



You probably have children, relatives and friends who have not yet developed a friendship with Jesus and some may not necessarily be interested in pursuing one. You may also feel afraid or unsure how to open up a discussion about your own relationship with Christ.

Learn simple skills to accompany others on their journey to Jesus

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WITNESSES for CHRIST

August 9-10, 2019

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



DIocese of LA CROSSE

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Motel 6

2150 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$80* One Queen Bed
Block of rooms have been reserved until July 9th
608-781-0400 1-800-367-3935

Super 8

1625 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$89* Two Queen Beds
Block of rooms have been reserved until July 9th
608-781-8880 1-800-800-8000

AmericInn Riverfront

1835 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$140* Two Queen Beds or King Bed
Block of rooms have been reserved until July 9th
608-781-7000 1-800-688-9260

Hampton Inn

511 Third Street North
Rates: \$150* Two Queen Beds or King Bed
Block of rooms have been reserved until June 28th
608-791-4004

Country Inn and Suites

2110 Rose St., La Crosse - North
Rates: \$130* Two Queen Beds or King Bed
Block of rooms have been reserved until July 9th
608-781-5100

Days Inn La Crosse

101 Sky Harbour Dr., La Crosse - French Island
Rates: \$99* Two Queen Beds
608-783-1000

Quality Inn and Suites

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

* 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.



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Fill out form below then mail in with registration fee by July 19, 2019.
REGISTRATION FORM FOR DIOCESAN CONFERENCE - Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10, 2019.

CONFERENCE FEE:

Early registration by July 19 - \$70

Regular registration by July 30 - \$85

Fee includes: All Sessions: Fri. Evening Banquet; Lunch/Fri; Breakfast/Lunch/Sat.
No late registrations or walk-ins.

Break-out Sessions (See Friday): Circle one for each time frame

- 10 am** - Session 1 - Session 2 - Session 3
- 3:45 pm** - Session 1 - Session 2 - Session 3

Please indicate if you will be attending

Friday Night Banquet Yes No

Every parish needs to be represented.

Register Online at: diolc.org/witness

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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

or COMPLETE FORM & 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:
 Call Susan Skemp at 608-791-2658 or sskemp@diolc.org

Schedule for Friday, August 9

10 a.m. Break-out Sessions

1. Middle and High School Relational Ministry as effective Faith Formation
– **Jacqueline & Michael Van Hemert & Kristin Johnson**
2. From Safe Haven Sunday to Safe Haven Home: Limiting the Influence of Pornography with **Dan & Christy Kitzhaber**
3. Responding to young children and youth about difficult cultural issues –
Ann Lankford & Chris Ruff

Michael Hall: Keynote speaker for the day
Theme - Intentional Accompaniment

11:30 a.m. Teaching to reach hearts; Leading people to Christ is more than just conveying information

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. **Michael Hall:** Offering the First Announcement – the Kerygma. The First Announcement is a few sentences that tug at the heart of the person with the reasons why they would want to encounter Jesus

2:30 p.m. **Michael Hall:** Providing an opportunity to make a decision for Christ. We teach the Faith but do we ask for a commitment? What do we do if they are not ready? How can we have simple conversations about Jesus?

3:45 p.m. Break-out sessions

1. Families and Faith: Why is the family so important in the transmission of the Faith with **Dan & Christy Kitzhaber**
2. Confirmation: What will pull in this group of young people? How to engage parents and How to have Compelling Retreats with **Chris Rogers, Wanda Thorson & Steve Martin**
3. Issues that Catechists Face on a Weekly Basis: Discipline that works; Presenting compelling Safe Environment training; Special Need's Issues; Involving Parents; with **Pat Brueggen, Teresa Brown, Diane Hietpas & Michelle Bowe**

4:45 p.m. Confessions, networking, bookstore, check in at motel

6 p.m. Social at Moxies / AmericInn Riverfront
7 p.m. Dinner Banquet at Moxies / AmericInn Riverfront

Saturday, August 10

8 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan
Continental Breakfast

Father Lou Molinelli: Keynote speaker for the day
Theme: Accompaniment - Formed for the Mission
9:30 a.m. The Four Pillars of St. John Bosco's System
10:45 a.m. The Spirituality of Daily Life: Encountering the Lord Jesus

12 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Forming Communion in the Catholic Church

2:15 p.m. Living our Mission in the Spirit of Joy

3:30 p.m. Closing Prayer

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Father Lou Molinelli, SDB

Father Louis Molinelli, SDB, made his first profession as a Salesian in 1981 and was ordained a priest in 1990. He graduated from

Don Bosco College with a BA in philosophy and a teaching certificate in mathematics. He received an MA in Sacred Scripture, a master of divinity and a master's in education (school administration). He has been a teacher, assistant coordinator of youth ministry, academic dean, and principal. He served as the principal for six years at St. Petersburg Catholic High School, St. Petersburg, Florida, and he was the director and president of the Don Bosco Preparatory High School in Ramsey, New Jersey. Since 2011, Father Lou has been the director of Archbishop Shaw High School in Marrero, Louisiana. Fr. Lou is very practical and has a great sense of humor.

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Accompaniment is walking alongside another person on their pilgrimage toward a deeper relationship with Jesus.

The art of intentional accompaniment requires some specific skills, such as

- Extending an invitation to friendship with Jesus
- Knowing how to make the invitation personal
- Presenting the First Announcement – the Kerygma – in a few sentences that tug at the heart of the person with the reasons why they would want to encounter Jesus
- Providing an opportunity to make a decision for Christ
- Having simple conversations about Jesus



Michael Hall

Michael Hall is the director of Training for Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), a university student movement dedicated to

evangelization serving on campuses across Canada, and has been a missionary with CCO since 2003. He also serves as a co-director of the Summer Institute in the New Evangelization, a joint initiative between CCO, St. Paul University, and Mission of the Redeemer Ministries. Michael lives in Ottawa, Ontario, with his wife, Amy, and their four children.