

First Round of Workshops: 11:45 am -1:00 pm

1A. Lay and Ordained Leadership Working Together

The ability to collaborate with others is a learned skill, one we can all develop and strengthen. Learn how to collaborate more effectively through the experiences and wisdom of three who worked together in NW Ontario.

Presenters: *Fr. Mark Brewer, Pastor of St. Michael Church, Newark; Andrea Record, Cluster Secretary for St. Dominic, Shortsville, St. Felix, Clifton Springs, St. Francis, Phelps; Joan Sobala, SSJ, Pastoral Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes, Brighton*

1B. Conducting and Contributing to Productive Pastoral Council Meetings

An interactive session to examine what works and what hinders effective meetings. We will look at ways to make meetings more fruitful and to ensure that ideas are expressed openly without fear of criticism and conflict.

Presenter: *Jim Weisbeck, Chair of NW Ontario Planning Group and Executive Director of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.*

1C. Beyond the Cookie Cutter: The Possibilities of Youth Ministry!"

Every parish has different needs, situations and cultures. Youth Ministry does, too! Experience how to assess the needs, identify the situations and recognize the cultural impact on Youth Ministry in your parish.

Presenter: *Sue Versluys, diocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry*

1D. Best Practices for Clustered and Consolidated Parishes in their Early and Middle Stages

Get practical advice from those in leadership positions within parishes which have clustered or consolidated in the last several years. Share your own experiences and questions.

Panel: *Bill Bacon, Pastoral Council Chair, and Karen Batrowny, Business Manager, of the St. Casimir, St. Charles Borromeo, Our Lady of Lourdes Faith Community in Elmira/Elmira Heights; John Curran, Pastoral Planning, Transition and Facilitation Teams member in the Southwest City planning group; Sue Staropoli, Facilitation Team member of the new St. Monica parish.*

1E. Best Practices for Parishes Preparing to Cluster

Your pastoral plan calls for your parish to cluster with one or more others...you've got a bit of time before the change happens. What can be done during this interim period to help the parishes to join with one another in as healthy a way as possible?

Panel: *Carol Lee, Pastoral Council Chair, Church of the Epiphany, Sodus; Maggi Masci, Chair of the St. Mary, Honeoye/St. Matthew, Livonia Transition Team; Alice Miller Nation, Pastoral Associate at St. Matthew and member of the Transition Team*

1F. Young Adult Catholics: Who are They? Where are They? What do they have to teach us?

This session will reflect on the perspectives and experiences of young adult Catholics in today's American Catholic church. The works of David Tacey and Tom Beaudoin will provide insight into the mindset of Catholics from the Generation X and Millennial generations. This session will assist those who minister to and with young adults to gain a greater understanding of how young adults view the church and their place in it.

Presenter: *Jamie Fazio, Catholic Chaplain at Nazareth College*

1G. Foundations for Effective Parish Leadership: the Role of Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils

Consultation is derived from the nature of the Church as a community of believers who share in the priestly office of Christ. It reflects our belief in the universality of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The vehicles for consultation in a parish community are the pastoral council and the finance council. This workshop will deal with the relationship of councils with pastoral leaders, staff persons, parishioners and each other. We will also consider the benefit of consultation in the process of ecclesial decision making.

Presenter: *Fr. Daniel Condon, Diocesan Chancellor and Director of Legal Services*

1H. What We Can Learn from Other Christian Churches about Evangelization in the City

Our Christian sisters and brothers from other ecclesial communities share many of the same challenges faced by the Catholic Church in striving to live and spread the Gospel message in the city of Rochester. This workshop will focus on some of their successes and insights in promoting successful evangelizing ministry.

Presenter: *Sr. Beth LeValley, SSJ, former president of the Greater Rochester Community of Churches, founder of the Rochester Interfaith Health Care Coalition, organizer of the Ecumenical Interfaith Community for Social Change and founder of the Progressive Neighborhood Federal Credit Union*

1J. Sense of Place in Rural Ministry: Working with What is Given

Drawing on the experience of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference and other rural ministry sources, this workshop will present some of the characteristics of a rural sense of place. Particular focus will be paid to connections with asset-based community development and environmental theology.

Presenter: *Deacon Dan Williams who coordinates a rural ministry project for the Central Steuben Planning Group, acts as Justice and Peace Liaison to Catholic parishes for Catholic Charities of Steuben County, performs sacramental ministry at St. Stanislaus, Bradford and St. Joseph, Campbell, and works as a land agent throughout the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier region*

Second Round of Workshops: 2:15 - 3:30 pm

2A. Conducting and Contributing to Productive Pastoral Council Meetings
Repeat of the morning workshop.

2B. Beyond the Cookie Cutter: The Possibilities of Youth Ministry!"
Repeat of the morning workshop.

2C. Embracing God during Times of Change
Change is endless. Some changes impact our lives more than others. We live in constant change and every moment brings us to new challenges. To talk about change is to talk about conversion. What is your attitude toward change? How do you live life in the midst of change? During this workshop we will explore change and how it affects the life of the community. We will look at how change is living the spirituality of struggle.

Presenter: Mary Louise Heffernan, SSJ, diocesan Consultant for Spirituality, Spiritual Director, Retreat Director

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Cost/Registration

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 24
\$16.00 per person (includes morning refreshments and lunch). *Partially funded through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.*

Register on-line (www.stbernards.edu) or send registration form plus payment to St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, Attn: Ellen Morningstar, Registrar, 120 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618

Please register early. In past years we have had to turn some later registrants away because of space limitations.

For More Information

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Pastoral Planning Leaders Day with Bishop Matthew H. Clark

Saturday, November 3, 2007
9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Keuka College

For:

- *Planning Group Councils and Parish Pastoral Councils*
- *Pastors/Pastoral Administrators/Campus Ministers*
- *Parish Staff/Interested Others*

Agenda

9:00	Hospitality/Registration (Hegeman Hall)
9:30	Welcome/Prayer (Norton Chapel)
10:00	<i>"Were Not Our Hearts Burning?: Developing a Paschal Attitude"</i> (Chapel) Shannon Loughlin, diocesan Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry, and Rev. Edward Palumbos, Pastor of Church of the Assumption in Fairport
10:45	Conversation with Bishop Clark and our keynote speakers
11:30	Break
11:45	First round of workshops
1:15	Lunch (Dahlstrom Bldg., Geisen Dining Hall)
2:15	Second round of workshops
3:30	End