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Dr. Hector Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Plans for our 1959 Biennial National Convention are at the point where requirements for key program personnel are known. A preliminary "fact sheet" about the Convention is enclosed for your information.

The program has been prepared with great care over a period of several months and is the result of consultation with outstanding authorities on the lay apostolate. You can make a significant contribution to the success of the program by filling an official role in it. Accordingly, I should like to extend you a cordial invitation to serve as Consultant in the workshop on "Catholics and the Interracial Problem" on Saturday, April 4th.

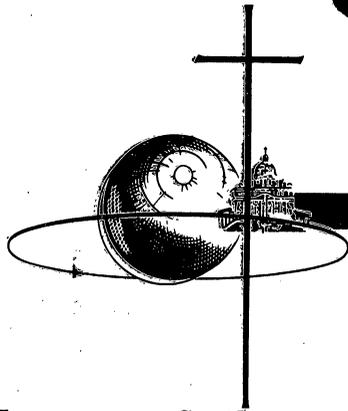
So that planning for the Convention may proceed according to schedule, I will be grateful for a prompt reply to this invitation. For your convenience a pre-addressed and stamped postal card is enclosed. As soon as notification of your acceptance is received, I will have our Program Director, Homer Hammond, brief you on the details of the role we hope that you will play in the Convention program.

With warm regards, and looking forward to seeing you in Detroit, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. McMullan".

David A. McMullan
President



PRELIMINARY FACT SHEET

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1959 BIENNIAL CONVENTION -- N.C.C.M.

- WHERE:** Statler Hotel, Detroit, Mich.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, April 1st -- Sunday, April 5th, 1959
- WHAT:** The central ideas of the principal addresses and workshops stem from the Second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate (Rome, October, '57). The theme: "The Catholic Layman in the Crisis of Modern America."
- The goal of the Convention is to study the 'WHAT' of the lay apostolate, i. e., the objective tasks that face the layman in various areas, rather than the 'HOW' or the 'WHY', i. e. the methods of implementing programs, and the motivation for them, although this latter will not be entirely neglected.
- From a content point of view the big days will be Wednesday -- special meeting of Diocesan Moderators, Thursday -- special sessions for Diocesan Presidents, and Saturday. Saturday will be devoted entirely to the study of four questions: the layman's responsibility and tasks as a member of his own parish, as a member of his family, as a member of his local, national and international community, and finally in his job or professional life. This study will be made through four principal addresses and a total of 36 workshops.
- Formal business meetings, elections, meetings of the Resolutions and Nominating Committees, will be held mainly on Thursday afternoon, Friday, and Sunday morning. Annual banquet on Saturday evening.
- WHO:** This will be the largest National Convention to date. More important: most Dioceses in the country will be represented; top figures in every phase of American Catholic life will be on hand; a larger number of DCCM officers, chairmen than ever before will be there to trade ideas.
- WHY:** To generate new program ideas for your DCCM and affiliated societies.
To pray and study together for the advancement of Christ's work in the world.
To help direct a rapidly expanding NCCM toward the most important goals of the lay apostolate.
To consolidate the warm spirit of unity in the diversity of our 8000 affiliated societies.

YOUR attendance is important to NCCM -- and to the Church