

NACFLM Conference 2009

**June 25-28, 2009 University of St. Thomas, St. Paul,
Minnesota**

Becoming a Marriage-Building Church:

Implementing the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Initiative on Marriage

2009 Conference Update – Speakers and Topics

Speakers

- Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, “State of Our Unions”
- Dennis Stoica, “Strategies for Becoming a Marriage-Building Church”
- John Grabowski, “The Sacrament of Marriage: Love for a Lifetime”
- Helen Alvare, “Faith and Reason in Service to Marriage and the Family”
- Panel of Bishops, “Promoting, Protecting, and Preserving Marriage”
- Also: Christopher West and Fr. Britto Berchmans are confirmed keynote speakers

Workshop Topics

- Practical tips for marriage ministry
- Scripture, prayer and sacraments
- The mystery of love
- Young adult discernment
- Natural Family Planning
- Convalidation
- Cultural, multicultural and media issues
- Community marriage initiatives
- Pastoral counseling issues
- Church documents
- Marriage in later years
- Family systems
- Hurting marriages

Goals for 2009 Conference

- ◆ For Diocesan Leaders: Create a new energy and ideas for marriage ministry and offer solid teaching on Christ-centered marriage
- ◆ For Pastors and Deacons and Marriage Ministry Teams: Provide a vision and tools for implementing the NPIM including the theological and societal understanding of marriage to assist them in carrying out their mission in their parishes.
- ◆ For Parish Ministers and NFP Instructors: Develop new and/or enhance skills and revitalize awareness of their important role as they prepare and enrich sacramental marriages.
- ◆ For Marriage Movements: Foster partnerships with other movements and parish ministers, developing greater insights into their mission to serve Christ and the Church.
- ◆ For DRE's/Youth Ministers: Provide support and resources for their specific role in building future marriages and the Kingdom of God.
- ◆ For Parish Staff: Articulate a clear vision for Becoming a Marriage Building Parish and to gather the resources necessary to fulfill their task.

Costs for the 2009 Conference

Full Conference Earlybird

\$200 per individual, \$300 per couple NACFLM members

\$235 per individual, \$335 per couple non-member

After May 15th

\$235 per individual, \$335 per couple NACFLM member

\$270 per individual, \$370 per couple non-member

Food, Lodging and Facilities - \$85 per person per day, \$135 per couple per day

Lodging provided will be in 4-bedroom air-conditioned apartments, each with 2 bathrooms

Dorm and local hotels available with shuttle service to University also available

One-Day Cost

\$100 per individual or \$150 per couple (includes food)