



OVERCOMING — SPIRITUAL — DISCOURAGEMENT

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

WITNESSES *for* CHRIST

August 29, 2020
LIVE-STREAMED



DIOCESE of LA CROSSE



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 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. This day will provide guidance for when we struggle to overcome the greatest obstacle in the "everyday" and spiritual life – discouragement.



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REGISTRATION FORM FOR DIOCESAN CONFERENCE - Saturday, August 29, 2020

Name: _____

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Email required to receive webinar link: _____

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DRE / CRE / Youth Min. / Team / Priest / Parent
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Everyone is welcome to this event!

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE FEE: \$15

Live-Streamed Zoom Webinar

Fee includes Fr. Gallagher's Book shipped to your home

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

Saturday, August 29

Fr. Timothy Gallagher O.M.V.
LIVE-STREAMED Zoom Webinar

If you have not used ZOOM, there is a very simple way to do a trial run by visiting <https://zoom.us/test> and following the instructions.

- 9:30 am** Login with equipment at the parish, or be ready to go with your computer at home
- 9:45 am** Opening Prayer/Introductions
- 10:00 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
- 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
- 10:50 am** Break
- 11:00 pm** **Living the Day with Jesus**
- What to do in time of spiritual discouragement
 - The difference the Eucharist makes in time of spiritual discouragement

Living the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus

- But my prayer seems so poor—and God's encouraging response
- Ways you can be joyful even when you do not feel happy

11:50 am Questions and Answers

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm **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

1:50 pm Break

2:00 pm **Living with Courage**

- Drawing closer to God in life's darkest moments
- It is never too late! Beginning again, today, now
- Questions and Answers

3:00 pm • Closing Prayer

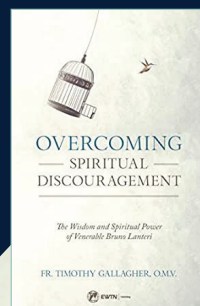
Choose one or more pre-recorded break-out sessions and watch them before August 29 at diolc.org/witness. Each session is 1 hour.

1. **A Compelling Resource for Parish Small Groups:** Fr. Brian Konopa, Susan Halter, Peter Schmitz, Lisa Doering, and Linda Schwartz

2. **Fostering Holiness in Children – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** Carolyn Kohlhaas, Peg Klinkhammer, and Rosemary Hokamp
3. **Theology of the Body: A Basic Overview for Forming Youth:** Chris Ruff, Julie Studinski and Cassie Thayer
4. **Effectively using Conversion Stories to Catechize Youth** Clare Ruff and Chris Rogers
5. **Partnering with Families in Youth Ministry:** Bill Keimig, Bob Rice, Steve Allgeyer and Joel Stepanich
6. **Addressing Confusion about Identity and Gender:** Fr. Paul Check, 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, Cassie Thayer, Jacqueline and Michael Van Hemert

Descriptions of each of the following break-out sessions are available here: diolc.org/witness

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by Fr. Timothy Gallagher O.M.V.

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