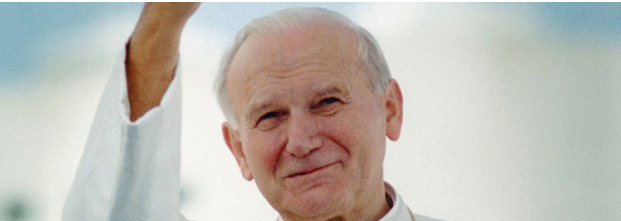


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This conference aims to provide comprehensive formation from experts in the fields of pastoral ministry, theology, philosophy, psychology, and health care in caring for people who experience same-sex attractions and/or gender dysphoria. It will also feature testimonials from men and women who themselves experience same-sex attraction and who have embraced the Church’s teaching on chastity.

Attendees will include clergy, religious, and lay professionals who are seeking a deeper understanding of homosexuality, gender identity, and related issues. The event is especially geared towards those working in pastoral care, education, medicine, and the mental health professions.

The 2020 gathering will also mark the 100th birthday of Pope Saint John Paul II by establishing him as the official patron of Truth & Love. Known for his extensive writings on sexual morality, particularly *Theology of the Body* and *Love and Responsibility*, John Paul II is a fitting patron for this formation initiative.



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Monday, April 27

3:30 pm	Registration
5:30 pm	Dinner Buffet
7:00 — 8:00 pm	Opening Keynote Fr. Philip Bochanski
8:15 — 9:45 pm	Movie with Panel Discussion Desire of the Everlasting Hills Paul D., Rilene S.
8:15 — 9:30 pm	Movie with Panel Discussion The Third Way David Prosen, Mary W.
8:15 — 9:30 pm	Movie with Panel Discussion An Invitation to Courageous Love (Part 5) Fr. Philip Bochanski

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, April 28

7:30 am	Buses will leave from Holiday Inn to Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church
9:00 am	Registration - Arrival
9:30 — 10:30 am	Challenges of Sharing the Church’s Teaching in the Modern World Bishop John Keenan (via livestream)
10:30 — 10:45 am	Break
10:45 — 11:30 pm	Session I <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Engendering Discussion: Recent Catholic Thought on Sexual Difference</i> - John Grabowski, Ph.D.<i>Deepening Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity Through an Understanding of the Psychological Sciences</i> - Timothy Lock, Ph.D.<i>The Importance of an Authentic Christian Anthropology</i> - Fr. Philip Bochanski
11:45 — 12:30 pm	Session II <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The Importance of an Authentic Christian Anthropology</i> - Fr. Philip Bochanski<i>Counselling Family Members with Loved Ones who Experience Same-Sex Attraction</i> - David Prosen<i>Guarding our Capacity for Authentic Love: The Importance of Affectivity in Daily Life</i> - Suzanne Baars, Ph.D.
12:30 — 2:00 pm	Lunch - Break
2:00 — 2:45 pm	Session III <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Transgender Surgery & Catholic Anthropology</i> - Deacon Patrick Lappert, M.D.<i>Guarding our Capacity for Authentic Love: The Importance of Affectivity in Daily Life</i> - Suzanne Baars, Ph.D.<i>Spiritual Friendship and the Soul’s Pilgrimage to God</i> - Alphonso Lopez Pinto, STD

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3:00 — 3:45 pm	Session IV <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Bringing Transparency to the Treatment of Transgender Persons</i> - Quentin Van Meter, M.D.<i>Developmental Outcomes with Same-Sex Parents: The Irreplaceable Advantage of Man-Woman Marriage</i> - Fr. Paul Sullins<i>An Authentically Welcoming Parish: Preaching, the Sacraments and Parish Life</i> - Fr. Philip Bochanski
3:45 — 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 — 4:45 pm	Session V <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Witness Testimony:</i> Hudson B.<i>Witness Testimony:</i> Paul D. & Rilene S.<i>Witness Testimony:</i> Garrett J. & Avera S.
5:00 — 5:45 pm	Session VI <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Authentic Pastoral Care in Light of Confusion About Sexual Identity</i> - Fr. Philip Bochanski<i>Charity & Clarity</i> - Michael Horne, Psy.D.<i>“I Thirst”: What We Who Experience Same-Sex Attraction Need from You in Pastoral Care</i> - David Prosen
6:00 — 7:30 pm	Dinner - Break
7:45 — 8:30 pm	LGBTQ Ideology & Its Impact on the Family - Mary Rice Hasson

Wednesday, April 29

7:30 am	Buses will leave from Holiday Inn to Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church
9:00 am	Registration - Arrival
9:30 — 10:30 am	Love That Makes Sense Trent Horn
10:30 — 10:45 am	Break
10:45 — 11:45 pm	Small Group Discussions
12:00 — 2:00 pm	Lunch

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2:15 — 3:15 pm	Panel Discussion All speakers remaining
3:15 — 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 — 4:45 pm	SOGI Laws: Reflecting and Forming Culture Helen Alvaré, J.D.
4:45 — 5:00 pm	Wrap Up

TESTIMONIALS



Hudson Byblow is a speaker and author who addresses the difficult topics facing today’s Catholic youth. Hudson has spoken across North America at conferences, to school boards, college missionary groups, Catholic Universities, and at diocesan events. More information can be found at his website, www.hudsonbyblow.com.



Paul Darrow moved to Manhattan immediately after college and became an international fashion model and an atheist. Shortly after converting to Catholicism, Paul was filmed as one of the subjects in the award-winning film *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*. He has appeared on EWTN and is a frequent guest on talk radio.



Garrett Johnson came back to the Catholic faith after years of living a godless, pagan lifestyle. He joined the Arlington, VA chapter of Courage in 2013 and shares his journey on brotherwithoutorder.com. Garrett has spoken at Courage events and has appeared on EWTN. He lives in Washington DC where he is a stylist and salon manager.



Avera Maria Santo speaks and writes on homosexuality and Catholicism at the young age of 22. She travels the country sharing her story, giving a tangible and joyful witness to the goodness, truth, and beauty of the Church’s teachings. Avera blogs at [Inside My Holy of Holies: http://couragegulfcoast.wixsite.com/blog](http://couragegulfcoast.wixsite.com/blog)



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 *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.

CONFERENCE PRESENTERS



Fr. Philip G. Bochanski has an MA in theology from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, and was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1999. He was named Executive Director of Courage International in 2017. Father's most recent book is entitled *The Virtue of Hope: How Confidence in God Can Lead You to Heaven*.



Bishop John Keenan was nominated as Bishop of Paisley, by Pope Francis, on 8th February 2014 and was ordained as the fifth Bishop of Paisley on 19th March 2014 by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, the Archbishop of Glasgow and his predecessor in Paisley. He was appointed as Vocations Director of the Archdiocese of Glasgow 2013-2014.



Helen Alvare is a Professor of Law at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, where she teaches Family Law, Law and Religion, and Property Law. She publishes on matters concerning marriage, parenting, non-marital households, and the First Amendment religion clauses.



Deacon Patrick Lappert, M.D. 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 and his wife of 34 years, Patrice Ann Obers, have six grown children.



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 and focuses her work on the integration of the Christian anthropology of St. Thomas Aquinas.



Timothy Lock, Ph.D. is Director of Psychological Services at St. Joseph's Seminary in the Archdiocese of New York. Dr. Lock works within a Catholic anthropology to provide psychological assessment, psychotherapy, and psychological consultation. Dr. Lock lives with his wife of 26 years and their eight children in northwestern Connecticut, USA.



John 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-eight 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/ Ethics.



Alphonso Lopez Pinto, STD received his Doctorate in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, and is an Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the Theology Cycle at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver, Colorado. Pinto also teaches online at the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation.



Mary Rice Hasson is the Kate O'Beirne Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. from where she directs the Catholic Women's Forum. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame Law School. Mary is married to Kevin J. "Seamus" Hasson, has seven grown children, and one grandchild.



David Prosen graduated in 2006 with an MA in Counseling and a year of theology courses from Franciscan University of Steubenville. He led the Steubenville chapter of Courage from 2004 to 2011 and authored the book, *Accompanying Those with Same-Sex Attractions: A Guide for Catholics*, published by Our Sunday Visitor.



Trent Horn After his conversion to the Catholic faith, Trent earned master's degrees in the fields of theology, philosophy, and bioethics. He serves as a staff apologist for Catholic Answers and can be heard each week on the radio program *Catholic Answers Live* and on his own podcast, *The Counsel of Trent*.



Fr. Paul Sullins is a Senior Research Associate of the Ruth Institute. He recently retired as Professor of Sociology at Catholic University of America. Fr. Sullins is a leader in the field of research on same-sex parenting and its implications for child development. He has written four books and over 100 articles, reports, and essays on family, faith, and culture.



Michael Home, 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 (now Divine Mercy University) in 2009. Dr. Home has worked in several Catholic mental health clinics and has served as a school counselor.



Quentin Van Meter, M.D. is currently the President of the American College of Pediatricians. He is an adjunct associate professor of Pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine and an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Morehouse Schools of Medicine.



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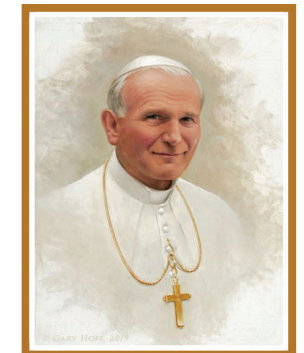
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