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Dear Deacon:

We are proud to announce our 26th Annual SWIDS Conference, to be held in Austin on **August 18-19, 2017** at the **Holiday Inn Midtown** in Austin, Texas. We are presenting a rather interesting subject this year, one that most of us find intriguing. Our topic this year will center on the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament and is entitled "**Gaining Wisdom.**" **Fr. Joseph W. Koterski, S.J.** is our presenter.

Fr. Joseph is a member of the Philosophy Department at Fordham University, where he has taught since his ordination in 1992. In 1991 Father Joseph was re-elected to a second term as the President of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. He has produced videotaped lecture courses for The Teaching Company, the most recent being "Biblical Wisdom Literature."

Our conference site is the **HOLIDAY INN MIDTOWN** which is located in North Austin at **6000 Middle Fiskville Road**, one block west of the intersection of IH-35 and US-290E. It has been determined that this location is most beneficial to everyone given that it is adjacent to a large shopping center within walking distance of the hotel. Again, this year's conference dates are **August 18-19, 2017**.

Rooms will be available at the **Holiday Inn Midtown** for our attendees at a rate of **(\$87.00)** per night, irrespective of the number of people in the room. We have again agreed to a guaranteed number of rooms. Since SWIDS will be responsible for paying the difference between the actual and guaranteed numbers, we would greatly appreciate your staying at the hotel during the conference so as to help us meet the guarantee. **It is most important that you reserve your hotel room as soon as possible. To register for the hotel call (512) 451-5757 or 1-800-465-4329 and ask for the SWIDS room rates.** Again, make your reservations ASAP, but definitely no later than **August 1, 2017** to insure the reduced rate.

After a lot of soul searching and thought we have determined that we need to raise our registration fees. This is due mainly to the increasing costs of obtaining high quality presenters for our conferences.

Please complete the registration form on the back of this letter and send it, along with your check, in the enclosed envelope for your registration, your spouse's registration (if she will attend). We look forward to seeing each of you again as we continue to provide you with quality continuing education at the lowest cost possible.

Sincerely in Christ,

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