

Fifteenth National Conference  
for Rural Catholics

25-27 February 2019

Sarum College  
19 The Close  
Salisbury SP1 2EE

Surname.....Title.....

Christian Name..... Diocese.....

Address.....

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e-mail.....

Telephone.....

What do you do?.....

Any dietary requirements?.....

**Anything else we should know?.....**

I will be resident/non resident. Single/double room?

Tuesday afternoon choice: fish farm, city tour, relaxing?

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Non residents indicate which meals you will eat  
(£25.00 per half day, eating or not!)

Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch, Tuesday dinner, Wednesday lunch

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Residents I will be staying for Wednesday lunch: **yes/no**

I enclose a cheque for £.....(in favour of Our Lady & St Michael Conference a/c) and I understand that £100.00 (£25.00 non resident) of it is a non returnable deposit

Return this form to Fr Robert Miller, Trellis House, Station Rd, Tisbury, SP3 6JR. Please mark envelope: RURAL CONFERENCE. (01747 870228, [rwhm274@btinternet.com](mailto:rwhm274@btinternet.com))

**What?** If rural prompts a first thought of farming, please think again. Most Catholic parishes include rural areas, often packed with commuters and retirees, with farmers increasingly rare. Those responsible for training priests and deacons may like to note this year we include a presentation on Sarum College's rural ministry training programme.

**Why?** Most of each diocese is rural, yet most parishes are based on a town. We try to bridge the gap. Small congregations are not failed larger churches, but God's design for rural ministry. 2019's conference includes the the MP who chairs the EFRA Parliamentary Committee, *The Changing World of Farm Machinery*, *The Paper Farmer*, *Rural Post Offices*, *Re-introducing the Great Bustard*, *Sarum College's rural ministerial training programme*, plus an option to visit a fish farm.

**Where?** Sarum College has beautiful accommodation, set in Salisbury's historic cathedral Close. Book soon to be sure of a room.

**When?** The Conference begins at 3.30 pm on Monday, February 25th, 2019 and ends with lunch on Wednesday, February 27th.

**Who?** Any Catholic - clerical, religious, lay - interested enough to come is welcome. Attendees come from assorted dioceses. Behind this conference are Fr Harry Doyle (Lancaster) & Fr Robert Miller (Clifton). The CBCEW Bishop for Rural Issues is the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.

**How Much?** Single rooms £235.00, double £402.00. Non residents £25.00 per half day includes lunch or dinner. Your booking form must be accompanied by your deposit, which is non returnable if you cancel within 30 days of the conference. Some people who attend are subsidised by parish or diocese.

**More information?** Contact Fr Robert Miller (01747 870228, or e-mail [rwhm274@btinternet.com](mailto:rwhm274@btinternet.com)).

**By road:** Google 19 The Close, Salisbury SP1 2EE.

**By train:** Salisbury Station has excellent links with all parts of the country. The College is c15 minutes' walk. If you need to be collected on arrival let Fr Robert know your arrival time.

**An extra!** Sarum College is offering a study day on Rural Ministry on Thursday 28th February and invites anyone interested to stay over and attend - contact The Rev P Burden ([pburden@sarum.ac.uk](mailto:pburden@sarum.ac.uk)).