

CHARISMATIC OLD
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Special Synod Edition

Louisville 2022 Synod October 6 and 7

Its been years in the making and Yes finally we have arrived at this august,
OK OCTOBER moment.

We are proud to announce that our first post-covid Synod is on the calendar!

The Synod will be held at the Eastern Cathedral Church
AGAPE of JESUS Cathedral Church near Louisville Kentucky.

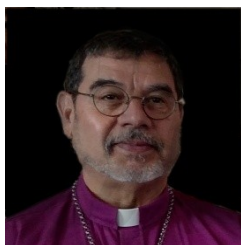


Street address for
Agape of Jesus Cathedral
10609 Watterson Trail
Jeffersontown, Kentucky
40299

Getting to Know You!

ARCHBISHOP ROBERT

ORTEGA is a Founding member of the COCC. Bishop Robert is the Pastor of a thriving COCC brick and mortar church, "Holy Spirit of Hope" in El Paso Texas.



Archbishop Dr. Robert Ortega,
BSCE, MSCE, DDiv.

**Celebrating our
common callings to
minister in Jesus
Christ**

The 2022 post coronavirus Synod and Clergy retreat will be held at Agape of Jesus, 10609 Watterson Trail, Louisville, KY on Oct 6 and 7 with a theme of "Getting to know you."

The Charismatic Old Catholic Church was formed at a meeting in El Paso, TX in February of 2019. Both Archbishops +Robert & +Maurice were recovering from recent deaths of very close loved ones. But the power of the Holy Spirit ignited them plus all in attendance to form the COCC. Immediate business activities started that culminated in founding a seminary, establishment of canons, and developing a website. This was reminiscent of the first Pentecost success of 3000 added to the church after the Holy Spirit's unleashing of the 120 believers in Jesus.

In 2019 and 2020 a worldwide pandemic stopped many church services and prevented our meeting.

An abbreviated meeting was held in 2021, but this year +Archbishop Maurice was moved by the Holy Spirit to strongly encourage all 80+ members to attend a synod in his church in Louisville. We pray that everyone accepts the invitation because, as +Maurice laments, "there are bishops that don't know each other, priest and deacons that have never met."

His agenda includes:

- Getting to know you- Personal unfoldment
- Sharing best practices in

our ministries

- How to start a church
- Questions and answer session about the COCC
- Individual concerns
- Presentations of the clergy (a call for presentations will be made a head of the synod.

Let's stand in solidarity to strengthen the Holy Spirit inspired COCC to its Vision of "Jesus came to reinstitute the Kingdom of God on earth, lost by Adam's error." And our Mission, "To proclaim the Gospel of the kingdom throughout the world."

Abp Robert
Come Holy Spirit, come!

Getting to Know all about You!



ARCHBISHOP MAURICE

MCCORMICK is a Founding member of the Independent Old Catholic Movement in America and the Charismatic Old Catholic Church. Archbishop Maurice is Pastor of Agape of Jesus Catholic Church and Chancellor of Seminaries for the COCC.



Archbishop Dr. Maurice McCormick, Ed.D, LPCC, LMHC

Note from Abp Maurice

I am excited and looking forward to the Oct 6&7 Synod and Clergy retreat Being with old friends and meeting new friends. The agenda of Presentations by clergy is coming along. If you are passionate about some teaching or biblical instruction or ministry, please consider presenting at the synod.

++Maurice

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Putting out the call for 8 Synod Presenters

Synods are a unique time when we all get a chance to put faces to names, ask some hard questions.

Share our trials and laugh at our mistakes.

We are looking for 8 presentations for this synod. While you may select any subject that you feel needs to be brought forward the Theme is

“Getting to know you.”

It is expected that most presentations will be on one of your ministries that you would like to showcase and/or promote.

It may be something the Spirit has put on your heart.

Presenters are blocked out for 40 minutes as a standard. It is your time you may use it as you see fit.

You may choose to present for a full 40 minutes or you may choose to do a short presentation and have a Q&A or debate.

If you desire to present, please email the moderator : Abp Maurice with

Your title and the subject of your presentation so that he may place your talk in a sequence that is logical.



8 CEU will be awarded
Via Agape Seminary or St Thomas Seminary to each presenter.

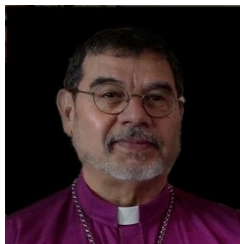


PRESENTERS GAIN THE RESPECT OF THEIR PIERS AND ARE CRITICAL TO BOTH SHAPING AND PROMOTING A HIGHER CONSCIENCE WITHIN THE CHURCH

DOCTRINE AND DOGMA TAKE ON CLARITY WHEN PRESENTERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES

PLEASE CONTACT ARCHBISHOP MAURICE MCCORMICK VIA EMAIL AT MAURICEJOANN@ATT.NET

The Red Sash aka Fascia



Archbishop Dr. Robert Ortega,
BSCE,, MSCE, DDiv.

The Pope wears the broad white sash, aka fascia, as a sign of spiritual symbolism. Also, the fascia retains the same symbolism as the cincture (a simple rope) that is worn by priests over their alb (white garment) when celebrating Mass. Tradition has the sash also representing virtuous celibacy!

The Catholic Charismatic Church chose to use the red (charismatic) sash for all clergy. My roots are the CCC so I adopted that form.

++Robert



THE PURPOSE OF THE SASH IS "FOR GLORY AND FOR BEAUTY" ACCORDING TO EX 28:41. THE DAY OF ATONEMENT REQUIRED THE HIGH PRIEST TO WEAR SPECIAL LINEN GARMENTS, INCLUDING A SASH OF FINE LINEN WITHOUT ANY EMBROIDERY ACCORDING TO LEV 16:4.

RAQ's The Red Sash aka Fascia

Rarely asked questions.... FROM THE EDITOR



DO I HAVE TO WEAR THE RED SASH? IS IT MANDATORY?

ANS: NO IT IS VOLUNTARY

WHEN DO I WEAR IT?

ANS: WHENEVER YOU WOULD WEAR THE WHITE ROPE/GIRDLE

WHO CAN WEAR IT?

ANS: DEACON, PRIEST, BISHOP

CAN I CONTINUE TO WEAR MY WHITE ROPE/GIRDLE?

ANS: YES

I PREFER THE ROPE, MAY I WEAR A RED ROPE GIRDLE?

ANS: YES

WHERE CAN I PURCHASE THE RED SASH? HOW MUCH DO THEY COST

ANS: MOST ONLINE CLERGY SHOPS... I BOUGHT A DECENT ONE OFF EBAY FOR \$25

WHAT SIZE DO I NEED?

ANS: WILL BE LARGER THAN YOUR BELT SIZE. IT IS WORN UP ON THE RIBS ABOVE THE STOMACH

FYI MINE CAME IN A LITTLE SMALL SO I HAD MY LOCAL SEAMSTRESS ADD 2 EXTRA STRIPS OF RED VELCO TO MAKE IT MORE ADJUSTABLE... (OK BIGGER! IT WAS RIGHT AFTER A CRUISE...)



COCC Synod 2022 Specifics and Schedule Oct 6 & 7

The dates of the synod are Oct 6 and Oct 7

On Jul 20, 2022, at 2:00 PM,
Maurice McCormick
<mauricejoann@att.net>

2022 Synod and Clergy Retreat
OCT 6 and OCT 7

Open to all clergy, spouses and friends

Agape of Jesus Church (COCC)
10609 Watterson Trail (off Taylorsville Rd)
Jeffersontown, KY 40299 (Louisville)

Host Archbishop MAURICE McCORMICK
(502) 419-5605 MauriceJoAnn@att.net

There lots of other hotels in the area. The Following were chosen to help car pool with other clergy staying in these hotels.

Hotels/Motels 2-3 miles from Church.

Cheap Motels- \$65 range

Red Carpet Inn,
1640 South Hurstbourne Pky
(502) 491-7320
Red Roof Inn, 9330 Blairwood Rd
(502) 426-7621

Nicer Hotels especially if spouse is attending - \$120 range

Hampton Inn, 1451 Alliant Ave.
(502) 809-9901
Courtyard Marriott Louisville East,
9608 Blairwood (502) 429-0006

Pet Friendly \$120ish

The Staybridge 11711 Gateworth Way
(502)244-9511



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY OCT 6

8:30 - 9am. Coffee-Juice-
9-10 am - Mass, Prayer (Music)
10:10 am - 11:30 am +McCORMICK
- Getting to Know you
11:40 am 12:20 pm - Presentation #2

12:30 - 1:50 - Lunch

2 -3pm - House of Bishops meeting
2-3pm - Presentation #3 or view Video
3: 40 - 4:20 pm - Presentation #4
4:30 - 5:20 pm Graduation Ceremony,
Awards, recognition

5:30 - 6:50 pm Dinner

7:10 - Mass of consecration, Ordination
(Music)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY OCT 7

8:30 -9 am Coffee, Juice
9:10 -10:am Morning Mass
(music)
10:10- 11 am presentation #5
11:10 - 12 presentation #6

12:10- 1:30 lunch

1:40 - 2:30 pm presentation #7
2:40 - 3:45 pm Presentation #8
4 - 5 pm. Closing session-“Tying up loose
ends, loosing up tight ends”(music)

Question & Answers, closing prayer





**AFFILIATED
CHURCH DIRECTORY**

IF YOU'RE IN TOWN ON A SUNDAY
PLAN TO COME JOIN US!

CATHOLIC

AGAPE OF JESUS CATHOLIC
CHURCH, Jeffersontown KY

HOLY SPIRIT OF HOPE
CHARISMATIC OLD CATHOLIC
CHURCH, El Paso TX
(Ground and Zoom Services)

ST MICHAEL'S INDEPENDENT OLD
CATHOLIC CHURCH, Loganville GA

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INDEPENDENT

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
Warren OH

**INLIT FELLOWSHIP, Titusville FL

ONLINE SEMINARY

AGAPE SEMINARY LOUISVILLE

ST THOMAS OLD CATHOLIC
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**House Church

Contact editor to list your weekly celebration and to welcome our
brothers and sisters to join your local Worship!

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