



The
JOHN CARDINAL FOLEY CHAIR
of Homiletics & Social Communications

@ Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary



Activities in 2018-2019

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PRESENTATIONS

- "Salesian Spirituality: A Path to Perfection for All ... in tribute to Fr. John Harvey, OSFS" - keynote presentation at the annual conference of Courage/EnCourage (Villanova, PA on July 13, 2018)
- "on the *Spiritual Directory* of St. Francis de Sales" - continuing education conferences for the Nuns of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Snellville, GA on July 27-29, 2018)
- "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" - presentation/panel discussion during The Cardinals' Forum @ Saint Charles Seminary (Wynnewood, PA on August 30, 2018)
- *Live Today Well* - book presentation for Adult Faith Formation @ St. Stanislaus Parish (Lansdale, PA on October 9, 2018)
- "St. John Paul II on Culture" - Continuing Education talk & discussion for staff of The Culture Project International (Wynnewood, PA on October 16, 2018)
- "Through Him, With Him, In Him ... A Threefold Parish Feast" - Forty Hours preaching at St. Matthew's parish (Philadelphia, PA on October 21-23, 2018)
- "*Into your hands, O Lord ... The Psalms of Night Prayer*" - Renovation Retreat for the Nuns of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Philadelphia, PA on November 18-20, 2018)
- "Virtual Presence and Communications" - Webcast program in the Church Management Series for the School of Business at Villanova University (Villanova, PA on November 20, 2018)
- "St. John Paul II on Truth" - Continuing Education for staff of The Culture Project International (Wynnewood, PA on December 14, 2018)
- "O" Come, Divine Messiah - Advent retreat for the staff of the Catholic Leadership Institute (Wayne, PA on December 18, 2018)
- "Pope Francis and a Culture of Encounter" - presentation in the Cathedral Speaker Series for the Diocese of Camden (Camden, NJ on January 9, 2019)

- on "The Zeal of a Vocation" - presentation to Novices of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales (Wynnewood, PA on January 29, 2019)
- "Encountering God's Love in the Sacraments" – two workshop presentations in the Sophia Institute for Teachers (Chicago, IL on February 8, 2019)
- "St. John Paul II on Evil" - Continuing Education for staff of The Culture Project International (Wynnewood, PA on February 22, 2019)
- "The World of Evil" – Adult Faith Formation talk at Saint William Catholic Church (Naples, FL on February 27, 2019)
- "The Pope Said What? Appreciating How Pope Francis Communicates" - presentation at the Catholic Family Life Center (Hatfield, PA on March 12, 2019)
- on St. Francis de Sales – presentation in the Lenten series at St. Albert the Great parish (Huntingdon Valley, PA on March 25, 2018)
- "Digital Discipleship: Encounters with Jesus in an Online World" - workshop for Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel of South Jersey (Atlantic City, NJ on March 27, 2019)
- "Suffering Yet Still Believing ... Spiritual Lessons from the Book of Job" - Lenten mission at St. Charles Borromeo parish (Boardman, OH on March 30-April 1, 2019)
- "St. John Paul II on "Redemption" - Continuing Education for staff of The Culture Project International (Wynnewood, PA on April 4, 2019)
- "The Seven Last Words" - Good Friday preaching at St. Albert the Great parish (Huntingdon Valley, PA on April 19, 2019)
- on *Christus Vivit* - Continuing Education for staff of The Culture Project International (Wynnewood, PA on May 7, 2019)
- on *Christus Vivit* - Formation talk for the Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (West Chester, PA on May 22, 2019)

PUBLICATIONS:

Academic

- “The Sacred Visioning of Salesian Spirituality” – published in the *Indian Journal of Spirituality*, vol. 30/2 (April-June 2017), pp. 117-126.
- "Preaching as Praying: Complementary Methods for Sacred Eloquence in the Teaching of St. Francis de Sales" – published in *New Theology Review*, volume 31/1 (October 2018), pp. 11-17,

- "The Church at 30,000 Feet: Appreciating Pope Francis's Interviews with Journalists" published in the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, volume 16/2 (Summer 2019), pp.

Research (white papers produced for the Catholic Leadership Institute)

- on "Missionary Discipleship in the Thought of Pope Francis" (August 2018)
- on "The Participation of Young Adults in Parish Life" (October 2018)
- on "Forming Disciples Today: A Consideration of Best Practices Among Roman Catholic Parishes in North America" (June 2019)

Commentaries

- "Synod will study today's music to hear what youth are saying" (CatholicPhilly.com, [7/5/18](#))
- "Leisure puts time on our side" (CatholicPhilly.com, [8/14/18](#))
- "Why some church pews are empty" (SemCasual, [8/24/18](#))
- "Sports, like religion, plays out human meaning and divine mystery" (CatholicPhilly.com, [9/7/18](#))
- "Words are not neutral" (SemCasual, [9/14/18](#))
- "Seeing is ..." (SemCasual, [9/21/18](#))
- "That 'old-time religion' marches on, because it works" (CatholicPhilly.com, [10/9/18](#))
- "Listening to youth" (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [10/23/18](#))
- "What is 'the Church'?" (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [11/2/18](#))
- "Ever-new question for young Catholics: 'What are you going to do?'" (CatholicPhilly.com, [11/6/18](#))
- "From online networks to human communities" (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [11/12/18](#))
- "The unimportance of practically everything" (SemCasual, [11/30/18](#))
- "How to act like Jesus on social media" (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [11/30/18](#))
- "The unimportance of practically everything" (CatholicPhilly.com, [11/30/18](#))
- "With Christmas, fragility is saved by eternity" (CatholicPhilly.com, [12/24/18](#))
- "What the Magi teach our joyless, outraged society" (CatholicPhilly.com, [1/10/19](#))
- "Church militant or a gentle people of God?" (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [1/11/19](#))
- "Homilies and what to do about them" (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [1/16/19](#))

- “From desert to parish: The challenge of making disciples” (Ascension, [1/30/19](#))
- “Poking fun at the press, pope uses humor to spread the Gospel” (CatholicPhilly.com, [2/7/19](#))
- “From social webs to real communities” (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [2/8/19](#))
- “Close encounters of the divine kind” (Ascension, [2/20/19](#))
- “The Lord of laughter” (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [2/21/19](#))
- “Profiting from our faults this Lent” (CatholicPhilly.com, [3/5/19](#))
- “Fasting and why it’s good for you” (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [3/11/19](#))
- “What we need is a change of heart about Mass” (Ascension, [3/21/19](#))
- “Home runs and holiness” (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [3/26/19](#))
- “In a shrinking Church, put focus on liturgy among youth” (CatholicPhilly.com, [4/8/19](#))
- “Running a race for the Church’s future” (Ascension, [4/16/19](#))
- “Youth and liturgy” (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [4/24/19](#))
- “ ‘Going’ to church: the ultimate networking event” (CatholicPhilly.com, [5/8/19](#))
- “Moving from ‘like’ to ‘amen’, online and in person” (Inside CatholicPhilly.com, [5/17/19](#))