

SESSION *Speakers*



Julianne Stanz

Keynote 10:45 - 11:30am | Sacred Witnesses as Pilgrims of HOPE

In a world marked by uncertainty and longing, we as ministers are called to be sacred witnesses—bearers of hope who journey alongside others in faith and love. As pilgrims of hope, we walk together through life's challenges and joys, witnessing to the power of God's transformative presence with all those we minister to.

Drawing on her rich Irish heritage, Julianne Stanz invites us into these holy places of transformation through four essential practices of H.O.P.E.—Healing, Openness, Prayer, and the Eucharist. With heartfelt stories, practical wisdom, and a deep sense of joy, Julianne will inspire you to embrace your role as a pilgrim of hope, shining Christ's light in your family, community, and beyond.

Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm | What's the Closest Planet to Heaven? Navigating Tough Questions About Faith

In an age where a quick Internet search can provide answers to countless questions, the most profound and existential inquiries require something more: genuine conversations that connect heart to heart. In this keynote, Julianne Stanz will share innovative strategies to empower ministers, parents, grandparents, teachers, and catechists with the tools they need to tackle life's most challenging questions of faith. Participants will discover how to ignite curiosity about Jesus and His teachings while encouraging others to articulate their own thoughtful responses. Join us as we explore the art of meaningful dialogue that fosters deeper understanding and connection in our faith journeys.

Round 4 Panel Presentation 3:00pm to 3:45pm (English)

Hosffman Ospino, PhD.

Keynote 10:45 - 11:30am | Somos un pueblo que camina sostenido por la esperanza cristiana

Esta presentación nos invita a reflexionar en los principios fundamentales de la esperanza cristiana, especialmente en nuestra relación con Jesucristo resucitado. Como discípulos cristianos, estamos llamados a vivir como pueblo de esperanza en medio de los desafíos de la vida diaria. Nuestra presencia es signo de esperanza para un mundo que busca sentido.

Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Cómo practicar la esperanza cristiana con nuestros jóvenes en el hogar

Muchas veces los padres de familia cristianos nos sentimos en una encrucijada para hablar a nuestros hijos sobre la importancia de la fe. Esta presentación ofrece pautas prácticas para hablar con jóvenes sobre la esperanza cristiana e implementar prácticas esperanzadoras en el contexto del hogar.

Round 4 Panel Presentation 3:00pm to 3:45pm (Español)



Katherine Angulo

Round 1 Break-Out 11:45am - 12:30pm & Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Nuestros Jóvenes: la Esperanza de hoy y de la iglesia del 2050!

Durante las últimas décadas cuando se piensa de los jóvenes y de su fe se habla como si fuera una batalla perdida. Este lenguaje de desafiación, aunque en medida es una realidad, puede crear un ambiente de desesperanza entre quienes trabajan en y para la iglesia. Esta sesión no se trata de malas noticias. Al contrario, durante este tiempo vamos a analizar cuánta esperanza nos traen nuestros jóvenes Hispanos para la iglesia de hoy y la iglesia del año 2050 y que es lo que debemos hacer para servirles mejor.

Round 4 Panel Presentation 3:00pm to 3:45pm (Español)



Esther Garcia

Round 1 Break-Out 11:45am - 12:30pm & Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Esperanza y Fuerza para nuestra Labor

La Misa del domingo y nuestra experiencia litúrgica como gracia, alimento y alabanza dirigidos hacia la misión, a través de la perspectiva del documento del Papa Francisco Desiderio desideravi.

Round 4 Panel Presentation 3:00pm to 3:45pm (Español)



Jodi Hunt, PhD.

Round 1 Break-Out 11:45am - 12:30pm | From Scroll to Soul: Catechesis in the Age of Algorithms and AI

Step into the digital frontier of evangelization! This engaging session dives into the latest digital trends shaping how we live, learn, and connect—and shows how these can be powerful tools for sharing the faith both inside and beyond parish walls. Through interactive discussions and real-world examples, we'll explore not just the tech itself, but the why behind it—unpacking the neuroscience of how today's young minds are shaped by the digital world. Together, we'll reimagine what catechesis can look like in a hyper-connected age and discover innovative ways to form disciples who are digitally savvy and spiritually grounded.

Round 3 Break-Out 2pm - 2:45pm | Hearts Ablaze: Catechizing the TikTok Generation

What makes Gen Z and Generation Alpha "tick"? How can we reach their hearts with the Gospel? In this interactive session, we'll explore the key generational trends shaping how today's young people see the world, build relationships, and engage with faith and the powerful role parents play in forming (or reforming) their children's spiritual worldview. Through real-life insights and practical discussion, we'll discover how to design catechetical experiences, whether in classrooms, retreats, or digital spaces, that spiritually resonate with young minds and their families. If you're ready to create a faith formation program that speaks to this generation's unique needs and desires, this session is for you.



Charleen Katra

Round 1 Break-Out 11:45am - 12:30pm & Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Making Parishes Everyone's Home

In Baptism, we become equal in dignity as necessary members of the Body of Christ. Persons with disabilities, and their families, seek to be included in the full life of the Church. God's vision of love calls us to bring about this reality. Come explore ways parishes can promote a sense of belonging so that all parishioners find hope and strength in their Catholic faith.

Round 4 Panel Presentation 3:00pm to 3:45pm (English)



Maribel Laguna

Round 1 Break-Out 11:45am - 12:30pm | Una Casa Firme y Llena de Esperanza: Hábitos que Construyen y Hábitos que Destruyen Matrimonios

La virtud de la esperanza debe comenzar con la práctica y la formación de hábitos saludables y la evitación activa de los malos hábitos. Hay mucha esperanza para el matrimonio católico moderno. Esta esperanza proviene no solo de nuestras creencias, sino también de la ciencia de las relaciones. La psicología ofrece un camino hacia la esperanza. ¿Cómo? A través de la investigación. La investigación nos dice exactamente qué construye una base sólida para el matrimonio, pero también qué lo destruye. Acompáñenos a aprender qué hace que los matrimonios funcionen y qué los hace fracasar.

Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Problemas comunes en el matrimonio: por qué ocurre la infidelidad

¿Sabía que, según estudios, las parejas esperan 6 años para buscar terapia matrimonial? Una de las principales razones por las que las parejas buscan terapia matrimonial es para abordar problemas de infidelidad. Sin embargo, no todas las infidelidades son iguales. ¿Sabías que existen 7 tipos diferentes de infidelidad? Por lo tanto, tratar la infidelidad desde una perspectiva pastoral y profesional requiere un enfoque personalizado. Únete a nosotros y descubre más maneras de acompañar a las parejas que luchan contra la infidelidad.

Round 4 Panel Presentation 3:00pm to 3:45pm (Español)



Jeanne Marie Miles

Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm & Round 3 Break-Out 2pm - 2:45pm | Hope and Strength for Our Labor

Sunday Mass and our liturgical experience as grace, nourishment, and praise directed towards mission, through the lens of Pope Francis' document *Desiderio desideravi*.



Dcn. Art Miller

Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Catholic response to racism!

Join us as we reflect on how the Catholic Church is called to respond to the sin of racism. Drawing from Scripture, Church teaching, and his own experiences in ministry and business, Deacon Art challenges and inspires us to live out the Gospel through justice, reconciliation, and hope. This session will engage parish leaders in a conversation rooted in faith and the dignity of every human person.

Round 3 Break-Out 2pm - 2:45pm | Joy is the gift that hope provides and joyous hope heals the broken-hearted

In a world marked by grief, loss, and constant change, we need to rediscover the healing power of hope rooted in joy. Drawing from Scripture, personal experience, and pastoral ministry, this talk explores how authentic Christian joy has the power to mend broken hearts and renew our mission as disciples.

Round 4 Panel Presentation 3:00pm to 3:45pm (English)



Juan C. Moreno

Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm & Round 3 Break-Out 2pm - 2:45pm | Renacer en la Esperanza: Liderazgo Pastoral en Tiempos de Cambios

La pandemia, las crisis sociales y los cambios culturales han transformado radicalmente la vida parroquial. Esta presentación está dirigida a catequistas y agentes pastorales que han acompañado a sus comunidades en medio de transiciones, pérdidas y nuevos desafíos. A la luz del Jubileo de la Esperanza 2025, reflexionaremos sobre cómo liderar con fe renovada, cultivar la resiliencia comunitaria y redescubrir nuestra misión evangelizadora en tiempos de incertidumbre. Porque incluso en medio de la prueba, la esperanza no decepciona.



Sr. Maria Goretti Thuy Nguyen

Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Truyền đạt Đức Tin với Niềm Hy Vọng – một Lời Mời Gọi Kịp Thời dành cho các Giáo Lý Viên

Với những thách đố của thời đại hiện nay, việc truyền đạt Đức Tin cho các thế hệ tương lai trở nên khó khăn hơn, vì sự thật đau lòng là khi các em lên đại học, họ không còn thực hành sống Đức Tin nữa. Là những giáo lý viên, chúng ta có thể làm gì?

Round 3 Break-Out 2pm - 2:45pm | Catechizing with Hope – a Timely Invitation for all Catechists

With the challenges of this modern age, passing on the Faith to future generations has become more difficult, as the painful truth is that once young people go off to college, they no longer practice living the Faith. As catechists, what can we do?



Ana Marcela Rodriguez

Round 1 Break-Out 11:45am - 12:30pm & Round 3 Break-Out 2pm - 2:45pm | Desarrollo Adolescente: Física, Mente y Alma. Camino hacia relaciones resilientes

Esta presentación explorará el desarrollo integral de los adolescentes, abordando los aspectos físicos, mentales y espirituales. Se ofrecerán estrategias prácticas para fomentar relaciones saludables y resilientes, tanto con la familia como con los compañeros, en el contexto de la esperanza y la fe.



Gerardo Salazar, DMin.

Round 1 Break-Out 11:45am - 12:30pm & Round 3 Break-Out 2pm - 2:45pm | ¡Esperanzados, pero no ilusionados!: Cómo vivir con los pies en la tierra y el corazón en el Cielo

En tiempos de incertidumbre y cansancio espiritual, la esperanza puede parecer un lujo o una ilusión ingenua. Sin embargo, san Pablo nos recuerda con fuerza: “La esperanza no desilusiona” (Rom 5,5). Inspirado por el Jubileo 2025, este taller ofrece una mirada renovada, práctica y pastoral sobre cómo vivir una esperanza realista, profunda y activa en la parroquia, en la familia y en la misión cotidiana. Con ejemplos reales, claves sencillas y un toque de buen humor cristiano, reflexionaremos sobre la diferencia entre ilusión y esperanza cristiana, cómo sostenernos en momentos de prueba, y cómo formar comunidades esperanzadas que caminen con la alegría del Evangelio y la certeza de que el amor de Dios, derramado en nuestros corazones, nunca defrauda.

Round 4 Panel Presentation 3:00pm to 3:45pm (Español)



Fr. Agustino Torres

Round 1 Break-Out 11:45am - 12:30pm & Round 3 Break-Out 2pm - 2:45pm | Evangelizing Youth in the Jubilee

This talk delves into the unique challenges faced in religious education, especially given that a significant 60% of Catholics under 18 identify as Hispanic. Fr. Torres will address the vital need for catechetical material and instruction that resonates with the cultural experiences and identities of young believers. Moving beyond mere translation, this discussion will highlight the necessity of an inculturated approach that honors the distinct voice and perspective of this generation of young people. He will also address the particular inculturational needs of Gen Z and the ways that technology can be incorporated into catechesis. Discover the principles that can bridge the gap between faith and cultural identity to effectively reach the diversity of the Catholic youth today.

Round 4 Panel Presentation 3:00pm to 3:45pm (English)



Ryan and Mary Rose Verret

Round 1 Break-Out 11:45am - 12:30pm & Round 2 Break-Out 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Marriage Catechumenate: Forming Sacramental Marriages and Evangelizing Spouses

Marriage is not just the beginning of a shared life — it is a missionary vocation at the heart of the Church. In this talk, Mary Rose and Ryan Verret, founders of the Witness to Love movement, will present how the Marriage Catechumenate, inspired by the process of Christian initiation, can deeply renew marriage preparation. In their presentation they will explore how parishes can walk with couples beyond the wedding day, strengthen married life, and evangelize through the witness of spousal love. A powerful invitation for parishes to form enduring, missionary marriages.