



Diocese of Trenton Pastoral Ministry Track

Keynote:

Say the Word: Stories that Heal, Julianne Stanz, Loyola Press

Storytelling was one of Jesus' preferred methods in helping people to understand the Kingdom of God. Guiding people to identify and tell their story of faith is critical to the new evangelization and growing as missionary disciples, yet it is something that many Catholics are afraid of doing. As leaders, it is important that we provide formation in this important art.

Feature Presentation:

Start with Jesus - We the Missionary People!

Julianne Stanz, Loyola Press

During this challenging time, missionary creativity and zeal is needed more than ever! How do we raise up the next generation of saints right now?

What is THE spiritual moment that we are called to as a Church? Becoming a vibrant parish community is the result of small, intentional steps initiated at the parish leadership level but also accepted by each disciple personally. If our people are renewed, our parishes will be renewed. "We the people" are the ones who will renew our parishes but only if we have been renewed by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. People are always our best resource in the disciple making process so how do we mobilize our people for mission? With joy, humor and practical insights, Julianne will help you to set forth a vision for reaching all people and practical ways by which we can become a community of missionary disciples that set the world on fire.

Follow-up Live Session – Fri. Oct 22 at 7 pm

These are suggested workshops to view, many more workshops and live events can be found [here](#).

The Coherence of the Eucharist, Dr. Kenneth Howell, Eucharist Project, sponsored by the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

This talk lays out how the Eucharist produces coherence in the individual and in the Church. The Eucharist bears the four marks given by Christ to the Church. The Eucharist is one unites the disparate parts of a person's life into a unified whole and enfolds each member into the whole church body. The Eucharist is holy because it contains Christ, the holy One of God who imparts holiness to the members of the church. The Eucharist is catholic in that it is offered to everyone in communion with the Church and allows each communicant to grow in a universal perspective rooted in the Catholic Tradition. Finally, the Eucharist is apostolic because it is rooted in the apostolic witness in its practice and guidelines. That apostolic tradition is what allows communion in the larger Church. It is also apostolic in that the Eucharist is for the purpose of evangelization.

A New Age of Ministry, Michael Marchand & Chris Bartlett, Project YM

The way ministry has always been done simply isn't working any more. This workshop will examine the cultural shifts that have taken place and empower you with clear tactics to find success in this New & Modern Age of Ministry. Join Chris Bartlett and Michael Marchand as they unpack the latest data and its immediate and long term implications on ministry. Participants will walk away with vigor ready to share God's love with deep meaning in these modern times.

Building Bridges at the Heart of Discipleship, Leisa Anslinger, Catholic Life and Faith

Drawing on *Evangelii Gaudium* and current research concerning religious affiliation, this workshop proposes three bridges that parishes and people can build to lead others to missionary discipleship.

Help My Family Isn't Catholic Anymore, Terrie Baldwin, Adult Formation Coordinator, Diocese of Raleigh

Want to learn some tips on bringing souls who have been away from the faith back to Christ? This presentation will include details including understanding reasons people fall away from the faith, how to connect with the spiritual within each person, preparing for a peace-filled and joyful encounter, and learning practical ideas for starting and engaging in faith sharing conversations.

Everyday Witness: Seven Habits for Sharing Your Faith, Sr. Terry Rickard, Renew International

Every Catholic is called to be a witness to the power of God in everyday life. We Catholics struggle to share our faith, especially in words. Many of us think faith is a private matter and don't want to impose our beliefs on others. However, seekers and believers alike need to hear the faith stories of others in order to encounter Christ or to encounter him anew. Vibrant parishes cultivate a culture of witness in which parishioners are encouraged, trained, and given opportunities to share their faith one on one, in small groups, and at parish services and events. When the parish has a culture of witness, parishioners are empowered to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord," sharing their faith in their homes and workplaces and in the world at large.

Moving from Event-focused Ministry to People-Focused Ministry, Sean Allen, Director of Young Adult-Campus Ministries, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

When forming young adults in the faith, organizing a mix of social, spiritual, and service events can be a good start. However, if you truly hunger for the Lord to transform lives, then invest time in accompanying young adults further along their spiritual journeys. Focusing on the people instead of on the events is a critical and fundamental shift needed for ministry to bear abundant fruit.

Small Christian Communities Gather, Accompany, & Send, Sr. Donna Ciangio, O.P., D. Min, Chancellor, Archdiocese of Newark, RCL Benziger

Small Christian Communities (SCCs) are a great way to accompany and engage parishioners in deepening their faith and participating in parish ministry. The purpose is to provide opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ through prayer, reflection and action and strengthen the understanding of what it means to be a disciple. This workshop will take a look at what SCCs are, how this model can be utilized in parish ministries and structures and identify ways that we can better reach out to people.

Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act, Sr. Janet Schaeffler, Faith Formation Matters

If we don't listen to the world's stereotypes, myths and jokes about getting older, our maturing lives are filled with possibilities, growth, depth and joy, particularly in the things that matter. We will explore some of the needs of this time of life. Within these needs, we will have a chance to look at ways to deepen the uniqueness of who we are as daughters and sons of God, ways to enjoy the precious moments we have been given, and ways to continue to develop a relationship with God and the many loved people in our lives

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