



Diocese of Springfield

2017 Catechetical Congress

Saturday, November 4, 2017 - 8:30am-1pm
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Westfield

All involved in any aspect of the Catechetical Ministry are encouraged to attend!

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Timothy F. Hogan, Psy. D.

"The Gift of the Cultural Hurricanes: Rebuilding Bridges that Transform Catholic Families"

Multiple global forces have combined to create 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. Dr. Hogan will propose effective strategies to reinvigorate ministry by creating new connections between youth, families and their parish.

Dr. Timothy F. Hogan, Psy. D. is a writer, psychologist and certified Imago Relationship Therapist who directs the Grace Counseling Center in the city of Detroit. He has consulted and taught workshops for the Archdiocese of Detroit and contributed to the RCL Benziger Family Life series. Tim lives with his wife and three children in Plymouth, Michigan.



Mike Patin

"The Rules of Engagement"

Church leaders bemoan the declining numbers of teens and adults. Sometimes we believe it is because people simply want to be entertained. People want to be ENGAGED. In this digital generation, what values or principles do we use to "bring people in" to catechesis and ministry?

Mike uses energy, humor and stories to affirm God's goodness and presence among us while inviting others (and himself) to take the "next step" in our journey with God. He has worked in diocesan ministry for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Since 2003, he has worked full time as a speaker and "faith horticulturist."

Breakout Sessions

There will be two breakout sessions on "Six Strategies to Rebuild Bridges of Connection with Families", one by Nancy Bird, Director of Training and Development for RCL Benziger Religion Publishing Company, for those who work with primary age children and the other will be by Dr. Hogan for those who work with middle and high school age youth.

This event is co-sponsored by RCL Benziger and Sadlier Publishing Companies along with the Diocese of Springfield.

Schedule
8:30am - Check-In & Exhibits
9:00am - Keynote 1: Dr. Timothy Hogan, Psy.D.
10:15am - Small Group Discussions & Break
10:45am - Breakout Sessions
11:30am - Keynote 2: Mike Patin
12:45pm - Closing Prayer and Remarks

Registration: 2017 Catechetical Congress - November 4, 2017

Registration Deadline: October 27, 2017

Name: _____

Parish: _____ Parish City: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Catechetical Role: _____

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