

INCREASE OUR FAITH



CONFIRM OUR HOPE

Saturday, September 14, 2019



Luci Holloway

Loyola Press representative, Luci Holloway shares her expertise and years of experience teaching children with special needs. Luci demonstrates how catechetical materials may be adapted to provide solid religious education to young people with learning disabilities.



Joseph Stanford, MD

Dr. Joseph Stanford is an expert in fertility medicine. The Office of Family Life presents this workshop with Dr. Stanford and Sarah Jensen,



Sara Jensen, R.N.

Details not available at this printing.



Melanie Tyree

Risk management is an important topic for volunteers and ministers who serve in ministries with young people. Part 1 and 2 workshops offer practical tips for planning successful events with youth, teens and young adults.

Aaron Del Monte



Aaron Del Monte offers strategies for building strong youth ministry programs and empowering teen and young adult peer leadership. Mr. Del Monte

represents Sadlier Religion Publishers.

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Carol Ruddell, LEM

Carol Ruddell offers a workshop and discussion on the late Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche communities. Discover how this saintly man and the L'Arche movement built new understandings on the nature of friendships and love offered to all the people of God.



Margaret Alarilla, Ed.D

Dr. Alarilla brings her expertise in faith formation to assist catechists and religious educators with ideas on how to teach more effectively.



Rev. Roger Keeler, JCD

Keynote speaker, Fr. Roger Keeler returns to Pastoral Congress to share his moving reflections on faith and hope in today's world.



Rev. Sergio Serrano, OP

En su discurso de apertura, Fray Sergio Serrano, O.P. ofrece reflexiones sobre la construcción de la fe y el ofrecimiento de esperanza a otros en nuestro mundo turbulento y complicado.

Catherine Cummings, LEM



Kit Cummings demonstrates a variety of religious education craft projects highlighting seasons throughout the Liturgical Year.

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Robert Cowlshaw

Capturing Awe. At memorable times, certain events and places in our lives fill us with a deep sense of “awe.” As a liturgical people, how do we nurture these prayerful settings in our lives of faith ? How might we add depth and excitement (a sense of awe) to our communal worship?



Rev. Joseph Delka

Fr. Delka invites conversations on the need to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Karen Pesek

Congratulations, You are a Catechist...Now What? This workshop offers concrete ways to sharpen presentation skills for all, from beginners to master catechists and teachers.

From Good Enough to On Fire! This workshop stresses the importance of the personal witness to faith needed to effectively proclaim the Good News to others.

Karen Pesek represents RCL/Benziger Publishers. She served twelve years as director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, a home mission in southern Missouri.

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Joseph D. White, Ph. D

A Future Full of Hope: Keeping Kids Catholic

Involving Parents: Engaging Families

Dr. Joseph White is a clinical child psychologist, author of many articles and books and a catechetical consultant for Our Sunday Visitor.



Karin Hurley

How do we bring Church to others? How are we natural, living bridges to Christ? How do we engage people who seem disconnected, disinterested, or indifferent to the community? Participants will develop tools and practices to activate and sustain hospitality in their homes and parishes.

Lorena Needham, LEM



Strengthening The Mission: The V Encuentro process at Saint Marguerite Parish.

A panel of parishioners, José Arellano, Rosario Tovar and Lorena Needham discuss ways in which the people of Saint Marguerite Parish are steadily implementing goals of the V Encuentro Movement in Utah.

Working in the Catholic church at both the parochial and diocesan level, Margaret Alarilla uses her personal and professional experiences along with her theological background to provide a unique prospective on a variety of Catholic issues in her presentations. She has earned her BA in Theology, MA in Theology, and Ed. D in Educational Leadership.

Recruit, Train, and Retain Effective Catechetical Leaders

Do you ever have a hard time finding the right catechists for your faith formation program? Do you need some tools to help you reach out to the parishioners in the pews. Come and join Dr. Margaret Alarilla and she offers a interactive presentation on some of the best ways to recruit, train and retain effective catechetical leaders. You don't want to miss out.

THE Lesson Plan for Lesson Plans

Did you know that the more prepared you are for your class the less discipline problems you will have? Did you know that young people learn in a variety of ways? Come and learn what it takes to create a meaningful and creative lesson plan for your students. Remember, you are influencing little souls to build a deeper relationship with their Lord, Jesus Christ! So, together, let's learn what it means to prepare a heavenly lesson plan that can point the way to God.

What year is it? The Liturgical Year!

The parishioners in the pews receive most of their faith formation through the Mass. The same goes for the children that attend with them...unless they are in faith formation classes, of course. So, why is it important to understand and teach about the liturgical year? Join Dr. Margaret Alarilla as she discusses the importance of the liturgical year and why you should be teaching your students the liturgical seasons.

Joseph White, Ph.D

A Future Full of Hope: Keeping Kids Catholic

We have known for some time that young people are leaving the Church in alarming numbers. New research gives us insight into why they are leaving and how we can build a foundation of faith, beginning in early childhood and continuing through the teen years, that will promote lifelong engagement and discipleship.

Involving Parents, Engaging Families

Parents are the first and most important teachers of the faith, but it's often a challenge to get parents and families involved in parish and school faith formation. This session, presented by a child and family psychologist and former diocesan family life director, will discuss tested and effective ways to partner with parents and families and evangelize the domestic church.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

1. What is your will for me, Lord? – Discerning a Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
 - a. While God calls all to holiness He also calls men and women to follow him in a particular way as a priest or religious. God is always calling, but not everyone is listening or responding. Come hear about the importance of listening to God's call and the joy of giving everything for Jesus Christ!
2. Pray to the Master of the Harvest - Promoting Vocations in the Parish
 - a. The future priests and religious sisters in our diocese don't come from some mythical place "out there." They come from among our sons and daughters in our own community! Come find out how we can all work together to build a culture where young men and women

Office of Stewardship and Development

Strategic Hospitality: God Appointed Duty

Christian hospitality is missionary evangelism, ensuring Jesus is central to our Christian lives and worship – from home to church. In the context of hospitality, we will focus on biblical principles, knowledge sharing, and practical approaches to help build stronger, more connected Catholic communities through the practice of hospitality. This two part workshop will seek to answer: How do we bring Church to others? How are we natural, living bridges to Christ? How do we engage people who seem disconnected, disinterested, or in-different to the community? Participants will develop tools and practices to activate and sustain hospitality in their homes and parishes.

Karen Pesek served twelve years as director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, a home mission in southern Missouri. She currently works as a consultant, teaches English to students in China, and teaches adult courses in catechesis for the University of Dayton. She and her husband live in a log cabin in the Sangre de Cristo mountains of southern Colorado. They have both served the Church as lay ecclesial ministers during their 37 years of marriage. They have four adult children and two grandchildren. Karen earned a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Religious Education from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, and a post Master's Certificate in Pastoral Supervision from St. Meinrad School of Theology. Karen has been a catechist since the age of 16, with 21 years of experience as a parish Director of Religious Education. She is a past

I have asked Jose Arreola to partner with me in making a presentation. Jose will be commissioned this August and is a fellow parishioner at Saint Marguerite. We have discerned that, if appropriate, we could make a presentation. It would be in panel style and would include one other person, Rosario Tovar, coordinator of the Hispanic Community at Saint Marguerite. We would work a thread of thought that would go like this: A summary of the V Encuentro and it's current goal for this diocese presented by Jose who is on the diocesan board and attended the V Encuentro, a summary of the parish process for Saint Marguerite (as an example for strengths and weaknesses) given by Rosario, and presentation of a model for strengthening a parish to implement the V Encuentro ideals for a unified parish community that I would present. (The model would be based on my graduate paper, Taking the Mystery Out of Mestizaje.) Both Jose and Rosario are bilingual, so, if desired, this could also be presented in English.