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the Birth of our Founder*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the fourth *Truth and Love* Conference, co-sponsored by Courage International and the Archdiocese of Hartford. I hope that these days will be a time to grow in knowledge and in fellowship with others who share your dedication to pastoral ministry and evangelization.

Our conference is a moment to recall and celebrate several milestones in the Church's ministry of "speaking the truth in love" (Eph 4:15) to the Church and to the world about the moral life, particularly on matters of human dignity and sexuality. The Courage apostolate has been celebrating the centenary of the birth of our founder, Father John Harvey, OSFS, throughout the year, and this evening we mark the fortieth anniversary of the inauguration of the pontificate of Pope St John Paul II. His landmark "Encyclical Letter Regarding Certain Fundamental Questions of the Church's Moral Teaching," *Veritatis splendor*, was published twenty-five years ago, and remains relevant for a world in need of clear moral teaching to respond to the relativistic attitudes of many in secular society. Moreover, it is fifty years since Pope St Paul VI published the encyclical *Humanae vitae*, which affirmed that all sexual morality has its roots in the essential dignity of man and woman, created in God's image and likeness, and prophetically foresaw the evils that follow when this moral foundation is ignored.

The *Truth and Love* Conference brings together experts from the fields of theology, philosophy and the sciences, as well as courageous men and women who will speak from experience about the peace, joy and freedom they have found in living the gospel call to chastity and authentic love. It is my hope that their words and example will equip you to present the Church's teachings with clarity and charity, and to provide authentic welcome and accompaniment to those whom you serve. I pray that your time here will be fruitful, and that our collaboration in service to God's people may be long-lasting.

Yours in Christ,

Father Philip G. Bochanski  
Executive Director

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Monday - October 22, 2018

TIME	TALK NAME / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	ROOM
3:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>		Vestibule
5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b>		Chapel
6:15 pm	<b>Dinner</b>		Dining & Alumni Rooms
7:00 pm–8:00 pm	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> The Joy of Christ: The Splendor and Fulfillment of Truth. <i>Veritatis Splendor</i> at 25	Fr. Paul N. Check	Chapel
8:15 pm–9:45 pm	<b>Movie with panel discussion</b> 1. <i>Desire of the Everlasting Hills</i> (1 hour)	1. Paul D., Rilene S., Dan M.	1. Red Lounge
8:15 pm–9:30 pm	2. <i>The Third Way</i> (45 min.)	2. David Prosen, Mary W.	2. East Hall
8:15 pm–9:30 pm	3. <i>Invited to Courageous Love</i> (Part 5)	3. Fr. Philip Bochanski	3. Alumni Room
9:30 pm	Buses will leave from Pastoral Center to Avon Old Farms		Parking

Tuesday – October 23, 2018

8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast served for all staying at Pastoral Center ONLY; Avon Old Farms continental breakfast included

TIME	TALK NAME / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	ROOM
8:00 am	Buses will leave from Avon Old Farms to Pastoral Center		Avon Old Farms
8:30 am	<b>Registration – Arrival</b>		Vestibule
9:00 am–10:00 am	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> No One Lives on a Bridge: Reflections on Current Catholic Discourse	Fr. Philip Bochanski	Chapel
10:00 am–10:15 am	<b>Break</b>		
10:15 am–11:00 am	<b>Session I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sexual Identity Track</b> Engendering Discussion: Recent Catholic Thought on Sexual Difference.</li> <li>• <b>Mental Health Track</b> Deepening Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity Through an Understanding of the Psychological Sciences</li> <li>• <b>Pastoral Care Track</b> Witness Testimonies</li> </ul>	Dr. John Grabowski  Dr. Timothy Lock	Breakout Room I  Breakout Room II
11:15 am–12:00 pm	<b>Session II (Cont'd on Pg.5)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sexual Identity Track</b> Christian Anthropology, the Basis for the Church's Approach to Issues of Same-Sex Attraction and Gender Ideology</li> </ul>	Andy C. & Rilene S.  Dr. Susan Selner-Wright	Breakout Room III  Breakout Room I

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

TIME	TALK NAME / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	ROOM
11:15 am–12:00 pm	<b>Session II (Cont'd from Pg. 4)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mental Health Track</b> Charity &amp; Clarity</li> <li>• <b>Pastoral Care Track</b> The Importance of an Authentic Christian Anthropology</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Michael Horne</p> <p>Father Philip Bochanski</p>	<p>Breakout Room II</p> <p>Breakout Room III</p>
12:15 pm–12:45 pm	<b>Mass</b>		Chapel
12:45 pm–2:30 pm	<b>Lunch – Break</b>		Dining and Alumni Rooms
2:30 pm–3:15 pm	<b>Session III</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sexual Identity Track</b> Transgender Surgery &amp; Catholic Anthropology</li> <li>• <b>Mental Health Track</b> Witness Testimonies</li> <li>• <b>Pastoral Care Track</b> Scripture, Mercy and Homosexuality</li> </ul>	<p>Deacon Patrick Lappert, MD</p> <p>Garrett J. &amp; Tina N.</p> <p>Dr. Mary Healy</p>	<p>Breakout Room I</p> <p>Breakout Room II</p> <p>Breakout Room III</p>
3:30 pm–4:15 pm	<b>Session IV</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sexual Identity Track</b> The Use of Hormones in the Treatment of Gender Dysphoria: Science, Ideology, and Ethics</li> <li>• <b>Mental Health Track</b> Guarding Our Capacity for Authentic Love: The Importance of Affectivity in Daily Life</li> <li>• <b>Pastoral Care Track</b> Encouraging Chaste Friendships</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Paul Hruz</p> <p>Dr. Suzanne Baars</p> <p>Dr. John Cuddeback</p>	<p>Breakout Room I</p> <p>Breakout Room II</p> <p>Breakout Room III</p>
4:45 pm–5:30 pm	<b>Session V</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sexual Identity Track</b> Witness Testimony</li> <li>• <b>Mental Health Track</b> Parenting Children with Same-Sex Attraction</li> <li>• <b>Pastoral Care Track</b> “I Thirst”: Concrete Ways to Meet the Needs of Those in the Church Who Experience Same Sex Attractions</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Jean C. Lloyd</p> <p>Dr. Janelle Hallman</p> <p>David Prosen</p>	<p>Breakout Room I</p> <p>Breakout Room II</p> <p>Breakout Room III</p>

## Tuesday, October 23, 2018

TIME	TALK NAME / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	ROOM
5:45 pm–6:30 pm	<b>Session VI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Sexual Identity Track</b>            Authentic Pastoral Care in Light of Confusion            About Sexual Identity         </li> <li> <b>Mental Health Track</b>            Developmental Outcomes with Same-Sex            Parents: The Irreplaceable Advantage of            Man-Woman Marriage         </li> <li> <b>Pastoral Care Track</b>            Guarding Our Capacity for Authentic Love:            The Importance of Affectivity in Daily Life.         </li> </ul>	Fr. Philip Bochanski  Fr. Paul Sullins  Dr. Suzanne Baars	Breakout Room I  Breakout Room II  Breakout Room III
6:30 pm–7:45 pm	<b>Dinner Break</b>		Dining & Alumni Rooms
7:45 pm – 8:30 pm	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Humanae Vitae: Fifty Years Later</i>	Dr. Janet Smith	Chapel
8:45 pm – 9:30 pm	Buses will leave from Pastoral Center to Avon Old Farms		

## Wednesday, October 24, 2018

8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast served for all staying at Pastoral Center ONLY; Avon Old Farms continental breakfast included

TIME	TALK NAME / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	ROOM
8:00 am	Buses will leave from Avon Old Farms to Pastoral Center		Avon Old Farms
8:30 am	<b>Registration – Arrival</b>		Vestibule
9:00 am–10:15 am	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> Surviving the Revolution in Good Conscience	Martin Nussbaum, Esq.	Chapel
10:15 am–10:45 am	<b>Break</b>		
10:45 am–11:45 am	<b>Small Group Discussions</b>		Red Lounge East Hall Alumni Room
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>		Dining and Alumni Rooms
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> Witnessing to the Truth in a Skeptical World	Dr. Gerard Bradley	Chapel
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>		
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>Panel Discussion &amp; Wrap Up</b>		Chapel
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b>		Chapel
5:00 pm	Buses leaves from Pastoral Center to Avon Old Farms	Archbishop Leonard P. Blair	

Drawing from a variety of experiences and perspectives, this event gathers leaders in the faith and human sciences who have shown prudence and charity in their work with souls. Attentive to the challenges of those who experience same-sex attractions and gender dysphoria, the Church seeks to integrate their experiences and insights into authentic pastoral care.



**Suzanne Baars, Ph.D.**, is a licensed professional counselor and marriage and family therapist in Irving, Texas, where she operates her private practice, In His Image Counseling Center. Baars has worked extensively in the field of counseling since 1986 in both hospital and outpatient settings, and focuses her work on the integration of the Christian anthropology of St. Thomas Aquinas. She is also a popular presenter at Catholic conferences around the country, and has been a frequent guest on EWTN's *Women of Grace*. She often presents the work of her late father, psychiatrist and author Conrad Baars, M.D., a pioneer in the field of Catholic psychology. She has been on the faculty of the Institute for Priestly Formation since 2008, where she teaches diocesan seminarians. She is Past President of the Catholic Psychotherapy Association and holds a doctorate in Family Therapy from Texas Woman's University. Information about affirmation therapy and the Baars/Terruwe Model of psychotherapy may be found at [www.BaarsInstitute.com](http://www.BaarsInstitute.com).

### **Guarding Our Capacity for Authentic Love: The Importance of Affectivity in Daily Life**

Affectivity is our capacity to be affected or moved by the human emotions of love, desire and joy – emotions necessary for our ability to be moved by the goodness of things and persons. It is complemented by effectivity, or our ability to think and act effectively, to produce or achieve something. While both effectivity and affectivity – or mind and heart – are necessary for a balanced human life, so often we find ourselves striving to make things better, produce change, or fix problems – and wound already wounded people in the process. While such goals may be commendable, the ability to love authentically develops more readily when one recognizes that it is the heart, or affectivity, that brings peace and resolves difficulties. When we learn to approach

others with open hearts, our actions are more likely to be experienced as respectful and loving, and therefore bring healing.



**Father Philip G. Bochanski**, a native of suburban Philadelphia, received his M.A. in Theology from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in May 1999. An award-winning author, he has written and edited four books, five audio series and numerous articles on various aspects of Church history, catechesis and spirituality. Fr. Bochanski served for five years as chaplain for the Courage Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, before being appointed to the position of Associate Director in January 2015. On January 1, 2017, Father Bochanski was named the new Executive Director of Courage International, Inc., which now includes more than 150 chapters in dioceses throughout the United States, as well as groups in 15 other countries on 5 continents.

### **No One Lives on a Bridge: Reflections on Current Catholic Discourse**

As the Catholic Church continues her role to speak the truth in love to the modern world, few areas need her witness and clear teaching as much as questions of sexual identity, attraction and morality. Father Bochanski will consider the ways in which the hierarchy and the faithful are participating in the dialogue within the Church and with the secular world, and evaluate these efforts in light of how they present, and help listeners to accept, the unchanging truths of faith and morals.

### **The Importance of an Authentic Christian Anthropology (Pastoral Care Track Session II)**

The Church's teaching about sexuality in general, and homosexuality and gender in particular, is rooted in its

understanding of the human person. This talk will consider the fundamental teachings of the Church regarding personal identity, the ordering of desires, and the morality of actions, and provide terminology and perspective for communicating these teachings in a clear and compassionate manner.

### **Authentic Pastoral Care in Light of Confusion About Sexual Identity (Sexual Identity Track Session VI)**

Our pastoral priority toward people who are experiencing confusion regarding their sexual identity, and towards their parents and loved ones, must be to welcome them in the name of Christ and to help them to understand and accept God's plan for their lives. This talk will consider how "speaking the truth in love" to someone about his or her identity, vocation and relationships can lead him or her to a greater self-understanding and fulfillment in Christ. It will also consider the impact that the experience of confusion about sexual identity can have on the life of the parish, and how clergy and others in ministry should respond.



**Gerard V. Bradley** is Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, where he teaches Legal Ethics and Constitutional Law. At Notre Dame, he directs (with John Finnis) the Natural Law Institute and co-edits *The American Journal of Jurisprudence*. Bradley is a Senior

Fellow of the Witherspoon Institute and served for many years as President of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. Bradley received his B.A and J.D. degrees from Cornell University, graduating *summa cum laude* from the law school in 1980. Bradley has published over one hundred scholarly articles, reviews and numerous books. He is currently working on a book about regulating obscenity in the Internet Age.

### **Witnessing to the Truth in a Skeptical World**

Courage could not be more aptly named. For from its beginnings in New York under the guidance of Father John Harvey, Courage has been more than a pastoral ministry -- as vital as that has been to so many men and women since. Courage has also been a heroic beacon of truth in a world which has rebelled against the norms of sexual morality. Perhaps more important in the present

moment, Courage and its members bear powerful witness to the important truth that no one is to be defined, or to define himself or herself, by their sexual attractions.



**Father Paul N. Check** (Diocese of Bridgeport) holds an STB and an STL from universities in Rome. From 2008-2016, he served as the executive director of Courage International, presenting about the Church's teaching on homosexuality and her pastoral response. Since

2017, Fr. Check has been rector of the St John Fisher Seminary in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

### **The Joy of Christ: The Splendor and Fulfillment of Truth. *Veritatis Splendor* at 25**

Pope Saint John Paul II's document, *Veritatis Splendor* (*The Splendor of Truth*) has a prophetic and enduring quality which can be appreciated a quarter of a century later. This talk will reflect on how its wisdom and pastoral charity continue to guide the Church, and what it teaches us about ourselves and the fulfillment of the human heart in Christ.



**Andrew Comiskey M.Div.**, has worked extensively with the healing of the sexually and relationally broken. He is founder (1980) and Director of Desert Stream/Living Waters Ministries. Andrew's ministry grows both out of his own commitment to overcome homosexuality and

his experience as a husband to Annette and father of four grown children and four grandchildren. He is author of *Pursuing Sexual Wholeness* (Creation House), *Strength in Weakness* (InterVarsity Press), *Naked Surrender: Coming Home To Our True Sexuality* (InterVarsity Press) and the Living Waters healing program. After almost four decades of ministry, Andrew still loves imparting healing to the entire Body of Christ.





**John Cuddeback, Ph.D.**, is professor and chairman of the Philosophy Department at Christendom College. His book, *True Friendship: Where Virtue Becomes Happiness*, was republished in 2010. His academic writings have appeared in *Nova et Vetera*, and *The Thomist*, as well

as in several volumes published by the American Maritain Association. He lectures widely on ethics, family, and the good life. His website dedicated to the philosophy of family and household takes its name from his acorn-fattened pigs: BaconFromAcorns.com. Dr. Cuddeback is an avid gardener and hunter, and lives with his wife and six children in the Shenandoah Valley.

### Encouraging Chaste Friendships

It can be difficult to know how to present friendship as a positive and fulfilling relationship, especially to those for whom a chaste relationship entails extra challenges. This lecture will focus on understanding, explaining, and living chaste friendship in its full power and beauty.



**Paul Darrow** moved to Manhattan immediately after college and became an international fashion model and an atheist. His hedonistic lifestyle, glamorous careers, same-sex attraction and ties to high society have provided him with invaluable insight about today's alternative

lifestyles. Shortly after converting to Catholicism, Paul was surprised to find himself being filmed as one of the subjects in the award-winning film *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*, which has been distributed to the bishops at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and around the world. He has appeared on EWTN and is a frequent guest on talk radio from coast to coast. Whether giving presentations to high school and college students, priests, seminarians, penitentiary inmates or Catholic groups across the U.S. or in Europe, Paul shares his unusual testimony to be a living example that God's grace is more powerful than even the greatest of human temptations.



**John S. Grabowski, Ph.D.**, earned his B.A. in theology at the University of Steubenville and his Ph.D. at Marquette University. For the last twenty-six years, he has been on the faculty of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where he is currently Associate

Professor of Moral Theology and the Director of the Moral Theology/ Ethics Area. He and his wife were appointed to the Pontifical Council for the Family by Pope Benedict XVI in the fall of 2009 serving as a member couple. He is also a current theological advisor to the U.S.C.C.B. Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family, and Youth. In 2015, he was appointed by Pope Francis to serve as an expert (adiutor) at the Synod of Bishops on the Family. Dr. Grabowski has published widely in the areas of moral theology, marriage, sexuality, and bioethics; has offered a variety of courses for adults, catechists, and lay ministers and has presented at conferences across the United States. He and his wife Claire have five children, three grandchildren, and reside in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

### Engendering Discussion: Recent Catholic Thought on Sexual Difference

Recent Church teaching has warned of the dangers of "gender ideology" and its destructive impact on persons and families. But what positive resources does the Christian tradition have to offer a culture which now lists over 70 genders on Facebook? Surveying recent Catholic theology and Church teaching (particularly the Theology of the Body of St. John Paul II), the presentation will argue that sexual difference is best understood as two complementary personal expressions of the one nature of humanity. That is, sexual difference is accidental to human nature but essential to existing human persons.



**Janelle Hallman, Ph.D.**, is a licensed professional counselor and Director of a non-profit organization, Desert Hope Ministries, which provides dynamic retreats for parents of gay-identified children, for children with same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria. She is an adjunct

professor at Denver Seminary and is the author of *The Heart of Female Same-Sex Attraction*. Dr. Hallman regularly supervises and consults other therapists and pastors seeking to understand, counsel and support youth and men and women with same-sex attraction or those who identify as LGBTQ.

### Parenting Children with Same-Sex Attraction

Parental support, acceptance, and closeness are essential factors for an child's well-being and healthy development. Perceived parental rejection can result in low self-esteem, impaired sense of self-adequacy, negative world view, and emotional instability within the child. It is imperative then that parents be adequately supported to not only navigate their child's disclosure but to continue to provide an ongoing supportive, warm, and caring relationship. This workshop will provide multiple practical parental and family interventions wherein a warm attachment with the child can be sustained and strengthened.



**Mary Healy, STD**, is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an international speaker. She is a general editor of the *Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture* and author of two of its volumes, *The Gospel of Mark* and

*Hebrews*. Her other books include *Men and Women Are from Eden: A Study Guide to John Paul II's Theology of the Body* and *Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World*. Dr. Healy serves as chair of the Doctrinal Commission of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services in Rome. She was appointed by Pope Francis as one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

### Scripture, Mercy and Homosexuality

The Bible's teachings on homosexuality can seem harsh and discriminatory. Are these passages still relevant in today's context, and how should they be interpreted? What does Scripture offer to those who experience same-sex attraction? This talk will explore what Scripture says about homosexuality, explaining key passages within the broader context of biblical teaching on the human person and on the love and mercy of God.



**Michael Horne, Psy.D.**, is Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. He received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the Institute for the Psychological Sciences (IPS) in 2009, where he specialized in child therapy and wrote his doctoral

dissertation on violent video games and their impact on the player. Prior to pursuing his doctorate, Dr. Horne worked in television at KVR9 in Austin, Texas and Houston PBS. Dr. Horne has experience working in several Catholic mental health clinics including Catholic Social Services in Lincoln, Nebraska and the Alpha Omega Clinic in Fairfax, Virginia. He has also had the opportunity to serve as a school counselor within the Diocese of Arlington. Dr. Horne and his wife, Kara, live in Fredericksburg, Virginia with their three children.

### Charity and Clarity

Given the current social and political climate of our country, conflicting messages are common surrounding the topic of male and female sexuality. This talk will examine common misconceptions held about same-sex attraction, with an emphasis on pastoral support, the dignity of all persons, and the importance of chastity.



**Paul W. Hruz, M.D., Ph.D.**, is Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Professor of Cellular Biology and Physiology at Washington University in St. Louis. Hruz received his B.A. in Chemistry from Marquette University in 1987. As a member of the Medical

Scientist Training Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin, he received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1993 and M.D. in 1994. He completed Residency training in Pediatrics at the University of Washington in Seattle and a Pediatric Endocrinology fellowship at Washington University. Hruz served as the Chief of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes at Washington University from 2012-2017. As faculty, Hruz has contributed to the University's course on Research Ethics for graduate students. He is a member of the University's Disorders of Sexual Development (DSD) Multidisciplinary Care Program. He is board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Endocrinology. He has also received certification in Healthcare Ethics from the NCBC. He has authored over 60 peer-reviewed manuscripts, scientific reviews and book chapters.

### **The Use of Hormones in the Treatment of Gender Dysphoria: Science, Ideology, and Ethics**

Children who identify as a gender that does not correspond to their biological sex frequently experience significant dysphoria and psychosocial morbidity. Over the past decade, increased clinical and societal recognition of this condition has led to the development of new clinical practice guidelines that include pubertal suppression and hormonal therapy directed toward inducing physical changes corresponding to an individual's identified gender. This is accompanied by efforts to mandate societal acceptance and accommodation of patient gender preferences. Widely divergent ideologies regarding human sexuality among physicians and advocacy groups have generated ongoing controversy over approaches to the care of children with gender dysphoria. Current understanding of the etiology of gender dysphoria, risks and benefits of the new treatment paradigm, and available outcome data will be presented. Ethical considerations and societal implications of gender dysphoria treatment will also be discussed.



**Garrett Johnson** came back to the Catholic faith 6 years ago after years of living a godless pagan lifestyle. He joined the Arlington, Virginia chapter of Courage in 2013. He shares his journey with many through his website [brotherwithoutorder.com](http://brotherwithoutorder.com),

has spoken at many Courage related events and has appeared on EWTN. He lives in Washington, DC where he is a stylist and salon manager.



**Deacon Patrick W. Lappert, M.D.**, is a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama. He has been married to Patrice Ann Oberst for thirty-four years. They have six grown children. Deacon Lappert was raised in a Jewish home, but lived most of his adult life as an atheist.

He converted and was received into the Catholic Church in 1995. Deacon Lappert was trained and board-certified first as a general surgeon, then as a plastic and reconstructive surgeon. He is a veteran of the Naval Service, retiring with the rank of Captain, USN, after serving for twenty-four years. In addition to being the Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery for the Portsmouth Naval Hospital, he also served the Surgeon General, USN, as the Specialty Leader for Reconstructive Surgery. Deacon Lappert established the Craniofacial Reconstructive Surgery Unit, as well as the Wound Care Center for the largest medical-treatment facility in the world. Additionally, Deacon Lappert served for three years with the United States Marine Corps, flying in the F4 Phantom with VMFA-451. He is also chaplain for Courage in the Diocese of Birmingham.

### **Transgender Surgery & Catholic Anthropology**

The subject of Gender Identity will be examined, including a review of the history, terminology, scientific evidence, and the medical and surgical interventions that are proposed for the care of self-identified transgender persons. We will call upon the Catholic understanding of the nature of the human person to illuminate the crucial moral questions that must be addressed in pastoral care.

**Jean C. Lloyd, Ph.D.**, has given hope to many through sharing her story of personal transformation in Christ. Her academic knowledge combined with her own tumultuous journey with SSA and identity confusion gives her a voice of unique authority amidst of the contentious cultural conversations of the day. Her ministry currently takes many shapes--from speaking to church groups and writing articles at *Public*

*Discourse* to leading a children's catechesis program at her parish and homeschooling her two young daughters. She and her husband have been married for over ten years.



**Timothy G. Lock, Ph.D.**, is in full-time private practice, working within a Catholic anthropology to provide psychological assessment, psychotherapy, and psychological consultation. While Dr. Lock has a general practice, he specializes in the treatment of clergy and male

and female religious. He serves on the Board of Directors of Courage International and of the Christian Counseling Center of Greater Danbury, where he also is the clinical supervisor. At the request of his bishop, Dr. Lock also serves on the Diocese of Bridgeport Ministerial Misconduct Advisory Board. He has published professional articles and book chapters in the area of psychological trauma and traumatic memory and has lectured nationally and internationally to seminarians, clergy, mental-health practitioners, and the general public. A practicing Roman Catholic, Dr. Lock lives with his wife of twenty-two years and their eight children in northwestern Connecticut, USA.

### Deepening Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity Through an Understanding of the Psychological Sciences

Same-sex attraction (SSA) appears to be a condition that results from various psychological wounds and issues that develop during childhood. The psychosocial development of an individual who manifests same-sex attractions is often fraught with pain and anguish. Same-sex attraction is thought to be a symptom of these wounds. Those who offer pastoral care to the individual with SSA must grow in their understanding of the psychological issues that are concurrent with the development of same-sex attraction. Also, pastoral care will require an understanding of the "gay lifestyle" and the suffering present in many same-sex relationships. Finally, those offering pastoral care must be willing to develop authentic relationships and tolerate the, sometimes cold reception, that they will experience by those with SSA. The psychological sciences can foster growth in respect, compassion, and sensitivity that will ultimately

decrease shame and stigma, "homophobia", and isolation in a population that is yearning to know Christ's love in the Catholic Church.



**Daniel Mattson** lives in the Midwest, where he has a career in the performing arts. He is a member of the Courage apostolate and is featured in the documentary *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*. He has written about the Church's good news concerning homosexuality in

*First Things*, *Crisis Magazine*, *Catholic Answers* as well as other publications. He is also a regular contributor to Chastity.com. He is a frequent guest on Catholic radio, appearing often on *Catholic Answers Live*, the *AI Kresta Show* and *Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo*. His first book called, *Why I Don't Call Myself Gay: How I Reclaimed My Sexual Reality and Found Peace*, has recently been published by Ignatius Press.



**Tina Nair** worked for the Courage Apostolate from May 1996 through June 2005, under Fr. John Harvey, OSFS, the founding director. She has an M.A. in Theology from Franciscan University and has been a Courage member since 1994. Tina is

interested in the study of eschatology; she enjoys editing photographs, drinking red wine (although it gives her a headache), and all things related to Flannery O'Connor. She currently serves as a consultant to Courage.



**Martin Nussbaum, Esq.**, is a Partner at Lewis, Roca, Rothergerber, Christie law firm in Colorado. He is co-founder and co-chair of the firm's Religious Institutions Group. He represents churches, denominations, religious schools, and a host of other ministries. While he serves as

general counsel for many, he also serves as trial counsel, First Amendment counsel, amicus counsel, and consulting counsel in trial and appellate courts and before legislatures

around the country. In 2016, Nussbaum filed briefs in four United States Supreme Court religious liberty cases.

**Surviving the Revolution in Good Conscience**

Martin Nussbaum will explain the revolution in the constitutional law regarding sexuality and survey the torrent of statutes, regulations, and executive orders implementing the new sexual order. He will show how these laws burden the religious exercise of Catholics and their institutions. He will then discuss the importance of religious freedom and describe a comprehensive strategy to protect the values and consciences of religious persons and entities.



**David Prosen** graduated in 2006 with a year of theology courses in addition to an MA in counseling from Franciscan University of Steubenville. He has worked as a counselor in both secular and Catholic settings. David was the lay leader of the Steubenville chapter of Courage from 2004 to

2011 and has had several articles published in *Lay Witness*, *Crisis Magazine* and *Life Site News*. He has given numerous presentations across the country on same-sex attraction from a Catholic perspective. In addition to this, David gave his testimony at the 2015 Truth and Love conference in Rome, Italy. He can also be seen in the documentary, *The Third Way: Homosexuality and the Catholic Church*, by Blackstone Films.

**“I Thirst”: Concrete Ways to Meet the Needs of Those in the Church Who Experience Same Sex Attractions**

How do we welcome and accompany those with SSA into the Church? Today, this question is at the forefront, as priests, deacons, and lay leaders struggle to find the balance of loving the person, while not condoning sexual sin. David suggests that maybe we are asking the wrong question, as he turns to those words said, by Jesus on the cross, “I thirst”. By reframing this question, he gets past the cultural confusion and explores the spiritual needs of those who experience same-sex attractions. David, who through the power of Christ no longer identifies as a “gay” man, speaks from his own experience and Church teachings,

offering concrete ways to help meet these needs.



**Susan Selner-Wright, Ph.D.**, teaches at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver where she holds the Chaput Chair in Philosophy. Her academic specialty is the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas and her recent work has focused on helping to articulate a Catholic response to gender ideology. She is the author of the *Endow Study Guide on St. Thomas Aquinas for Beginners*.

**Christian Anthropology, the Basis for the Church’s Approach to Issues of Same-Sex Attraction and Gender Ideology**

Drawing on the unbroken tradition of seeing the human person as an embodied spirit, this talk will review why the Church teaches that our bodies are as much ourselves as our souls are, that our human nature sets boundaries for actions consistent with our flourishing, and that our bodies are important prophets of God’s plans for us.



**Rilene Simpson** was a self-proclaimed lesbian and atheist for most of her adult life. She was one of three people profiled in the documentary film *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*, a story of redemption and conversion to Christ. Since returning to the Catholic faith in

2009, Rilene has shared her story at conferences, on radio and television. She helps Catholics and other Christians understand the human dimensions of same-sex attraction, the truth in the Church’s teachings on human sexuality, and the hope and freedom found in the love of Christ.



**Janet E. Smith, Ph.D.**, is the author of *Humanae Vitae: A Generation Later* and of the *Right to Privacy* and the editor of *Why Humanae Vitae Was Right: A Reader*. Prof. Chris Kaczor and Prof. Smith co-authored *Life Issues, Medical Choices, Questions and Answers for Catholics*. She

has recently edited with Fr. Paul Check, *Living the Truth in Love: Pastoral Approaches to Same Sex Issues*. Her articles have been published in many academic journals; the *National Catholic Register* and *CatholicVote.com*. She is serving a third term as a consultant to the Pontifical Council on the Family and serves the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity as a member of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission, III. Prof. Smith has appeared on the *Geraldo show*, *Fox Morning News*, *CNN International*, *CNN Newsroom*, *Al Jazeera* and *EWTN*. More than two million copies of her talk, "Contraception: Why Not" have been distributed.

#### ***Humanae Vitae: Fifty Years Later***

This talk will review the genesis of *Humanae Vitae*, the responses to it, the consequences of dissenting from it and the Church's response to dissent, newer defenses of it and new challenges to it.



**Father D. Paul Sullins, Ph.D.**, is Research Professor of Sociology and Director of the Leo Institute for Catholic Social Research at the Catholic University of America. He has written four books and over 100 journal articles, book chapters and research reports on issues of faith and culture. He recently published

"Invisible Victims: Delayed Onset Depression among Adults with Same-Sex Parents", "Emotional problems among children with same-sex parents" and "The unexpected harm of same-sex marriage", and co-edited (with Pierpaolo Donati of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences) *The Conjugal Family: An Irreplaceable Resource for Society*. Formerly Episcopalian, Fr. Sullins is a married Catholic priest with an inter-racial family of three children, two adopted.

#### **Developmental Outcomes with Same-Sex Parents:**

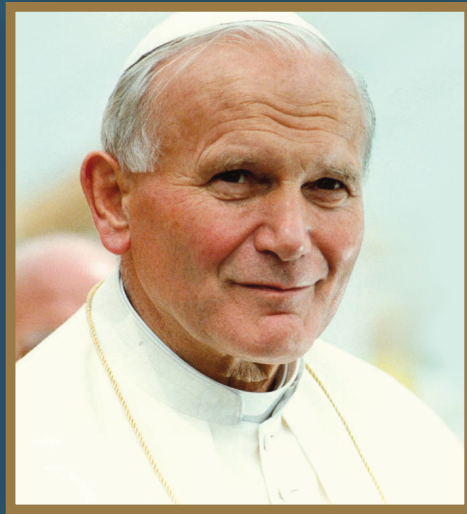
##### **The Irreplaceable Advantage of Man-Woman Marriage**

Despite pervasive ideological claims to the contrary, every unbiased random sample study reveals emotional and developmental problems for such children. Three possible causes of the harm observed are: 1) the parenting or partnership arrangements involved, 2) homosexual orientation as distinct from partnership, and 3) the array of gender distinctions that come with same-sex parent families. By rejecting a false consciousness that devalues sex and flattens gender, we are able to explore how the gender differences involved in same-sex parenting powerfully shape child well-being, illustrating how men and women are, in fundamental ways, made for each other, and jointly provide the best possible context for children to flourish.



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“At times, in the discussions about new and complex moral problems, it can seem that Christian morality is in itself too demanding, difficult to understand and almost impossible to practice. This is untrue, since Christian morality consists, in the simplicity of the Gospel, in following Jesus Christ, in abandoning oneself to him, in letting oneself be transformed by his grace and renewed by his mercy, gifts which come to us in the living communion of his Church.”

*Veritatis Splendor, 119*



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