

2018 Men's Conference Workshop and Speaker Descriptions

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A1	<i>Leading after the Example of Jesus</i>	Bishop Ronald Gainer	The term "servant leadership" was coined by Robert Greenleaf in 1970 in the context of business administration. The concept itself is thoroughly based on our Lord's teaching and example in the Gospels. This presentation will explore the meaning of authentic leadership and its critical importance for men as husbands, fathers, and disciples.	Bishop Gainer is the 11 th Bishop of Harrisburg.
A2	<i>Creating an Evangelizing Parish</i>	Father Daniel Powell	What might we be able to do within the Parish to be more welcoming and more outward facing? How intentional are we when we plan and carry out our ministries/	Father Powell is Pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Lancaster, Pa.
A3	<i>Our Lady of Fatima's Message: What Does It Mean Today?</i>	Father John Hoke		Father Hoke is Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Milton and Dean of the Northern Deanery.
A4	<i>Living the Faith: Discerning and Embracing God's Will</i>	Father Peter Hahn	This presentation will emphasize how to develop a spirit of joy to persuasively and effectively live and proclaim our Catholic Faith in witness and word.	Father Hahn is Pastor of St. Leo the Great in Lancaster and Dean of the Southern Lancaster Deanery.
A5	<i>A Short Teaching on the Tridentine Mass</i>	Father David Franco	Rome was not built in a day, and neither was the Roman Rite of the Mass. We will look at the rich traditions of the Church and the Liturgy which nourished generations of saints. By understanding the Mass, we can truly our lives centered on the Eucharist.	Fr. David Franco is a priest of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter and works in the Mater Dei Latin Mass community in St. Lawrence Chapel. He was ordained in 2015.
A6	<i>Prayer for the Busy Man</i>	Monsignor James Lyons	What does a life of prayer look like? Will look at when, where, and how we pray.	Monsignor Lyons is Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Hanover, PA.
A7	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas, Patroness of Life</i>	Father Luis Rodriguez	A brief overview of the image of Guadalupe to better understand its major significance as a Church approved true miraculous occurrence of Mary and its significance for the life of the New Colonial World, our current times and the Pro-Life movement in the United States and beyond.	Father Rodriguez is Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg and Dean of the Franklin Deanery.
A8	<i>The Glories of Catholicism</i>	Father John Trigilio		Father Trigilio is Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Marysville, PA and Saint Bernadette Mission, Duncannon, PA.
A9	<i>The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist</i>	Father Mark Wilke	A brief survey of how the Most Holy Eucharist fulfills the promised covenant of Passover	Father Wilke is Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus in Lewisburg.
A10	<i>Defense Against the dark Arts: Common Heresies and How to Counter Them</i>	Father James Lease	What is heresy and why is it bad? How can we avoid their harmful influence? Come and learn how to defend the faith from the dark art of heresy. We'll look at Arianism, Pelagianism, Gnosticism, and others. Come to keep from being wrapped in the darkness of error and instead to stand in the bright light of truth.	Father Lease has a license in Biblical Theology from Pontifical Gregorian University. He is Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Danville, PA. He is also the Director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Diocese of Harrisburg.
A11	<i>Life in the Spirit</i>	Father Francis Karwacki	A reflection on the life in the Spirit through docility to the movements of the Holy Spirit. The release of the power of the Holy Spirit within us and the charismatic gifts of the Spirit as described in 1Cor. 12, 13, and 14 will also be discussed.	Father Karwacki is the Diocesan Liaison for Charismatic Renewal and Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. He has published 10 articles in "The Priest" magazine and "Pastoral Life".
A12	<i>Mass as the Center of Our Lives</i>	Father Neil Sullivan	The Church teaches us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. That means the Celebration of the Eucharist - the Mass -needs to be the center of our lives. This workshop will examine what makes the Mass so essential to our lives as disciples, identify contemporary societal developments which challenge that, and share practical tools and insights to help us make and maintain Mass as the center of our lives, enabling us to encounter the Risen Christ, offer praise and thanks to God, and grow in holiness.	Father Neil Sullivan is the pastor of Saint Catherine Laboure Parish in Harrisburg. He served for ten years as the Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship. Father Sullivan is also the Director of Spiritual Formation for the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program of the Diocese of Harrisburg. He is member of the Diocesan College of Consultors, Presbyteral Council, and Priests Continuing Formation Committee and Dean of the Dauphin Deanery. He is chair of the Board of Pastors of Bishop Mc Devitt High School and a member of the school's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He is a member of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Alumni Association Executive Committee. Father Sullivan is a frequent retreat leader, workshop presenter on liturgical theology and praxis, liturgical consultant to parishes, religious communities, and ecclesial organizations, and a member of the leadership team and liturgical coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Congress on Pastoral Leadership. He is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

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B1	<i>Creation, The Fall, and Redemption in Christ</i>	Father William Weary		Father Weary is Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Lewistown and St. Jude Parish in Mifflintown. He is Chaplain for the Diocesan <i>Encourage</i> apostolate.
B2	<i>The Power of Confession to Transform Your Life</i>	Mr. David Abel	In this workshop, David will speak to the power of Confession in his life, the transformative grace he has received, and the transformative grace that our Lord wants all men to experience through this healing Sacrament of Jesus' Divine Mercy.	Mr. Abel is the Founder and President of <i>Stewardship: A Mission of Faith</i> .
B3	<i>The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell</i>	Deacon Richard Wentzel	A brief overview of Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell...and a side trip will be made to Purgatory	Deacon Wentzel serves as Deacon and Pastoral Associate at the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lebanon, PA.
B4	<i>Chaste Living for Men</i>	Father Edward Connolly	If you were arrested for being chaste in public places, is it likely that you would be convicted? Should you aspire to be chaste? Have you ever been chased by the cops? Do you have even the foggiest idea what it means to be chaste? If you answered "yes" or "no" to any or all of these questions you will benefit from this workshop.	Father Connolly is a Priest of the Diocese of Allentown and Pastor Emeritus of St. Joseph Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Girardville.
B5	<i>From the Coal Region to the Gulag: Walking by Faith with Father Walter Ciszek</i>	Mr. Dominic Lombardi	The witness of faith in the mysterious ways of God's providence will be explored in the life of Fr. Walter Ciszek, born and raised in Shenandoah, PA, called to the Priesthood, and his survival of the Soviet Gulag in the mines and forests of Siberia.	Mr. Lombardi is the Secretary of Catholic Life and Evangelization, Diocese of Harrisburg, MA, STL.
B6	<i>How Men Can Help Their Children and Grandchildren Find Their Way Back to the Faith</i>	Father Dwight Schlaline	Starting from a keen awareness of our innate inability to convert anyone to the faith, we will examine how the Holy Spirit can flow through us and bring about conversion in others. The workshop will be based on Scripture and lived experiences of evangelization and conversion.	Father Schlaline is Pastor of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish in Shippensburg and the Campus Minister at Shippensburg University.
B7	<i>The Power of Catholic Books: How They Can Change Your Life</i>	Mr. Pete Socks	This workshop will focus on how books led to my reversion and how through them others can reignite their passion for Christ and his Church.	Mr. Socks experienced a reversion upon reading the book "Be A Man" by Larry Richards. This led him to creating his blog "The Catholic Book Blogger" hosted at Patheos. He is also a managing partner at Breadbox Media.
B8	<i>The Liturgy of the Hours: Powerhouse of Prayer</i>	Monsignor James Lyons	The history of the Liturgy of the Hours and instructions on how to pray the hours.	Monsignor Lyons is Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Hanover, PA.
B9	<i>The Four Marian Dogmas</i>	Mr. Jim Gontis	Catholic Saints, Sages, and Popes have told us that the fastest and most direct route to Jesus is through the Mother of God. The four Marian Dogmas are Mary's Divine Maternity (Mother of God), Perpetual Virginity, Immaculate Conception, and Assumption. Through a down-to-earth explanation of these four principal Marian teachings, attendees of this workshop will come to not only understand Mary better, but also, and even more importantly, Jesus. We will also talk briefly about the power of the Rosary as spiritual armor and a ladder to Heaven.	Mr. Gontis is the Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Harrisburg.
B10	<i>Could That Man is You (TMIY) be for You?</i>	Mr. Carl Freidhoff	TMIY is a men's faith sharing program, which combines Church teachings and examples of faith. This helps build a church brotherhood and leads to ministry by those involved. An overview of the program and how Mary, Mercy, and The Eucharist are included in a multi-year program.	Mr. Freidhoff is a deacon candidate in the Diocese of Harrisburg and on the leadership committee form.
B11	<i>A Great Cloud of Witnesses: The Importance of Devotion to the Saints</i>	Father Jonathan Sawicki		Father Sawicki is Pastor of Immaculate Conception BVM Parish in York, chaplain at York Catholic High School, and Dean of the York Deanery.

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C1	<i>Biblical Apologetics: Where Do You Find That Catholic Teaching in the Bible</i>	Father Edward Connolly	What does the bible have to say about being born again, or about "all you need is the Bible", or about eating and drinking the Body and the Blood of the Lord, or about "eternal assurance", or about confessing one's sin to a priest, or about Purgatory or about praying to Mary and the saints? Does the Catholic Church just spin new doctrines out of thin air or are all of Her teachings solidly based on the Bible?	Father Connolly is a Priest of the Diocese of Allentown and Pastor Emeritus of St. Joseph Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Girardville.
C2	<i>I was in Prison and You Visited Me</i>	Deacon James Doyle	An overview of prison ministry in the diocese and the impact it may have on people's lives – especially the volunteers	Deacon James Doyle has been a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Harrisburg since 2010 in the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Harrisburg.
C3	<i>Truth Be Told: Sharing the Faith in a Relativistic Culture</i>	Mr. Ryan Bolster	How do we speak about what matters most in life with someone who denies the existence of objective truth and moral absolutes? How do we share our faith in the One who said, <i>I am the way, and the truth, and the life</i> with a person who acknowledges only "your truth" and "my truth", but not "the truth"? This session will address ways to engage and evangelize those who have adopted a relativistic worldview.	Mr. Bolster is the Director of the Office of Adult Education and Catechist Formation for the Diocese of Harrisburg.
C4	<i>St. Joseph: Superhero for our Times</i>	Mr. Tony Devlin	How did a mild mannered carpenter from a Jewish backwater town gain the ninja skills he needed to battles the undead and win the title "Terror of Demons"? Is he a literary construct, as secular scholars claim or is he Special Agent Joseph, First Officer of the Witness Protection Program? The truth is out there. Join us as we query the best minds in the Catholic history to see through the mists of time and reveal the secret identity of the man God chose to raise and protect the Savior of the world.	Mr. Devlin is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Mechanicsburg, and works in men's ministries to promote evangelization and the model of St. Joseph.
C5	<i>Men of the Eucharist: The Power and mercy of Mass and Eucharistic Adoration</i>	Mr. Christopher Chapman	We will explore the profound meaning of worshipping God and frequent reception of Holy Communion as the supernatural bedrock of our growth and maturation as men in Christ.	Mr. Chapman spent 11 year as a high school religion teacher and now serves as an administrator in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. His focus is on spiritual maturation, the harmony of Faith and Reason, the intersection of Faith and culture, and evangelization and catechesis.
C6	<i>Angels and Demons</i>	Deacon Jeff Baylor	This workshop will seek to clarify teaching on angels and demons and to clear up common misconceptions. Come to the workshop and learn more about Heavenly help and Diabolical plotting!	Deacon Baylor serves as deacon of St. Peter Parish in Columbia, PA.
C7	<i>Striking a Balance Between Work and Family</i>	Dr. Greg Burke	We will share some helpful hints on balancing work obligation and family life.	Dr. Burke is the president of the Harrisburg Guild of Catholic Medical Association.
C8	<i>The Book of Revelation: A Message for All Times</i>	Deacon David Hall	The book of Revelation was written to address one key problem: Christian faith can be hard to live out in a hostile world. Jesus says to his Church, "I want you to know that I know". Then the rest of the message comes: in spite of all the hard things (with many yet to come), God is on the throne, and the Lamb who was slain is alive and has already won the ultimate victory.	Deacon Hall was an Evangelical pastor for over 30 years. His search for a deeper prayer life and a more integrated spirituality brought him and his wife, Libby, into the Catholic Church in 2001. Dr. Hall was ordained to the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Harrisburg in 2012. He now serves as a pastoral associate at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Mechanicsburg, PA. He is also a domestic member of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.
C9	<i>The Story of Salvation History and Your Place in it</i>	Mr. Robert Jakielski	Over the centuries the story of Salvation History was told to the children by their Parents. We have to know this story and tell our children about the Love of God and our relationship with Him. We will do over 4000 years of Church History as we tell His Story.	Mr. Jakielski along with his wife Mary, has been Coordination of Religious Education at Mary Mother of the Church since 1993. Bob has been teaching since 1972. He teaches Confirmation and Adult classes.
C10	<i>The History of the Pro-Life Movement</i>	Mr. Tom O'Neill	A brief overview of the history of abortion in American, focusing on abortion laws and significant Supreme Court decisions. Where did we come from and where are we now? Some detail on abortion in Pennsylvania will be included as well.	Mr. O'Neill is the Director of the Family and Respect Life Office for the Diocese of Harrisburg.

C11	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi: A Knight for Christ</i>	Mr. Stephen Hurtak, Mr. Stephen Wolf, and Mrs. Deborah Salldin	St. Francis was in love with Jesus, and he invites you to see Jesus through his eyes, that you may experience his love of Jesus. Join us as we look at the life of St. Francis, That you may experience the passion of Francis as he radically lived and proclaimed the Gospel. Apply his insight and zeal to your everyday life and discover how Franciscan Spirituality can unlock the secret to living a counter-cultural life with inner calm.	Mr. Hurtak, Mr. Wolf, and Mrs. Salldin are Secular Franciscans in the St. Thomas More Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order.
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