

The Council of Advice met via ZOOM video call on 4 & 5 February 2021.

Agenda topics and discussions included:

- ♦ Parish and mission congregation reports from liaisons, particularly noting their hopes and fears for 2021 and progress made in implementing the Convention resolutions.
- ♦ **Review of Finances** and expenditures YTD.
- Upcoming Lenten Program that will be a part of the Convocation-wide Year of Discernment.
- ♦ **Convention 2021 Planning**. The program will take place 21 to 23 October, and the preference is that it will be hosted in Nice but hybrid. The local planning committee is reviewing all logistical aspects but a final decision will not be taken for a number of months given the pandemic.
- ♦ **Youth Coordinator** position will be posted shortly on the Convocation website for candidates to apply. The position is structured as a consultancy.
- ♦ Archival of the Convocation's digital library. A policy drafted by the Communications Committee was reviewed and approved that provides a process for storage of digital documents, images, videos and audio files.
- ♦ An update of the **Whalon Fund for the Creative Arts Committee Charter** now permitting grant applications (up to €500 per project) to be submitted at any time.

Further, The Council of Advice expressed it thanks to all clergy and lay leadership for their resiliency and creativity during this pandemic period.

The Council of Advice will next convene virtually for its quarterly meeting in June 2021.

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