



ARCHDIOCESE OF MONTREAL FAITH ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

Friday, November 6, 2015
Saturday, November 7, 2015

Nouvel Hotel

1740 René-Lévesque Boul. West
5 minutes from Guy-Concordia metro

To register, please return only the last sheet (Registration Form) with your payment. Please note that you can also register online! Click on the following link or paste it in your browser:

<http://www.diocesemontreal.org/blogues/faith-enrichment-conference/>

Deadline to Register is November 1, 2015. Courses will be assigned on a “first come first served” basis. Space is limited in some courses so do not delay registering.

Cost

- Individual sessions are \$20 each.
- Friday dinner is \$15 and must be reserved in advance.
- Friday’s Keynote Address is FREE, but you must register.
- Saturday lunch is \$20 and must be reserved in advance.
- If you register for the complete package* before October 25, you are eligible for a \$20 discount.

** The complete package includes all five workshops, breaks, Friday’s Keynote Address and refreshments, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.*

Hotel Accommodations

- **Rooms** are available for November 6-7 at the Nouvel Hotel. Call 1-800-363-6063 and quote “Diocese Montreal Meeting” or Group Code 653446 for the special rate of \$111 per night (plus taxes). This rate is good until October 31, so please book your room as soon as possible.
- **Parking** at the hotel is available at a cost of \$11 per day (subject to change).

Other Conference Events

- Vendors will be present with a variety of religious articles for you to browse through or purchase.
- Different groups will be onsite Saturday with kiosks to provide information and answer questions, such as Alpha, Little Hearts Playgroup, RCL Benziger, etc.
- Refreshments will follow the Keynote Address on Friday night.

Green Angel Initiatives

- Be kind to the earth and think about carpooling to and from the conference site.
- By printing handouts on recycled paper, we use the earth’s resources in a more responsible way.
- Thank you for using tap water over bottled water eliminating plastic waste and recognizing that water is a common good that must be shared.
- By using “real” dishes and cups instead of plastic or paper we are reducing the amount of waste that end up in landfills.
- Thank you for taking only what you can eat from the buffet and avoiding unnecessary waste.

Schedule for the Day

Friday, November 6

Welcome & Registration	12:00 – 01:30 pm
Session A (1 – 4)	01:30 – 03:00 pm
Break & Exhibits	03:00 – 03:30 pm
Session B (1 – 4)	03:30 – 05:00 pm
Dinner/Exhibits/Registration	05:00 – 07:00 pm
Keynote Address	07:00 – 09:00 pm
Refreshments	09:00 – 10:00 pm



Saturday, November 7

Welcome & Registration	08:30 – 09:00 am
Session C (1 – 3)	09:00 – 10:30 am
Break & Exhibits	10:30 – 11:00 am
Session D (1 – 3)	11:00 – 12:30 pm
Lunch & Exhibits	12:30 – 02:00 pm

Flash Info Sessions!!

Alpha

Be My Disciples – What's New?

Little Hearts Playgroup

Social Justice

Synod on the Family

Diocesan MJ – Youth Ministry Team

**These sessions are
complimentary!**

All begin at 1:30 pm

Session E (1 – 3)	02:00 – 03:30 pm
Conference Ends	

FAITH ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE 2015

SPEAKERS

Richard Bernier

Richard Bernier is a Montreal native who has been involved in adult catechesis and theological education for many years. He has completed an MA in theological studies at Concordia and a PhD at McGill. He currently works for the Parliament of Canada.



Nancy Bird



Nancy Bird has been involved in religious education for over 30 years as a catechist, parish catechetical leader and youth minister. She combines practical experience, creativity and motivational enthusiasm to energize those called to embrace and live their Baptism. Nancy has been a featured speaker across the country invited to the NCEA/NPCD, NCCL, the Los Angeles Congress, and many other international diocesan and school events. Presently she serves as Division Manager for RCL Benziger Religion Publishing Company and resides in Tallmadge Ohio. She is sponsored by RCL Benziger.

Louise Boisvert

Louise Boisvert is a member of the secular institute Notre-Dame de Vie. She taught Religion, and Ethics and Religious Culture courses at the high school level with great passion for 20 years. Through World Youth Day and prayer she stays connected with youth today. Louise has worked at the Faith Education Office since 2011 with a focus on catechesis. As the Second Vatican Council pointed out, the catechetical spirit is, for her, one of the spearheads of the new evangelization. She is presently the director for the Office for Faith Education.



Isabel Correa



Isabel Correa draws on 20 years of leadership experience in ministry with youth and young families. Her life's mission is dedicated to the formation and evangelization of young people. She has a Masters Degree in Theology, B.Ed from McGill University and a B.Sc. from Concordia University. Isabel has extensive Youth Ministry and leadership training. Director of the Youth Ministry Office for the Archdiocese of Montreal since 2007, she provides training in youth ministry, coordinates youth projects, and organizes diocesan youth gatherings and various youth pilgrimages every year. Isabel also teaches at Institut Formation Theologique de Montreal (IFTM).

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SPEAKERS

Bishop Thomas Dowd



Bishop Thomas Dowd was ordained a bishop on September 10, 2011 and is auxiliary bishop to Archbishop Christian Lépine in service to the people of Montreal. He was born in Montreal on September 11, 1970, and ordained a priest on December 7, 2001. Following his studies for the priesthood at the Grand Seminary of Montreal, he did pastoral work from 2001 to 2006 in several Montreal parishes and served as chaplain at Lakeshore General Hospital. From 2006 to 2011 he was associate director of the Office for Pastoral Personnel while doing Sunday ministry at St. Brendan and at St. Aloysius parishes. He has also taught at Concordia, McGill and the Grand Seminary.

He is presently Episcopal Vicar to the English-speaking faithful and director of the Office for English Pastoral Services (OEPS) at the Archdiocese of Montreal, as well as pastor at Our Lady of Fatima.

Fr. Francesco Giordano

Fr. Francesco Giordano is a diocesan priest for the Archdiocese of Montreal, ordained in 2008. His experience in faith formation has been principally focused in the area of youth ministry, directly with the Cathedral outreach Jeunesse Ex Cathedra, as well as in collaboration with various diocesan activities, including World Youth Days. He has also been active on the CAFE (Catholic Adult Faith Education). His current assignment is Vice-Chancellor, based in the Chancery offices of the Archdiocese.



Dr. Timothy F. Hogan



Dr. Timothy F. Hogan is the director of behavioral health at Covenant Community Care in Detroit, Michigan. He is a licensed psychologist in the state of Michigan. Dr. Hogan holds a Psy. D. in Clinical Psychology from Fuller Graduate School, Pasadena, CA and is a member of the Michigan Psychological Association, the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, and the Institute for Imago Relationship Therapy. He is a teacher, author, and engaging and informative speaker, as well as a sought-after trainer in his field. Dr. Hogan served as the consultant for the revision of the RCL Benziger Family Life program. He is sponsored by RCL Benziger.

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SPEAKERS

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine



Fr. Raymond is a priest of the Archdiocese of Montreal, serving as Pastor of St. Monica's and St. Augustine's Parishes in N.D.G. After undergraduate studies at McGill in Mathematics, and a brief career as an actuary, he entered St. Paul's University Seminary in Ottawa in 1986, where he received his B.Th. and M.A. degrees. Ordained in 1991, he served at St. Luke's Parish before pursuing graduate studies in moral theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, receiving his licentiate in 1997 and his doctorate in 2001. From 2000 to 2002, Fr. Raymond served as co-chair of the North American Congress on Vocations; from 2001 to 2005, he was Roman Catholic chaplain at Concordia University; and from 2003 to 2005, he was director of pastoral formation at the Grand Seminary of Montreal.

Fr. Raymond is a member of the part-time faculty in the department of Theological Studies at Concordia and also teaches at the Grand Seminary. He has also received formation as a spiritual director through the Montreal Ignatian Center of Spirituality. At the diocesan level, he serves on the presbyteral council and the adult faith advisory board. Fr. Raymond is also involved in the preaching of parish missions, retreats, and diocesan study days, in which he integrates his passion for music, film, spirituality, and social analysis into his teaching ministry.

Brian McDonough

After working in Jean Vanier's l'Arche communities, first in France and then in India, Brian studied law at McGill University and was called to the Québec Bar in 1984. As director of the diocesan Social Action Office since 1995, Brian has been helping people and groups dealing with poverty, promoting reconciliation with victims of violence, and working for greater social and ecological justice here and in the Global South, notably through Development and Peace. Brian has a graduate degree in theological studies and teaches not only at Concordia University, but also at the Grand Seminary and at the Dominicans' Institute for Lay Ministry.



Pixie Smith



***Pixie Smith** has been active in the ministries of catechesis and liturgy for over 25 years as a catechist, children's liturgy and music director and coordinator of children/family/sacrament formation programs. She has numerous catechetical and leadership certifications in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification from Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama and advanced studies in Theology and Organizational Leadership. She is the Southeast and International Sales Representative for RCL Benziger Publishing. She is sponsored by RCL Benziger.*

SESSION A
Friday, November 6, 2015, 01:30 – 03:00 p.m.

A1 – Renew, Replenish and Rejuvenate – Secrets of a Happy Catechist

Nancy Bird

Those who minister to others are constantly challenged to find the balance between pulling out our hair and finding a quiet time for prayer. How then do we justify setting time aside for self-care? Yet, Jesus himself took time to renew, replenish, and rejuvenate. Self-care is not selfish. It is an opportunity to explore wellness as a way of life for leaders and embrace the spirituality of self-care which can lead to more joy in ministry.

A2 – Confirmation DONE ☑ ... NOW what?

Isabel Correa

Are young people, and possibly their parents as well, viewing Confirmation as a graduation ceremony instead of an important milestone in their continuing journey as Catholics and followers of Christ? What can we do? How do we “hold on to them”? How do we keep them coming back? Come and explore ways of accompanying teens to continue deepening their relationship with Christ in ways that are engaging, meaningful and respond to the challenges they face daily.

A3 – God’s Pedagogy and Catechesis Today

Louise Boisvert

Catechetical pedagogy must constantly adapt. To succeed it must rediscover its source: the Divine Pedagogy. It is that which founded doctrinal formation, is manifested in Christian initiation, and structures formation in moral and prayer life.

A4 – Family Spirituality

Pixie Smith

How to keep families spiritual in a secular world.

SESSION B
Friday, November 6, 2015, 03:30 – 05:00 p.m.

B1 – The Social Dimension of the Gospel: How to Communicate the Good News to Catechists and to the Children

Brian McDonough

PCLs and catechists know that Jesus calls us to work for justice and peace in our world, in our neighbourhoods and in our families. But it is not always easy to integrate this dimension into our catechetical programs. This workshop will propose concrete ways of meeting this challenge by using theatre (e.g. acting out scenes from the Gospel where Jesus interacts with poor or excluded persons) and by using age appropriate activities that generate social awareness.

B2 – So What’s “New” About “The New Evangelization”?

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine

How can the Church find positive ways of presenting the Gospel message in a way that responds to the many challenges – both positive and negative – of contemporary culture? Using excerpts from Bishop Robert Barron’s recent video series “CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization,” and building on some of the insights which emerged from last year’s Parish Vitality Conference, we will explore why even though Jesus Christ “is the same yesterday, today, and forever,” the Church is called to NEW ARDOR, NEW METHODS and NEW EXPRESSIONS in its mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus and the message of his Church with the world. Join Fr. Raymond Lafontaine as together we respond to the call to participate in the New Evangelization.

B3 – Introduction to the Elements of the Liturgy

Bishop Thomas Dowd

In this session, Bishop Dowd will offer a global introduction to the different elements of the liturgy of the Church, such as the liturgical calendar, the Eucharist and other sacraments, the Divine Office, and the various sacramentals. He will use the image of a tropical island to show how those elements relate to each other.

B4 – Disciple Power: Nurturing Young Disciples to Live Their Faith

Nancy Bird

Youth today are plugged in and powered up! What can we do to help them develop skills, practice habits and strengthen their faith to live as disciples of Jesus in today’s world? Join us for a lively and practical workshop to help your learners grow in their relationship with Jesus, accept the demands of discipleship, and choose each day to live as disciples!

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Friday, November 6, 2015, 07:00 – 09:00 p.m.

**Encountering Who? The Gift of Cultural Hurricanes: How to Build Bridges
that Empower Parents and Transform Catholic Families**

By Dr. Timothy F. Hogan

Today's families are in the grips of a cultural hurricane that is pounding and often washing away ancient bridges of human connection. These forces are fundamentally changing the landscape of family life, and, importantly, radically changing what families need from us in ministry.

Using sociological research as well as his own work as a therapist and frequent workshop leader, Dr. Hogan will help us to understand this new landscape. He will then lay out effective strategies to reinvigorate parish life by creating new connections between parents, children and their parish.



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SESSION C
Saturday, November 7, 2015, 09:00 – 10:30 a.m.

C1 - The Creed in the Lives of Catholics

Richard Bernier

The Creeds are the principal way the Church affirms and teaches the content of the Catholic Faith. This workshop will focus on how we can use the Creed to explore and shed light on faith for our own growth as disciples and for the benefit of those we serve in the Church. Special attention will be given to theme of "faith and reason", to giving a reason for the hope that is in us.

C2 – To Teach as Jesus Did

Pixie Smith

Five methods of the Master Catechist and how we can implement them in our catechetical sessions.

C3 – Theology of the Body for TEENs - Introductory Information Session on How to Implement a Teens Program

Isabel Correa

Theology of the Body for Teens is a dynamic faith formation program for teens and pre-teens in Catholic schools, parish youth ministries, Religious Education, Confirmation, and homeschool settings. Using a great mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and relevant references to the culture, it goes beyond traditional chastity programs by connecting the two hottest topics on the planet—God and sex.

With Blessed Pope John Paul II's compelling vision for love and life, and a language they understand, *Theology of the Body for Teens* answers the questions teens and pre-teens have about their own bodies, issues on sexual morality, and how they are uniquely created for greatness. It responds to the many questions teens are asking...

- Who am I?
- Are there consequences to my actions?
- What is the difference between love and lust?
- How do I balance family, friends, school, God, music, TV, internet, texting, etc., in my daily life?
- How can I discern my vocation to marriage, priesthood, or religious life?
- How do I deal with bullying, gossip, peer pressure, pornography, divorce, etc.?
- Can I live my Catholic faith no matter how I messed up in the past?

SESSION D
Saturday, November 7, 2015, 11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

D1 – Commando Tactics in Teaching

Fr. Francesco Giordano

Commando teaching tactics is described as a method of teaching that aims to deliver a high-impact learning package designed to leave an impression. Characterized by a light, adaptable structure that can respond to the rapid-pace and fluidity of contemporary culture, it is meant to supplement more developed teaching strategies and programs by deploying specialized presentations on particular topics for specific audiences.

D2 – Partnering with Parents: Working Together in Children’s Faith Formation

Nancy Bird

Parents are the people who have the greatest impact upon the attitudes and behaviors of their children. Not friends, not teachers, not TV or social media or culture: parents. Discover how parishes can make the connection with parents in regards to the faith formation of children and practical ideas to foster family spirituality.

D3 – Understanding and Living the Seven Sacraments

Bishop Thomas Dowd

In this session, Bishop Dowd will show how the sacraments are part of the heritage Jesus left to the Church, and how we can live those sacraments not just in their actual celebration but in every moment of our spiritual lives.

SESSION E
Saturday, November 7, 2015, 02:00 – 03:30 p.m.

E1 – Sacred Scripture in the Lives of Catholics

Richard Bernier

This workshop is intended to continue giving catechists and others involved in the life of the Church tools to better integrate Scripture in their teaching and also in their own lives. It will consist of reflections on some specific parts of the Bible, attention to the puzzles and questions that Scripture raises in our lives, and some resources to make further progress.

E2 – Games, Games, Games!

Pixie Smith

Using games as an effective teaching method.

E3 – Discussion of Dr. Tim Hogan's Keynote

Dr. Tim Hogan

In his keynote, Dr. Tim Hogan laid out effective strategies to reinvigorate parish life by creating new connections between parents, children and their parish. Join a discussion of how to apply this information in your parish.



REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Or Register Online! See the link below.

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Session Choices

Please indicate your first and second choice for each session (example: 1st choice is A3 and second choice is A1 in Session A). Otherwise you may be randomly placed in an alternate session as some sessions have a maximum number of participants. If there is a course you absolutely want to attend and are not willing to be switched, **do not put a second choice.**

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Session A (1:30-3:00)	1 st Choice _____	2 nd Choice _____
Session B (3:30-5:00)	1 st Choice _____	2 nd Choice _____
Keynote & Refreshments (7:00-9:00)	1 st Choice _____	<i>Registration is mandatory.</i>

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Session C (9:00-10:30)	1 st Choice _____	2 nd Choice _____
Session D (11:00-12:30)	1 st Choice _____	2 nd Choice _____
Session E (2:00-3:30)	1 st Choice _____	2 nd Choice _____

Packages Available

- ☐ Complete package (best value) before October 25, 2015 \$115
- ☐ Complete package after October 25, 2015 \$135

** The complete package includes all five sessions, breaks, Friday Keynote and refreshments, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.*

Individual Pricing

If not purchasing a package, please complete the following:

- ☐ Per Session _____ (# Sessions signed up for above) X \$20.00 = _____
- ☐ Friday Dinner \$15
- ☐ Friday Keynote & Refreshments (registration is mandatory) Free
- ☐ Saturday Lunch \$20

Note that coffee and refreshments during breaks are included. **TOTAL** _____

Register Online! <http://www.diocesemontreal.org/blogues/faith-enrichment-conference/>

Or, complete registration form and mail with payment* to:

Archdiocese of Montreal, c/o Stacy Charasidis, 2000 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, QC, H3H 1G4

Please make cheque payable to: Office for Faith Education

For more information **call** 514-931-4315 or **fax** 514-925-4350 or **email** acharasidis@diocesemontreal.org

**Please note that registration will take place only once payment is received. Receipts will be provided at the conference.*

There will be no refunds after November 5, 2015.