



Signs &
WONDERS
Witnessing to
the Mystery
of Faith

Our Presenters ~ Nuestros Presentadores (Oct 11)

Abraham Alarcon **BOTH**
LA PEDAGOGÍA Y LA CREATIVIDAD DEL CATEQUISTA

En Antiquum Ministerium, carta apostólica del 2021, el Papa Francisco afirma que así como se necesitan catequistas, también se necesita "...una interacción genuina con los jóvenes, por no hablar de metodologías creativas y recursos capaces de adaptar el anuncio del Evangelio..." Los participantes en este taller aprenderán diferentes métodos y estrategias para involucrar a los niños para ayudar a transmitir el Evangelio. ¡Prepárese a compartir, moverse y aprender con otros!

Sister Altgracia Arias **BRONX**
LA SANTISIMA MADRE Y LOS CATOLICOS

David Barocsi **BOTH**
WORKING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE GOSPELS

Let us look at the Gospels together. Dave will make the Gospels come alive for you. These exciting ways of helping students understand the Scriptures will be very fun and interesting as you begin your new year of teaching.

Father Rafael Capo
BRONX

PRESENTACION PRINCIPAL

El Padre Capo traera un mensaje lleno de entusiasmo para empoderer a catequistas y lideres de pastoral con jovens a descubrir los signos y maravillas de la fe que

profesan, no solo en el salon de clases sino en cada aspect de sus vidas, inviandolos a continuar el camino con la alegria de Evangelio y como testigo del amor de Dios.

KEYNOTE:

Father Capo will empower and fire up catechists and youth ministry adult leaders with a presentation on the signs and wonders of the faith they profess not only in the classroom but in every aspect of their lives, calling them to continue the journey with the joy of the gospel as witnesses of God's love.

TALLER EN ESPANOL

El taller será oportunidad para descubrir el camino de todo discípulo misionero, en respuesta a la llamada que el Señor nos hace, desde el encuentro personal con ñl hasta el envoi misionero en nuestro context pastoral del hoy.

Oscar Cruz **BOTH**
RICA PARA ¿NIÑOS, ¿QUÉ SIGNIFICA ESO?

Según la Iglesia, los niños que han alcanzado la edad de la razón/ edad de catequesis y que no están bautizados deben inscribirse en el proceso del catecumenado parroquial. Este taller nos abrirá esta directiva de la Iglesia, ayudándonos a entender el proceso y los elementos clave para su implementación dentro su ministerio parroquial de iniciación cristiana.

Oscar Cruz **BOTH**
RCIA FOR CHILDREN, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

According to the Church, children who have reached the age of reason/ catechetical age, and who are not baptized are to be enrolled in the parish Catechumenate process. This workshop will open for us this directive from the Church, helping us understand the process and the key elements for its implementation within our parish Christian initiation ministry.

Sr. Nancy Elizabeth Doran, S.S.C. **BOTH**
THE FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT? BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, INTERCESSOR FOR OUR CHILDREN.

Some of our families are struggling as many issues affects their lived faith. We grieve over those not joining us in Sunday liturgy and those not believing in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Carlo Acutis was a normal teen with an extraordinary faith and love of the Eucharist. He enjoyed soccer and internet games such as Pokémon. In the brief span of his life, before he died of leukemia at the age of 15 years, he left a compendium of Eucharistic miracles to awe and inspire believers and nonbelievers alike. We invite Blessed Carlos to pray for our children that their faith, as his, may take deep and lasting root.

Sister Nancy Elizabeth Doran, S.S.C. **BOTH**
SIGNS AND WONDERS IN OUR HOME RECOGNIZING AND INCLUDING JESUS IN THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF THE FAMILY.

We discover the countless ways Jesus makes himself known in the heart of the family when we invite Him in! Learn ways to strength Catholic identity in the domestic church. Help parents to link the life that comes from around the altar to the life we lived around the kitchen table.

Brandon Fernandez Sedano **BRONX**
CULTIVATING A TEAM

For this presentation we will be going over the different steps of growing a team. Recruitment: who to look for? How to ask? Prayer: How is our prayer life? How are we asking God to lead us? What standard should we have for our volunteers? Community: Building rapport with one another, fellowship and being intentional about being

there for one another. Roles: Recognizing different gifts each person brings to the table and how to add them to role in which they'd function best. Formation: Different ways to cultivate people's gifts and how to form leaders.

Lauren Gentry **BOTH**
CAN I PRAY WITH YOU? A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO PRAYING WITH OTHERS?

God can move mountains when we pray "with" someone we're serving, not just pray for them. In this workshop, you will receive tangible tools for praying with other people. Come and let God break down any fear or lies that are holding back and be equipped to be sent into your ministry as an instrument of the Holy Spirit.

Audrey Hayes and Monica Martinez **BOTH**
YOUTH MINISTRY MINDSET
NOTE: THIS IS A TWO SESSION WORKSHOP

This training, from Alpha USA, a platform for youth ministry leaders and youth ministry teams to gather in conversation around moving from Transactional to Transformational youth ministry---Real, Relational, Reliant, Reproducible---broadening our vision for 21st century youth ministry.

Margaret Hoblin **BOTH**
SEEING GOD IN EVERYDAY THINGS

There are many things in our lives that can remind us that God loves us. There are signs from God children see while just walking down the street, or to the school bus stop, that reinforce what they learned in their classes. In scripture, especially the parables, Jesus used everyday things to explain that everyone and everything God made is a gift of love. If Jesus walked through the archdiocese today, how would the parables change? Would there be a mustard seed? How many lives can the children touch, in a positive way with Facebook, etc. What would Jesus say? I wonder!

Ela Milewska **BOTH**
THE IN-BETWEEN: MINISTRY TO AND WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Middle school young people live in the "in-between". They are in between childhood and teenage years, in between who they have been raised to be and who they would like to become and so much more. The in-between is a time that can be filled with grace, joy, and fear. It is also a critical season for young people to embrace by their faith and accompanied into all they possibilities God has planned for them. Join us as we explore the In-between and how we can help young people successfully navigate through all it entails.

Ela Milewska

BOTH

PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR SMALL GROUPS- CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

In our small groups and classes, we have loads of different personalities! How can we create environments where everyone has an opportunity to be heard and grow? This fun and active workshop will share practical ideas on how to address common challenges in behavior and to engage the young people in your class group.

Patricia Manuli

BOTH

MANAGING THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

You said "Yes!" You have your Guidelines and your Manuals. Perhaps you've ben blessed with some background and training...or perhaps someone tapped you on the shoulder and said "HELP!!" But here you are...you're a CATECHIST!" You're about to "echo" God's word to young people and to their families. What an important and awesome responsibility. Prayer, preparation and a positive learning environment are key toward fostering the learning experience. In this workshop, we will take a look at a variety of ways to help make that happen.

Patricia Manuli

BOTH

RAISING CATHOLIC CHILDREN CATHOLIC

"You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the training him/her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/he up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you understand what you are undertaking?" These words are taken from the Rite of Baptism. It is asked of parents after they declare their desire to have their child baptized. What a tremendous responsibility indeed! We will take a look at what this commitment means for parents as well as how those in parish ministry can assist parents in tis awesome task.

Theodore Musco

BOTH

GOOD DAYS AND BAD DAYS...THE STORY OF FAMILY LIFE.

Not every day is a winner, but sometimes there are great joys in family life. We'll look at the joy of the Gospel in everyday life by exploring Bible passages that present the Good News and highlighting specific and practical ways for families to experience joy despite the challenges of everyday life. In the Joy of Gospels, Pope Frances reminds us, "All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives."

Theodore Musco

BOTH

CALLED TO THE JOY OF LOVE: A LOOK AT THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

In this workshop I will provide an overview of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2021 document titled "Called to the Joy of Love and identify practical applications of its vision to our situation today? The introduction tells us, "Catholic marriage and family life ministry serves all married couples and families by proclaiming the love for God for them and helping them embrace their vocation to love and discipleship." This presentation will provide insight into the work of family evangelization involving the entire community through the acts of encounter and accompaniment.

Heidi Olivo-Berto

BRONX

CUIDAR A LOS ELEGIDOS DE DIOS CON NECESIDADES ESPECIALES

Esta presentación incluye a: Proveer herramientas y estrategias que se encargaran de como la Iglesia se ocupara de la necesidad. Ministro de los padres: Los padres con una parte integral del cuidado de los niños con necesidades especiales. Como incluir y utilizar diferentes recursos. Desarrollar y organizar una educación religiosa especial. Metas de la educación religiosa especial. Pasos prácticos sobre como trabajar con niños con discapacidad en el salón de clases. Asistencia de la oficina de Formación de Fe Juvenil.

Dr. Jose Planas

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LA FAMILIA CATÓLICA EN EL MUNDO DE HOY

Bertha Peralta-Rodriguez

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UN ECO DEL EVANGELIO: MI IDENTIDAD COMO CATEQUISTA

"El catequista es un cristiano que recibe un llamado particular de Dios... para el servicio de la transmisión de la fe y para la tarea de iniciar la vida cristina." (Directorio Para la Catequesis, 112). Como formadores de la fe, nuestro llamado tiene seis funciones claves, que pueden servirnos como guía en este ministerio tan importante para el presente y futuro de nuestra Iglesia. En este taller, exploraremos estas funciones y consejos prácticos de como ejercerlas.

Jayne Porcelli

BRONX

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE! CREATING A CULTURE OF WELCOME

How do you create a classroom environment where your children can't wait to get there? What can we do to help our youngsters feel, seen and appreciated? Just as importantly, how do we help our children and their families feel welcome and comfortable at Mass? You are invited to a lively conversation touching on these questions and more.

Deacon Robert Rice

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KEYNOTE AND WORKSHOP

Pastoral leaders must resist the temptation of, "thinking that the results depend on our ability to act and to plan. God, of course, asks us to cooperate with his grace....It is prayer which roots us in this truth" (Nono Millenio Inueunte, 38). This presentation will examine key principles for a life of prayer necessary for those in ministry as modeled by some great catechetical saints, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John Bosco, St. Katherine Drexel and St. John Paul II.

Lisette Robustelli

BOTH

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION: NOT JUST FOR SOME PEOPLE, A TEACHING FOR ALL PEOPLE

Care for God's creation is something that we are all called to, but what does that look like? In 2015, Pope Francis released his second encyclical Laudato Si, in which he addressed the need for all the faithful to take a look at our relationship with God's glorious creation. In this workshop will take an introductory look into this document as well as attempt to understand its implications for our life and the lives of those whom we minister to.

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CUIDADO DE LA CREACIÓN (en español)

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Juan Rodriguez

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RENEW YOUR VISION: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Renew your vision can give us insight to developing a comprehensive parish mission that both bridge the growing gap between Faith Formation and Youth

Ministry. Both are needed to sustain a spiritual vibrant parish. It takes a parish staff, and parish ministers to work at it for the future of vocations. This workshop will change you to IMAGINE!

Juan Rodriguez

BRONX

RENEVE SU VISIÓN: CERRANDO LA DISTANCIA ENTRE LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA Y EL MINISTERIO DE LA JUVENTUD.

Renueve su visión puede darnos una visión para desarrollar una misión parroquial integral que ambos para rellenar un espacio entre formación juvenil y ministros de jóvenes. Ambos son necesarios para sostener una parroquia espiritual vibrante. Se necesita un personal y ministros parroquiales para trabajar en ello por el futuro de las vocaciones. ¡Este taller te cambiara para IMAGINAR!

Deacon Christian Santiago, Sch.P.

BRONX

LITURGY AT CLASSROOMS: HOW TO MAKE LITURGY AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR LESSONS.

Liturgy and catechesis have gone together since the first centuries of the Church. At times we have only emphasized learning prayers, repetition of formulas, but we have wonderful resources to integrate liturgy in our classrooms with the goal that our students fully participate in the liturgy. At the end Vatican Council II calls for that integration.

Deacon Christian Santiago, Sch.P.

BRONX

LITURGIA EN LAS AULAS: ¿COMO HACER DE LA LITURGIA UNA PARTE INTEGRAL DE NUESTRAS LECCIONES?

La liturgia y la catequesis se han unido desde los primeros siglos de la Iglesia. A veces sólo hemos enfatizado el aprendizaje de oraciones, la repetición de fórmulas, pero tenemos recursos maravillosos para integrar la liturgia en nuestras aulas con la meta de que nuestros estudiantes participen plenamente en la liturgia. Al final, El Concilio Vaticano II pide esa integración.

John Thompson

BOTH

THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain; you are still in your sins." (1Corinthians15) Today's world demands reasons, whether it is a child's innocents "Why", a teen's rebellious "Really" or an atheist's aggressive "Prove it!" You believe, or you would not be here. But, perhaps you could use help explaining it to others. Come along for a give-and-take discussion with "Sam the Skeptic," since if we can explain skeptics, then we can be confident among our students and RCIA candidates.

Maryann Tyrer

BRONX

**CALLED TO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD
ALIVE**

Pope Francis defines catechists as “people who keep the memory of God alive...in themselves..and are

able to revive it in others.” Anyone who passes on the faith to the next generation or to their peers is a catechist, and the call to do so comes from God. This workshop will offer reflection, discussion, and some practical ideas to inspire and empower you to respond to God’s call.



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