

ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN THE SACRAMENTS

WITNESSES FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

August 10-11, 2018

Blessed Sacrament Parish
130 Losey Blvd S. | La Crosse WI



BUILDING UPON A TRADITION OF CATHOLIC FAITH
DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Motel 6

2150 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$50* Two Queen Beds
Block of rooms have been reserved until July 11th
608-781-0400 1-800-367-3935

Super 8

1625 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$99* One Queen Beds \$119* Two Queen Beds
Block of rooms have been reserved until July 11th
608-781-8880 1-800-800-8000

Days Inn La Crosse

101 Sky Harbour Dr., La Crosse - French Island
Rates: \$89* Two Queen Beds
Block of rooms have been reserved until July 11th
608-783-1000

AmericInn Riverfront

1835 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$140* Two Double Beds or King Bed
Block of rooms have been reserved until July 11th
608-781-7000 1-800-688-9260

Microtel Inn (Onalaska)

3240 No. Kinney Coulee Rd., Onalaska
Rates: \$86* Two Queen Beds \$81* One Queen Bed
Block of rooms have been reserved until July 11th
608-783-0833

Quality Inn and Suites

1830 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$139* Two Queen Beds
608-781-1400

Settle Inn

2110 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$85* Two Queen Beds
608-781-5100

America's Best Value Inn

2622 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$90* King Bed or Two Queen Beds
608-781-3070

* Prices subject to change and do not include tax - call hotel to verify rates. Mention Diocese of La Crosse Witnesses for Christ Conference for block or corporate rates. Check to see if hotel will honor parish tax exempt number.

Fill out form below then mail in with registration fee by July 20, 2018
REGISTRATION FORM FOR DIOCESAN CONFERENCE - Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11, 2018.

Name: _____
Parish: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Title (circle all that apply):
DRE / CRE / Youth Min. / Team / Priest/
Pastoral Assoc. / Catechist / Catholic School Teacher
Other: _____

CONFERENCE FEE:
Early registration by July 20 - \$70
Regular registration by July 31 - \$80

No late registrations or walk-ins.
All Sessions: Friday Evening Banquet; Lunch/Fri; Breakfast-Lunch/Sat
Please indicate if you will be attending
Friday Night Banquet Yes No
Every parish needs to be represented.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Diocese of La Crosse
The Office for Catechesis and Evangelization
P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Susan Skemp with any questions or special needs at
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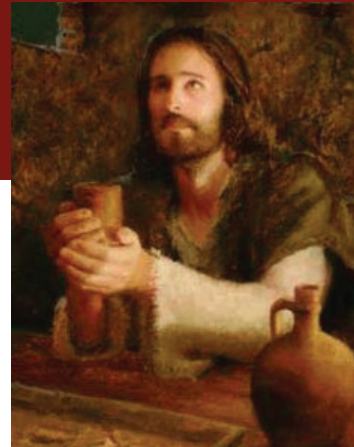
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BEYOND SIT, STAND, KNEEL: ENCOUNTERING GOD

DR. JAMES PAULEY

James is deeply concerned about the widespread decline in the number of people receiving the Sacraments in the Church. He feels the call to help turn the tide so strongly that he even authored a helpful new book on the topic. He has a passion for communicating the deep roots and meaning of the Mass – especially to those who are indifferent and unengaged – so that it can be a transformative encounter with God. Dr. Pauley has worked as a parish catechetical leader as well as at the diocesan and university level for more than twenty-five years and he currently serves as a Professor of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University. He is a frequent speaker in dioceses and parishes nationwide. James is married to Katrina and they are blessed with three beautiful daughters.



TEACH CHILDREN, AND THEIR PARENTS, TO SEE JESUS AT MASS

CONFERENCE WILL BE:

- INTERACTIVE
- REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES
- SKILL BUILDING



A PASTOR'S VIEWPOINT

FATHER WILLIAM DHEIN

Father Dhein is the Chancellor, Vicar General, and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of La Crosse. He was pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Patrick Parishes in Eau Claire and then St. Charles in Genoa and St. Mary's in Coon Valley. Father Dhein has a pastoral heart and attempts to bring that into the administrative offices he now serves. In light of his experience with parish life and administration he will discuss ways for us to become more effective in our roles as servants in the parish.



FROM ATHEIST TO CATHOLIC

DR. HOLLY ORDWAY

Holly called herself an “antagonistic atheist” until God met her in the writings of C.S. Lewis where she began to understand that the Resurrection of Christ is historical and believable and has personal implications. It was then through her fencing coach where God met her again through respectful and informative conversations that allowed her to ask questions with complete freedom. Dr. Ordway is the author of the best-selling book, Not God's Type. In describing her transformation from a secular-minded, atheistic English professor to a devout Catholic, Holly will help us better understand the worldly mindset from which she was rescued, and consider simple ways we can help lead others to Christ.

Friday, August 10

- 11 a.m. Welcome and Opening Prayer: **Ann Lankford and Chris Rogers**
3 things they didn't teach you about parish work: **Fr. William Dhein**
How to Involve Parents: What's working well in Parishes? **Jennifer, Ann W., & Joan**
How to effectively use Social Media / Pitfalls of Electronic Communication: **Kristin Johnson & Chris Rogers**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. **Dr. Holly Ordway** gives her testimony: Atheist converts to Catholicism
Dr. Holly Ordway: How God works in the imagination to stir faith
- 3:30 p.m. New Prayer Initiative: **Ann Lankford**
How to engage Children and Youth: What's working well in Parishes **Michael, Kristin & Dave**
Online Learning System
- 5 p.m. Confessions, networking, bookstore, check in at motel
- 6 p.m. Social at Moxies / AmericInn Hotel (formerly River Jacks/Best Western)
- 7 p.m. Dinner Banquet at Moxies/ AmericInn Hotel (formerly River Jacks/Best Western)

Saturday, August 11

- 8 a.m. Mass celebrated by **Bishop Callahan**
• Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. **Dr. James Pauley:** **Keynote speaker for the day**
Cultivating a Desire for God
- 10:45 a.m. The Sacraments: Empty Ritual or Life-Changing Encounter
- 12 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Participating Beyond Sit, Stand, Kneel: Teaching the Art of Transformative Participation
- 2:15 p.m. Personal Mentoring: The Best Way Forward
- 3:30 p.m. Close