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2021 Sponsor Package

82ND ANNUAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE – A VIRTUAL EVENT

July 22-24, 2021

TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE | TEKCONF.ORG

Overview

The Tekakwitha Conference is a Catholic apostolate that, since 1939, has been an advocate for stronger relations between communities of indigenous people and the Catholic Church. What began as an annual gathering of missionary priests serving on reservations and related settings has evolved into an annual conference attended by bishops, priests, men and women religious, and lay people alike. Attendees include those in active ministry in Native American, First Nations, and Alaskan Native settings to those who simply have a devotion to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk, or any number of holy, indigenous men and women. Rooted in its Roman Catholic identity and dedicated to making room for the many cultural expressions of America's first peoples, the Tekakwitha Conference aims to be the voice of those who are both Native & Catholic. In addition to this dynamic annual event, this organization has published or curated numerous formational resources and offers continuing support for the many evangelization efforts to the benefit of Native American communities.

What Your Partnership Makes Possible

2020 was a year we will not soon forget. The onset of the global pandemic meant the cancellation of our annual in-person conference in the interest of the safety and wellbeing of our attendees. Another reality we, like so many, had to confront was that if we were to survive in this post-pandemic world we needed to adapt.

As the world continues to recover from what has been so devastating, we committed ourselves to pivoting our planned 2021 conference from in-person to a fully virtual format. What has become commonplace for many organizations, hosting a virtual event is a completely new endeavor for the Tekakwitha Conference. Through your financial partnership, you allow us to:

- Finance the buildout of our virtual attendee hub, the online platform which will provide a seamless and easy-to-navigate website for our prospective attendees.
- Keep registration costs affordable for many attendees who have been adversely affected, economically and otherwise, due to the shutdowns of the last year.
- Provide a virtual environment for conference goers to gather, grow, and learn about key topics and issues pertinent to the Native American experience in general, and within the Catholic Church.
- Support the ongoing efforts of our national office and our team of volunteers who are working tirelessly to make this year's virtual conference a success.

An authentically Catholic Organization

The Tekakwitha Conference is a Catholic 501 (c)(3) organization listed in the P.J. Kennedy & Sons Official Catholic Directory. Our national office is located within the Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana, and our Episcopal Moderator, who serves as our liaison with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is the Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of the Diocese Houma-Thibodaux, also in Louisiana. To learn more, please visit tekconf.org.

Become a Sponsor

Still today, Native American and Alaskan Native communities remain among the most underserved populations within the Catholic Church. For so many, our annual conference is an invaluable resource for their ongoing work in parishes and dioceses that support these communities. Your sponsorship serves as a public gesture of your solidarity with this organization and its vital mission.

Levels of Sponsorship

“Saint Kateri”/Patroness Level – \$10,000 *(One Opportunity Available)*

Opportunities

Our Patroness Level Sponsor will be acknowledged as the co-presenting organization for this virtual event.

Benefits

- A 5-7 minute presentation at our opening session (live or pre-recorded).
- A full-width banner link in our “Sponsors” section on the home page of the virtual attendee hub
- A half-page ad* in our downloadable PDF conference program booklet

“Eagle”/Advocate Level – \$1,000 *(Eight Opportunities Available)*

Opportunities

- Sponsor a Keynote Presentation *(Three Opportunities)*
- Sponsor a Daily Liturgy *(Three Opportunities)*
- Sponsor a Sunrise Prayer Service *(Two Opportunities)*

Benefits

- A quarter-width banner link in our “Sponsors” section on the home page of the virtual attendee hub
- A one-eighth-page ad* in our downloadable PDF conference program booklet

“Lily”/Supporter Level – \$250 *(Unlimited Opportunities)*

Benefits

- A secure, clickable URL link in our “Sponsors” section on the home page of the virtual attendee hub
- A listing acknowledgement in our downloadable PDF conference program booklet

****Ad must be approved by Tekakwitha Conference personnel***

Sponsorship Commitment Forms are due by June 18th to realize the full scope of benefits associated with your contribution.

Organization Name _____

Organization Contact _____ Title _____

Mailing Address _____
P.O. BOX or STREET _____ SUITE/UNIT _____

CITY, STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Organizational Web Address _____

Email _____ Primary Phone _____
Fax _____

Secondary Contact _____ Title _____

Email _____ Primary Phone _____
Fax _____

Please indicate your desired level of sponsorship.

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- Listing in the virtual attendee hub & in the downloadable PDF program booklet as a supporting sponsor.

NOTICE: This form serves as declaration of intent to become a sponsor of 82nd Annual Tekakwitha Conference. It is understood that acceptance of commitments for sponsorship are not final until receipt of written confirmation and an invoice from the TCNC staff. Pending the acceptance of our Sponsorship Commitment Form, I hereby agree to abide by the Sponsor Guidelines and fulfill the terms of our commitment therein.

Signature _____

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Criteria for Sponsorship:

- Sponsors, whether commercial or non-profit, offer services or products compatible with the mission of the Tekakwitha Conference and the teaching of the Catholic Church.
- Only organizations or corporations may be sponsors, not individuals.
- The Tekakwitha Conference reserves the right to limit the total number of sponsors and must approve sponsors in writing.
- Sponsor's acceptance of all terms and conditions will be indicated by the signing and submission of the Sponsorship Commitment Form.
- Sponsors must submit financial contributions in full no later than June 18, 2021. This amount is non-refundable, unless extenuating circumstances result in the cancellation of this virtual event.

Terms and Conditions:

- Sponsor links (banner or URL) must link to the organization or corporation's official website. Third-party or promotional links will not be considered.
- Banner links for upper & mid-tier sponsors will include the organization's or corporation's logo, only, unless a custom banner image is submitted by the sponsor ahead of the June 18, 2021 deadline.
- Sponsorship of the 82nd Annual Tekakwitha Conference – virtual event does not include registration for this event or any related programs. Sponsors are welcome to register separately to participate in the 82nd Annual Tekakwitha Conference – virtual event.
- Additional terms and conditions may be specified by TCNC staff.

Deadline

To guarantee maximum visibility for all of our sponsor-partners, all commitment forms, remittances of payment, logos or related artwork, and all other requested information must be submitted to the Tekakwitha Conference National Center (*TCNC*) no later than **Friday, June 18, 2021**.

Submit all required materials, information, and remittances to:

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