



Catholic Alumni Clubs International
**2015 Convention/Vacation
Providence/Warwick, Rhode Island**



Sunday, July 19, to Saturday, July 25

"Enlighten Your Life!"



Statue of Roger Williams who founded Rhode Island in 1636 overlooks the city of Providence

Make your plans now to attend the fabulous 2015 Convention/Vacation of Catholic Alumni Clubs International scheduled at the Crowne Plaza hotel in the Providence, Rhode Island suburb of Warwick from Sunday afternoon, **July 19**, to Saturday afternoon, **July 25**. This 55th annual gathering of CACers from throughout the United States will include social events, daily mass, elaborate breakfasts, four hotel banquet dinners, a clambake on the shores of Narragansett Bay on Monday evening and much more in addition to opportunities to sign up for **several historic and culinary tours**.

Our **hotel** contains 266 oversized guest rooms and sits on an 88 acre campus. There is complimentary shuttle service from the Providence Airport (the T. F. Green Airport) less than three miles away. The Crown Plaza (801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI; [401] 732-6000) is located just off Interstate 95 at Exit 12 and offers acres of free parking. For several years, it has won awards for outstanding service and superior quality. The hotel offers an indoor pool, whirlpool spa and sauna, a health and fitness center, an award winning restaurant (Remingtons) and Alfred's Library Lounge; as well as a business center and concierge service. All rooms have marble baths with two sink vanity, individually controlled air conditioning and heating, complimentary high speed access, 25-inch televisions and much more. The hotel has several service vans to provide complimentary shuttle service to nearby restaurants, shopping, etc. There will be a CACI Hospitality Room off the hotel lobby that will be open most days and evenings as well as for "after hours".



Plymouth Rock was the landing site of the second permanent English settlement in America



A view of the interior of "The Breakers", the Vanderbilt mansion constructed for \$11 million in the 1890's



The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum offers more than 20 multimedia exhibits and period settings at the nation's official memorial to President Kennedy.



The Paul Revere House is on Boston's Freedom Trail



The Grist Mill is one of several reconstructed Plimoth Plantation sites.

Providence was named by *Travel+Leisure* magazine as the **2014 Number One Favorite City** to visit. The city won acclaim for "brimming with New England charm", and being "a legitimate culinary capital" and having numerous historical elements. Other finalist cities included Minneapolis/St. Paul, San Francisco, Kansas City and Houston.

While **Rhode Island** is our smallest state (just 37 miles wide and 47 miles long), the "Ocean State" was the first to declare independence from England; and the last to ratify the Constitution, holding out until the Bill of Rights was added. The first permanent settlement in the state was established by Roger Williams in 1636 on land he had purchased from two Narragansett Indian chiefs. Williams had been expelled from the Plymouth because of his liberal teachings. In 1774, Rhode Island later was the first state to prohibit the importation of slaves. The state includes many islands and more than 400 miles of shore line.

On Monday evening, we will enjoy an authentic New England clambake and dinner on the shore of one of Rhode Island's beautiful beaches. For those not into clams, a steak dinner will be substituted.



A spectacular view of one of the Newport "Summer Cottages" of the 1890's

An extensive selection of **tours** is being offered as part of this year's convention. Make your tour reservations as soon as possible because some have limited seating.

A popular tour will be to Newport on the ocean with its famous 1890's era mansions (or summer "cottages" as the Vanderbilts called them). Our tour will include an inside visit to "The Breakers", the 70-room summer home constructed for Cornelius Vanderbilt II in 1895 for \$11 million. His great wealth is reflected in the extensive use of imported French and Italian stone, marble and alabaster as well as the mansion's wooden trim, hand painted ceilings, mosaics and gilded plaster. The 18th century great hall is more than two stories high and arrayed with marble columns, pilasters, cornices and plaques.



Rhode Island Capitol Building is located in downtown Providence



The John F. Kennedy Library contains many interesting items from the lives of our 35th President, his wife and children.

A tour to Plymouth Rock and Plymouth Village will be unique (no matter how you spell Plimoth!). In December 1620, the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. During the first winter, half of the 102 people who sailed on *The Mayflower* from England perished from cold and hunger. The reconstructed Village at Plimoth Plantation is a bi-cultural living-history museum of 17th century culture. Costumed interpreters portray settlers in the 1627 English Village, which is complete with homes, barns, gardens and a fort. At the recreated Wampanoag Indian homesite, interpreters teach about their culture.

Your visit to New England will not be complete without experiencing Class III and IV whitewater excitement on Central Massachusetts' Deerfield River (a 2.5 hour drive from our hotel) on Saturday, July 25. The rush of advanced rolling water-- with its maze of boulders, holes and waves -- keeps you on your toes while the rugged northern Berkshire Mountains provide a backdrop of exceptional natural beauty. A day of challenging rafting awaits even the most experienced CACI rafters. If you've been on CACI's previous excursions in Portland (OR), Colorado Springs, or last year in Tennessee, you know that the camaraderie of a CACI rafting trip can be the highlight of your summer. A barbecue lunch is included. Please NOTE: This event requires a Saturday night stay at the hotel. Led by Admiral Mike Coogan.

All major auto rental agencies have counters at the Providence airport and the hotel will provide complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport.

The T. F. Green (Providence) Airport is served by most all major airlines including Delta, Jet Blue, Southwest, United, US Air and Condor. Direct flights include such cities as Detroit, Chicago (O'Hare and Midway), Minneapolis/St. Paul, Washington, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Las Vegas and Charlotte. The hotel is located just off Interstate 95 at Exit 12.

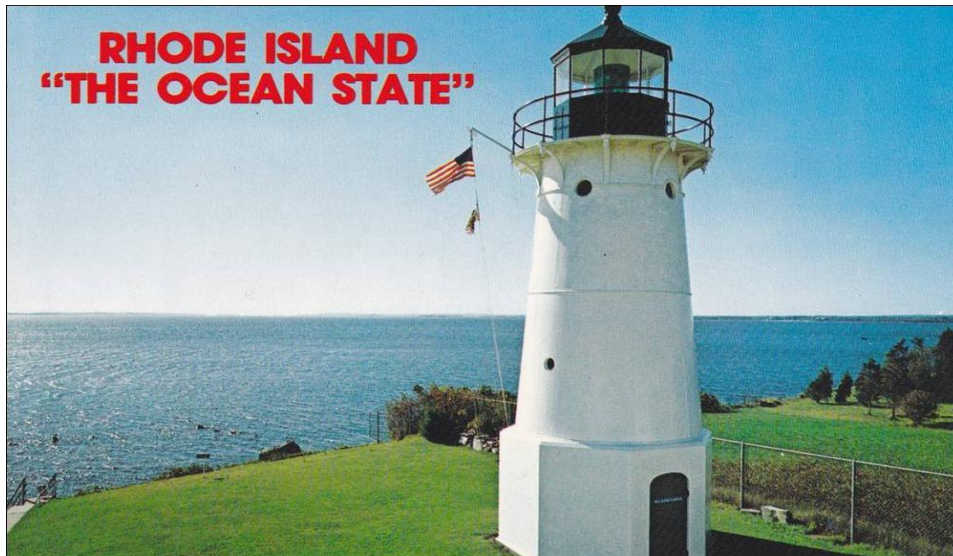
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