



First Wednesday Men's Lunch

FEBRUARY 6 AT NOON

Speaker: Ian Murphy

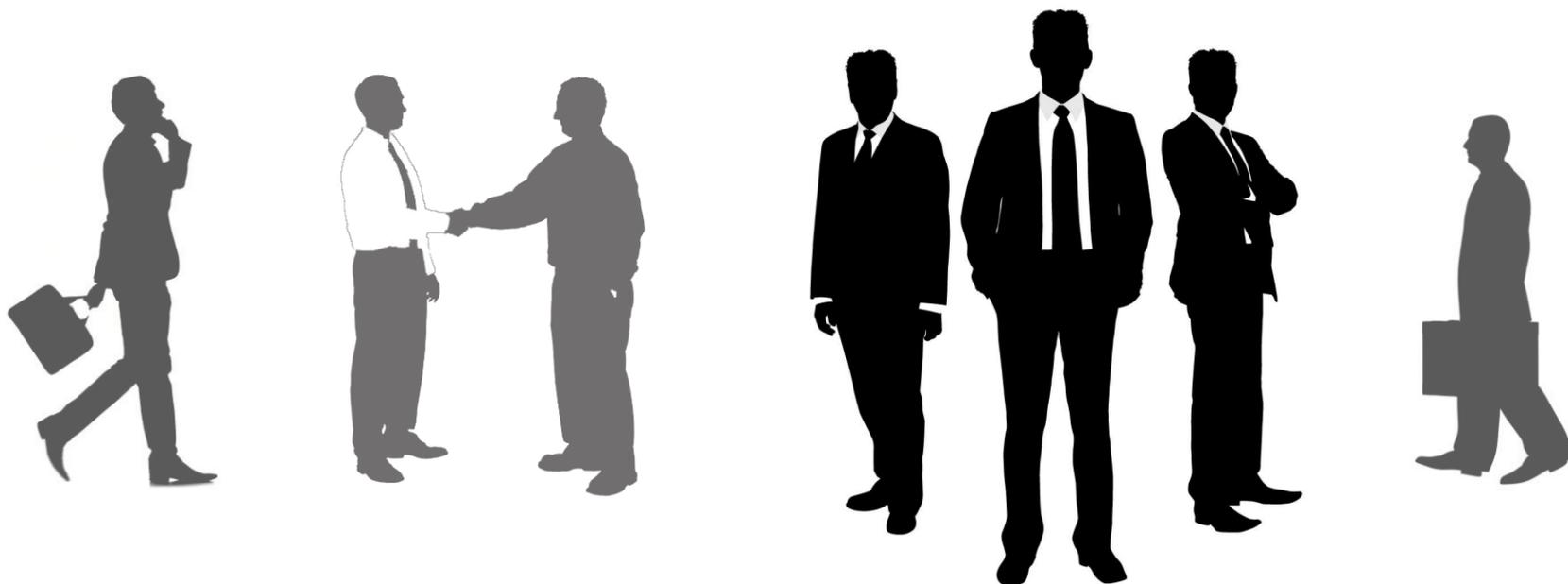
St. Philip's Church Parish House
corner of Church & Cumberland



Dr. Ian Murphy has had a stirring journey into Christianity. Formerly gripped by fears and doubts about the existence of God, life after death, and the meaning of life, he experienced a miraculous and palpable encounter with the reality of the spiritual realm that initially led him to Christ. His heartfelt ministry to reach other doubting Thomases with the Gospel unexpectedly rocketed to public attention when the censorship of his valedictorian speech about Jesus made headlines nationwide, inspiring a congressional law from the desk of Pennsylvania senator Arlen Specter. This momentum landed Ian into the position of head pastor at a Baptist church in Texas, where his ministry remained centered until his decision to enter the Catholic Church. Shifting career direction, Ian completed his Ph.D. in theology at Duquesne University with a dissertation on the New Evangelization. He became a professor of world religions and theology, while his ministry continued through regular appearances on the Familyland Television Network, as well as three seasons hosting his own radio broadcast on 105.1 FM out of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

In July of 2014, Ian delivered his conversion story as a keynote address to the Defending the Faith Conference held at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, with an introduction by theologian Dr. Scott Hahn, who designated Ian a Senior Fellow of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. And in August 2014, Ian co-hosted the 3rd annual Catholic Answers Conference in Glenwood, MN, along with Patrick Coffin, the longtime host of Catholic Answers Live. Ian appeared as Marcus Grodi's guest on the Journey Home program, which aired on EWTN on February 9th, 2015, and he has also been featured on Sirius XM Satellite Radio's The Catholic Channel. He appeared on the program Franciscan University Presents for the 2017 Lenten season.

In addition to working as a full-time professor at Rosemont College, Ian has taught courses in world religions, comparative religious studies, Church history, ethics, Christian spirituality, and Biblical studies across a variety of universities, including Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Penn State, and Duquesne. He has authored several manuscripts pending publication, and he has already published both installments of a two-part series about consecration. His personal testimony of Christian conversion is in the editorial process, with a forthcoming publication by Ignatius Press. Ian currently resides in Goose Creek, SC, with his wife, Rachel. He serves as a professor on faculty at Divine Mercy University, and he continues to travel around the country in his speaking ministry.



Buffet lunch served

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