

32nd Annual Catholic Conference Workshops

Talleres: Ronda B: 1:30 - 2:45

BS-14 Ayudando a vivir – Afrontando la Realidad del Suicidio Por V. Dubourdieu
Cuando una persona siente que los retos de la vida van más allá de su capacidad para sobrellevarlos, puede llegar a sentir un estrés y dolor emocional devastador. Cuando la aflicción es intolerable, los pensamientos de las personas pueden volverse confuses y llevarlas a sentir que la muerte es la única alternativa, la única opción. Considerando la grave naturaleza de este problema, los invito a reflexionar juntos lo que sabemos acerca del suicidio, incluso las señales de advertencia y las cosas que podemos hacer para prevenirlo.

BS-15 ¿Cómo la Familia Cristiana es Escuela de Formación de Personas? Por Padre Nelson Gonzales
La familia es la célula de la sociedad, allí donde adquirimos las habilidades para enfrentar las diferentes circunstancias, realidades de la vida cotidiana, es el lugar donde forjamos los valores humanos y espirituales que luego serán el soporte para nuestra vida. En esta misión dedicada y apasionante, la pareja humana va encontrando su felicidad.

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B-16 Portals to Parents: Understanding, Supporting, and Reaching Out to Today's Families
 by K. Hendricks (Sponsored by William H. Sadlier)
Let's get real about the stresses and strains in the lives of parents so that we can develop creative ways to interest, involve, and engage them in the life of the parish and to support their role in forming faith in their children.

B-17 The Theology of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion by Rev. K. Fuchs
You see them all the time. You might even be one yourself. Yet, have you ever thought about what it means to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? In this workshop, we will look into the theology of this seemingly ordinary extraordinary role in today's Church.

B-18 We Embrace God's Family – One Family at a Time! by C. Katra (Sponsored by Loyola Press)
Would you like to know how to successfully include individuals with disabilities and their families in the full life of the Church? Come learn best practices to make your parish more accessible so that God's family, the Body of Christ, is complete! This training supports the inclusion of all families.

B-19 Aligning our Music to the Ministry we Serve By G. Bentz
*Using **Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship (USCCB)**, we will learn how to select music that fits the liturgical celebration, is true to Church teaching for music, and respects the unique culture/s of your parish community.*

B-20 Cremation in the Diocese of Victoria: Answers to Burning Questions by G. Rangnow
Does the Church allow cremation of the body? What is the proper method for final disposition of the cremated remains? These questions and more will be answered in this workshop. As Christians, we profess faith in the incarnation of the Word made flesh and His bodily resurrection, which we will share on the Last Day. We are reminded of the words of St. Paul, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

B-21 Baptism: Incorporated into the Body of Christ by Rev. B. Kyeah
By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ. How are we helping parents and godparents better understand this important first step in the life of their children? What are they seeking? How can we help them live Baptism? In this workshop, Fr. Barnabas will explain how we can help the parents and godparents better understand the Sacrament of Baptism for them and that of the children.

B-22 RCIA 101: Purpose, Process & Power by L. Krehmeier
*For new and experienced team members, this session will examine the Christian initiation process today through the lens of the seeker and of the team: Why do you come? What do you desire? How will we journey with you? Please bring a copy of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, USCCB (copies will be available for purchase). *It is recommended that RCIA team members attend workshops B-21 and C-30 to get a thorough overview of the RCIA and the Rites.*

B-23 Family: Where Relationship Comes to Life by A. Silvas
Many children/adolescents struggle to engage in healthy relationships in and outside of the family unit. Our disconnected society plays a role in lack of engagement. This workshop will focus on building core values in familial/healthy relationships. During the session, participants will learn how parenting/teaching style impacts relationship building, tricks to connect with children/adolescents in meaningful ways, and techniques to help instill responsibility through choice giving.

B-24 Mary, the First Evangelizer by L. Negret (Sponsored by Pflaum)
See A-7 for complete description of this workshop.

B-25 Being a First Responder for Troubled Hearts by G. Janecka
Depression. Suicidal thoughts. Signs of abuse. Noticeable changes in behavior or attitude. Whether ministering to adults or children, encountering someone in crisis can be overwhelming as well as heart breaking. In this workshop, learn to recognize the signs of persons in crisis, and learn the important steps you can take to connect others to potentially life-saving resources.

B-26 Restoring Human Dignity By H. Forshage, Rev. B. Heyer, & D. Wilkes
For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person. The Catholic Church in the United States is an immigrant Church with a long history of embracing diverse newcomers and providing assistance and pastoral care to immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the move. Our Church has responded to Christ's call for us to "welcome the stranger among us," for in this encounter with the immigrant, the migrant, and the refugee in our midst, we encounter Christ.