

Speaker Full Name	Session #	Session Title	Session Description	Language	Date	Time
Jeff Cavins	01-PS	The Great Adventure Bible in One Day	Join founding host of EWTN's "Life on the Rock" show and best-selling Catholic author Jeff Cavins as he walks Catholics through the entire Bible in a day using the system that revolutionized the Catholic world, The Great Adventure Bible Timeline. Jeff's presentation will inspire you to move beyond believing toward the very core of the gospel—to share it. Jeff will spell out the basic seven points to the proclamation of the gospel and show you how easy it can be to spread God's word to those around us. With the confirmation of the Holy Spirit over the words you proclaim about Jesus Christ, amazing things can happen. You will be challenged to become an activated disciple and take your faith to the next level.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	1:15pm-2:15pm
Dr. Ansel Augustine	02-01	Walking Together In Faith	We as a church are called to be ONE body of Christ, yet we are still divided. In this session we will look at the root causes and solutions to this issue. Come ready to be challenged and renewed as a people of faith.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	2:45pm-3:45pm
Nancy Bird	02-02	Helping Young Disciples Live Their Faith: Service Ideas That Make a Difference	It's not just for Confirmation anymore! The mission of the Church makes clear that service is integral to Catholics. Based on the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching, this presentation will assist you with easy ideas for service projects that will help all learners embrace service as a way of life.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	2:45pm-3:45pm
Sonja Corbitt	02-03	Healing the Father Wound	It's called a "father wound" because, whether from your mother or father, or someone else entirely, such a wound affects your relationship with your Heavenly Father. A Scriptural study of God as "Abba" through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, we learn what it means to have a safe place to acknowledge weakness and receive strength. As we reach beyond our deficits to God, we learn from Jesus how to climb into the bosom of a loving Heavenly Father (Jn. 1:18).	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	2:45pm-3:45pm
Tori Harris	02-04	The Gifts & Charisms for Parish Evangelization	The importance of yielding to the Holy Spirit as part of successful Evangelization is well known; however, its healthy and practical ministry integration often presents pastoral challenges. Through the use of case studies, author Tori Harris shares specific and fruitful methods for fostering a culture of the Holy Spirit within the life of a Parish.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	2:45pm-3:45pm
Paul Jarzembowski	02-05	Finding Hope in the Ashes: A New Way to Strengthen Outreach to Young Adults	Most people are aware of the sobering trend of the rising disaffiliation of young adults, compounded by the realities of societal pressure and church crisis. Yet there is hope. Studies show that, at key moments of return (in particular in Lent) disconnected young adults re-engage in the life of the Church for a brief time. How can families and church leaders use those critical moments and turn them into milestones on the road towards strengthening missionary discipleship? Using insights from Pope Francis' "Christus Vivit" and the U.S. bishops' work with young people, this session will explore the phenomenon of moments of return, and begin conversation about creative solutions and ideas for responding with the joy of the Gospel.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	2:45pm-3:45pm
Victoria Tanco	02-06	Religious but not spiritual: When routine leaves you wanting more	We have heard people describe themselves as "spiritual, but not religious". Sometimes, those of us that regularly go to church, receive the sacraments, and even pray daily, can find ourselves feeling like something is missing. We go through the motions, and might even think we are "religious, but not spiritual". Spirituality is that conscious and intimate relationship with God—the indwelling of the Spirit that gives deeper meaning to everyday life, integrates our interior with our exterior, blending our sense of individuality with our belonging in a community.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	2:45pm-3:45pm
Fr. Joshua J. Whitfield	02-07	The Way of the Listener: 10 Steps for Listening to Homilies (even bad ones!)	How can ministry leaders, laity, and clergy help the Church improve preaching? Believe it or not, it's not just the preachers' responsibility; it's everyone's responsibility. Spiritually speaking, the quality of preaching depends as much on listeners as it does on speakers. Thus, for lay leaders and catechists, how we listen to homilies (and how we help others listen) is an important part of evangelism and parish ministry. So, how should we listen to homilies? How do homilies fit within the spiritual life? How do we listen to both good homilies and bad homilies and still grow spiritually? Fr. Joshua, author of The Crisis of Bad Preaching, offers The Way of the Listener: 10 Steps for Listening to Homilies (even bad ones!) to help those listening to homilies make the best of it! In preaching God speaks, so we'd better listen! So how can we keep from zoning out? How can we focus? How can we turn listening to homilies into a spirituality of sanctification and growth? If you thought the homily was time to take a nap, think again! Learn how to listen to homilies the right way!	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	2:45pm-3:45pm

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John E. Barone	03-01	Including Diverse Learners Affirms Their Entire Family's Catholic Identity	Most people are aware of the sobering trend of the rising disaffiliation of young adults, compounded by the realities of societal pressure and church crisis. Yet there is hope. Studies show that, at key moments of return (in particular in Lent) disconnected young adults re-engage in the life of the Church for a brief time. How can families and church leaders use those critical moments and turn them into milestones on the road towards strengthening missionary discipleship? Using insights from Pope Francis' "Christus Vivit" and the U.S. bishops' work with young people, this session will explore the phenomenon of moments of return, and begin conversation about creative solutions and ideas for responding with the joy of the Gospel.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	4:15pm-5:15pm
Chris Bartlett	03-02	Tough but True: Navigating Difficult Topics as Ministry Leaders	Speaking truth with love is a challenge when the culture often lays shame and blame on select teachings of Christ. Come learn how to navigate the rough waters of difficult topics in a round table setting. Come ready to share and empower others as well as learn best practices. Saturday's presentation will be a live podcast recording of Ministry Leaders Anonymous covering the same content. This session will be led by Chris Bartlett and Matt Rice, but will require audience participation.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	4:15pm-5:15pm
Ali Hoffman	03-03	For a Time Such as This	Is sanctity only reserved for adulthood? How do you inspire the next generation of youth and young adults to begin their personal pursuit of holiness? Through this presentation, we'll examine the necessity of your own personal sanctity and practical tips when engaging Youth in our Church and families. There's a reason why you live in 2019 and not 500 years ago. Now is the time to become the Saint God created you to be while inspiring those in your realm of influence to live out their personal call to holiness.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	4:15pm-5:15pm
Chris Johnson	03-04	Trench Warfare : A Roundtable on the "New" Evangelization	Pope Francis called for a "bruised, hurting, and dirty" church in his apostolic exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium. Join us for a discussion on evangelization and what that looks like in our youth rooms, classrooms, and personal lives. We'll have an opportunity to share what's working in your ministry and to learn from others' good ideas.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	4:15pm-5:15pm
Charleen Ktra	03-01	Including Diverse Learners Affirms Their Entire Family's Catholic Identity	We are all called to be in community; with Jesus Christ and one another. God's vision of inclusion calls us to be Christ to others; especially to individuals who have greater needs. Having a sense of "belonging" in a faith community is foundational to our Catholic identity. When we include diverse learners in the full life of the Church we affirm their entire family's Catholic identity. This roundtable discussion is for everyone wanting to learn best practices that will transform their parish to become more accessible; physically, attitudinally, catechetically. Come learn strategies and techniques to transform your parish ministries, to strengthen the Catholic identity of your parishioners and help ensure that all may be one in the Body of Christ.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	4:15pm-5:15pm
Elizabeth Madeo	03-05	Is your Joy-fuel tank full?	We are first joy-full disciples....then joy-filled ministers. How can our joy overflow into our parish programs? What blesses your heart? What makes your soul smile? When do you feel your best? We must not only be aware of what brings us joy, but take the time to nurture those things in our every day life. That joy will lead to a joy-full discipleship and we must be rooted in discipleship before we reach out in ministry. Let us embrace the grace and celebrate the joy of discipleship!	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	4:15pm-5:15pm
Deacon Alfred Mitchell	03-06	Homiletics and Storytelling	The authors of the Bible were excellent storytellers. They used stories in many ways; principally to describe the nature of the relationship between God and his people. Jesus, of course, was the master storyteller. His parables, a form of story, taught his disciples, and us, how to use story to make an important point. This workshop is designed to help the attendees use story in preaching, teaching and reaching out to others. It includes techniques for using stories to effectively communicate with all types of audiences, especially preachers, catechists and teachers.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	4:15pm-5:15pm
Matt Rice	03-02	Tough but True: Navigating Difficult Topics as Ministry Leaders	Matt Rice is the president and founder of Ablaze Ministries and currently resides in Bryan, TX. He holds a BA from Texas A&M University and a M. Div. with Biblical Studies concentration. Matt began working in ministry over 18 years ago but quickly realized that there was a need that was not being met in the world of Youth Ministry. In response to this need, Matt founded Ablaze Ministries to form and train youth ministers and provide quality youth ministry to parishes of all sizes. Ablaze has a 360 degree approach to ministry, which allows for youth ministers to be coached, parishes to be equipped in forming tomorrow's leaders, and for parents to have the resources and community to raise saints at home!	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	4:15pm-5:15pm

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Bernice Simmons, LPC, CCTP	03-07	Our Story: As it Was in the Beginning, Is Now and how will it be. Trauma and the Brain.	In mass we revisit stories of Christian history. Knowing these stories helps us live a better Christian life now. Similarly, each person has stored emotional memories (their personal history) that effects how they respond to their present. The more we are aware of how our and other's histories effect us today the better able we will be to serve and receive others. Your actions and emotional responses today may be a window to your past. Traumas effect on the brain allows your past to influence your present and your present to heal your past. Join us to find out more about the effects of trauma on your brain and thus on your life. Knowing your stories is as important as Christians knowing our stories. This talk will aid anyone in any for of pastoral care.	English	Thursday, October 10, 2019	4:15pm-5:15pm
Candy Beideck	06-15	Virtues Based Restorative Discipline: Building Community & Relationships Across School Culture	Helping our students build skills for authentic relationships within our school community and beyond is vital to the mission of Catholic education. In this workshop for classroom teachers and school administrators, we invite you to learn about Virtues Based Restorative Discipline or VBRD, a school wide initiative with goals of increasing faith practices and decreasing disruptive and bullying behaviors. As second year practitioners, we will discuss this character-based virtue system which prepares students to become servant leaders who make decisions guided by character. Learn how we introduced this system to our school community and hear about the immediate benefits we have experienced. Attendees will practice talking circles and learn how to incorporate restorative practices so vital for our schools, families, and society.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Dr. Kelly Bentel	06-01	Identification and Intervention for Children and Adolescents Experiencing Anxiety and Stress	Today children are faced with increased pressures, including increased screen time, social media, and over-scheduling, which are impacting their daily lives. Anxiety and stress in children can present in numerous ways, including behavioral problems. This presentation will focus on recognizing the signs of stress and anxiety in children, as well as provide strategies to assist these children in the classroom.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Nancy Bird	06-02	Catechist Wellness as a Way of Life	What do you need as a Catechist to accompany others on their faith journey? Take some time today to relax, renew and rejuvenate. Even on an airplane, the flight attendant states, "In the unlikely event of a loss of cabin pressure, put your oxygen mask on first before assisting others." So why do we, as ministers in the church, continually nurture others before taking care of ourselves? Join us as we explore wellness as a way of life for Catechists and look at the spirituality of self-care as a call to the integration of body, mind, spirit and emotions.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
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Dcn. Matthew Halbach, Ph.D.	09-12	Mercy, Accompaniment, and Catechesis	Catechists, today, tend to focus their ministry on the teaching of Christian doctrine to young people. While this is important, catechesis is a much broader activity—one that is rooted in mercy and accompaniment. Mercy, as Pope Francis teaches, is the character of evangelization. We evangelize and catechize in order to help others encounter Christ, "the face of the Father's mercy" (Misericordia Vultus, no. 1). Pope Francis also teaches that accompaniment is how we ought to evangelize and, therefore, catechize. (Joy of the Gospel, nos. 169ff). So the question is: How do we accompany others as catechists and as Catholics? We will explore this question by looking at a few, key actions and attitudes of accompaniment from Pope Francis, which will be presented as easy, practical ways to refocus your ministry on building relationships with others and on mercy-making. What a refreshing change! Be ready for some story-telling and conversation.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm

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Anne Kelley	06-05	Who's Doing the Talking? Managing the Engaged Classroom	"Conversations are powerful teachers. They engage, motivate and challenge. They help us build ideas, solve problems, and communicate our thoughts. They cause ideas to stick and grow in our minds. Conversations strengthen our comprehension of new ideas" (Zwiers & Crawford, 2011). Think about a time when your own thinking was clarified after talking it through with a peer. The same is true for our students – but we have to teach them how. Researchers, Zwiers and Crawford (2011), identified five core conversation skills that focus and deepen academic conversations: elaborate and clarify, support ideas with examples, build on and/or challenge ideas, paraphrase, and synthesize. In this workshop based on the book, Academic Conversations: Classroom Talk that Fosters Critical Thinking and Content Understandings, we will explore some lesson activities for developing these five core conversations skills and design effective conversation tasks.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Elizabeth Madeo	06-06	Calling all WOMEN OF FAITH!	What blesses your heart? What makes your soul smile? When do you feel your best? We must not only be aware of what brings us joy, but take the time to nurture those things in our every day life. Sometimes that means having some fun, sometimes that means saying no, sometimes that means stepping back and taking a look at the things that don't bring us joy. Our world promises us joy in many temporary ways but we know that true joy only come from God. Following Jesus is our joy, our life and our stronghold. Let us embrace the grace and celebrate the joy of discipleship as women of faith!	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Kristy R. Martinez	06-07	The Magic of 8: No-Prep Checks for Understanding	Consistent and frequent checks for understanding are vital to ensuring students are on the right track to meeting their learning objectives. Knowing when and how to check for understanding increases teaching capacity to elevate and support student achievement. These checks require little to no preparation time and give teachers valuable tools for quick assessment of student understanding to keep learning meaningful and on target.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
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Katie Prejean McGrady	06-08	Millennials & Gen. Z: born with a phone in their hand	The current crop of youth and young adults in the Church today span the range of millennials and "Gen Z," and while both generations are social media savvy and technologically literate, they couldn't be more different in terms of thoughts, desires, plans, and attitudes toward the Church. What must we do to minister to and accompany youth and young adults in these generations, and how can we better approach them with the joy of the Gospel?	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am

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Chad Riley, Ph.D.	06-09	The Role of Trust in Leadership Succession Planning	Using the framework "The Five Faces of Trust" (Hoy & Tschannen-Moran, 1998), this presentation will discuss the crucial role that trust plays in the process of leadership succession planning for schools. An evaluation tool will also be shared that school leaders may use as part of the succession planning process.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Jacquelyn Smith	06-10	Assumption of Chastity: Vocation and Dating in Today's Culture	The social media driven, instant culture has our young people longing for authentic relationships. We are a people called to live the virtuous life in community with others. The assumption of chastity and mindfulness of vocation should be a part of the decision to date. When should exclusivity enter your dating life? Is God invited to the party? How can you reveal yourself to another without revealing too much? Does modesty matter? What forms of communication lead to authentic relationships? The Church in her wisdom offers guidance in these matters. Learn ways to help your young people set personal boundaries and create guidelines for successful dating the way God intended.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Barbara Sutton	06-11	"Holy Seeing" with the Art of The Saint John's Bible	Come and See! The practice of "holy seeing" serves as a method for praying with the illuminations of The Saint John's Bible using the monastic practice of lectio divina. People will be invited to see the Scripture with the eye of their heart and to fix their sacred gaze on an illumination of the Bible using the method of visio divina--listening, meditating, seeing, praying, contemplating and becoming Christ-like.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Nubia Torres	06-12	How Parishes and Schools Respond to Domestic Violence	Domestic violence impacts people from all walks of life -- all age groups, all economic backgrounds. Often times victims turn to their church or school for help. This session is intended to help church and school personnel, or anyone who encounters domestic violence, best respond with resources to assist those seeking help. Nubia Torres of Catholic Charities Dallas will lead this session to offer insights on domestic violence and information about area resources where those in need can turn. This informative session may be counted as yearly Safe Environment training for employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Dallas.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
J.Lee Whittington	06-13	Reframing Work as Worship and Witness	Work now dominates our lives as the source for earning a living, expressing our individuality, and serving as the primary source of social support. Although work plays a central role in our lives, it is important to keep work a proper perspective. In this presentation I discuss work from a biblical perspective and argue for an integrated faith that informs the way we view work in the context of our entire life. Drawing on key passages from both the Old and New Testaments, I argue that work is a gift from God. As such work has intrinsic value and has been designed to provide meaning and purpose, while also addressing the instrumental needs for earning a living and supporting our families. By design, work is intended to be a primary source for meaningfulness. The inherent meaningfulness of work is further enhanced when work is reframed as an act worship.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Father James Yamauchi	06-14	Engaging the Youth in our Church and Families: Reclaiming the Sacramental Life	The Church's sacraments are as relevant as ever to remind today's youth of their fundamental identity and purpose which is rooted in the person of Jesus Christ. This talk will renew our own appreciation for the sacramental life of the Church and offer ways in which we can instill in the future generations of Catholics with a fervent love of the seven sacraments.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT	07-KEY	Your Life Matters: Transformation from the Heart	The most powerful gospel you will ever proclaim is by how you live your day to day life. An authentic, vibrant love of Jesus Christ is captivating to behold and a sign needed in the world today. How do we practically live this out? What gets in the way of reflecting God's mercy, love and truth in the world? In this talk we will explore the deepest desires of the human heart, how Jesus continually calls, pursues and heals each one of us and why surrendering our hearts and lives to Him every day is the most important decision we will ever make.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	11:15am-12:15pm
Dr. David Anders	08-01	Sharing the Gospel in the Catholic Church	Pope Francis has urged Catholics to make the Kerygma central to all the evangelizing activity in the Church. But what is the Kerygma and how do you share it? In this talk, I reflect on the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Drawing on Scripture and the tradition of the Church, I look at fundamental questions about why the son of God became a man, why Christ died and rose again, and what difference that should make to my life. I share some stories of those who have encountered new life in this transforming message and make some suggestions about how to pass it on.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm

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Monica Ashour	08-02	Teaching Theology of the Body (TOB) to Tots, Tweens, and Teens	In the midst of cultural messages that often counter the truth of the human person, there is a pastoral, practical, and poignant response, given with hope and healing: St. John Paul's Theology of the Body (TOB). Former teacher, international speaker, and author of The Body Matters, Monica Ashour of the Theology of the Body Evangelization Team (TOBET) will present a brief overview of TOB, followed by concrete concepts and examples for educators in reaching children to help them see that the body matters.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Rev. Michael Baynham	08-03	Entering the Darkness: Engaging Suffering as a Keystone of Effective Youth Ministry	Either out of ignorance for the real problems that youth face, or out of a desire to make youth ministry a refuge from the darkness of our world, we often look to keep our youth ministry programs light and cheerful. We fill our youth nights with fun games and light, uplifting talks, always keeping a smile on our face. However, youth are no strangers to suffering. Anxiety, depression, drug and alcohol abuse, and the death of loved ones are but a few of the ways many of our youth are encountering the darkness of this world. Unless we are willing to be vulnerable and uncomfortable ourselves and engage youth in their suffering, the joy of the Gospel will never be able to bring light into the darkness of their lives.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
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Christie Bonfiglio, Ph.D.	08-04	All Are Welcome: Including and Serving Students with Disabilities in our Catholic Schools.	Catholic school personnel recognize that many of their students, including students with disabilities, need and benefit from inclusive educational practices. This session will provide highlights from a new special issue of the Journal of Catholic Education on inclusion in Catholic Schools. Specifically, we will share five myths about inclusion, clarify key terms and laws, and highlights from a national survey of inclusion in Catholic schools as context for serving the academically diverse needs of students in our classrooms. Participants will receive (a) frameworks for academic and behavior supports that align building and classroom practice by considering multiple-tiers of service delivery, (b) examples and resources on evidence-based practices targeted to meet the unique needs of children, and (c) practical tips for meaningful inclusion in Catholic Schools. This session will be helpful to individuals supporting struggling learners and peers with disabilities in Catholic schools.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Beth A. Burau	08-05	Tech Tools, Not Toys: Effective Tech Integration in the K-12 Classroom	Using the latest flashy tech tools in the classroom can be fun, but some of those tools may not be the best at supporting learning goals. In this session we will explore a framework to help identify whether the technology integration in lessons is helpful or hurtful. Do the tech tools put learning first and technology second? We will explore some educational tech tools first-hand, so be sure to bring your mobile device to participate!	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Andrea D. Chavez-Kopp	08-06	Heart and Soul: Accompanying Youth in a Digital World	In ministry, we often hear that we must "meet people where they are," but at the same time we hear the frustrations about youth for being so connected to their digital devices. Instead of looking at technology as a barrier to reaching kids, we must embrace it as the powerful tool it is for communication, building relationships and enhancing our ministry practices. In this workshop, we will examine how to meet youth where they are in a digital space and share specific techniques to walk with them in their relationship with technology as well as empower them to become digital disciples.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
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Ann Gohsman	08-07	Leading Their Learning: Student-led Conferences	In his Educational Leadership article, "When Students Lead Their Learning", Ron Berger describes the power of student-led conferences to build motivation, clarity, self-direction, and critical thinking in students. "When students must report to their families what they're learning - what skills and understandings they have, what areas still challenge them, and where they hope to get to - they must understand their own learning and progress... Education stops being something that is done to them and begins being something that they are leading." High-quality portfolios of student work, goal setting, and a culture of growth set the stage for this reflection and discussion. Have you tried student-led conferences yet? If so, how are they going? In this session we will identify the elements of effective student-led conferences and learn new ways to create high-quality portfolios.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
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Mike Hopper, MS, ATC	08-08	Head Games: Returning to the Classroom After Concussion	The recognition and management of concussions is constantly evolving and has increased drastically over the last several years. An injury that was long viewed as only keeping a child out of athletic participation has crossed over into the academic world as well. Most kids are able to recover from a concussion in a relatively short period of time, while others may last significantly longer. This session will help teachers to better collaborate with the school's counselors and involved medical staff for a successful return to the classroom for a student after suffering a concussion. The speaker has significant real-world experience managing concussions within the school helping to manage an average of 35 concussions per school year often from the initial injury through complete return to academics and return to athletics.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Anne Kelley	08-09	Who's Doing the Talking? Managing the Engaged Classroom	"Conversations are powerful teachers. They engage, motivate and challenge. They help us build ideas, solve problems, and communicate our thoughts. They cause ideas to stick and grow in our minds. Conversations strengthen our comprehension of new ideas" (Zwiers & Crawford, 2011). Think about a time when your own thinking was clarified after talking it through with a peer. The same is true for our students – but we have to teach them how. Researchers, Zweirs and Crawford (2011), identified five core conversation skills that focus and deepen academic conversations: elaborate and clarify, support ideas with examples, build on and/or challenge ideas, paraphrase, and synthesize. In this workshop based on the book, Academic Conversations: Classroom Talk that Fosters Critical Thinking and Content Understandings, we will explore some lesson activities for developing these five core conversations skills and design effective conversation tasks.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm

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Dr. Jo Ann Paradise	08-10	Unlocking the Religious Imagination: Facilitating that Faith Formation of Adolescents	This workshop will focus on the need of junior high students to be actively engaged in reflection upon the Catholic life. Through exploring the world of religious imagination we will discover creative methodologies that help form the mind and heart of the a disciple	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
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Maureen P. Provencher	08-12	Igniting the Hearts of a New Generation: Engaging and Accompanying Younger Disciples!	Children, today, think differently. Their interests and needs vary. They learn in a variety of different ways. Their attention spans are short and their energy levels are more than we can keep up with! And, their desire to know, love, and serve God is real and alive! They've evolved and so must our ways of sharing, teaching, and walking the journey of faith, together - with them and with their families! If you have the privilege of ministering with children and their families, then this workshop is for you. Together, we'll delve more deeply into the mystery of understanding and embracing this generation and their gift to us. Then, we'll look to effective approaches that are practical, fun, inviting, and achievable, to effectively engage them and nurture their hearts in faith and love.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Sean J. Smith	08-04	All Are Welcome: Including and Serving Students with Disabilities in our Catholic Schools	Catholic school personnel recognize that many of their students, including students with disabilities, need and benefit from inclusive educational practices. This session will provide highlights from a new special issue of the Journal of Catholic Education on inclusion in Catholic Schools. Specifically, we will share five myths about inclusion, clarify key terms and laws, and highlights from a national survey of inclusion in Catholic schools as context for serving the academically diverse needs of students in our classrooms. Participants will receive (a) frameworks for academic and behavior supports that align building and classroom practice by considering multiple-tiers of service delivery, (b) examples and resources on evidence-based practices targeted to meet the unique needs of children, and (c) practical tips for meaningful inclusion in Catholic Schools. This session will be helpful to individuals supporting struggling learners and peers with disabilities in Catholic schools.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
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Bruce Baumann	09-02	Cultivating a Mission Driven Staff	Distractions, personality differences, pet projects, insecurities and silo mentalities can all get in the way of what God has called us to do. Come join the conversation as we share ideas on how best to help build unity and focus in fulfilling the Great Commission!	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm
Beth A. Burau	09-03	Tech Tools, Not Toys: Effective Tech Integration in the K-12 Classroom	Using the latest flashy tech tools in the classroom can be fun, but some of those tools may not be the best at supporting learning goals. In this session we will explore a framework to help identify whether the technology integration in lessons is helpful or hurtful. Do the tech tools put learning first and technology second? We will explore some educational tech tools first-hand, so be sure to bring your mobile device to participate!	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm

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Frank P. DeSiano, CSP	09-05	Discipleship and the Future of the Catholic Parish	Parishes today are facing a new set of circumstances from the broader modern culture. New emphases are needed if parishes will be able to thrive in the future. By turning explicitly to processes of discipleship, and making them part of parish organization and planning, parishes will be able to invite, involve, and engage new members in the future.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm
Charles F. Finck M.S.	09-06	Living With Forgiving: Recognize What You May Be Doing Instead of Forgiving	Forgiving is simple—it's just not easy. Discover what effect denial, false grace, anger, forgetting, understanding/rationalizing, and false refuges have on our ability to forgive. "If we really want to LOVE we must learn how to FORGIVE." Mother Teresa.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm
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Paul Jarzembowski	09-08	Strengthening Ministry with Youth and Young Adults: Implementing Pope Francis' "Christus Vivit"	How will we respond to and implement the vision for ministry laid out in Pope Francis' most recent post-synodal apostolic exhortation, "Christus Vivit"? This landmark letter, focused on and addressed to young people around the world (and "to the entire people of God"), offers the Church a new way forward in encountering, accompanying, and journeying with youth and young adults. Coming at a time when young people are increasingly disaffiliating from the practice of the faith, "Christus Vivit" (which followed a three-year Synod process of global discernment and dialogue) offers something for people of all generations: families, ministry leaders, pastors, youth, young adults, and active Catholics in the pews - and gives us direction for our work with and pastoral care for young people. Now it's up to us to take the next step.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm
Kristy R. Martinez	09-09	The Magic of 8: No-Prep Checks for Understanding	Consistent and frequent checks for understanding are vital to ensuring students are on the right track to meeting their learning objectives. Knowing when and how to check for understanding increases teaching capacity to elevate and support student achievement. These checks require little to no preparation time and give teachers valuable tools for quick assessment of student understanding to keep learning meaningful and on target.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm
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Dr. Theodore J. Whapham	09-11	Anxiety & Depression in Family & the Community	Round table discussion of the growing impact of anxiety and other mental health issues as they affect children and families in our schools and parishes. Come join the conversation as we seek to better understand and respond to this developing challenge.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm

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Sherry Hayes-Peirce	10-03	Family Rules For Social Media	Today's families struggle with creating boundaries for social media use and access. As our Church asks us to embrace the medium to be digital disciples, what are the do's and don'ts? In this session we will explore ways to help kids and parents harness the power of digital communication tools, while protecting them from the dangers of cyber predators and bullies.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	4:30pm-5:30pm
Chris Johnson	10-04	Trench Warfare : A Roundtable on the "New" Evangelization	Pope Francis called for a "bruised, hurting, and dirty" church in his apostolic exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium. Join us for a discussion on evangelization and what that looks like in our youth rooms, classrooms, and personal lives. We'll have an opportunity to share what's working in your ministry and to learn from others' good ideas.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	4:30pm-5:30pm
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Katie Prejean McGrady	10-08	Christus Vivit: The Essential Truths for Ministry to Young People Today	Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation, Christus Vivit, is 299 paragraphs long, presenting a new vision for how to walk alongside young people and introduce them to Jesus Christ. How does this document set up youth and young adult ministry for the coming generations, and how can we implement the vision of CV in our work today?	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Jayne Ragasa Mondoy	10-09	"Take Five": Basic Principles for Cultivating Catechists	Cultivating catechists takes so much more than holding a series of meetings throughout the year! It is an act of stewardship, a way of being expressed through a set of guiding principles that speak to mission, parameters, empowerment, recognition and engagement. Let's "Take Five" together.	English	Friday, October 11, 2019	4:30pm-5:30pm
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Dr. Ansel Augustine	11-02	Walking Together In Faith	We as a church are called to be ONE body of Christ, yet we are still divided. In this session we will look at the root causes and solutions to this issue. Come ready to be challenged and renewed as a people of faith.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
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Sonja Corbitt	11-05	How to Pray Like Mary	Pope Francis once called Mary the "mother of listening," because she didn't just hear (or read) the word, she understood how to interpret it in light of her own relationships, circumstances, and habits. Our Blessed Mother desires to guide each of us in her personal "listening" practice. We learn how to LOVE the Word like Mary, from Mary. She teaches us a handy way of interpreting the Scriptures we hear and read through the landscape of our lives.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Diana Dudoit Raiche, PhD	11-06	Liturgical Catechesis: An Essential Method in Catechesis	Liturgical Catechesis: This ancient form of catechesis, highlighted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, given renewed importance in the General Directory for Catechesis and the National Directory for Catechesis, is an essential element in catechesis and informs a deeper understanding of mystagogical catechesis. This session situates liturgical catechesis within the context of other catechetical forms and provides a road map for implementing liturgical catechesis as a method to be used in preparation for the sacraments of initiation, whether administered according to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or as discreet, separate celebrations as in First Eucharist or Confirmation.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
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Fr. Joshua J. Whitfield	11-16	The Way of the Listener: 10 Steps for Listening to Homilies (even bad ones!)	How can ministry leaders, laity, and clergy help the Church improve preaching? Believe it or not, it's not just the preachers' responsibility; it's everyone's responsibility. Spiritually speaking, the quality of preaching depends as much on listeners as it does on speakers. Thus, for lay leaders and catechists, how we listen to homilies (and how we help others listen) is an important part of evangelism and parish ministry. So, how should we listen to homilies? How do homilies fit within the spiritual life? How do we listen to both good homilies and bad homilies and still grow spiritually? Fr. Joshua, author of The Crisis of Bad Preaching, offers The Way of the Listener: 10 Steps for Listening to Homilies (even bad ones!) to help those listening to homilies make the best of it! In preaching God speaks, so we'd better listen! So how can we keep from zoning out? How can we focus? How can we turn listening to homilies into a spirituality of sanctification and growth? If you thought the homily was time to take a nap, think again! Learn how to listen to homilies the right way!	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	9:45am-10:45am
Haley Stewart	12-PS	Building Up the Domestic Church	We know that the faith of our Catholic families is essential to the life of the Church, but what are practical ways we can strengthen that faith? By centering life in the home as a "school of love" and observing the rhythms of the liturgical year in the domestic church, the family can grow in holiness. Holy families shine a light outward into the culture by nurturing hospitality and community. The Stewart family decided to nurture family life in a radical way by selling their house, getting rid of most of their possessions, and living for a year on a working farm. During this life-changing experience, they discovered that living counter to the "throwaway" culture and orienting their lives toward the Gospel strengthened their family and faith life. But building strong family life isn't just for people who can move to a farm! As they've transitioned back to life in the city, they've brought the lessons they learned during their radical year with them to share with you.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	11:15am-12:15pm
Monica Ashour	13-01	A Theology of the Body Response to Sensitive Topics: Giving Truth and Love	Are you ever at a loss as what to say to children and youth regarding sensitive topics such as pornography and promiscuity. Former teacher, author, and international speaker, Monica Ashour of the Theology of the Body Evangelization Team (TOBET) presents a talk for educators, equipping them with pastoral and practical responses from a Theology of the Body (TOB) perspective. She will show how love and truth go hand-in-hand with the body as a guide. [1]	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm

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Sonja Corbitt	13-02	Exalted, How the Power of the Magnificat Can Transform Us, Mary's Song Verse by Verse	Mary doesn't sing the Magnificat, Mary IS the Magnificat. Find out why Mary's Magnificat is the song of the Church, and learn from her how to be a magnificat, too.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Charles F. Finck M.S.	13-03	Living With Forgiving: The Prayer—Six Steps To Forgiving	"Everyone Thinks Forgiveness Is A Lovely Idea Until They Have Something To Forgive." C. S. Lewis. Short review from the previous two lessons. As Christians we are given the miraculous gift of prayer, a way to share our deepest most intimate selves and to have a relationship with God. Through prayer we can express our pain, confess our sins, and in love ask for God's help to forgive. This talk is organized around a "forgiving prayer," six biblical principles that I have used in my own life as well as for the thousands I have ministered to for the last 35 years. It is designed to be part of your life. Many have chosen to memorize it, print on their business cards, or attach it to the bathroom mirror, so it can be used daily. It is the source and inspiration for the book, "As We Forgive Those."	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni, PhD	13-04	To Die Before You Die: The Promise of Peace the World Cannot Give	There is a mystical saying: Die before you die, so that when you die there is not much left of you to die - if this proverb baffles you or blesses you, come and see why. This workshop engages the heart to imagine what life can be now and eternally, if we heed this wisdom: a grace of Christ.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Dcn. Matthew Halbach, Ph.D.	13-05	Mercy, Accompaniment, and Catechesis	Catechists, today, tend to focus their ministry on the teaching of Christian doctrine to young people. While this is important, catechesis is a much broader activity—one that is rooted in mercy and accompaniment. Mercy, as Pope Francis teaches, is the character of evangelization. We evangelize and catechize in order to help others encounter Christ, "the face of the Father's mercy" (Misericordia Vultus, no. 1). Pope Francis also teaches that accompaniment is how we ought to evangelize and, therefore, catechize. (Joy of the Gospel, nos. 169ff). So the question is: How do we accompany others as catechists and as Catholics? We will explore this question by looking at a few, key actions and attitudes of accompaniment from Pope Francis, which will be presented as easy, practical ways to refocus your ministry on building relationships with others and on mercy-making. What a refreshing change! Be ready for some story-telling and conversation.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Peter John Kreeft	13-06	Moral Apologetics Today	For 2000 years apologetics was primarily intellectual, or philosophical. Today, for the first time, it is primarily moral, since we live in the first culture which denies the natural moral law. All "dissent" is moral, and almost always sexual today. The "sexual revolution" amounts to a new religion. How do we deal with this?	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Robert J. McCarty, D.Min.	13-07	Engaging Young People in God Talk!	According to the research, a factor leading to disaffiliation is the lack of opportunity to talk about faith issues! This session will provide participants with practical skills on how to use symbols, analogy, and metaphors in engaging young people in God talk. These skills are applicable to home, school, parish classes, youth ministry settings, and in our conversations. Further, this session will identify spiritual practices, faith skills, and rituals that enable young people to 'talk' about God and faith and to live out their discipleship. Participants will also consider the importance of creating space for deep conversations for young people so that questions and doubts can be verbalized. Let's talk about young people and about God!	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Deacon Alfred Mitchell	13-08	Homiletics and Storytelling	The authors of the Bible were excellent storytellers. They used stories in many ways; principally to describe the nature of the relationship between God and his people. Jesus, of course, was the master storyteller. His parables, a form of story, taught his disciples, and us, how to use story to make an important point. This workshop is designed to help the attendees use story in preaching, teaching and reaching out to others. It includes techniques for using stories to effectively communicate with all types of audiences, especially preachers, catechists and teachers.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Dr. Jo Ann Paradise	13-09	Forming a Spiritual Child in a Secular World	How can parents and religious educators engage a child's religious imagination in a way that enables them to develop as spiritual people in a world that is often toxic to spirituality? We will first explore what is a Catholic Spirituality and then discuss practical ideas for making room for the Spirit in both family life and classroom experiences.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Roy Petitfils	13-10	"The Question Behind the Question": Tools Needed to Identify and Address the Real Fears, Questions, Hopes and Dreams of Today's Youth	Things aren't always as they appear, is especially true in working with young people. Often the questions they ask us, as masking much deeper, meaningful and relevant questions that they have not identified of have the language or ego strength to articulate. The surface questions, like "Why does the Church hate gay people" goes much deeper than this assuming, condemning, leading questions first appears. If we can hold young people lovingly in their questions, and use a few tools to probe even deeper they will let us into their hearts exposing the <i>real</i> question, the real fear or the real hope.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm

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Maureen Pratt	13-11	Families and Disability: Praying Together, Staying Together	Prayer is the wonderful glue that keeps us connected to God, Church, faith, and one another. Families with one or more members who have a disability can especially benefit from prayer and the support that flows from it. This workshop offers examples from Scripture, Church tradition, the saints, and other resources that apply in special ways to encouraging, sustaining, and growing our relationships with God and one another - with and in spite of the challenges posed by ongoing disability.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Jayne Ragasa Mondoy	13-12	What's Your Story? Bridging Cultural Wisdom and Catechesis through Storytelling	Jesus told parables to connect the content of His message to the lived experience of his disciples in a very personal way. Through applied storytelling and catechesis, we too can help to connect beloved stories, especially ones that convey essential cultural values and traditions, to Jesus himself in Sacred Scripture and Tradition.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Bernice Simmons, LPC, CCTP	13-13	Tools for Our Catholic Journey - Strengthening families' mental and spiritual health.	Mentally and Spiritually healthy families are vital for the good of the Church and society. This presentation connects mental health science and sound Catholic teachings and practices strengthen families in four primary areas. 1. Supporting parents as the primary educators of their children promotes security. 2. Connecting Mass and family meals builds positive, emotional memories providing a stronger foundation for members of The Church. 3. Understanding Developmental Morality helps parents raise healthy, faithful children. 4. Encouraging Forgiveness and Reconciliation at home and at Church promotes necessary healing for parents and children. All of these areas when formed with faith and sound mental health understanding builds stronger families. Strengthen your family and the families whom you minister to by increasing your understanding of the connection between your Catholic Faith and solid mental health.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Barbara Sutton	13-14	"Holy Seeing" with the Art of The Saint John's Bible	Come and See! The practice of "holy seeing" serves as a method for praying with the illuminations of The Saint John's Bible using the monastic practice of lectio divina. People will be invited to see the Scripture with the eye of their heart and to fix their sacred gaze on an illumination of the Bible using the method of visio divina--listening, meditating, seeing, praying, contemplating and becoming Christ-like.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	1:30pm-2:30pm
Sherry Hayes-Peirce	14-01	Family Rules For Social Media	Today's families struggle with creating boundaries for social media use and access. As our Church asks us to embrace the medium to be digital disciples, what are the do's and don'ts? In this session we will explore ways to help kids and parents harness the power of digital communication tools, while protecting them from the dangers of cyber predators and bullies.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm
Richard (Rick) Lopez DMA	14-02	The Continual Call for Hospitality Amid Diversity: Unity Through the Liturgy	The presence of so many people of so many different cultures and religions in so many different parts of the United States has challenged us to a profound conversion so that we can become truly a sacrament of unity. We reject the anti-immigrant stance that has become popular in different parts of the country, and the nativism ethnocentricity, and racism that continue to reassert themselves in our community. Though a challenge, our parishes should embrace such diversity. It not only reflects our social reality, it represents the milieu which Christ calls us to proclaim the Gospel. A basic way we Catholics can respond to this challenge is in the context of the liturgy which is the "source and summit" of our common life in Christ.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm
Vince Lujan	14-03	Modern Music Mission: How to choose it, use it and not lose it	You've tried everything... or have you? We'll talk about strategies that will empower you, parents, youth volunteers and leaders and others to support more contemporary music offerings. Learn how scripture informs and supports how and why we use our musical gifts in worship. We'll share resources and technology that will help with musicianship, music theory, basic ear training, and chart reading. You'll learn methods and practices for various liturgies using modern instrument settings and styles as well as how to use your gifts beyond the confines of the church building.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm
Robert J. McCarty, D.Min.	14-04	Going, Going, Gone: Now What?	In their study, Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics, Saint Mary's Press provides extensive research on young Catholics who have left the Church, identifying the underlying dynamics that lead to disaffiliation. Now we need to identify the practical pastoral responses and strategies that can enhance affiliation and engagement with the faith community and examine implications for parish and school life, vocational discernment, liturgy, and pastoral ministry. Young people are crafting a religious identity in new ways, so how do we introduce young people to Catholicism as a comprehensive way of living authentically today? Come ready to enter into candid, honest, and realistic discussions, both as ministry leaders and as caring individuals, as together we explore what it means to accompany young people on their spiritual journeys.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm

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Dana Nygaard, MA, LPC	14-05	Strong Marriages: The Foundation of Strong Catholic Families	This workshop is ideal for engaged and married couples, and those who minister to them. At Cana Marriage Retreats we believe the wisdom of Father Patrick Peyton who said, "The family that prays together stays together." At the heart of this presentation is why we need the Holy Spirit in our marriages and how to integrate prayer on a regular basis. A strong shared prayer life is integral to the perfection of a couple's love and to sustain their indissoluble unity. Through the sharing of clinical training, personal experience, wisdom gathered from Catholic teaching, and humor, participants will learn how to lovingly increase their spiritual intimacy - the opposite of spiritual isolation.	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm
Dr. Jo Ann Paradise	14-06	Effective Family Catechesis Is More Than One Gathering	The question is no longer, "Should we do family catechesis?" The question is now. "What are the necessary elements of effective family catechesis?" We will explore the concept of integrated family catechesis that is systematic and intentional as it evangelizes, equips, supports and affirms parents. Dr Jo Ann Paradise will inspire you to meet your parents where they are and awaken in them the "holy longing" to live in relationship with God and his people	English	Saturday, October 12, 2019	3:00pm-4:00pm

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