

CULTURES *of* FORMATION:

Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment

BREAKOUT SPEAKER BIOS AND SUMMARIES

ROUND 3 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 - 1:30 P.M.

SESSION E - McKenna Auditorium

Creative Strategy for Young Adult Outreach

Colin Nykaza

Director of Young Adult Outreach, Archdiocese of New York

How might one go about young adult ministry at parish or diocesan level? This presentation will go through some practical and creative suggestions on how to best serve and reach out to the young adults at your parish or diocese. We will also discuss a 4 category system that will help you reach out to young adults effectively at every level.

Colin Nykaza has been the Director of Young Adult Outreach for the Archdiocese of New York for over 6 years. Colin was a seminarian for 7 years before discerning that Jesus and Mary were calling him elsewhere. As a seminarian he received a BA in Theology from Sacred Heart University and a Masters of Divinity from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. For many years Colin has been going around the country giving sexual morality, pro-life, and Divine Mercy talks to all ages. He is also a member of the USCCB National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry.

Catholic Youth/Young Adult Ministry and the Urgent Need for Intercultural Competencies

Gabriela Karaszewski

Director of the Office of Young Adults & Campus Ministry, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

We Catholics in the United States find ourselves at a decisive moment in our shared history amidst profound demographic shifts as the numbers of Hispanics, Asians, Africans, Caribbean people and many other communities of non-European origin are on the rise. In this presentation, I will share a variety of approaches to better equip pastoral leaders working with youth and young adults across cultural boundaries.

Gabriela Karaszewski, M.S., M.A. is currently the Director of the Office of Young Adults & Campus Ministry at the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. She serves as member of the National Advisory Team for Young Adult Ministry for the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth at the USCCB. Holding an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from University of St. Thomas and Master of Science from University of Washington, Gabriela was the Director of Faith Formation for 10 years at a parish in Texas. She is originally from Mexico.

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Restoring Choice for Youth on the Margins

Joyce Francois

Youth Ministry Regional Coordinator, Central Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit

This presentation will focus on the contemporary concern that young people on the peripheries of society do not have the freedom to make choices in life. The Church has a responsibility to "go out" to the peripheries of society, to encounter these young people, and to accompany them through their hardships so that we might restore hope and the freedom to choose love and life in God.

Joyce Francois is the Youth Ministry Regional Coordinator for the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit. The Central Region encompasses all areas within the city of Detroit. She has worked in Youth Ministry for many years and directly with marginalized youth for the past 14.

SESSION F - McKenna Rooms 100-104

Ever Ancient, Ever New: Pope Francis' Plan to Empower Youth

Vincent J. Reilly

Director of Faith Formation at St. Catherine Catholic Church, Diocese of St. Augustine

Does the Church's ministry equip young people to know about Jesus or to actually know Jesus? Four great saints influence Pope Francis' vision for empowering youth and young adults to become missionary disciples in an entertainment driven consumerist culture. Discover a parish that applies the pope's vision of utilizing the Kerygma and the Church's tradition to accompany youth on the vocational discernment of knowing Christ and living the Gospel authentically.

Vincent Reilly is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Catherine Catholic Church in the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida. He holds a BA in theology from the Catholic University of America and a MA in theology from the University of Notre Dame. His article, "Preaching Kerygma," was published by the Church Life Journal in January 2017. He is implementing Pope Francis's "The Joy of the Gospel" and "The Joy of Love" in his parish through retreats for all ages and family activities that build community. When not discussing theology, Vincent talks about his beagle, Buddy.

Service as the Gateway to Millennial Conversion

Sarah Shutrop

Director of Campus Ministry for Immaculate Heart Academy, Archdiocese of Newark

This presentation will examine the millennial generation's unique interest in social justice and community service and explore the ways in which the Church may benefit from creating service opportunities that engage the gifts and talents of millennials, provide an opportunity to present the Gospel, and invite young people into deeper relationship with Christ.

Sarah Shutrop is the Director of Campus Ministry for Immaculate Heart Academy in the Archdiocese of Newark. She coordinates the school's service program, in which over 1,000 students have participated in the last 4 years. More than 200 of Sarah's students have been recognized with the Presidential Service Award for their dedication to community service. She holds an M.A in Theology from the University of Notre Dame.

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Morning Prayer & Mimosas: Ideas for Engaging Contemplative Practices for Millennial Discernment

Jessie Bazan
Outreach Coordinator, Saint John's Abbey Vocations Team

How might vocational discernment be enhanced if the church created space for young people to "listen with the ear of their hearts" as Saint Benedict writes? This presentation highlights three common needs among millennials: the needs for vocational exemplars, community and rest. We will explore ways the monastic contemplative tradition can address these needs and brainstorm innovative ideas for engaging emerging adults in vocational discernment today.

Jessie Bazan is the Outreach Coordinator for the Saint John's Abbey Vocations team. She earned her Masters of Divinity degree from the Saint John's University School of Theology and Seminary and her Bachelor of Arts from Marquette University. In addition, Jessie serves as Youth Formation Minister at Pax Christi Catholic Community in Eden Prairie, MN, and Program Associate for the Collegeville Institute. She also writes regularly for U.S. Catholic magazine on topics related to Catholic Social Teaching and vocation.

SESSION G - McKenna Rooms 210-214

That You May Love One Another: Reflections on Community Size and Engagement

Adam Kemner
Coordinator and cantor, Byzantine Catholic Outreach in Iowa

This presentation argues that the best environment to foster vocations and continued commitment among youth is in small parishes. This is primarily due to psychological restraints that are effectively hardwired into the brain. Individuals are only capable of maintaining an average of 150 meaningful relationships. Since the Gospel mandate to "love one another" is crucial in living an authentic Christian life, this means that there is a psychological limit to authentic Christian communities.

Adam is the coordinator and cantor for the Byzantine Catholic Outreach in Iowa. He facilitates the activities of the community, leading them in prayer, as well as coordinating the community's liturgies and activities with the host parish and with clergy who come to celebrate services. He is a husband and father of nine children. He has a Master's in Pastoral Theology from Saint Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, and is working on his doctorate in Eastern Orthodox Theology at Euclid University, Banjul, The Gambia.

The Catholic College's Missionary Option: Newman, Benedict and Catholic Studies at the Non-Catholic College

Joshua Brumfield
Assistant Professor of Theology, University of Holy Cross

This paper explores the paradigm of Catholic Studies programs in non-Catholic colleges as a creative missionary option with reference to Newman and Pope Benedict. Since over ninety percent of Catholic college students attend non-Catholic institutions, this paper considers a way for the Church in higher education to offer the intellectual and spiritual formation owed to Catholics at non-Catholic colleges and to provide a space for the community life which helps to foster vocations.

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Dr. Joshua Brumfield serves as Assistant Professor of Theology and Coordinator of Undergraduate Theology at the University of Holy Cross. He wrote his dissertation at CUA on "Communion and Mission in the Theology of Ratzinger" and has published articles on Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement. Dr. Brumfield lives in New Orleans with his wife and three children.

It Takes a Village: The Catechumenate Process in College

John Michael Reyes

Director of Sacramental Formation, Santa Clara University's Campus Ministry

Colleges and universities are given opportunities to celebrate the RCIA in their communities, and for many, it is reduced to another program. The General Directory for Catechesis tells us that the catechumenate is to be "the model for all catechesis" and that formation in the RCIA "should inspire the other forms of catechesis in both their objectives and in their dynamism." What would happen if campus ministers renewed their RCIA process, slowly moving away from a classroom model into one that is dynamic, ongoing and looks to the campus as the content of formation? How can we loosen ourselves of the constraints of an academic calendar and bring out a time of formation that is mystical as we assist others discern their relationship with not just an ecclesial community, but that of the living God?

John Michael Reyes has been involved in liturgical ministry, literally, his entire life. He is the Director of Sacramental Formation for Santa Clara University's Campus Ministry. He is a frequent liturgy coordinator and cantor for national conferences and symposiums. He holds a Master of Divinity from the Graduate Theological Union (Jesuit School of Theology and Franciscan School of Theology). A native of San Francisco, CA, he has experience as a retreat director, hospital chaplain and a young adult group leader.