



OVERCOMING — SPIRITUAL — DISCOURAGEMENT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WITNESSES *for* CHRIST

August 28-29, 2020

ONALASKA OMNI CENTER
255 Riders Club Rd, Onalaska, WI



DIocese of LA CROSSE

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

AmericInn Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center

1835 Rose St., La Crosse (North)

Rates: \$150* King or Two Queen Beds

608-781-7000 1-800-688-9260

Friday night banquet held at this conference center.

Americas Best Value Inn

2622 Rose St., La Crosse (North)

Rates: \$50* King or Two Double Beds

608-781-3070

(Block of rooms reserved until August 21, 2020)

Super 8

1625 Rose St., La Crosse (North)

Rates: \$89* Two Queen Beds

608-781-8880 1-800-800-8000

Days Inn

101 Sky Harbour Dr., La Crosse (French Island)

Rates: \$69* Single Bed \$74* Two Double Beds

608-783-1000

Country Inn & Suites

2110 Rose St. – La Crosse (North)

Rates: \$129* King or Two Queen Beds

608-781-5100

Quality Inn and Suites

1830 Rose St., La Crosse (North)

Rates: \$129* Two Queen Beds

608-781-1400

Hampton Inn

511 Third Street No., La Crosse (Downtown)

Rates: \$139* King or Two Queen Beds

608-791-4004

Microtel Inn

3240 North Kinney Coulee Rd., Onalaska (Mall Area)

Rates: \$70* Single Bed \$80* Two Double Beds

608-783-0833

Additional Listing of Motels at: diolc.org/witness

* 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.



DIocese of LA CROSSE

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Fill out form below then mail in with registration fee by August 18, 2020
REGISTRATION FORM FOR DIOCESAN CONFERENCE - Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29, 2020

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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

Every parish needs to be represented.

CONFERENCE FEE: Early registration by May 8 - \$65

Regular registration by August 7 - \$75

Late registration by August 18 - \$85

Fee includes: All Sessions; Fri. Evening Banquet; Lunch/Fri. Breakfast/Lunch/Sat. Break-out Sessions (See Friday); Write one for each time frame

No late registrations or walk-ins.

2:45 pm - Session _____

4:00 pm - Session _____

Please indicate if you will be attending

Friday Night Banquet Yes No

Register Online at: diolc.org/witness

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



Freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life - the "cage" of everyday discouragement we all experience.

Friday, August 28

Fr. Timothy Gallagher O.M.V.

10 am Living with Hope

- That place in our hearts that is afraid—and allowing the Lord to love us there
- How God sees our weaknesses and failures—and the love that meets us there
- How to evade sadness, melancholy, and temptation

11:30 am Living the Spiritual Life

- When we keep repeating the same failures—and God's faithful love
- How to pray in time of spiritual discouragement
- How to leave the sins, weaknesses, and failures of your past to God's mercy

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Living the Day with Jesus

- How to recognize the enemy, even when he presents himself under the appearance of good
- What to do in time of spiritual discouragement
- The difference the Eucharist makes in time of spiritual discouragement

Choose one break-out session:

- 2:45 pm 1. **A Compelling Resource for Parish Small Groups:** *Fr. Brian Konopa, Sue Halter, Peter Schmitz, Lisa Doering, and Linda Schwartz*

2. **Fostering Holiness in Children – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** *Carolyn Kolhaus, Peg Klinkhammer, and Rosemary Hokamp*

3. **Theology of the Body: A Basic Overview for Forming Youth:** *Chris Ruff and Julie Studinski*

4. **The Power of Stories and 3 Conversion Stories Everyone Should Know:** *Clare Ruff and Chris Rogers*

5. **Keys to Partnering with Families:** *Dan and Christy Kitzhaber*

Choose one break-out session:

4:00 pm 6. **Addressing Confusion about Identity and Gender:** *Chris Rogers and Chris Ruff*

7. **Fostering Communication and Collaboration between the Pastor and Parish Leaders:** *Fr. Kizewski and Paula Hanson*

8. **Relationship, Intentionality, and Accompaniment - The Cornerstones of Ministry:** *Jennifer Kulzer, Andrew Brueggen*

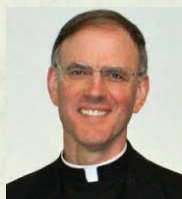
9. **What's the Story with You and God?** *Dan and Christy Kitzhaber*

10. **Suicide Prevention - Ask a Question, Save a Life:** *Debi Traeder*

5:00 pm Confessions networking, bookstore, check in at motel

6 pm Social at Moxies / AmericInn Riverfront

7 pm Dinner Banquet at Moxies / AmericInn Riverfront



Father Timothy M. Gallagher, O.M.V., was ordained in 1979 as a member of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, a religious community dedicated to retreats and spiritual formation according to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. He obtained his doctorate in 1983 from the Gregorian University. He has taught at two seminaries, assisted in formation work for twelve years, and served two terms as provincial in his own community. He has dedicated many years to an extensive international ministry

Saturday, August 29

8 am Mass with Bishop Callahan at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman

9:30 am Light Breakfast (Omni Center)

Fr. Timothy Gallagher O.M.V.

9:45 am **Living the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus**

- But my prayer seems so poor—and God's encouraging response
- The five benefits of Confession: new freedom of heart
- Ways you can be joyful even when you do not feel happy

11 am **Living with Mary**

- Mary: Our Mother in the order of grace and a source of hope
- What is holy presumption, why you want it, and how to get it
- Proven techniques for waging warfare against negative moods

12 pm Lunch

1 pm **Living with Courage**

- Drawing closer to God in life's darkest moments
- When a loved one dies, and how to live such times
- It is never too late! Beginning again, today, now

3:00 pm Closing prayer

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
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of retreats, spiritual direction, and teaching about the spiritual life. Fr. Gallagher is the author of seven books on the spiritual teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola. He currently holds the St. Ignatius Chair for Spiritual Formation at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver. Fr. Gallagher's warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation. These two days will provide guidance for when we struggle to overcome the greatest obstacle in the "everyday" and spiritual life – discouragement.