



Diocesan Ministry Conference

Oct. 14, 2006

Austin Convention Center

Join Bishop Gregory Aymond and more than 3,000 other Catholics for a day of celebration and learning at the Austin Convention Center!

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Send your registration fee (\$15 per person – lunch is included) (checks payable to Diocese of Austin), to: Diocesan Ministry Conference, P.O. Box 13327, Austin, TX 78711-3327. Registration is not confirmed until payment received. Walk-in registrations will be accepted at \$20 per person – no lunch included. Registrations postmarked after Sept. 29 will be returned and must be made as a walk-in registration on Oct. 14. Supported in part by donations to the Catholic Services Appeal and corporate sponsors.

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Conferencia del Ministerio Diocesano

Oct. 14, 2006

Centro de Convenciones de Austin

¡Únase a más de 3,000 católicos en un día de celebración y aprendizaje en el Centro de Convenciones de Austin!

Las inscripciones y cuotas recibidas para la conferencia del año pasado – la cual fue cancelada debido al Huracán Katrina – todavía son válidas. ¡Por favor visite la página www.austindiocese.org para confirmar su inscripción!

Vea el programa completo, regístrese y pague a través de la página de internet www.austindiocese.org, o bien, use el formato que aparece abajo.

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■ Catequesis – Español

- Black Catholics
- Catechetics
- Catholic Schools
- Criminal Justice
- Family Life
- Human resources
- Liturgy
- Music
- Parish Finances
- Pro-life

■ Ministerio Hispano – Español

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Social Ministry
- Stewardship
- Tribunal
- Vocation
- Young Adults and Campus Ministry
- Youth Ministry

Envíe por favor su cuota de inscripción (\$15 por persona – almuerzo incluido) (Los cheques deben ser pagaderos a favor de la Diócesis de Austin), a nombre de: Diocesan Ministry Conference, P.O. Box 13327, Austin, TX 78711-3327. La inscripción será confirmada hasta que el pago sea recibido. Las inscripciones de última hora serán aceptadas y tendrán un costo de \$20.00 – sin incluir el almuerzo. Las inscripciones hechas después del 29 de septiembre serán devueltas y éstas en tal caso podrán ser realizadas el día 14 de octubre, día del evento. Conferencia auspiciada en parte por donaciones al Llamado para los Servicios Católicos y patrocinadores corporativos.

Sí usted se registró para la conferencia del 2005, por favor confirme su inscripción en la página de internet www.austindiocese.org. NO USE ESTA FORMA PARA CONFIRMAR SU INSCRIPCIÓN.



Ministry conference for the Austin Diocese

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Schedule

Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. -- Registration, exhibits

9:15 a.m. -- Opening presentation and keynote address

Bishop Gregory Aymond and the Austin Civic Orchestra

noon -- Lunch and exhibits

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. -- Ministry sessions (see below)

4 p.m. -- Commissioning ceremony

Ministry sessions

(all sessions are 120 minutes and will be held concurrently from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.)

Black Catholics

"Brothers and Sisters to Us, 25 Years Later" -- Focusing on the U.S. bishops' document, "Brothers and Sisters to Us," this workshop will offer a frank discussion on our call to be brothers and sisters, what the gaps are and how these gaps keep us from being truly Catholic. We will discuss how we, as church, are called to be standard bearers for the world. Time for presentations, reflection, prayer and development of a personal and communal plan will be provided.

Presenter: Ralph McCloud is the secretariat for Pastoral and Community Services for the Fort Worth Diocese, as well as the director of Peace and Justice Ministry and the African-American Ministry. He serves on the board of trustees for the National Black Catholic Congress. He is also mayor pro tempore for Fort Worth and is in his fourth term on City Council, vice president of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators and a member of the American Catholic Correctional Chaplains Association.

Catholic Charities

"Ministering to Individual and Families Impacted by Disasters" -- This session will help parish social ministers and others understand how to best organize and assist those impacted by disasters such as floods, fires, storms, etc. The

session will also cover the emotional impact that victims suffer and how to best help them with grief and loss issues.

Presenters: A panel will present, including Cynthia Colbert, executive director of Catholic Charities of Central Texas, and Mark Sliter-Hays, program director for Emergency Services & Disaster Response, Catholic Charities of Central Texas.

Catechetics

"Symphony of Faith: Dance of Discipleship" --

Following Bishop Aymond's keynote, this session will address the specific implications of the National Directory for Catechesis for catechetical ministers. We will explore the ways in which the NDC affirms what we are doing and challenges us to be ever improving our efforts to proclaim the Catholic faith and to form disciples of Jesus.

Presenter: Carole Eipers, executive director of catechetics for William H. Sadlier, Inc., has served in parish ministries for over 20 years, as director of the Office for Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Chicago for nine years and as president of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership. Carole has been a member of the adjunct faculties of Mundelein Seminary, Loyola University Chicago, and Loyola New Orleans and holds a doctor of ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana.

Catequesis - Español

“Catequesis es el Centro de Todos los Ministerios”—La iglesia continua la misión de Jesús. Tres ministerios que asisten este esfuerzo son el ministerio de la Palabra, el ministerio del Culto y el ministerio de servicio a la gente de Dios. La misión de la iglesia es la unidad; los tres aspectos de esta misión incluyen a todos los ministerios o trabajos apostólicos. El ministerio de la Palabra está presente en la evangelización, catequesis, liturgia, teología, y todos los servicios apostólicos. Cada uno de estos expresa en particular la Palabra y significa catequesis.

Presentador: La Hermana Catequista Misionera, Mary Louise Barba nació y creció en San Antonio, Texas. Ella es actualmente la hermana superior de los Catequistas Misioneros de la Congregación de la Divina Providencia en la propia ciudad de San Antonio. Después de servir como miembro del consejo y tesorera general, la Hermana Barba trabajó en la Diócesis de Austin en el ministerio parroquial y diocesano por más de dos décadas, incluyendo su cargo como directora diocesana de Educación Religiosa a lo largo de 18 años. Ella obtuvo la licenciatura en estudios religiosos de Our Lady of the Lake University en San Antonio y la maestría en servicios humanos en St. Edward's University en Austin.

Catholic Schools

“What Makes a School Catholic?” -- The identity of a Catholic school flows from its mission statement. It is evident in how Gospel values permeate the entire curriculum. How do we measure the Catholic identity of a school? How is it lived out by the administration and the faculty? How is it evident in the school's graduates? How does teaching religion differ from teaching English, reading or other subjects? These are among the many questions that will be addressed in this session for all Catholic school principals and faculty members.

Presenter: Dr. Ned Vanders is superintendent of Catholic schools for the Austin Diocese. Dr. Vanders, who most recently served as principal of Holy Trinity Catholic School in Dallas, holds a doctorate from the Institute for Catholic Education Leadership at the University of San Francisco, as well as a master's in theology and a master's in school administration. He has experience in educational administration on the elementary, secondary and university levels.

Criminal Justice

“A Changing Rhythm” – Criminal justice ministry is undergoing a major change in Texas. Along with the Texas Catholic Correctional Ministries and the Texas Catholic Conference, diocesan volunteers are a driving force behind this change. Learn more about an action plan being developed to help formerly incarcerated persons and their families, and how you can help “change the rhythm” of criminal justice in Texas. **Presenters** will include officials from the Texas criminal rehabilitation system.

Family Life

“Families, Faith and the Home: Practical Help for the Domestic Church” -- How can you help those you serve integrate faith and family life? What are some practical tips you can provide that will move toward jump-starting your families on their spiritual journey? This session focuses on innovative ways to acquaint parents with timeless practices that make for a healthy spiritual life. When we help families acquire solid faith-related habits, we offer them guidance for traveling a healthy spiritual path together. Special attention will be paid to the importance of living our Catholic faith year-round -- not just while school and religious education are in session.

Presenter: Ken Ogorek currently serves as director for Catechesis of the Pittsburgh Diocese. He holds a master's degree in religious education and recently published a resource for parents, “Faith-Filled Summer Activities.” Ken and his wife Melissa are parents of three children under the age of eight.

Ministerio Hispano

“Por qué soy yo líder de este grupo?” – Esta presentación, en español, conducirá a los participantes a través de las reflexiones a pensar por qué son líderes y ayudan a los participantes a darse cuenta de sus dones y talentos, cómo los están usando y cómo ser más afectivos al usarlos.

Presentador: Gil Leija funge como director del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Austin.

Human Resources

“Who Keeps the Instruments in Tune?” -- An informal discussion surrounding personnel issues and best practices regarding such issues as hiring, employee discipline, employee evaluation, etc. The discussion will be driven mostly by participant questions and issues being faced in local parishes and schools, so come with plenty of questions!

Presenter: Deacon Bill Hobby is the new director of Human Resources for the Diocese of Austin. He was certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources in 2000, and has 20 years experience in supervision and human resources consultation/management. He also serves at Ascension Parish in Bastrop.

Liturgy

“Liturgy and Catechesis: Living the Faith” will explore the relationship between catechesis and liturgy as it relates to the celebration of the sacraments; the formation of liturgical ministers; the mystery of the faith celebrated in the Eucharist; and the experience of words, signs, rituals and symbols expressed in the liturgy. It will highlight the formative power of the liturgy and the role of the various liturgical ministers as one of the many ways we celebrate the symphony of the faith.

Presenter: Divine Providence Sister Linda Gaupin is the diocesan director of Religious Education for the Orlando Diocese. Sister Linda earned her doctorate in religious education from the Catholic University of America. She has served on the Advisory Board to the Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy and later as associate director in the Secretariat for the Liturgy. She is a member of the Divine Providence Sisters of Pittsburgh.

Music

“Preparing for Pastoral Music Ministry” -- Liturgical music leaders require competence in various aspects of their ministry whether they serve in full-time, part-time or volunteer capacities. This session will explore qualifications for pastoral music ministry, and consider how men and women can receive formation for the various aspects of music ministry, including existing and proposed certification opportunities.

Presenter: J. Michael McMahon is president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM), an organization of nearly 9,000 musicians, clergy, liturgists, and other leaders of worship dedicated to fostering the art of musical liturgy in Catholic parishes. For 25 years Dr. McMahon served as a full-time director of music and liturgy for parishes in Virginia and Delaware. He has taught at several Washington area universities and traveled widely to speak on musical and liturgical issues. His publishing credits include books on Christian initiation, on the role of music in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, and on musical ministries in the liturgy.

Parish finances

“Accountability in Management of Financial Resources” -- Openness, honesty and transparency are the keys to sharing ownership with the members of our church. Clear, comprehensive and understandable financial information must be provided to all Catholics. How to achieve these goals, as well as the responsibilities of parish finance councils, will be discussed.

Presenters: Mary Beth Koenig has served as the chief financial officer of the Austin Diocese since 2002. She has more than 20 years of business experience, including as chief financial officer for a privately held software development corporation, chief financial officer of a small publicly traded technology company and as a senior manager with Ernst & Young, LLP. Mrs. Koenig is a graduate of Texas A&M University.

Rick Virgne is a graduate of St. Edward’s University in Austin and has served as the director of Parish Business Services for the Austin Diocese since September 2003. He has 25 years of business experience in accounting and finance, including as controller and chief financial officer for two high tech start up companies, and as a consultant specializing in small government contractors. Mr. Virgne is a licensed CPA in Texas.

Pro-life

“Alpha and Omega: Beginning and End of Life Issues” will consist of two presentations lasting 45 minutes each with 15 minutes at the end reserved for questions and answers. The first presentation will discuss beginning of life issues and will include a close examination of embryonic stem cell research vs. adult stem cell research, invitro fertilization and human cloning, and recent developments nationally and internationally in these fields of research. The second presentation will discuss end-of-life issues and will include conversations on euthanasia, physician assisted suicide, nutrition and hydration, and the vegetative state.

Presenter: Richard Doerflinger has worked for 25 years as deputy director of the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is also an adjunct fellow in Bioethics and Public Policy at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. He has testified before Congress, the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, the National Institutes of Health, and the President’s Council on Bioethics on issues involving human embryo research and cloning. He holds a master’s degree divinity from the University of Chicago, and conducted doctoral studies in theology at that institution and Catholic University of America.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

“RCIA: Catechesis for All as ONE” will address adult initiation, the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist for adults along with the entire faith community. Key elements, as offered in the NDC, include adult learning models incorporating prayer, study, and faith sharing. As one body of Christ, it is important that the image of the entire faith community as the one who catechizes and the one who is catechized be understood. Practical ideas will be explored, participants will be engaged and the story of our faith will be experienced.

Presenter: Leland Nagel has held a variety of positions on both the diocesan and university level. His messages are motivational and inspirational. A faith-filled storyteller, he serves as a part-time national sales consultant for Benziger, a division of Macmillan/McGraw-Hill. Lee Nagel is an educator by profession and a catechist by vocation, a teacher by trade and an evangelist by baptism.

Social Ministry

“Living and Leading with Social Teachings” -- What are the Catholic Church’s social teachings and how should they influence my life? This session will include an opportunity to learn more about the church’s social teachings and to explore in dialogue with a panel of educators and business people how the teachings can influence how we live, vote, and lead others.

Panel members will include Father Louis Brussatti, dean of St. Edward’s University’s - School of Humanities, Sr. Helen Brewer, DC, advocacy consultant of SETON Health Care System, Pauline Albert, assistant dean of St. Edward’s University - School of Management and Business, Homero R. Lucero, chairman of Travis County Republican Party Legislative Committee, and Toni Garcia, executive team leader of Learning Support Services for Round Rock Independent School District.

Stewardship

“Stewardship: Music to Your Ears” -- Have you ever wondered about stewardship and how it can change your parish? Join us in this energetic, informational session on the basics of stewardship. Learn from the U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship about the four key components to stewardship. This session will also include practical tips from a stewardship parish. A panel from the parish will share their thoughts and tips on how to build and sustain the momentum in a stewardship parish.

Presenter: Margaret McCarty, director of development for the Good Shepherd Center in Baltimore, conducts workshops and retreats nationally and internationally. She is the author of “Making Decisions,” part of the junior high curriculum of St. Mary’s Press, and is on the youth ministry team at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Fulton, Maryland. She holds graduate degrees in ministry and theology and has several professional accreditations in fundraising and management, including the prestigious Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), a certification she has maintained since 1999.

Tribunal (marriage annulments)

“Annulments: Healing and Forgiveness” -- The annulment process exists to help heal the hurt and pain of divorce. It is an extension of Christ’s ministry of compassion, healing and forgiveness. However, some who hear about or experience the process have difficulty with it. This workshop will focus on the process, the means of healing and the various ministries involved, as well as the role of the parish community in the healing process.

Presenter: Father Matt Iwuji is the judicial vicar for the Austin Diocese. He has served in that position since December 2003. Father Iwuji was ordained to the priesthood in 1974 in his homeland of Nigeria. Fluent in five languages, he holds degrees in philosophy, theology, canon and civil law.

Vocations

“Creating a Vocation Culture” -- This workshop will foster a dynamic vocation culture throughout the Diocese of Austin. Participants will learn how they can get involved on a local level in promoting vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life. The workshop will include a frank discussion of what helps or hinders vocational discernment. We will “share the wealth” of promotion projects and materials that have proven successful in various parishes.

Presenter: Rev. Michael J. Sis is the vocation director and director of seminarians for the Diocese of Austin. He has served as a priest of the diocese for 20 years.

Young Adults and Campus Ministry

“Young Adults: Seeking Their Place in the Symphony” -- We have heard them say, “Sure, I’m spiritual, but I don’t need to go to church to pray to God.” Catholics between the ages of 18 and 39 comprise 40 percent of the church today, yet this is a very different generation from those that precede them. Most do not practice their faith; fewer know the basics of the tradition; the majority live in a modern world that pays scant attention to the Gospel. Yet research and experience show that these young adults hunger for the love of God and a community to call their own. How can our parishes and campus ministries be more responsive to their needs and ensure that they don’t fall through the cracks when making the difficult transitions from youth group to college to the “real world?”

Presenter: Father David Dwyer is director of Paulist Young Adult Ministries, a national outreach to Catholics in their 20s and 30s, and the publisher of BustedHalo.com, an Internet magazine for young adult spiritual seekers. Ordained a Paulist priest in May 2000, he has worked in campus ministry at the University of Colorado in Boulder and the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to answering the call to priesthood he produced and directed television programs for MTV and Comedy Central. Popular with students and young adults because of his dynamic and down-to-earth preaching, he holds a master’s of divinity from the Catholic University of America and a bachelor’s degree in public communication from Syracuse University.

Youth Ministry

“Fostering Faith in Adolescents: A Symphony that Rocks!” -- Perhaps the most challenging aspect of youth ministry is fostering the faith maturing process in youth. This workshop will describe characteristics of adolescent spirituality and explore various dimensions of their faith development. Included in the session will be practical approaches to enhancing faith development in adolescents, fostering their faith identity and examining the role of the adult minister and the community in this process.

Presenter: Robert J. McCarty is the executive director for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, which provides networking, resources, conferences and leadership for the development of youth ministry within the Catholic Church. He has been in professional youth ministry since 1973, serving in diocesan, parish, school, and community programs. He has authored numerous articles and several books. Bob received his master’s degree in religious education from LaSalle University in Philadelphia and holds a master’s in divinity from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana.