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 Teachings in the Modern World - Bishop John Keenan (via livestream)

10:30 — 10:45 am | Break

10:45 — 11:30 am | Session I

- Engendering Discussion: Recent Catholic Thought on Sexual Difference - John Gradowski, Ph.D.
- Deepening Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity Through an Understanding of the Psychological Sciences - Timothy Lack, Ph.D.
- The Importance of an Authentic Christian Anthropology - Fr. Philip Bochanski

11:45 — 12:30 pm | Session II

- The Importance of an Authentic Christian Anthropology - Fr. Philip Bochanski
- Counselling Family Members with Loved Ones who Experience Same-Sex Attraction - David Prosen
- Guarding our Capacity for Authentic Love: The Importance of Affectivity in Daily Life - Suzanne Baars, Ph.D.

12:30 — 2:00 pm | Lunch - Break

2:00 — 2:45 pm | Session III

- Transgender Surgery & Catholic Anthropology - Deacon Patrick Lappert, M.D.
- Guarding our Capacity for Authentic Love: The Importance of Affectivity in Daily Life - Suzanne Baars, Ph.D.
- Spiritual Friendship and the Soul's Pilgrimage to God - Alphonso Lopez Pinto, STD

**Tuesday, April 28 (continued)**

3:00 — 3:45 pm | Session IV

- Bringing Transparency to the Treatment of Transgender Persons - Quintin Van Meter, M.D.
- Developmental Outcomes with Same-Sex Parents: The Irreplaceable Advantage of Man-Woman Marriage - Fr. Paul Sullivan
- An Authentically Welcoming Parish: Preaching, the Sacraments and Parish Life - Fr. Philip Bochanski

3:45 — 4:00 pm | Break

4:00 — 4:45 pm | Session V

- Witness Testimony: Hudson B.
- Witness Testimony: Paul D. & Rilene S.
- Witness Testimony: Garrett J. & Avera S.

5:00 — 5:45 pm | Session VI

- Authentic Pastoral Care in Light of Confusion About Sexual Identity - Fr. Philip Bochanski
- Charity & Clarity - Michael Home, Psy.D.
- "I Thirst": What We Who Experience Same-Sex Attraction Need from You in Pastoral Care - David Prosen

6:00 — 7:30 pm | Dinner - Break

7:45 — 8:30 pm | Small Group Discussions

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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 Theology of the Body. John Paul II is a fitting patron for this formation initiative.

Be not afraid!

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

**Wednesday, April 29 (continued)**

2:15 — 3:15 pm | Panel Discussion

3:15 — 3:30 pm | Break

3:30 — 4:45 pm | S.O.G.I. Laws: Reflecting and Forming Culture - Helen Alvanz, I.D.

4:45 — 5:00 pm | Wrap Up

**Testimonials**

**Hudson Byblow** is a speaker and author who address one of the most 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 brotherintheboudoir.com. Garrett has spoken at Courage events and 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

**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.
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Mary Rice Hassan 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.

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, Patricia Ann Olbers, have six grown children.

Michael Home, Psy. D. is a 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.


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Timothy Lock, Ph.D. is a 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.

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.

Fr. Paul Sullivan is a Senior Research Associate of the Ruth Institute. He recently retired as Professor of Sociology at Catholic University of America. Fr. Sullivan 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.

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.

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