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My Dear Brother Priests,

While many events in recent months have been cancelled due to the pandemic, I am happy to report that the 13th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference will still be held in a revised format.

The Conference this year will take place at Holy Land USA in Waterbury on Saturday, September 19, 2020. This outdoor space will allow the Conference to occur with ample space for observing the rules and requirements in Connecticut for outdoor gatherings. While a modified schedule for the day is still being prepared and will continue to be adapted as necessary in keeping with health and safety needs, the plan is for the event to include the celebration of Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Confession, and a number of speakers.

This Conference, a joint effort of the three Latin dioceses of Connecticut and the Eparchy of Stamford, has consistently brought together men for a prayerful time of fraternity and spiritual encouragement. This year's theme of "Saint Joseph: Our Patron" hopes to boldly inspire those present to emulate the faith and devotion of Saint Joseph with their families, in the workplace, and throughout the surrounding community.

Inviting men to attend this year's Conference calls for extra prudence and care. I ask your help as spiritual leaders in your communities to encourage those who feel comfortable and who can safely attend to participate in this year's event. Please share the materials that you will be receiving with your parish communities. Additional posters and more information can be obtained at ctcatholicmen.org.

There is also need for confessors again this year throughout the day, for the sacrament to be celebrated in a safe way. If you are available and are willing to assist in providing this sacrament to those in attendance, please contact Father Matthew Gworek by phone (860-541-6491) or by email at fr.gworek@aohct.org.

I am grateful to the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference for working to find a way to continue its service to the men of Connecticut even in the midst of this year's unprecedented challenges. And I thank you in advance for your assistance and your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford