

The European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy



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Dear Fellow Chaplains,

As you have been informed, the upcoming “*Anniversary Consultation*” of the ENHCC will take place between the 16th and the 19th of September 2010 in London. Our gracious hosts, Debbie Hodge and Edward Lewis, have eagerly been working in organizing our stay in the Royal City of Europe. Along with this letter, you will find a letter from them, together with the program, the registration form and details of where the meeting will take place.

The fact that this Consultation will celebrate 10 years of Networking and 20 years of European Chaplaincy makes it even more important that we all attend. The theme of the Consultation, “*Chaplains in the future – giving and receiving*”, will afford us the possibility to discuss what path our Network should take over the coming years, how our Chaplaincies will develop, what difficulties will be encountered, what possibilities of growth exist and, finally, how the future of the chaplain as a person will evolve.

Coinciding with the discussion regarding the future, *we will also elect a new Coordinator*. After many years of serving you, my term has now come to an end. So, it appears symbolic that we will be electing a new Coordinator as we talk about the future. Having said this, I ask that you start thinking about who will be able to take on this important responsibility.

You will notice that this Consultation, as opposed to previous ones, has a different format as to the days we will meet. To economize in time and costs, *our meeting will begin on Thursday afternoon (September 16th) and end on Sunday midday (September 19th), following lunch*. Being that London’s airports are a hub for European airlines, it will not be difficult for you to find flights that will get you into the city, on Thursday, before our meeting and out of the city, on

Sunday, after its conclusion. I would like to ask that we all book our flights accordingly so as not to lose any of the sessions. They are all important! Also, I suggest that you *plan your trip immediately* to cut down on the air fare.

Finally, for representatives that wish to receive sponsorship for the Consultation, I ask that you write me by the end of May. There are limited funds that will be divided accordingly to help supplement the cost of registration. (As in the past, we are not in a position to cover travel costs.)

With this letter, I would like to send my warmest and heartfelt best wishes, praying that your Holy Week and Easter will be rich in spiritual blessings: that our Crucified Lord will heal our pains with His philanthropy and that His Holy Resurrection will give us the hope of unity and eternity, shedding the Light of His Love through out the Universe.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Stavros Kofinas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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