

The Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference January 12-14, 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with great joy that I welcome the Gulf Coast States to the 2017 Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference. This Conference is sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans in collaboration with the dioceses of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. It is once again an honor for the Archdiocese of New Orleans to host this Conference in celebrating the catechetical ministry in our Gulf Coast region as we recognize that we are called to pray, reflect and witness our faith to the world around us.

This year our focus is on the gift of faith and how we proclaim and live that faith through our prayer. Many times we read in the Gospels where Jesus tells us to have faith in God and faith in prayer. Jesus shows us by example the value of prayer when he goes off alone to pray. He takes the Psalmist's plea to heart – "Be still and know that I Am God!" (Ps. 46:10).

We are gathered together from various dioceses as Church to celebrate what God is doing for us and to be a living witness of the faith that we have in our God. As clergy, religious and laity, we have been commissioned by Christ to bring this faith in God to all we encounter. Your catechetical ministry and work in faith formation for God's people enables you to accept this challenge by proclaiming the place prayer and faith have in your life. Your witnessing the importance of prayer with those with whom you are called to minister will help transform them into a people of faith!

Your ministry to youth and adults is a tremendous blessing to the Church. It is during these days of the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference that we are able to gather in fellowship, prayer, sharing experiences and ideas, and learn more about our roles as teachers and witnesses to our faith. I invite all during these next few days to 'be still' and listen to the voice of God as he engages us in a deeper relationship in our journey.

Once again I thank you for your ministry and I look forward to greeting you at the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference. Be assured of my prayers for you and your ministry.

Wishing you God's blessings and with gratitude, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond Archbishop of New Orleans

# PRAY, PRAY, DEFEESE DEFEESE VITNESS



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." –Matthew 28:19

The 35th GO! Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference is sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans in collaboration with the dioceses of Baton Rouge, Houma/Thibodaux, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Biloxi, Jackson and Birmingham. The conference offers opportunities for professional and personal formation, networking, and fellowship for those who minister in parishes, schools and diocesan offices. Participants are also encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to visit the exhibit hall with many new and returning exhibitors.

We hope that your experience of prayer, reflection, and witness during the conference will inspire and invigorate you to GO!



ASSISTANCE	If you require information or assistance during the conference, please inquire at the Registration Desk. The conference staff will be happy to accommodate you.
CERTIFICATION	Conference participants may earn credit toward catechetical certification based on the policies of each (arch)diocese. A reporting form has been included in your conference bag. Please return this form to your diocesan certification office.
EVALUATION	A conference evaluation has been included in your conference bag. Your cooperation in completing this evaluation is greatly appreciated. Boxes to collect evaluation forms are available at the Registration Desk outside Hall A.
SAFETY	New Orleans is world-renowned for its friendliness, entertainment, culture, sports, and cuisine. As in any metropolitan area, please exercise caution and pay attention to your surroundings and belongings.
CANCELLATIONS	Our financial obligations preclude us from offering refunds or credits for cancellations.

12:30 PM-7:30 PM

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Registration at the Crowne Plaza

Opening Prayer/ Welcome/Introduction

## Session A: FR. DAVID G. CARON, O.P. Spiritual leadership and evangelization

During the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis has shown the Church and the world a new leadership, embodying in word and deed what it means to lead like Jesus, both internally and externally. In discovering the Divine at the core of our being, the Holy Father calls all to move beyond our comfort zones, offering mercy and welcome outside the walls of our Church. This presentation will reflect on the work of a merciful Evangelizer, being the vehicle of encounter with the boundless mercy of God.

#### 2:30 PM-2:45 PM

BREAK

#### 2:45 PM-3:45 PM

## Session B: DR. DANIELLA ZSUPAN – JEROME CONNECTED TOWARD COMMUNION:

We are living in a culture shaped by digital technologies. Whether we are on or offline, the digital age has significantly shaped the way we think, communicate, and relate to the world and to one another. We can also easily get caught up in the latest and most innovative technologies as we think about faith and ministry. This presentation invites us to think about living faithfully in our digital culture and to reflect upon the deeper theological and spiritual questions this culture raises for us.

3:45 PM-4:00 PM BREAK

4:00 PM-4:55 PM

## Session C: PAUL SANFRANCESCO TRANSFORMING DIGITAL USERS TO

DIGITAL LEADERS

Today everyone is connected by mobile devices and social media. But who is going to guide and support our future/current students and parents on the ethics, common sense and realities of technology? Catholic schools/parishes are and should be the technology leaders. Learn how catechists across the country are implementing technology programs in all areas of the curriculum, school and Catholic community.

4:55 PM-5:00 PM	Closing Prayer
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Dinner (On Your Own)
7:30 PM-9:00 PM	RCL Benziger Conference Reception at Crowne Plaza





#### Who (or what experience) has had the greatest influence on the formation of your faith?

Becoming a Benedictine Sister at Sacred Heart Monastery, and having excellent formation classes in prayer, Scripture, and the Benedictine way of life was certainly the single most important influence in the formation of my faith. Living day in and day out with other women in the monastery who have vowed to live faithfully and who strive to be authentic in living that out is an inspiration for me as well as a challenge. I have sometimes wondered where I would be in my faith journey if I had not become a Benedictine Sister. I am grateful for my vocation!

# What are some of the benefits for those who participate in this conference?

Coming together with others for whom faith is a primary commitment and motivation for their life has got to be a huge encouragement to live faithfully, even when you don't feel like it.

## What are some exciting things that you see happening in the Church today?

Pope Francis is such a breath of fresh air! I think his invitation and challenge to us to be aware always of God's mercy and to be a messenger of that mercy is key for us in following Jesus today. As a Benedictine, I am especially appreciative of this invitation, because it echoes the last of the many "tools of good works" in chapter 4 of the Rule of St. Benedict: "Never lose hope in God's mercy."

#### What is your favorite funny story about yourself?

Sr. Lynn McKENZIE

When I was doing criminal defense work as a young lawyer, I learned (only later) that I had earned a nickname in the sheriff's office – the "Ninja-nun". This apparently was based on my "toughness" in pursuing justice for my clients.

#### What is one thing about yourself that most people don't know?

I am a crazy, 100% University of Alabama football fan. I even have a Crimson Tide shower curtain! And while I was in Assisi and Rome in September, at the beginning of the football season, I got up in the middle of the night in order to tune into Alabama radio to listen to the football games. Of course, I paid for it in lost sleep the next day after the game for the 3 weeks I was there! Roll Tide Roll!

## How do you live out reflection on Sacred Scripture in your everyday life?

One of the reasons I'm excited to be speaking about *lectio divina*praying the Scriptures--is because it is the cornerstone of my personal daily prayer. Each morning, after a series of vocal prayers, I take a text of Scripture and slowly and prayerfully read it, ponder it, pray about it, and then sit in silent reflection and recollection. We even do it as a family: the kids call it 'Bible time'. I frankly don't know how I'd make it through the day if I didn't start with my time of scriptural meditation.

## Who has had the greatest influence on the formation of your faith?

Dr. Bran

Wow! Tough question. I probably have to join the millions of other people my age and answer: St. John Paul II. Years ago, when I was going through a time of real spiritual transformation in my life, I watched the film Witness to Hope: The Life of John Paul II. At some point during the film--I think it was the famous picture of him shaving!--I had

#### What person or experience would you say has had the greatest influence on the development of your faith?

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My family had the greatest influence on my faith development. My maternal grandmother used to wake me up on Saturday mornings to go to 7a.m. Mass and then go visiting people in the neighborhood. My parents, uncles and aunts worked for the church and school. My siblings and cousins served in the church and school in various ministries.

#### What is one significant thing (or one funny story) about yourself that most people probably don't know?

I never was an altar boy. I had to choose between being in the choir or being an altar boy. I chose the choir. When I first led music by myself, my voice would quiver from being so nervous.

#### As a former diocesan priest who now belongs to a religious community, what is a positive aspect of each of those experiences that you would want to share with a young man who is discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?

One has to discern your vocation by giving it a chance to grow. I always felt that I was a successful diocesan priest, a good leader, servant and shepherd, but then I missed being around others I could rub shoulders with and share common interests. That's what led me to religious life. As St. Francis said, "A brother helped by a brother is a strong city."

"Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more" (Romans 5:20). How or where do you see God's grace overflowing to enable the Church to combat the chief sins of our day?

I believe that God places us where he needs us, even when we think that we are in control. There are two tricks that I have learned over the years. As said in The Gospel at Colonus, "THINK NO LONGER THAT YOU ARE IN CON-TROL HERE; BUT WHEN YOU WERE IN CONTROL, HOW IT LED TO YOUR OWN DE-STRUCTION." And secondly, root yourself where God plants you. Then you provide the best service to your brothers and sisters.

St. Francis reportedly once told his followers, "Go, preach the Gospel. And if you must, use words."

#### What would you say is/are the most important way(s) that believers can give concrete witness to the Gospel today?

Scripture says "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING THE GOOD NEWS." Those who witness the good news are those who find the fullness of life in doing God's Will and surrendering to it in ministry and service. We need to discover God's Will and never tire in bringing it to life.

#### Since your vocation took you away from New Orleans for several years, what was it about coming back home as a bishop that excited you most?

I am most excited at the changes in the churches of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. I am touched by the sincerity and witness of our faith, our devotion and rich Catholic heritage. I find that it permeates and penetrates the fabric of Catholicism throughout the Archdiocese.

(CONTINUED FROM DR. BRANT PITRE) this overwhelming feeling that this man was my spiritual father. So I read his biography, learned about his own life of prayer and attraction to Carmelite spirituality, and began to try to imitate him as best as I could.

#### What are some of the benefits you hope for those who participate in this conference and hear your talk?

I hope that it will be a time of spiritual refreshment and renewal for those who already practice lectio divina. I also hope it will give encouragement to those who have never tried lectio divina to make it a part of their spiritual life. In my experience, the practice of meditating on Scripture each day has extraordinary power to transform and renew our lives of faith.

#### What is the most encouraging thing you see happening in the Church today?

Without a doubt: the remarkable increase in vocations to the priesthood! I am so blessed to work at Notre Dame Seminary, where I get to see up close and personal how the Holy Spirit is forming future shepherds of the people of God. These men give me real hope that the future of the priesthood is bright, joyful, and rooted in Christ.

#### Basic facts about your family life.

My wife Elizabeth and I met when I was 14 years old and she was 15 and have been in lover ever since! We have been married for 20 years and have five children: Morgen, Aidan, Hannah, Marybeth, and Lillia. We are both from Houma and live there now near our families.

#### What is one thing about yourself that most people don't know?

When I was a boy, I once crawled into a culvert with a 4-5 foot alligator to try and catch it to keep as a pet. Sad to say, it swam in between my legs and got away. But I'm still alive, so I guess it actually worked out well!

> To learn more about Dr. Pitre and his ministry, check out www.brantpitre.com.

# **OurSundayVisitor**

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# VISIT US AT BOOTH #103

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# FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

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101	DOUGLAS TRICHE	MEETING RM. 1	Understanding Catholic Curriculum Design (Religion Across the Curriculum) Part 1
102	FR. NILE GROSS	MEETING RM. 2	Living the Liturgy: The Role of Liturgy in Everyday Life
103	KATIE PREJEAN	MEETING RM. 3	Generation A: Ministering to Those Who Don't Seem to Care
104	STEPHEN BINZ	MEETING RM. 4	The Transforming Power of Icons for Catechesis and Prayer
105	CATHERINE UPCHURCH	MEETING RM. 5	Mary: Disciple and Companion on the Way
106	DR. JO ANN PARADISE	MEETING RM. 6	Do You Dare Imagine a Way to Change the DNA of Your Parish?
107	TOM McCABE	LAKEVIEW RM.	Better Homes and Pardons – The Raw Power of Mercy to Transform Family
108	DR. JOE PAPROCKI	C1	A Church on the Move: Creating a More Evangelizing Community
109	PAUL SANFRANCESCO	C2	Digital Catechists! What Catechists Need to Know to Thrive (Not Just Survive)
L10	DANIELLE NOE	HILTON 1	Liturgy with Syle and Grace: Basic Principles for Liturgical Preparation
L12	FR. TOM RANZINO	HILTON 2	A Year of God's Favor: The Liturgical Year as the Foundation of Liturgical Preparation
<b>2:15</b>	-3:15PM		
201	DOUGLAS TRICHE	MEETING RM. 1	Understanding Catholic Curriculum Design (Religion Across the Curriculum) Part 2
202	DEACON LAWRENCE SUTTON, PH.D.	MEETING RM. 2	Meaningful Inclusion in the Church for those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder
203	KATIE PREJEAN	MEETING RM. 3	Teachers Are Ignored. Witnesses Are Seen.
204	TANYA CENAC	MEETING RM. 4	Children Helping Children: Forming Missionary Disciples in Schools and Parishes
205	SR. JANET SCHAEFFLER	MEETING RM. 5	The Care and Tending of Parish Adult Faith Formation
206	FR. FRED KAMMER	MEETING RM. 6	One Jesuit's View of Mercy
207	KATHY HENDRICKS & TOM KENDZIA	LAKEVIEW RM.	The Spirituality of Ministry
208	SABRINA MAGNUSON	C1	The Importance of Symbol and Ritual in Family Prayer
209	MICHAEL SILHAVY	C2	Introducing Children to Prayer in the Style of the Taize Community
L20	DR. JERRY GALIPEAU	HILTON 1	Intentional Hospitality: Cultivating the Welcoming Parish
L22	FR. TOM RANZINO	HILTON 2	What Are We Doing? Basic Liturgical Principles in Preparing the Liturgy of the Church
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302	FR. JOSHUA RODRIGUE	MEETING RM. 2	Seeing is Believing: The Influences of Art, Architecture, & Theology
303	DR. JOSEPH D. WHITE	MEETING RM. 3	The Joy of Love: What Catechetical Leaders Should Know About Amoris Laetitia
305	RAFAEL FLORES	MEETING RM. 5	Bringing it Home: Catechizing the Domestic Church
306	DR. KIM LAMBERTY	MEETING RM. 6	The Spirituality and Practice of Reconciliation
307	SUZIE MIDDLETON	LAKEVIEW RM.	Give Them a MissionJourney with a Servant's Heart
308	BRIAN BUTLER	C1	Love, Sex, and Gender: Moving Forward in Mercy & Truth
309	DR. LEONARD DeLORENZO	C2	Witness: Learning to Tell the Stories of Grace That Illumine Our Lives
L30	FAYE DROBNIC	HILTON 1	Understanding and Teaching the Liturgies of the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil
L32	MICHAEL SILHAVY	HILTON 2	Liturgy, Prayer and Ritual with Children

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

### 11:00AM-12:00PM

401	DR. TIM CARMODY	MEETING RM. 1	Paul's Gospel: The Power of God's Spirit Transforming Us in Christ
402	JIM SCHELLMAN	MEETING RM. 2	How Our Worship Forms Us for Faithful Living
403	STEPHEN BINZ	MEETING RM. 3	Transformative Leadership: St. Peter and Pope Francis
404	TANYA CENAC	MEETING RM. 4	"I am a missionary, right where I am!"
405	DR. JOE PAPROCKI	MEETING RM. 5	Under the Influence of Jesus: 9 Steps to a More Evangelizing Catechesis
406	DR. JO ANN PARADISE	MEETING RM. 6	Beginning with God's CallListening with the Ears of the Heart
407	TOM McCABE	LAKEVIEW RM.	Mary or Martha? Should I Pray or Should I Serve Now?
408	FAYE DROBNIC	C1	Icons: Windows to Heaven
409	RAY LACY	C2	ProdigalsHow Do We Reach Them?
L40	DANIELLE NOE	HILTON 1	Evangelizing Through the Parish Liturgy
L42	BETTY-ANN HICKEY	HILTON 2	The Gift of Song: A Survey of Sing to the Lord

## 2:00-3:00PM

501	DR. LEONARD DeLORENZO	MEETING RM. 1	Becoming Fully Human: The Lost Art of Character Formation
502	FR. JOSHUA RODRIGUE	MEETING RM. 2	The Ancient Dunking Booth: The Origins of the RCIA
503	DR. JOSEPH D. WHITE	MEETING RM. 3	Conversations with God: Forming Learners to Pray in Many Ways
504	KATHY HENDRICKS	MEETING RM. 4	Teaching the Sacraments with a Family Perspective
505	DR. THOMAS RYAN	MEETING RM. 5	Pope Francis, Prayer and Encounter
506	MARK W. GONNELLA	MEETING RM. 6	Bioethics and the High School Student
507	DR. JOSHUA BRUMFIELD	LAKEVIEW RM.	How the Eucharist is the Key to Catechesis
508	COLIN MacIVER	C1	From Boredom to Deep Impact: Seven Strategic Principles in Confirmation Prep
509	MONICA ROUGEAU	C2	Recruiting and Training in Today's Catholic Parishes
L50	LORRAINE HESS	HILTON 1	Collaboration in Parish Music Ministry: Unity not Division
L52	BETTY-ANN HICKEY	HILTON 2	Lord Hear Our Prayer: The Role of the Prayers of the Faithful in Liturgy

### 3:15-4:15PM

601	DENISE DONAHOE	MEETING RM. 1	Inviting Jesus into Your Heart: How to Guide Students Toward More Meaningful Prayer
602	VINCENT SCOZZARI	MEETING RM. 2	Do Not Forget Me: Catechesis for the Orphaned Elderly
603	DR. KIM LAMBERTY	MEETING RM. 3	The Social Dimension of Evangelization
604	FR. JOHN J. PAYNE	MEETING RM. 4	Let the Children Come to Me: Sacraments for Those with Special Needs
605	DR. BRIAN PEDRAZA	MEETING RM. 5	You Are What You Love: The Formative Power of Liturgy
606	FRAN LAVELLE	MEETING RM. 6	Praying through Holy Laughter
607	DR. DAVID P. DELIO	LAKEVIEW RM.	John Henry Newman on Faith in Education
608	COLIN MacIVER	C1	Bumper Sticker Philosophy and 21st Century Catechesis
L60	MARY BETH KUNDE-ANDERSO AND JAMES WAHL	N HILTON 1	Songs of Joy and Hope for Children
L62	BISHOP FERNAND CHERI	HILTON 2	Songs of the Soil and the Soul

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#### FRIDAY 10:30-11:00 AM

# DOUGLAS TRICHE

#### PART I: UNDERSTANDING CATHOLIC CURRICULUM DESIGN

Through this interactive, humorous, and inspirational presentation participants will clearly understand the vision and purpose for promoting Catholic identity across the curriculum in Catholic schools and parish schools of religion. Participants will develop a rationale that can be used to implement a Catholic curriculum design in their own school and parish community. Learn how every member of school and parish can be a Catholic religious educator.

# FR. NILE GROSS

# LIVING THE LITURGY: THE ROLE OF LITURGY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

In the words of the Second Vatican Council, the liturgy is the "source and summit of the Christian life." However, for most Catholics, the liturgy is something we do on Sundays which rarely affects how we experience the rest of our lived experiences. In this presentation I will attempt to demonstrate how the liturgy extends beyond the Mass and can effect all that we do -- our work life, our family life, our prayer life -- and how God created us to "live liturgically" every day of our lives.

# KATIE PREJEAN McGRADY

# GENERATION A: MINISTERING TO THOSE WHO DON'T SEEM TO CARE

There seems to be a pervasive attitude among most teens today: I don't care. They answer "how are you?" with "fine," and "what'd you do today?" with "nothing." This sense of apathy can be both frustrating and heartbreaking, especially since these are the teens most in need of a true, authentic encounter with the Lord. To cut through this apathetic mindset, teachers and ministers have to move beyond normal educational methods and appeal to the very hearts of "generation apathy."



# **STEPHEN BINZ**

# THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF ICONS FOR CATECHESIS AND PRAYER

Icons have been described as theology in line and color. They are the visual language of Eastern Christianity and are increasingly appreciated by other Christians. This workshop will teach participants the practice of attentively and receptively gazing upon icons so that the experience leads to meditation, prayer, and spiritual transformation. Techniques will be offered for using icons in parish ministry and for adult and adolescent faith formation.

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# CACKIE (CATHERINE) UPCHURCH

#### MARY, DISCIPLE AND COMPANION ON THE WAY

Participants will experience a sound and effective method of reflecting and meditating on Sacred Scripture and better appreciate the figure of Mary in the Gospels. We'll leave with a better understanding of Mary in contemporary Christian living and spirituality.

# DR. JO ANN PARADISE

# DO YOU DARE IMAGINE A WAY TO CHANGE THE DNA OF YOUR PARISH?

Do you dare give yourself permission to honestly reflect on what might be necessary to meet the needs of the families in your parish? How do you meet people where they are and invite them to move deeper into relationship with Christ? Maybe what they need is a "faith coach." What is a faith coach? How do you find coaches and train them? Explore this innovative concept and imagine the difference it might make for your parish.

# TOM McCABE

# BETTER HOMES AND PARDONS : THE RAW POWER OF MERCY TO TRANSFORM FAMILY

Priests and counselors alike tell us that having an unforgiving heart is paramount to spiritual and emotional cancer, whereas forgiveness frees the heart to love again. Tom McCabe shares the blessings that befall the forgiving family, and identifies, through interesting studies, the debilitating effects if they fail. In the Year of Mercy, Tom explores how mercy and compassion renew the family, and identifies the fundamental principles that govern the process of forgiveness.

# DR. JOE PAPROCKI

#### A CHURCH ON THE MOVE: CREATING A MORE EVANGELIZING COMMUNITY

In his new book, *A Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion* (Loyola Press), Joe Paprocki, DMin, offers a number of exciting, practical, realistic, and doable strategies for transforming the way the average parish thinks, functions, worships, forms people in faith. Dr. Paprocki will share ways that we can engage the world so that we can truly become an evangelizing church on the move where people encounter the transforming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# PAUL SANFRANCESCO

#### DIGITAL CATECHISTS! WHAT CATECHISTS NEED TO KNOW TO THRIVE (NOT JUST SURVIVE)

As educational technology evolves, our work as catechists has changed dramatically. Let us dive in and share our experiences to expand on Digital Footprint/Citizenship. Hear what other catechists are doing with 1:1, BYOD and hybrid models that highlight the need for more open access in schools.

# JANIELLE NOE

## LITURGY WITH SYLE AND GRACE: BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR LITURGICAL PREPARATION

The celebration of the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." As the most important act for Catholic Christians, careful and prayerful preparation of the liturgy is essential. This workshop will explore basic principles for liturgical preparation that will help lead your assemblies to full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy and in the world.

# FR. TOM RANZINO

## A YEAR OF GOD'S FAVOR: THE LITURGICAL YEAR AS THE FOUNDATION OF LITURGICAL PREPARATION

Different days on the civil calendar year carry with them memories of special events in life as well as noting the mundane duties of day to day living. Over-arching and penetrating all these civil days is the Christian Liturgical Year, during which the Church keeps its Sundays, holy days, feast days and solemnities within various seasons. "Keeping" the Liturgical Year is basic to preparing liturgy, and to the way homes, parishes and schools shape prayer and lives.



# KEYNOTE: 12:45–1:45 PM SR. LYNN MCKENZIE, OSB : PRAY

Sr. Lynn will share her experience of how prayer helps her as she tries to be a faithful seeker of God in her daily journey, intending and hoping to live a life of fidelity, but realistic about the challenges. She will also share her ministry as a lawyer representing children and adults and some of the lessons from this ministry. Sr. Lynn says that "Prayer: Faith Prayed and Lived" is central to her life as a Benedictine Sister.

# FRIDAY 2:15–3:15 PM

#### PART II: CREATING CATHOLIC CURRICULUM DESIGN

Through this interactive, humorous, and inspirational presentation participants will clearly understand how to use practical tools that will enable them to apply their Catholic identity to each discipline of study in schools, and how parish schools of religion can enable their students to grasp how their Catholic identity is relevant to every aspect of life. Unite all teachers in your efforts to build the reign of God on earth as it is in heaven – a world of opportunity, justice, and beauty.

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### **DEACON LAWRENCE R. SUTTON, PH.D.** MEANINGFUL INCLUSION IN CHURCH FOR THOSE WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

A program centered on peer-teaching (modeling) of autistic children and teens has successfully helped many of these children and their parents come back into their Church. Through an innovative method, teen faith mentors have helped to prepare and educate developmentally delayed youth to learn about God. This presentation will outline how simple methods, utilizing an untapped resource available in every parish, has been successful in educating those with developmental disabilities about God.



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## KATIE PREJEAN MCGRADY teachers are ignored... witnesses are seen

High school students notice everything. They notice it all, from the way we dress to the way we talk to our colleagues to the mood we are in throughout the day. Pope Paul VI said, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." We must embrace an authentic life that lives out the faith and witnesses to it daily. This workshop will explore ways to work on yourself and then share your faith with your students.

# TANYA CENAC

#### CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN: FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES FOR SCHOOLS AND PARISHES.

This workshop will address how children can be animated and helped to live out their baptismal call to be missionary disciples in schools and parishes through the Missionary Childhood Association. Practical ways will be shared, demonstrated, and practiced that will help get children excited about being a missionary to those around them and to their brothers and sisters in the Mission Church.

# SR. JANET SCHAEFFLER, OP

#### "THE CARE AND TENDING OF PARISH ADULT FAITH FORMATION"

Because the education of children is so important and parish staff time is so stretched, adult faith formation can easily get neglected. But this can leave us with parishioners whose faith development ended at Confirmation. Sr. Janet Schaeffler, a nationally-known expert on adult faith formation, offers tested, practical advice on adult faith formation in the parish.

## FR. FRED KAMMER, S.J. ONE JESUIT'S VIEW OF MERCY

How do we, as our conference theme states, "live our prayer" and live in mercy? This workshop will draw on Ignatian spirituality and the writings of the most famous current Jesuit, Pope Francis, and others to give us very practical ways to bring forgiveness, compassion, and healing into our prayer and into our busy lives.



#### THE SPIRITUALITY OF MINISTRY

It is vital for those in ministry to nourish their faith, so it can be shared with the people they serve. Join us for an interactive experience of *lectio* and *visio Divina* and Ritual Catechesis. Woven together with music and reflection, not only will this session renew your spirit, but you will also leave prepared to draw these practices into your ministry and the lives of those you serve.

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### SABKINA MAGNUSUN THE IMPORTANCE OF SYMBOL

## AND RITUAL IN FAMILY LIFE

Signs and symbols are the ordinary way we "speak" about the most profound experiences of our lives. They strengthen identity and deepen relationships. This workshop will explore the importance of symbols and rituals in Jesus' ministry and in our Catholic faith and will include interactive opportunities to consider the meaning of some our primary symbols. It will suggest practical ways for families to integrate symbols and rituals into their lives.

# MICHAEL SILHAVY

# INTRODUCING CHILDREN TO PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF THE TAIZE COMMUNITY

Suitable for classroom teachers, catechists, or musicians, this workshop will provide an introduction to the Taize Community in France and the meditative prayer for which it has become well known. The workshop will examine the main features of the prayer and will discuss ways children can become engaged by meditative prayer in the classroom. The workshop will also demonstrate authentic ways of singing the music from Taize.

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# JERRY GALIPEAU

# INTENTIONAL HOSPITALITY: CULTIVATING THE WELCOMING PARISH

Relying on his own experience of searching for a parish home, Jerry Galipeau shares the "not-so-good news" of parishes that showed few or no signs of welcome, as well as his story of finding the parish that welcomed him with intentional hospitality. Come to this workshop to learn ways to improve your parish's commitment to and expression of hospitality, a first step to welcome strangers and those who might eventually become Catholic through the RCIA.

# FR. TOM RANZINO

#### WHAT ARE WE DOING? BASIC LITURGICAL PRINCIPLES IN PREPARING THE LITURGY OF THE CHURCH

The Church has planned the liturgies we celebrate, centered on basic principles which define what it is we are doing when we worship. In turn, we prepare what the Church has planned. Learn these principles so you can "begin with the end in mind."

# FRIDAY 3:30-4:30 PM DENISE DONAHOE

#### FINDING YOUR SPIRITUAL PATHWAY; PRAYING WITH YOUR TEMPERAMENT

Do you ever engage in a certain form or type of prayer but find it leaving you ambivalent or unmoved? Do you remember a time of prayer when you experienced the touch of God and were changed by the encounter? Come and learn more about the different spiritual pathways to God and perhaps discover your best pathway.

# FR. JOSHUA RODRIGUE

#### SEEING IS BELIEVING: THE INFLUENCES OF ART, ARCHITECTURE, & THEOLOGY

Throughout the centuries theology has been responsible for inspiring and influencing the creation of great masterpieces of sacred art and sacred architecture. This workshop will look at the interrelatedness of sacred art, sacred architecture, and theology and how they can help lead us to an authentic encounter with the Lord and celebration of the liturgy.



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# DR. JOSEPH D. WHITE

THE JOY OF LOVE: WHAT CATECHETICAL LEADERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AMORIS LAETITIA

What does Pope Francis really say in *Amoris Laetitia*, and how can we communicate the message to catechists and others in our parishes? Join National Catechetical Consultant and author Dr. Joseph White for an informative overview of Pope Francis' new apostolic letter, through a catechetical lens.

# **RAFAEL FLORES**

#### BRINGING IT HOME: CATECHIZING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

How effective is our catechesis if it is not reinforced at home? How can we as theology educators engage the parents of our youth so they can form their children in faith? This workshop will explore the importance of parent catechesis and will present different methods by which we can help parents do theology at home.

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# DR. KIM LAMBERTY

# THE SPIRITUALITY AND PRACTICE OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is at the heart of our faith and is a spiritual practice, but also must lead to action in a world broken by violence and division. This presentation will look at both dimensions of reconciliation, using the activities of CRS overseas as examples of reconciliation in practice, and also illustrating how the practice of reconciliation at home can heal our broken communities.

# SUZIE MIDDLETON

#### GIVE THEM A MISSION... JOURNEY WITH A SERVANT'S HEART

Help teens discover love for others through serving others with love, mercy, dignity, and respect. Learn how to develop a mission trip.



## BRIAN BUTLER LOVE, SEX, & GENDER: MC

#### LOVE, SEX, & GENDER: MOVING FORWARD IN MERCY & TRUTH

When the language of the culture and the language of the Church are at odds, what is the way forward? Come learn how to anchor your own understanding of today's hottest topics in language that brings Church teaching to others with truth and mercy. By exploring history and the teaching of Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis, we'll cut through the fog to gain clarity over confusion. This session will include pastoral strategies, prayerful reflection, and a lively time of Q&A.

## DR. LEONARD J. DELORENZO WITNESS: LEARNING TO TELL THE STORIES OF GRACE THAT ILLUMINE OUR LIVES

The science of grace is every bit as demanding - if not more demanding - than the hardest of hard sciences. Just like any science, it begins with keen observations and rapt attentiveness. The practice of telling stories of grace challenges disciples - whether teens, young adults, or mature adults - to reckon with the complexities and messiness of life, contemplate the mystery of God's particular love, and communicate something fundamental about themselves to someone else.

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#### UNDERSTANDING AND TEACHING THE LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM: HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER VIGIL

An introduction to the underlying theology of the liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil): the Paschal Mystery, the meaning of the word "pascha" and its importance in understanding the Triduum. A brief overview of each of the three Triduum liturgies, with a focus on the readings and the unique actions of each liturgy as well as the relationship of the three liturgies to each other.

# NICHAEL SILHAVY

#### LITURGY, PRAYER AND RITUAL WITH CHILDREN

This workshop will explore the differences - and intersections - between liturgy, prayer and ritual. All three are necessary in the spiritual and liturgical formation of children. The workshop will also explore the healthy tension between age-appropriate prayer and preparing children for adult worship.



# KEYNOTE: 12:45–1:45 PM DR. BRANT PITRE: REFLECT

Dr. Pitre will offer his reflections on how we can "Pray the Scriptures." Vatican II taught that Sacred Scripture is "food for the soul, and a pure and lasting fount of the spiritual life" (Dei Verbum 21). Yet for many, reading the Bible is often challenging, and it's not always clear how to integrate Scriptural reflection into our spiritual life. This presentation will explore the four steps of the ancient practice of lectio divina –praying the Scriptures–with the hope of helping transform prayer from a monologue into a dialogue with Christ.

# SATURDAY 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

# PAUL'S GOSPEL: THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT TRANSFORMING US IN CHRIST

Paul describes the gospel as the power of God for salvation. Paul preaches the gospel in foolishness "so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning." The heart of Paul's gospel is that in the cross of Christ God has entered into the very depths of humiliation, curse and death to save all humanity with the free gift of God's own life breath. The Christian life must reflect these two elements: the self-emptying of Christ and the power of God's Spirit.

# JIM SCHELLMAN

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HOW OUR WORSHIP FORMS US FOR FAITHFUL LIVING

Catechesis that truly forms a living discipleship flows from the richness of our Catholic liturgy and leads us back to liturgy to be fed as disciples. Through presentation and group dialogue, this session will explore theological and practical connections between liturgical prayer and lifechanging formation that can sustain us personally and communally as disciples of Jesus Christ, called to the transforming work of evangelization in our communities and world.



## **STEPHEN BINZ** TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP: ST. PETER AND POPE FRANCIS

In the Gospels, Acts, and letters, Peter the Apostle inspires a vision for leadership in the church. This workshop will focus on five attributes of the church, learned by Peter and embraced by Pope Francis today as he serves the church from Peter's chair: 1) a church that is not afraid to be bold; 2) a church that takes up the cross; 3) a church that embraces mercy; 4) a church that welcomes all; 5) a church of missionary disciples.

# TANYA CENAC

#### I AM A MISSIONARY, RIGHT WHERE I AM!

It has been said that "The Church doesn't have a mission, but the Mission has a church." This workshop will focus on our deepest identity as Catholic Christians, "Missionary Disciples," and address how to animate this identity in our daily lives, especially with those whom we live and work.

# FAYE DROBNIC

#### ICONS: WINDOWS TO HEAVEN

An overview of the history and theology of the image in the early church and the Roman Catholic Church today, practical suggestions for the use of icons and sacred art in prayer and catechesis, and a brief discussion of the ministry of iconography in the Catholic Church today.

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# IR. JO ANN PARADISE

#### BEGINNING WITH GOD'S CALL... LISTENING WITH THE EARS OF THE HEART

Many catechetical leaders have been shaped in a catechetical methodology that begins with a focus on our lived experience. What might happen if we backed up a step and first listened to God's personal invitation through his Word? What new possibilities might unfold if we invite children to hear God speak personally to them through reflection? This workshop will explore faith formation for children that is rooted in the hearing, unfolding and living of Sacred Scripture.



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# IOM McCABE

#### MARY OR MARTHA? SHOULD I PRAY OR SHOULD I SERVE NOW?

The British punk rock group, The Clash, sang "Should I stay or should I go now?" Prayer is like this. In Scripture Jesus tells Martha that, yes, 'Mary chose the better part' as Mary sat at his feet. But why is Martha also considered a saint of the Church? It is because of how she assimilated Christ's calling for intimacy and put it into action. Regardless of our state in life, we all are called to be both prayer warrior and active apostle. Tom shares how to live it, along with resources to help.

# DR. JOE PAPROCKI

#### UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF JESUS: 9 STEPS TO A MORE EVANGELIZING CATECHESIS

In this presentation, best-selling author Joe Paprocki, DMin, will draw from his book, *Under the Influence of Jesus: The Transforming Experience of Encountering Christ*, to identify 9 concrete actions that catechists can take to engage those they teach in a more evangelizing catechesis.

# RAY LACY

#### PRODIGALS...HOW DO WE REACH THEM?

This session will help those who work with adolescents and teens to reach out to those who have lost their way. Lacy will draw on his expertise as a parish and diocesan youth minister.

# DANIELLE NO

#### EVANGELIZING THROUGH THE PARISH LITURGY

In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis invites "all Christians...to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ" (3). This encounter is most fully experienced in the Eucharistic celebration. Explore how the Sunday Mass is an opportunity for evangelizing the faithful, thus helping them to strengthn their relationship with Christ and with the Christian community.

# BETTY-ANN HICKEY

**THE GIFT OF SONG: A SURVEY OF SING TO THE LORD** God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song and that gift is offered to God from our love. In this presentation we will examine the role of music and music ministers at our liturgical celebrations. Come and learn how we can we engage people of all ages in a more fruitful, conscious and active celebration of the liturgy and find that richness of prayer for ourselves.

# KEYNOTE: 1:00-1:50 PM BISHOP FERNAND CHERI: WITNESS

Bishop Cheri's strength and testimony comes from God's Word in Scripture, "My grace is enough for you, for in weakness power reaches perfection." (2Cor 12:9) You will be inspired as Bishop Cheri encourages us to, "Go forth and witness."

# SATURDAY 2:00-3:00 PM DR. LEONARD DELORENZO

#### BECOMING FULLY HUMAN: THE LOST ART OF CHARACTER FORMATION

The meaning of human life is lived in the tension between who you are, who you are called to be, and who you become. Put another way, the project of becoming fully human moves from the gift of Christ's life, death, and resurrection to the gift of your life and death in response to Christ. This session will enable us to identify key practices for intentionally developing character, with a special emphasis on equipping those who work with teenagers and young adults.

# FR. JOSHUA RODRIGUE

#### THE ANCIENT DUNKING BOOTH: THE ORIGINS OF THE RCIA

This workshop will look at the historical and theological developments of the Rites of Initiation from the period of the early Christian community in Rome, through their changes in the Middle Ages, to their necessitated reform in modern times. Knowledge of their development will hopefully give greater meaning to current parish celebrations of the sacraments of initiation during and outside of the Paschal Vigil.

## DR. JOSEPH D. WHITE CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD:

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#### FORMING LEARNERS TO PRAY IN MANY WAYS

Prayer is "lifting our hearts and minds to God." This session will explore the five forms of prayer and the various expressions of prayer in our Catholic Tradition, offering practical suggestions for helping learners of all ages speak - and listen - to God.

# KATHY HENDRICKS

#### TEACHING THE SACRAMENTS WITH A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, and Reconciliation, when celebrated with children and youth, can provide families with marvelous ways in which to connect faith with life in their homes. In this session we will look at how to catechize about the sacraments in ways that honor the rituals and traditions of the family and help to connect them with the liturgical life of the Church.

# DR. TOM RYAN

#### POPE FRANCIS, PRAYER AND ENCOUNTER

From the very start, Pope Francis has emphasized prayer. He also calls for the faithful to be on the lookout for encounters with God who is revealed even in difficult people and situations. This multi-media presentation resources those involved in faith formation. It conveys inspiring content from Pope Francis, who sees prayer and encounter as mutually enriching. It also highlights some of his strategies and practices that those involved in faith formation can adopt in their own work.



# MARK GONNELLA

#### BIOETHICS IN TODAY'S WORLD: A CATHOLIC APPROACH

This workshop is designed to introduce the audience to the major bioethical problems that are affecting our societies, such as euthanasia/physician-assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, etc., and to introduce the audience to the relevant moral principles found within Church teaching that should inform our discussion of these issues. Using the "Pastoral Circle" method, this session is aimed at practical suggestions for discussing these issues pastorally with students and parishioners.



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# DR. JOSHUA BRUMFIELD

#### HOW THE EUCHARIST IS THE KEY TO CATECHESIS

Dr. Brumfield will reflect on the integration of prayer into life as a model for catechesis. Following Pope Benedict XVI, he will explain why catechesis ought also to be formation for offering to God that which is owed to Him. Dr. Brumfield will also explain how liturgy grounds catechesis and mission. Ecclesial movements exemplify this liturgical and communion catechesis for evangelization. Finally, Dr. Brumfield will suggest tips for integrating prayer and evangelization in accord with Pope Benedict XVI's vision of the parish as a creative and evangelizing minority.

# COLIN MACIVER

#### FROM BOREDOM TO DEEP IMPACT: SEVEN STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES IN CONFIRMATION PREP

With wit, humor, and a wealth of experience, Colin MacIver will demonstrate how to use the best tools of contemporary media to develop a compelling and comprehensive catechesis that strives to form lifelong disciples for Jesus Christ. Not only will Colin diagnose the pitfalls of the current Confirmation preparation crisis, he'll provide best practices in Confirmation preparation.

# MONICA ROUGEAU

#### RECRUITING & TRAINING IN TODAY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISHES

Want to engage parishioners and get them involved? It will bring an understanding of best practices to reach out, engage and invite all parishioners into a robust parish life. This session will present strategies to help you meet fellow parishioners where they are with no exclusions, assist in the best pairing of parishioner skills, talents and time with the needs of the parish. The session will also identify appropriate tools and other means to support those serving in any ministry, helping to ensure long-term, sustainable service to all parish ministries.



# COLLABORATION IN PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY: UNITY NOT DIVISION

Your school has its own music repertoire for Mass. The teens of the parish have praise and worship nights. Saturday afternoon vigil Mass is organ-only and Sunday family Mass is led by piano and guitar. It seems like there are not only mulitple musical styles used at liturgy, but many different parishes in one. How do we become one Body of Christ when the liturgies seem so independent and separate from one another? Can we find some musical common ground?

# **BETTY-ANN HICKEY**

#### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER: THE ROLE OF THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL IN LITURGY

I've been entrusted with writing the Prayers of the Faithful! What do I do? In this workshop we will explore the role and history of the Prayers of the Faithful, examine the liturgical guidelines for the intercessions and write a set of intercessions for use at Mass and prayer services.

## SATURDAY 3:15-4:15 PM DENISE DONAHOE

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# INVITING JESUS INTO YOUR HEART: HOW TO GUIDE STUDENTS TOWARD MORE MEANINGFUL PRAYER

Children are naturally open to God and to prayer, especially when encouraged to use their imaginations and allowed to "try out" different ways of praying. Denise will outline concrete ways to help students in elementary and middle school grades to expand the ways they pray. Catechists will learn how to set up the prayer space and the atmosphere for prayer as well as discover various ways to lead students in prayer.

# **VINCENT SCOZZA**

#### "DO NOT FORGET ME": CATECHISIS FOR ORPHANED ELDERS

Serving those in need, such as those in assisted and independent living facilities might appear to simply be our baptismal responsibility to the mandate given by Jesus in Matthew 25. A closer analysis of the ultimate meaning of why we serve these individuals reminds us that the heart of all catechesis is to come to know the person of Jesus. We seek to catechize individuals by leading them beyond knowing about Jesus to knowing Jesus. In catechizing our seniors we find ourselves also catechized. 3

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# DR. KIM LAMBERTY

#### THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF EVANGELIZATION

This presentation will look at the spirituality and practice of evangelization as outlined in chapter 4 of *Evangelii Gaudium*, illustrating how the work of CRS puts the call of Pope Francis into practice. The presentation will conclude with ways that participants can involve their parish, school, and classroom with this mission, through CRS and locally.

# FR. JOHN J. PAYNE, J.C.L

#### LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME: BRINGING THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO THE SACRAMENTS

We are often faced with children and adults who have special needs in the Church. There are practical ways to attend to their needs and Canon Law gives us a framework for doing so. While persons think that Canon Law often sets roadblocks to those with special needs, in actuality it is open enough to allow for those who are exceptional. Those who have special needs can fully participate in the life of the Church. The canonical approach is also the pastoral one when we really examine the law.

# DR. BRIAN PEDRAZI

#### YOU ARE WHAT YOU LOVE: THE FORMATIVE POWER OF LITURGY

Are we formed by what we know or by what we love? Drawing upon the work of theologians both ancient and new, this workshop will explore this question and how we can augment evangelization and catechesis through the formative power of practices, especially the practice of the liturgy. Secular "liturgies" are forming our desires everywhere, so how can the Church harness communal and liturgical practices to create a culture that will help people to know and love God?

# FRAN LAVELLE

#### PRAYING THROUGH HOLY LAUGHTER

There are times when we find ourselves in a fit of holy laughter. We are not laughing at but with someone. In holy laughter there is a sublime connection with God as we find ourselves fully present to the moment. Discover the benefits of holy laughter and experience how it can enhance your prayer life!



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#### NEWMAN ON FAITH IN EDUCATION

This session will look at how Bl. John Henry Newman saw faith unfold in one's education. A short biography of Newman will be given. This will be followed by some of his relevant thoughts on how faith, given through the Church, compliments and transforms what one learns in both school and in living experience. We will look at his sermons in his Anglican period and some of his major Catholic works.

# COLIN MACIVEI

# BUMPER STICKER PHILOSOPHY AND 21ST CENTURY CATECHESIS

Teens and middle school students, for the most part, aren't reading heavy works of philosophy, but through culture they are unwittingly being formed into systems of belief and patterns of thought that make a huge difference in how they receive the Gospel. In our world philosophy is delivered in tweets, memes, Netflix binges, and the music that becomes the soundtrack of teen life.

# MARY BETH KUNDE-ANDERSON & JAMES WAHL

#### SONGS OF JOY AND HOPE FOR CHILDREN

Come and join Mary Beth Kunde-Anderson and James Wahl as they share songs of joy and hope, some new and some old, for the passing of our faith from one generation to the next. Bring your child within and share your joy as we visit songs for celebrations, sacraments, liturgies, blessings and special events throughout the year.

# BISHUP FERNAND CHERI

#### SONGS OF THE SOIL AND THE SOUL

This workshop will bring participants through the development of the Black Religious Music tradition. It will show how the values of African and African American Catholic spirituality are expressed in our musical heritage. It will trace the rickness of Black folklore from the field songs, to church hymnody, anthems and gospel tradition. It will investigate the development of gospel music-traditional gospel, contemporary gospel and gospel rap as it continues to address the Black experience today. Come and be blessed to learn how we tell the story of the sojourn with God through our songs.

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### FRIDAY 10:30-11:30AM

L10	DANIELLE NOE	HILTON 1	Liturgy with Syle and Grace: Basic Principles for Liturgical Preparation
L12	FR. TOM RANZINO	HILTON 2	A Year of God's Favor: The Liturgical Year as the
102	FR. NILE GROSS	MEETING RM 2	Foundation of Liturgical Preparation Living the Liturgy: The Role of Liturgy in Everyday Life
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L20 L22	JERRY GALIPEAU FR. TOM RANZINO	HILTON 1 HILTON 2	Intentional Hospitality: Cultivating the Welcoming Parish What Are We Doing? Basic Liturgical Principles in Preparing the Liturgy of the Church
3:30-	-4:30PM		
L30	FAYE DROBNIC	HILTON 1	Understanding and Teaching the Liturgies of the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil
L32	MICHAEL SILHAVY	HILTON 2	Liturgy, Prayer and Ritual with Children
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L40	DANIELLE NOE	HILTON 1	Evangelizing Through the Parish Liturgy
L42 402	BETTY-ANN HICKEY JIM SCHELLMAN	HILTON 2 MEETING RM 2	The Gift of Song: A Survey of <i>Sing to the Lord</i> How Our Worship Forms Us for Faithful Living
2:00-	-3:00PM		
L50 L52	LORRAINE HESS BETTY-ANN HICKEY	HILTON 1 HILTON 2	Collaboration in Parish Music Ministry: Unity, Not Division Lord Hear Our Prayer: The Role of the Prayers of the Faithful in Liturgy
3:15-	-4:15PM		
L60	MARY BETH KUNDE-ANDERSON AND JAMES WAHL	HILTON 1	Songs of Joy and Hope for Children
L62	BISHOP FERNAND CHERI	HILTON 2	Songs of the Soil and the Soul
605	DR. BRIAN PEDRAZA	MEETING RM 5	You Are What You Love: The Formative Power of Liturgy



# WINDOWS to HEAVEN







Guardian Angel, John the Baptist and Mary Magdalene by Faye Drobnic.

L o sit in the presence of the icon is to sit in the light of a window, a window through which God's love shines forth. More than anything else, the icon is a conduit, a place where the Kingdom of God punctures our world. Icons break into our loneliness to remind us of the Spirit ever present.

The first lesson taught by any icon is silence. The expression of the figure in the icon is sometimes severe but always composed and peaceful. The icon draws one into its world, rather than speaking to the viewer's world. Coming into the presence of the icon, we are invited to silence.

We invite you to take a few minutes during the hectic pace of this conference to visit the exhibit and prayer space of icons in Hall C. Spend some time in silent prayer with the icons, and visit with iconographer Faye Drobnic from Lafayette to learn more about this ancient sacred art.

Check out these two breakout sessions:







Stephen J. Binz is a Catholic biblical scholar, award-winning author of over 50 books, and popular speaker, offering keynote addresses at conferences and parishes. He studied Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and Jerusalem. Today he offers pilgrimages to biblical lands and sacred places. He is the founder and author of Threshold Bible Study, and his recent book is Saint Peter: Flawed, Forgiven, and Faithful. More info may be found at www.Bridge-B.com.



Dr. Brumfield, Assistant Professor of Theology at the University of Holy Cross, was born and raised on the Westbank of New Orleans. He graduated with a B.S. from Tulane in '04 and an M.A. in Theology from Our Lady of Holy Cross College in '09. In Fall '16 he defended his doctoral dissertation on "Communion and Mission in the Theology of Ratzinger" at the Catholic University of America. He is a father of three and husband of one, with whom he currently resides in Marrero, LA.



Brian Butler is co-founder and executive director of Dumb Ox Ministries, which offers evangelization and formation for teens, young adults and families via the lens of the Theology of the Body. He is author of several resources, including the exciting new program *YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body.* With an undergraduate degree in communications and a masters in theology, he has 18 years of experience at the high school, parish, and diocesan levels. He is married with 4 children.



Dr. Timothy Carmody, a member of the theology faculty at Spring Hill College since 1989, has a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from The Catholic University of America and is a member of the Catholic Biblical Association. His areas of academic interest include the Gospels, Genesis, the Letters of Paul, the Book of Revelation and the Dead Sea Scrolls. He has authored two books: *Reading the Bible* (2004) and *Mark: Question by Question* (2010), both published by Paulist Press.



Very Rev. David G. Caron, O.P., D. Min., is the Vicar of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The former President and Assistant Professor of Liturgical and Sacramental Theology of Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri, he joined the Dominican Order in 2000. Fr. Caron also taught in the Theology Department at Barry University (Miami) and has served in provincial leadership of the Southern Dominican Province. He was named a Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis in 2016.

# Speaker BIOGRAPHIES



Tanya Cenac is the Associate Director for the Missionary Childhood Association of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Theology while playing Division I Basketball at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and her Masters in Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. Tanya has 8 years of teaching experience in elementary, secondary, and collegiate levels, even serving as a Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) campus missionary.



David Peter Delio, Ph.D. serves as the S. E. Canizaro Associate Professor of Theology and as Chair of the Theology Department. Dr. Delio led in designing and implementing a philosophy minor for the B.A. in Theology, an elementary track for Theology and Religious Education, and an online Master of Arts in Catholic Theology (MACT), which he envisioned as a resource for working Christians. He is also the faculty advisor for the UHC Theology Club.



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1:00 PM-5:00 PM	Leadership Day at the Crowne Plaza
1:00 PM-1:30 PM	Opening Prayer/ Welcome/Introduction
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Session A Fr. David Caron, O.P. "Spiritual Leadership & Evangelization"
2:30 PM-2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45 PM–3:45 PM	Session B Dr. Daniella Zsupan-Jerome "Connected Toward Communion"
3:45 PM-4:00 PM	BREAK
4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Session C Mr. Paul Sanfrancesco "Transforming Digital Users to Digital Leaders"
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Dinner (on your own)
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	12:45 PM-1:45 PM	KEYNOTE – Sr. Lynn McKenzie, OSB "Pray"
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	2:15 PM-3:15 PM	Breakout Sessions 200s
	3:30 PM-4:30 PM	Breakout Sessions 300's/Closing Prayer in Sessions
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