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REGISTRATION

Name:

Address:

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First Breakout Choice: *indicate talk #

Second Breakout Choice:

**Registration Deadline
October 12, 2019**



**Registration space is limited so
we strongly encourage you to
complete online registration as
soon as possible.**

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*"It has been so beneficial to see, for
four years now, the huge number of
people giving up a beautiful
Saturday morning to attend this
conference."*

2018 Conference Attendee

*I enjoyed meeting other people and
hearing about their concerns, personally
and professionally. The Bishop, being
our Diocesan religious leader, reminded
us in such a positive way about our
Discipleship and the gratefulness that is
returned from others because "they
matter."*

2018 Conference Attendee

*"I found the time very rewarding. Each
session, as well as the Bishop's talk,
offered practical tips on timely topics. I
was so glad I attended."*

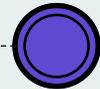
2018 Conference Attendee

*"I enjoyed meeting other people and the
caring that the speakers showed was
wonderful. Everyone was giving us
information that touched home. I wish I
could have gone to more breakouts."*

2018 Conference Attendee



**Lake Geauga
District Ministry
Discipleship
Conference**



**October 19, 2019
8:30AM – 1:30PM**

**St. Mary Chardon
401 North Street
Chardon, Ohio 44024
(440) 285-7051**



CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:30 am Registration/Coffee & Pastries
9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer
9:15 am Keynote Presentation
10:15 am Break
10:30 am First Breakout
11:30 am Lunch
12:00 pm Second Breakout
1:00 pm Next steps/Closing Remarks
1:20 pm Closing Prayer Experience



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Timothy J. Plavac
Pastor, St. Bede Parish, Mentor

“Witness Protection Program”

In an ‘experience rich and language poor’ culture like ours, the gifts and the work of God in one’s life is often experienced but not named. The keynote address will help to raise awareness of how reflection on the experiences of one’s life can lead to deeper prayer and make the believing person a witness to Christ’s presence and work in the world today.

BREAKOUTS—CHOOSE ONE FOR FIRST SESSION AND ONE FOR SECOND SESSION

(1) Invite & Welcome: Making a Difference through Evangelization

Deacon David Nethery, St. Noel Parish

Evangelization can take many forms. Authentic evangelization, however, always begins by meeting people where they are and creating meaningful connections with them. It necessitates honest sharing of our true selves. Through discussion and sharing, this session will explore practical ways to take the first step in reaching out to others and ways to help us form deep and lasting connections with our people.

(2) Celebrate: Making a Difference through Liturgy

Fr. Fred Pausche, St. Gabriel Parish, Pastor

SOURCE and SUMMIT are the words that the Second Vatican Council used to describe the paramount importance and effect that liturgy is meant to have in our lives. The challenge for each of us is to make that description a reality in how we live, witness, and rely on the liturgy to bring that ultimate meaning and motivation into our daily lives. How do we connect our celebration of the sacred mysteries with everything we do and all that we are, and truly make liturgy the pinnacle of our lives?

(3) Echo & Explore: Making a Difference through Catechesis

Michele Baetzold, St. Noel Parish, Coordinator of Faith Formation

How do we first learn of the story of God’s infinite love? Someone shares their story with us. As catechists, we must tell over and over our part of the story of God’s love and accompany others as they explore the depth of God’s love. In this breakout, we will begin to create our own “library” of faith stories, practice telling them, and imagine how, and when our stories can make a difference.

(4) Live, Serve, Advocate: Making a Difference through Social Justice

Laura McBride, St. John Vianney Parish, Parish Faith Formation Director

It is clear that Jesus encourages us to care for others and reach out, sharing of ourselves. But the true practice of Social Justice is so much more than an action based on what we know in our minds to be right. Rather, it stems from deep within our hearts in response to truly knowing Jesus and experiencing his presence. It is only through true encounter with our God and with others that we can make a lasting difference. In this session, we will explore ways to get in touch with our encounters through sharing our stories and letting them guide our Social Justice ministry.

(5) Play/Lead: Making a Difference through Athletics & Coaching

Tim Armelli, St. John Vianney Parish, Teacher & Coach at Chardon High School, Former Teacher & Coach at Lake Catholic High School

We will share our personal journeys in hopes of better understanding the importance of athletics, not only for the athlete’s physical, emotional, and spiritual formation, but also on each coach’s life journey.

(6) Compassion: Making a Difference through Pastoral Care

Maureen Dowd, St. Gabriel Parish, Pastoral Associate

It is in sharing stories of compassionate care in ministering to those in need and in turn, being ministered to *by* them, that we experience God’s presence making a difference in the lives of others, as well as our own. The sick, the bereaved, the homebound and the lonely are disciples whose faith stories can be transformative. We will share some of these faith stories, seeking to deepen our compassionate caring as disciples of Jesus.