# 2026 Convocation / Convocatoria

NEW WORKSHOP!
Conversations in the Spirit
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Conversaciones en el Espíritu

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Forming Disciples for Mission

## ¡Somos la Iglesia!
Formando discípulos para la misión

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**"See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it"**
Isaiah 43:19

**"Miren que ya hago algo nuevo; ya está brotando, ¿no lo notan?"**
Isaías 43:19

**Saturday, November 7th**
**Sábado, 7 de Noviembre**
Paramus Catholic High School, Paramus, NJ

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***EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION $35. AFTER OCTOBER 21, IT IS $45 PER PERSON.***
***INSCRIPCIÓN TEMPRANA: $35. DESPUÉS DEL 21 DE OCTUBRE, EL PRECIO SERÁ DE $45 POR PERSONA.***

# SCHEDULE/PROGRAMA

**7:45 a.m. Registration & Coffee / Registración & Café**

**8:30 a.m. Gather Music in Auditorium / Música en el Auditorio**

**8:40 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist / Celebración de la Eucaristía**

**10:20 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. SESSION ONE / PRIMERA SESIÓN**
ENGLISH KEYNOTE: Dr. Tracey Lamont in Auditorium
Talleres en español O Conversaciones en el Espíritu

**11:40 a.m. — 12:50 p.m. SESSION TWO / SEGUNDA SESIÓN**
Workshops/Talleres OR **Lunch A** & Exhibitors / Almuerzo A y Expositores
OR Conversations in the Spirit / Conversaciones en el Espíritu

**1:00 p.m. — 2:10 p.m. SESSION THREE / TERCERA SESIÓN**
Workshops/Talleres OR **Lunch B** & Exhibitors / Almuerzo B y Expositores
OR Conversations in the Spirit / Conversaciones en el Espíritu

**2:20 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. SESSION FOUR / CUARTA SESIÓN**
PONENTE PRINCIPAL: Dr. Francisco Castillo en Auditorium
Workshops in English / OR **Lunch C** & Exhibitors
OR Conversations in the Spirit

**3:40 p.m. — 4:50 p.m. SESSION FIVE / QUINTA SESIÓN**
Workshops/Talleres OR Exhibitors/Expositores
OR Conversations in the Spirit / Conversaciones en el Espíritu

EXHIBITORS AVAILABLE IN GYM UNTIL 4:00 p.m.
EXPOSITORES DISPONIBLES EN EL GIMNASIO HASTA LAS 4:00 p.m.

**5:00 p.m. DEPART / SALIDA**

# EXHIBITORS/EXPOSITORES

Participants will have an opportunity throughout the day to visit our exhibits. **We will have an extensive group of organizations, publishers, and vendors with resources for evangelization, faith formation, and other ministries!** Books, resources and gifts will be available for purchase!

Los participantes tendrán la oportunidad de visitar nuestras exposiciones a lo largo del día. **¡Contaremos con un amplio grupo de organizaciones, editoriales y proveedores con recursos para la evangelización, la formación en la fe y otros ministerios!** ¡Habrá libros, recursos y regalos disponibles para comprar!

# CONVERSATIONS IN THE SPIRIT

## What is a Conversation in the Spirit?
## Why Should we practice this?
## How does it help us to discern together God's will for our community?

Conversation in the spirit is a method of **communal discernment** and **meaningful dialogue**. It is a way of **being present to one another in conversation**.

It is an approach that takes seriously **what happens in the hearts** of those who are conversing.

There are two necessary attitudes that are fundamental to this process:
**active listening and speaking from the heart**.

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The aim of conversations in the Spirit is **to create an atmosphere of trust and welcome, so that people can express themselves more freely and where we can be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit**.

# CONVERSACIONES EN EL ESPÍRITU

## ¿Qué es la conversación en el Espíritu?
## ¿Por qué deberíamos practicarla?
## ¿Cómo nos ayuda a discernir juntos la voluntad de Dios para nuestra comunidad?

La conversación en el Espíritu es un método de **discernimiento comunitario y diálogo profundo.**

Se basa en **escuchar con el corazón** y en hablar desde la propia **experiencia de fe**.

No busca ganar una discusión sino conectar con lo que sucede en **el interior de cada persona** en el grupo de escucha.

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El objetivo de las conversaciones en el Espíritu es **crear un ambiente de confianza y acogida, para que las personas puedan expresarse con más libertad y para que podamos estar abiertos al movimiento del Espíritu Santo.**

# MASS/MISA

**We welcome Cardinal Joseph Tobin C.Ss.R., D.D., Archbishop of Newark, for morning Mass.**

**Le damos la bienvenida al Cardenal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D., Arzobispo de Newark, para la misa de la mañana.**

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS / PONENTES PRINCIPALES

## Dr. Tracey Lamont

**Director of the Loyola Institute for Ministry (LIM) and Associate Professor of Religious Education and Young Adult Ministry. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Religion and Religious Education from Fordham University, where she developed her expertise in curriculum development, youth and young adult ministry, and religious education. Prior to joining Loyola University, Tracey served in parishes as a youth and young adult minister, coordinating Confirmation programs and gaining valuable experience in practical ministry. She also brings a wealth of educational experience, having taught religion, social studies, and epistemology in high school and theology and religion courses at the undergraduate level.**

**Tracey has a strong record of service in the field of youth ministry. She served as a committee member for the National Dialogue on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment from 2017-2019, and was a member of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops National Young Adult Advisory Team from 2017-2021. She also serves on the boards of the National Institute for Ministry with Young Adults and the National Community of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL), demonstrating her commitment to advancing best practices in ministry and religious education.**

## Dr. Francisco Castillo

**Francisco Castillo obtuvo su doctorado en Ministerio en la Universidad Barry. Durante sus estudios, se enfocó en las áreas de la estética litúrgica y la justicia social. Ha sido profesor adjunto en el Departamento de Teología y Filosofía de la Universidad Barry, en el Instituto Pastoral del Sureste y en el Departamento de Humanidades y Comunicaciones de Broward College. También trabajó como editor senior y especialista en multiculturalidad en RCL Benziger Publishing. Como educador católico para la Arquidiócesis de Miami, enseñó en la preparatoria y sirvió como jefe del Departamento de Teología y como director del Ministerio en el campus.**

**El Dr. Castillo ha impartido cursos de posgrado y pregrado en inglés y español, entre ellos: Introducción a la Religión, Religión Comparada, Paz y Justicia, Moralidad Sexual, Introducción a la Teología Práctica, Formación Ministerial, Ética Profesional, Antropología Teológica, Sacramentos, Creatividad litúrgica y Teología de los ministerios.**

**Él es miembro de la Academia de Teólogos Católicos Hispanos de los Estados Unidos, del Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia y de SCALA (Sociedad de Catequetas Latinoamericanos).**

**"Organizing for Adult Faith Formation Ministry"**
**by Oscar Cruz (Sponsored by Office for Lifelong Faith Formation, Archdiocese of Newark)**
The need for parish adult faith formation ministry continues to grow every day. We need to better organize our parish efforts so we can offer effective and meaningful adult faith formation ministry for adults of all ages and backgrounds. Come and discover what the US Bishops say in their pastoral document: Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us - US Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation.

**"AI and the Catechetical Leader: Wisdom, Discernment, and Practical Boundaries"**
**by Dr. Joseph White (Sponsored by OSV Publishing)**
Artificial Intelligence is quickly reshaping how we communicate, how young people learn, and how ministry leaders' work. But how should we respond? This workshop explores recent Catholic Church teaching on AI, including Pope Leo's encyclical letter Magnifica Humanitas, through the lens of catechetical ministry. Together we'll examine both the opportunities and the dangers AI presents for parish and diocesan leadership, including lesson planning, communication, truthfulness, pastoral care, privacy, and the formation of children, teens, and adults. Participants will leave with practical principles, clear boundaries, and concrete strategies for using AI wisely and faithfully in catechetical ministry.

**"Windows of Opportunity: How Child Development Can Help us Present the Right Content at the Right Time"**
**by Dr. Joseph White**
Is there a "right time" to discover particular faith concepts? Recent discoveries in brain science, paired with research in social, cognitive, and moral development, suggests that there are particular "windows of opportunity" – developmental periods when children and teens will be most engaged as they encounter specific material and concepts. Come and discover how this work applies to faith formation as we explore how the science of child and adolescent development can help us prepare learners for a lifelong journey of faith.

"**Built for Belonging: The Spirituality and Neuroscience of Community and Mission"**
**by Dr. Anne Kertz Kernion (Sponsored by Cards by Anne)**
Neuroscience confirms what our faith has always known: we are literally built for belonging, interconnected down to the microscopic level. We'll uncover spiritual practices that strengthen our bonds, restore our health in mind and body, and form us as disciples. Because authentic community heals and sends us, energized for mission.

"**The Virtues of a Missionary Church: Cultivating Communities of Belonging"**
**by Dr. Robert V. Doyle, PhD (Sponsored by Felician University)**
The Church's mission depends not only on what we do, but on who we become. This workshop explores virtue as a framework for parish renewal and communal conversion. What would a hospitable, humble, courageous, and hopeful parish look like? Who is missing from among us, and would they truly belong?

"**Beyond Baptism: Building a Lifetime of Faith- Preparing Parents to be the First Catechists and the Family to be the Domestic Church" by Matthew DeCaux**
Building a Lifetime of Faith explores how sacramental preparation can help parents embrace their sacred role as the first and most important catechists of their children. This workshop will highlight the Catholic understanding of the family as the Domestic Church, where faith is nurtured through prayer, example, conversation, participation in the Mass, and everyday family life. Participants will consider practical ways parishes can accompany families beyond Baptism, helping them build a lifelong relationship with Christ and remain active members of the parish community.

**"What in Heaven's Name is a Missionary Disciple?"**
**by Dave Nodar (Sponsored by ChristLife - Catholic Ministry of Evangelization)**
Beyond the rhetoric, how can we personally respond to the Lord Jesus' call to make disciples? In this workshop, we will consider what is necessary to be and to make missionary disciples according to the Gospels and Church teaching.

**"Collaboration - Building Blocks to Fostering Partnership" by Sr. Donna L. Ciangio, OP**
In todays' world, we all need to work together. In Church life, we need to gather with parish with pastoral staff and ministry leaders, with schools, catechists, parish to parish and within deaneries. This helps us to appreciate each other and have creative ideas as disciples of Christ fostering His mission.

"**Do You Not Perceive It?" by Kelly Ann Lynch (Sponsored by Paulist Press)**
In a world of noise and uncertainty, God is doing something new—but do we perceive it? Kelly Ann Lynch invites Catholic leaders and catechists to rediscover discipleship through five movements: SEE, LISTEN, ABIDE, FOLLOW, and GO. Through Scripture, storytelling, and reflection, participants will encounter Christ, experience renewal, and share His love.

"**Man and Woman He Created Them: Introducing the Theology of the Body"**
**by Dr. David Hajduk (Sponsored by Array of Hope)**
An overview of Pope St. John Paul II's masterful teaching on human love in the divine plan, this workshop will dive into the major themes of the Theology of the Body, showing how it offers a compelling vision of the Church's teaching on sex and sexuality, gender and generation, and the meaning of human life, marriage, and the family.

**“Creative Teaching Techniques”**
**by John and Joanne Tyne (Sponsored by JMT Productions)**
Have fun with songs, games, and other activities that will review and reinforce the lessons you teach. John and Joanne Tyne present Catholic religious programs to churches and schools throughout NJ. Using creative techniques, they entertain children and their families while they teach important religious lessons.

**“Building a Shared Mission Across Parish Ministries”**
**by Steven Serafin (Sponsored by Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries)**
Parish ministries can easily become isolated from one another, even when they are serving the same families and pursuing the same mission. Discover how to cultivate a shared vision, strengthen collaboration, and create connected pathways that help people grow through every stage of parish life.

**“Ready to Give a Reason: Helping Catechists and Ministry Leaders Answer the questions behind what Catholics believe”**
**by Michelle Angelo Santoro**
Many Catholics know what the Church teaches but struggle to explain why. This workshop introduces apologetics and its role in catechesis and evangelization, offering practical ways to respond to difficult questions and help Catholics understand, explain, and defend the faith with confidence, clarity, and charity.

**“The Transforming Power of Testimony (Rom 12:1-2). ”**
**by Jim Tortorici (Sponsored by Encounter Ministries of New Jersey)**
(Jn 15:26-27). The Advocate is promised to bring us an encounter with the Risen Jesus. The encounter brings transformation. Transformation leads to testimony. Testimony fuels mission. The revelation of baptismal identity is the key to the renewal of the mind that brings the new of "metanoia" empowering a supernatural lifestyle.

“**I Believe! The Relevance of the Nicene Creed After 1700 Years.”**
**by William J. Mascitello of St. Mary's, Dumont**
The first Council of Nicea was held in 325 A.D. The church celebrated the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed in 2025. This workshop will include discussion of the key players at the Council of Nicaea, the theological underpinnings of the Nicene Creed, and its relevance for us today.

**“Behavior is Merely One Form of Communication—What’s a Catechist to Do?”**
**by Anne Masters, PhD, FAAIDD and Maria Auricchio, MA, LDTC, OG-T, CDT (Sponsored by Office for Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Newark)**
Behavior communicates many things such as stress, trauma, illness, emotions, and attitude. We’ll explore clues to understand behavior and supportive responses through “hands on learning.” How do we interpret behaviors and respond appropriately for the benefit of the individual and the group together? Let's get beyond the idea of classroom management of students and move toward forming disciples within the Body of Christ.

**“The Family: Where Discipleship Begins”**
**by Joanne DePasquale-Parent (Sponsored by the Office for Family Life Ministry, Archdiocese of Newark)**
This workshop will explore the important role families play in forming missionary disciples and consider how parishes can better support families in living out their faith in the midst of everyday life. Rather than viewing families simply as participants in parish programs, we will look at how families can be active partners in the mission of the Church.

**“Walking Together in Search of the Truth: The Marriage Nullity Process”**
**by Rev. Francisco J. Rodriguez, JCL (Sponsored by Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Newark)**
This workshop will provide a walk-through of the process, grounds and intention of the Marriage Nullity Process.

**“Digital Learning in Faith Formation for Adults”**
**by Laurel Marchesini (Sponsored by William H. Sadlier Publishing)**
Technology should serve the mission of the Church—not become the mission itself.
Digital learning is most effective when it helps adults encounter Christ, deepen their understanding of the faith, live the Gospel, and participate more fully in the life of the Church.

**“Connecting with Religious Education Students Using Technology”**
**by Laurel Marchesini (Sponsored by William H. Sadlier Publishing)**
Engage students in the faith formation classroom through supplemental support of technology. Technology serves the mission when it helps students encounter, understand, live, and share the faith.

“**Sound the Trumpets: Hearing God’s Call to Renewal”**
**by Rev. Matthew Gonzalez (Archdiocese of Newark)**
Disciples today are called to listen attentively for the voice of God through Sacred Scripture and the movements of the Holy Spirit. In this workshop, we will journey through Ignatian Spirituality, guided to let go of the attachments that keep us from responding freely to God’s call. Seeking renewal, we are better able to gather as Church, discern where the Lord is leading, and set out together on mission.

# ENGLISH WORKSHOPS: TOPICS & PRESENTERS

**“One Body, Many Gifts: Celebrating our Cultural Diversity and Mission” by Sr. Ruth Bolarte**
God is doing something new through our culturally diverse parishes. This workshop invites leaders to move beyond cultural assimilation toward true integration. Discover practical strategies to foster shared leadership, honor distinct heritages, and build an inclusive, unified community equipped to send formed disciples out on mission together.

**“How to Become a Saint” by David Plaue (Sponsored by ICONS, LLC)**
This workshop will ponder what we can learn from saints and how we can live a saintly life? What saintly qualities do we possess? In what ways is God calling us to saintliness? Despite their imperfections and ups and downs in life, just like us, what are the qualities of saints we try to emulate? Is it prayerfulness, courage, resilience, love, selflessness, devotion? Which saints guide you in your spiritual life?

**“Young Adults in the Parish: Understanding, Engaging, and Accompanying.”**
**by Sr. Guerline Joseph, SMA (Sponsored by Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Newark)**
How do we welcome and accompany young adults so they feel at home in the parish, grow as disciples, and share their gifts, time, and energy with the Church? We’ll explore the characteristics of young adults today, their faith needs, and how parishes can create ministries that meet them where they are and help them grow closer to Christ.

**"Evangelization in Everything": Integrating the Gospel into Every Ministry, Meeting, and Moment**
**by Sean Fitzgerald (Sponsored by Augustine Institute)**
How can we make evangelization a natural part of everything we do? Join us for a practical, conversational workshop exploring how our parish events, meetings, programs, and everyday processes can create opportunities to encounter Christ and proclaim the Gospel.

**“Peace and Hope Along with Compassionate Care: Youth and Mental Health” by John Kalinowski**
The mental health ministry brings Christ to families facing mental health challenges. These experiences mainly affect our children from middle school through high school. As catechists, we have a responsibility to support these vulnerable children. This workshop will give essential information and support as catechists accompany those who may be struggling with mental health issues. John Kalinowski served as the coordinator of Loss and Healing for the Archdiocese of Newark from 2021 to 2025. He has experience in bereavement and mental health ministries. He is also a Board-Certified Hospital Chaplain and a Certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor. John continues to serve and share the faith and mission as Supervisor Educator for Chaplaincy at Barnabus Medical Center.

**“Start. Rebuild. Grow: Practical Steps for Building Youth Ministry in Your Parish”**
**by Rich Donovan (Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Archdiocese of Newark)**
Whether your parish has an established youth ministry, is looking to breathe new life into an existing program, or is wondering where to begin, this workshop is for you! Together, we’ll look at practical ways to assess where your parish is now, identify where you want to go, and determine some realistic next steps to get there. We’ll also explore strategies for building the team you need — from recruiting and developing adult volunteers to empowering teens as leaders — and creating a youth ministry that can grow and thrive in your parish.

**"Transaction to Transformation: Tracking What Matters Most in Ministry"**
**by Joe Perdreauville (of Goodfaith Community)**
Attendance? Registration? Donations? Completion rates? Great metrics. But do they tell you about God’s transformational presence in your ministries? This workshop will begin a more nuanced approach for you to better understand how the Holy Spirit moves in people’s lives through your ministries.

**“Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Way of Holy Joy-Inviting the 3-12 yr. Old Child into the Covenant of Love”**
**by Sr. Margaret-Rose Buonaiuto, FMA**
This presentation will give you a glimpse of the beauty and Joy fostered by The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as it honors the spiritual values of childhood and wishes to nurture the formation of a consciousness which is oriented to the construction of the history of salvation in justice and solidarity. We become co-listeners with the child to the Word of God. A Joyful Journey!

**“Ministering to People on the Margins” by Fr. Tim Graff (Parish Mission and Vitality, Archdiocese of Newark)**
One of the great legacies left to us by Pope Francis is the Lord’s call to minister to and serve people on the margins of society, This workshop will explore the theology of Pope Francis on this call and how we follow that call in our own parishes and communities. We will especially explore the marginalized in our communities: the poor and the migrants.

**“Multi-Cultural Ministry” by Fr. Tim Graff (Parish Mission and Vitality, Archdiocese of Newark)**
Many of our parishes are now serving several different ethnic communities and cultures. We should be especially sensitive to the changing demographics and needs of new members of our parishes. This workshop will share best practices of how different ethnic communities can be united to form a vibrant parish community.

**“Renovar nuestra mente para pensar como Cristo” con Rev. Joseph Furnaguera**
Entrar en la renovación de nuestra mente (Rom 12,2) significa abrazar nuestra identidad bautismal como hijos de Dios (Rom 8,14-17) y aprender a vivir en plena confianza y dependencia de la gracia de Jesucristo (Jn 15,5). Desde esta identidad, nos abrimos al poder del Espíritu Santo para que, a través de signos y prodigios, el Señor manifieste su gloria, suscite la fe y lleve a las naciones a la conversión (Hch 4,29-31; Mc 16,20).

**“La Crisis del Discipulado: ¿Por qué hay tantos creyentes y tan pocos discípulos?” con Maria C. Moncaleano**
Este taller invita a comprender el discipulado cristiano como un proceso de encuentro, conversión, seguimiento y misión, reconociendo la diferencia entre ser creyente y ser discípulo de Jesucristo, y adquiriendo herramientas pastorales para formar discípulos misioneros capaces de vivir y anunciar el Evangelio en sus comunidades.

“**Toquen las Trompetas: Escuchar el Llamado de Dios a la Renovación”**
**con Rev. Matthew Gonzalez (Arquidiócesis de Newark)**
Los discípulos de hoy están llamados a escuchar atentamente la voz de Dios a través de la Sagrada Escritura y de las mociones del Espíritu Santo. En este taller, recorreremos un camino a través de la espiritualidad ignaciana, dejándonos guiar para desprendernos de los apegos que nos impiden responder libremente al llamado de Dios. Al buscar la renovación, estaremos mejor preparados para reunirnos como Iglesia, discernir hacia dónde nos conduce el Señor y salir juntos en misión.

“**El liderazgo de algunas mujeres en la Biblia y cómo su relevancia trasciende en nuestras comunidades actuales”**
**con Sor Josefa González H.M.C.J.**
El liderazgo de algunas mujeres en la Biblia y cómo su relevancia trasciende en nuestras comunidades actuales. El papel que desempeñan hoy como cabezas de hogar y discípulas misioneras en la Iglesia. Ellas llevan una carga social, económica y emocional asumiendo la ausencia del esposo y enfrentando nuevas realidades que les privan de oportunidades.

“**Catequista: una vida, una historia, un amor para recibir y un amor para enseñar”**
**con Rev. Robinson Gonzalez S.D.V.**
Es importante conocer y profundizar en la vida del catequista, ayudándole a encontrarse con su historia, a sanar su pasado y a encontrarse con el amor de Dios, a vivir esa experiencia amorosa de Dios y así poder ser reflejo de ese amor para los demás.

**"La familia: Donde nace la Iglesia Misionera"**
**con Deacon Oswaldo Sánchez (Pastoral Familiar Hispana, Arquidiócesis de Newark)**
La familia, como Iglesia doméstica, es el primer lugar donde nace y se transmite la fe. A la luz de Somos Sus Testigos, este taller ofrecerá herramientas prácticas para ayudar a catequistas y líderes parroquiales a acompañar, formar y equipar a las familias, fortaleciendo su vida de fe y ayudándolas a descubrir su papel como protagonistas de la evangelización y de la misión de la Iglesia.

“**Abordando los problemas sociales desde una perspectiva católica” con Luz Escobar**
Como discípulos misioneros, estamos llamados a compartir nuestra fe con todos y a vivir dando testimonio de la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas. Mediante la metodología “ver, discernir y actuar”, el taller buscará vincular los principios de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia con las preocupaciones sociales actuales.

**“Un Solo Pueblo, Muchas Culturas, Una Misión” con Sor Ruth Bolarte, IHM**
Somos enviados a anunciar el Evangelio y a colaborar en la construcción del Reino de Dios. Este taller invita a los líderes a implementar estrategias prácticas para fomentar un liderazgo compartido, honrar las distintas herencias culturales y construir una comunidad inclusiva y unida, capaz de formar y enviar juntos discípulos misioneros al servicio de la misión.

“**El corazón de la moral cristiana católica: una vida moldeada por el amor”**
**con Rev. Lucio Nontol , T.O.R.**
Este taller interactivo explora la esencia de la moral cristiana católica, no simplemente como un conjunto de normas, sino como respuesta al amor de Dios y como camino hacia la plenitud humana. Desde la Sagrada Escritura, la Tradición, la conciencia, las virtudes, la gracia y los casos prácticos, conectaremos la fe, la razón y la vida.

“**Ayudar a los padres a comprometerse con la vida parroquial” con José M. Pulido**
Es de vital importancia que los padres se involucren en la formación espiritual de sus hijos. De hecho, la Iglesia enseña que los padres deben ser los líderes espirituales de sus hijos e hijas. La mejor manera de guiar espiritualmente a sus hijos es integrando a la familia en la vida parroquial. ¿Cómo podemos ayudar a los padres a sentir entusiasmo al guiar a sus hijos e integrar a la familia en la parroquia? Analizaremos consejos prácticos y habilidades para fomentar el deseo.

**“Crear unidad entre los ministerios de habla hispana y de habla inglesa”**
**con José M. Pulido**
Muchas parroquias cuentan con comunidades muy importantes de habla hispana e inglesa. Cada una desempeña un papel fundamental a la hora de compartir las bendiciones de Dios con la comunidad. ¿Cómo podemos fomentar la colaboración de una manera que nos haga sentir cómodos a todos? ¡Esto nos ayudará a hacer crecer el Reino juntos!

**“Caminando juntos en busca de la Verdad: el proceso de nulidad matrimonial”**
**con Rev. Francisco J. Rodríguez, JCL (Tribunal Metropolitano, Arquidiócesis de Newark)**
Una explicación detallada del procedimiento, los motivos y la finalidad del proceso de nulidad matrimonial.

**“¡Más que voluntarios! Catequistas que forman discípulos para la misión”**
**con Rev. Yojaneider García**
Este taller invita a sacerdotes, líderes y catequistas a superar la visión del catequista como simple voluntario. Exploraré cómo acompañar, formar y enviar a catequistas como verdaderos discípulos misioneros, llamados no solo a enseñar contenidos, sino también a formar nuevos discípulos de Jesucristo para la misión.

**“Organizado para la Formación en la Fe de los Adultos”**
**con Oscar Cruz (Office for Lifelong Faith Formation, Arquidiócesis de Newark)**
El pueblo de Dios solicita oportunidades parroquiales más eficaces para la formación en la fe de los adultos. Este taller nos ayudará a examinar nuevamente el documento de los obispos de los Estados Unidos titulado “Sentíamos arder nuestro corazón”, que nos ofrece un plan pastoral para un ministerio eficaz de formación en la fe para adultos.

**“¿Qué es la Catequesis familiar?”**
**con Oscar Cruz (Office for Lifelong Faith Formation, Arquidiócesis de Newark)**
En este taller, revisaremos el propósito y las distintas maneras de ofrecer catequesis a las familias católicas en una parroquia. Exploraremos el “por qué” y el “cómo” de brindar una experiencia de catequesis que involucre a toda la familia, incluidos los padres y sus hijos.

**"Las aguas que envían: el bautismo como fuente de la misión"**
**con Rev. Danny Pabón**
El bautismo es un sacramento que no solo nos renueva la vida al purificarnos del pecado, sino que también es la forma en que Dios nos convierte a todos en discípulos. Del mismo modo que Jesús salió de las aguas para comenzar su ministerio, todos los bautizados están llamados a ejercer su ministerio con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo.

**“Conocidos, Amados, Enviados: Reimaginando el ministerio juvenil para formar discípulos de por vida”**
**con José Morocho**
Descubre formas prácticas de crear un ministerio juvenil que vaya más allá de la enseñanza de la fe para formar discípulos de por vida. Aprende a conectar con los jóvenes en su propio lenguaje, a guiarlos hacia una relación con Jesús, a colaborar con parroquias vecinas y a utilizar dinámicas, inteligencia artificial, tecnología y recursos útiles para captar el interés de los jóvenes y hablarles en un lenguaje de amor hacia Jesús.

**“Vida y servicio en una parroquia multicultural”**
**con Diácono Asterio Velasco (Oficina del Ministerio Hispano, Arquidiócesis de Newark)**
Todas las parroquias con ministerio hispano en la Arquidiócesis de Newark son multiculturales. Esto es una riqueza, pero a la vez conlleva una serie de retos. Analizaremos los retos que enfrenta la comunidad en su proceso de integración para que la parroquia sea misionera y esté llena de vida.

**“Discipulado misionero desde una perspectiva personal: Vivir es Cristo”**
**con Rev. Cesar Jaramillo**
Panorama general de la misión y el discipulado en las Escrituras, su máxima expresión en el ministerio salvífico de Jesucristo y el requisito esencial de la Iglesia a lo largo de los siglos.

**“Nadie da lo que no tiene. ¡Catequista, Fórmate!”**
**con Diácono Montalvo**
Para poder dar, primero hay que tener. Este taller busca presentar el plan de formación de catequistas de la Arquidiócesis de Newark, así como otras oportunidades para una formación adecuada en la fe, acompañada de una vida espiritual sólida.

**“El Caminito del Liderazgo: Sirviendo a la Iglesia con el Corazón de Santa Teresita”**
**con Aida Flores de León**
Inspirado en la espiritualidad del Caminito de Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, este taller ofrece estrategias para fortalecer sus habilidades de liderazgo, planificación y comunicación. Combinar estas herramientas con una oración profunda, un amor radical y una confianza total puede transformar su ministerio y la comunidad parroquial.