

35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE



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FAITH



**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF TULSA**



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 16, 2013  
Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Catechetical Congress! I hope these few days together will be fruitful not only for yourselves but also for the young people who come to you to discover Jesus Christ.

In this Year of Faith, we recommit ourselves to our loving relationship with the Son of God. Thus, we become better witnesses to the truth of God's love for every creature. He means to elevate the entire human race to share in His Divine Life. We hope that our own personal growth in holiness will redound to the spiritual growth of everyone that we meet. This growth in holiness is essential for a good catechist. As you know, faith is not communicated by any book or catechism. Faith is communicated only by the witness given by persons who already have the faith. It is through our love of our students that they will come to know and love Jesus Christ. Through our example, our students will learn the joy of living the Christian life which often demands sacrificial generosity.

Our Lord communicates this message best. He tells us through the Scriptures that salvation comes to those who take up their cross daily and follow Him. Let us pray that God gives each of us the grace not only to take up our crosses and follow Him but also to do so with joy. Only love can make that happen.

Thank you for the sacrifice you make by spending these few days at this conference. During this time, we will pray together. Thank you for all you do for the young people of this Diocese whose hearts are open to the beauty of the Gospel message.

With my prayers and very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Edward J. Slattery  
Bishop of Tulsa

# 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2013

1:30 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

TULSA MARRIOTT SOUTHERN HILLS

For Parish Leaders, RE/Adult Ed/RCIA/Youth Coordinators,  
Principals, Teachers and Catechists

### PARISH LEADERSHIP AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION

FINDING JOY AND HOPE IN OUR MINISTRY



Presenter: Mr. Tom Quinlan  
Director of Religious Education, Diocese of Joliet, Illinois

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Yes, I plan on attending the Friday afternoon workshop

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/School \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline:

August 16, 2013

Phone: 918-307-4933

Fax: 918/294-0920

E-mail: [carol.robinson@dioceseoftulsa.org](mailto:carol.robinson@dioceseoftulsa.org)







## Mike Scherschligt, STL

Mike is the founder and Director of The Holy Family School of Faith. Holy Family School of Faith is a public association of the faithful established by Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan., to form Catholic school teachers, catechists and the faithful. He is the author of the on-line series, Faith Foundations used to certify catechists throughout the United States and he is the author of a new series on the Catechism which will be available Summer 2012.

Mike also works in collaboration with the Apostles of the Interior life designing and teaching curriculum for the AVI Spiritual Mentorship Program in the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan. This two-year course of study aims to form Spiritual Mentors to serve as guide and companion to others on their journey to holiness.

In addition to his work training catechists and spiritual mentors, Mike leads a number of pilgrimages to the Holy Land each year. His trips are structured with a heavy emphasis on catechesis. These unique trips allow the participant to connect with scripture in a tangible and life-changing way.

Mike and his wife Sandy have five children and reside in the Kansas City metro area.

### *I call you friends*

*Friday keynote address*

Jesus ardently desires friendship with us. What does friendship take? This is the art of prayer and it is for everyone.

### *Lord, teach us to pray*

*Saturday keynote address*

All people want a better relationship with God but they need a guide who can give them simple steps and encouragement along the way – you can be that person for others.

## *A Catechist's Prayer*

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist.

May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word,  
and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness  
to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love  
to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged,  
the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose  
mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.

Amen.

# THE PRESENTERS



## Mike Alex

For the past 29 years Mike has been involved with “all things Catholic.” Starting out as a teacher and coach in Catholic schools, he transitioned to the administrative/development side of education. Mike was part of the team that opened St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park, Kans. and served as Assistant Superintendent in the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan. and President of Hayden High School and Director of Development for the Archdiocese of Kansas City.

In 2003, Archbishop James Keleher asked Mike to build a new Catholic High School, St. James Academy, which opened in 2005. In 2008, Mike and two of the school’s parents/patrons, Rich and Dena Bartlett, formed My Catholic Faith Delivered. Utilizing the couples’ extensive experience in online training for nurses, they created an online program to teach the faith. Mike now serves as the Executive Director for My Catholic Faith Delivered.

Mike and his wife Patti reside in Overland Park, Kan. They have four children: Ryan, 30, Kelli, 28, Bret, 21, and Jamie, 19.

## Trends in Technology to Pass on the Faith and Catechist Certification in Tulsa

*Saturday session 1, repeated in session 2*

Come discover the recent trends using technology to pass along the faith, how the Church is encouraging us to embrace these new methods, how individuals learn using technology and the ways these new programs can make the lives of Directors of Religious Education easier, We will also discuss emerging “hybrid programs” combining technology with the needed community component . Our presentation will cover the Tulsa Catechist certification program and focus on “best practices” to encourage Catechists to gain certification.



## Ken Coughlin

Ken received his B.S. from the University of Illinois, a M. Rel. Ed. from Loyola Chicago, and a M.A. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame. Ken has spent 35 years as an educator in high school, an Adjunct Professor of Theology for St. Gregory’s University, and has been invited by seventeen different parishes our in our Diocese to present adult education classes. The past twenty-four years Mr. Coughlin has taught theology classes at Bishop Kelley High School and is Head of the Theology Department. Mr. Coughlin, dedication to the teaching profession has been recognized by the numerous awards he has received: the De LaSalle Teacher’s Award, Lasallian Educator Award, Teacher of the Year and the Goodwill Appreciation Award through the Islamic Society of Tulsa.

## It’s unique to be Catholic. Let’s pass it on!

*Saturday session 1, repeated in session 2*

What makes us a unique Church? This workshop will explore the uniqueness of the Catholic Church and some of the challenges we face in passing the faith on to the next generation. It will conclude with some teaching methods that may help us do what was proclaimed 50 years ago: “We can justly consider that the future of humanity lies in the hands of those who are strong enough to provide coming generations with reasons for living and hoping.” - *Gaudium et Spes*

**CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY  
SEPT. 15, 2013**

**OPEN THE DOOR OF FAITH**



## Lynne Lang

Lynne serves as Director of School Climate for the Catholic Education Center, Archdiocese of St. Louis. She holds degrees in Communications and Health Management, and has worked as a writer and trainer in violence prevention since 1998. She co-authored 30 Activities for Getting Better at Getting Along, and as an Olweus Trainer, she and her staff trained 19 Catholic schools in St. Louis, forming a support network.

In 2007 and 2009 as part of the Missouri Summit for Online Child Exploitation, she compiled the work of five committees into a White Paper with legislative recommendations. In 2011, she advocated for higher standards in the changing world of technology at a sponsored side event for the United Nations 55th Commission on the Status of Women. She has developed curriculum for all areas of youth health both in the U.S. and as part of a team working in developing countries.

Her training background in bullying prevention, restorative practices, and dispute resolution are the foundation for this unique initiative, Virtue-based Restorative Discipline (VBRD). Our Sunday Visitor publishing released a comprehensive guide, *Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline: A Catholic Response to Bullying Behaviors*, in June 2013. By repairing and restoring the harm resulting from antisocial behavior, this work can uphold the dignity of the human person and provide individuals a way to return to goodness.

This belief is at the root of her efforts to change perceptions about bullying – and encourage us to first cultivate virtue within ourselves then celebrate it in both the adults and the young people around us.

## Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline: A Catholic Response to Bullying Behavior

*Saturday session 1 only*

From inspiring young people to perform simple acts of kindness, to helping teachers recognize warning signs, to empowering parents, Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline helps put an end to bullying issues and restores a safe, positive, and welcoming environment for all. Designed to decrease anti-social behaviors and increase faith practices, this unique initiative, developed in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, challenges us to rethink our approach to peer mistreatment and traditional discipline.



## Victor Valenzuela

Victor is a National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources for William H. Sadlier, Inc. He has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. Victor has been in ministry for 20 years including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training, and writing and development of new materials. He has a bachelor of arts from St. Joseph Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif. and a masters of arts from the University of San Francisco. Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent, he is fully bilingual and bicultural.

## This is the MOMENT!

### Catechesis is a key moment in the process of the New Evangelization.

*Saturday Session 1*

Evangelization is a multi-layered approach. One key step in that new evangelization is catechesis. The six tasks of catechesis help us approach our faith formation in a step by step manner that is easy for us to understand. This presentation will guide us to better understand the new evangelization and how catechesis helps us get to the goal of discipleship. Practical hands on activities will be shared so that we can make faith come alive for our students.

## 10 Ways That Technology Can Improve Your Religious Education Session

*Saturday Session 2*

Technology or media have become so much a part of our everyday lives. It is hard to go through the day without hearing the words; twitter, facebook, internet, web, podcast, blog etc., yet religious education has yet to catch up with the ubiquitousness of technology. In this workshop will discuss the 10 ways media can enhance our religious education sessions, each one with a practical application that can be implemented today! In the end, we will see that technology/media is the real “New Evangelization.”

# THE PRESENTERS



## Tom Quinlan

Tom Quinlan is currently in his eleventh year as director of the Religious Education Office in the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. He has been a parish catechetical leader and served on the governance board of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership from 2006 to 2010. In January of 2011, Tom was appointed to be the founding chair of the Evangelization Committee for NCCL. He serves on the Paulist Evangelization Ministries advisory board.

Tom has written for publications such as Today's Parish and Catechist Magazine. He has presented internationally in venues including the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and at the NCCL Annual Conference. Tom is an avid hiker and photographer of western North America.

## Parish Leadership Afternoon of Reflection: Finding Joy and Hope in our Ministry

*Friday pre-conference workshop*

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## Parish Renewal: Building An Evangelized and Evangelizing Faith Community

*Saturday Session 1*

This workshop invites us to consider the implications of ministering and evangelizing in a post-modern world. We will look at how to engage today's culture and build parishes that are vibrant and effective in bringing people to (or back to) Christ and Catholic faith practice. Specific aspects of parish life will be named and explored. This workshop gets practical and will be interactive.

## Eucharist: A Micro-Retreat for your Mind, Heart and Soul

*Saturday Session 2*

Eucharist is the most profound, intimate gift Jesus offers us. Let us delve into the power, beauty and meaning of Eucharist, both as sacrament and as liturgy, through story, theology and personal reflection. Your understanding of Eucharist will be deepened and your experience of Mass will be enriched.



## Kristi Quinlan

Kristi has served as a full time traveling Catholic missionary in California and Arizona and as a student teacher in the Irving, Texas school system. She has studied abroad at both the Rome, Italy campus of the University of Dallas and the Cultural Institute of Oaxaca, Mexico where she studied Spanish. She has earned a bachelor of arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of Dallas where she graduated magna cum laude, a bachelors of arts degree in Education and Development from Anahuac University in Mexico City and a bachelor of arts degree in Religious Studies from the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athanaeum in Rome.

She has been Director of Faith Formation for St. Charles Borromeo Parish in the Diocese of Joliet, Ill. since 2010.

## Mom and Dad, Too: Practical Ways to Reach Parents with Transformative Faith Formation

*Saturday session 1, repeated in session 2*

The Church's call for a new evangelization invites us to intentionally find ways to reach the baptized with the good news of Jesus Christ and Catholic faith. Increasingly, parents of the children in our parish programs are candidates for just such efforts. This workshop will look at several practical and creative ways for parish faith formation to make a difference in our parents' faith and in the lives of these families! Be ready to share an effective practice from your parish, too.



## Monseñor Ricardo Valenzuela Pérez

Monseñor Ricardo Valenzuela Pérez fue ordenado sacerdote el 4 de Julio de 1992. Los estudios de formación sacerdotal los realizó en el Seminario Conciliar de México. Tiene una Licenciatura en Sagrada Liturgia en el Pontificio Instituto Litúrgico de San Anselmo en Roma y otra Licenciatura en Teología en el Instituto Superior de estudios Eclesiásticos y obtuvo su Doctorado en Sagrada Liturgia en el Pontificio Instituto Litúrgico de San Anselmo en Roma. Ha sido profesor en varias Universidades de la Ciudad de México. Es Director de la comisión de Liturgia de la Arquidiócesis de México, maestro de ceremonias de la Santa Iglesia Catedral Metropolitana de México, maestro de Ceremonias de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano, Secretario de la Pastoral Litúrgica y maestro de Ceremonias de la Basílica de Guadalupe en México y miembro de la comisión Mixta Congregación del Culto Divino y Comisión Episcopal para la Pastoral Litúrgica de la CEM para el Misal Romano de México.

### La fe celebrada en la liturgia” (Faith celebrated in the Liturgy)

## PROGRAMA DE LA CONFERENCIA - SÁBADO, 24 AGOSTO, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. . . . . Registro se y Exposiciones abiertas  
(Registration and Exhibits open)
- 9:00 a.m. . . . . La Sesión 1 (Session 1)
- 11:00 a.m. . . . . Misa (Mass)
- 12:15 p.m. . . . . Almuerzo (Lunch)
- 1:30 p.m. . . . . La Sesión 2 (Session 2)

## Hotel Information

- Parishes may charge hotel room reservations to the Diocese of Tulsa master billing by using the enclosed Parish Individual Room Reservations Form. Registration deadline is August 3. Check in time is 4:00 p.m.
- The parish or the individual will be required to pay for all incidental room charges at the time of checkout. Incidental charges will not be included in the Diocese of Tulsa’s master billing.
- Each parish will be mailed a copy of their hotel bill along with a Diocesan invoice indicating hotel room rate plus occupancy tax and any balance due for registration fees.
- The hotel requires a \$50 per day deposit or credit card imprint included with your registration form to cover incidentals.
- Complimentary parking for all Conference participants.

The Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills is located between Riverside and Lewis at 1902 East 71st.

From Tulsa International Airport: Take Highway 11 to 244 East. Exit 13B onto Highway 169 southbound. Take the I-44 west/OK 66 towards Oklahoma City. Take exit 227 and a left onto Lewis Ave. Turn right on 71st St. S. The hotel will be on the south (left) side of the street.



*Reservations may also be made online at  
www.marriott.com/tulsa, using the Group Code: ACCACCA*

# Parish/Individual Room Reservation/Contract Form

*Please Reserve Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills Hotel Accommodations For:*

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing With: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth Person: \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle One: Parish (address below) Individual (address below)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: work (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ fax (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Nights: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: work (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

*Individual and company room registrations require a first night deposit or use your American Express, Diners Club, Visa, or Master Card.*

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Circle the Desired Room Type:

**NSKG Non-Smoking King**

**NSDB Non-Smoking Double**

**ACCB Accessible Room**

**Room Rates: \$82 (single, double or triple, quadruple)**

**Check In Time: 4:00 p.m.**

*Room rates are quoted exclusively of local taxes and fees currently 13.517% (8.517% sales tax and 5% occupancy tax). Individual and company room registrations require a first night deposit or use your American Express, Diners Club, Visa, or Master Card.*

Conference Attendees are to use the Parish/Individual Room Reservations Form and Contract for making their hotel accommodations. The Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills Hotel must receive the reservations no later than August 3, 2012. After this date any rooms remaining in the block will be released for general sale. The parish understands and accepts liability for any no show incurred by the group. Individuals arriving on a date other than the designated date will be accommodated on space available basis.

We understand that Reservations will be made under the Diocesan Master Billing (Group Code: ACCACCA)  
Parishes will reimburse the Diocese of Tulsa upon receipt of the Diocesan Invoice.

DRE/Pastor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or fax this completed form to:

Kyle Beard 1902 E. 71st St. Tulsa, OK 74136  
Phone: 918.523.3591 Fax: 918.523.3523

*Reservations may also be made online at [www.marriott.com/tulsa](http://www.marriott.com/tulsa) or calling 1.866.242-5060 and using the Group Code: ACCACCA.*

# 2013 Catechetical Conference Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Both Friday and Saturday, \$50       Friday Session Only, \$30       Saturday Session Only, \$40

Group Rate, \$200

*Five persons from a parish or school, both Friday and Saturday sessions. \$35 for each additional person in group. Group registrations should be sent in one envelope with the Group Contact Person indicated. Fill out a separate form for each person.*

Total amount to be billed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A check is enclosed for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Or, please bill my credit card, receipts forwarded to card holder:

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please bill the balance, if any, to:*

Above address       Parish/School       Credit card

*Refunds or credits, except for pre-registration fee, will be applied to cancellations received in this office no later August 19, 2013*

## Return this completed form to:

Religious Education Office, Diocese of Tulsa

P.O. Box 690240      Tulsa, OK 74169-0240

918.307.4933      918.294.0920 (fax)

email: [catecheticalservices@dioceseoftulsa.org](mailto:catecheticalservices@dioceseoftulsa.org)

You can download registration forms online at [www.dioceseoftulsa.org](http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org)

## ***Registration Deadline is August 16, 2013***

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

# Forma de Registro 2013 Conferencia Catequética

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_ Ciudad: \_\_\_\_\_ Código Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Parroquia/Escuela: \_\_\_\_\_

Correo Electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Ambas secciones: Viernes y Sábado, \$50

Sección de Viernes solamente, \$30

Sección de Sabado solamente, \$40

Tarifa de Grupo, \$200, por persona adicional, \$35

*Cinco personas de una parroquia o escuela (por ambos días). Todos los grupos deben enviar un sobre con la información en general de la persona responsable del grupo. Debe llenar una forma adicional por cada uno(a) de los participantes.*

Cantidad completa a pagar: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Un cheque ha sido incluido en la cantidad de: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

O, factura por favor mi tarjeta de crédito, forward de recibos al poseedor de la tarjeta

Número de la tarjeta: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha de expiración en la tarjeta: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre tal y como aparece en la tarjeta: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_ Ciudad: \_\_\_\_\_ Estado: \_\_\_\_\_ Código: \_\_\_\_\_

*Por favor envíe el saldo a:*

Dirección aquí mencionada

Parroquia/Escuela

Tarjeta de Credito

*Reembolso o créditos (a excepción del costo de pre-registración) serán aplicados a todas las cancelaciones recibidas antes del Agosto ??, 2013*

**Fecha limite de Registración es Agosto 16, 2013:**

Oficina Diócesana de Formación Religiosa, Diócesis de Tulsa

P.O. Box 690240

Tulsa, OK 74169-0240

918.307.4933

918.294.0920 (fax)

email: catecheticalservices@dioceseoftulsa.org

***Fecha limite de Registración es Agosto 16, 2013***

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_