

“Living As Missionary Disciples”

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THE SPEAKERS/THE WORKSHOPS

<p>REV. PAUL DELADURANTAYE, S.T.D.</p> <p>Fr. deLadurantaye is Diocesan Secretary for Religious Education and the Sacred Liturgy for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Studies. Fr. deLadurantaye is an assistant professor of theology at the Notre Dame Graduate School and for the Master Catechist Training Program. He also serves as a Judge for the Arlington Diocesan Tribunal and has written several articles for scholarly journals.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>A Biblical Tour of the Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sessions 1 & 2</p> <p>To live as missionary disciples means to know the roots of our faith, not only in terms of doctrine but also in our prayer, and especially the liturgy: the public, solemn worship of the Church. For many, the Mass is very familiar; for others, it may be new. We can often forget (or not realize) that the Mass, far from being opposed to Scripture, actually has deep Biblical foundations. This workshop will explore those Biblical foundations with the aim of helping both catechists and students deepen their understanding of the parts and prayers of the Mass so as to participate in it with greater awareness and devotion.</p>
<p>REV. JUAN ESPINO DE LA RIVA, DCJM</p> <p>Fr. Juan Espino de la Riva, DCJM, was ordained a priest in Denver on June 22, 2013 by Archbishop Samuel Aquila. He is the first man to be ordained to the priesthood for the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary (DCJM) in the United States. Born in Cd. Juarez, Mexico, Fr. Juan grew up in El Paso, TX with his parents and five siblings. Fr. Juan earned a BA in Economics-Operations Research from Columbia University and an MPP from Harvard. In 2005, he met the Disciples while working in Washington, DC and entered religious life that year. He arrived at St. Mary Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Denver, after completing his STB at the University of San Damaso in Madrid. He was ordained a deacon on December 22, 2012, in Cuenca, Spain. He served as a campus minister for St. Mary Parish and School. After being ordained a priest in 2013, he served as a parochial vicar at St. Mary Catholic Parish. In July 2014, Fr. Juan was assigned to Queen of Apostles in Alexandria, VA, as Parochial Vicar, serving as chaplain for Queen of Apostles School and, among other things, assisting with all ministries related to children and youth.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fomentando el encuentro con Cristo y el arte de acompañar</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sessions 1 & 2</p> <p>El catequista esta llamado a ser un verdadero discípulo y un verdadero misionero. Esto último nos plantea dos grandes retos en el trabajo con nuestros jóvenes. Primeramente, debemos fomentar un encuentro del joven con Cristo. Pero además, se nos pide que aprendamos el arte de acompañar. En esta sesión, se abre un espacio para considerar estos dos momentos importantes en la misión y como llevarlos a cabo.</p>

SAMANTHA WELSH

Samantha Welsh is the Director of Religious Education at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas Virginia, where she directs the religious education program for children in kindergarten through 8th grade, the RCIA program for adults and children, the SPRED program, and vacation bible school. Prior to this, she worked for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and was a Catholic high school religion teacher. She lives in Front Royal, Virginia.

Low-Tech Catechesis in a High-Tech World

Sessions 1 & 2

The religious education classroom does not always have access to the advanced technology that today's students have in their daily lives. This presentation will provide fast, effective, and simple ways to bring a dynamic religious education experience without the technology. The workshop will provide an overview of the psychology of each age group and techniques for creating dynamic lesson plans in a short time. You will get "hands on" experience in building a lesson plan shell for your class. We will explore the elements of the lesson plan, as well as how to find and use source materials in order to include a variety of teaching methods, activities, and review games to energize your classroom.

COLETTE LIENHARD

Colette Ellis Lienhard (D.Min.) is happily married to Jonathan (who is helping at the Catholic Education Center table today), and mother to three wonderful homeschooled boys. Colette is the Director of the Catholic Education Center, LLC, whose focus is on online catechist formation for effective classroom instruction in the faith. She is the primary author of the revised Faith and Life religious education series (Ignatius Press) and the Discipleship religious education series (soon to be released by Evangelium Press). Her work in catechesis spans over 20 years and continues to inspire her ministry.

Sharing the Good News: Evangelization and Catechesis

Session 1 only

We have all heard about the New Evangelization – but what are we supposed to do? What role do we have in evangelizing? Many parish catechists also find themselves evangelizing their students. Where does evangelization begin and end, and where does catechesis take up the task of teaching the Faith? Learn how evangelization and catechesis go hand in hand and how to meet the needs of your students in this important mission.

Discipleship: Being a Disciple, Forming Disciples

Session 2 only

Discipleship is more than following our Lord in some vague well-intended way; it requires making choices. Each day we are confronted with challenges. Do we choose what is routine, easy, expected – or do we choose to follow Jesus? Discipleship requires discipline and sacrifice, made possible with God's love and grace. Learn to respond to Christ's invitation to follow Him, and to help your students do the same.

STEVE HEMLER

Steven R. Hemler is President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) (see www.cainaweb.org) and author of The Reality of God: The Layman's Guide to Scientific Evidence for the Creator, published by St. Benedict Press & TAN Books. Steve has a Master of Pastoral Studies degree from Loyola University of Chicago, as well as Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil/Structural Engineering from Virginia Tech. Steve has been actively involved in adolescent and adult catechesis for over 30 years, including developing and teaching including developing and teaching six 3-week-long online apologetics seminars for the Certificate in Apologetics offered by Catholic Distance University (CDU). After a 33-year professional engineering career, including 13 years in Saudi Arabia, Steve took early retirement in 2011 to follow a calling to serve God and the Church full time. This now includes serving as the Director of Faith Formation for his parish, Precious Blood Catholic Church in Culpeper, Virginia. He and his wife Linda have been married for 38 years and have three grown children.

**Proclaiming the Reality of God: Scientific and Human Evidence of God's Existence-
Session 1 only**

Given our increasingly secular society and the atheistic worldview often promoted by the mainstream media and academic/scientific establishment, the need to equip the faithful to credibly, convincingly, and compellingly explain and share why we believe in God has never been greater. This unique multimedia presentation provides amazing scientific evidence—as well as evidence from human nature—demonstrating God's existence. Contrary to the usual myth of a conflict between science and faith, attendees are excited to learn "the rest of the story" regarding the actual scientific evidence of God's existence, mostly presented on video by scientists themselves. This objective evidence of God's existence strengthens faith and provides parents, catechists, teachers, and others with persuasive reasons for belief, valuable for sharing with family, friends, and students who have questions about the existence of God.

Which is True: Creation, Evolution, or Both?-Session 2 only

This multimedia presentation presents key Church teachings on the biggest challenge to faith experienced by many people today—is evolution compatible with faith in God? Or, does evolution make it possible to be an "intellectually fulfilled atheist" (to quote Oxford Professor Richard Dawkins)? While you may not have doubts about God's role in the evolutionary process, this presentation provides valuable information for discussion with those who do.

DELORES NELSON

Delores is a native Washingtonian and has been married for 50 years to Robert Nelson. They have 4 adult children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Delores earned an honors Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from National University in San Diego, California in 1984, a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems in 1991 from Strayer University, and a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Christendom College in 2004. Over the years, she has served in the catechetical ministry in various capacities to include Youth Minister, Director of Religious Education, and Catechist. She served as president of the Catechetical Leaders of the Diocese of Arlington for 2 terms and is currently a facilitator for the Protecting God's Children Program for the Diocese of Arlington and an instructor at the Catholic Education Center where she provides training that leads to the certification of catechists at the basic and advanced levels for the Diocese of Arlington. Prior to entering parish work, Delores was a federal employee for more than 20 years with her last assignment being the Information Systems Officer (ISO) for Naval District Washington. She is an Army Veteran and her husband, Robert, retired in 1989 as a Master Chief in the United States Navy after serving 30 years of faithful service. She is currently president of her Secular Carmelite Order.

Being a Christian Witness Through the Proper Use of Social Media and the Protection of One's Reputation

Sessions 1 & 2

This class will provide a mini guide to help catechists inform students of the destructive nature of bullying; the pros and cons of social media and to provide tips on how not to use this form of media to harm another's reputation.

COLLEEN ROONEY

Mrs. Colleen Rooney has a M.A. in Catholic Doctrine from St. John's University, Jamaica, New York. While at St. John's she studied under Fr. John Hardon, Fr. Robert Bradley and Msgr. Eugene Kevane, founder of the Notre Dame Graduate School, VA. She worked in Catholic publishing and assisted with proofreading the Modern Catholic Dictionary by Fr. Hardon. For four years she served as the assistant editor of the Homiletic & Pastoral Review. She has worked in the field of catechetics in parishes in Vermont, New York City, Queens, San Diego and for the diocese of Arlington at St. Veronica Parish. She is the author of Celebrating Advent and Christmas with Children: Food Celebrations with the Saints for Home and School. This book has been awarded the Catholic Writer's Guild Seal of Approval. Mrs. Rooney has given many presentations and demonstrations on celebrating Catholic cultural traditions to parishes, women's groups, and at Mary Washington University's Campus Ministry. She looks forward to sharing her knowledge of the daily life of Jesus as a young boy in all its aspects at the conference. She is currently working on a Catholic grandmother's book. Mrs. Rooney and her husband are parishioners of Our Lady of Angels Parish in Woodbridge. They have four grown children and eight grandchildren.

Introducing Your Students to Jesus as a Young Boy

Sessions 1 & 2

The purpose of this workshop is to provide catechists with background knowledge of Jesus' life as a young boy, so they can introduce their students to him and help foster an experience of Jesus among their students which leads them to love him and to imitate the virtues he acquired through the circumstances of everyday living in his home and in Nazareth. We will look at what a young boy's life was like: What was family life like? What language(s) did he speak, what prayers did he first learn, when did he start going to the synagogue? What kinds of celebrations took place in Nazareth, and when did Jesus start going to the Temple in Jerusalem for major feasts? We will look at these and other developments so as to have a fuller picture of Jesus' hidden life and what it reveals to students as they learn to know and love Jesus.

PETROC WILLEY, BD, Ph.D., S.T.L

Dr. Petroc Willey is married with four children and a Consultor for the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation in Rome. He is a reader in the New Evangelisation at the School of the Annunciation in Buckfast, England, and is a professor of theology (catechetics) at Franciscan University. He has worked in Catholic higher education in Oxford and Birmingham for more than 25 years. Dr. Willey gained his first degree in theology from King's College London and an STL from Maynooth, Ireland. He has doctorates in philosophy from Liverpool University and Lateran Pontifical University. A well-known speaker on catechetics and evangelization, Dr. Willey edited The Sower from 1992-2013 and hosted the EWTN series Handing on the Faith.

Learning Missionary Discipleship from Mary: from the Annunciation to the Visitation-

Session 1 only

As we live our calling to be missionary disciples, we can do no better than to look to Mary, the first disciple. From the moment of the Annunciation, when Mary received the Word of God, to the moment of the Visitation, when she brought that Word to Elizabeth, Our Lady shows us the pattern of missionary disciple. This workshop will show how, like Mary herself, we are called to receive God's saving Word and bring it to others, especially through our catechetical teaching.