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Upcoming Conferences

2010: Toronto
2011: Boise, ID
2012: Arlington VA

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Dear IT /Administrative Colleague,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I invite you to become a member of D.I.S.C., Diocesan Information Systems Conference. DISC membership is comprised of IT and Administrative professionals who are responsible for the purchasing, decision making and utilization of technical software and hardware for their Diocese and/or Catholic organization. Membership with DISC provides an arch/diocese community of IT professionals who share ideas, collaborate on projects and find solutions to challenges that are common in the ministry of technology in the Catholic Church.

Each year a Diocese within North America hosts a conference for our current members and potential diocesan and Catholic affiliated staff. The purpose is to bring Management/Technical/Administrative personnel together for the sharing of ideas and to learn about the latest technology tools and trends that can advance the ministry of the Church. The Board of Directors is confident that you will enjoy a well organized conference that will provide valuable information and resources to bring back to your Diocesan offices. DISC 2010 will be hosted in Toronto! (Don't forget your passport.) Much planning and effort goes into the preparing of a conference. We look forward to see you in Toronto!

Our conference continues to provide quality speakers, professional learning environment and excellent conference venues at cost effective rates whenever possible. This year we look forward to speakers from across the country as well as from our own dioceses. To help present and discuss the hot topics in technology today, we will bring in many national companies such as Microsoft, Cisco and Fig Leaf just to name a few. We will also include a few prestigious members of the clergy as spotlight presenters as well. Kicking off our conference, our keynote speaker will be the very energetic Bishop Frank Caggiano from the Diocese of Brooklyn. Bishop Caggiano is back by very popular demand.

Membership with DISC provides you with many benefits and support. Our networking is an invaluable resource! We always provide crucial networking opportunities at each conference. Please join us and help the church accomplish its mission through the field of Information Technology.

Sincerely yours,

Eva L. Casale
D.I.S.C. President



DISC

Diocesan Information Systems Conference

invites you to become a member
or to renew your membership

Who should join DISC?

- Chief Information/Technology Officers
- Chief Financial Officers
- IT/MIS directors
- Network Administrators
- Information Systems Security Managers
- Telecommunications Managers
- Help Desk and Support Specialists
- Web Designers and Web Masters
- Anyone interested in enhancing their management and technology skills

DISC is recognized as a national organization by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

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What DISC attendees have to say...

"DISC provides me and the diocese of Lincoln support in growing and developing the use of technology to support our work to spread the gospel of Jesus."

Fr. Rooney, Diocese of Lincoln, NE

"The ability to network with attendees is of great value. All topics presented were informative. The information in some of the sessions is invaluable. This was worth the time away from the office."

- Lorna Gawlinski - Archdiocese of Edmonton

"As a first-time attendee, I cannot recommend this experience enough to my future conferees."

- Richard Young, Diocese of Biloxi, MS

"This conference has been my main source of IT information and education each year. It is an incredible source of information, knowledge and experience sharing. Thank you DISC!"

- Roni Argetsinger, Diocese of Des Moines, IA

"It's great to meet other people with similar challenges. I found many of my issues had already been solved in other dioceses."

- Kevin Littrel, Diocese of Baton Rouge, LA

"DISC is valuable networking tool for any IT staff member of a diocese."

- Ronda Stevens, Diocese of St. Augustine, FL

"One of the best overall user group/conferences attended after 25 years of IT!"

- Steve Prickett, Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM

**Please fill out and return with payment by
March 3, 2010**

The membership fee is \$150 per year, per arch/diocese and is for the 2010 calendar year, from January - December 2010. Enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$150 USD payable to Diocesan Information Systems Conference (D.I.S.C.) and mail to:

Mr. Arturo de los Santos, Archdiocese of San Antonio,
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The Value of DISC

Membership in the Diocesan Information Systems Conference (DISC) is open to all Catholic arch/dioceses and related entities, for \$150 per year, per arch/diocese or entity.

Your membership fee enables DISC to provide the following opportunities:

The annual conference, which gives members the opportunity to network with other members, learn of issues directly impacting diocesan technology, and hear from noted national speakers on timely issues.

A community of IT and administrative professionals of arch/dioceses around the globe, with whom ideas can be shared and built upon.

The opportunity to promote **professional and spiritual growth** through applications of technology in the ministry of the church.

The Quickr website, where DISC members share ideas, solve problems, and keep in contact with their Diocesan IT peers.

Discounts on hardware and software purchases from national resellers.

An outlet for selling, trading, or giving away equipment to other members.

A searchable directory of technology hardware, software, and solutions used by other members, which can be used as a resource for product reviews and troubleshooting.

A DISC newsletter informing all arch/dioceses in North America of events in the organization and the latest news in the field of technology.

The Mission Grant program, open to members in good standing, provides small grants for various initiatives nationally and internationally.

Access to industry vendors at the annual conference.

Upcoming Conferences

2010
Toronto, Ontario
Get your passports ready!

2011
Boise, Idaho

Episcopal Moderator
Bishop Richard E. Pates
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DISC serves the Catholic Church through leadership in technology. Our Catholic identity illuminates our efforts.

Our mission is to promote the integration of technology in the work of the Church. We do this by:

- Building a community that facilitates the open exchange of ideas and information
- Communicating with church leaders at all levels about the trends, benefits, risks, and challenges of technology
- Building relationships with other organizations that enhance the value of technology to those we serve