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## **Happy December!**

### **The First Christmas Nativity**

The best part of the Christmas holiday is seeing a wide variety of nativity scenes. Many Catholic churches display both indoor and outdoor nativity scenes. In addition, many people place their small nativity sets under the Christmas tree, or on a bookcase or table. My parents had their nativity under the tree until I was born. Later, they placed the set on a large bookcase in the living room next to the Christmas tree to prevent small children or pets from damaging it. I recall that we had a Christmas light inside the nativity to shine on baby Jesus in the crib along with Mary and Joseph. Also, there was a donkey, sheep, cattle, shepherds, three wise men with a camel and an angel above the stable.

Now, I was wondering - how did the tradition of displaying a nativity scene start? I found an interesting story about St Francis of Assisi. St Francis decided to set up nativity scenes because he wanted to help people imagine what it was like to be present at the first Nativity long ago.

Francis was living in the town of Greccio, Italy. With the Pope's permission, he set up a nativity scene in a cave just outside Greccio. He borrowed several live animals from his close friend, John Velita. He spread straw out on the ground. He created a wax figure of the infant Jesus and the crib. Also, he asked others to dress in costume to play the roles of Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. In December 1223, on Christmas Eve, many people came to see the display and worshipped at Mass.

During Christmas Mass, Francis told the Christmas story from the Bible and he spoke about the first Christmas. He told them that baby Jesus, who was born in a simple manger in Bethlehem, could change their lives if they have faith and show love to everyone. Francis urged people to reject hatred and embrace love with God's help.

A miracle is also a part of this interesting story! When the event ended, people gathered the hay that had been spread on the ground of the live nativity scene and fed it to cattle that were ill. The cattle were cured of all diseases after eating the hay!

The first nativity scene presentation proved to be so popular that people around the world set up live nativities to celebrate Christmas. Nativity displays with statues were set up worldwide - in town squares, homes and churches. Also, many religious schools and churches put on a Nativity play for their community. Nativity scenes help prepare us for the joy that Christmas brings.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



**CATHOLIC DEAF MINISTRY**

## **Interesting Facts:**

1. In the year 1530, in Alsace, France (then German territory), the trees were sold in the marketplace, brought home and set up undecorated. The law limited the height of the tree to no more than four feet tall.
2. Each year, between 30 to 35 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States alone. There are 21,000 Christmas tree farms in the United States and trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are cut and sold.
3. Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States on June 26, 1870. (My birthday is on June 26!!!!)
4. The first eggnog made in the United States was consumed in Captain John Smith's 1607 Jamestown settlement.
5. In Boston, the celebration of Christmas was outlawed from 1659 to 1681. People who broke the law were fined five shillings.
6. Construction workers started the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree tradition in 1931.
7. The most famous reindeer, Red Nosed Rudolph, was created by Robert L May in 1939. This brought many customers into the Montgomery Ward department store.
8. In 1931, the Coca Cola Corporation contracted the Swedish commercial artist Haddon Sundblom to create a coke-drinking Santa.
9. President Franklin Pierce had the first indoor Christmas tree in the White House in either 1853 or 1856.
10. President Theodore Roosevelt, who was an avowed environmentalist, did not allow Christmas trees in the White House during his presidency. He was against real Christmas trees because he was afraid that Christmas trees would lead to deforestation (to remove forest trees from land, which is then converted to a non-forest area).
10. In the 1890's, Europeans used small trees about 4 feet height and Americans liked their Christmas trees to reach from floor to ceiling.
11. President Grover Cleveland used the first electrically-lit Christmas tree in the White House in 1895; it had over a hundred multicolored lights.
12. In 1882, a string of Christmas lights was invented by Edward H. Johnson, an associate of inventor Thomas Edison.
13. In 1973, President Nixon asked Americans not to put up Christmas lights to conserve energy use due to an oil shortage. There were fewer outdoor Christmas light displays that year.
14. In the first week, a real tree in your home will consume a quart of water per day.
15. The first Roman Catholic Midnight Mass took place in the early 400's.
16. In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, which is now held every year on the White House lawn

# **Interpreted Masses**

## **Holy Day**

	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Christmas</b>	<b>New Year Day</b>
	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>Jan 1</b>
<b>St Richard's</b>		<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Our Lady of Sorrow</b>		<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>St Joseph (Cottlesville)</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Our Lady of Pillar</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>		

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Richard's**

#### **Signed Confession**

**Thursday - 7:30 AM to 8 AM**

**Saturday —3:45 PM to 4:30 PM**

**Or by appointment.**

### **Confession/Anointing of the Sick**

**For any person with no transportation or in living assistant or home, Fr Dan will be glad to visit you at your desired place. Contact Fr Dan to set up an appointment.**



### **Funeral/Wedding Arrangement**

**We will arrange your wedding or funeral at our St Richard's church,. If you prefer to at your own church, Fr Dan will be happy to be service at your church. Contact CDM office for more information.**

### **Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion—Contact CDM**

**RCIA— Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults— if you are interesting in becoming Catholic— Contact CDM**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Coffee Chat with Fr Dan**

Start in January 2020

Every 3rd Sunday after 11:00 AM Mass

Coffee Cake/Donuts will be provided.



## **New CDM Website**

All the information including newsletters, vlog, events, etc. And CDS information and events will be on our CDM website.

**[www.archstl.org/cdm](http://www.archstl.org/cdm)**



Enter "Catholic Deaf Ministry of St Louis" in the search box. Share your prayer requests or faith experiences,

## **42nd Bi-ennial**

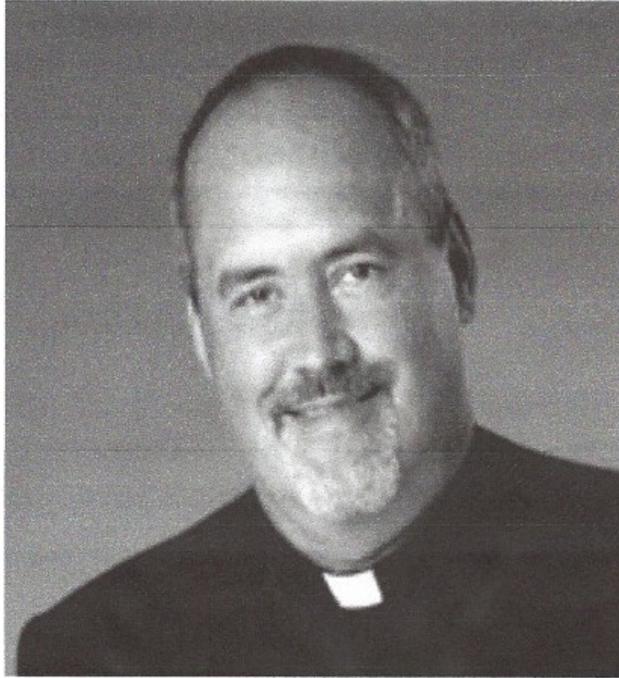
### **ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference**

Hosted by ICDA-US Chapter #46

April 24 and 25 2020

More information at [midwesticda2020@gmail.com](mailto:midwesticda2020@gmail.com)

**An Overnight Retreat  
with**



**Fr. Michael Depcik, O.S.F.S.**

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***“God’s Future Saints”***  
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**Friday and Saturday, March 27-28, 2020**

**at**

**Mercy Conference & Retreat Center**

**2039 N. Geyer Road**

**St. Louis, MO 63131**  
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**\$35 per person for one night**

**(It is recommended that retreat guests stay at Mercy on Friday night.)**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR ROOMMATE** \_\_\_\_\_

## Fr. Mike's Brief Biography

1988 Graduate of St. Rita's School for the Deaf in Cincinnati  
Holds a B.A. degree in secondary education and history from  
Gallaudet University since 1992

Ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 2000

Received Master of Arts degree in counseling

Pastoral director of Catholic Deaf Ministry in Detroit, MI, since 2010

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## Schedule

Friday - Arrival – 4:00 p.m. Dinner – 5:30-6:30 pm. Talk – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday – Breakfast – 7:30-8:30 a.m. Talk – 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Lunch – 12:00-1:00 p.m. Talk – 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Mass for Sunday – 4:00-5:00 p.m. Departure – 5:15 p.m.

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## Directions to Mercy Center

Take I-64/40 to **Spoeede Road**.

Exit on Spoeede Road ramp **#27**

Turn **WEST** to Clayton Road.

Turn **LEFT** into Clayton Road.

Turn **RIGHT** into N. Geyer Road and go 1 ½ mile to Mercy Center.

Use the **MAIN ENTRANCE DOOR** when you arrive.

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On the check, write: ***St. Louis Catholic Deaf Society***

Send a check of **\$35 and the bottom slip** from the front page to:

***Sister Maureen Langton, Chairperson***

***3 Nazareth Lane, #121***

***St. Louis, MO 63129-1715***

**DEADLINE: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**LIMIT: 30 people**

**First Deposit, First Serve**



# MEMBERSHIP 2020

**Who can join as ACTIVE members?**

- Deaf or hard-of-hearing practicing Catholics; or any interested Deaf or hard of hearing Non-Catholic Spouse.
- Those hearing, deaf, or hard-of-hearing religious or lay pastoral workers devoted to ministry with the Deaf; or
- A Catholic hearing spouse of a deaf and hard-of-hearing member.

**Who can join as ASSOCIATE members?**

- Hearing persons who have any active interest in the Chapter's social, educational or spiritual welfare of deaf or hard-of-hearing persons
- Non-Catholic spouse of a deaf or hard-of-hearing member

**Type of Membership/Price** (included subscription to the Society's Newsletter subscription is subject to change due to increase postage and printing costs – a nominal fee will be charged at some point in future).

**Annual Society Membership - \$15.00**  
 (Check all that apply)  
 Deaf    Hard of Hearing  
 Hearing  
 Catholic  
 Non-Catholic  
 Single  
 Married

Membership dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation (Optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print (one form per person)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone number:** (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ **VP TEXT VOICE CELL**  
**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to "**St. Louis Catholic Deaf Society**".  
 Mail the membership form and check to the address below:

St. Richard Catholic Church  
 C/O St. Louis Catholic Deaf Society- ICDA-US Chapter #6  
 11223 Schuetz Road  
 St. Louis, MO 63146  
 ATTN: Society Treasurer

**ICDA-US SECTION FORM -- Membership, Subscription & Donation**

Who can join as **ACTIVE members?** Deaf or hard-of-hearing practicing Catholics; Deaf, or hard-of-hearing religious, Hearing or lay pastoral workers devoted to ministry with the Deaf and hard-of-hearing Catholics; Catholic hearing spouse of a Deaf or hard-of-hearing member

Who can join as **ASSOCIATE members?** Hearing persons who have any active interest in the Chapter's social, educational or spiritual welfare of Deaf or hard-of-hearing persons; Non-Catholic spouse of a Deaf or hard-of-hearing member

**Membership Cost** (includes subscription to the "Deaf Catholic". Life members' subscription is subject to change due to increase postage and printing cost – a nominal fee will be charged at some point in future). Please mark the box if apply.

**Annual Membership for Individuals - \$15.00**

Deaf  Hearing  Catholic  Non-Catholic

**Annual Membership for Married Couple - \$25.00**

Deaf/Deaf  Deaf/Hearing  Catholic  Non-Catholic

**Life Membership (payable in full or installments) - \$200.00**

**Subscription:**  Non-Members - \$15.00  Life Membership (who paid \$75.00 or less) - \$7.00

**Donation:** Wish to donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  President Appeal  Youth Adult Fund

Memorial Fund of \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print, type or affix address label here.**

Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ (leave blank if you do not belong to any Chapters)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ VP Text Phone TTY

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check or money order payable to ICDA-US (US Funds) and mail it with this form to:**

**ICDA-US TREASURER, PO BOX 88751, CAROL STREAM, IL 60188-8751**

For any questions, please email to: [icdaus.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:icdaus.treasurer@gmail.com)

**Make a secure payment online via PayPal using a credit card or debit card for membership dues and/or donations: (President's Appeal, Mission Fund & ICDA Young Adult Fund)**

**For more information, please contact Brian Van Thyne, Treasurer at [icdaus.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:icdaus.treasurer@gmail.com)**



ICDA Chapter No. 46  
Illinois

*To promote cultural, spiritual and social union among deaf and hard-of-hearing Catholics throughout the seven counties under the Joliet Diocese*

[WWW.DEAFCATHOLICJOLIET.ORG](http://WWW.DEAFCATHOLICJOLIET.ORG)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are excited to announce that the 2020 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference is hosting our 42nd Bi-ennial Anniversary on Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25, 2020.

This event will take place at Hyatt Regency Chicago in Lisle, IL. This hotel is located in the west suburbs of Chicago, just 21 miles west from O'Hare Airport, 24 miles from Midway Airport and few miles from Naperville.

On Friday, we will have the Adoration/Benediction, Young Adult Program, Welcome Reception, Workshop, and Prayer Room. On Saturday, we will have the Business meeting, Workshop, Young Adult Program, Lunch, Mass and Cocktail & Banquet.

The workshop will lead by Deacon Patrick Graybill of Rochester, NY. Deacon Graybill is deaf and he will talk about our theme: "Light Up the Darkness". Also, Rev. Joseph Mulcrone will speak about "The Life of Deaf People in Mexico, Central and South Americas," based on his trip experience to Mexico and South America.

Enclosed is an information package including: Registration form, Welcome Flyer, Hotel Reservation info, Program book Donation, and Raffle ticket. PayPal is accepted for Registration, Program Book Donation & Raffle tickets. Our 2020 Midwest Conference tab on the ICDA-US website is available now.

- **Special Hotel Rate: \$104.00** including hot breakfast buffet per night plus tax. There will be same night rate if you plan to come for 2 days prior to and 2 days after the conference. Perfect getaway to visit downtown Chicago and get a cruise on beautiful Chicago River. Now is a good time to call and reserve a room now!
- **Special Promotional Early Bird Combo Registration: \$125.00** for both days. Deadline is November 30, 2019.

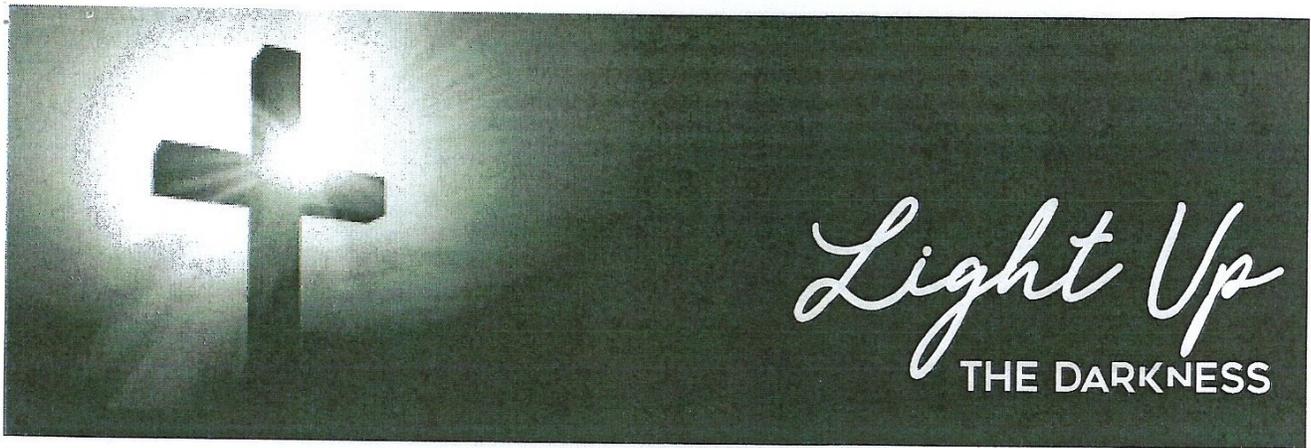
Please feel free to contact us at the email below if you have any questions. We look forward to having a great time with you all.

Blessings,

Brian Van Thyne

2020 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference Chairperson

EMAIL: [midwesticda2020@gmail.com](mailto:midwesticda2020@gmail.com) WEBSITE: [www.ICDA-US.org](http://www.ICDA-US.org)



Hosted by ICDA-US Chapter #46 - Deaf Apostolate of the Joliet Diocese



*Welcome to*  
**the 42nd Bi-ennial  
 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference  
 at Hyatt Regency Hotel - Lisle**



**Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25, 2020**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
- Registration	- Business Meeting
- Adoration & Benediction	- Workshop
- Workshop	- Lunch**
- Welcome Reception*	- Mass
- Prayer Room/Rosary Prayer	- Cocktail/Banquet

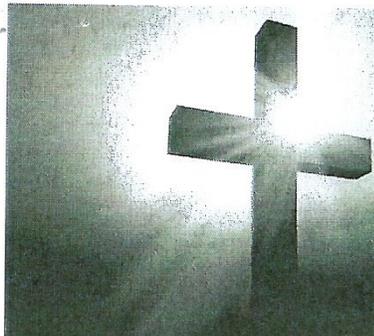
**\* Friday Dinner:**

- Caesar Salad
- Minestrone Soup
- Penne Vodka - Both with Chicken and Plain
- Garlic Breadsticks
- Diced Fruit Salad
- Assorted Cookies and Brownies
- Iced Tea or Lemonade
- Starbucks and Tazo Tea

**\*\* Saturday Luncheon:**

- Chef's Soup of the Day
- Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad
- Deli Turkey and Roast Beef (*with condiments*)
- Assorted Bowl of House Made Chips
- Dessert Bar - Cookies & Brownies
- Iced Tea or Lemonade
- Starbucks and Tazo Tea

For more information, contact us at [midwesticda2020@gmail.com](mailto:midwesticda2020@gmail.com)



2020 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference

# Registration Form

APRIL 24 & 25, 2020

Hyatt Regency Lisle, 1400 Corporetum Drive Lisle IL

**GENERAL INFORMATION** per person (*please print*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice: \_\_\_\_\_ VP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY: Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Text/V/VP: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any that apply:

- Deaf
- Hearing
- Deaf/Blind
- Moderator
- Delegate
- ICDA-US Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Needs (Low vision, G-F, Veg, etc) please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION/EVENT FEE** (check one)

- included Friday & Saturday

Early Bird Deadline - November 30, 2019

Standard - After November 30, 2019

Saturday Banquet ONLY

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	SENIORS 62+
Early Bird Deadline - November 30, 2019	<input type="radio"/> \$125	<input type="radio"/> \$125	<input type="radio"/> \$125
Standard - After November 30, 2019	<input type="radio"/> \$140	<input type="radio"/> \$145	<input type="radio"/> \$135
Saturday Banquet ONLY	<input type="radio"/> \$ 75	<input type="radio"/> \$ 75	<input type="radio"/> \$ 75

Friday dinner and Saturday luncheon will be provided. Please check off "Special Needs" above if you're a Gluten-Free/Vegetarian.

Preference of Banquet on Saturday (please select one):

- Chicken Breast
- Iron Sirloin Steak
- Fish
- Vegetarian

Please make a check or money order payable to **2020 ICDA-US MWR (US FUNDS)** and mail it with this form to:  
**2020 ICDA-US MWR, PO BOX 87253, Carol Stream, IL 60188-8751**

**FOR EARLY BIRD COMBO - REGISTRATION DEADLINE: POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

For Early Bird Combo only, visit at [ICDA-US.ORG](http://ICDA-US.ORG), select 2020 MWR Conference tab to make registration online via PayPal (with a small fee) for full payment or two payment installments. Or mail and must pay full by deadline before November 30, 2019.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

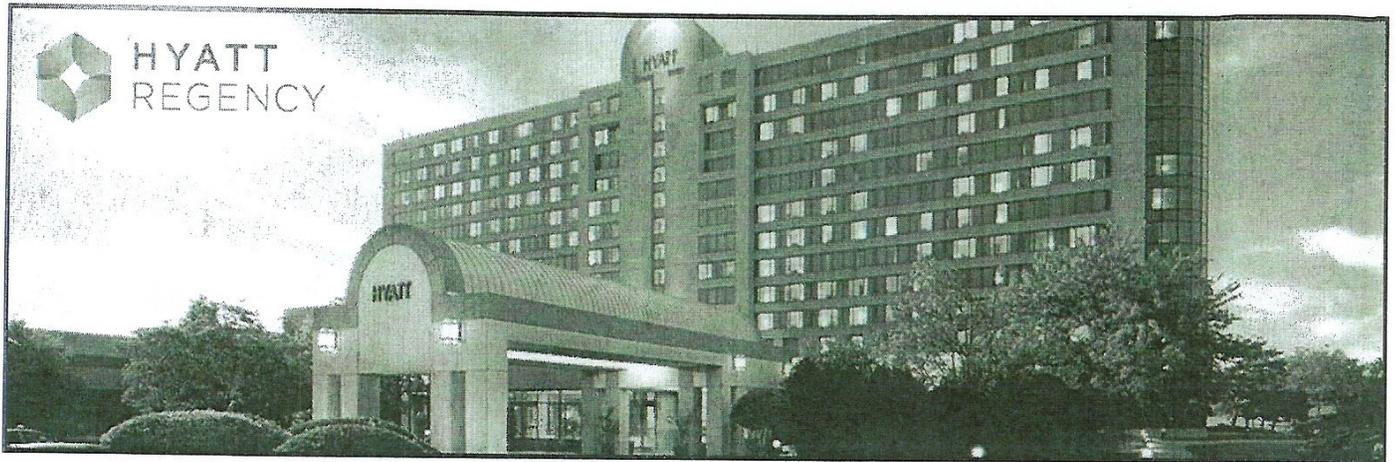
- No full refund after March 1, 2020. In case of an extreme emergency, a portion of the registration may be refunded
- If a person is a "no-show", registration is non-refundable
- No full refund on Early Bird Combo after November 30, 2019

I, the undersigned, understand and agree to the above cancellation policy.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- For more info about registration, contact us at [midwesticda2020@gmail.com](mailto:midwesticda2020@gmail.com) -

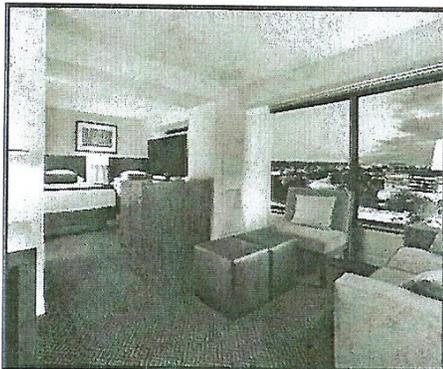


2020 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference

# HOTEL RESERVATION

Hyatt Regency Lisle, 1400 Corporetum Drive, Lisle IL 60532

APRIL 24 & 25, 2020



#### TRANSPORTATION

- O'Hare Int'l Airport- 21 miles / 24 mins
- Midway Int'l Airport- 26 miles / 35 mins

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Morton Arboretum
- Seven Bridges golf club and ice arena
- Cinemark Theatre
- Naperville Children's Museum
- Naperville Riverwalk

- Naperville Settlement
- Chicago Premium Outlets
- Fox Valley Mall
- Oak Brook shopping center
- Yorktown Mall
- Cantigny War Memorial Museum
- Downtown Chicago
- Metra Train Station
- Golf courses
- Billy Graham Center



- 317 non-smoking guest rooms & suites
- Complimentary Wi-Fi and high speed internet access
- Walk-in shower
- Assistive devices for persons with disabilities
- On-site Dining options
- Heated, indoor lap pool & whirlpool
- Fitness Center
- 25 minutes to downtown Chicago
- Rental Car counter
- Near points of interest

We're pleased to offer a special rate of **\$104.00** per night, including breakfast buffet, plus tax to all MWR conference attendees with group code: **G-ICDA** when booking online by **March 31, 2020** or contact Hyatt Regency Hotel Reservation office at **(630) 852-1234**.

That \$104 special rate also applies to two days prior and two days after the conference dates. **\$114** per night for 3 or more persons in a room.

For registration online, visit at [www.ICDA-US.org](http://www.ICDA-US.org), click on 2020 MWR Conference tab to click on Hyatt Hotel Reservation online.



# ICDA-US 2020 MWR Conference

Hyatt Regency Lisle near Naperville

Welcome to Hyatt! We look forward to hosting your event. Please book your guest room below.

Your group's dates are below. You can also choose your desired stay dates within this time frame:

 **Hotel**

Hyatt Regency Lisle near Naperville

 **Dates**

Tue, Apr 21, 2020 - Mon, Apr 27, 2020

 **Group Code**

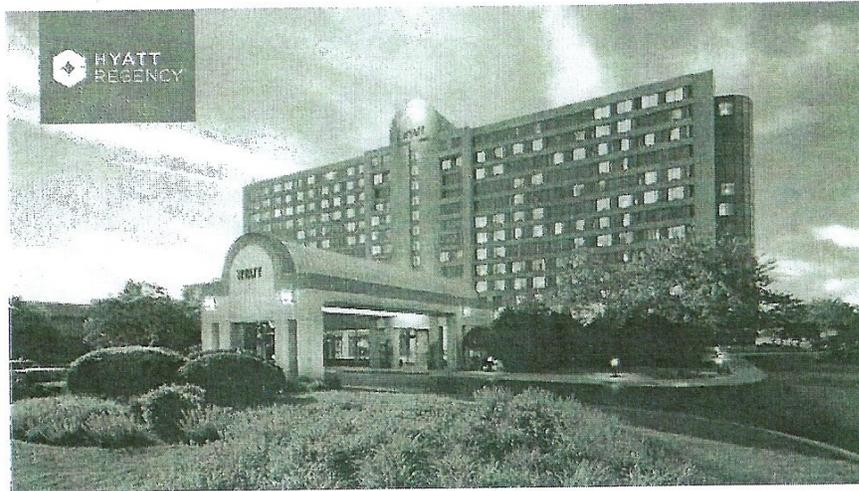
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If you need to modify or cancel your group reservation, click [here](#). If you need assistance, please contact us.



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