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Greetings Men of God!

It is my privilege to reach out to men all over Connecticut to share the great news of the 12th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference. We're happy that you've expressed an interest in helping with this amazing event for Catholic brothers.

A parish captain is an active man in the Catholic Church. His mission is to invite the men of his parish to share in opportunities to grow more deeply in their faith. The 2019 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference is a unique event, run by laymen just like you. Conferences like these are happening all over this country. The oldest (19 years) takes place in Worcester, MA, but we are not far behind in Connecticut. Our mission is simple: provide a venue for Catholic men to hear incredible speakers, share their faith with other like-minded men, attend the sacrament of Confession, and experience dynamic worship with uplifting music at our 4:00 PM Vigil Mass.

Those who have attended these conferences will tell you how inspired and empowered they become spending time with other Catholic men, hearing inspirational messages from our speakers and sharing eye-opening encounters with Christ. The Archbishop of Hartford always reminds us how this event takes place shortly before Advent. It is certainly a spiritual booster shot! We have many men's groups who attend this event, including the Knights of Columbus and others. Invite any young adult or men's group to do a field trip together this year to attend the conference.

What can you do to help? Speak with the active men of your parish and invite them to attend. Share the information and organize your group. Arrange transportation and encourage the men to make it on time!

Being a Parish Captain honors us greatly and it is appreciated. Some practical things you can do include setting up a table with a tri-fold posterboard with information on it at the entrance of the church, and placing announcements in the parish bulletin, and possibly making an announcement from the pulpit, and engaging men's groups (like the Knights of Columbus) to help you spread the word. If you have WIFI in the church building you could even display the website and explain how to buy tickets online (with the pastor's permission). It's all up to you. God bless your efforts.

In today's presentation, made just for you, we have some tools you can use in your ministry to the men of your parish. Parish Captain Support Resources page:

<https://www.ctcatholicmen.org/parish-captain>

We look forward to working with you and welcome your feedback and ideas. Let us know how we can support your efforts.

In Christ,

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