

“Q-TIPS” for you to know-before-you-go

We are thrilled that you are registered to attend our Quinquennial Congress in a few weeks. Please read the following “Q-Tips” for important information.

1. Getting there

If you are flying to the Q, remember you now need a Real ID compliant to board domestic flights. Please make sure to arrange for transfers from and to the airport.

2. Meals

- Congress starts Wednesday July 29 with the Celebration of the Eucharist followed by dinner. Meals before that first dinner are not included in the registration and will be your responsibility.
- Breakfasts will be buffet style. Dinners and lunches will be plated except for Sat. night buffet.
- Those who have pre-ordered **special dietary meals**, please be seated and place the index card place marker we have prepared for you and will give you when you check in that will tell your server that you pre-ordered a special meal.
- Please be aware that we will not be able to offer snacks or drinks outside meal times. Please plan accordingly if you need to eat between meals.

3. Free **High-speed internet** available in all guest rooms.

4. Wear Your Name Tag at All Times

When you check in, you will receive a neck wallet with your nametag. For security reasons, please wear this nametag at all Q events including meals.

5. Emergency Medical Form

We strongly recommend that you complete the Emergency Medical Form that is on the National OFS website. Click on this link to access it: [Emergency Medical Form](#)

6. Forms of payment accepted during the Q:

We will accept cash, checks payable to the *National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA* and credit cards at the OFS-USA Gospel to Life Bookstore.

7. You may wish to bring:

- Jacket or sweater, as meeting rooms in hotels are typically cold
- Cash/Checks for purchasing raffle tickets and other items. Checks and credit cards will be accepted by some vendors. Vendors are listed in the Q Program Booklet.
- Your breviary or Christian Prayer book. Morning Prayer will be from the Liturgy of the Hours and projected on the large screen. We will not have communal Evening Prayers.
- If you signed up to bring socks or washcloths for the service project, items can be collected when you check in or you may bring them to the Service Project on Friday.
- Friday afternoon, one of the activities offered will be a **Pickle Ball tournament**. The hotel has a limited number of paddles. If you plan on participating and own a paddle, please think of bringing it.

8. Questions?

Make sure you review the information posted on the National website.

<https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/21st-quinquennial-congress-q2026/>

Or if you have questions email us at ofsusa.qcongress@gmail.com

See you at the Q!

The Q Planning Committee

Lastly, in the event you need to cancel your registration, this is the Quinquennial cancellation policy:

1. Registrant must notify in writing by emailing the Q committee at ofsusa.qcongress@gmail.com
2. Initial \$100 deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.
3. No transfer of registration to another member – even if they pay you for the registration.
4. No refund if cancelled after meal count is turned into the hotel. Usually, 2 weeks before the event.
5. No refund of donations.
6. No refund of merchandise ordered after the order has been placed with the vendor.
7. A refund will be calculated based on total amount paid, less \$100.00 deposit, less donations for Q projects.
8. No refunds for amounts less than \$10.00.
9. Merchandise ordered and not picked up by 2nd day of the Q will be sold and not refunded.
10. Merchandise ordered and not picked up by member or a designee will not be mailed.