

# Mission

FAITH FORMATION CONGRESS

IGNITE HEARTS 2019

## Keynote

### **On a Mission to Ignite Hearts: Cultivating the Right Kind of Heartburn**



St. Ignatius of Loyola told his followers to “go set the world on fire!” Each of us, as pastoral ministers in faith formation, is charged with the mission of igniting hearts for Jesus Christ. But how do we do that? In this keynote, Joe Paprocki, D.Min., will identify the keys to cultivating the “right kind of heartburn” – the kind that the disciples on the road to Emmaus spoke of when they said, “Were not our hearts burning within us?” – and will provide 9 strategies for accomplishing this in any faith formation setting.

Joe Paprocki, D.Min., the National Consultant for Faith Formation for Loyola Press, has been in pastoral ministry for nearly 40 years, has authored 20 books, and has presented in over 150 dioceses in North America. Joe’s most recent book is *Living the Sacraments: Finding God at the Intersection of Heaven and Earth*. Joe blogs about his catechetical experiences and insights at [www.catechistsjourney.com](http://www.catechistsjourney.com).

# Workshop Descriptions

When discerning which workshops to choose at Missio, in addition to considering your particular area of ministry, (catechists/teacher, youth minister, adult faith formation, DRE/school administrator) contemplate which of the following pathways you wish to pursue: **Prayer**, **Discipleship**, **Liturgy/Sacraments**, and **Spiritual Growth**. If you would like to print this page, [click here](#). (Opens as a PDF file)

## Prayer

### **Our Family Prays: Fostering Prayer in the Home (Session 1 and 2)**

**Speaker:** Mary Sellars Malloy, *Project Manager, RCL Benziger*

**Sponsorship:** RCL Benziger

**Ministry:** DRE/school administrator, catechists/teachers

**Description:** With an eye to Holy Week and the Easter Season, Mary will lead participants in family-friendly experiences of prayer that flow from and are adaptable for use in the religious education classroom. In addition, she will offer tips for equipping and supporting families in developing a prayer life that honors Catholic tradition, the liturgical season, and the special and everyday occasions of life.

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### **Proclaiming God's Work in Your Classroom and Beyond (Session 1 only)**

**Speaker:** John O'Connor, *Senior Lead Sales Representative*

**Sponsorship:** Our Sunday Visitor

**Ministry:** catechists/teacher, DRE/school administrator

**Description:** If what happens in your classroom stays in your classroom, you will not be successful in forming disciples. We are encouraged to teach our children how to listen for what God is saying to them, form them in their Catholic Identity, so that they can live the life of a Disciple. Just as the word Mass means "to be sent on mission", as catechists we must inspire our students to take what they have learned in class and make it part of their everyday lives. Learn strategies for building community, activities to engage children, and encourage them to "go out!" and live a life of discipleship.

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## Meaningful Prayer Rituals for Today's Youth (Session 2 only)

**Speaker:** Michael Wellington, *Archdiocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, OEEC*

**Ministry:** youth minister

**Description:** Developing the spirituality of adolescents to help them encounter Christ is an ongoing mission for those who minister to youth. One essential way to do this is through prayer. This workshop will explore a variety of prayer rituals that are interactive, meaningful and speak to the hearts of today's youth. Participants will receive a packet of prayer resources for immediate implementation.

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## Usando la Tecnología (iPhone, iPad, y Medios Sociales) para Comunicarse con sus Coros y Facilitar el Aprendizaje de Nuevas Canciones. (Sólo sesión uno)

**Conferencista:** Silvio Cuellar, Coordinador de la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Providence, Rhode Island.

**Ministerio:** Todos

En este taller podrá aprender diferentes opciones para usar su teléfono inteligente, tableta y medios sociales para mejorar la comunicación con los miembros de su ministerio, facilitar el aprendizaje de nueva música y planificar sus actividades eficientemente.

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## Sugerencias Prácticas de Cantos de alabanza para Retiros, Grupo de Oración y Reuniones Parroquiales. (Sólo Sesión dos)

**Conferencista:** Silvio Cuellar, Coordinador de la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Providence, Rhode Island.

**Ministerio:** Todos

Compartiremos un repertorio de nuevos cantos meditativos, de alabanza, litúrgicos, para grupos de oración, retiros, reuniones con jóvenes y familias; inspirados en la oración y alimentados por la Palabra de Dios y el Espíritu Santo.

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## "Involucrando a Discípulos Jóvenes y Familias en Nuestras Oraciones y Prácticas de la Iglesia" (Sólo sesión uno)

**Conferencista:** Sori Govin, Representante de Ventas y Asesora Bilingüe para la Editorial RCL Benziger.

**Patrocinador:** RCL Benziger Religion Publisher.

**Ministerio:** Todos

Sori compartirá ideas que ayudarán al catequista a guiar a los jóvenes en experiencias de oración, canto, y devociones. Y también como apoyar a las familias a desarrollar la oración dentro del hogar familiar.



## Discipleship

### **Igniting Hearts of a New Generation: Engaging and Accompanying the Young Church Today (Session 1 and 2)**

**Speaker:** Maureen Provencher, *National Consultant for St. Mary's Press*

**Sponsorship:** St. Mary's Press

**Ministry:** catechists/teacher, DRE/school administrator

**Description:** They think differently. Their interests and needs vary. They learn in a variety of different ways. 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 the young, 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. We will explore effective approaches that are practical, fun, inviting and achievable to effectively nurture their hearts in faith.

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### **Catechesis for All: Learning to Differentiate for Children with Special Needs (Session 1 only)**

**Speaker:** Lori Gosselin, *Special Education Teacher, East Hartford Public Schools*

**Ministry:** catechists/teacher, DRE/school administrator

**Description:** Children with special needs are an integral part of our faith formation communities, so understanding their needs to help them reach success is essential...and it's easier than you may think! During this workshop, participants will understand what differentiation means, explore a variety of learning styles and use this knowledge to create a sample lesson plan that will meet the needs of ALL students. Participants will receive a variety of differentiation resources and a bank of strategies that can be used immediately in faith formation classrooms so that all children will be well served.

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## **An Unfinished Symphony: Fashioning a Church for the New Millennium (Session 1 only)**

**Speaker:** Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, Ph.D.

**Sponsorship:** Sadlier

**Ministry:** All

**Description:** Michelangelo's Pieta is one of the most famous works of art in the world. Later in life, he also created two other "unfinished" pietas. This fact provides the backdrop for today's presentation as it will serve as a metaphor for our role as preachers and prophets in today's Church. God's creative plan is still unfolding. God's work continues...and it would seem that the Divine Sculptor is fashioning a new form of Church for the new millennium, but that form is still in the marble. This is where we come in, as prophets and preachers of a hope that does not disappoint. We are called to uncover the presence of the Divine Indwelling in the human condition and to serve as co-creators of the transformation to which the Gospel invites us. Inside each of us and those we serve is a beautiful form. That form is Christ in us. Each of us truly is an "unfinished" symphony.

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## **Integrative Family Catechesis: More than Just a Gathering (Session 1 only)**

**Speaker:** Jo Ann Paradise, D.Min, *National Catechetical Consultant*

**Sponsorship:** Our Sunday Visitor

**Ministry:** DRE/school administrator

**Description:** 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 awakens, evangelizes and catechizes parents leading them to a life of discipleship. All the while recognizing we must equip, support, affirm and challenge parents to see parenting as a vocation. Jo Ann will inspire you to meet families where they are and awaken in them the "holy longing" to live in relationship with God and his people.

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## **10 Big Ideas for Adult Faith Formation that Every Parish Can Use (Session 1 only)**

**Speaker:** John Roberto, *Vibrant Faith Leadership Team*

**Ministry:** Adult faith formation

**Description:** Discover 10 practical strategies to engage adults in continuing their growth in faith and discipleship that reflect how adults learn best today and that respond to the interests, concerns, questions, and spiritual needs of adults today. John Roberto is on the leadership team of Vibrant Faith Ministries. He works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, teaches courses and conducts workshops in faith formation, and has authored books and program manuals in faith formation including the *Seasons of Adult Faith Formation* and *Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century*.

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## **Learning Begins with Understanding Emotions (Session 1 only)**

**Speaker:** Valerie Mara, *Archdiocesan Assistant Superintendent of Academics, OEEC*

**Ministry:** catechists/teacher, DRE/school administrator

**Description:** Understanding emotions can drive our behavior both positively and negatively. Learning how to manage and control emotions, especially under frustrating and stressful situations, is a prerequisite for learning to occur in any classroom. Discover how to help children understand and name their emotions to ensure healthy self-esteem, friendships and learning success.

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## **The Imaginative Catechist (Session 2 only)**

**Speaker:** Joe Paprocki, D.Min, *National Consultant for Faith Formation*

**Sponsorship:** Loyola Press

**Ministry:** Catechist/teacher

**Description:** It is the job of the catechist to spark the imaginations of those they teach so as to enable them to see with the eyes of Christ and bring the vision of the Kingdom to the world. In this workshop, a variety of strategies, methods and resources will be offered to help catechists become more imaginative so they may engage the imaginations of those they teach, leading to transformed hearts and minds.

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## **"Métodos Eficaces para Desarrollar Discípulos Jóvenes" (Sólo session dos)**

**Conferencista:** Sori Govin, *Representante de Ventas y Asesora Bilingüe para la Editorial RCL Benziger*

**Patrocinador:** RCL Benziger Religion Publisher.

**Ministerio:** Todos

¡Sori nos ayudará a descubrir métodos eficaces para construir un mundo lleno de discípulos de Cristo! El taller explorará maneras simples para mantener al creyente joven comprometido, emocionado y seguro en su ambiente parroquial.

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## **Modelos de Inclusión Familiar: ¡Papás Activos en la Catequesis! (Sólo sesión uno)**

**Conferencista:** Gerardo Salazar, *Director Asociado de la Oficina de Evangelización y Catequesis de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston*

**Patrocinador:** Sadlier

**Ministerio:** Todos

La inclusión familiar en la catequesis es un reto diario que se tiene en todas las parroquias, En este taller aprenderás las diferentes opciones y prototipos para integrar exitosamente a los padres de familia.

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## **Discípulos Digitales Latinos en el Mundo Moderno; ¡Técnicas e Ideas! (Sólo sesión dos)**

**Conferencista:** Gerardo Salazar, *Director Asociado de la Oficina de Evangelización y Catequesis de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston*

**Patrocinador:** Sadlier

**Ministerio:** Todos

En este taller conocerás técnicas e ideas muy particulares para emprender un discipulado misionero hecho con eficacia, desde la realidad hispana y que incluye el entorno digital de nuestra vida diaria.

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## **“Nuestra Tradición Social Católica” Conferencista: (Sólo sesión uno)**

**Conferencista:** John Gonzalez, *Director of Parish and Community Relations for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Brooklyn*

**Patrocinador:** Loyola Press

**Ministerio:** Todos

Este taller compartirá los orígenes de la tradición social de nuestra Iglesia. Además analizará el desarrollo y los principios de la enseñanza social católica.

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## **"La Iglesia como Hospital de Campo" (Sólo sesión dos)**

**Conferencista:** John Gonzalez, *Director of Parish and Community Relations for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Brooklyn*

**Patrocinador:** Loyola Press

**Ministerio:** Todos

Utilizando la famosa metáfora del Papa Francisco, exploraremos el papel del ministerio social dentro de la parroquia y cómo las parroquias pueden promoverlo.

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## Liturgy/Sacraments

### Connecting a Generation that Loves to Serve with the Sacrament of Eucharist (Session 1 and 2)

**Speaker:** Kevin Dowd, *Ph.D. Candidate in Theology and Education*

**Sponsorship:** Pflaum Publishing Group

**Ministry:** Youth ministry, DRE/school administrator

**Description:** There is no discipleship that is not both missionary and Eucharistic. We will identify these themes in the various emphasis on “New Evangelization” from Pope Paul VI through Pope Francis. Focus will be on the practical import for ordinary Catholics. Effective use of storytelling will bring participants to a fuller understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit and Eucharist in the lives of young people.

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### Reimagining Your First Reconciliation and First Communion Programs (Session 2)

**Speakers:** Deborah Pelletier, *DRE, Saint Patrick - Saint Anthony* and Susan Piescik, *Catechist of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Formation Leader*

**Ministry:** DRE/school administrator

**Description:** How to involve families and children more deeply in sacramental preparation is a perennial question. Come explore areas of welcome, invitation, connection to baptism, and worshiping community life and how these elements can enhance your preparation. Reflect with others on how these values may be implemented in your program.



## Spiritual Growth

### Searching for Home: Locating Ourselves in Relationship with God and Others (Session 1 and 2)

**Speaker:** Sara Milone, *Retreat presenter*

**Ministry:** All

**Description:** A question that challenges those involved in catechetical ministry: how do we respond to those who do not feel at home in the Church? Applying the book *The Unmoored God: Believing in a Time of Dislocation* by Paul Crowley, SJ (Orbis, 2017), this session invites reflection on feelings of social and spiritual dislocation; experiences that disconnect us from our community and interferes with us from feeling at home with God and others. With thoughtful consideration given to the Incarnation as well as the writings of Saint Augustine, the session posits that a personal relationship with Jesus helps us locate ourselves in God and with others and ultimately feel at home.



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## **A Church Which ‘Goes Forth’: Finding the Resurrected Christ in our Midst (Session 2 only)**

**Speaker:** Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, Ph.D.

**Sponsorship:** Sadlier

**Ministry:** All

**Description:** The gospels tell us that the initial sadness of Jesus’ followers after his crucifixion and death was turned into utter joy when they encountered the Risen Christ. In a fraction of a second they witnessed the unimaginable. Have we ever experienced a similar unveiling of the Sacred in our own lives...giving us a passion to share the Good News with others? Perhaps, like the first followers of Jesus, we need to discover a new way of seeing ourselves as missionary disciples in order to recognize the resurrected Christ in our midst. This presentation will explore this “unimaginable” experience when HOPE is reborn, when lives are changed forever.

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## **Celebrating our Catholic Identity: Understanding the “Heart” of our Faith (Session 2 only)**

**Speaker:** Jo Ann Paradise, *D.Min, National Catechetical Consultant*

**Sponsorship:** Our Sunday Visitor

**Ministry:** All

**Description:** The question that is often raised by people of good intention in the world today is, “Why be Catholic?” Whether that question comes from a family member, or from an office co-worker, we sometimes find ourselves ill equipped to respond. Join us as we reclaim what is at the heart of our faith and celebrate its joy and beauty as we seek to be Christ present in our world.

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## **Ministry Learning Projects: Empowering Youth to Discern and Answer Need in the World - a "Full Circle" Approach! (Session 2 only)**

**Speaker:** Lori Oleasz, *DRE, St. Mary Church, Simsbury*

**Ministry:** DRE/school administrator, catechist/teacher, youth minister

**Description:** Youth live their faith through serving those in need. This workshop is designed to fill your toolbox with guidance and support as you design and implement service learning projects for various age groups. We will discuss the important learning opportunities found in hands-on ministry activities as well as age-appropriate ministry learning project ideas.

