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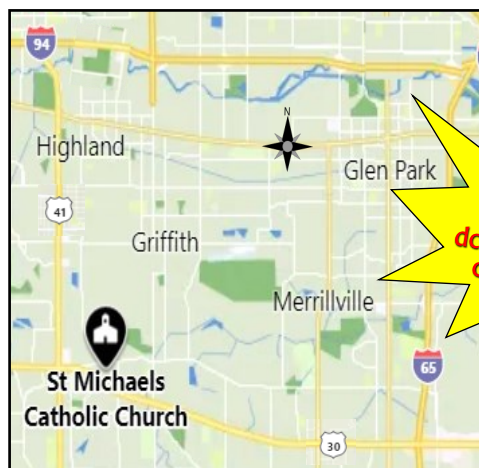
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 6:00p Registration Opens**
- 7:00p EVENING PRAYER -
BISHOP McCCLORY,
PRESIDER**
- 7:30p KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
FATHER ED SHEA, OFM**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:00a Registration, Exhibits/Vendors
Continental Breakfast**
- 7:30a Morning Weekday Mass
[*optional*]**
- 8:30a KEYNOTE REFLECTION
FATHER ED SHEA, OFM**
- 9:45a RENEWAL / TRAINING
SESSIONS**
- 11:45a Lunch
(included in registration)**
- 12:30p RENEWAL / TRAINING
SESSIONS**
- 2:15p Evaluations, Exhibits/Vendors,
Hospitality**

THE BODY OF CHRIST BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

This coming year we will enter the second year of the three year focus on the Holy Eucharist. In particular, on the very real presence of Christ Jesus, soul and body, present in the Eucharistic Species. We are on this three year journey of renewal to remind ourselves, and many of our brothers and sisters, that as we celebrate Mass, the Presence of God is made manifest to us in a very real and concrete way by the power Holy Spirit. This Power transforms the bread and wine into the very person of Jesus whose Presence does not leave us when Mass is over. Rather, the thanksgiving we offer to God for our salvation, which puts us into communion with Christ, continues to work for our transformation, to “make all things new.”

In a world that is fashioned by society to be disposable, Christ’s Presence in the Consecrated Bread and Wine stands as a sign of Divine Love that does not fade or pass away. Adoring the Presence of Christ in the Eucharistic Species is a direct reminder of the action of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection on our behalf. In Jesus’ great eucharist (thanksgiving) to the Father, that is, his obedience to God’s Will out of Love for the Father and so too, for His creation, sinful humanity is drawn by into his divine life. Being made partakers of the Divine induces a radical change in us: A change no less miraculous than the Eucharistic sacrifice we offer for, in and through Jesus Christ.

We begin our time together this year singing God’s praise in Evening Prayer, gathered with our Bishop. Following our prayer, Father Ed Shea, OFM, a Franciscan Friar who loves to sing and tell stories, will lead us in our CONFERENCE ‘22 Keynote Presentation, “THE BODY OF CHRIST—BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW,” helping us to see in new ways how our encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist transforms us into the living Body of Christ in the world.

Saturday morning, we celebrate the new day with Morning Mass (optional) and a chance to delve deeper into the reflection of our Keynote Speaker, Father Ed Shea, from the night before. The day will continue with the anticipated renewal sessions for various lay liturgical ministries. In addition, for those new to a particular lay liturgical ministry, Saturday morning and afternoon will be filled with training sessions.

In all of this, we are thankful for God’s love and mercy in his gift of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Our thanksgiving then flows out from the Presence of Christ to join us together in praise and thanks for the love and continued grace God shows us in calling us each to the ministry we serve in His Name.



EL CUERPO DE CRISTO - HE AQUÍ, YO HAGO NUEVAS TODAS LAS COSAS

Este próximo año entramos en el segundo año de los tres años enfocados en la Sagrada Eucaristía. En particular, sobre la presencia muy real de Cristo Jesús, alma y cuerpo, presente en las Especies Eucarísticas. Estamos en este viaje de tres años de renovación para recordarnos a nosotros mismos, y a muchos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas, que mientras celebramos la Misa, la Presencia de Dios se nos manifiesta de una manera muy real y concreta por el poder del Espíritu Santo. Este poder transforma el pan y el vino en la misma persona de Jesús cuya Presencia no nos deja cuando termina la Misa. Más bien, la acción de gracias que ofrecemos a Dios por nuestra salvación, que nos pone en comunión con Cristo, continúa trabajando para nuestra transformación, para "hacer nuevas todas las cosas."

En un mundo que está diseñado por la sociedad para ser desechable, la Presencia de Cristo en el Pan y el Vino consagradas se erige como un signo del Amor Divino que no se desvanece ni pasa. Adorar la Presencia de Cristo en las Especies Eucarísticas es un recordatorio directo de la acción de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús por nosotros. En la gran eucaristía (acción de gracias) de Jesús al Padre, es decir, su obediencia a la Voluntad de Dios por amor al Padre y también, por su creación, la humanidad pecadora es atraída a su vida divina. Ser hechos partícipes de lo Divino induce un cambio radical en nosotros: un cambio no menos milagroso que el sacrificio eucarístico que ofrecemos por, en y por Jesucristo.

Comenzamos nuestro tiempo juntos este año cantando alabanzas a Dios en la oración de la tarde, reunidos con nuestro obispo. Después de nuestra oración, el padre Ed Shea, OFM, un fraile franciscano al que le encanta cantar y contar historias, nos guiará en nuestra presentación principal de la CONFERENCIA '22, "EL CUERPO DE CRISTO: HE AQUÍ, HAGO NUEVAS TODAS LAS COSAS," ayudándonos a ver nuevas maneras cómo nuestro encuentro con Jesucristo en la Eucaristía nos transforma en el Cuerpo vivo de Cristo en el mundo.

El sábado por la mañana celebramos el nuevo día con la misa matutina (opcional) y la oportunidad de profundizar en la reflexión de nuestro orador principal, el padre Ed Shea, de la noche anterior. La jornada continuará con las anticipadas sesiones de renovación de varios ministerios litúrgicos laicos. Además, para aquellos nuevos en un ministerio litúrgico laico en particular, el sábado por la mañana y por la tarde se estará lleno de sesiones de entrenamiento.

En todo esto, estamos agradecidos por El amor y la misericordia de Dios en su don de Jesucristo en la Eucaristía. Nuestra acción de gracias fluye entonces de la Presencia de Cristo a unirte a nosotros en alabanza y gracias por el cariño y continua gracia que Dios nos muestra al llamar cada uno de nosotros al ministerio que servir en Su Nombre.



EL HORARIO DE LA CONFERENCIA

VIERNES, 11 DE NOVIEMBRE

- 6:00p Se Abre el Registro
- 7:00p ORACIÓN DE LA NOCHE
OBISPO McCLORY,
PRESIDENTE LITÚRGICO
- 7:30p PRESENTACIÓN PRINCIPAL
PADRE ED SHEA, OFM

SÁBADO, 12 DE NOVIEMBRE

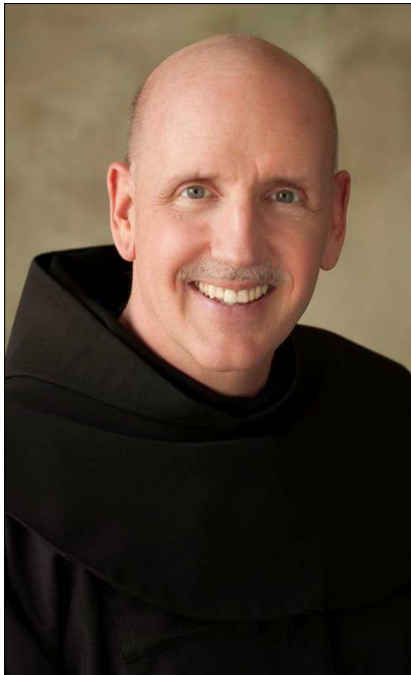
- 7:00a Registro,
Exposiciones / Vendedores
Desayuno Continental
- 7:30a Misa Matutina Entre Semana
[*opcional*]
- 8:30a PRESENTACIÓN PRINCIPAL
REFLEXIÓN
PADRE ED SHEA, OFM

9:45a SESIONES DE RENOVACION /ENTRENAMIENTO

- 11:45a Almuerzo
(incluido en el registro)

12:30p SESIONES DE RENOVACION /ENTRENAMIENTO

- 2:15p Evaluaciones, Exposiciones /
Vendedores, Hospitalidad



**KEYNOTE PRESENTER / PRESENTADOR PRINCIPAL
Y RENOVACIÓN PARA MINISTROS DE MÚSICA**

FATHER ED SHEA, OFM

**WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD
JUNTOS COMO HERMANOS**

"Juntos Como Hermanos: Welcome to the Table of the Lord" is a song with a powerful message for all of us as we make our way to heaven. "Together as Brothers and Sisters, Members of One Church, We are Walking toward the Encounter with the Lord."

Franciscan Father Ed Shea, OFM will speak to us of this journey and our need for the food of the Eucharist along the way. Damos la bienvenida al Padre Lalo Shea, OFM quien va a reflexionar con nosotros de nuestra jornada en camino hacia el encuentro del Señor. No estamos solos ni divididos pero siempre "juntos como hermanos y hermanas."

We're on our way to heaven and we ought to act like it!
Estamos en camino hacia los Cielos y debemos actuar así!

We all want to make it into heaven, right?? So, let's go...together!
Cuantos quieren ir a los cielos?? Pues, vamos juntos!

RENOVACIÓN PARA MINISTROS DE MÚSICA

**PADRE 'LALO' ED SHEA, OFM
MICHELLE ALEXANDER**

Vengan, reunámonos como compañeros misioneros en nuestro servicio como ministros de música litúrgica para la renovación de nuestros corazones y mentes. Oremos unos por otros y con los demás para que el espíritu de Dios renueve y refresque nuestro ministerio como almas misioneras musicales. Formación para todos los niveles de músicos litúrgicos con un fuerte enfoque en la teoría, la práctica y la técnica como instrumentista, vocalista y conjuntos.

FRANCISCAN FATHER ED SHEA is the third of eight children in his family from St. Giles Parish in Oak Park. A 1974 graduate of Fenwick High School and a 1978 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Father Shea joined the Franciscans in 1980 and was ordained a priest in 1987. Father Ed has spent most of his priesthood in parish work, including four years as the priest-presider for the St. Giles Family Mass Community in Oak Park, IL and five years as the pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Joliet, IL. He was also pastor of St. Joseph Parish, a predominantly Hispanic community in Chicago's famous Back of the Yards neighborhood. Father Ed has served on his Provincial Council and as Director of Vocations and Formation for the Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province. At present Father Ed is stationed at St. Peter's Church in the Loop in and is involved in a lot of bilingual ministry in the Chicago area and beyond. A Franciscan priest who loves to sing and tell stories, more than anything he thrives on celebrating the sacraments of the Church. A true follower of St. Francis, Father Ed finds reasons to rejoice often in the goodness of God's presence in our world.

TRAINING SESSIONS

LECTORS

PETRA STEELE

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

REV. BEN ROSS

MINISTERS OF CARE

DEACON MICHAEL HALAS

**MUSIC MINISTERS
TRAINING / RENEWAL**

WENDY SILHAVY

DAVID HERR, TINA O'DROBINAK

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
TRAINING / RENEWAL**

RACHEL ESPINOZA

**MINISTERS OF ART & ENVIRONMENT
TRAINING / RENEWAL**

REV. PETER MUHA

If you have never been formally trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or a Lector (reader) or as a Minister of Care or a Cantor these multi-part training sessions are for you. If you are new to any of these ministries these training sessions are a necessity. In addition to practical knowledge one needs to properly carry out these ministries there is both a spiritual and theological knowledge that is necessary. Each session deals with a particular aspect of the ministry for which you are being trained. Thus, the lay minister may be properly equipped to carry out the ministry entrusted to them. Each session builds on the one before. Taking on one of the ministries mentioned is not simply doing a job, it is an invitation to enter more deeply in relationship with Christ who is the "prime" minister. Christ imparts the gifts needed to engage in these ministries. Thus, a lay minister needs to know the depth and breadth of the ministry they assume. Theological, historical, spiritual and practical knowledge is needed and will be provided in the CONFERENCE Training Sessions.

SESIONES DE ENTRENAMIENTO

LECTORES

PADRE JUAN TURCIOS, OFM

**MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS
DE LA SANTA COMUNIÓN**

PADRE LEO GAJARDO

**MINISTROS DE CUIDADO
FORMACIÓN / RENOVACIÓN**

PADRE LUIS FERNEIDY, AIC

**MINISTROS DE MÚSICA
FORMACIÓN / RENOVACIÓN**

PADRE 'LALO' ED SHEA, OFM
MICHELLE ALEXANDER



"In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem."

-Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #8

Si nunca has sido formalmente entrenado como Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión, o de Lector o de Ministro de Cuidado o de Cantor, estas sesiones de varias partes son para ti. Si eres nuevo en alguno de estos ministerios estas sesiones de entrenamiento son una necesidad. Además de conocimientos prácticos para llevar a cabo estos ministerios existe un conocimiento espiritual y teológico necesario. Cada sesión se trata de algún aspecto particular del ministerio del que se está entrenando. Así, el ministro laico puede estar equipado propiamente para llevar a cabo su ministerio. Cada sesión aumenta sobre la anterior. Tomar uno de los ministerios mencionados no es simplemente cumplir con un trabajo, es una invitación de entrar profundamente en una relación con Jesucristo, quien es el "primer" ministro. Cristo imparte los dones necesarios para participar en estos ministerios. Así el ministro laico tiene que conocer la profundidad y amplitud del ministerio que asume. El conocimiento teológico, histórico y práctico es necesario y se proporciona en las Sesiones de entrenamiento de la CONFERENCIA.

**RENEWAL FOR EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
STEVEN R. JANCO, M.C.M., D.MIN.

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion have a significant role as "Christ bearers" during the Church's celebration of the Eucharist. How does our participation in Sunday Mass and our communion in Christ's Body and Blood strengthen and challenge us on our journey through life and in our mission as Christ's disciples? How does your participation in this important liturgical ministry impact your own life and spirituality?

RENEWAL FOR LECTORS
REV. JERRY SCHWEITZER

How does a Minister of the Word fulfill this Biblical passage as he/she proclaims the Word of the Lord?

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

RENEWAL FOR MINISTERS OF CARE
REV. TONY JANIK, OFM

We will explore the historical and scriptural bases for the Eucharist as the source of God's strength and power in ministry. Practically, we'll focus on Children's Bereavement - an area often neglected. Finally, we will celebrate a short service of anointing of the hands of the Ministers of Care as a sign of commitment to the ministry they serve.

**TRAINING / RENEWAL FOR MINISTERS OF
ART & ENVIRONMENT**
REV. PETER MUHA

Environment and art in the worship space is more than just the placement of flowers and seasonal décor. The sanctuary needs to be treated very differently than how a living room is decorated for Easter or Christmas. Participants will be invited to reflect upon the primary symbols of the main seasons and feasts of the liturgical year. Reviewing the flow of the liturgical year will enable those who minister in this area to place the appropriate emphasis on each season and feast.

TRAINING / RENEWAL FOR MUSIC MINISTERS
WENDY SILHAVY
DAVID HERR, TINA O'DROBINAK

What role can Music Ministry play in our Eucharistic Revival over the coming years? How can we better engage the Catholic Community in new ways with our gift of song? We will encounter these questions with fresh ideas and a renewed heart as we focus on principles of *Ars Celebrandi* - going beyond what is simply *required* in the liturgy - and how we can deepen our prayer and commitment to aid the beauty of the liturgy. Be prepared for new repertoire and LOTS OF SINGING!

**RENOVACIÓN PARA MINISTROS
EXTRAORDINARIOS DE LA SANTA
COMUNIÓN**
PADRE NESTOR VARON, AIC

Como Ministros de la Eucaristía, distribuimos el Cuerpo y la Sangre de nuestro Señor al Pueblo de Dios. ¿Qué asombrosa y tremenda llamada y responsabilidad! Esta sesión de renovación ayudará a la EMHC a reflexionar sobre la importancia y el significado de su ministerio. Se discutirá y profundizará la espiritualidad de un EMHC. También habrá tiempo para compartir las gracias recibidas en este ministerio.

RENOVACIÓN PARA LECTORES
PADRE NATHANIEL EDQUIST

Esta sesión es para lectores con experiencia y entrenamiento formal que desean aumentar su relación espiritual con Jesucristo y el Espíritu Santo por su ministerio. La renovación cubrirá una exploración de como la Iglesia sugiere una manera particular para comprender los textos del leccionario basado en su emparejamiento con los dos Testamentos y las oraciones que lo acompañan. Comprender este contexto puede tener un impacto significativo en como las lecturas se proclaman.

**FORMACIÓN / RENOVACIÓN
PARA MINISTROS DE CUIDADO**
PADRE LUIS FERNEIDY, AIC

Mientras el Cuerpo de Cristo continúa regresando a la Misa, ¿cómo podemos nosotros, como Ministros de Cuidado, ayudar a salvar la desconexión entre los enfermos y los confinados en el hogar del Cuerpo de Cristo con los presentes en la Misa? El ministerio de "presencia" es desinteresado y da vida a los enfermos, a los confinados en casa y al Ministro de Cuidado.

**TRAINING / RENEWAL FOR RITE OF
CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAMS**
RACHEL ESPINOZA

As we continue this time of Eucharistic Revival in the United States, this session will explore the relationship between Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and show that in the way the Church celebrates and understands these sacraments, the Eucharist is and must always be seen as the center and focus of Christian initiation (including RCIA) and life. The afternoon session will feature a walk through of all the specific ways that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults gradually draws catechumens and candidates into a deeper sharing and participation in the Eucharist, as well as provide practical ideas that initiation ministers can use to keep the Eucharist at the heart of their formation efforts in the parish or campus ministry setting.

PRESENTER PROFILES

THE MOST REV. ROBERT J. MCCLORY, B.A., M.P.A., J.D., S.T.B., J.C.L., D.D., was ordained as the fifth bishop for the Diocese of Gary on Feb. 11, 2020, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Born in Detroit, he is the youngest of four children of James and Ann McClory (both deceased).

Prior to his ordination, then-Monsignor McClory served as the pastor and rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, MI. In a previous assignment, Bishop McClory served as the vicar general and moderator of the curia of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Bishop McClory studied philosophy at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He was then sent to the Pontifical North American College in Rome, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sacred theology in 1998 from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He completed his license in canon law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome in 2000.

Bishop McClory was ordained a deacon by Cardinal Edmund Szoka in Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome, on Oct. 8, 1998. He was ordained a priest by Cardinal Maida at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit, on May 22, 1999. He was given the title of Monsignor and made chaplain to His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI on May 20, 2005.

Prior to entering the seminary, Bishop McClory earned a bachelor's degree in political science and communications from Oakland University, a master's degree in public policy and administration from Columbia University and a juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

He is a member of the Canon Law Society of America and served as a member of the Committee on Civil and Canon Law. He has been a Priest-Observer, Region VI, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and a third degree Knight of Columbus.

Bishop McClory's episcopal motto is "Iesum Dominum Praedicamus" ("We Proclaim Jesus as Lord"). It reminds us of the humility with which all Christians should approach their mission as disciples.

MICHELLE ALEXANDER, LCSW is the Chapter Director for the Diocese of Gary National Pastoral Musicians, and the choir director for treble and adult choirs at several churches in the Gary Diocese and is a member of the CONFERENCE planning committee. Pianist, classical guitarist, cantor and choral conductor. Michelle has also completed bel canto vocal studies with the Fine Arts Studio of Chicago. Additional ministries include counselor in private practice, music instructor in private music studio, and social justice activist through the arts. She holds a BA in Government and International Studies from Notre Dame and a MSW from Loyola University of Chicago.

FR. MARTIN J. DOBRZYNSKI is Pastor at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Schererville, as well as Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Gary since 1992. He initiated the first diocesan liturgical lay ministry CONFERENCE in 1987 and continues on the CONFERENCE planning committee. Under the tutelage of the Capuchin Franciscans he attended St. Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin. He was ordained in 1984 after earning a BA in History from St. Meinrad College (1980) and an M.Div. from St. Meinrad School of Theology. In 1991 Fr. Dobzynski received an MA in Liturgical Studies at the University of Notre Dame. In addition to his duties here in the diocese, he also served on the National Board of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions from 1997-2011.

PADRE NATHANIEL EDQUIST es actualmente el Pastor Asociado en el Sacred Heart / St. Joseph / St. Peter cluster en LaPorte, IN. La ciudad natal del Padre Nate es LaPorte y fue feligrés de St. Peter en LaPorte. Padre Nate fue ordenado sacerdote en 2017 después de completar sus estudios de seminario en la Universidad de St. Mary of the Lake: Mundelein Seminary.

RACHEL ESPINOZA is an Editor and Liturgical Training Consultant at Liturgy Training Publications. Previously, Rachel served for more than a decade in parish catechetical ministry (Director of Family Formation and Evangelization at Saint Clement Parish in Chicago, Pastoral Associate at St. Andrew Parish in Chicago, IL, and Coordinator of Religious Education and Campus Missionary at St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green, OH). Rachel holds a B.A. in Theology and Catechetics from the Franciscan University of Steubenville and a Master of Divinity from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

PADRE LUIS FERNEIDY, AIC pertenece a la Asociación de la Inmaculada Concepción. Fué ordenado sacerdote el 28 de noviembre de 2015 en la Diócesis de Villavicencio Colombia, y actualmente vive en East Chicago, Indiana, y es el Administrador de la parroquia St. Margaret Mary en Hammond, IN desde junio de 2018.

PADRE LEONARDO GAJARDO había estado sirviendo recientemente en la facultad del Colegio Teológico de la Universidad Católica de América en Washington, DC y ha regresado a la Diócesis de Gary como Pastor Asociado de la Comunidad Católica St. Paul en Valparaíso. Fue ordenado sacerdote en 2006. Padre nació en Santiago, Chile, y emigró con su familia a los Estados Unidos en 1990. Hizo sus estudios de pregrado en el Seminario Mayor del Sagrado Corazón en Detroit, MI y completó su formación en el seminario en la Universidad Católica de América. Tiene títulos avanzados en derecho canónico y liturgia.

DEACON MICHAEL W. HALAS is a Chaplain at St. Catherine Hospital in East Chicago. He was ordained to the Diaconate in 2007 and serves at St. James the Less Parish, Highland, where he is a catechist in the Faith Formation Program and directs the Liturgy and RCIA. He serves as Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop and assists at diocesan liturgies at Holy Angels Cathedral. He also serves on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Sacraments/Prayer and Worship Think Tank, is a member of the CONFERENCE planning committee and a member of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. Deacon is a 2003 graduate of the Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program and has two units of Clinical Pastoral Education. He holds an MA in Liturgy from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

DAVID HERR is the Executive Secretary for the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Gary, and has been involved in music ministry in the Diocese for over 20 years. David helps to plan and coordinate all Diocesan liturgies and leads the Diocesan choir for those liturgies. David is a member of the CONFERENCE planning committee, is the Music Director of St. Edward Catholic Church in Lowell, IN and the Choir Director at Bishop Noll Institute from 2012-2018.

PRESENTER PROFILES

STEVEN R. JANCO, M.C.M., D.MIN. is Liturgy Resources Specialist at World Library Publications. He served as Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church in Prospect Heights, IL from 1995 to 2005, and currently serves part-time as Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Eulalia Parish in Maywood, IL. From 2006 – 2017 he served as Director of the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy at Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer and is now Music and Liturgy Program Director at Alverno College in Milwaukee, WI. He has been an institute faculty member for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate since 1998 and serves on the music staff of the Chicago Office for Divine Worship. He is a clinician at conferences and workshops around the country. Steven is an active composer, perhaps known best for three widely used Mass settings. He is the author of numerous journal articles and has contributed to several recent books. He is also the convener of the Liturgical Music Seminar of the North American Academy of Liturgy. He earned his Master of Church Music degree in composition from Concordia University in River Forest, IL, and his Doctor of Ministry degree in liturgy from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He lives in Forest Park, IL.

FR. TONY JANIK, OFM was Solemn professed as a Franciscan Friar in 1965, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970. He served as an associate Retreat Directed at Lourdes Retreat House, Cedar Lake, Indiana from 1969-1980. Fr. Tony became a Board Certified Chaplain in 1983 and has been the Director of Spiritual Care Services at Franciscan Hospital in Crown Point from 1985 to the present.

FR. PETER MUHA is a priest for the Diocese of Gary, and he completed his education at St. Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana. After college, he went to Rome to complete his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained a deacon in Rome at the Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican City. He has since served as a priest at St. Paul in Valparaiso, St. Michael in Schererville, Our Lady of Grace in Highland, St. John Bosco in Hammond. He has served as pastor of St. Edward in Lowell, Our Lady of Consolation in Merrillville, and most recently became the pastor of St. Joseph in Dyer in 2022.

TINA O'DROBINAK served as the long-time Director of Liturgy and Music at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. John, IN before a recent career change to an officer of a pediatric education company, overseeing graphic design, marketing and finances. In addition to a BA in Theology, she brings over 40 years of pastoral experience at parish and diocesan levels. She is a member of the CONFERENCE planning committee, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, the Gary Diocesan Liturgical Commission and Diocesan Music Committee, and contributes to the implementation of the Diocese of Gary Synod in the areas of Sacraments, Prayer and Worship. She sings with the Diocesan Choir and is a cantor at several parishes and for diocesan liturgies.

FR. BENJAMIN ROSS is a priest for the Diocese of Gary, is currently the pastor at St. Bridget Church in Hobart IN. He attended Franciscan University, acquiring his Associate degree before joining the seminary. Fr. Ross attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN and completed his theological education at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He has served as Associate Pastor at St. Thomas More, in Munster and St. Michael the Archangel in Schererville. Fr. Ross is also the Chaplain for the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Gary and helps coach Andrean High School's Cross Country team. One of his personal passions is studying Sacred Scripture.

FR. JERRY SCHWEITZER is a priest for the Diocese of Gary. He was born and raised in Hammond, Indiana, attending Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grade School. He further attended St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle, Illinois, and St. Meinrad Seminary, in St. Meinrad, Indiana. Fr. Jerry was ordained a priest on August 28, 1971 and has served in various parishes as Associate Pastor: St. Joseph (Hammond), SS Peter & Paul, St. Patrick (Chesterton) and as Pastor of St. Stephen, Martyr, St. Matthias, Sacred Heart, St. Martin and St. Mary (Otis), along with other positions in the Diocese of Gary. He is a teacher of Biblical Studies as well as a Director of Spiritual Retreats and Conferences. Since 2015, Fr. Jerry has been a "Senior Priest," but continues to be active in ministry assisting with liturgies in the Archdiocese of Chicago and Diocese of Gary.

WENDY BARTON SILHAVY is the Senior Coordinator for Liturgy and Music in the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago. She received her BM in Church music from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and her MA in Liturgical Music from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. She brings 25 years of experience in parish, seminary, and diocesan liturgy to her work with the archdiocese. Wendy is a pianist, organist, flutist, choir director and cantor. Her interests in liturgy include the relationship between liturgy and catechesis and the impact of liturgy on our everyday lives. A native of Minnesota, she currently resides in Berwyn, IL.

PETRA STEELE has been a member of St. Mary parish in Crown Point for 50 years, where she is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a Lector. She and her husband Charles have raised four sons. She also taught English, Speech and Journalism at Andrean High School for 23 years. Her longest and most rewarding ministry has been in the training and scheduling of the parish lectors. Over a period of several years, Petra was nurtured under the instruction of Fr. Lawrence Mick, who came to the parish to work with the lectors. The skill and commitment of over 50 parish lectors, ranging in age from 15 to 75, has made working with the individuals a grace-filled joy.

PADRE JUAN DE LA CRUZ TURCIOS, OFM is un Friale Franciscano de la Orden de Friales Menores, (OFM) de la Provincia de Nueva York; Holy Name Province. Entro a la vida religiosa mas de 20 años. Hizo sus estudios de Formacion Franciscana en el Este de Los Estados Unidos. Realizo sus estudios de Filosofia y Teologia en Catholic Theological Union en Chicago. Fue Ordenado al Sacerdocio el 29 de Mayo del 2021 por su Exceletisimo Señor Cardinal Gregory Wilson, Arzobispo de la Arquidiocesis de Washington D.C.

PADRE NESTOR VARON, AIC pertenece a la Asociación de la Inmaculada Concepción. Nació en Bogotá, Colombia y fue ordenado Sacerdote el 24 de Junio de 2006. Antes de servir en la Diócesis de Gary, fue misionero en la Republica Dominicana y en varios lugares de los Estados Unidos. Actualmente es párroco en la parroquia Santa María en East Chicago.

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