

12TH ANNUAL MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

Sacraments and prayers...



Bishop Michael O. Jackels
Appointed the 10th Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita in 2005 by Pope John Paul II, Bishop Jackels will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Saturday Mass. Prior to leading the Diocese of Wichita, he worked for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome for eight years under Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy from St. Pius X Seminary, a M.A. in Theology from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, and a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome. He was named a Prelate of Honor by Pope John Paul II in 1994.

Additional Weekend Offerings: Daily Mass • Confessions • Rosary • Adoration • Divine Mercy Chaplet

Outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction



Rev. Benjamin Sawyer
Having been involved in the Conference for a number of years, Fr. Sawyer is in his first year as Spiritual Director. He will lead the outdoor Eucharistic Procession, Benediction and Night Prayer Saturday evening. A priest of the Wichita Diocese, he currently is associate pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Wichita.

Respectful dress requested:
We ask that you dress up for the Lord, particularly for Mass. Clean, comfortable but not clinging is desirable. Clothes reflect attitude. Attitude dictates behavior.

Outstanding Speakers...

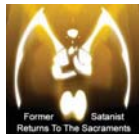
For complete Speaker Schedule, see our website:
www.catholicfamilyconference.org
(Due to unforeseen circumstances, speakers may be subject to change.)



Abby Johnson
Abby Johnson had been a pro-choice advocate since college. She worked and volunteered for Planned Parenthood for eight years, until in 2009 she was asked to assist in an abortion procedure. What she saw forever changed her mind on the issue of abortion. Her New York Times best-selling book, *Unplanned*, exposes the reality of abortion as she witnessed it. She has appeared on national television and travels the world witnessing for the pro-life movement. She recently spoke to the U.S. House of Representatives in support of defunding Planned Parenthood.

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Betty Brennan
Once a Satanist, this cradle Catholic returned to the true Church and now makes it her mission to expose the evil in the world. As an ordinary lay woman and mother, Brennan teaches how to recognize the devil and protect your loved ones from his influences.



Rev. Joseph Fessio, SJ
A friend and former student of Pope Benedict XVI (then Professor Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger), Fr. Fessio is the founder and editor of Ignatius Press, a Catholic publishing company whose catalog of publications includes the works of Pope Benedict and Catholic World Report. He recently launched an international college credit program for high school students and homeschoolers.



Rick Sarkisian
Raised in the farming communities of California, Sarkisian founded Valley Rehabilitation Services in 1976 to foster vocational guidance. Sarkisian encourages a deep understanding of God's design for our lives through his renowned "Lifework" series of books and videos, and promotes a devotion to St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of Workers.



Martha Fernandez-Sardina
Current Director of the Office of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas, Fernandez-Sardina writes two columns for Today's Catholic and also produces and hosts a series on Catholic Television of San Antonio. She has 20-plus years of experience with developing training and outreach programs.



Tim Staples
Director of Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers, Staples was a convert to Catholicism after a fellow Marine set him on a course to prove Catholicism wrong. He left the seminary to embark on a career in apologetics and Catholic evangelization. He engages his audiences with humor and enthusiasm for the faith.



Sister Mary Eucharista, SMMC
This Marian sister taught high school theology, literature, drama and Western Civilization for 23 years. She helped establish a new community, the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, in Spokane, Washington, and is now Director of Programs at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center while she pursues a master's degree in Philosophy.



Susan Tassone
Tassone founded the Holy Souls Apostolate in 1993 to champion the plight of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and has raised over \$2 million in Mass stipends. Pope John Paul II bestowed an apostolic blessing on her endeavors in behalf of souls. She has authored five best-selling books on Purgatory and is a frequent guest on radio and television shows.



Vinny Flynn
Known as "the man who sings the Divine Mercy Chaplet on EWTN", Flynn was a teacher and counselor for 14 years and currently directs MercySong, a family-based ministry that leads others to a personal experience of God's healing through music, writing, counseling and prayer. His book, *Seven Secrets of the Eucharist*, has been a top ten best seller for Ignatius Press.



Dr. Ray Guarendi
Author of *You're a Better Parent Than You Think!*, now in its 25th printing, Dr. Guarendi is a child psychologist with 10 adopted children of his own. He writes a syndicated column on parenting and is the host of the radio program "The Doctor Is In."

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WEEKEND PRESENTATIONS

Betty Brennan: • *Who Is Jesus Christ to You?* • *The Love and Care of the Trinity* *
Sr. Mary Eucharista, SMMC: • *The Church as Mystery*
Martha Fernandez-Sardina: • *Lord, If It Is You, Command Me to Come to You on the Water • Holy, Lord! Me, a Saint?!* • *Who Says I Need To Be a Saint?* * • *If You Could Do It All Over Again...* *
Rev. Joseph Fessio, SJ: • *Will the New Missal Translations Make Any Difference? - Is a Campus Worth the Extra \$100,000?*
Vinny Flynn: • *Healing and Holiness* • *The Seven Secrets of the Eucharist* • *Embracing the Blessings* *
Eric Genius: • *A Concert of Hope*
Dr. Ray Guarendi: • *Why Be Catholic?* • *Big Discipline Mistakes* • *Is the Eucharist Really Jesus?* *
Abby Johnson: • *Unplanned - Abby's Story*
Rick Sarkisian: • *The Gift of the Present Moment in Discovering Our Life-Purpose* • *St. Joseph and the Path to Interior Freedom, Peace and Happiness* • *Every Life Has a Purpose. What's Yours?* *
Tim Staples: • *The Fatal Flaw* • *Defending Your Faith* • *The Gift of Miracles* * • *Now That We Are Catholic* *
Susan Tassone: • *The Burning Truth About Purgatory* • *A Guide to Saving Grace: Healing the Family Tree Through the Holy Souls* • *BFF - How to Prepare to Meet the King* *
Theater of the Word: • *The Great Adventure* • *The Body of Christ* * • *The Call* *
* Denotes Talk Titles for High School and Jr. High Programs

Programs for all ages...



Rev. John Lanzrath
Chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, Fr. John Lanzrath, will serve as moderator for the Speakers Panel. He has been involved with the Conference many years while serving the Diocese in various capacities. Ordained in 1988, Fr. Lanzrath earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Rome's Gregorian University, and while in Rome was spiritual director to Mother Theresa of Calcutta.



Rev. Aaron Spexarth
Fr. Spexarth will serve as emcee for the High School Program. Fr. Spexarth is Master of Ceremonies and Priest Moderator of Totus Tuus for the Wichita Diocese, as well as Chaplain and teacher at Kapaun Mount Carmel High School, where he received the New Teacher Award in 2010. A priest in residence at Wichita's Church of the Magdalen, he holds a Master's Degree in Divinity and Theology.



Br. Conrad Richardson, FBP
A Franciscan Brother of Peace from St. Paul, Minnesota, Br. Conrad strives to live in the fullness of the Christian Faith through the enlightenment of the Magisterium, Sacred Scripture and the Church's tradition through the example of the order's inspiration, St. Francis of Assisi. He will be the emcee for the Junior High Program Boys' sessions.



Br. Leopold d'Yvedebavay, CSJ
A member of the Community of St. John, one of the fastest growing religious orders in the Catholic Church, Br. Leopold will lead the Children's Program's Eucharistic Adoration. Currently living at the Brothers' priory in Monterey, Mexico, he travels the world with "Children of Hope," the program started by his community designed to teach children to adore Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.



Sr. Maria Paschalis, SHC
Sr. Maria Paschalis of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Detroit, Michigan, will serve as emcee for the Junior High Program Girls' sessions.



Sisters of the Holy Cross
An international, semi-contemplative institute of consecrated life, The Sisters of the Holy Cross is aggregated to the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross, priests of the same religious family, and also is affiliated with Opus Sanctorum Angelorum. By a life of total self-offering to God, the Sisters dedicate themselves to prayer and active work on behalf of the sanctification of the priestly and religious state. They will assist in the Children's Program.



Sisters of St. John
Members of the Community of St. John, the Apostolic Sisters desire to live by the spirit of the "beloved disciple", Saint John, the apostle and evangelist, and seek to witness to Christ's two-fold commandment of love. For this reason, they strive to unite contemplative prayer and evangelization while living in fraternal communities. The Sisters of St. John will assist in the Children's Program.

Adult Program

The adult program takes place in two concurrent sessions, one in Convention Hall and the other in Expo Hall. Most talks will be recorded and all talks will be available at the Conference, either at the St. Joseph Communications booth or the speaker's booth.

Young Adult Program

Join other young adults ages 18-39 Friday night of the conference for a gathering including food and drink. Participants will have a chance to enter their names for door prizes, and will receive more details about the weekend's events. The Young Adult Program is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Wichita's Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries.

High School Program (Grades 9-12)

Have you ever wondered how God is calling you to serve him? How do you hear His call? If you do hear it, how do you answer it? Our speakers help you answer these questions and many more about God's unique purpose for your life. Fr. Aaron Spexarth, our emcee, challenges you and offers a big surprise for you in which to participate. So, come get the 411 on what we have planned for you in the High School Program.

Junior High Program (Grades 6-8)

Christ asked the apostles to be "Fishers of Men". How about you? What is God calling you to do? You will have an opportunity to look in the mirror to see yourself as a religious person and ask questions of our vocation panel. Then answer questions and test your knowledge by competing in the Super "Catholic Fish" Bowl. The guys and gals will be together in the mornings, but will separate in the afternoons for their own programs.

Children's Program (3-6 years old, 7-8 years old and 9-10 years old)

Children are divided into groups by age and will participate in age-appropriate catechesis. Jesus' Apostles were His friends and friendship is a big part of the Children's Program. Religious sisters are leaders in each room and will talk to the children about how they are friends of Jesus. Older children will participate in Eucharistic Adoration so they can spend time with Jesus. All children who have received their First Holy Communion this year are invited to participate in the Eucharistic Procession, closest to the Blessed Sacrament in the formation. Girls should wear their First Communion dress and boys should wear their First Communion suits. Cassocks for boys will be available on a limited basis. Please indicate at registration that you want your child to participate in the Procession so we can provide you with necessary details. Safety concerns prevent conference personnel from changing diapers or administering snacks or medication. Please note name and age of children on the registration form. Openings are filled on a first-come basis.

Special Needs Children

The Office of Ministry with Persons with Disabilities of the Wichita Diocese will coordinate the Special Needs Program for children. Pre-registration is required in order to accommodate needs appropriately. Please call 316-618-9787 or print a copy of the Special Needs Form from the Conference website - www.catholicfamilyconference.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

Draw strength, consolation and support from His presence. Feel the infinite love present in His heart in the Holy Eucharist. The Adoration Chapel will be available for private prayer. Brother Leopold d'Yvedebavay, C.S.J., will lead the children, junior high and high school in Adoration at scheduled times. Adults are welcome at all times.



Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church
Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church is a community living authentic consecrated life through vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. Inspired by the example of our Blessed Mother and united with her spirit, the Sisters find strength and inspiration in contemplative prayer, especially before the Holy Eucharist. They will assist in the Children's Program.



Olivetian Benedictine Sisters
The Olivetan Benedictine Sisters are a community of monastic women who seek God through prayer and work in the Olivetan Benedictine tradition. Accordingly, they proclaim Jesus Christ and the Gospel message through their service to each other in community, hospitality, health care, education and other apostolic works. The 'Jonesboro Benedictines' will assist in the Children's Program.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5: Registration begins 4:00 p.m. • Conference: 5:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6: Registration begins 7:00 a.m. • Conference: 8:30 a.m.–10:00 p.m. • Children's Program 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. • Confessions available: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7: Registration begins 7:00 a.m. • Conference: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • Children's Program 8:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m.

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