


Villanova
University

Courage is happy to return to Villanova this summer, as we celebrate our 30th annual conference, our 38th year of ministry, and our founding director's 100th birthday!

Villanova University began in Philadelphia with a foundation established at St. Augustine Church in 1796 and with the founding of St. Augustine Academy in 1811. In 1842, the Order of St. Augustine established the Augustinian College of Villanova outside Philadelphia in a town that later took its name from the school. The college was named for St. Thomas of Villanova, a 16th-century bishop from Valencia, Spain.



Thursday, July 12

2:00 — 4:30 pmRegistration

5:00 — 6:00 pmCelebration of Mass
Most Rev. Charles Chaput, OFM Cap.,
Archbishop of Philadelphia

6:00 — 7:30 pmDinner

7:45 — 9:00 pmKeynote Address:
Fr. John Harvey, OSFS: Priest & Pioneer
Fr. Paul N. Check

9:00 — 9:45 pmWelcome for First-Time Attendees
Courage Staff

9:00 — 10:30 pmHealing Prayer Service
(with private Confession)

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, July 13

7:00 — 7:30 amMisa en Español

7:00 — 9:00 amBreakfast

9:15 — 9:25 amState of the Apostolate
Fr. Philip Bochanski

9:30 — 10:30 amThe Spiritual Fatherhood of
Fr. John Harvey, OSFS
Fr. Gerald Murray

11:00 — 11:45 amCelebration of Mass
Most Rev. David Konderla,
Bishop of Tulsa

12:15 — 1:15 pmTwo Sessions:
Men: Into the Breach
Most Rev. Thomas Olmsted,
Bishop of Phoenix
Women: Living Hope
Johnnette Benkovic,
Women of Grace

1:45 — 2:45 pmLunch

3:00 — 4:15 pmGroup Meetings:
Courage Track
Courage Men
Courage Women
EnCourage Track
EnCourage General
EnCourage Spouses

4:30 — 5:30 pmThe Wow & the Woe of the Psalms
Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM

5:30 — 7:00 pmDinner

7:30 — 8:45 pmSalesian Spirituality:
A Path of Holiness for All
Fr. Thomas Dailey, OSFS

9:30 — 6:45 amEucharistic Adoration
(all night, opening with Rosary)

Saturday, July 14

6:45 — 7:00 amBenediction

7:00 — 7:30 amMisa en Español

7:00 — 9:00 amBreakfast

9:15 — 10:30 amCharity and Clarity:
Enduring Fruit of Spiritual Direction
Fr. Christopher Rogers

Saturday, July 14 - continued

11:00 — 11:45 amCelebration of Mass
Most Rev. Michael J. Fitzgerald
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

12:00 — 1:00 pmAnger and Forgiveness in
Family Life and Friendships
Dr. Richard Fitzgibbons

1:15 — 2:15 pmLunch

3:00 — 4:30 pmBreakout Sessions
The Benefits of Courage - John H.
Sports Camp Intro - Darryl P.
EnCourage Parents/Courage Men - TBD
EnCourage Parents/Courage Women - Yvonne M.
Group Leaders Meeting - Fr. Philip Bochanski
Fighting Porn in Our Culture...and Winning! -
Dr. Peter Kleponis

4:30 — 5:25 pmFree Time

5:30 — 6:30 pmDinner

7:30 — 9:00 pmA Profile in Courage
Panel Discussion
Christine D., Fr. James Lloyd, Fr. Don Timone

9:15 — 11:00 pmCelebration of
Fr. John Harvey's 100th Birthday

Sunday, July 15

7:00 — 7:30 amMisa en Español

7:45 — 8:45 amBreakfast

9:15 — 10:45 amDiscernment in the Service
of Friendship
Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ,

10:30 — 11:30 amLiving Jesus,
Faithful to Our Mission
Fr. Philip Bochanski

11:50 — 12:00 pmMemorial for
Deceased Courage Members and Chaplains

12:00 — 1:00 pmCelebration of Mass
Most Rev. Mark Seitz,
Bishop of El Paso

1:15 — 2:15 pmLunch

Celebrating Fr. Harvey's
Centennial Year

This is a special year for Courage International, as we celebrate the 100th birthday of our founding director Fr. John F. Harvey, OSFS, who was born on April 14, 1918, in Philadelphia, PA. Father started the Courage apostolate in New York City in 1980, upon the invitation and inspiration of Servant of God Terence Cardinal Cooke, and was recommended for this ministry by the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.

As a faithful Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, Father Harvey imitated the character and spirituality of his order's founder in his gentleness, integrity, and love for the laity. St. Francis de Sales came to be known as a *Gentleman Saint* and a *Doctor of Charity*, and we believe the same can be said of Fr. Harvey who modeled both integrity and compassion in his service to the Church and in his treatment of others.

Father always kept the Courage apostolate at the center of his heart, seeing it as an essential ministry of the Church through which the Holy Spirit was especially meeting the spiritual needs of persons with same-sex attraction. He guarded the principles of Courage carefully, viewing chapter meetings as safe and sacred places in which Courage members could freely and confidentially share from the heart, united in their commitment to the goals of chastity, prayer, fellowship, support, and good example.

We are happy to especially remember and celebrate our dear founder at this year's conference, as we listen to talks in his honor and share anecdotes of our personal experiences with him. As a new generation of Courage members make their spiritual home in this apostolate and become part of the larger Courage family, we pray that we can pass on the spirit and mission of our founder, through our faithful and joyful remembrance of him.



Drawing by T.K.,
EnCourage member

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS & MASS CELEBRANTS



Johnnette S. Benkovic is Founder and President of Living His Life Abundantly® International, Inc., a Catholic evangelization apostolate with outreaches in television, radio, print, and internet communications. She is also Founder of Women of Grace®, a Catholic apostolate for Christian women.



Fr. Philip Bochanski received his MA in theology from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, and was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1999. He was appointed Associate Director of Courage International in 2015, and in January 2017, he was named Executive Director.



Bishop Peter J. Byrne studied at St. Joseph's Seminary and was ordained in 1984. He was named Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York by Pope Francis on June 14, 2014. He is co-vicar for the Hispanic Apostolate and has oversight over pro-life activities, youth, and the missions.



Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap. was installed as 13th bishop and 9th archbishop of Philadelphia on September 8, 2011, by Pope Benedict XVI. In 2015, he hosted the World Meeting of Families and visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia. He participated in the 2015 Synod of Bishops on the Family in Rome.



Fr. Paul N. Check (Diocese of Bridgeport) holds an STB and an STL from universities in Rome. Father served as Executive Director of Courage International from 2008 through 2016. He was assigned rector of the St John Fisher Seminary in the Diocese of Bridgeport, effective January 2017.



Fr. Thomas F. Dailey, OSFS, earned a doctoral degree in sacred theology (S.T.D.) from the Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome). He has lectured internationally and he has written, edited or translated nine books - among which is a festschrift for Fr. John Harvey, OSFS.



Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald is the Titular Bishop of Tamallula and Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Philadelphia. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 17, 1980, and received his consecration as Bishop on August 6, 2010, from Cardinal Justin Francis Rigali.



FAITHFUL TO A MISSION
*Celebrating the Centennial of
the Birth of our Founder*
FR. JOHN F. HARVEY, OSFS
1918 • April 14 • 2018



Sr. J. Sheila Galligan, IHM, is currently a professor in the Department of Theology at Immaculata University. Sister completed her doctoral work (S.T.D.) at the University of St. Thomas (Angelicum), Rome, focusing on the writings of C.S. Lewis. She has published articles in various journals.



Dr. Peter Kleponis is a Licensed Clinical Therapist. He is Assistant Director of Comprehensive Counseling Services in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, and founder of the successful *Integrity Starts Here!* recovery program for pornography addiction.



Bishop David Konderla was ordained a priest in 1995 and was appointed the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Tulsa by Pope Francis on May 13, 2016. He has served as the director of the Project Rachel retreats and as a chaplain for the Courage Apostolate at Texas A&M University.



Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ, is a member of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus. A professor of philosophy and theology, he has lectured in North and Central America, Europe and Asia and is known for his classes in both rhetoric and medical ethics.



Fr. Gerald Murray was ordained a priest on December 1, 1984, after completing studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, New York. He was awarded a Doctorate in Canon Law in 1998 and has appeared as a commentator on religious topics on EWTN, Fox News, and MSNBC.



Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska, July 2, 1973. He was installed as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix on December 20, 2003. Since 1974, Bishop Olmsted has been a member of the Jesus Caritas fraternity of priests.



Fr. Christopher Rogers, a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Kennett Square and Chaplain for Courage in the Archdiocese. A proud son, brother, uncle and Philadelphia Sports Fan, he is honored to present at the Courage Conference.



Bishop Mark Seitz was appointed the Bishop of El Paso, Texas, on May 6, 2013, by Pope Francis. He was previously appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas by Pope Benedict XVI on March 11, 2010. Bishop Seitz has been a member of the Courage International Episcopal Board since 2015.

TO REGISTER

Please register online at:

<https://www.regonline.com/courageconference2018>

Full Conference Package..... \$400.00 per person
Includes overnight accommodations (3 nights) and all meals from Thursday dinner to Sunday lunch inclusive.

Commuter Package.....Thursday: \$75.00
Includes meals. Friday: \$100.00
Saturday: \$100.00
Sunday: \$55.00

Clergy Track (only)..... **no charge**
Special program on Wednesday, July 11. Includes lunch. Free-will offerings gratefully accepted. Lodging may be arranged at the participant's expense.
See online registration for clergy track accommodation options plus full conference rates.

All prices quoted in U.S. Dollars.
Registration deadline is June 30.

Full information on accommodations, transportation options, driving directions, parking permits, etc. can be found online at:
<https://couragec.org/event/courageconference2018/>

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