



Unity in Charity

where NURSING, MINISTRY and CATHOLIC MISSION meet

## 2020 National Conference

### Rediscovering our Roots: Spirituality as a Foundation of Nursing Practice

*June 16-18, 2020, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville, Alabama*

#### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR PODIUM AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

NACN-USA seeks applicants for podium and poster presentations relating to Spirituality in Nursing Practice. As Catholic nurses, we respond to Pope Pius XI 1935 call at the International Catholic Nurses World Congress in Rome in which the Holy Father called nurses to struggle against "*paganism and materialism which insinuated themselves everywhere in order to cast out Christ*" and be "*first and foremost, and at any cost, full of the spirit of spirituality, of Christianity, of the Christian supernatural.*" His Holiness stated, "*The treasure which your assistance must bring to the infirm is precisely that of spirituality, of the supernatural.*" He secondarily stressed the need to "*bring material, bodily comfort...*" and concluded with the need "*to be outstanding nurses, technically speaking, you will have to continue improving on what you do, and keep abreast of all that you ought to know.:*

**The Mission** of this Conference is to draw together Catholic Nurses from all across the country in the commonality of love for Christ at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament where Christ is continually adored by the Poor Clare of Perpetual Adoration founded by Mother Mary Angelica of EWTN. Faithful to the magisterium, we intend to inspire nurses to see Christ in their patients, and serve God through their position as Nurses, while remaining true to the teachings of our Catholic Church. Attendees will be invited to draw closer to the Lord, join a community of nurses facing similar challenges in healthcare, and learn about integrating spirituality into their care for patients. Bedside nurses, nurse educators, managers, supervisors, directors, advanced practice nurses, and other healthcare workers are invited. This conference has elements of a retreat to renew and objective data and studies for increased learning. We welcome professional nurses of all denominations to join us.

#### **Vision:**

Following this Conference, the hope is that those in attendance will return home with a renewed sense of their identity in Christ and a zeal to invigorate their communities by establishing local councils and encouraging membership in their regions. It is our intent that they become strengthened in their efforts as advocates for the dignity of the human person. This conference is also an opportunity for local councils and their members to communicate to the Board of Directors updates and challenges within the local setting.

## Conference Pillars

### Joy (J)

- Joy in the Catholic identity
- We are Catholic first
- Why our Faith is important and how it impacts our practice
  - Spirituality in daily lives and practice (board members)

### Spiritual Tools (T)

- Helps the Catholic/Christian nurse functions in practice
- Daily spiritual life
- Sacraments
- Identifying spiritual warfare and learning how to respond

### Healthcare and Ethics (H)

- Ethics and Bioethics
- Current and Future Challenges to Catholic and Christian Nurses
- How to practice as a nurse and maintain Catholic/Christian values
- Controversial Practices

## Guidelines for Abstract Submission

**Administration / Practice / Education / Research** (include the following as applicable): Nursing or Healthcare Topic influencing nursing. Title of Project/Presentation; Rationale; Problem Addressed; Setting; Target Population; Intervention; Outcome, Budget. (For research project in addition include as applicable: Conceptual Framework, Methods, Subjects, Instruments, Data Analysis and Results).

With each abstract, on a separate page from text, submit:

- 1) author(s) name
- 2) credentials
- 3) telephone number and
- 4) email contact

This information is needed for Conference Committee contact, listing in the conference program packet, if selected, and contact hour application documents. The presented text must be 250 words or less and address one or more of the desired conference outcomes. Presentation time is 45 minutes for each podium session to include 10-15 minutes for questions and answer time. Posters are displayed on a table top sharing half of a 2.5' x 8' table.

Submit Abstracts information for review by March 25, 2020, *Feast of the Annunciation*, to:

Dr. Jennifer Hitt at: [JHitt@cbu.edu](mailto:JHitt@cbu.edu) and [CatholicNurses@nacn-usa.org](mailto:CatholicNurses@nacn-usa.org)

\*\*\*Completion of the Faculty Biographical Data and Conflict of Interest Form is requirement to initiate an abstract review of a presented document and to apply for approval of education conference contact hours. COI form at <https://NACN-USA.ORG/Conference>