

**Directions to
Bellamy Middle School**
314 Pendleton Avenue, Chicopee, MA

Traveling North or South on Route 91:

- Take exit 12 for merge onto I-391N, then take exit 3 and take a right off the exit. Then bear left at the light for Granby Road. Stay on Granby Road through two sets of lights until you reach the rotary at Route 33.
- Take a left, staying in the left lane on Route 33N. Take a left at the second light (sign at left for Route 116, Williamansett) for Pendleton Avenue.
- Proceed on Pendleton Avenue for .5 miles until you see the school zone sign. Turn right for Bellamy School entrance. Parking is on all sides of the building.

From Mass Pike:

- Take exit 5 (Chicopee Exit) and bear right on toll road. At the end of the toll road go through the light and go left onto Route 33.
- After approximately .9 miles take a left at the second light, (sign at left for Route 116, Williamansett) for Pendleton Avenue.
- Proceed on Pendleton Avenue for about .5 miles and Bellamy Middle School will be on your right. Parking is on all sides of the building.

BENEFITS OF THIS CONFERENCE

- Grow in holiness
- Practical answers for men facing today's challenges
- Connect with catholic leaders and groups
- Rediscover and renew your faith
- Find Christ and share Him with family, friends, co-workers and parish

Conference Schedule

Saturday, April 28, 2012

7:30- 8:30	Registration
8:45	Welcome and Prayer
9:00	Keynote Speaker Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.R.F.
10:00	Keynote Speaker Tony Melendez
11:00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15-12:30	Lunch Reconciliation, Adoration and Vendors
12:45	Holy Hour/Worship and Praise "Hem of the Garment" Eucharistic Healing Procession
1:30	Keynote Speaker George Weigel
2:20	Music/Break
2:30	Keynote Speaker Robert Rogers
3:20	Music/Break
3:30	Keynote Speaker Alex Jones
4:20	Music/Break/Preparation for Mass
4:30	Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Bishop Timothy McDonnell
5:45	Departure

VISION STATEMENT

Inviting and challenging Catholic men to deeper commitment to Jesus Christ and participation in His Church so as to win the next generation to Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT

To launch or renew vibrant Catholic men's ministry in the Diocese of Springfield so as to lead men to holiness of life.

Tenth Annual
Springfield Diocesan Catholic
Men's Conference

GROW IN HOLINESS

www.diospringfield.org/mensconf.html



Featuring

Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.
Alex Jones
Tony Melendez
Robert Rogers
George Weigel

Facilitator

Sean Forrest

Praise and Worship Music

"The Rock"

with your host

Bishop Timothy McDonnell

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Registration Form

Detach and Mail

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Parish: _____

E-Mail: _____

(Please Print Email Address Clearly)

Conference Registration: Lunch Included

Individual: \$30 until 4/15 \$35 after 4/15

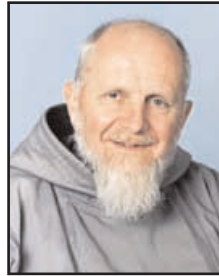
• Increase in fee due to rental of new facility at Bellamy School, Chicopee

- Registrations are non-refundable
- Walk-ins welcome if not sold out
- Call to find out if there is a sell out

Amount Enclosed: _____

For more information please call:
413-452-0811 or 413-549-0300 Ext. 32

- Please make check payable to Diocese of Springfield
- Please include with registration
- Return registration form and payment to Men's Conference/ Vocation Office
472 No. Pleasant St.
Amherst, MA 01002



Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.

Fr. Benedict does not need an introduction. He is well known in and outside the Catholic world, particularly because of his frequent appearances on EWTN. He is a popular author of many, many books on Catholicism. Fr. Benedict Groeschel is recognized around the globe for his intrepid witness to the Gospel, his tireless work with the poor and his numerous written books and articles on Catholicism. Father Benedict Groeschel is also cofounder of the Capuchian community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The good works of Fr. Benedict Groeschel are focused on the homeless of New York City, London and Honduras. Fr. Benedict Groeschel also draws upon his own life experiences, including a nearly fatal car accident, to inspire Catholics and call for reform within the Church. We are so delighted that Fr. Benedict agreed to return to us for our 10th Anniversary celebration.

Alex Jones

For 25 years, Alex C. Jones pastored consecutively two congregations, the first Pentecostal and the second Evangelical. In 1998, he uncovered the treasures of the Church Fathers while preparing for a Bible lesson on 1 Timothy 2:1-15. He found the Catholic Church has both biblical and historical support for its claim of originality and apostolicity. He shared this knowledge with his congregation and as a result, most members of his church voted to enter the Catholic Church with him along with his family. Alex was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 2005. He serves in two parishes in the Archdiocese. He is married to his wife Donna. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Alex has quite the story and he will certainly get his "Pentecostal" mode kicked in for a powerful message.



George Weigel



George is a native of Baltimore and an author of over 20 books, including *The Truth of Catholicism: The Courage To Be Catholic: Crisis, Letters to a Young Catholic; God's Choice: Pope Benedict XVI and the Future of the Catholic Church; John Paul II--The Victory of Freedom, the Last Years, the Legacy*. A frequent guest on television and radio, he is also Vatican analyst for NBC News. George was president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, where he led a wide-ranging, ecumenical and inter-religious program of research and publication on foreign and domestic policy issues. From June 1996, as a Senior Fellow of the Center, Weigel prepared a major study of the life, thought, and action of Pope John Paul II. *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II* was published to international acclaim in the Fall of 1999, in English, French, Italian, and Spanish editions and has since been translated into 10 more languages. A documentary film based on the book was released in the fall of 2001 and has won numerous prizes. George has been awarded 13 honorary doctorates, the papal cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, and the *Gloria Artis* Gold Medal by the Republic of Poland. George and his wife, Joan, have three children and one grandchild, and live in North Bethesda, MD. George spoke at our First and Second Annual Men's Conference and we welcome him back for our 10th Anniversary celebration.

Tony Melendez

Tony was born without arms because his mother was prescribed a drug during pregnancy. It was an unforgettable moment when, on September 15, 1987, he played his guitar for Pope John Paul II in Los Angeles. He performed a touching song entitled "Never be the Same." When the Pope approached him from the stage to kiss him in appreciation, it seemed to reflect the sentiments of the entire country. Currently, Tony Melendez resides in Branson, Missouri, which offers Tony the opportunity to be a loving father and husband and at the same time continue his music. Tony says, "Music has opened the door to my dreams and I will keep singing, continue to share my life and keep making music for all who will listen. We are excited to Tony back with us, back to the diocese where he accomplished a feat that he attempted thousands of times - to throw a frisbee with his feet across a basketball court and land it inside the hoop - a feat accomplished at St. Mary High School gymnasium in Westfield.



Robert Rogers



He is the director of "Mighty in the Land Ministry." Robert's story at our Men's Conference three years ago caused many a tear to flow from the eyes of the men in attendance. He tells the story of how "after nearly 12 years as a faithful husband and 8 years as a devoted father, his life completely changed in August 2003 when a flash-flood in the middle of Kansas struck his family in their minivan and took the lives of his precious wife and all four children. Somehow, he was the sole survivor. Since then, he resigned from his 13 year Electrical engineering career and 'answered God's call' to share his good News through his testimony - full time." He challenges others to "live a life of no regrets" starting with God and their family. He has shared his testimony and has impacted over 100,000 individuals. You won't want to miss Robert's presentation this year. A joy to have Robert back to our conference.