



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)

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