



SESSION INFORMATION:

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Teaching Liturgical Living in the Home:

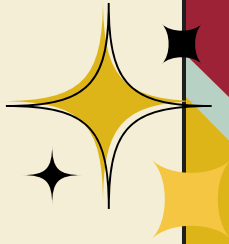
Discover practical ways to cultivate a vibrant Catholic home by embracing the rhythms of the Church's liturgical year through meaningful traditions, prayer, and everyday family life. This session will also equip ministry leaders and parish volunteers with the tools and confidence to inspire and guide other families in establishing a rich culture of liturgical living within their own homes.

The Hidden Power of Small Group Ministry:

Small groups are all the rage in church ministry, but what are they, who can lead them, what are they for, what makes them successful? Claire will walk us through the importance of small groups, how to get them going, and how to create a vision for small groups that multiplies over time rather than remaining stagnant. Find out what thriving small groups look like, how to set them up for success, and how to navigate common small group pitfalls.

Everybody's Ministry: How to Engage Pastors, Parents, and Parishoners:

Discover practical, relationship-centered strategies to help pastors, parents, parishioners, and other leaders move from simply supporting youth ministry to actively sharing ownership of it. Leave with concrete ideas you can implement right away to build stronger partnerships, increase investment, and create a parish culture where everyone sees forming young people in the faith as everybody's ministry.



The Candidate Path:

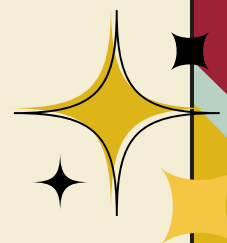
In our growing Diocese, many parishes are thinking of different ways to structure OCIA Courses, especially for those candidates with a strong foundation of faith. This session will discuss what candidacy is, who it is for, how it fits within the OCIA process, and practical implementations for parishes that already have a traditional OCIA program.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart:

The Sacred Heart Apostolate, Inc., headquartered in the Diocese of Knoxville, works with parishes, small groups, and families to promote the Civilization of Love, especially through Enthronement of the Sacred Heart over Families, based on the movement developed by Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey and endorsed by the Catholic Church. The apostolate can provide resources for catechesis on the Sacred Heart, including but not limited to, 3-night parish missions that are provided free of charge. We are also available in the diocese for shorter presentations, and as a source for materials regarding all forms of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

VBS in Your Parish:

Vacation Bible School can be a fun and engaging way to teach children biblical lessons, spiritual growth, and Catholic values, but running VBS can be challenging! In this session you will have the opportunity to learn different ways to structure VBS in your parish and be presented with different ideas and themes – and how to execute them!



Connecting Catholic Social Teaching and the Migration Issue:

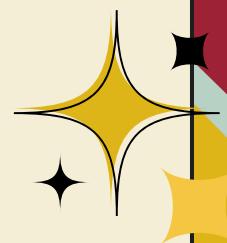
Migration is a complex and often divisive issue that frequently becomes polarized along political lines. Catholic Social Teaching offers a framework for understanding the key concerns involved and provides a perspective through which Catholics can thoughtfully engage with these challenges. This talk will examine the relationship between Catholic Social Teaching and Migration, helping us reflect more deeply on this difficult and important topic.

The Ministry of Invitation:

In a culture where many people feel disconnected or unseen, authentic invitation has the power to change lives and transform communities. Maria shares the heart behind her ministry Grounded Haven and explores how intentional relationships, personal invitation, and welcoming spaces can help renew Catholic community culture. This talk will encourage leaders and young adults alike to recognize their gifts, reach those on the sidelines, and create ministries where people feel safe enough to belong, grow, and encounter Christ through friendship and faith.

The Art of Pastoral Listening:

In a world full of noise and distraction, it is especially important to grow in the ability to truly listen to others. Mallory will explain what it means to pastorally listen to someone as well as provide some tips to listen well to those around you. This session will help you better understand how to attend to others in a Christ-like way so that those who come to you for support may feel seen, known, and loved.



Compass: Financial Freedom with Purpose:

In marriage and couple's ministry, one challenge that is often faced in the home is financial stress. In this session, you will learn how to help families and couples manage finances and eliminate debt with biblical wisdom, learn to apply Christian principles in business, and transform their relationship with money according to God's Word.

Ministering to Those Struggling with Addiction:

In today's world where substance abuse and addiction have become more and more prevalent, learning to minister to those struggling with active addiction or in recovery is becoming a greater need in our parishes. In this session, you will learn how to meet the spiritual dimension of the disease of addiction that cannot be met by clinical professionals. Using principles from the iTHIRST initiative, you will gain greater confidence in aiding those in your community who are facing these challenges.

Media in Ministry:

In a world where screens and media are increasingly more accessible, learning how to use those tools effectively to spread the word of your ministry is crucial. In this session, you will learn about CSM (Catholic Social Media), marketing your ministry and parish events, best media practices, and what Diocesan Media Resources you have available to you.

The How and Why of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to faith formation rooted in Scripture and Liturgy and based upon the educational principles of Maria Montessori and Sofia Cavalletti. It is a fantastic resource to bring children ages 3-12 closer to their faith – however getting CGS set up in your parish can be daunting. In this session you will learn about how to fund and create an atrium, complete training, and how to run CGS in the parish once it has been established.



Accompanying Young People Through Mental Health Challenges:

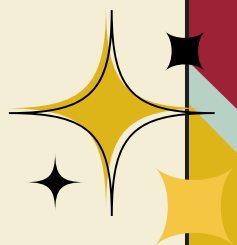
Young people are facing unprecedented levels of anxiety, depression, loneliness, and emotional stress. While youth ministers are not mental health professionals, they are often among the first trusted adults a teenager turns to. This session explores how to accompany young people with compassion while maintaining healthy boundaries. Participants will learn how to recognize common warning signs, respond appropriately to difficult conversations, understand when and how to refer families to professional resources, and integrate faith and hope into pastoral care without minimizing mental health struggles.

Walking with Youth & Families Through Grief:

Grief enters every parish—through the death of a loved one, suicide, illness, divorce, tragedy, or unexpected loss. Often, youth ministers and catechetical leaders find themselves wondering, “What do I say? What do I do?” This session will help ministry leaders respond with compassion rather than fear, learning how to accompany grieving young people and families without trying to “fix” their pain.

Catholic Charities as a Ministry Resource:

Learn how your ministry can partner with Catholic Charities to serve our neighbors in East Tennessee! Empowered by the grace of Jesus Christ, Catholic Charities of East Tennessee has a mission to foster human dignity of the vulnerable in our region through shelter, counseling, education, advocacy, and reverence for life. By serving as the hands, feet, face, and heart of Jesus Christ, we can improve lives in a deeply Catholic way.

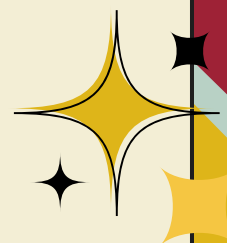


Overview of the OCIA Manual and DRE/Catechist Portal:

Need a refresher course? Interested in what is coming around the corner? In this session, we will go over some recent changes to our DRE/Catechist Portal, as well as some changes you should expect to see soon! Knowing what resources are available on a Diocesan level is extremely beneficial to our ministries, and the portal is your gateway to those resources. We will also be going over the long-awaited OCIA Manual which will be found on the portal as well!

Diocese of Knoxville Special Friends: Special Needs Ministry:

The Diocese of Knoxville Special Friends initiative is making waves in East TN! From Sensory-Friendly Mass to Bishop's Very Special Day, there are many ways to minister to those in our parishes with special needs and disabilities. In this session, learn how you can bring this ministry to your parish and how you can best provide sacramental access and inclusivity for those in need.



SPANISH LANGUAGE:

La Liturgia y nuestro llamado al servicio:

La Liturgia es la fuente de donde brota nuestra misión y la fuerza que sostiene nuestro servicio en la Iglesia.

Encontrando Esperanza en medio de la Prueba: La Fe que nos sostiene:

Nuestra relación con Jesucristo nos fortalece en la adversidad, renueva la esperanza y nos ayuda a perseverar con confianza.

Panel sobre Vocaciones y Familia:

Representantes de nuestra comunidad diocesana con diferentes estados de vida comparten una perspectiva única para dar luces en la promoción de las vocaciones dentro de la familia.

Relación entre la Doctrina Social Católica y la cuestión Migratoria:

La migración es una cuestión compleja y, a menudo, controvertida, que con frecuencia se polariza en función de las líneas políticas. La Doctrina Social Católica ofrece un marco para comprender las principales preocupaciones que plantea y aporta una perspectiva a través de la cual los católicos pueden abordar estos retos de forma reflexiva. Esta charla analizará la relación entre la Enseñanza Social Católica y la migración, ayudándonos a reflexionar más profundamente sobre este tema tan difícil e importante.

