



Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week

During the months of pandemic isolation and detachment from community, we have been challenged to evaluate our worship priorities. As our lives return to a new normalcy, we are ready to gather with family and friends and resume the celebration of sacraments and parish activities. How can we embrace the days—and the liturgies—ahead? We must become Bearers of Hope within our families, our parish community, and the world.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

All Times are Central Standard Time

9:00 am OPENING PRAYER

CONFERENCE WELCOME

10:00 The Family of God: Beacons of Hope

Presenter: Dr. Anne McGowan, Assistant Professor of Liturgy, Catholic Theological Union

We are empowered by the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and learn to live the baptismal call to “remain members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King”. This impels us to bring the love and mission of Jesus Christ to all. In understanding this call, we grow in our family life, our faith and our relationship with others in the world.

11:30: Sacraments and Sacramentality

Dr. Patty Hughes, Fr. Marcus McFadin, and David Wood

Sacraments are not merely sacred moments. The grace received in sacraments impels us to continual conversion and transformation. To understand and appreciate the value of the sacraments—and the grace we receive from the sacraments—we need to finding meaning in human experience. There is abundant hope in our human experience when we know how to recognize and “connect to” it.

12:30 Pecha Kucha

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1:00 Lunch

1:30 Workshop Sessions 1

1A Swimming Upstream: Promoting the Eucharist in a World That Rejects Religion

Robert Feduccia

Current studies indicate a growing rejection of religion across U.S. generations, not limited to the Catholic faith. This workshop examines this growing trend and offers helpful ways to bring people back to church.

1B Enlivening the Music of the Domestic Church Pedro Rubalcava

Music is a key to celebrating and to passing on the faith. Join Pedro Rubalcava as he explores the implications of this statement. Discover wisdom for the ministry of music. If you or your family is responsible for music ministry, this workshop is for you. If you practice your faith as a family (at home), gain insight about including music with prayer.

1C Popular Piety and Practices Fr. Mike Lewis

Popular piety practices and cultural expressions nourish the faith. Fr. Mike Lewis will discuss the value of popular local and cultural religious practices within the domestic church.

1D Shedding Liturgical PTSD

Many people in U.S. parishes are justifiably weary of pandemic practices regarding Catholic worship, especially the celebration of Sunday. Has the trauma of the pandemic taken its toll on worshipping communities? Catholics, as well as other Christians, seem to be experiencing a type of “post traumatic stress disorder” regarding their return to Mass. Insight into this problem, and managing PTSD creatively with renewed faith will be explored.

1E RCIA: Adapting the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Children

Michael Ruzicki and Timothy Johnston

This workshop will refresh both new and veteran RCIA team leaders who are responsible for adapting the RCIA process for children. It will present an overview about who belongs in the process, its expectations and challenges.

1F Sacred Spaces for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist Ken Griesemer

Looking through the lens of the *Order the Dedication of a Church and an Altar*, this session will explore and foster an appreciation for these sacramental spaces. Design considerations for these spaces and their important role in the life of the church, along with the welcoming and arrangement of the People of God for worship will be reviewed.

3:30 Workshop Session 2

2A A Liturgical Theology for the Domestic Church

Dr. Timothy O'Malley

How does the family live out its identity as the domestic church? Review and renew the unique “fingerprint” based on the liturgical-sacramental identity of the domestic church. Then learn how family life can be grounded in celebrating and living Eucharistically.

2B Case study in Family Faith Formation: A Vision to promote the Three C's—Catechesis, Conversation, and Conversion

Christ the Good Shepherd parish in Spring, Texas created an innovative faith formation process in which the entire family studies a particular question/topic each week and engages in family discussion. The fruit of the process is a dialogue on faith that becomes part of the family's activities and ultimately brings the faith alive in a “domestic church” setting. This work in progress is a creative journey which challenges us all to look at new models of engaging families in the faith.

2C Catholic All Year

How can you put the liturgical year in practice? This workshop will provide insights in how to bring liturgical living into home traditions. Find out how and when the secular and the Sacred intersect!

2D Music Across Generations

Koren and Jessica Ruiz

Summer choirs, family choirs, ethnic choirs-- there are so many ways music can come alive in your parish. Explore new possibilities with Koren and Jessica Ruiz.

2E RCIA: Who Says There's Nothing New Under the Sun? What about the revised RCIA?

Michael Ruzicki and Timothy Johnston

In this overview of the new *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, Michael Ruzicki and Timothy Johnston will provide an introduction to what the OCIA intends and promises. With the publication due soon, the RCIA team will become “OCIA Team.” This workshop will guide your smooth transition to the process that is part of every parish's effort at evangelization.

2F Building as Catechesis

This session explores the ways in which your church building functions as a form of catechesis. There are many opportunities to bring visual connections for people to the ways in which our buildings teach and form us. Your church building and its art can teach young people, encourage a Catholic imagination, and help hand on the faith. Included in this session are a look at doors and portals, sacred arts, architectural style and what it 'says' to passersby. Symbols and their use in worship spaces along with places of ritual and journey teach and inform our lives

5:30 PM: DRINKING WITH THE SAINTS

Fr Greg Labus and Michael P. Foley

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:30 am **Opening Prayer**

Welcome and Announcements

10:00 **Mercy and Forgiveness: Vessels of Hope**

Presenter: Bishop Robert M. Coerver, S.T.L., M.S., Bishop of Lubbock

We live in a society which increasingly appears to be torn apart, and we often/regularly hear rhetoric which is divisive and confusing. The world needs mercy and forgiveness. How can we move from a wounded Body of Christ (fractured from ideologies, exclusionary tendencies, still grappling with cultural diversity) to the Church that embraces inclusivity, reconciliation, and healing?

11:30 **What Kind of Reconciliation Do Catholics Need? Fr. Paul Turner**

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1:30 pm WORKSHOP SESSION 3

3A Families and Immigration: A Journey Toward Mercy Fr Brett Hoover, CSP

In the light of today's current events, immigration can be a volatile issue in conversation among our parishioners. This workshop will explore the complex aspects of immigration to the U.S., from a Catholic perspective.

3B The Sacrament of Penance: An Encounter with Healing Love Fr. Rob Spaulding

While Catholics often approach the Sacrament of Penance as a sacrament of forgiveness, they do not engage with it as an encounter with healing love. This workshop will discuss the power of this sacrament's healing love, freely given and often received.

3C Healing and Mercy from a Pastor's Perspective Fr. Marcus McFadin, Fr. Cliff Jacobson, and Fr. Scott Brubaker

Challenges to the celebration of both the Sacrament of Penance and Anointing of the Sick as well as Pastoral Care of the Sick will be discussed, providing formation suggestions for parishioners. Learn how to navigate the challenges seen in many places of decreasing numbers of recipients of the Sacrament of Penance. These clergy will also bring their creative solutions for challenges in attending to the needs of the sick and dying.

3D Planning Multicultural Liturgies

Enliven your parish liturgical celebrations by effectively preparing multicultural celebrations. Discover helpful pastoral practices and effective planning advice that's completely accessible to all parish musicians and liturgists.

3E RCIA adapted for Children: Formation and Growth Opportunities Are a Family Affair

Often the child who comes to the parish seeking initiation is part of a family which is reconnecting with the church. This offers an opportunity to update the family's knowledge of the church while equipping them to support their child's journey to initiation. This workshop explores models and resources to blossoming of the family's faith.

3F Symbols and Seasons in Liturgical Environment

Dressing the church throughout the liturgical year supports our prayer and worship practices. This session will give a greater understanding of the appropriate placement, scale, and symbolism of objects in our seasonal environment. Particular emphasis will be given to the use of fabric art and working with fabric artists.

3:30 pm WORKSHOP SESSION 4

4A Healing the Wounds of Liturgical Participation

Fr. Paul Turner

On July 16, 2021, Pope Francis issued a moto proprio, *Traditionis Custodes* regarding the celebration of Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962, commonly referred to as the Extraordinary Form. Fr. Paul Turner will discuss the Extraordinary Form in light of the Second Vatican Council and open our hearts to what Pope Francis is saying in this current teaching.

4B Accessing God's Mercy and Healing

Damaris Thillet

Bearing loss and pain with grace and trust seems an unbearable challenge when faced with life after loss. Walk the journey as our presenter explains the healing found through trust in God.

4C Walking the Line of Mercy

The mystery of receiving God's merciful love is a salve that is often viewed as extraordinary yet can become a habit in the lives of all believers in Christ. Encouraged by the merciful love extended through the sacraments and pastoral care of each other, our presenter guides us to habits of merciful daily living.

4D Choir Renewal

Our presenter inspires choirs as parish singers revisit and revive the opportunity to come together, as they lead the congregation in sung prayer. Discover how this reunion can spark renewed appreciation of the principles of liturgical music ministry. Learn how successfully the contributions of a vibrant music ministry affect parish life.

4E RCIA: Year-Round Catechumenate for the Domestic Church

John McGlynn

Especially for those in children's catechumenate, it can seem that year-round catechumenate is impossible. Why is year-round catechumenate so vital? Explore creative ways to continue this process through the summer month.

4F Art and Healing

Carol Frenning

In a world filled with turmoil, violence, and a global pandemic we seek places of refuge and healing. Artists have responded to these conditions in the past and continue to do so today. This session explores how the church, and its artists can create sacred space and sacred art that lead to understanding, wellbeing, and healing.

5:00 Praying in Remembrance

5:30 PM DRINKING WITH THE SAINTS

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THURSDAY JANUARY 20

9:30 am **Opening Prayer**

Welcome and Announcements

10:00 **Charity and Service: Bridges of Hope**

Dr. Timothy O'Malley

Christ's message of hope is mediated through works of charity and service and experienced in the sacramental life of the Church. In a today's world that reinforces individualism, how can charity and service bring healing and hope to our families, the Church, and the world?

11:30 **Practicing the Art of Self-Giving Love**

Fr. Patrick Hannon

Nourished by the sacraments, we are strengthened to live the example of Christ through acts of self-giving love. How do we embrace this abandonment of self as a way of life in contrast to the call of our culture?

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1:30 pm WORKSHOP SESSION 5

5A Pastoral Care of the Domestic Church: To God Through Music

Carmen Flores-Mansi

Many Catholic families struggle with managing time, energy, and priorities in this day and age. How can the parish music ministry effectively provide strong pastoral support for families? What new models of care might be considered?

5B Discernment for Marriage

Fr. Kingsley Nwoko

“Am I called to marriage? How can I discern a relationship that leads to life-long married life?” Most emerging young adults are searching for answers to these pertinent questions. Discernment is not about choosing from available options, but a discovery. Marriage as a vocation implies more than a simple choice for a particular mate, but it involves a process of discovery. What role will parishes play in order to accompany those who are called to marriage? Those who are seriously dating or engaged? What would this look like and how might it be implemented? In today’s world, why is this an important component to marriage preparation?

5C Sowing the Seeds of Liturgy in Children

Dr. Diana Dudoit Raiche

Dr. Raiche shares successful stories to help us vision ways to sow the seeds of love of liturgy in children, with special attention to the Catechumenate adapted for children.

5D Music in Rural Parishes

Fr. Rob Spaulding

Challenged by thin budgets and resources, this workshop will discuss the unique needs and solutions for rural parishes.

5E Forming Initiation team leaders for Children’s Catechumenate

Michael Ruzicki and Timothy Johnston

Using paragraph 75 as a guide, who would make a good member of the initiation team for children? How might the qualities of someone on a children's catechumenate team be different from the typical catechist in the parish formation process? What supplemental formation and experiences would be beneficial in this team's formation?

5F *BUILDING BLOCKS - New or Renovating: A Two-Part Workshop*

Whether you want to just ‘spruce up’ your worship space, renovate your church to better support the liturgy or build an entirely new structure, there are guidelines that can help you with your project. The process for a successful church project uses thoughtful guidelines that

go beyond the experience with space in your home or a typical commercial building. Small or large projects can benefit from a professional approach.

Parish Building Track Part I

This is the first of two ‘basic building block’ sessions designed for pastors and building committee members (or potential members) who are at the beginning of a new or renovating building project. This session focuses on the process taking the parish from the first anticipation of wanting to build or develop a new Worship Space through the process of hiring consultants, to furnishing the church and bringing the art into the space., and finally to dedication and use of the new church. Much of the process centers on church documents (*Built of Living Stones* and *the General Instructions of the Roman Missal*) and how the ideas can be implemented in an orderly and easy to understand way.

3:30 pm WORKSHOP SESSION 6

6A Preparing Youth for Sacraments of Vocation

How can we incorporate formation and discernment for sacraments of vocation into our catechetical programs? How could we equip Catholic youth to consider and understand these sacraments in helpful and creative ways?

6B The Church of the Disaffected

Katherine Angulo Valenzuela

Christ came to bring all people to himself. How does the church find a path for the disaffected? How do we dialogue with our family members whose lifestyle conflicts with church values?

6C Pastoral Care of Musicians “Out Loud”: Best Practices in the Trenches of Ministry

Andrea Ramos, Dr. Morris Stevens, and Chris Sperling

As parishes wrestle with emerging concerns and pastoral realities regarding music at worship, tune in to a StoryCorps format as a trio of pastoral, musical experts share current wisdom regarding music performance. Gain understanding of the post-pandemic science from a counselor, while expressing empathy from two music ministers-- for those who participate in the ministry of music.

6D Seeking Authentic Peace

Fr. Michael Joncas

How do we en flesh the sign of peace when we cannot physically do so? In a world that has become engaged through technology, how do we recreate a community of peace in the flesh and become a Eucharistic people?

6E It Takes a Parish: Creative Incorporation of Families Into the Community

Diana Macalintal

Once children have been fully initiated, they are to continue their formation as lifelong believers. In what creative ways may we invite participation in parish life for these families who may not feel a comfort level to embrace active participation in the life of the parish?

6F Building Blocks- New or Renovating: A Parish Building Track Part II

This is the second of two 'basic building block' sessions. Whether building new, renovating or just 'sprucing up', there are building elements specific to churches. This session focuses on individual architectural issues that affect liturgical practice. Issues for the built environment that will be addressed include: lighting, acoustics and music spaces, special issues for renovation and how the art and architecture of the environment are connected to liturgy.

5:30 pm Sending presentation: Bearers of Hope: Renewing the Body of Christ:

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Southwest Liturgical Conference

Video montage: Looking back at 60 years of the Southwest Liturgical Conference

60 years of Liturgical Implementation: A Conversation with Four Bishops

Moderator: Fr James Burkart

Join moderator Fr. James Burkart, former President of the Southwest Liturgical Conference Board of Directors, as he dialogues with four notable diocesan leaders:

- reflecting on the liturgy at the beginning of the Southwest Liturgical Conference (1961) post *Sacrosanctum Concilium*
- discussing the Latino influence/involvement in the liturgy over the past 60 years and the establishment of the Hispanic Pastoral Musicians Conference
- offering reflections of the contributions of the Southwest Liturgical Conference
- sharing thoughts about the reform of the liturgy today.

Presentation of the Faithful Servant Award

Closing Prayer