



Saturday, 4 October 2025

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# FESTIVAL OF THE WORD

The Catholic Preaching Institute hosts an annual “festival” celebration at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary to showcase the theory and practice of compelling preaching ... and to bring to life the Seminary’s motto: *exiit qui seminat* ~ “he went forth who sows.” The festivals will engage church leaders, prominent speakers, local clergy, seminarians, and lay faithful in a variety of events that highlight the ongoing proclamation of the Word of God.



“If you truly want to encounter the Risen Lord, then LISTEN TO HIS WORD, which is the Gospel of salvation.”  
(Pope Leo XIV, youth prayer vigil, 8/2/25)

<b>12:00 – 1:00</b> <b>Faculty Room</b>	arrival / visitor registration	
<b>1:00 – 1:10</b> <b>Auditorium</b>	welcome & introduction	<b>Fr. THOMAS DAILEY, O.S.F.S.</b> – Saint Charles Seminary Director of the Catholic Preaching Institute
<b>1:15 – 2:15</b> <b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Prospective Preachers</b>	<i>a competitive award program featuring students from M.Div. granting seminaries in the Philadelphia region</i>
<b>2:30 – 3:30</b> <b>G2 floor level</b>	<b>Concurrent Seminars</b>	<i>connecting the sacred Word to related fields of interest and/or other realms of communication</i>
<b>room #010</b>	<i>a “scholarly” word</i>	<b>Prof. DAVID BOSWORTH</b> – Catholic University of America author, <i>Creation and Emotion in the Old Testament</i> (2023)
<b>room #011</b>	<i>a “proclaimed” word</i>	<b>Very Rev. BENJAMIN ROBERTS</b> – President, Catholic Association of Teachers of Homiletics
<b>room #012</b>	<i>an “artistic” word</i>	<b>DAN TARRANT</b> – Founder & Director Personally Catholic Films
<b>room #013</b>	<i>a “digital” word</i>	<b>Dean ANDREW MCGOWAN</b> – Berkeley Divinity School at Yale U. contributor to <i>Ghosts in the Machine: The Ethics of AI</i> (2024)
<b>3:45 – 4:45</b> <b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Keynote Presentation</b>	<b>Rev. MICHAEL CONNORS, C.S.C.</b> – University of Notre Dame former director, Marten Program in Homiletics & Liturgics
<b>4:45 – 5:00</b> <b>Auditorium</b>	conclusion / wrap-up	<b>Fr. THOMAS DAILEY, O.S.F.S.</b> – Saint Charles Seminary Director of the Catholic Preaching Institute
<b>5:15 – 6:15</b> <b>I.C. Chapel</b>	<b>anticipated Sunday Mass</b>	Celebrant – <b>Bishop KEITH CHYLINSKI</b> (Philadelphia) Homilist – <b>Rev. MATTHEW GUCKIN</b> (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)
<b>6:30</b>	departure	

*All events will take place on the campus of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary,  
1400 Evans Road, Ambler PA 19002.*

*All events are open to the public with free admission.*