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My Dear Brother Priests,

The 12th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference will take place at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol on Saturday, October 19, 2019, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with a 4:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass. This is a joint effort of the three Latin dioceses of Connecticut and the Eparchy of Stamford.

The title of this year's Conference calls the men of Connecticut to "Forge Your Path to Holiness," reminding us of the universal call to be saints. For over a decade, the Conference has challenged men to heed this call, bringing them together for a prayerful time of fraternity and inspiring them to live out their Catholic Faith boldly with their families, in the workplace, and in the local community.

Our role as spiritual fathers is vital in encouraging participation in an event like this, and the importance of the clergy in facilitating a strong turnout from men in our parishes and elsewhere cannot be underestimated. Often, men who could benefit most from the Conference are the most hesitant, especially if they feel they would be alone or out of place during the activities. Nothing can be further from the truth, and that message can most effectively be shared on the local level by a leader they know and trust.

The Conference seeks to build up Christian camaraderie among the men who attend so that they can become more faithful fathers, husbands, brothers, sons, and disciples. This is accomplished through presentations and seminars, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for Eucharistic Adoration, and a closing celebration of the Eucharist with clergy from throughout Connecticut to which you are most welcome.

The Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference has been proudly sharing the Good News since 2008 and I would appreciate your help in encouraging participation for 2019. Please arrange to have the poster (sent to you previously under separate cover) placed prominently in your church or other ministerial locations. Additional posters and more information can be obtained at ctcatholicmen.org.

As always, there is need of confessors throughout the Conference. If you are available and are willing to assist, please contact Father Matthew Gworek by phone (860-541-6491) or by email at fr.gworek@aohct.org.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford