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All members of Exco.
All Regional / States Supervisors,
All shepherds & All Parishioners.

Memorandum #02/2023

<u>Shepherds, Church workers, Shepherd's Wives, Chairpersons of Parochial</u>
<u>Committees, Chairwomen of Women Councils and Corps of Compliance officers</u>
Retreat – May 04 - May 07, 2023 - Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Beloved Servants of the Most Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Theme: LA Rinascita – (Re-birth) (Titus 3: 5, Math. 19:28)

The fliers and Invitations from the National Council of Shepherds are already in the Pipeline to every parish on the above all important and mandatory Retreat/Workshop.

We are writing to re-emphasize the compelling need for every shepherd and registered church workers to be at this crucial Workshop/Conference where issues of evergreen values will be discussed and harmonized.

This highly interactive and very pragmatic Retreat will cover among other issues:

- * Refresher Course on sound doctrines and ordinances of the Church.
- Implication and challenges of Divine Call.
- Time Management.
- Enrichment and Enlargement of the Ministry and Prevention of Failure.
- Standardization of principles and practices on some divisive issues.
- Education on Sound Ecclesiastic codes of conducts.
- Standardization of Church Administration, Accounting, legal and Taxation.
- Shepherds' welfare, compensation and set up of Mechanism for Conflict resolution.
- Inter-personal and functional relationships of Shepherds/Elders Council/Parochial Com.
- Review of our Byelaws on the profile of an ideal shepherd.

Resolving the dichotomy between the Shepherd's office and that of the Chairman/Parochial committee as a basis for peaceful and solid administration of the church.

At this Retreat, registration and issue/renewal of Shepherds official Identification Cards will be processed. The Directory of Shepherds in USA Diocese will also be updated. It is a very crucial Retreat for all.

Chairmen and Parochial Committees should please note that Registration fees, Air fares and boarding of Shepherds shall be borne by the Parishes.

Wives of Shepherds are also required at this Retreat as co-workers in the Vineyard of God. Their forum will address the Standard behavior, sound moral practice and their schedule of responsibilities to make the calling of their husbands a successful and profitable one for God.

Opinions, suggestions and observations to enhance the positive image, integrity, resourcefulness and functionality of the office of the clergy should, please, be sent to the office of the Secretary of Shepherds Council S/E Peter Ajiboye -Tel. #301 741 5609, on or before March 31, 2023.

Registration fee: (Breakfast, Lunch, dinner and Training Materials and Souvenir are covered)
Per person is \$120.00 (per couple \$200.00)

Per Parish: \$300.00.

Registration closes by 03/31/2023.

Please Pay into: USA diocese Shepherds Council Account Bank of America. C/A #3810 5761 8630.

Forward photo snapshot of your deposit receipt to the Treasurer AVSE Christopher Akinsade, Tel. #301 458 9858

May the good Lord and Chief Shepherd Himself bless us all as we strive in oneness of love and spirit to bring uniformity, standardization and discipline in principle and practice to our mode and processes.

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