

ACTheals 2018 International Conference
Plenary information



Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI

Father McAlear, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, entered the religious order of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1960. He studied in Rome and was ordained there in 1970, after receiving degrees in Philosophy (Ph.L.) and Theology (S.T.L.). He returned to the United States, where he taught high school and received another degree in Religious Education (M.A.).

In 1972, Father McAlear became involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and he entered into the healing ministry in 1976. His ministry and work have brought him to every part of the United States, Asia, South America, Canada, Australia, New Guinea, Guatemala, Italy, France, Portugal, and Scotland.

Father McAlear has been a member of the Association of Christian Therapists since 1977, and a past director of Our Lady of Hope Center in Newburgh, NY. In Newburgh, his charismatic work included healing prayer along with a strong outreach to the poor and needy in that area. Father McAlear was subsequently appointed as the Vocation Director for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. In this capacity he was stationed in Washington, D.C. where for ten years, he recruited

young men for the priesthood. He is now assigned to devote himself full time to teaching and the healing ministry.

The healing ministry is rooted in a scriptural understanding that the human individual needs to become whole. This healing is both mental and emotional, and is blessed through prayer which touches the hearts of those in need of God's love and compassion.

The Blessing of the Holy Spirit imparts a gift of understanding that both heals and renews the wounded heart. Christ, our Healer, frees the heart to love and to trust while renewing the inner spirit, bringing fresh hope and new life.

In celebration of the 2000 Jubilee, Father McAlear said: "The central mystery to all Christianity is the Incarnation. The work of salvation and the fruits of the Spirit flow from this one fundamental truth of the Word made flesh. Jesus is Emmanuel - God with us. The Eucharist is His continuing presence in our midst."

This insight permeates all of Father McAlear's teachings. Those who come to hear Father McAlear consider his work to be truly a "Ministry of Hope and Healing," and his teaching gift, to be that of someone who brings "the Word of God--the Voice of Jesus Christ" to the hearts and minds of many individuals.

Father McAlear feels he was called to be a priest in order to bring this message of God's love and peace to believers who earnestly, and sometimes almost desperately, seek the "Spirit of Truth."

Those who listen to Father McAlear's teachings are encouraged to seek holiness in life, a stronger faith, and a renewed depth of sincerity in their belief in Christ.

Plenary presentation: "The Role of Forgiveness in Healing"

Jesus spoke more about forgiveness than He did about love. Forgiveness is the key to right relationship - with God and with others, as well as with oneself. Healing is very much connected to forgiveness. Unforgiveness and anger,

resentment and revenge have profound consequences. They can be the source of illness; they can block the glow of grace and healing.' We will explore the scriptural teachings on forgiveness and mercy and see the connection to healing and freedom.



Dr. Janet Johnson

Dr. Janet V. Johnson was born in Brooklyn, New York. She received her undergraduate degree in Biology at Hunter College in Manhattan, New York. She pursued a career in research medicine as a research assistant at Downstate Medical School in the Department of Gastroenterology. Obtaining her Master's degree in Physiology at Long Island University in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Johnson received her medical degree from State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine in 1991. She completed her internship and residency at Howard University /DC General Hospital in 1994.

After becoming board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, Dr. Johnson worked as an Emergency Room Pediatric Physician at DC General Hospital and for a local pediatrician before she began her practice: Loving Care Pediatrics in Hyattsville Maryland in 1998. She is continuing to pursue CME credits to maintain board certification. Concurrently, she serves as a Clinical Instructor to nursing students at Howard University Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program; John

Hopkins Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program; Marymount Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program; and University of Maryland Baltimore Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program. She also serves as a Clinical Instructor for medical assistant students at Stratford University; Fortis College, Brightwood College and Career Technical Institute. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP). Dr. Johnson is also a member of the Prince Georges Community Advisory Group (CAG), Washington Adventist Health Ministry Network and the Medical Advisory Committee for Amerigroup Insurance. Dr. Johnson has given lectures on Teen Suicide and Teen awareness on HIV/AIDS to youth groups in Washington, DC and continues to publish articles in Washington Woman's Journal and Your Health Magazine in Prince Georges County.

Practice Philosophy

I am committed to serving my patients, parents and community by providing excellent and compassionate health care service to a culturally diverse population that promotes the dignity and well-being of the people we serve.

Plenary presentation: "Faith and Healing - Incorporating Spirituality and Prayer in Medical Practice"

This presentation will be practical, useful, changing, challenging and faith-building. The intent of the talk is for participants to leave encouraged and excited about putting the principles they have learned into practice as they seek to be used by God in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit to minister and pray for others.

Areas of focus will include the six faith-based areas of interest within the healthcare system, the role of spiritual faith care providers in administering faith-based care, and faith based spiritual assessment and healing interventions.



Rev. Nigel Mumford

The Reverend Nigel Mumford, is an International Speaker, Author and Founder of **By His Wounds, Inc.** a 501c3 non-profit, organization, focusing on Christian Healing. Nigel is also Priest Associate for Healing, at Galilee Church in Virginia Beach, VA.

Nigel was born and educated in England. He served for six and a half years in Her Majesty's **Royal Marine Commandos** and continued his education while in the armed forces. His last two years as a Marine were spent as a **drill instructor** at the Commando Training School (CTCRM).

Nigel has been involved in the Healing Ministry for over 25 years. His conviction to pray for healing came in 1989 when his sister, Julie Sheldon, a ballet dancer with the Royal Ballet in London, was healed by God through the late **Canon Jim Glennon**. This was a very dramatic healing from a disease called Dystonia. Being a witness to her healing has had a profound effect on his life.

In 2007, Nigel, and two other retired military men, created **The Welcome Home Initiative© (WHI)** a program of healing for veterans. This program invites men, & women of our Armed Forces (from all wars), who have served in combat, to come "free of charge" and be "welcomed home." **Our focus is on healing for**

post-traumatic stress and moral injury.

In February 2017 at the State Capitol in Richmond, VA, Fr. Nigel was honored and given a House Resolution and Commendation for the work he does for veterans. *Additional information on the Welcome Home Initiative© is found at our website: www.byhiswoundsministry.org*

Nigel is a published author; all his books and CDs are available on BHW website: www.byhiswoundsministry.org (Some on Amazon or Kindle). His latest book: ***Dying to Live; How near-death experiences transformed his life, faith and ministry.***

Nigel regularly contributes articles to the quarterly Sharing Magazine (OSL). His ministry has been reported by the New York Times as well as broadcast on CBN/700 club. Healing stories of healing through Nigel's ministry have been published in Guideposts Magazine, (Dec 2000 and Feb 2006) and a recent interview of Nigel has been published Mysterious Ways (an offshoot of Guidepost Magazine). Nigel has been honored to speak at many seminaries around the USA & UK. He serves on the National Advisory Board of **Christian Healing Ministries** in Jacksonville Florida, (Dr. Francis and Judith MacNutt).

In October 2009, Nigel was **near death**, due to contracting H1N1/Swine Flu. Hospitalized and in a chemical induced coma, for 19 days. Prognosis was not good. Through prayer and wonderful doctors & nurses, Nigel survived. Doctors were eventually able to perform a tracheotomy and wean him off the ventilator. The pulmonologist told him; *"you were as close to death without dying that he has ever seen"*. Nigel continues to give thanks and praise to all the intercessors who lifted him up in prayer. He is alive because of prayer. Thank you Jesus!

Nigel is privileged to be a Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International and a recipient of The Wittnauer Humanitarian award NY City, 1995.

Outside the ministry, Nigel enjoys boating, writing, playing the violin and spending time with his "triplets"- grandchildren. He and his wife Lynn, live in Virginia Beach, VA.

Plenary presentation: "Healing the Wounded Soul"

This talk will cover the many facets of healing that are presented by the individual with a Christ Centered Emphasis. Appropriate bible verses will support the abstract. The primary focus will be on the need for healing in the haunting of memories and trauma -whether in the private home, the work place, terrorism in all its forms and military combat. Unpacking all forms of warfare presented by man's inhumanity to man. Moral injury will also be presented and assessed.

The foundation of this talk is drawn from twenty-eight years in the trenches of Christian healing and eight years as a Royal Marine Commando with three tours of combat duty. Fr. Mumford has presented an "earlier version" of this talk at the Pentagon.

Fr. Mumford has penned four books, one on the healing of PTSD called "After the Trauma, the Battle Begins - Post Trauma Healing." He is also half way through his fifth book. "The Many Facets of Healing" A compendium of forty-five talks on the many issues presented by a person in need of healing.