. AMS requires attendance for continuation of your VA Endorsement, despite whether your station funds it or not. Please plan accordingly.**

Your registration form will be emailed to you directly. It is NOT in this packet.

Fraternally,

Reverend Father Martin Smith-Soucier
President NCVACC



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TRAVELER
(PLEASE FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES IN ORDER)

- A. Obtain verbal or email approval from your supervisor to “Pre-Register” on the ACES Website.**
- B. Consult with your education department for guidance using the ACES website.**
- C. Pre-Register on the ACES Website. This process takes about 5 minutes. Failure to Pre-Register may mean you are unable to attend the conference, and/or not be funded.**
- D. If you encounter difficulties with, or have questions regarding the ACES “Pre-Registration Procedures” contact Fr. Joseph Westfall, 914-737-4400, ext. 3732, who will help walk you through the procedure.**
- E. Mail in your completed Conference Registration Form, along with payment by check, or contact Joseph Westfall to process a credit card for payment. (Registration form and payment for Tuition and Meals must be received by September 26, 2016.)**
- F. You will need to contact the University of Utah Guesthouse directly in order to reserve your room. Individuals should call 1-888-416-4075 by 12:00am Friday, September 23, 2016 to make reservations via phone. Individuals need to mention the group name NCVACC Annual Conference 2016.**
- G. If you have not yet paid your membership dues by AUGUST 1, 2016 the Non-Member rate for tuition and meals will apply.**
- H. You need to pay for your tuition directly to NCVACC, if your station pays by credit card at a later date, you will be refunded your tuition charge at the conference gathering.**
- I. Further information regarding transportation will be emailed out shortly. Salt Lake City is a hub for Delta Airlines, and many other major airlines fly into Salt Lake City. Light rail transportation to the hotel venue from the airport is very inexpensive and convenient.**
- J. Contact me at ncvacc.conference@gmail.com with questions.**



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Conference Education Schedule

Monday, October 24 (2 Hour of CEUs)

11:00 AM Registration Begins
6:00 PM Welcoming and Introduction of Speaker
6:15 PM Pastoral Crisis Intervention
-Father Charles T. Barnes SJ.
8:15 PM Conference ends for the day.

Tuesday, October 25 (8 Hours of CEUs)

8:30 AM Greetings by:
Mr. Steve Young, Director VA Salt Lake City HCS
9:00 AM Father Barnes Continues with:
“Nature of Human Crisis”
10:00 AM Break
10:15 AM “Nature of Crisis Intervention”
12:15 AM Lunch
1:00 PM “Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)”
2:30 PM Break
2:45 PM “Signs and Symptoms of the Crisis State”
3:45 PM Break
4:00 PM CISM & Signs & Symptoms of Crisis State (Cont.)
5:15 PM Conference ends for the day.

Wednesday, October 26 (4 Hours of CEUs)

8:30 AM “Strategic SAFER-PCI Model”
9:00 AM “The Crisis of Faith”
10:30 AM Break
10:45 AM “Criteria for Psychological Triage”
12:45 PM Lunch. Conference ends for the day.

Thursday, October 27 (2 Hours of CEUs)

9:00 AM VA and AMS Updates and Education:
Items of Interest to VA Catholic Chaplains in the field
-Archbishop Timothy Broglio
-Bishop Richard Higgins
-Others of Interest
12:00 PM Lunch (Officers Club)
1:00 PM NCVACC Membership meeting and elections
4:00 PM Conference Ends.

Friday, October 28

8:00 AM Departure (Travel Day)