

2022 North Texas Catholic Men's Conference

"Perseverance in Faith"



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Welcome brothers to the 11th annual North Texas Catholic Brothers spring conference! So happy to see you again!

This year's conference theme is "Perseverance in Faith." With the turmoil, political and social unrest, inflation and uncertainty, and the unjust war in Eastern Europe, we need to cling to our faith to guide our families and communities as spiritual leaders.

Today's conference will provide a day of faith-filled activities, resources, and presentations by speakers that will inspire you to take an active leadership role.

Over the years, we have been blessed by the presence of thousands of men who have traveled long distances for the opportunity to hear inspired speakers discuss issues facing Catholic men today. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we have encountered Jesus in our midst as individuals from over 130 parishes participating in Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, confession, Mass, and authentic fellowship.

Today's conference is hosted by Father Edwin Leonard and the amazing staff and

people of St. Ann Catholic Parish here in Coppell. They have been so gracious and welcoming to our ministry. We are honored to be here today!

I pray this year's conference will inspire you to continue your growth as Christian men in your roles as sons, husbands, fathers, workers, and businesspeople by focusing on ways to encounter Christ daily. We know today's speakers will provide ideas to more fully live the life that Christ calls us to live with joy, faith, and courage.

We are grateful to the men and women who have helped us put on our conference year after year. That reputation has provided an ability to share the best Catholic speakers in the country each year.

Special thanks go to Joe Jurich and Allie Moroney for contributing their time and talent to redesign our ministry website, which can be found at www.CatholicBrotherforChrist.com to stay informed about our ministry.

Our leadership team, made up of men from churches in both the Dallas and Fort Worth Diocese of Dallas, knows the presence of the Holy Spirit will be felt throughout the day.

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Introducing Our Conference Speakers and Emcee

Our mission is to motivate all Catholic men to commit to building the Body of Christ by uniting as brothers, witnessing the Gospel in all areas of our lives, and facilitating faith-building programs in our community. We are glad you can join us to experience faithful, dedicated, dynamic Catholic speakers and experience a day filled with personal reflection, prayer, worship and music of our talented musicians.

Each of our speakers is renowned for his unique, motivational, Holy Spirit-filled message that will help you stand firm in Christ and help you strengthen your brothers! As you open your mind and heart, we pray you will experience the mercy and peace of Christ. We are blessed again this year to have Dave Palmer of KATH 910-AM Radio as our emcee. More information about our speakers and their presentations begin on page three. Enjoy the conference!



Fr. Edwin Leonard



Ennie Hickman



Terry Barber



Dave Moore



Dave Palmer

Conference Time Schedule

7AM	Registration
8AM	Mass in Church
8:45AM	Dave Moore Music/Break
9AM	Invocation and colors
9:05AM	Welcome
9:15AM	Father Edwin Leonard
9:45AM	Break and Praise and Worship
10AM	Dave Moore Music
10:20AM	Terry Barber
11:10AM	Ministry and Admin Announcements
11:30AM	Adoration (Church), Reconciliation (classrooms), Lunch (Courtyard)
1PM	Dave Moore Music
1:15PM	Team Announcements
1:30PM	Ennie Hickman
2:20PM	Q&A for all three speakers
2:45PM	Team Recognition and Sponsors
3PM	Rosary
3:20PM	Conference Wrap

Lunch/Reconciliation/Adoration Schedule

Please Follow Schedule By The Letter

A, B, or C That You Were Assigned

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TIME PERIOD	11:30	12:00	12:30
LUNCH	A	B	C
RECONCILIATION	B	C	A
ADORATION	C	A	B



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Conference Theme

Just as Christ sent his disciples out in pairs to preach and to heal, our Lord knew that men draw strength by banding together as brothers. Jesus led by example, showing us perseverance during His forty days of fasting and prayer in the desert, months of teaching and curing the sick as He and His apostles traveled across Galilee, Samaria, and Judea before His Passion and death on the Cross.

As we travel each day in an increasingly hostile, secular and pagan world we look to Scripture to help us persevere in faith.

"Be on your guard, **stand firm in the faith**, be courageous, be strong." – I Corinthians 16:13

"Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that **the testing of your faith produces perseverance**. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." – 1 James 1:2-4

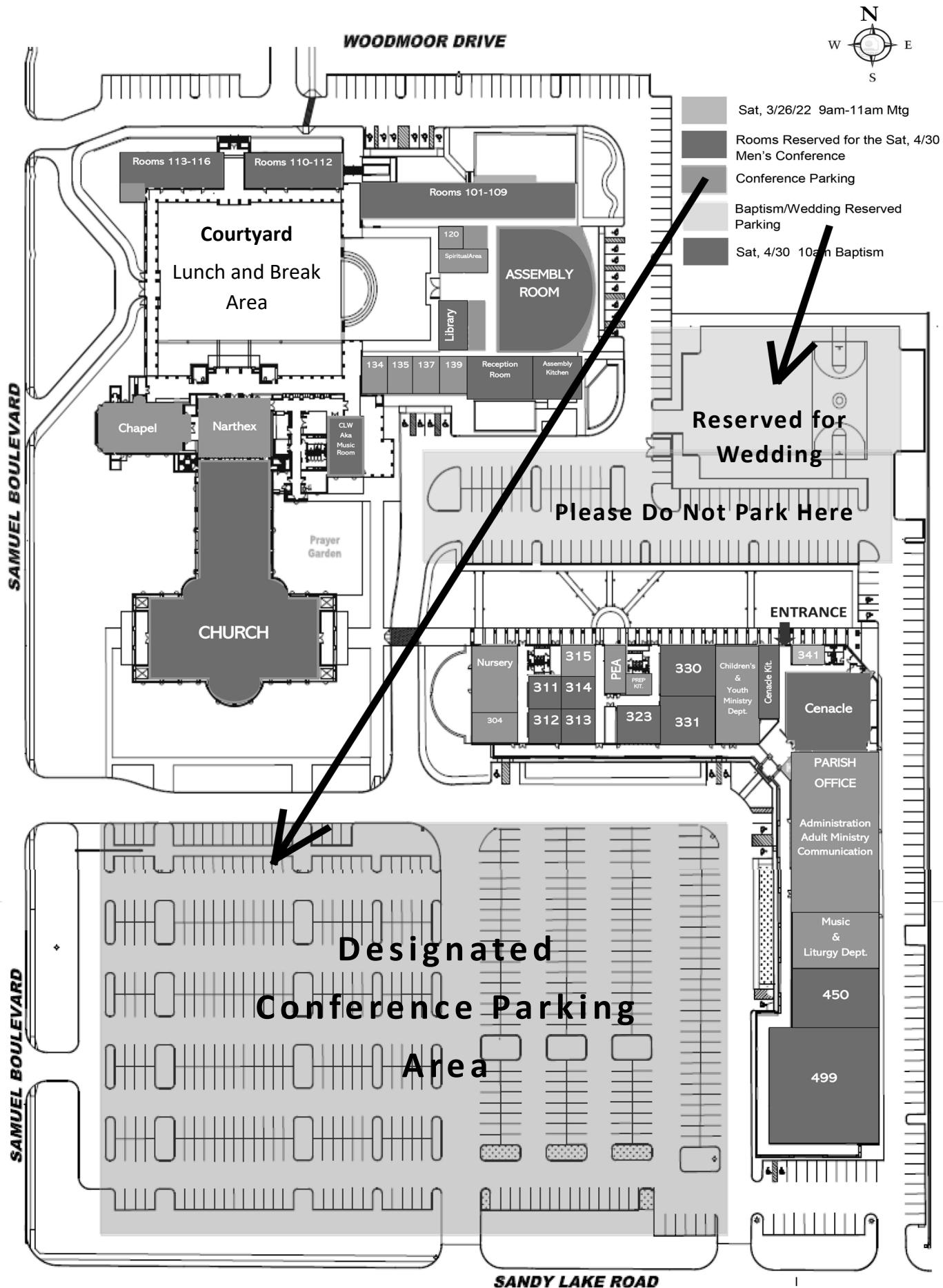
"If we endure [with Him] we shall also reign with Him. But if we deny Him He will deny us." –

2 Tim 2:12

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Location and Speakers to be determined

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Reflections on Perseverance in Faith

Perseverance in prayer is not merely overcoming God's reluctance. It's a lot about laying hold of God's willingness.

So as we gather today, let's reflect upon why we're here.

Our loving Lord has purposed to sometimes require persevering prayer as the means to accomplish His will

Think about Noah and the great flood. By perseverance, the snail reached the ark. Maybe you come today like a snail. Perhaps you're a cheetah. Regardless of how responsive you're to the Lord's call, the good news is you are here.

Now let's pray that all of us hear his voice and feel his presence. And then let God guide us in our faith journey.

Prayer can often be viewed as an acid test of the inner man's strength. A strong spirit is capable of praying much and praying with perseverance until the answer comes.



In contrast, a weak one grows weary and fainthearted in the maintenance of praying.

Jesus taught that perseverance is the essential element of prayer.

Men must be in earnest when they kneel at God's footstool.

Too often we get faint-hearted and quit praying at the point where we ought to begin. We let go at the very point where we should hold on strongest. Our prayers are weak because they are not impassioned by an unfailing and resistless will.

As our conference theme, "Perseverance in Faith" implies, let us turn to God who uses the encouragement of the Scriptures, the hope of our ultimate salvation in glory, and the trials that he either sends or allows to produce endurance and perseverance.



Fr. Edwin Leonard

Calling All Men

Fr. Edwin Leonard was ordained to the priesthood in 2012 by Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell for the Diocese of Dallas.

Fr. Edwin served his first two years of priesthood as the Parochial Vicar at St. Rita Catholic Church in Dallas.

In July 2014, he was assigned as the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Dallas. The seven years under Fr. Leonard's direction, the Diocese accepted more than 80 new seminarians. In addition to vocation work, he was appointed in 2018 as Chaplain of Bishop Lynch Catholic High School in Dallas.

Fr. Leonard has also served as interim pastor for St. Mary Catholic Church in Sherman and most recently for St. William the Confessor Catholic Church in Greenville. Today, he currently serves as pastor of St. Ann Catholic Parish in Coppell.

His work with the National Evangelization Team (NET) from 2003 to 2005 helped develop his ability to promote the Gospel with devotion.

Fr. Leonard is a graduate of Franciscan University. He uses his strong enthusiasm for CrossFit, movies, sporting events and music festivals to connect with the youth and young adults of the Diocese.

He enjoys sharing his love for the Gospel with people of all ages including youth and teaching the next great generation of saints.



Perseverance in Faith

Terry Barber is an international speaker and has been instrumental in founding three incomparable Catholic organizations – Saint Joseph Communications, The Catholic Resource Center, and Lighthouse Catholic Media.

Very much the man behind the scenes in Catholic media, Terry re-popularized the amazing talks of Servant of God, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, and recorded many other inspirational talks, including a young Presbyterian pastor who became Catholic-- one Dr. Scott Hahn!

Terry Barber Terry teamed up with Jesse Romero with EWTN's "Reasons for Faith Live", then on Immaculate Heart Radio, then on Relevant Radio. But in January of 2018, Terry and Jesse's "Full Contact Catholicism" became a little too much for Relevant Radio, so within a couple of weeks, Terry founded Virgin Most Powerful Radio, where he still can be heard daily with Jesse on The Terry and Jesse Show, and weekly with his lovely wife, Mary Danielle, and Tyler Bishop Joseph Strickland, along with many other quality programs that are strengthening Catholics all over the world in the faith.



Strength and Perseverance

After nine years in professional parish ministry, Ennie and his wife, Cana, felt as if their personal and ministry lives were on a collision course.

Late nights away from the family, the church's unhealthy attachment to "numbers," and severe blindness to marginalized neighbors, Ennie felt God calling them into something deeper.

With this call, a wild dream, and a lot of grace, Ennie and Cana detached from non-essentials, selling most of their possessions and becoming full-time domestic missionaries with Adore Ministries, www.adoremministries.com.

In the context of this inspiring missionary community, Ennie quickly rose as a thought leader and innovator in Christian discipleship and outreach to the margins. Weekly, for more than ten years, the Hickmans have invited neighbors into their own home for a community meal called Family Dinner.



Praise and Worship Music

Dave has more than 15 years of experience as a Catholic musician and recording artist and his roots in music trace back to his father's work in the military as an expert on sound research and investigation.

For the past two years, Dave and his talented wife, Lauren, have served as the principal music ministers for the televised Diocese of Dallas English Mass sponsored by The Catholic Foundation.

Every Sunday at 11 a.m. you can hear them on KDFI-TV, ch. 7 or 27 depending upon your video service provider.

He's the founder of the Catholic Music Initiative and has been an early pioneer for Nights of Worship in the Catholic Church. More information about CMI can be found at www.catholicmusicinitiative.com.

At CMI, they create music that reflects the beauty of God and is congregational; music that meets the needs of both tradition and evangelization. And their music serves the Universal Church and all the people in it.



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Dave Palmer—Conference Emcee Executive Director Guadalupe Radio Network KATH 910-AM

As executive director of the KATH 910-AM radio station in Dallas / Fort Worth, Dave is well known in the DFW area for his dedication and on-air presence for Catholic radio. When he does not appear at conferences and church events, Dave is responsible for fundraising for the station, procuring sponsorship (advertising) and maintaining relationships with current sponsors, organizing the quarterly on-air fundraising drives and managing the public service announcements that play on the station. He also heads up a committee that is responsible for an annual Summer Speaker Series that delivers powerful Catholic speakers to our North Texas community.

Dave has served as the emcee of the North Texas Catholic Men's Conference for many years. Dave, his Irish born and raised wife, and children live in Arlington.

Today, he brings his talents and personable demeanor to host this year's conference as our most esteemed emcee!

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At Guadalupe Radio Network KATH 910-AM, we believe that Our Lady of Guadalupe, who once brought 8 million people into the living streams of Catholicism, can once again bring light into our present darkness!

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Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

LEADER: Let us pray:

Assembly all together: We adore You, O


Christ, here and in all your churches throughout the world and we bless you, because by Your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. O Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

LEADER: You have set before us bread from heaven,

Assembly: Having all sweetness within it.

LEADER: Let us pray.

Assembly all together:

O God, in this wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your passion. We ask you to enable us so to worship the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood, that we may constantly feel within our lives the effects of your redemption. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints forever..

Welcome Attendees

(Continued from page 1)

We pray you will feel a strong sense of community and fellowship as you greet fellow attendees, interact with our speakers, listen to praise and worship music, and participate in today's event's sacraments and other aspects.

Please use this conference to enhance your Catholic and Christian faith by supercharging your spiritual strength, enhancing your support network, and securing the resources needed to commit to the call of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for committing to your faith, and we pray your attendance will continue to bless your life.

Finally, thanks to all who have made donations during our Love Offering in the past. Your sharing has contributed more than \$100,000 to important charities such as Miracles for Mary and The Jethsuby Scholarship Fund of The Catholic Foundation. Thank you!

So please reach out and get to know some new brothers today, and please let us know if we can help you with your local ministries at your parish.

Thank you for attending today!

Rick Self, Conference Team Lead

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GUIDE FOR RECONCILIATION

"To those who have been far away from the sacrament of reconciliation and forgiving love, I make this appeal: Come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God!" - Pope John Paul II

The basic requirement for a good reconciliation is to have the intention of returning to God like the *Prodigal Son* and of acknowledging our sins with true sorrow before his representative, the priest.

BEFORE RECONCILIATION

Try to recognize sin in our lives – Modern society has lost a sense of sin. As a Catholic follower of Christ, I must make an effort to recognize sin in my daily actions, words, and omissions. The Gospels show how important is the forgiveness of our sins. Lives of saints prove that the person who grows in holiness has a stronger sense of sin, sorrow for sins, and a need for the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation.

Make an Examination of Conscience – What sins have I committed since my last reconciliation? A good reconciliation is one in which I confess all the mortal sins I am aware of and their frequency.

A short examination could follow the Ten Commandments along these lines:

- o Do I give God time every day in prayer?
- o Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- o Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
- o Do I honor and obey my parents?
- o Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
- o Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life? Have I been angry or resentful?
- o Have I stolen what is not mine? Do I waste time at work, school, and home?
- o Have I lied? Have I gossiped? Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- o Have I consented to impure thoughts and actions?
- o Do I envy the families or possessions of others? Are material possessions the purpose of my life?



DURING RECONCILIATION

Remember that the priest can help you – If you need assistance, especially if you have been away for some time, simply ask the priest and he will help you by "walking" you through the steps to a good reconciliation.

A helpful way to begin is: "Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last reconciliation. These are my sins."

Tell your sins simply and honestly to the priest. If you are not sure about the degree of seriousness of something you confess, just ask the priest to help you.

After the reconciliation, the priest will give you a penance, and then absolve you of your sins.

Try to perform your penance soon. The priest may also ask you to say a short act of contrition.

Act of Contrition: "*O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.*"

At the End of Reconciliation – Listen to words of absolution and the sacramental forgiveness of the Church through the ordained priest. As you listen to the words of forgiveness you may make the sign of the cross with the priest.



CATHOLIC PRAYERS AND PRECEPTS



How to Pray the Rosary

1. Sign of the Cross and Apostle's Creed are said on the Crucifix
2. Say the Lord's Prayer followed by three (3) Hail Mary's and one Glory Be To The Father
3. Announce the Mystery; then say the Lord's Prayer.
4. Say ten (10) Hail Mary's while meditating on the Mystery
5. Say the Glory Be To The Father
6. After each decade, say the Fatima Prayer
7. Repeat steps 3 through 6 continuing with the second Mystery in the same manner
8. At the completion of the 5 decades, say the Hail Holy Queen

Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary Prayer: Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Fatima Prayer: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer After the Rosary: O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant we beseech You, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Saint Joseph Prayer for Life: St. Joseph, you are the chaste and loving spouse of the Virgin Mary, the foster father of Jesus, the protector and provider of the Holy Family and of all families. We have complete confidence in your loving care for new life and in your fidelity to the family. We commend our efforts to your prayers and protection. Help us always to defend the gift of human life that it may grow to the abundance of eternal life promised and bestowed on us by your son, our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Act of Contrition

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The Precepts of the Church

1. To assist at Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed
3. To confess our sins at least once per year
4. To receive the Eucharist during Easter time
5. To contribute to the support of the church
6. To observe the laws of the church concerning marriage

How many persons are there in God?

In God there are three Divine persons:

1. God the Father
2. God the Son
3. God the Holy Spirit

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Wisdom
2. Knowledge
3. Understanding
4. Piety
5. Counsel
6. Fortitude
7. Fear of the Lord

The Theological Virtues

1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Charity

Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

The Seven Capital Sins

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| 1. Covetousness | 5. Lust |
| 2. Envy | 6. Sloth |
| 3. Pride | 7. Gluttony |
| 4. Anger | |

The Two Great Commandments

1. You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with all your mind. Matt 22:37
2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Mark 12:31

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed
3. On the Our Father beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the Hail Mary beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Thru Christ our Lord. Amen

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How to Start a Catholic Brothers for Christ Men's Group



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The Catholic Brothers for Christ ministry is a group of men, of various ages and places in life, who are deeply committed to having a relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing the Gospel through the witness of lively brotherhood rooted in prayer, the Sacraments, mentorship, and service.

A guide for cultivating authentic brotherhood at your parish can be reviewed and downloaded by going to <https://www.catholicbrothersforchrist.com> containing important information including its purpose, what it is and is not, how to start the group and setting up the first meeting. If you have any questions or need support to begin, please stop and talk to anyone wearing a Catholic Brothers for Christ shirt as they walk by throughout the conference!

The benefits of a Parish CBC Group are many ➡

- Help men establish and nurture a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- To create an atmosphere in which men will freely acknowledge their dependence on God in life's successes and failures
- To facilitate the discovery and development of the spiritual life
- To encourage men to construct a closer relationship with family and friends
- To encourage men to grow and experience the joy of living fully to become all they were meant to be by the Creator. "I have come so you may have life, and have it abundantly."

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- Are your relationships suffering?



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Resources for Men

Holy Spirit 101

www.ariseworshipministry.com

Marked Men For Christ:

www.markedmenforchrist.org

Knights of Columbus: www.kofc.org

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www.cursillo.org

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Eternal Father, I humbly adore Thee, and thank Thee for having created me, and for having redeemed me through Jesus Christ. I thank Thee most sincerely for having made me a Christian, by giving me the true faith, and by adopting me as Thy son, in the sacrament of baptism. I thank Thee for having, after the numberless sins I had committed, waited for my repentance, and for having pardoned (as I humbly hope) all the offences which I have offered to Thee, and for which I am now sincerely sorry, because they

have been displeasing to Thee, who art infinite goodness. I thank Thee for having preserved me from so many relapses, of which I would have been guilty if Thou hadst not protected me. But my enemies still continue, and will continue till death, to combat against me, and to endeavor to make me their slave. If Thou dost not constantly guard and succor me with thy aid, I, a miserable creature, shall return to sin, and shall certainly lose Thy grace. I

beseech Thee, then, for the love of Jesus Christ, to grant me holy perseverance unto death. Jesus, Thy Son, has promised that Thou wilt grant whatsoever we ask in his name. Through the merits, then, of Jesus Christ, I beg, for myself and for all the just, the grace never again to be separated from Thy love, but to love Thee forever, in time and eternity. Mary, Mother of God, pray to Jesus for me.

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YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Over the last three years the men who have attended the Catholic Brothers for Christ conferences have helped so many through generous donations. Your generosity has made a difference and truly shows a giving spirit.

We have continued to give to The Jethsuby Scholarship Fund of The Catholic Foundation by putting children grades first through eighth in parochial schools. The Miracles of Mary Foundation has also been blessed by your generosity. Money was also given to Catholic Charities and other worthwhile projects.

We are definitely spreading the gospel by raising close to \$100,000 and blessing many lives with our gifts. St. Francis of Assisi said, "For it is in giving that we receive." We have received so much at our conferences by your giving hearts.

Matthew 25:40 says, "And the King will answer in truth I tell you in so far as you do this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Miracles for Mary

Many of you were at the conference three years ago when Jim Drake told the dramatic story of his daughter Mary. She was critically injured in a car accident. The Drake's were so blessed by their community when they brought Mary home after months in the hospital. God put on the Drake's heart to help others in the same situation and the Miracles for Mary Foundation was born. The tears of joy experienced and hearing about what the foundation does was inspirational to all.

We will continue to give generously and thank you for your support!

Jethsuby Scholarship Fund

The Jethsuby Scholarship Fund of The Catholic Foundation provides scholarships to youth attending parochial schools. The foundation was started by Dr. Mauricio Delgado to help one child, and today it has helped scores of youth get a Catholic education. The Jethsuby Scholarship Fund is determined to help youth at an early age form the foundation of the Catholic faith.

Our donation helps Latino children with their Catholic education. Many of us attending or sending a child to Catholic schools understands this benefit. Thank you for helping these young students with a promising future. Your generosity has been an added blessing for us , the community and the conference. Thank You!

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