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Sacred Passages: Spirituality for All Who Minister



Ministries Conference
Saturday, February 9, 2008
8:30 a.m.
Pensacola Catholic High School
Pensacola, Florida

Schedule Of Events	Directions to Pensaola Catholic High School
8:30 Registration/ Breakfast	From I-10: Take the I:110 exit south. Take the Fairfield exit ramp and turn right. Take left to “W”
9:00 Welcome/ Opening Prayer	Street. School is approx. ½ mile on the right at the corner of “W” and Scott Street.
9:30 Keynote: Richard Johnson, PhD	From HWY 98W: At the end of the 3 mile Bridge, veer right (before traffic light) to 17 th Ave. Proceed to Cervantes (at the light). Take left onto Cervantes. Continue to “W”
10:45 Break	Street. Take a right. Go approx. 1 mile. School is on your left at the corner of “W” and Scott Street.
11:00 Session #1	
12:15 Lunch	
1:00 Session #2	
2:15 Break	
2:30 Session #3	

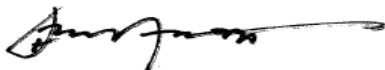
Dear Friends in Christ,

I invite you to participate in our Diocesan Ministries Conference, which is for all Catholics, especially those involved in ministry in our parishes.

This year’s theme, *Sacred Passages - Spirituality for All Who Minister*, focuses on an important truth for all those who minister. Taking time to form ourselves will enable us to better minister to others. The keynote by Dr. Richard Johnson will enable you to draw near to Christ all the days of your life - through all the hills and valleys of a life lived for the Lord and his people.

I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity for ministry formation. The truths of our Faith are never changing, while the ways of sharing the Good News always benefits from life-long reflection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John H. Ricard, S.S.J.
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Debora Clipper

Praying With Icons – Paintings That Look Back At You - Session #3

A key element in praying with icons is that the observer should feel observed, making the images as much portal as painting. As with a window, in a sense, you are being seen. There are two questions that you might ask about an icon. Firstly, does it draw you to pray? If so, does it draw your worship community to pray? This workshop may suggest how such a roster of holy images might help our personal and our communal prayer lives.

Deborah holds a Masters in Religious Education from Loyola University of New Orleans and coordinates the RCIA for Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Pensacola.

Thomas Gordon and Patrick Clemens

Praying with the Church: The Liturgy of the Hours - Session #3

We are all familiar with the liturgy we celebrate together every Sunday, the Mass, or Eucharist. But did you know there is another liturgy of the Church, sometimes called, "the official prayer of the Church?" It is the Liturgy of the Hours, by which we sanctify every part of the day in union with people all over the world. This workshop is an introduction to praying the Liturgy of the Hours.

Thomas and Patrick are both deacon candidates scheduled to be ordained Spring 2009. As deacons, they along with priests and many professed religious, pray “the office” daily.

Jeri Winkleblack

The Spirituality of Everyday Life – Finding God In All Things – Session #1; repeats Session #3

This breakout session focuses on being conscious of God’s presence in the moment-to-moment of our daily lives. Finding God in all things – in the classroom, in the board room, in the kitchen, on the job site, in the break room, as well as the dining room – is the work of all disciples. How do we bring the light of the Good News with us in all life situations? Jeri has some very practical advice and experience to share.

Jeri lives and works in Tallahassee, where she is married with four half-time children. Realizing a call to live her faith and spirituality in the workplace, Jeri earned a Master's degree in Pastoral Studies in Spirituality from Loyola University, New Orleans. She continues her career in sales, while also sharing how we can live our call to be Christians and people of faith in the everyday world.

Judith Kaczor

At Home with the Spirituality of C. S. Lewis - Session #1

Although *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* is C. S. Lewis's most famous book, he was a prolific writer, poet, scholar of English literature and defender of Christianity. This workshop will offer participants a glimpse into the life of one whose life gives testimony to life-long formation.

Judith is a longtime religion and writing faculty member at Pensacola Catholic High School. She holds an MA in Theology from Loyola University in New Orleans. She is a life-long reader of and reflector on the works of C.S. Lewis.

Cristina Stevens

Walking in the Thin Places with Those Who Are Chronically Ill or Dying - Session #2

This workshop will focus on the experience of walking alongside those who suffer as a "thin place," a place that can adjust our perception and our awareness of the greater dimensions of our living. Another way to put this is, "what do the dying teach the living that might allow us to better **live** with dignity?"

Cristina is Director of Pastoral Services, Baptist Hospital, board-certified chaplain with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains; parishioner, St. Joseph, Pensacola.

Thomas and Julie Baltz

Make This House a House of Prayer – Families Learn To Pray Together - Session #3

“The family that prays together stays together.” Millions of listeners quickly recognized and adopted this religious motto taught by Father Patrick Peyton on his weekly Family Theatre Productions radio dramas. (This idea from the Greatest Generation is one that we need to revisit today.) This breakout will offer parish ministers some ideas to share with families of all ages to encourage the practice of “praying together.”

Thomas and Julie are parishioners at St. Ann/Gulf Breeze. These parents of five youngsters serve as a lead couple for Catholic Marriage Encounter. Both healthcare professionals, they also serve as catechists in parish faith formation programs.

Richard Johnson, PhD

Conform Yourself To Christ – Lifelong Spiritual Formation- Keynote

We are people of light, and we are called to let our light shine. But what is that light? What specific "spiritual strengths" has God invested in you individually? Dr. Johnson explains how your personality is the foundation of your psychological AND spiritual being. While your personality does many things for you, its basic goal is to allow you to express the uniqueness of “you” that God has invested quite intentionally in you. Dr. Johnson describes how to discover your unique "spiritual strengths" and how to use them.

How to Establish a Vibrant Maturing Adult Faith Formation Program for Your Parish - Session #2

Perhaps the biggest reason why maturing adult faith formation has not ‘caught-on’ in the parishes is an absence of a clear understanding of later life development. Participants will come away with a clear understanding of how to organize, undertake, support, and find success in maturing adult faith formation.

The Unique Spirituality of Midlife and the Unique Spirituality of the Later Years: Constructing Parish Programs for Each - Session #3

Each stage and phase of our lives has its own spiritual development. Dr. Johnson thoroughly describes the ten spiritual developmental tasks of the middle years (ages 45-65), and the ten spiritual developmental tasks of the later years (ages 65 and beyond). He will describe how we can construct parish programs for each of these age groups.

Dr. Johnson, Workshop Presenter and Keynoter, is nationally recognized for his pioneering work in Maturing Adult Faith Formation and Spiritual Gerontology. His fresh ideas and enthusiasm on the spiritual aspects of adult development and aging have inspired scores of maturing adults to follow their hearts and live more abundant lives in Christ. Dr. Johnson is a practicing Roman Catholic; he and his wife Sandra live in St. Louis.

Kathy Coffey

The Joy of Sacramentality- Session #1, repeated Session #3

What distinguishes Catholics from other Christian traditions? Most people responding to polls say, "the sacraments." This workshop looks at how the sacraments celebrate the grace that already permeates our lives and reveals that the sacraments are a beginning, not an end. Finally, we'll understand what St. Augustine meant when he said, "there is nothing that cannot become a sacramental encounter."

The Arts: Bridge between Generations, Window on the Gospels – Session #2

For over 2000 years, Christians have learned their faith from stories, stained glass, music, sculpture, drama and painting. These arts speak to different age groups, learning styles and educational levels. Come discover ways the arts can enhance faith formation. Experience familiar gospels in unique ways which prompt new insights, then bring this approach to your own parish settings.

Kathy is a Catholic author, sponsored by "Living The Good News," Sadlier and Ave Maria Press. She is an accomplished, award-winning author and editor for *Living the Good News Press*. She has written several books and magazine articles on spirituality. Kathy is the winner of seven awards from the Catholic Press Association and a recipient of the Foley Poetry Award. She lives in Denver, Colorado with her husband and their four children.

Fr. Eugene Pathe

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius - Session #2

Similar to the physical exercises of running and swimming, the Ignatian Exercises are meant to strengthen the will, the intellect, the memory and the imagination. Ignatius and his followers knew that anyone seeking the Lord should not wait for visions, but should seek God with humility and intelligence and in this way "find God in all things."

The Importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Lives of All Who Minister - Session # 1, repeated Session #3

Those who minister need to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation a cornerstone of their personal spiritual practice. This workshop will begin with an understanding of the Sacrament and progress to include counsel about making the sacrament a regular part of your life.

Fr. Pathe was ordained for the diocese of Leeds, England. Now retired, Fr. Pathe taught for 29 years. He has become a permanent resident in the United States and has served three diocesan parishes.

Sr. Margaret Kuntz, ASCJ; Joyce Smandra and Rev. Ben Encinias

Spiritual Direction: Is It For You? - Session #2, repeats Session #3

Looking at your experience in the company of a trained spiritual companion, a fellow traveler who can share your hopes, support you through your fears, and help you notice and respond to God - this describes the reality of spiritual direction. What exactly is spiritual direction? How do I find a director? What happens during sessions? This session will answer many of your questions about this time honored method of spiritual development.

Sister Margaret, director of the diocesan office of Christian Formation, holds advanced degrees in mathematics and pastoral studies. **Joyce**, a psychiatric and occupational health nurse, is a graduate of the program in spiritual direction at Mercy Center, Burlingame, California. **Ben** is an ordained deacon of the United Methodist Church who formerly coordinated Pensacola's Catholic Engaged Encounter with his wife, Mary. Ben holds a post-graduate certification in spiritual direction from Spring Hill College.

Denise Pressley, Lyn Slowikowski and Deborah Clipper

Pilgrimage: Journey with a Purpose - Session #1

The idea of sacred motion or travel dates back to when early humans would climb hilltops to be closer to God. Spiritual conversation is full of the language of travel: walking the walk, leaving behind and stepping forward, processing and recessing from liturgy, following God's paths on our spiritual journey of life. This session offers reflection on pilgrimage as a discipline of the spiritual life that is accessible to all.

Denise, Lyn and Deborah all hold masters degrees from Loyola University of New Orleans Institute for Ministry Formation. All have been, and are, pilgrims.

Tom Baroco

The Songs of Taizé - Joining All in Common Praise of God. – Session #2

For an increasing number of North Americans, the name Taizé evokes a certain style of singing that has become more popular in churches, retreat centers, and campus parishes. Participants in this workshop will learn more about the music and how it can be used not only in liturgical settings, but also for small group prayer services and personal reflection.

Tom's experience in Liturgical Music includes more than 13 years as an accompanist or choir director in various parishes both in Pensacola and in Washington, D. C. He studied Liturgical Music at the Catholic University of America. Tom participated in the Summer Song Program at the University of Notre Dame.