



Nurturing Disciples

Catechetical Conference

August 7, 8, 2015

Holiday Inn Tyler South Broadway

5800 South Broadway

Tyler Texas

9:00-5:00

- For Clergy
- For Catechists
- For Parents
- For All Adults
- For Youth Ministers



With grateful appreciation for the exhibitors who will be attending the conference to provide a service to the mission of the Church:

- ✦ *Our Sunday Visitor*
- ✦ *RCL Benziger*
- ✦ *Libreria Catolica JC Enterprise*
- ✦ *Loyola Press*
- ✦ *William Sadler*
- ✦ *Plaum Publishing*
- ✦ *Herald Entertainment*
- ✦ *Unbound*
- ✦ *University of Dallas School of Ministry*

Keith Strohm is the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation for Queen of the Rosary parish in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, and the Executive Director of Ablaze Ministries, an apostolate that provides parish and diocesan staff with assistance in the creation of formation programs, days of reflection, retreats, and parish missions designed to proclaim the Gospel, build disciples, and equip lay apostles for their work in the world. He is a second year candidate for the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Chicago.



General Session I: Friday, August 7, 2015
“Forming Intentional Disciples”

If catechesis means leading people into intimacy with Jesus Christ, how do we help those in our communities come to know the Jesus who has set them free for a life of service to the world and eternal communion with God? We’ll examine some strategies and success stories that will yield practical application.

General Session II: Friday, August 7, 2015
“Exploring the Thresholds of Conversion”

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7:30	Mass
8:00	Registration and Exhibits Open
9:00	Welcome, Announcements, Prayer
9:15	General Session I “Forming Intentional Disciples” - Keith Strohm
10:15	Questions and Answers following talk
10:45	Break
11:15	Workshops # 1-5
12:15	Lunch and visit exhibits
1:30	Publisher showcases (25 min/ repeated) <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Our Sunday Visitor – Valerie Vogel➤ Pflaum Gospel Weeklies – Jane Shine➤ RCL Benziger – Ken Richard➤ Loyola Press – Luci Holloway➤ William Sadlier – Joe Brophy
2:30	Break
2:45	General Session II: “Exploring the Thresholds of Conversion” Keith Strohm
4:00	Evening Prayer

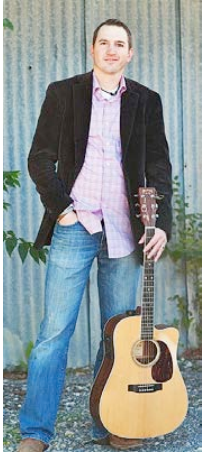
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1. **Understanding Youth:** This workshop helps parish leaders understand the developmental changes that young people are experiencing during early and older adolescence and how these changes affect the type of ministry that we offer. Participants will also explore how faith changes during these adolescent years and ways that ministry can address and support these changes. **Mark Knox Diocesan Youth Minister Diocese of Tyler**

2. **To Teach as Jesus Did** In this session we will look to our Master Catechist, Jesus, and explore some key characteristics, attitudes and approaches to instruction. Participants will reflect on how we can imitate these attributes and use them in our catechetical sessions. **Ken Richard sponsored by RCL /Benziger**



3. **Thresholds of Faith & Stages of Development:** How do we address the needs of students when they come into our classes at various stages of development in the faith? Proper Catechesis calls us to discern what threshold of faith each student is at, and to evangelize as we teach the faith. **Jodi Phillips Campus Minister at SFA St. Mary Mission.**

4. **Attention, Please! Engaging Children and Youth in a Culture of Distractions**

A particular challenge catechists face today is how to engage and maintain the attention of children during learning sessions. In an age of fast-moving electronic media, multi-tasking, and shorter attention spans, how can we help kids be tuned-in and involved with the Gospel? This session, presented by a veteran catechist and child psychologist, will discuss proven strategies for getting -- and keeping -- the attention of children and teens in a group setting. **Dr. Joseph White, Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor**



5. **Who, me, an Evangelist?** This workshop addresses our ability to see ourselves as evangelists and to respond to God's call on our life. This session will help explore the deterrents to becoming the evangelist that God calls us to be and help attendees respond positively to that call. 1) a personal relationship with our Lord and 2) healing for the pain accumulated in life. Katrina shares from her own call to evangelize and how she came to understand the importance of these two needed tools. **Katerina Rae from Mitzpah Ministries**



*Keynote Speaker for
Saturday, August 8, 2015*

*“Catechist as
Witness”*

Patrick Coffin is a national speaker, author, apologist and the host of *Catholic Answers Live*, the top-rated Catholic radio show in America, heard on over 350 stations. He has interviewed a wide array of leaders and personalities, from presidential candidates Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum, and Patrick Buchanan to professional athletes Philip Rivers and Mike Sweeney, Raymond Cardinal Burke, multi-Grammy nominee country music artist Collin Raye, comedy writer Tom Leopold (*Seinfeld*, *Cheers*), astronaut Thomas Jones, novelist Dean Koontz, papal biographer George Weigel, radio host Hugh Hewitt, and scores of others. Patrick is also the co-founder of Immaculata Pictures, an indie film company. (<http://www.immaculatapictures.com>).

Born in Halifax, Patrick Coffin holds advanced degrees in philosophy and theology from McGill University in Montreal and Franciscan University of Steubenville. He has appeared on the Fox Channel, Comedy Central, One America News, The Sun News Network (Canada) and is a frequent guest on EWTN. As a journalist, his writing has appeared in *National Review Online*, *Inside the Vatican*, *Spero News*, *The National Catholic Register*, *The Toronto Star*, *New Oxford Review*, *St. Austin Review* and *The Catholic World Report*.

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6. **Do the Right Thing: Forming Catholic Conscience in Children and Youth** (clinical psychologist and former parish director of religious education and author of several books on catechesis) In a world of relativism, hedonism, and minimalism, how do we help kids and teens learn to make good and loving choices? This talk, presented by a child psychologist and catechetical author, will discuss what we know from the field of psychology about children’s moral development, and will provide practical ways to use the pedagogy of God to help young people make good decisions. **Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor , Dr. Joseph White (repeated at workshop # 11)**



7. **Christian Initiation Is Not An Assembly Line!** People who are interested in the Church come to us from different faith backgrounds and experience. Come learn how the Rites of Christians Initiation of Adults and St. Augustine gives guidelines on how to assess each person. Also receive practical tips on how to guide an individual through a more personal process instead of teaching the person more like an object moving through an assembly line. **Eric Dietel is Director of Christian Initiation at the Cathedral in Tyler. (repeated at workshop #12)**



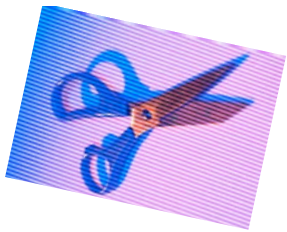
8. **To Infinity and Beyond!!! Energizing Sacramental Formation and Beyond!!!** The harvest is abundant when it comes to people celebrating the sacraments. Are you involved in the sacrament formation process and need some new ideas? Are you looking to renew your vision of what this process is all about? We will explore how this important time of formation can be full of life and meaning for those we are working with, for ourselves, and for the whole community. **Mark Knox (repeated at workshop # 13)**



9. **Pornography: When Beauty is Broken – The Twisted Lie of Porn and the Truth that Can Set You Free** In our hyper-sexualized culture today, sex is associated with the body and exploited in pornography; seldom is sex seen as something that could lead to God. This workshop will address the deep wound inflicted on women and men by porn and porn addiction, the destructive force of porn on marriage and relationships, and point to the redeeming hope that lies within the heart’s attraction to authentic beauty. **Father Gavin Vaverek, Pastor St. Patrick Church Lufkin, Promoter of Justice (repeated at workshop #14)**



10. **Practical Strategies for Working with Children who Have Special Needs** This session will focus on the basic strategies to teach children who have language impairments, autism, intellectual impairments, and related disabilities. The session will discuss the use of the curriculum, visual strategies, collaboration with parents, and materials to support meaningful participation in the sacraments **Melissa Waldon from Diocese of Dallas (repeated at workshop # 15)**



Registration Form / C2 or C3 Endorsement Credits totaling 5 hours each day.

Complete a separate **REGISTRATION FORM** for each person. Detach and send with payment. Buffet lunch is included with registration until **August 1, 2015**

After August 1 all registrations are to be placed on site only. No phone registrations, no emails, no faxes. All payments must be included with this form. **PLEASE PRINT.**



Mail to: Office of Faith Formation, 1015 ESE Loop 323 Tyler, Texas 75701

Name: _____

Address (include city and zip code) _____

Phone _____ **Parish** _____

Friday only August 7:	\$30 _____	After August 1 Friday only	\$40 _____
Saturday only August 8:	\$30 _____	After August 1 – Saturday only:	\$40 _____
Both Days:	\$50 _____	After August 1– Both Days:	\$70 _____

CIRCLE ONE Workshop On Each Line:

<u>Friday, August 7:</u>	1	2	3	4	5
<u>Saturday, August 8: Round I</u>	6	7	8	9	10
<u>Saturday, August 8: Round II</u>	11	12	13	14	15