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We Are All Seasick

Theresa Simmonds

How does our Catholic faith help us deal with the storms of contemporary life? We will discuss how the presence of God within and among us gives us strength in our daily lives.

We Are Called to Be Holy

Rev. Francis Amadio, O.Carm.

Our chief responsibility is to grow in holiness. This holiness affects others. We are called to radiate this holiness. What is it and how can we recognize it?

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Reconciliation: The Forgotten Sacrament

Dulce M. Jimenez Abreu

Today, confession is a rare event. For many reasons people do not celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation – fear, guilt, mistrust, embarrassment – each person has his or her own reason. We forget that God’s love and mercy is bigger than any offense we have committed. We will explore the benefits of the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how to effectively explain to our students that this sacrament is an experience of God’s mercy that brings about a change of heart that helps us to grow closer to God and our neighbors.

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SESSION 2 | 11:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Working Smarter, Not Harder

Rev. Michael Eguino

With limited time, resources and personnel, the key to success isn’t about just adding another program. It is about being strategic and intentional and by building bridges. This workshop offers resources and aims to navigate ministerial challenges.

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Old Testament Lessons: Making the Old New Again!

Betsy Davila

The Old Testament of the Bible contains riches we can incorporate in class lessons. Stop avoiding the Old Testament scripture stories and seek the treasures found in them to engage the children in understanding the New Testament.

Living the Truth in Love: Catholic Morals in a Secular World

John Thompson

How should we live our faith in society? Is our faith private or public? Can we personally oppose a practice yet actively support and even participate in it? How does our Catholic faith inform our life's actions in social justice, medical ethics and sexual ethics? Jesus is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6), but is He truly our way of life?

Journey to Eternal Life: First Communion Retreat Models for Parents and Children

Katherine Hamilton

Parent and child retreats are wonderful opportunities to engage whole families in the journey. This is a retreat model that works at the adult and child level to make it worth the time and effort.

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Come and See...What?

Evangelization in 21st Century America

Rev. Arthur Mastrolia

The uniqueness of Jesus Christ's salvific work is seen by some as being composed of the culture of dialogue that Pope Francis is recommending among major world religions. Modern evangelical efforts, however, must always be based on mutual understanding, social justice and a respect for human rights.

Sticks and Stones Will Break My Bones But Words Will Never Hurt Me

Charlane Faught

Is this true? How were you hurt? We will explore what words do to damage children then and now. Why is it so much worse today? How can we help children? We will go over ways to explore this with our children with everyday games that they can play together to see what words can do. We will read scripture to explore what Jesus would do. We will also explore how we can help the bully see the harm in what they do to others and themselves. We will also explore some of the saints we can call on to help us help our children. Our work does not begin and end with the textbook. We need to look at our children and know what they need that day.

Mary, Our Only Hope

Rev. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm.

This workshop will explain how Marian devotion brings us to salvation.

KEYNOTE SPEECH | 1:20 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

A Vision for Living in Times of Transition

The Scripture and our tradition offer a challenging vision for living in times of transition for our world, country and Church.

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Welcome to Their World: Understanding Today's Young Person

Ela Milewska

Welcome to the world of Generation Z. From technology to social awareness, the generation of young people in our programs bring a new perspective to the world.



This practical workshop will equip you by taking a step back to understand Gen Z and exploring key ways in which we, as individuals and faith communities, can help them encounter Christ and grow in discipleship.

Wearing All the Hats: Family, Ministry, Life and How to Balance It All

Sara Estabrooks

This workshop will help you rediscover the fire that allows you to thrive and find fulfillment in your vocation, ministry and life while avoiding burnout.

God in the Sacraments

Jenny Echevarria

Let us get excited to change the world by bringing the Kingdom of God to our students. We will discuss God in the sacraments in order to have a unique relationship that allows for the growth of the students' faith.

Bringing the Sunday Readings to Life (Grades 1–6)

Peg Hoblin and Ernie Martin

After Confirmation, the closest thing to a textbook most people have is the Bible. With the use of weekly Scripture readings and some everyday items in the "Butterfly Bag," a child in grammar school is reminded of what Jesus' message in the Gospel is as he/she live out their daily lives.

Achieving Success With Your Special-Needs Students

Doreen Napolitano and Mary Rose

In this workshop you will deepen your understanding of the special needs student in the catechetical environment, learn how to modify your lessons to address student needs and understand what to do if the challenges appear overwhelming.

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ORADOR PRINCIPAL | 10:20 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Ven y Ve: Llamando los Jóvenes a un Encuentro

Al igual que Jesús llamo personalmente a los primeros discípulos, nosotros tambien debemos ir más allá de compartir las verdades de la fe e invitar a los jóvenes a un encuentro con Cristo. El Padre José proporcionará herramientas prácticas para que los catequistas y los ministros de jóvenes puedan compartir a la persona de Jesucristo como un componente clave y un fundamento para la catequesis.

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¿Puede Dios Sanar Mi Dolor?

Iris Flores

Este taller iluminara sobre cómo viven los jóvenes con (y a través de) el dolor que experimentan y lo rápido que puede desaparecer el dolor.

Empoderar a Los Adolescentes

Angelina Soriano

¿Ves potencial en los adolescentes? ¿Quieres aprender comunicarte con los adolescentes en tu parroquia? Este

taller le ayudara a comunicarse con los adolescentes y a mejorar su participación en los ministerios de su iglesia.

La Santa Misa Explicada

Hna. María de Jesús Barruti, SSVM

La liturgia de la Santa Misa: una explicación de su naturaleza, belleza y sus componentes. Para una comprensión más profunda de la tipología de la Pascua, la Última Cena ya la Santa Misa. Se incorporarán materiales de “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd” junto con una presentación visual.

Ver, Juzgar, Actuar

Diaconó Kevin McCarthy

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Ven y Ve: Como ayudar a nuestros jóvenes escuchar y responder a la llamada de Jesús

Padre George Sears

El Señor nos está invitando a una gran aventura. ¿Cómo ayudaremos a nuestros jóvenes escuchar la invitación, responder, y ser personas felices? Ven y ve.

Reconciliación, el Sacramento Abandonado

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SESIÓN 2 | 1:25 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Una fe que Atrae

Padre Osiris Salcedo

Estamos llamados a dar testimonio de nuestra vida en Cristo, de manera que cautive este mundo, buscando en todo momento a Dios que nos espera y así compartir el gozo de su compañía y manifestar su alegría.

Convertirse en Signos de fe a Otros

Padre Francis Scanlon

¿Cuándo se convierte el perdón en una reconciliación? ¿Cuándo se convierte la felicidad en alegría? ¿Cuándo se convierte la compasión a la misericordia?

Dios en Los Sacramentos

Jenny Echevarria

Vamos a cambiar el mundo al transmitir el Reino de Dios a nuestros estudiantes. Hablaremos sobre como Dios se encuentra en los Sacramentos y así poder tener una relación única que permita el crecimiento de la fe de en los estudiantes.

Como Enseñar a los Niños a Orar

Verónica Reyes-Brito

Durante este taller nos enfocaremos en la oración. El catequista aprenderá como enseñar a los niños a orar en la clase de educación religiosa.

Descubriendo al Señor

Padre Ramon Lopez

“Vengan y lo Verán” (Jn. 1.39). Este es lo invitación que Jesús les hace a sus primeros discípulos. Es el mismo llamado que él nos hace a nosotros. Así como lo hicieron los primeros discípulos, exploraremos las diferentes maneras en cómo unirse a Cristo a través de su palabra, meditación, oración y celebración de los sacramentos.

La Esperanza en la Vida del Creyente

Rafael Aledo

“La esperanza no viene en solo creer en Dios, sino creer y estar ciertos de que nos ama y desea nuestro bien” (Cardinal J.H. Newman). La esperanza está en esperar la revelación de Cristo: la gloria eterna. Sin la esperanza la vida Cristiana pierde todo sentido. En este momento en la iglesia y el mundo, muchos creyentes y no creyentes vivimos sin esperanza. Miraremos lo que es la esperanza en Cristo y como renovar nuestra esperanza en la fe.

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Sagrada Eucaristía: Un Regalo para Niños y Adolescentes (Taller Bilingüe Español / Ingles)

Barbara Gonzalez-Alarcon

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Dejémonos Ser Encontrados por Jesús

Aida Hidalgo

Si nos dejamos encontrar por Jesús, nuestra vida cambiará definitivamente y totalmente. Los cambios tienen que reflejarse en nuestro hogar, en nuestra comunidad y en nuestro ambiente.

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¿Qué Significa el Dogma? ¿Es la Doctrina de la Iglesia Católica Irredimible? ¿No Deberíamos Actualizarnos?

Padre Pablo Waldmann, IVE

¿Qué significa el dogma? ¿Hay cambios en los principios morales? La infalibilidad pontificia.

Evangelización de la Cultura, Los Medios de Comunicación y la Tecnología

Madre María del Santísimo Sacramento, SSVM

Estamos llamados a traer el Evangelio a nuestros niños y jóvenes que viven una cultura muy particular, distinta a la que conocemos nosotros. Es necesario conocer bien la cultura actual, para poder evangelizar más efectivamente. Para alcanzar ese objetivo hay diversos métodos y entre ellos se encuentran los medios de comunicación, los cuales, usados correctamente se

pueden transformar en instrumentos para que conozcan la persona de Cristo y su amor por ellos.

El Antiguo Testamento y la Iglesia de Hoy

Milagros M. Cobb

Durante este taller se explicara y se dará ejemplos de diferentes actividades que los catequistas puedan usar para explicar la importancia del Antiguo Testamento hoy en nuestra iglesia.

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I Got My Manual and Class List – Now What?

Elizabeth A. Brim

You were just asked to teach CCD and were brave enough to say a hesitant “yes.” They gave you a teacher’s manual and a class. What are you to do? You are not a teacher. This class will help with classroom management, creative ideas and keeping your sanity.

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Ser Testigos en un Mundo Que Busca la Esperanza

Padre Hernán Paredes, SJ

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Linda Sgammato

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd believes that the child and God already have a deep relationship. As this relationship grows so too does the child's desire to know more about God. This method of faith formation is by its very nature inclusive, each child will find his/her own personal path and meet God where they are.



WORKSHOPS – SESSION 3

12:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Welcome to Their World: Understanding Today's Young Person

Ela Milewska

Welcome to the world of Generation Z. From technology to social awareness, the generation of young people in our programs bring a new perspective to the world. This practical workshop will equip you by taking a step back to understand Gen Z and exploring key ways in which we,

as individuals and faith communities, can help them encounter Christ and grow in discipleship.

We are Called to be Holy

Rev. Francis Amadio, O.Carm.

Our chief responsibility is to grow in holiness. This holiness affects others. We are called to radiate this holiness. What is it and how can we recognize it?

Living the Truth in Love: Catholic Morals in a Secular World

[John Thompson](#)

How should we live our faith in society? Is our faith private or public? Can we personally oppose a practice yet actively support and even participate in it? How does our Catholic faith inform our life's actions in social justice, medical ethics and sexual ethics? Jesus is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6), but is He truly our way of life?

Jesucristo, Evangelio de Hoy Según el Vaticano II

[Dr. Rogelio Cuesta](#)

- No hay teología para el ser humano sin antropología para Dios.
- La metodología de la catequesis según el Vaticano II.
- Teologizar o catequizar implica humanizar.
- Los problemas del ser humano a la luz del Dios humanizado.

Imperfect People in an Imperfect Church: Embracing the Challenges in Extending "The Great Invitation"

[Rev. Michael P. Kerrigan](#)

The call of Peter, James and John (Luke 5:1-11) and the parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14) exemplify invitations extended, responses received and difficulties encountered as paradigmatic of contemporary parish life. An imperfect Church continues the mission of seeking ways to welcome imperfect people to a life of discipleship and holiness.

Come and See...What?

Evangelization in 21st Century America

[Rev. Arthur Mastrolia](#)

The uniqueness of Jesus Christ's salvific work is seen by some as being composed of the culture of dialogue that Pope Francis is recommending among major world religions. Modern evangelical efforts, however, must always be based on mutual understanding, social justice and a respect for human rights.

Journey to Eternal Life: First Communion Retreat Models for Parents and Children

[Katherine Hamilton](#)

Parent and child retreats are wonderful opportunities to engage whole families in the journey. This is a retreat model that works at the adult and child level to make it worth the time and effort.

Bringing The Sunday Readings to Life (Grades 1-6)

[Peg Hoblin and Ernie Martin](#)

After Confirmation, the closest thing to a textbook most people have is the Bible. With the use of weekly Scripture readings and some everyday items in the "Butterfly Bag," a child in grammar school is reminded of what Jesus' message in the Gospel is as he/she live out their daily lives.

Wearing All the Hats:

Family, Ministry, Life and How to Balance it All

[Sara Estabrooks](#)

This workshop will help you rediscover the fire that allows you to thrive and find fulfillment in your vocation, ministry and life while avoiding burnout.

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