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**34th Annual  
PARISH  
MINISTRY AND  
CATECHETICAL  
CONFERENCE**

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**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

**8:45 AM - 4:30 PM**

**12:00 PM MASS**

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Dr. John Wood**



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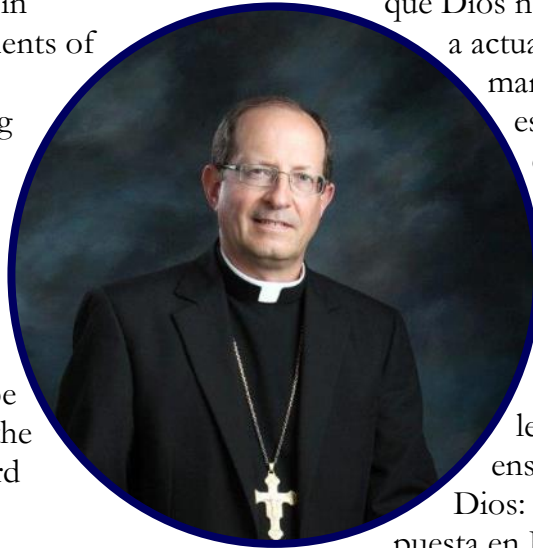
# Bishop's Welcome | Bienvenida del Obispo

The theme for this year's Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference is "Hope...Anchor of the Soul" taken from Hebrews 6:18-19. When God reveals Himself and calls us, we cannot fully respond to the divine love by our own power. We must trust that God will give us the capacity to love Him in return and to act in conformity with the commandments of love. Hope is the confident expectation of the divine blessing and the beatific vision of God.

The Holy Spirit teaches us to pray as we ought, which is in hope. The psalms especially, with their concrete and varied language, teach us to fix our hope on God: "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry." (Psalm 40:2)

As with St. Paul I pray, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Rom 15:13)

Sincerely yours in Christ,



*+ David J. Walkowiak*

Most Rev. David J. Walkowiak, Bishop of Grand Rapids

El tema de este año para la Conferencia del Ministerio Parroquial y Catequético es "La Esperanza... Ancla del Alma" tomada del libro de Hebreos 6:18-19. Cuando Dios se revela y nos llama, no podemos responder totalmente al amor divino por nuestro propio poder. Debemos confiar que Dios nos dará la capacidad de amarle y a actuar en conformidad con los mandamientos de amor. La esperanza es la expectativa segura de la bendición divina y la visión beatífica de Dios.

El Espíritu Santo nos enseña a orar como mejor conviene, y que es en la esperanza. Los salmos, especialmente, con su lenguaje concreto y variado, nos enseñan a fijar nuestra esperanza en Dios: "Toda mi esperanza la tengo puesta en Dios, a mi se inclino y escucho mi clamor." (Salmo 40:2)

Al igual que San Pablo oro para, "Que el Dios de la esperanza les llene de alegría y paz en su fe, Y que por el poder del Espíritu Santo, los llene de esperanza." (Rom 15: 13)

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,



# General Information | Información General

**Welcome!** to the 34th annual Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference, sponsored by the diocesan office of Pastoral Services. This conference provides an opportunity for persons involved in all forms of parish ministry to pray, reflect and to learn with and from one another. We specifically welcome our parish musicians and liturgists who will be joining us. We look forward to seeing old friends: catechists, school teachers, parish catechetical leaders, coordinators, youth ministry leaders and volunteers, pastoral associates, principals, RCIA teams, prison and jail ministry volunteers and adult faith formation teams.

**Exhibits** – featuring publishers and organizations; please be sure to visit them for valuable information and for a chance to win prizes.

**Spanish Translation** – Instantaneous translation will be available for the keynote presentation and the homily at Mass. There will also be workshops offered in Spanish throughout the day.

**Facilities** are accessible and barrier free. We ask that you refrain from wearing perfumes or other scents.

**¡Bienvenidos!** a la 32ª Conferencia del Ministerio Parroquial y Catequético patrocinada por la Oficina de Servicios Pastorales. Esta conferencia ofrece a los ministros parroquiales la oportunidad de orar, reflexionar y aprender juntos. Queremos darles una bienvenida especial a los músicos y liturgistas parroquiales que están participando este año. También tendremos la oportunidad de ver a viejos amigos: catequistas, profesores, líderes de catequesis parroquial, coordinadores, líderes y voluntarios de pastoral juvenil, asociados pastorales, directores de escuela, equipos de RICA, voluntarios del ministerio de cárceles y equipos de formación en la fe para adultos.

**Exhibiciones** - Nos acompañan editoriales y organizaciones; favor de visítenlos ya que compartirán con nosotros información importante y nos ofrecerán la oportunidad de ganar premios.

**Traducción en español** - Habrá traducción simultánea durante la presentación del orador principal y durante la homilía de la Misa. Se ofrecerán también talleres en español a lo largo del día.

**Las instalaciones** son accesibles y fáciles de usar. Le pedimos que se abstenga de usar perfumes u otras fragancias ya que hay personas alérgicas.



# Conference Schedule | Programa de la Conferencia

7:45-8:45      **Registration & Hospitality**  
*Inscripción y hospitalidad*      Entrance Hallway,  
Exhibits in Workshop Hallway

8:45-9:00      **Morning Prayer**  
*Oración de la mañana*      Cafetorium

9:00-10:00      **Welcome/Keynote**  
*Bienvenida/ Presentación Principal*      Cafetorium

10:30 - 4:30      **Institutes** (see page 6)  
*Institutos*      Classrooms  
*Salón de Clase*

10:30-11:45      **Workshop Session A** (see page 7)  
*Talleres de la Sesión A*      Classrooms  
*Salón de Clase*

12:00-12:45      **Mass with Bishop Walkowiak**  
*Misa con el Obispo Walkowiak*      Cafetorium

1:00-1:45      **Lunch/Exhibits**  
*Almuerzo y Exhibiciones*      Gymnasium  
*Gimnasio*

1:45-3:00      **Workshop Session B** (see page 14)  
*Talleres de la Sesión B*      Classrooms  
*Salón de Clase*

3:15-4:30      **Workshop Session C** (see page 21)  
*Talleres de la Sesión C*      Classrooms  
*Salón de Clase*

*Each workshop is 75 minutes in length. Each institute is 4 hours in length.*



# Keynote Presentation | Presentación Principal

**Dr. John R. Wood** is the author of, “*Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission: 5 Steps to Winning the War Within.*” Since the release of the book in December 2012, John has spoken at more than 100 parishes and schools across the country to people of all ages, inspiring thousands to embrace the message of the Universal Call to Holiness and help awaken the sleeping giant called the Catholic Church.

Dr. Wood and his wife Kristin currently reside in northwest Ohio with their four children. John is a mobile eye doctor and he travels to over 50 nursing homes and developmental disability facilities to provide eye care through his business, Mobile Eyes, LLC, which he started in 2007.

Dr. Wood’s presentation reminds us of the one thing nobody can ever take away from us: Our hope of heaven. Our mission is not to be comfortable in this life, but to become saints in heaven. We are not on a carnival cruise ship but a Mayflower. We are a pilgrim people going to a promised land. Our Church, like Noah’s Arc, will save us from the flood of death and help us to reach our destination if we stay on board. Though there will be storms and trials in this life, our hope of reaching our destination and becoming the saints God created us to be is something the world can never take away. That hope is the greatest gift we can pass on as missionary disciples as we bring others on board.



**Dr. John R. Wood es el autor de**, “*Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission: 5 Steps to Winning the War Within.*” (*Vidas Ordinarias, Misión Extraordinaria: 5 Pasos para ganar la guerra interior*). Desde el lanzamiento de su libro en diciembre de 2012, John ha hablado en más de 100 parroquias y escuelas en todo el país a personas de todas las edades, inspirando a miles de personas a abrazar el mensaje de la llamada Universal a la santidad y ayudando a despertar al gigante dormido llamado Iglesia católica.

El Dr. Wood y su esposa Kristin actualmente residen en el noroeste de Ohio, junto con sus cuatro hijos. John es un médico oculista y viaja a más de 50 residencias y facilidades a prestar servicios a personas con discapacidad de desarrollo llevando atención oftalmológica a través de su empresa, Mobile Eyes, LLC, iniciada en 2007.

La presentación del Dr. Wood nos recuerda la única cosa que nadie puede negarnos: Nuestra esperanza del cielo. Nuestra misión no es pasárnosla cómodamente en esta vida, sino ser santos en el cielo. No estamos en un barco crucero de la compañía Carnival pero si en un barco como el Mayflower. Somos un pueblo peregrino que va a la tierra prometida. Nuestra Iglesia, como el Arca de Noe, nos salvará de la inundación y de la muerte, ayudándonos a llegar a nuestro destino siempre y cuando nos mantengamos a bordo. Sin embargo, habrá tormentas y pruebas en esta vida, nuestra esperanza de llegar a nuestro destino y convertirnos en los Santos que Dios desea que seamos es algo que el mundo no puede quitarnos. Esa esperanza es el mayor regalo que podemos pasar a otros como discípulos misioneros cuando los invitamos a ser parte de esto.



Two full-day institutes are offered for those professionals who need *Professional Theology or Spirituality* for their certification. Five and 1/2 hours of professional theology will be offered for each of the Institutes, including the keynote address. Each institute will be held 10:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., breaking for the conference Mass and lunch.

## Institute 1: Praying the Psalms for Life

The psalms are called by the Church the “masterpiece of prayer.” Discover the five parts of the Psalms and how those serve as our guide to the five forms of prayer: Adoration & Blessing, Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving and Praise. Great for those who want to engage the Psalms more fully, re-ignite their praying of the Breviary, or to provide structure for your hour of Eucharistic Adoration.



**Thomas Smith** was received into the Catholic Church in 1996, bringing a wealth of experience and insight on the New Evangelization and the Word of God to audiences across the U.S. Thomas is a repeat guest on EWTN and Catholic radio as well as a sought after parish mission and conference speaker. He is the author of a number of books. He has taught as an adjunct professor at the St. Francis School of Theology in Denver, and is the former Director of the *Denver Catholic Biblical School* and the *Denver Catechetical School*. Thomas lives on his family ranch in southeastern Idaho where he continues to explore the riches of our faith.

## Institute 2: Sing To The Lord: Music in Divine Worship - 10 Years Later: Where do we go from here?

Understanding all the components of a complete parish music program, and how they work together - this institute will explore the role of the pastor, music director, assembly, cantors, instrumentalist, choirs and ensembles, as represented in the United States Bishops document, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*. While this institute may paint the ideal perfect picture, no matter what describes your parish music program at this time, it will help participants grasp the “big picture” as a way of guiding future directions. This institute is open to all clergy, pastoral musicians, liturgists, pastoral associates, directors of religious education and anyone involved with parish liturgy.



**Deacon Dennis Rybicki** is an active musician and educator in the West Michigan area and beyond. Having received his B.M.ed. from Aquinas College and his M.ed. from Calvin College, Dennis has also done substantive work in graduate theology and sacred music coursework at the University of Notre Dame, St. John’s University and Westminster Choir College. Dennis is the Director of Liturgical Music for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Director of Campus Ministry and Director of Choral Activities at Catholic Central High School. Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in June, 2017, Dennis serves at his parish, the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Dennis is married to Annette and are very fortunate to have two beautiful daughters, Clare and Cecilia.



**Michelle Ogren** serves as Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Patrick Parish, Parnell. She is an adjunct faculty member at Aquinas College. Past ministry includes Liturgical Musician for the Motherhouse of the Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters, Coordinator of Catholic patient care as part of the Chaplaincy Office for Spectrum Health. She has served as Director of the Office for Worship in the Diocese of Grand Rapids and has ministered as a Pastoral Musician for over 40 years. She holds degrees from Aquinas College and the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy. She and her husband Bob are the very blessed parents of four young adults and grandparents to two spectacular grandchildren.



**Robert J. Batastini** is the retired vice president and senior editor of GIA Publications, Inc. He is in his 63rd year of service in pastoral music ministry. He was executive editor and project director for the hymnals *Worship, Gather, Catholic Community, Lead Me, Guide Me, African American Heritage Hymnal, Total Praise* (for the National Baptist Convention USA), executive editor of *RitualSong (1st Ed.)*, and served on the committees for *Worship (4th Ed.)* and *Oramos Cantando/We Pray in Song*. Batastini is past president of the Hymn Society, served on the NPM Council, the Music Advisory Committee of the Bishops Committee on the Liturgy, and is currently completing four years as chapter director of NPM—Grand Rapids. Bob is associate choir choral director of St. Francis de Sales, Holland and directs the Grand Rapids and Holland Ecumenical Choirs.



# Workshops | Los Talleres

There is the opportunity to attend three workshops during the conference. The keynote address and workshops are applicable toward catechist certification: each workshop counts as 1.25 clock hours and the keynote for 1 hour; a total of 4.75 hours for the day. All workshops have been designated according to the relevant dimension of formation (spirituality, professional theology and evangelization/methodology). Where two dimensions are recommended, you may choose one or the other to apply to certification. Be sure to keep a record of which workshops you attend. For more information regarding catechetical certification, go to [www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org).

Habr  la oportunidad de participar en tres talleres durante la conferencia. La presentaci n general y los talleres son v lidas para la certificaci n de catequistas: cada taller se cuenta como 1.25 de hora y la presentaci n general como 1 hora; se acumula as  un total de 4.75 horas en el d a. Para cada taller se se ala la dimensi n correspondiente de formaci n (catequesis, contenido, m todo, y aprendizaje). Cuando una taller recomiendan dos dimensiones usted debe escoger una de las dos al momento de aplicar para la certificaci n. Aseg rese de archivar una constancia de los talleres a las que participa. Para m s informaci n respecto a la certificaci n de catequistas, vaya a [www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org).

## **Session A | 10:30-11:45 a.m.**

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### **A-1 Evangelizaci n: retos para el/la catequista de hoy**

Este taller/conferencia tiene como objetivo ahondar en el sentir evangelizador y profundizar en los retos que se presentan en el momento y mundo actual para un/una catequista. Modos y maneras de Evangelizar en la era digital y trav s de los medios de hoy.

*Antonio Manuel  lvarez Becerra de Espa a, p rroco en tres P rroco de la Archidi cesis espa ola de Badajoz. Durante mi tiempo de vacaciones estivales, me he trasladado a la Parroquia de Muskegon para prestar servicio como sacerdote durante el mes de septiembre.*

Dimensi n: *Espiritualidad*

### **A-2 El Sacramento del Matrimonio y la Vida familiar a la luz de Amoris Laetitia del Papa Francisco**

A trav s de esta conferencia se les ayudara a los participantes a revisar y entender la importancia del sacramento del matrimonio y la vida matrimonial a la luz de la exhortaci n apost lica *Amoris Laetitia*. “La familia esta llamada a compartir la oraci n cotidiana, la lectura de la Palabra de Dios y la comuni n eucar stica para hacer crecer el amor y convertirse cada vez mas en templo donde habita el Esp ritu”. (numeral 29, capitulo 1)

*El Padre Garcia asisti  sus estudios del seminario mayor en la Universidad de Santa Mar a del Lago en Mundelein IL donde obtuvo una Maestr a en Divinidad. El Padre Garcia es actualmente el pastoral de San Bartolom  en Newaygo y el pastor de San Jos  en White Cloud MI.*

Dimensi n: *Teolog a*

Tambi n ofrecido en B-6

### **A-3 Las atrocidades de la Biblia:  Palabra de Dios?**

Desde el  ngel de muerte que arrojara a los pecadores en la gran lagar de la c lera de Dios hasta la oraci n que pide que Dios aplaste las cabezas de los hijos de nuestros enemigos contra las rocas, hay numerosos vers culos que nos detienen, aun escandalizan.  Esta es Palabra de Dios?  Que pasa aqu ?  Como debemos interpretar tales vers culos? Este taller se dirigir  a esta clase de literatura b blica y a estas preguntas.

*Padre Esteban Cron soy p rroco de la iglesia San Jos  Obrero y co-capellan de la escuela Catholic Central High School. Por consiguiente, mi trabajo es con la comunidad latina y con j venes, y tambi n trabajo en el ministerio a los trabajadores migrantes, el ministerio en la prisi n, y el ministerio de ense anza por dar charlas y presentaciones en parroquias y talleres.*

Dimensi n: *Teolog a*

Tambi n ofrecido en Ingles en B-18





#### A-4 La Educación Sexual en Nuestra Cultura

Vivimos en una cultura donde los medios de comunicación social como la televisión, la radio, la música y el internet constantemente nos presentan el placer. En este taller aprenderemos a reconocer como se presenta esto en nuestra vida cotidiana.

*Beatriz Cortes ha trabajado con el Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida de la Diócesis de Dallas, Texas por varios años. Beatriz es una persona altamente calificada cuando se trata de hablar de pro-vida, aparte que tiene pasión por lo que hace.*

Dimensión: *Metodología*

También ofrecido en C-6

#### A-5 La Espiritualidad Mariana Fortaleces mi Ser Catequista

Este taller tiene la intención de sensibilizar a las personas en la importancia de la misión de María Santísima como Modelo en la Evangelización y en fortalecer mi identidad como catequista, porque Ella es la realización cumplida del Proyecto de Dios, y, por lo tanto, ejemplo perfecto de lo que Dios quiere realizar en su Iglesia y en el mundo, de su propio Hijo, es a la vez nuestra Maestra que nos guía en nuestro ser de catequistas.

Abordaremos este taller en su presencia actuante y viva, lo mismo que en los lineamientos de una sólida espiritualidad mariana, para que suscite en nosotros un sentido de mayor amor y fe, hacia la misión que la misma Iglesia nos ha confiado como catequistas.

*Padre Edwin Carreño is from Colombia and he is currently serving in the Diocese of Grand Rapids for a period of 3 years.*

Dimensión: *Teología*

#### A-6 Planeando una Clase Creativa

En esta presentación, hablare de puntos básicos a considerar en el momento de preparar una clase de catecismo o u algún otro tema para diferentes audiencias en la Iglesia. Desde mi propia experiencia, al escuchar comentarios y observaciones de las personas que me escuchan, trato de mejorar de una manera dinámica cada vez más mis presentaciones o clases. 'La Nueva Evangelización, tiene en mismo contenido; solo diferente metodología'.

*Javier Castillo esta Coordinador de Formación Continua en el Vicariato IV en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, tengo 5 años trabajando en la Arquidiócesis, y usando mis talentos en nuestra Iglesia Católica por los últimos 29 años.*

Dimensión: *Metodología*

#### A-7 Suicide/Bullyside

Suicide and bullyside has become a problem throughout our world. On average 66 people take their own lives every hour of every day. I will discuss the reasons why this is such a growing epidemic, the causes and give you some signs and symptoms of a suicidal person and tools to use for a person considering suicide.

\*\* Please note: We will be talking about people age 8 through 21 who have killed themselves, the methods used today, the causes and other topics that some people may find disturbing.

*Deacon Jeff Burns is a husband, father of 2 adult girls, grandfather of 2 young boys. He worked as an E-Unit officer (Paramedic), youth minister and coached many different teams involving himself in many activities with the young people and their hopes, dreams and struggles. He is currently leading an effort to educate the public about suicide and bullyside and how to help those affected.*

Dimension: *Evangelization/Methodology*



## A-8 How to go to Confession

As a confessor Father G. hears thousands of confessions a year. The workshop is aimed at helping people who teach to review again what makes a confession good for the penitent... and the confessor.

*Very Rev. John Geaney, CSP is the rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and the Director Emeritus of the Catholic Information Center. He has spent many years in the Communications ministry of the Church as well as being a pastor in Memphis and Grand Rapids.*

Dimension: *Spirituality*

## A-9 Reconciled Diversity: a Framework of HOPE for the Church of God

For the past decades the term, “communion of communions” has been the theological lens through which ecumenism has been appropriated. Pope Francis invites us to look at another lens, termed by him as “reconciled diversity.” Join Father René and explore Pope Francis’ ecumenical stance and why the pope’s focus on hierarchy of truths can help us to move forward decidedly toward a common expression of proclamation, service and witness in the risen Lord.

*Father René Constanza is a member of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle (Paulist Fathers) and the executive director of the Catholic Information Center. He assists with liturgies at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

## A-10 Does Gender Float?

One of the runaway areas of our culture that needs solid anchoring is the fluid defining of gender and the impact of this on our teens and families. Public discourse on this topic, using the anchor of Natural Law and the Church, is scarce because of fear. In this session, we will dare to explore the concept of gender fluidity with a broader understanding of its roots, its goals and how we are to respond to it as Catholics.

*Dr. Peter Birkeland is a Clinical Psychologist, with a PhD, from Michigan State in 1985 and is currently in private practice in Rockford and Big Rapids specializing in formal psychological assessment, Individual and Marriage therapies, special interest in the integration of Catholic teaching and psychotherapy intervention. Dr. Birkeland is married to Julie and has four children. He is also a Franciscan Apprentice.*

Dimension: *Spirituality*

## A-11 Saved by Faith, how Catholics and Protestants differ in their view of Justification

Catholics and Protestants both agree that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. However, Catholics and Protestants differ in how they define faith. The workshop will present what the Catholic Church teaches about salvation and how it compares with basic Protestant doctrine on justification. The workshop will also touch on key points from Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical *Spe Salvi* (“Saved in Hope”) in which he proclaims that faith is rooted in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

*Mr. Robert P. Croft O.P. is married with two daughters and a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Formation Director for the Dominican Laity and technical support manager for a large ornamental seed company.*

Dimension: *Theology*



## A-12 The Light Entrusted to YOU

As missionary disciples, it is our duty and mission to learn, live and share our faith with others. We especially need to be able to challenge parents to be the primary educators of the faith, but also give them the encouragement and tools necessary to do so. At baptism, our children receive the light of Christ, and as parents and parish families, that light has been entrusted to us to be kept burning brightly. Based on John Wood's forthcoming book through Ignatius Press, this talk will describe his new program, Saints in the Making University, which seeks to help parishes engage with young parents and share with them some of today's best Catholic resources for adults, teens and children to provide all the tools necessary to raise the next generation of saints!

*John Wood is the founder of the non-profit, Extraordinary Mission, and has traveled to over 100 parishes and schools across the country to share the message of the universal call to holiness. John is also a mobile eye doctor, and he and his wife Kristin reside in Northwest Ohio with their four children.*

Dimension: *Evangelization/Methodology*

## A-13 God's Hope for Us is Jesus Christ

God, through our Church, continuously calls us through signs, symbols and rituals to a deeper relationship with Jesus, to know Him as our Savior, our Lover, our Brother and our Friend. Advent is a time when she asks us to quietly listen, wait and be ready for His coming. Each year she gives us the great O's, the mighty Tree, the Fabulous Four and the setting of the Scene to help us prepare. This workshop will explore the O antiphons, the Jesse Tree, the Advent Wreath and the Christmas Crèche, all the ways to help us meet Jesus.

*Sister Mary Margaret Delaski is a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, whose Motherhouse is in Meriden, Connecticut is Director of Music and Music Therapy at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell, MI and is responsible for the communal liturgical prayer of the Sisters at the Center.*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

Also offered as C-23

## A-14 RCIA: the Heart of the Matter

Leading the RCIA process is a big job that encompasses both heart and mind. We need to help those in the RCIA process to know and begin to understand the basic doctrines of our faith, embrace Jesus, their community and learn the ins and outs of being a disciple.

*Marinell High is a wife to Thomas and a mother of three children, grandma to ten and great grandma to one. St. Joseph Parish in Dexter is where she serves as Director of Adult Faith Formation and RCLA.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

## A-15 The Extraordinary Form of the Mass Explained

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI issued *Summorum Pontificum*, a document that granted priests the freedom to say the Traditional Latin Mass. This workshop will explore in detail the Latin Mass and the changes it underwent at Vatican II.

*Stephen Kokx previously worked for the Archdiocese of Chicago's office for Peace and Justice. He is an adjunct instructor of political science at Grand Rapids Community College and works for LifeSiteNews.com*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

## A-16 Learn to Lead with Love

Anyone in a position of influence should consider LEADING with LOVE. We have the perfect example in Jesus in how to SERVE those we lead and build a team with heart. I will be presenting a power-point summarizing my book *Learn to Lead with Love*, leading participants to a profound understanding of Loving Leadership and inspiring those in attendance into HOLY ACTION!

*Bob Siegel, a lifelong Catholic from Grand Rapids (St. Alphonsus), educator (10 years at St. Al's/10 years in Forest Hills), varsity coach, principal at Valley View Elementary in Rockford and adjunct professor at GVSU.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*



### **A-17 Suffering, What Good Is It?**

Drawing from *Overcoming Life's 7 Common Tragedies* by Chris Benguhe, we will consider the importance of resisting suffering in ourselves and others. However, if suffering is inevitable, we build spiritual strength and communal solidarity by sharing the graces we attain in suffering. Human transformation through suffering is beautifully expressed in the music and dialogue from *Les Miserables*, and other music which we will hear. Participants will be invited to enter into their own experiences of transformation through suffering. "We hold this treasure in earthen vessels..." (2 Cor 4:7)

*Father Bill Edens, CSP is a Paulist priest, a preacher of the Word and a believer that God does not want us to suffer.*

Dimension: *Spirituality/Professional Theology*

### **A-18 The Origins of American Religious Liberty**

Recent federal statutes threaten to undermine religious liberty in the United State of America. This workshop will explore the history leading up to and immediately following the addition of the First Amendment, with its religious liberty clauses, to the U.S. Constitution. We will look at religious liberty in America as something that always has been a work in progress.

*Dr. John Pinheiro is professor of history and the founding director of Catholic Studies at Aquinas College.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

### **A-19 Eucharist is a Meal and a \_\_\_\_\_**

Nearly every faithful Catholic knows to fill in the above blank with the word "sacrifice." But does the word "sacrifice" have any relevance in modern times? This session will summarize the Church's teaching about the sacrificial elements of the Eucharist. But our higher goal will be an awe for the mystery of the Eucharist as our participation in Christ's self-giving and incorporating the spirituality of the Mass into everyday living.

*Father Chris Ronech is pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Grandville*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

### **A-20 My Hope is in You**

The news is bad; God is good. Don't let the news of the day or pessimistic people dishearten you. God calls us to live in hope. Join us as we explore the Source of our hope, using movement, music, Scripture, guided meditation, Lectio Divina and journaling. Whether you are in need of refreshment yourself, or are seeking ideas for working with the adults of your parish, this mini-retreat will revive body and soul. Basic movements will be taught which can be done by anyone, regardless of age, experience or physical limitation.

*Janene Ternes is a spiritual director and founder of Prayer in Motion, LLC. She has developed and facilitated retreats throughout the Midwest utilizing different forms of prayer. Janene's mission is to help others connect more intimately with God, leading to a more loving, peaceful, joyful, and fulfilled life. For more information visit [www.prayer-in-motion.com](http://www.prayer-in-motion.com).*

Dimension: *Spirituality*

Also offered as B-33

### **A-21 Parish Life: Hope for Today and the Future**

Each one of us is called through Baptism to serve the People of God. This workshop will provide ideas that allow parishes to grow in "joyful hope" while instilling new life to present members and evangelizing others to invigorate the life of the parishes. Clustering of parishes can work with parishioners assuming the role of disciples. Ideas are based on 44 years of experience in parishes in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, both as a volunteer and paid parish leader.

*Nancy Woodcock is the Pastoral Director of St. Mary Parish in Carson City and St. John the Baptist Parish in Hubbardston.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*



## A-22 Truth and Virtue

This workshop will examine the various virtues and vices associated with truth. Topics will include definitions of truthful speech, lying, deceiving, and associated virtues/vices (honesty, veracity, simplicity/prevarication, dissimulation, dissembling, etc.); analysis of the wrongfulness of lying and the rightness of truthful speech; comparison of the analyses of these issues within the Catholic tradition with analyses provided by non-Catholic moralists, etc.

*Dr. Mark Pestana teaches in the philosophy department of Grand Valley State University and has taught on this topic in ethics courses over the last 25 years.*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

## A-23 The Word of God: Words of Hope for Women

Using Sister Barbara Reid's latest book, "Wisdom's Feast," we will read Scripture with the eyes and heart of a woman and see what treasures we might have been missing. We will see how women encounter God, make meaning of their lives and find guidance for life's decisions rooted in Scripture even if we have noticed that there aren't too many girls in the Book. God made both men and women "in his image and likeness" and Jesus had women friends and women disciples, cured women, taught women and had a woman announce the Resurrection: "I have seen the Lord." Women's experience can help us all share in the hope recorded in God's Word.

*Sister Diane Zerfas, OP has been a teacher for 40 years, sharing the joys of Scripture with high school and college students, parishioners and retreatants. She is currently the Coordinator for the Center for Spirituality at Dominican Center at Marywood in Grand Rapids, forming spiritual directors.*

Dimension: *Spirituality or Professional Theology*

Also offered as B-32

## A-24 How Boys and Girls Learn Differently: Brain Differences in the Learning Process

God created man and woman with very different brains. Research on those differences is presented with suggestions for making instruction more effective based on how boys and girls learn differently.

*Suzi Furtwangler is the principal of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Grand Rapids.*

Dimension: *Evangelization/Methodology*

## A-25 Do Muslims and Christians Believe in the Same God?

This workshop compares and contrasts the Islamic doctrine of God with that of the Christian doctrine of God.

*Dr. Dennis Marshall is Professor of Theology at Aquinas College.*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

## A-26 Building a Positive Attitude Toward Catechist Formation - Part One

Part one of this workshop will: 1. Describe ways of building a positive attitude toward catechist formation. 2. Review three aspects of catechist formation as described in the General Directory for Catechesis 3. Briefly review the Diocese of Grand Rapids catechist formation guidelines 4. Describe four different types of catechist formation 5. Suggest four levels of consideration which need to be reflected in each catechist formation session.

*Pete Ries is the former Director of Adult Faith Formation, RCLA, and Evangelization for the Diocese of Lansing. Currently, he is the RCLA Director for a large suburban and university parish in East Lansing, Michigan.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Part Two offered as B-19



### **A-27 Beginning Catechist Workshop #1: The Role of the Catechist**

In this session we will seek a definition of catechesis; the meaning of faith and the six tasks of catechesis using the National Directory for Catechesis (NDC) as our source. All participants will receive a copy of the Summary of the NDC for their personal use.

*Clem Schwartz: Director of Family Faith Formation at St. Jude Parish, Grand Rapids for more than 10 years. Former DRE at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Wyoming for 16 years. My hope is to share with new catechists the many years of experience I have had in the field of catechesis.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

### **A-28 RCIA - A Journey of Conversion**

The goal of the RCIA is to make lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ. The RCIA Team (and the entire parish) accompany these adults on their journey of knowledge and experience which must lead to conversion. We will consider the process and flow of the program at St. Patrick-St. Anthony parish of awakening the catechumens and candidates in their heart to a living relationship with the Lord and highlight the prophetic structure of the RCIA. Participants will be enriched in their own hearts and encouraged to share their parish experiences as well.

*Donna Szczechanski has been coordinating parish RCIA teams and serving on staff at four parishes in our diocese for over 30 years. Her love for Jesus and her desire to share this love and connect others to Christ is evident and contagious.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

### **A-29 Mark's Story of Jesus**

The Church will begin reading the Gospel of St. Mark in December. Each New Testament Gospel emphasizes the Jesus-story uniquely. This session will present what makes Mark's version special in order to get the most out of the Gospel readings at Mass.

*Dr. Stephan Davis, PhD is Associate Professor of Theology at Aquinas College since 2004, specializing in biblical theology.*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

Also offered as B-29

### **A-30 Resident Aliens: Politics and Religion and the Hope of Civil Society in Post-Maidan Ukraine**

This session will examine Western and the Byzantine models of the relationship of Church and State. After laying out how various ways that religion interacts with the state in symphonia in the Byzantine world and the development of separation of church and state and increasingly a silencing of Christian faith in the West, the presenter will suggest that the rich tradition of Catholic social doctrine can contribute to the fostering of civil society as witnessed by the believers in Ukraine.

*Dr. Robert Marko is professor and chair of theology at Aquinas College and twice Fulbright Scholar on social ethics at the Ukrainian Catholic University, L'viv, Ukraine.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

### **A-31 Written Prayers: How to Build Community through Writing**

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Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as B-8



### **B-1 Como ser un Verdadero Escudero de Dios**

En esta sesión descubriremos como entregarnos a Dios para responder cuando El nos llama a servir en los diferentes ministerios de la Iglesia. Aprenderemos a ser verdaderos Escuderos de Dios, desarrollando la personalidad de Jesús en cada uno de nosotros sirviéndonos mutuamente, para lograr la unidad a través de la humildad.

*Patricia Franco, laica comprometida que se dedica a la Educación Religiosa para Adultos Latinos y Educación Litúrgica. También facilita talleres en español en el Centro de Información Católica (CIC).*

Dimensión: *Espiritualidad*

También ofrecido en C-3

### **B-2 “El Apocalipsis: Problemas y soluciones eclesiológicas de ayer y para hoy”**

El Apocalipsis es un libro fascinante que permite conocer la vida de las Iglesias del Asia Menor, y en un contexto de persecución, -leyeron en lenguaje apocalíptico - su pasado presente y futuro, dejándonos pistas para repensar nuestras propias comunidades de hoy. Intentaremos encontrar los dinamismos del Espíritu y los caminos de esperanza en épocas complejas a las que estamos confrontados.

*El Padre Oscar Londoño Builes, es Misionero Javeriano de Yarumal de Colombia y trabaja con el Ministerio Hispano en Ionia, Michigan.*

Dimensión: *Teología*

### **B-3 La importancia de la Evangelización**

En este taller aprenderemos de la importancia del Kerigma en la Evangelización. Cuando se trata de evangelización muchas veces no sabemos donde comenzar, per en este taller aprenderemos lo que es primero.

*Iván Mejía es originario de Ayutla del estado de Puebla, México. Iván ha estado involucrado en la evangelización por varios años en la Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés en la parroquia de San Francisco de Sales en Holland, apoyando en dirigir, coordinar, predicar y actualmente a través de la música en el ministerio de música “Effeta”.*

Dimensión: *Evangelización*

También ofrecido en C-4

### **B-4 El cine como herramienta evangelizadora y transformadora en jóvenes y adultos**

El cine puede ser utilizado como una herramienta o recurso evangelizador, transformador. Vamos a analizar algunos de los objetivos y modalidades: como utilizar una película, y como generar debates críticos, que permitan concientizar a los participantes sobre un provechoso uso, dirigido a diversas audiencias. Criterios de selección, objetivos, guías de discusión.

*Zulema Moret: Prof. Literatura y Cultura en GVSU. Ha fundado y coordinado diversos festivales de cine en Grand Rapids: Chiaroscuro International Films (2006-2014); Festival de Cine Latinoamericano de Grand Rapids (2008-2015). Coordina las Reflective Films Series en el Dominican Center Marywood, desde 2012. Directora Espiritual y Asociada Dominicana.*

Dimensión: *Espiritualidad*

### **B-5 Catequesis y Disciplina**

Catequesis y disciplina, nos enfocaremos en la metodología que Jesucristo utilizo en su tiempo, en otras palabras tenemos que aprender a enseñar y disciplinar como Jesucristo lo hizo. Si un niño joven se aburre en la clase de catecismo, ¿Qué podemos hacer diferente? ¿Cómo podemos obtener su atención? ¿Cuáles son las técnicas que podemos utilizar en nuestra cultura y tiempo?

*Javier Castillo esta Coordinador de Formación Continua en el Vicariato IV en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, tengo 5 años trabajando en la Arquidiócesis, y usando mis talentos en nuestra Iglesia Católica por los últimos 29 años.*

Dimensión: *Metodología*



**B-6 *El Sacramento del Matrimonio y la Vida familiar a la luz de Amoris Laetitia del Papa Francisco***

A través de esta conferencia se les ayudara a los participantes a revisar y entender la importancia del sacramento del matrimonio y la vida matrimonial a la luz de la exhortación apostólica *Amoris Laetitia*. “La familia esta llamada a compartir la oración cotidiana, la lectura de la Palabra de Dios y la comunión eucarística para hacer crecer el amor y convertirse cada vez mas en templo donde habita el Espíritu”. (numeral 29, capitulo 1)

*El Padre Garcia atendió sus estudios del seminario mayor en la Universidad de Santa María del Lago en Mundelein IL donde obtuvo una Maestría en Divinidad. El Padre Garcia es actualmente el párroco de San Bartolomé en Newaygo y San José en White Cloud, Michigan.*

Dimensión: *Teología*

También ofrecido en A-2

**B-7 *The Heart of Parish Communication***

Effective communication is critical to all areas of parish life. It is easy to become burdened with trying to keep up with technology and the need to get things done. Pope Francis has consistently called us to something deeper and more fulfilling. Learn how to regain your mission in the effort to get information out the door. Walk away inspired to speak to the hearts as well as the heads of your parishioners.

*Mike DiCosola resides in Rockford, Michigan, is a parishioner at Our Lady of Consolation Parish and has been an active lay minister at all ages of formation for over 15 years. He speaks nationally on parish communications and evangelization as the director of the myParish App.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

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Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as A-31

**B-9 *Hands on Catechesis***

Ever wonder if there was another way to pass on faith? Learn how to use hands on activities, games, and everyday items to bring faith alive!

*Christine McCarty, is married with two children. She loves reading, sports and games of all sorts! Christine studied Theology at Aquinas College and works as a Pastoral Associate of Youth Ministry for St. Robert of Newminster Parish in Ada.*

Dimension: *Methodology*

Also offered as C-12

**B-10 *Back to Basics: The 7 Essential Elements of Parish Life***

What are the 7 elements (I'll give you a clue: “Back to Basics”!), and why are they so important to parish life? With the Eucharist at their core, these elements provide a filter through which every parish ministry should be sifted. Participants will rediscover the vibrancy of the Catholic Church as we discuss the prayerful evaluation of our ministries and initiate a course of action to strengthen and revive the seven elements where needed.

*Toni McKay is Pastoral Minister at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Ionia, MI. She is a wife, mother of two children both married, a four-time grandma, and has enjoyed 20 years of service in various parish ministries with people of all ages.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as C-13





## **B-11 Create a Classroom**

Participants will get an overview of the vocabulary and components of Gradual Release of Responsibility. This includes tips and ideas to help you focus and craft lessons using purpose statements, collaboration activities, facilitate deeper learning, and create an atmosphere where students take more responsibility for their learning.

*Robin Macqueen is a lead teacher at Rockford Public Schools and has been trained as a presenter of Gradual Release of Responsibility framework for instruction. This instruction model of teacher modeling, guided instruction, collaborative learning, and independent learning empowers the student to take more responsibility for their learning.*

Dimension: *Methodology*

Also offered as C-10

## **B-12 Come Away and Pray**

Retreats are a vital element to enlivening and deepening our faith. Whether they are three hours or three days long, retreats differ from days of reflections or conferences. This workshop will explore the distinct nature of a retreat. Each participant will leave this workshop with a template for creating retreats and ideas for incorporating prayer, symbols and ritual action into retreats.

*Cami Mann, OFS, is a spiritual director and writer. Cami has 17 years of experience of creating and facilitating retreats. She is also the author of the monthly column, On the Road to Sunday, for FAITH Grand Rapids magazine.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as C-11

## **B-13 Instructing the Ignorant: A Theological Reflection on the Apostolate of Teaching**

Considers the goal of Catholic education in light of an integral vision of the human person who is created in the image and likeness of God.

*Dr. Dennis J. Marshall is Professor of Theology at Aquinas College.*

Dimension: *Theology*

## **B-14 The Quest and Success of a Child - Yes, there is Hope!**

All parents seek hope and encouragement as they encounter the many challenges of raising a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), learning disabilities and related disorders. This presentation provides an overview and need for parents, families, caregivers, educators, support partners, and clinicians to build a team, set goals and create action plans. In addition, Kimberly, a mother and her family blazed the trails of ASD long before others. She explains the importance of home reinforcement and advocating for one's child. Her child, JD was able to beat the odds and is totally independent. All who attend this session will walk away with hope, encouragement and a never give up attitude." Begin today and make a difference for that special child in your life.

*Kimberly Bell Mocini is an accomplished speaker, author, trainer and consultant who has designed, developed and provided training for the past 25 years. Kimberly's background began in business administration and interior design. Her focus changed and she specializes in training parents and others who work with children on the Autism Spectrum, Asperger's syndrome and those with other learning challenges.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as C-26

## **B-15 Missionary Disciples in a Media-Driven Age: Basic Graphic Design Tips for Creating Great Promotional Material**

We live in a heavily visual, media driven age. Unfortunately, the materials we produce for parish and apostolate events often fail to attract attention because they look "homegrown." But they don't have to be! With mindfulness and a few practical tools, even parishes with few resources to spare can improve their promotional material to reach the people they want to serve.

*Rhonda Ortiz is a Lay Dominican, a writer and graphic designer, and Director of Communications for the Saint Benedict Institute, a ministry of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Holland.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*



## **B-16 Creating a Warm and Loving Classroom Environment**

The presentation will explore methods and techniques for creating a warm, loving, and accepting classroom environment. We will also discuss ideas for building positive relationships with our students.

*Duane Parker has been teaching in elementary and middle schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids for 20 years. He currently teaches middle school history and theology at Our Lady of Consolation School in Rockford.*

Dimension: *Methodology/Evangelization*

Also offered as C-15

## **B-17 Catholic Natural Law Morality: An Overview**

This workshop will provide attendees with an overview of Catholic Natural Law Morality. Specific topics will include the history of the concept of natural law, comparison of ancient and medieval conceptions with modern and contemporary conceptions, the relation between natural morality and revealed morality, the metaphysical basis of moral laws and comparison between the conception of moral law as rooted in human nature with other conceptions of the essence of morality. The workshop will focus more on theoretical, foundational matters and less on applied issues.

*Mark Pestana is a professor in the philosophy department at Grand Valley State University and has taught courses on natural law morality to high school seniors in the Diocese of Grand Rapids under the auspices of the Office of Catechesis.*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

## **B-18 The Atrocities of Scripture: The Word of God?**

From the angel of death hurling sinners into the wine press of God's fury to the prayer that God smash the heads of our enemies' children against the rocks, there are numerous passages in the scriptures that bring us up short, even shock us. Is this the Word of God? What's going on here? How are we supposed to interpret these passages? This workshop will address this kind of biblical literature and these questions.

*Father Steve Cron is the pastor of St. Joseph the Worker parish in Wyoming and a co-chaplain at Catholic Central High School. His work is with the Latino community and youth, as well as migrant ministry, prison ministry, and teaching/presenting at parishes and workshops.*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

Also offered in Spanish as A-3

## **B-19 Building a Positive Attitude Toward Catechist Formation - Part Two**

(Must attend A-26)

Part two of this workshop will: 1. Spend a significant amount of time on techniques and approaches for recruiting catechists and 2. lead participants through a checklist of actions they can take in their parish or school to enhance the catechist formation effort.

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Dimension: *Evangelization/Methodology*

## **B-20 Instilling JOYFUL HOPE in your Ministry**

Hope is the virtue by which we look to the future, plan for the future...a future that we expect to be in. Hope is always concerned with the future, but can only be experienced in the now. Let's talk about how we fill our ministry with JOYFUL HOPE experiences now so as to have the future we desire, for ourselves and those in our ministry.

*Dianna Rottiers is a wife, mother, and puppy raiser. She is the pastoral associate at Holy Trinity, Comstock Park.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as C-16



## **B-21 Why Should We Believe In (and teach about) God the Creator? Catechetical Tips for the New Evangelization**

Much contemporary research has found that many in the United States, enticed by pervasiveness of secularism, are leaving the Church because they feel it is irrelevant. At the same time, Popes Benedict and Francis agree that we are living in a “age of sin against the Creator.” How can we bring people back to the Church through our catechetics? This talk will focus on the importance of re-introducing God the Creator as one catechetical tool for the New Evangelization.

*Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE, is a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist who lives with the Franciscan community in Lowell, Michigan. She is the Dean of Science and Sustainability at Aquinas College, with degrees in theology and science.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as C-17

## **B-22 I Wonder: Engaging a Child’s Curiosity about the Bible**

“How we read and interpret the Bible with children can make a difference in whether or not scripture continues to be an important source of their faith.” This quote, from Elizabeth Caldwell will form the basis of this workshop. Using her book, “I Wonder: Engaging a Child’s Curiosity about the Bible,” we will explore her ‘wondering’ approach to sharing the Bible with children, and discover how this approach can enhance our teaching.

*Glenys Nellist is a native of England and serves as Coordinator of Children’s Ministry for the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. She lives in Grand Rapids and is a wife, mother, grandma, Sunday school teacher and author of two popular children’s book series: Love Letters from God and Snuggle Time.*

Dimension: *Evangelization/Methodology*

Also offered as C-24

## **B-23 The Psalms: Praying in Poetry and Song**

The ancient psalmist composed beautiful poetry/songs to be prayed in times of celebration, times of trial and times of need. The Psalms remain a source of both liturgical and personal prayer. You will have the opportunity to encounter, explore, and experience this ancient prayer form.

*Kathleen Sullivan has enjoyed a lifelong career in adult education. She is currently working with adults in her parish, St. Robert of Newminster, Ada. Kathleen has a master’s degree in religious studies from Aquinas College.*

Dimension: *Spirituality*

## **B-24 Piety: Weapon for Division or Shield of Hope**

Piety, one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, is truly a blessing. Yet, how easily we can turn it into a weapon that cuts and separates, instead of a shield through which the Spirit strengthens us and enlivens us to make visible our unity and uniqueness in “raising of one’s mind and heart to God.”

*Father René Constanza is a member of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle (Paulist Fathers) and the executive director of the Catholic Information Center. He assists with liturgies at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids,*

Dimension: *Spirituality*

## **B-25 Building a Christ Centered Home, RCIA adapted for Children and Youth**

“Go make disciples” starts in the family. Families who are returning to or coming into the Church need to be welcomed and healed as they journey toward the Lord. They also need a process to bring them into the community life, participation in liturgy and prayer, and apostolic witness and service. These four aspects of Christian formation help to equip families to live as disciples who know, love and serve the Lord. Participants will go away with ideas on how to engage families, methods to implementing an RCIA process adapted for children and youth, and tools for equipping families to live as disciples.

*Ricardo Valdez is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Francis de Sales, Holland. He and his family moved to Michigan in 2014 from Maryland where he served as the DFF for over 6 years. Ricardo is passionate about creating environments that encourage a personal relationship with Christ and support the growth and strengthening of intentional disciples.*

Dimension: *Spirituality/Evangelization*

Also offered as C-20



## **B-26 Working the Works of Mercy**

Take a look at the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy in a new way. Some ways are obvious but what about the non-obvious things you can do? We will also take a look at the two Gospels of Two Debtors. How are they related? How do they differ? And most importantly, how do they relate to your life today? This interactive session will set the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy on fire in your life.

*Nickie Wentworth-Holton is the High School Youth Minister and Media Coordinator at Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Rockford.*

Dimension: *Spirituality*

Also offered as C-21

## **B-27 Restorative Justice: Catch Phrase or Call to Action?**

More than 95 percent of offenders will be released. Are we ready? Will they return restored in Hope or full of hate? Human dignity is not something we earn, it is something we are born with. As missionary disciples, how can we bring light to the darkness and help restore the brokenness that cannot be seen? This workshop will explore these questions and challenge you to rethink how Restorative Justice affects you. We are called to live in solidarity with all, even the imprisoned. This workshop is an invitation to listen and invite into the journey all members of the Body.

*Tricia Worrell is the Program Director for Prison and Jail Ministry for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Tricia holds a BA in Theology and Communications from Aquinas College and has served the Diocese of Grand Rapids in various capacities for nine years.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as C-22

## **B-28 Beginning Catechist Workshop #2: How to Plan a Lesson**

In this session we will look carefully at the Catechist Guide. (Bring a copy of your Catechist Guide with you if you can.) We will look at the number of classes you will have and what chapters and content to cover; a process for creating a lesson plan based upon the six tasks of catechesis; short and immediate planning as well as what to bring with you to your weekly class. If time, we will seek to understand how children of different ages learn.

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Dimension: *Professional Theology*

Also offered as A-29



### **B-30 Who Stole My Child? The Adolescent Brain**

Research on the adolescent brain shows us that many of the behaviors that we see in our teens are linked to brain development and the sudden addition of hormones. Learn about what is happening in the brains of our kids and the negative effects of lack of sleep, technology and chemicals on the developing and delicate brain.

*Suzi Furtwangler is the principal of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Grand Rapids.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

### **B-31 Our Lady of Fatima and other Marian Apparitions**

2017 is the 100th year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, where our Blessed Mother appeared to three children in Portugal in 1917. This workshop provides you with everything you've ever wanted to know about Our Lady's appearance. It will also look at some of the other, lesser-known Marian apparitions.

*Stephen Kokx previously worked for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Peace and Justice. He is an adjunct instructor of political science at Grand Rapids Community College and works for LifeSiteNews.com.*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

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Dimension: *Spirituality or Professional Theology*

Also offered as A-23

### **B-33 My Hope is in You**

The news is bad; God is good. Don't let the news of the day or pessimistic people dishearten you. God calls us to live in hope. Join us as we explore the Source of our hope, using movement, music, Scripture, guided meditation, Lectio Divina and journaling. Whether you are in need of refreshment yourself, or are seeking ideas for working with the adults of your parish, this mini-retreat will revive body and soul. Basic movements will be taught which can be done by anyone, regardless of age, experience or physical limitation.

*Janene Termes is a spiritual director and founder of Prayer in Motion, LLC. She has developed and facilitated retreats throughout the Midwest utilizing different forms of prayer. Janene's mission is to help others connect more intimately with God, leading to a more loving, peaceful, joyful, and fulfilled life. For more information visit [www.prayer-in-motion.com](http://www.prayer-in-motion.com).*

Dimension: *Spirituality*

Also offered as A-20

### **B-34 Using all the Tools to Help our Adults on the Journey**

There is so much more to Adult Faith Formation than a presentation or a bible study. We will explore the various avenues for delivering faith formation to adults of all ages, those in specific age, or life stages using the traditional approaches, technology and networking.

*Marinell High is a wife to Thomas and a mother to three children, grandma to ten and great grandma to one. She serves as Director of Adult Faith Formation and RCLA at St. Joseph Parish in Dexter, MI.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*



**C-1 Jóvenes Evangelizando Jóvenes**

Los jóvenes adultos son una clave muy importante en la evangelización con jóvenes adolescentes. Ya que ya han desarrollado una fe mas madura y un sentido de liderazgo mas comprometido, pero al mismo tiempo siguen siendo jóvenes que entienden las realidad de los jóvenes de hoy. La meta es ayudar a los participantes a entender porque es mas eficaz cuando jóvenes evangelizan a jóvenes.

*Mariza Mandujano es una parroquiana de St. Francis de Sales en Holland, MI y también trabaja para la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano en la Diócesis de Grand Rapids. Ella es la Coordinadora de jóvenes de la Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés, en la cual ha estado participando activamente por 9 años; participan con ella ocho jóvenes adultos de la parroquia que la apoyan en las diferentes áreas de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana, creando un liderazgo compartido.*

Dimensión: *Espiritualidad*

**C-2 La Espiritualidad de los Evangelizadores**

Reflexión sobre la espiritualidad de los evangelizadores que se abren sin temor a la acción del Espíritu Santo, a partir del Capitulo V: “Evangelizadores con Espíritu”, de la Exhortación Apostólica *Evangelii Gaudium* del Santo Padre Francisco. Lectura, análisis y reflexión en grupos: las motivaciones para un renovado impulso misionero, y el encuentro personal con e amor de Jesus.

*Zulema Moret: Prof. de Literatura en GVSU. Directora Espiritual. Asociada Dominicana. Escritora.*

Dimensión: *Teología*

**C-3 Como ser un Verdadero Escudero de Dios**

En esta sesión descubriremos como entregarnos a Dios para responder cuando El nos llama a servir en los diferentes ministerios de la Iglesia. Aprenderemos a ser verdaderos Escuderos de Dios, desarrollando la personalidad de Jesús en cada uno de nosotros sirviéndonos mutuamente, para lograr la unidad a través de la humildad.

*Patricia Franco, laica comprometida que se dedica a la Educación Religiosa para Adultos Latinos y Educación Litúrgica. También facilita talleres en español en el Centro de Información Católica (CIC).*

Dimensión: *Espiritualidad*

También ofrecido en B-1

**C-4 La importancia de la Evangelización**

En este taller aprenderemos de la importancia del Kerigma en la Evangelización. Cuando se trata de evangelización muchas veces no sabemos donde comenzar, per en este taller aprenderemos lo que es primero.

*Iván Mejía es originario de Ayutla del estado de Puebla, México. Iván ha estado involucrado en la evangelización por varios años en la Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés en la parroquia de San Francisco de sales en Holland, apoyando en dirigir, coordinar, predicar y actualmente a través de la música en el ministerio de música “Effeta”.*

Dimensión: *Evangelización*

También ofrecido en B-3

**C-5 TOB 101**

TOB 101 Teología del Cuerpo I con las enseñanzas del Santo Juan Pablo II este preparado para tener una inmersión de mente y corazón mientras aprenderemos sobre como hablar de la castidad con niños y jóvenes dependiendo de su desarrollo en etapas y edades.

*Verónica Quintino Aranda: Líder Juvenil de la parroquia San José Obrero con una maestría como trabajadora social y candidata para la certificación de Teología del Cuerpo.*

Dimensión: *Espiritualidad*

## C-6 La Educación Sexual en Nuestra Cultura

Vivimos en una cultura donde los medios de comunicación social como la televisión, la radio, la música y el internet constantemente nos presentan el placer. En este taller aprenderemos a reconocer como se presenta esto en nuestra vida cotidiana.

*Beatriz Cortes ha trabajado con el Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida de la Diócesis de Dallas, Texas por varios años. Beatriz es una persona altamente calificada cuando se trata de hablar de pro-vida, aparte que tiene pasión por lo que hace.*

Dimensión: *Metodología*

También ofrecido en A-4

## C-7 Beginning Catechist Workshop #3: The Christian Story - the Message We Communicate

In this session we will look at what is the Christian message or story we share. We will seek to put into words which children ages 5-13 can understand about the Trinity, the divinity and humanity of Jesus, and the seven sacraments. We will use the principle: to go from what is known to the unknown; to seek the visible to understand the invisible.

*Clem Schwartz: Director of Family Faith Formation at St. Jude Parish, Grand Rapids for more than 10 years. Former DRE at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Wyoming for 16 years. My hope is to share with new catechists the many years of experience I have had in the field of catechesis.*

Dimension: *Methodology*

## C-8 Helpful Techniques for Leading an Adult Bible Study Group

Are you thinking of leading an adult Bible Study Group in your parish? Join us as we explore the information, techniques, and resources necessary for anyone who is considering “taking the leap” into working with adults in a Bible Study setting. Areas to be covered in this *interactive workshop* include: general group facilitation guidelines; techniques for working with adult learners; and essential resources to help you prepare for this important responsibility.

*Kathleen Sullivan has enjoyed a lifelong career in Adult Education, she is currently channeling her energies into working with adults in her parish, St. Robert of Newminster, Ada. Kathleen has a master's degree in Religious Studies from Aquinas College.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

## C-9 The Catechist and Theology - What's the Connection?

This workshop will describe how theology is a process which reflects on the meaning of God in life and articulates this meaning within the faith community. Catechists are participants in this process. In some way, every person of faith is involved in theology as they attempt to make sense of their experience of God. Participants will explore a basic understanding of theology and its relationship to the catechetical process.

*Pete Ries is the former Director of Adult Faith Formation, RCLA, and Evangelization for the Diocese of Lansing. Currently, he is the RCLA Director for a large suburban and university parish in East Lansing, Michigan.*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

## C-10 Create a Classroom

Participants will get an overview of the vocabulary and components of Gradual Release of Responsibility. This includes tips and ideas to help you focus and craft lessons using purpose statements, collaboration activities, facilitate deeper learning, and create an atmosphere where students take more responsibility for their learning.

*Robin Macqueen is a lead teacher at Rockford Public Schools and has been trained as a presenter of Gradual Release of Responsibility framework for instruction. This instruction model of teacher modeling, guided instruction, collaborative learning, and independent learning empowers the student to take more responsibility for their learning.*

Dimension: *Methodology*

Also offered as B-11



### C-11 Come Away and Pray

Retreats are a vital element to enlivening and deepening our faith. Whether they are three hours or three days long, retreats differ from days of reflections or conferences. This workshop will explore the distinct nature of a retreat. Each participant will leave this workshop with a template for creating retreats and ideas for incorporating prayer, symbols and ritual action into retreats.

*Cami Mann, OFS, is a spiritual director and writer. Cami has 17 years of experience of creating and facilitating retreats. She is also the author of the monthly column, On the Road to Sunday, for FAITH Grand Rapids magazine.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as B-12

### C-12 Hands on Catechesis

Ever wonder if there was another way to pass on faith? Learn how to use hands on activities, games, and everyday items to bring faith alive!

*Christine McCarty is married with two children and loves reading, sports and games of all sorts! She has studied Theology at Aquinas College and works as a Pastoral Associate of Youth Ministry for St. Robert of Newminster Parish in Ada.*

Dimension: *Methodology*

Also offered as B-9

### C-13 Back to Basics: The 7 Essential Elements of Parish Life

What are the seven elements (I'll give you a clue: "Back to Basics"!), and why are they so important to parish life? With the Eucharist at their core, these elements provide a filter through which every parish ministry should be sifted. Participants will rediscover the vibrancy of the Catholic Church as we discuss the prayerful evaluation of our ministries and initiate a course of action to strengthen and revive the seven elements where needed.

*Toni McKay is Pastoral Minister at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Ionia, MI. She is a wife, mother of two children, both married, a four-time grandma, and has enjoyed 20 years of service in various parish ministries with people of all ages.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as B-10

### C-14 Using all the Tools to Help our Adults on the Journey

There is so much more to Adult Faith Formation than a presentation or a bible study. We will explore the various avenues for delivering faith formation to adults of all ages, those in specific age, or life stages using the traditional approaches, methodology and networking.

*Marinell High is a wife to Thomas and a mother to three children, grandma to ten and great grandma to one. She serves as Director of Adult Faith Formation and RCLIA at St. Joseph Parish in Dexter, MI.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Will be offered as B-34

### C-15 Creating a Warm and Loving Classroom Environment

The presentation will explore methods and techniques for creating a warm, loving, and accepting classroom environment. We will also discuss ideas for building positive relationships with our students.

*Duane Parker has been teaching in elementary and middle schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids for 20 years. He currently teaches middle school history and theology at Our Lady of Consolation School in Rockford.*

Dimension: *Methodology*

Also offered as B-16





## C-16 Instilling JOYFUL HOPE in your Ministry

Hope is the virtue by which we look to the future, plan for the future...a future that we expect to be in. Hope is always concerned with the future, but can only be experienced in the now. Let's talk about how we fill our ministry with JOYFUL HOPE experiences now so as to have the future we desire, for ourselves and those in our ministry.

*Dianna Rottiers is a wife, mother, and puppy raiser. She is the pastoral associate at Holy Trinity, Comstock Park.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as B-20

## C-17 Why Should We Believe In (and teach about) God the Creator? Catechetical Tips for the New Evangelization

Much contemporary research has found that many in the United States, enticed by pervasiveness of secularism, are leaving the Church because they feel it is irrelevant. At the same time, Popes Benedict and Francis agree that we are living in a "age of sin against the Creator." How can we bring people back to the Church through our catechetics? This talk will focus on the importance of re-introducing God the Creator as one catechetical tool for the New Evangelization.

*Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE, is a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist who lives with the Franciscan community in Lowell, Michigan. She is the Dean of Science and Sustainability at Aquinas College, with degrees in theology and science.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as B-21

## C-18 Connecting People to Faith and Learning through a Mobile App Experience

Students, Parents, Grandparents, Millennials, everyone today are increasing online and mobile. A recent study concluded that 94% of people polled had their phone with them 24/7. Apps have a unique ability to connect and send information where people are present and listening today, but more importantly can also become a launch point to introduce daily faith habits and mobile friendly catechesis. See how an App can be the first connection to inspiring someone to engage in your materials and programs. Learn how programs such as VCat and Brother Francis are engaging people in new ways through mobile to teach the faith.

*Mike DiCosola resides in Rockford, Michigan, is a parishioner at Our Lady of Consolation Parish and has been an active lay minister at all ages of formation for over 15 years. He speaks nationally on parish communications and evangelization as the Director Mobile Services and myParish App, Diocesan Publications*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

## C-19 The Ministry of Hospitality

A discussion on the importance of creating welcoming environments as a tool for evangelization.

*Lużia Leme Tartari, Stephanie Grey, Izamar Manjudjano, Gerlyls Gabral-Mota, Greg Gehring are the team of Admissions Advocates of the Office of Catholic Schools of the Diocese. We work with a diverse pool of current school families; new families looking for a parish and/or school; and families looking for a more intense faith experience.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

## C-20 Building a Christ Centered Home, RCIA adapted for Children and Youth

"Go make disciples" starts in the family. Families who are returning to or coming into the Church need to be welcomed and healed as they journey toward the Lord. They also need a process to bring them into the community life, participation in liturgy and prayer, and apostolic witness and service. These four aspects of Christian formation help to equip families to live as disciples who know, love and serve the Lord. Participants will go away with ideas on how to engage families, methods to implementing an RCIA process adapted for children and youth, and tools for equipping families to live as disciples.

*Ricardo Valdez is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Francis de Sales in Holland. He and his family moved in 2014 from Maryland where he served as the DFF for over 6 years. Ricardo is passionate about creating environments that encourage a personal relationship with Christ and support the growth and strengthening of intentional disciples.*

Dimension: *Spirituality*

Also offered as B-25



### **C-21 Working the Works of Mercy**

Take a look at the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy in a new way. Some ways are obvious but what about the non-obvious things you can do? We will also take a look at the two Gospels of Two Debtors. How are they related? How do they differ? And most importantly, how do they relate to your life today? This interactive session will set the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy on fire in your life.

*Nickie Wentworth-Holton is the High School Youth Minister and Media Coordinator at Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Rockford.*

Dimension: *Spirituality*

Also offered as B-26

### **C-22 Restorative Justice: Catch Phrase or Call to Action?**

More than 95 percent of offenders will be released. Are we ready? Will they return restored in Hope or full of hate? Human dignity is not something we earn, it is something we are born with. As missionary disciples, how can we bring light to the darkness and help restore the brokenness that cannot be seen? This workshop will explore these questions and challenge you to rethink how Restorative Justice affects you. We are called to live in solidarity with all, even the imprisoned. This workshop is an invitation to listen and invite into the journey all members of the Body.

*Tricia Worrell is the Program Director for Prison and Jail Ministry for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Tricia holds a BA in Theology and Communications from Aquinas College and has served the Diocese of Grand Rapids in various capacities for 9 years.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as B-27

### **C-23 God's Hope for Us is Jesus Christ**

God, through our Church, continuously calls us through signs, symbols and rituals to a deeper relationship with Jesus, to know Him as our Savior, our Lover, our Brother and our Friend. Advent is a time when she asks us to quietly listen, wait and be ready for His coming. Each year she gives us the great O's, the mighty Tree, the Fabulous Four and the setting of the Scene to help us prepare. This workshop will explore the O antiphons, the Jesse Tree, the Advent Wreath and the Christmas Crèche, all the ways to help us meet Jesus.

*Sister Mary Margaret Delaski is a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, whose Motherhouse is in Meriden, Connecticut, is Director of Music and Music Therapy at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell, MI and is responsible for the communal liturgical prayer of the Sisters at the Center.*

Dimension: *Professional Theology*

Also offered as A-13

### **C-24 I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible**

"How we read and interpret the Bible with children can make a difference in whether or not scripture continues to be an important source of their faith." This quote, from Elizabeth Caldwell will form the basis of this workshop. Using her book, "I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible," we will explore her 'wondering' approach to sharing the Bible with children, and discover how this approach can enhance our teaching.

*Glenys Nellist is a native of England and serves as Coordinator of Children's Ministry for the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. She lives in Grand Rapids and is a wife, mother, grandma, Sunday school teacher and author of two popular children's book series: Love Letters from God and Snuggle Time.*

Dimension: *Evangelization/Methodology*

Also offered as B-22



## C-25 Administration as Ministry

The parish catechetical leader is first and foremost an administrator, a leader who calls others to serve as catechists in a variety of parish programs. Participants will identify and explore those competencies, skills and responsibilities needed to become a more effective administrator. These include nurturing commitment, fostering collaboration, and the recruitment, formation and supervision of catechists. We will also consider the principles of program planning and professional development.

*Dan Pierson has served as catechist, Catholic school teacher, parish director of religious education and diocesan director of religious education. Currently, he is the founder of eCatechist.com and Faith Alive Books Publishing (www.faithAlivebooks.com).*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

## C-26 The Quest and Success of a Child: Yes, there is Hope!

All parents seek hope and encouragement as they encounter the many challenges of raising a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), learning disabilities and related disorders. This presentation provides an overview and need for parents, families, caregivers, educators, support partners, and clinicians to build a team, set goals and create action plans. In addition, Kimberly, a mother and her family blazed the trails of ASD long before others. She explains the importance of home reinforcement and advocating for one's child. Her child, JD was able to beat the odds and is totally independent. All who attend this session will walk away with hope, encouragement and a never give up attitude". Begin today and make a difference for that special child in your life.

*Kimberly Bell Mocini is an accomplished speaker, author, trainer and consultant who has designed, developed and provided training for the past 25 years. Kimberly's background began in business administration and interior design. Her focus changed and she specializes in training parents and others who work with children on the Autism Spectrum, Asperger's syndrome and those with other learning challenges.*

Dimension: *Evangelization*

Also offered as B-14



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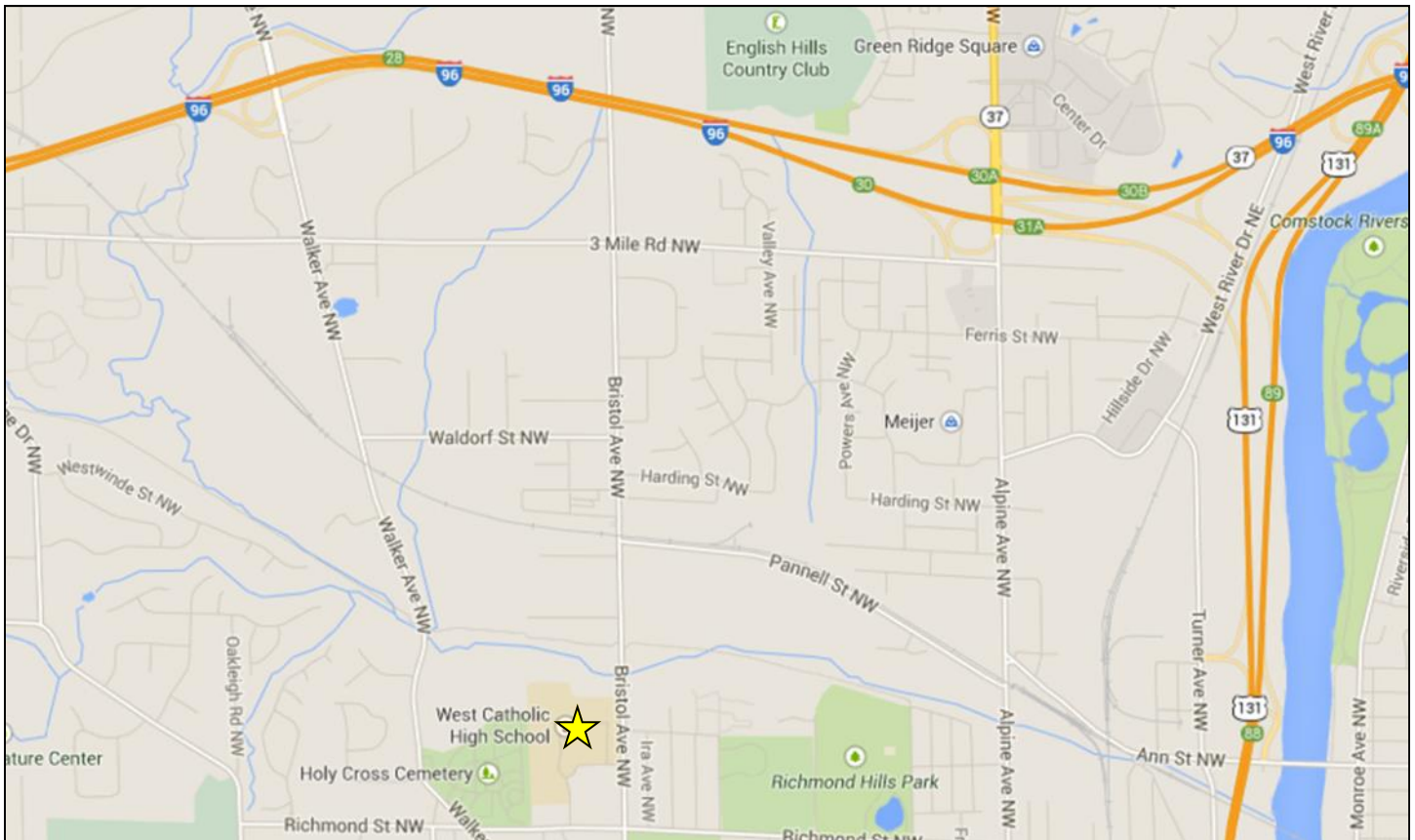
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**From the northwest (Ludington/lakeshore):** Follow US-31 south toward Muskegon. Merge onto I-96 east (exit 110a) toward Grand Rapids/Lansing. Take the Walker Ave (exit 28). Turn right onto Walker Ave NW. Follow Walker Ave 0.3 miles and then turn left onto 3 Mile Rd NW. Follow 3 Mile Rd east to Bristol Ave NW and turn right. Follow Bristol Ave NW for 1.3 miles. West Catholic High School is on the right.

**From the northeast (Reed City/Big Rapids):** Follow US-131 south toward Grand Rapids. Merge onto I-96 west (via exit 89b) toward Muskegon. Follow I-96 west 1.4 miles to Alpine Ave. Take the Alpine Ave south exit (exit 30a). Merge onto Alpine Ave NW and travel south 0.3 mile to 3 Mile Rd NW. Turn right onto 3 Mile Rd west for 1.0 mile. Turn left onto Bristol Ave NW and follow for 1.3 miles. West Catholic High School is on the right.

**From the southwest (Holland):** Take I-196 east toward Grand Rapids. Take exit 76 toward Lane Ave. Immediately turn slight left onto 1st St. NW and then turn left onto Lane Ave NW. Turn left onto 2nd St NW. Follow 0.4 mile and then turn right onto Valley Ave NW. Follow for 0.7 miles and then turn left onto Walker Ave NW. Follow for a 1/2 mile and turn right onto Bristol Ave NW. Follow Bristol Ave NW 1/2 mile north. West Catholic High School is on the left.

**From the east (Portland/Ionia):** Follow I-96 west to Grand Rapids. Take the Alpine Ave south exit (exit 30a). Merge onto Alpine Ave NW and travel south 0.3 mile to 3 Mile Rd. Turn right onto 3 Mile Rd west for 1 mile. Turn left onto Bristol Ave NW and follow for 1.3 miles. West Catholic High School is on the right.

# Parish Ministry & Catechetical Conference 2017 Registration Form



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Las personas que desean participar en esta conferencia necesitan inscribirse. **La fecha límite es**

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## Please indicate your choice of workshops by number:

**Por favor indique con el número correspondiente, su opción de talleres en cada sesión:**

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## Payment - Please check one:

- My \$40 payment is included with my registration. Make checks payable to *Diocese of Grand Rapids*.
- My \$40 payment has been paid online through Raiser's Edge. Here is my registration form.
- Parish/School Option: We are registering 6 persons from our parish/school for \$200. Deadline for group registration is September 22. I understand this option will not apply to late registrations.

## Late registration is \$50 per person if paid after 4:00 p.m. September 22.

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