



Office of Faith Formation  
**Workshop Preview**

Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation

*Living as Missionary Disciples*

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION + DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

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**Bryant University**

**1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI**



*Saint Patrick, pray for us!*

**Convocation Schedule**

7:45 AM - 8:30 AM	Check-in: Chace Wellness Center
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Holy Mass <b>Celebrant: The Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin</b>
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Workshop Session 1
11:00 AM - 1:45 PM	Lunch Available
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Workshop Session 2
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Exhibitors Showcase
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Confessions
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Workshop Session 3
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Workshop Session 4
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration

**Mega Workshops**



**God's Plan for Love in a Digital Age**

*Matt Fradd* Session 1  
**Speaker, Author, Podcaster**

In this high-energy presentation, Matt proposes that the virtue of chastity is for those who desire joy and that any sexual relationships devoid of this virtue will always disappoint. Backed up with compelling statistics and engaging personal stories, Matt invites audience members to embrace the Church's teaching on human sexuality and gives ideas on how to share it with others.

*This workshop will be presented in English with ASL interpretation.*



**The Family's Role in Evangelization**

*Damon and Melanie Owens* Session 3  
**International Catholic Speakers**

There is no greater school of love than the family. Following their college experience, Damon and Melanie Owens had a powerful conversion that has inspired thousands to trust the Catholic faith in their search for love, purpose, and belonging. Twenty-five years later, they share with audiences the beautifully inseparable connection between love, family, and joy-filled evangelization.

*This workshop will be presented in English with ASL interpretation.*

## Choose To Make This A Retreat Day

*This is just a suggested schedule. Choose any sessions that interest you.*

### Holy Mass

**Session 1** - Matt Fradd *or* Kevin Dowd

**Session 2** - Dr. Kathleen Troost-Cramer

### Lunch ♦ Exhibits ♦ Confessions

**Session 3** - Damon & Melanie Owens

**Session 4** - Edward Gallagher

### Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

## Personal Formation & Evangelization

### Bear Much Fruit

*Chip Belt* Session 2

*Volunteer Prison Ministry, Intake Center, RI Adult Correction Institutions*

Every time we step outside our door we are presented with opportunities to share the reason for our hope. We explore ways to share our faith wherever people live, learn, work, shop and play.

### Front & Center: Eucharistic Missionary Discipleship

*Kevin M. Dowd* Session 1 & 4

*Ph.D. Candidate in Theology and Education*

There is no discipleship that is not both missionary and Eucharistic. We will identify these themes in the various emphases on “New Evangelization” from Pope Paul VI through Pope Francis. Focus will be on the practical import for ordinary Catholics.

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*In Session 4, this workshop will be presented in English with ASL interpretation.*

### Recovering a Sense of the Sacred

*Rev. Msgr. Anthony Mancini* Session 1

*Rector, Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence, RI*

Description to come.

## St. Patrick and the New Evangelization Today

*Edward Gallagher* Session 1 & 4

*Co-Chair, Day of Evangelization Team, Legion of Mary*

On this Feast of St. Patrick, come learn more about the life of this well-celebrated saint and how he can inspire the New Evangelization today.

## What is Marriage?: Total Love and Radical Consent

*Rev. Nicholas Fleming* Session 1 & 2

*Parochial Vicar, SS John and Paul, Coventry, RI*

Faithful marriages are the key to the New Evangelization because they offer the world a living sign of Christ's love for His Church. In order to be an adequate sign of Christ's love, couples need to understand the true nature of marriage as a radical love expressed in self-gift through mutual and faithful consent.

## Deaf-angelization!

*Rev. Shawn Carey* Session 2

*Director, Office of the Deaf Apostolate, Archdiocese of Boston.*

Fr. Carey will discuss how we as the Church develop, encourage, and promote a full social integration and respect for the rights of the Deaf to make the Church “one full Body of Christ” by being able to meet and satisfy the needs of the Deaf who share the same faith as their hearing brothers and sister.

**Offered by the Ministry for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing of the Diocese of Providence.**

*This workshop will be presented in ASL with English interpretation.*

## Humanae Vitae @ 50: Church Teaching for the #MeToo Movement

*Dr. Angela Franks* Session 2 & 4

*Professor, Theological Institute at Saint John's Seminary, Brighton, MA*

As we mark the fiftieth anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, author and theologian Dr. Angela Franks will discuss what Pope Paul IV taught in this document and why the teaching is life-giving.

## Three 16<sup>th</sup> Century Controversies that Still Divide Christians Today

*Dr. Boyd Taylor Coolman* Session 3  
*Professor of Theology, Boston College*

Do Catholics believe the Bible? Do Catholics believe that they can merit eternal life? Do Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist? This workshop will summarize the Catholic position on these important questions, which have divided Christians since the sixteenth century.

## At the Feet of the Master: How Jesus' Jewish Disciples Teach Discipleship Today

*Dr. Kathleen Troost-Cramer* Session 2 & 3  
*Teacher and Independent Scholar*

How did Jesus' disciples understand the role of a "disciple" within the Judaism of the first century? We will explore how this understanding can be a model for Catholics in an often hostile modern world.

## RCIA

### ME? DO RCIA in the PARISH? BUT HOW?

*Sr. Priscilla Lemire, R.J.M.* Session 1  
*Evangelization/RCIA Consultant*

HOW? By using the "Rite" text book the participant will learn all about the RCIA process: its vision, its steps and the celebrations that mark the catechumen's journey into the Catholic Christian Faith. New and seasoned RCIA coordinators and team members will benefit from this presentation.

### The Catechumenate: It's a Balancing Act! Taking a Fresh Look at RCIA #75

*Mary Sellars Malloy* Session 4  
*Project Manager, RCL Benziger*

One of the most important paragraphs in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is paragraph #75. How is it a "blueprint" for forming disciples? How can it guide RCIA coordinators and team members as they lead the RCIA process in their parishes? And what wisdom does RCIA paragraph # 75 have to offer to the entire community of believers?

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## Elementary

### A Few of My Favorite Things for Forming Disciples

*John Collins* Session 2 & 3  
*National Religion Consultant, W.H. Sadlier, Inc.*

As Missionary Disciples, we are witnesses to the Gospel when we meet our students each week in the classroom. As catechists we help our students grow in their knowledge and understanding of the faith and develop their own personal relationship with Jesus – through our example. John will share some of his favorite ideas, activities, and strategies for forming disciples in our faith formation classes. Engage your students with some of John's favorite things.

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### Using Children's Literature to Enhance Faith Formation in Grades K-3

*Michelle Losardo, M.Ed.* Session 1 & 4  
*Director of Mother of Hope Camp, Chepachet, RI*

This hands-on workshop is designed to demonstrate how amazing works of children's literature can enhance faith formation lessons and deepen children's understanding of living the Catholic faith. Bring your inner child and the titles of a few of your favorite children's books and experience the joys of teaching in a whole new way!

### Living as a Family of Missionary Disciples

*John O'Connor* Session 1  
*Regional Catechetical Consultant, Our Sunday Visitor*

The call to evangelization is directed toward us as individuals, as the Church, and as families - the domestic Church. Parents are called to be evangelizers of their children as they serve as "first heralds" of the Gospel. Children learn to be missionaries as they share what they are learning with family members and others and as they strive to be examples to peers and siblings. Together we will look at practical ways to involve parents and engage families in the work of missionary discipleship.

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## Effective Use of Art and Visual Aids for Catechists

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*Fran Rowell* Session 1 & 4  
*Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation*  
*St. Paul Parish, Cranston, RI*

As catechists, we often find ourselves searching for ways to enhance our lessons. Why not reach out for some visual aids that will capture and keep children's attention while exposing them to art as well? Examples of art, from simple displays to famous paintings, will be explored as practical examples that can be used in the classroom.

## Our Family Prays: Fostering Prayer in the Home

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*Mary Sellars Malloy* Session 2  
*Project Manager, RCL Benziger*

With an eye to Holy Week and the Easter Season, Mary will lead participants in family-friendly experiences of prayer that flow from and are adaptable for use in the religious education classroom. In addition, she will offer tips for equipping and supporting families in developing a prayer life that honors Catholic tradition, the liturgical season, and the special and everyday occasions of life.

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## Christ-Centered Catechesis: Planning Lessons with Purpose

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*Sr. Maria Francesca Wiley, O.P.* Session 2 & 3  
*Principal, St. Pius V School, Providence, RI*

This workshop will equip catechists to use the catechetical method to ensure that students are put "in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ" (*Catechesi Tradendae*, 5). We will highlight the unique characteristics of assessment in the religious education classroom. Catechists will leave with practical tools for lesson planning and assessment.

## Youth

### Confirmation Not Graduation: A New Approach to Formation of Youth

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*Deacon Gregory Albanese* Session 2  
*Religion Teacher and Youth Minister*

Why do so many young people leave the practice of the faith after Confirmation? In this workshop we will discuss strategies and ideas to assist Directors of Religious Education in forming and keeping young people in the life of the Church. Examples of successful ideas from the USCCB Convocation of Catholic Leaders will be used as topics for discussion.

## How to Communicate Authentic Catholic Teaching about Transgender Issues to Youth

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*Raymond Concannon, M.S., M.T.S.* Session 2 & 4  
*Department Chair of Religious Studies, Sacred Heart School, Kingston, MA*

This presentation will provide educators with an overview of the Church's teaching on transgender issues, including the differences between sex and gender. Strategies for teaching this controversial topic using primary sources and collaborative learning will then be discussed and practiced in a workshop format.

## How to Teach the Theology of the Body to Teens

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*Dr. Matthew Cuddeback* Session 2 & 3  
*Professor, Philosophy Department, Providence College*

St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body offers a beautiful presentation of the dignity of the human person. Come to this presentation to get ideas for teaching youth and young adults by using elements from popular culture.

## Creating a Youth Ministry Vision for Today

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*Louise 'Duce' Dussault* Session 3  
*Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Providence*  
*Patricia Kane*

*Associate Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Providence*

The workshop will help participants explore the timeless principles of Youth Ministry alongside of strategies for meeting the needs of youth in today's world. The results of the recent survey sponsored by Saint Mary's Press *Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics* will also be discussed. Come prepared to experience hope and encouragement.

## Apostolate for People with Disabilities (SPRED)

### Habitual Lack of the Use of Reason and the Reception of Sacraments

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*Dr. Miguel Romero* Session 1  
*Professor, Religious and Theological Studies, Salve Regina University*

Can people who are perceived to lack the use of reason have access to the sacraments? What does the Church teach and is this teaching new? Come learn more about these very important questions through the lens of Church Tradition.