

Your Council of Advice met in Geneva on January 24 to 26, covering items including the Convocation budget, parish and mission congregation reports from liaisons, emergency grant requests, audit procedures, safeguarding policy, and a discussion regarding our current postulants. The Council is a canonical committee that advises the Bishop in Charge in carrying out his responsibilities in the Convocation.

Given that our annual convocation convention will take place in Geneva in October 2019, we also met with members of the organizing committee from Emmanuel Church and conducted a site visit at the proposed venue for the convention.



*Council members and Geneva parishioners at the site inspection for this year's Convention, Oct. 24-27 at Chateau de Bossey, Switzerland.*

We also spent a good deal of time discussing the upcoming consecration of Bishop-Elect Mark Edington, and how to ensure that all parishes and missions in the Convocation will be represented at the various events. Just a reminder that the consecration ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at The American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris. A party the night before will say goodbye to Bishop Pierre Whalon and hello to Bishop-Elect Mark.

Our gathering in Geneva was also Bishop Pierre's final meeting with the Council of Advice. (During his tenure as our Bishop he's participated in 50+ such meetings!) The Council of Advice is beyond thankful for the Bishop Pierre's foresight in creating the infrastructure of the Convocation as we know it today. His efforts involved continuous attention to tedious legal and administrative matters that have resulted in a very solid foundation for the convocation's future. It goes without saying that Bishop Pierre will be missed greatly!

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