

SAVE THE DATE · OCTOBER 29, 2022



"See you in the Eucharist: Evangelization Post Pandemic"

Saturday October 29, 2022

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

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Preview of the Day

**8:30 am Mass and Welcome
Bishop James F. Checchio**

- Hospitality
- Keynote Address presented by Fr. Paul Manning

The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. May this Eucharistic Revival enable all of us to deepen our commitment to a life of discipleship that is sustained and nourished by a deeper devotion to the Eucharist, which Jesus said is, "my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

Online Registration & Event Details

<http://diometuchen.org/catechetical-conference>

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Keynote Speaker Fr. Paul Manning

Ordained in 1985 for the Diocese of Paterson, Fr. Manning was appointed Vicar for Evangelization and Executive Director of St. Paul Inside the Walls by Bishop Emirates Serratelli in June of 2012. His vocation was nurtured, as the eighth of ten children, in the faithful home of his large family, and was discovered while studying wildlife management at Virginia Tech. After completing undergraduate studies in philosophy, he earned an S.T.B. and M. Div. at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. His assignments since then have included ministry as a parochial vicar and pastor. As diocesan vocation director for ten years, he worked with men and women in discernment and formation. He served in the field of education for nineteen years as chaplain, theology teacher, president of a Catholic high school, and Vicar for Education. Fr. Manning is excited to be engaged in the ministry of the New Evangelization. Convinced that God reveals himself in truth, goodness and beauty, and most especially in a relationship with Jesus, the Lord, he feels blessed to be living and working at St. Paul Inside the Walls, the Catholic Center for Evangelization of the Diocese of Paterson.

THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN'S Catechetical Conference 2022 Workshops & Facilitators

Workshop #1

Say the Word and My Soul Shall be healed

Facilitator: Matthew DeCaux

"Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed." This presentation is geared towards discussing the importance of the Eucharist and coming out of the pandemic and the need to receive Holy Communion. This presentation will provide a great insight into the Eucharist for all those attending.

Matthew is the Regional Catechetical Consultant for Loyola Press. He has worked and volunteered in the catechetical field for many years. He has been a PCL and catechist in the Arch-Diocese of Newark. Matt has faithfully served our diocese well.

Workshop #2

FRONT AND CENTER: Connecting a generation that likes to serve with the Eucharist as Source and Summit

Facilitator: Kevin Dowd

Sponsored by PFLAUM Kevin will draw on his experiences working with youth and college students to suggest that evangelization works best when we pay attention to this generation's commitment to justice, service, equality, human rights and dignity. This is most fruitful, though, when we make explicit the link between our good works and our participation in the Eucharist. Without it, we have helped to form humanitarians, perhaps, but not Christians. A specific way of making this link will be presented.

Kevin Dowd, is a Doctor in theology and education at Boston College, worked under the advisement of Thomas H. Groome. He has taught in Catholic schools in both MA and NY. A graduate of Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, Kevin volunteered for two years with the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries center in Garrison, New York. He earned his master's in education from the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College in 2008. His research interests include religion and public education, inter-religious dialogue, and bullying in the schools.

Workshop #3

A Call to Prophetic Discipleship... Evangelization and Catechesis in a COVID Ridden World

Facilitator: Fr. John Hurley

Sponsored by Sadlier Publications, Fr. John, will explore evangelization and catechesis in our contemporary world given the complexities in life today. It is time to reflect on what we have learned or not learned in these challenging times as we strive to carry out the mission entrusted to us by the Teacher.

Paulist Father John Hurley founded the Paulist Center for Catholic Evangelization in Portland, Oregon, and was pastor in many parishes across the country. He has also taken the Paulist charism to serve the Church across the United States and beyond. He is the former Executive Director for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops'

Secretariat for Evangelization, where he served for almost nine years, the National Pastoral Life Center in New York City and from 2010-2014, the newly established Department of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Workshop #4

Catequesis, Presente y Futuro de la Iglesia

Facilitador: Padre Yojaneider Garcia

El Padre Yojan compartirá su visión y deseo por contribuir a la renovación de la catequesis, invitándonos a ser parte del momento primaveral de la Iglesia que brota del encuentro con Jesús, y de una formación integral en la fe que asegure el presente y el futuro de la Iglesia; empoderando líderes para la iglesia, ofreciendo buena formación y comprensión de la magnífica vocación y ministerio del catequista.

El Padre Yojaneider García es es Director de la Oficina de Catequesis y Formación en la Fe de la Diócesis de Paterson con residencia en St. Vincent Martyr, Madison. Tiene dos maestrías, una en Sagrada Escritura y otra en Catequesis. Padre Yojan trabajó para el Instituto Catequético de la Universidad Franciscana de Steubenville, Ohio. Es miembro de la Comunidad Nacional de Líderes Catequéticos (NCCL) y de la Federación para la Catequesis con Hispanos (FCH). Representó a la Universidad Franciscana con el proyecto Formando Líderes para la Iglesia, siendo seleccionado como la mejor práctica catequética para la formación de líderes, en el Congreso Internacional de Catequesis 2021 en Chile, coordinado por la Universidad Finis Terrae

Workshop #5

Rooted: Theology of the Body

Facilitator: Robin Kannovin

Robin is sponsored by Ruah Woods Press where she serves as a consultant and sales representative. She will discuss the richness of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body curriculum and how Ruah Woods has intertwined TOB into a beautiful K-12 program. One of the most important things that we, as catechists, can communicate to our students is a wonder and awe at the goodness of creation. It is the hope that this program will bring the gift bearing fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity.

Workshop #6

Move, Play, Sing!

Facilitator: Katie Riley

This session is ideal for catechists/teachers at all levels – beginner, intermediates, and those with tons of experience! Especially in these post pandemic years, catechists/teachers are tired and burned out – so are the children and families we serve. This session will support, re-energize, and give hope for all of the goodness yet to come in ministry...and recognize all of the hard work they have done to keep the mission moving forward. But in

the end even more important than the songs and the movements and the activities experienced, this session will encourage attendees to rediscover what it feels like to come to Jesus as a child remembering that we are not only ministering to children, but that WE OURSELVES are children of God, too. Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor, **Katie** is the Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry at Saints Peter & Paul in Hoboken and a special projects consultant for Our Sunday Visitor. Her ministry brings the people of God back to basics-connecting with the Holy Spirit through breath, uncovering joy in the small things exploring creative expression, and experiencing God through the eyes of a child because that's who we are-children of God! Katie's ministry experience runs the gamut-but she is especially known for her gifts of music, communication, and storytelling. Her dynamic family programs have served thousands of children and families!

Workshop #7 A Promising Solution

Facilitator: Deidre Nemeth

In response to the present-day challenge of a diminished faith among Catholics, there is a new Mass-centered Family Faith Formation program taking root in parishes, that presents a promising solution to renewing the Catholic faith life among families. This innovative approach to Religious Education moves beyond a sole reliance on the classroom model for children and teens and brings the entire family, parents, and their children, into both learning and sacramentally living the Catholic faith, inclusive of attending Mass. Participants will learn, how to incorporate the following three core components into the structure of Faith Formation that appeals to and engages the entire family. Deirdre, will present the development, religious foundations, and practical applications of this Christ-centered program.

Deirdre has been a Director of Faith Formation for over 12 years in the Diocese of Paterson. Deirdre authored a book titled "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: A Family Faith Formation Program for the New Evangelization." Bishop Emeritus Serratelli, of Patterson, wrote the forward for the book, describing it "as one of the most successful new approaches of our times." And, on August 19, 2022 Patterson Bishop Sweeney gave her book the Imprimatur.

Workshop #8 Espiritualidad y Perspectiva Profética del Catequista

Facilitador Padre Father Juan C. Gaviria

El Padre Juan Carlos Gaviria reflexionará sobre la respuesta del catequista al llamado que le ha hecho Dios, de hablar en Su nombre. Ser catequista es una vocación, una misión, un desafío que implica grandes responsabilidades, especialmente la de explicar y vivir la verdad sobre Jesús. Todo catequista debe comprender que requiere una formación permanente e integral para responder al llamado del Señor. El catequista está llamado a ser santo y a convertirse en discípulo del Señor Jesucristo. Sólo a través de un encuentro personal con el Señor, el catequista puede construir una espiritualidad sólida para liderar a otros a un

mejor conocimiento de Cristo y darlo a conocer.

El Padre Juan C. Gaviria es sacerdote Católico que sirve en la Diócesis de Metuchen. Actualmente es el administrador parroquial, en la iglesia St James the Less en Jamesburg, NJ. Trabajó durante 6 años como Director Asociado del Departamento de Evangelización y Catequesis de la Diócesis de Oakland, Ca. Además, se ha desempeñado como Coordinador de Formación de Laios Hispanos para la Diócesis de Metuchen. Padre Juan tiene un título universitario en Periodismo y Comunicaciones de la Universidad de Antioquia en Medellín, así como una Maestría en Divinidad de St Mary's Seminary and University en Baltimore, MD.

Workshop #9 How do I bring the Eucharistic Revival into the Classroom as a PCL, Catechist or Teacher

Facilitator: Coleen D'Amato

Looking for practical ways to bring the Eucharistic revival to the hearts of your students or your whole program? Join me for creative and tangible ways to do just that!

Coleen D'Amato is a lay evangelist who has served as a parish catechetical leader for the last 15 years and is currently serving at Immaculate Conception in Annandale. Her experience is broad; she has led traditional weekly programs, condensed model family programs and summer programs. Additionally she has 12 years' experience as an adult Bible study facilitator, children's choir Director, and co-created a children's theatrical ministry.

Workshop #10 Bringing the New Evangelization into our Classrooms

Facilitator: Laurel Marchesini

Sponsored by Sadlier this workshop will help catechetical leaders, catechists and Catholic school teachers learn about a host of tools that are available to help them bring the New Evangelization into their religious formation sessions and classrooms. Engaging your students in the classroom will ignite a fire in their hearts and get them excited about their faith. Come learn how easy it is to incorporate exciting activities into lessons and to enhance and supplement your lesson plans.

Laurel Marchesini is currently a Sales Representative for William H. Sadlier Publishing. Prior to joining Sadlier, Laurel served for 7 years as the Parish Catechetical Leader and Director of Evangelization at Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale, NJ, and as the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation at St. Joseph Church in Somers Point, NJ in the Diocese of Camden. While in those positions she conducted many training workshops Laurel is a trained facilitator in Virtus: Protecting God's Children and is a certified PCL. Laurel also spent several years in marketing and training for Marriott Corporation, and in pharmaceutical sales for Marion Merrell Dow. She and her husband, Art, have 4 grown children and live in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ.

ONLINE REGISTRATION is available and preferred

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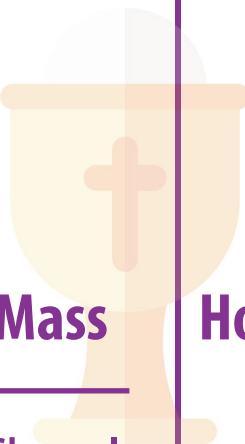


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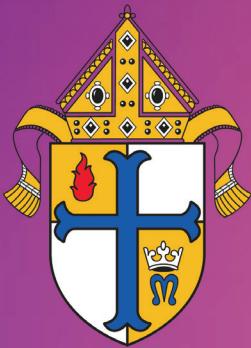
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Schedule FOR THE DAY

Choose one workshop from each time period.

| 8:30 | 9:30 - 10:15 | 10:15 - 11:30 | 11:30 - 12:30 | 12:45 - 2:00 | 2:15 - 3:30 |
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|  Mass Chapel | Hospitality Dining Room | Keynote Bakhita Hall | Lunch & Exhibits | DeCaux Workshop #1 | Riley Workshop #6 |
| | | | | Dowd Workshop #2 | Nemeth Workshop #7 |
| | | | | Hurley Workshop #3 | Gaviria Workshop #8 |
| | | | | Garcia Workshop #4 | D'Amato Workshop #9 |
| | | | | Kannovin Workshop #5 | Marchesini Workshop #10 |

For more information, or to download copies of this brochure, please go to <https://diometuchen.org/catechetical-conference> Or contact 732 529-7930 or discipleship.formation@diometuchen.org



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8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (home): _____ **(cell):** _____

Email: _____

Parish / School: _____

First Workshop: _____ **Second Workshop:** _____

**Please choose one workshop from each time period. See conference schedule.
Please note: Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.**

Registration Notes:

- Our facility is handicapped accessible.
- Morning hospitality and lunch are included. Although we do our best, we cannot guarantee that the food we serve will meet all dietary needs, so refrigeration is available for those who must bring personalized, well-marked food.
- All participants will receive confirmation/schedule by mail or email (time permitting) prior to the Conference.
- For group registrations, please include a separate registration form for each person (completed as indicated). The registration check may be combined.
- Sorry, no refunds.
- Any questions? Any way we can help? Special requests? Please call 732-529-7930

Registration Deadline — October 20, 2022

Cost is \$45/person; \$40/groups of 5-9; \$35/groups of 10 or more

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