

October 08, 2018


8:45 am - 2:30 pm

St. Catherine's, Redwood Falls

"Lord, Teach us to pray." Jesus' own Apostles asked for His help in learning to pray. So often our students and even we ourselves need help praying. Prayer is something so essential to the Christian life, yet it can often seem complicated. We are excited to spend time with Catholic School teachers from the Diocese of New Ulm, MN for a one-day program

on finding simple yet profound ways we can enter and help our students enter into a more intimate relationship with our Lord through prayer. This Workshop blends scholar presentations with interactive pedagogical sessions, giving you a chance to explore content with a respected college professor, as well as explore and simulate practical teaching strategies with ready-to-use classroom materials. Share best practices with your fellow teachers, and both formal and informal discussions.

FAITH FORMATION DAY FOR TEACHERS!



Prayer
A Conversation with God

For All Diocese of New Ulm Teachers

Schedule

8:45-9:45am	Holy Mass
9:45-10:15am	Light Breakfast and Introduction
10:15-10:45am	Praying With Music and Sacred Art Spend time entering into prayer through sacred music and sacred art.
10:45-11:30am	"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" Enjoy the first of two presentations by Sr. Johanna Paruch, followed by Q & A.
11:30-11:45am	Break
11:45am-12:15pm	Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening Spend time in silence and prayer with guided meditations.
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-1:45pm	The Spirituality of a Teacher Enjoy the second presentation by Sr. Johanna Paurch, followed by Q & A
1:45-2:20pm	Seek and You Will Find; Knock and the Door Will be Opened Spend time engaging in the different types of prayer and learn ways to help your students understand and enter into them as well.
2:20-2:30pm	Additional Resources, Evaluation Join us, and you'll receive...

Catechetical Formation

Engaging sessions by a catechetical scholar provide background knowledge so you can confidently engage students with our Faith.



Spiritual Formation

You'll explore your vocation as a teacher, coming to see your calling as a witness to Christ in the classroom.

Practical Application

A veteran teacher follows each scholarly presentation with research-based teaching strategies, giving you immediate ways to apply this knowledge in the classroom.



Ready-to-Use Materials

Receive a free, classroom-tested teacher's guide featuring 10-12 lessons with classroom activities and sacred art.

Presenters

Jose Gonzalez joined the team at Sophia Institute for Teachers after more than 10 years as a high school teacher at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Wichita, Kansas. In addition to teaching, he has also worked as a youth minister and a coordinator of Totus Tuus in the Archdiocese of Denver. Jose is also an experienced speaker and presenter whose experiences include youth and Confirmation gatherings, RCIA classes, and adult faith formation. Jose has a BA in theology with a concentration in religious education from Franciscan University of Steubenville, and an MA in evangelization and catechesis from the Augustine Institute. Jose and his wife, Mary Beth, have two daughters and a son.



Sr. M. Johanna Paruch, FSGM, is Associate Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. A member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, she holds a BA in theology and elementary education from St. Louis University and an MA from the Angelicum, awarded after completing studies at Notre Dame Catechetical Institute. She also earned the Pontifical Catechetical Diploma as well as an undergraduate degree in deaf communication. She has completed her doctorate at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, England. Involved in catechetics in all its forms, at every level, Sr. Johanna has also spent several years as a Catholic school teacher. In 1999, Sr. Johanna joined the Theology faculty of Franciscan University. She specializes in catechetics, and teaches both graduate and undergraduate students. In addition to her teaching duties, Sr. Johanna travels throughout the country presenting workshops on catechist training, catechist retreats, and catechesis for persons with disabilities. Sr. Johanna is also engaged in research on the role of Catholic sisters in the American Civil War.

