

St. John Bosco Conference *Catholic Schools Track*

Continuing Education for Catholic School Teachers and Leadership



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The St. John Bosco Conference is pleased to serve those working in Catholic Schools by offering this track. It is aimed at assisting teachers in deepening their knowledge of the content of catechesis and broadening their skills. It is designed to serve the actual needs of teachers in a two-fold manner: by addressing the practical/methodological issues as well as the intellectual and spiritual challenges they face in the classroom.

Intellectual and Spiritual: Consistent with the fact that theology is the handmaid of catechesis, we will present upper-level seminars to foster the teacher's theological understanding of the faith. The school teacher who has a sure grasp of sacred theology will be better equipped to teach the Catholic Faith in all its rigor and vigor (*On Catechesis in Our Time*, 30) amidst the doubts and questions that fill the adolescent mind regarding the teaching of the Church.

Practical / Methodological: Actual classroom lesson plans that incorporate different educational/catechetical techniques will be developed and illustrated. The Church teaches that catechetical methodology is at the service of the content of the Deposit of Faith. We will be following a method developed by Msgr. Francis Kelly, who named it the Ecclesial Method. This methodology leads the student to both understanding and conversion (*On Catechesis in Our Time*, 20). These workshops will also introduce the concept of "incarnational dynamism" in classroom teaching. This consists in drawing the student to the Person of Jesus Christ, (the content of all catechesis) through the use of contemporary and ancient sacred art, Christian and secular forms of music, popular as well as classical literature, film, and age-appropriate classroom activities. The aim will be to demonstrate various ways that teach doctrines in an engaging manner that will interest students and foster evangelization.

In addition the symposium will address two other areas:

Theoretical: Workshops will be devoted to studying the mind of the Church regarding teaching religion in a Catholic School setting in a modern multi-cultural context.

Behavioral: Classroom discipline is always a concern for teachers. To assist them, the participants will be introduced to the Preventive System of St. John Bosco which he based on three facets: reason, religion, and kindness.

Registration and Attendance

Conference participants who wish to register for this track may should do so at the Conference Registration tables at check-in, or online prior to the Conference.

Track Structure

Also provided for you is a summary of the structure of this track. As with all of the tracks at the St. John Bosco Conference, some of the workshops are taught at the Conference, and some are available online as well. Eventually, as our filming and post-production schedule permits, all of this track's workshops will be available online at: www.franciscanathome.com

Questions regarding assignments may be directed to the Catechetical Institute at: (740) 283-6754, or by email: ci@franciscan.edu.

We look forward to meeting you at the Conference, and to serving you!



ONLINE

Catholic Schools (CS) Track

This series of workshops is aimed at assisting elementary, middle, and high school teachers, administrators, and pastoral staff in their knowledge of and ability to pass on the Catholic faith to students and their families. This track serves the *real-world needs of teachers* in a three-fold manner by: 1) Addressing practical, pastoral, and methodological issues stemming from modern family and culture contexts; 2) Assessing ways to handle common doubts and questions of young people; and 3) Exploring how a classroom experience can be not only mind-growing, but truly soul-forming, at the heart of the mission of the Church. Workshops will introduce the concept of *incarnational dynamism* in classroom teaching. This consists in drawing students to the Person of Christ, who is the content of all catechesis, through the use of contemporary and ancient sacred art, music, literature, film, and age-appropriate activities. The aim in this track is to form teachers to effectively witness to the Catholic faith in a manner that will *authentically* engage students and foster *genuine* evangelization.

*F*orming those who form others.



Catholic Schools (CS) Track

Catholic School Teachers (10 hrs + 2 electives)

MISSION

1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
2. The Human Person: God's Masterpiece
3. The Human Person in God's Loving Plan

DOCTRINE

4. Objective Truth
5. The *Kerygma*: Key Doctrines
6. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture
7. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis

METHODS

8. Teaching to Form vs. Inform
9. The Best of Contemporary Teaching Strategies
10. Preventive System of St. John Bosco

Catholic School Religion Teachers (6 hrs + 4 doctrine electives + 2 other electives)

MISSION

1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
2. The Human Person: God's Masterpiece
3. The Human Person in God's Loving Plan

DOCTRINE

4. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below
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7. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below

METHODS

8. Evangelizing Classroom
9. Pedagogy & Response of Faith
10. Liturgy & Methodology

Catholic School Leadership & Pastoral Staff (6 hrs + 4 doctrine electives + 2 other electives)

MISSION

1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
2. The Human Person: God's Masterpiece
3. The Human Person in God's Loving Plan

DOCTRINE

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METHODS FOR LEADERSHIP

8. The Educational Leader in a Catholic Setting
9. The Deposit of Faith Across the Curriculum
10. Adult Faith & Moral Development

METHODS FOR PASTORAL STAFF

8. Family Systems in a Catholic School
9. Facilitating Conversion in a Catholic School
10. Child Faith & Moral Development I or Child Faith & Moral Development II or Teen Faith & Moral Development

Participants should first choose from the options for their category before going on to select from other categories. Individuals taking this track are required to select a designated number of electives from the lists below but would be allowed to take as many as they wish at no additional cost.

ELECTIVES: ADULT CATECHESIS

1. The Existence of God
2. The Problem of Evil
3. The Trinity
4. The Father: Origin & Desire of All Souls
5. Christ: His Person & Works
6. The Holy Spirit
7. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries & Guardian of the Deposit of Faith
8. Revelation: Scripture & Tradition
9. Salvation
10. The Sacramental Economy
11. The Four Last Things
12. Sin & Virtue
13. Catholic Social Teaching
14. Apostolicity & Authority in the Church
15. Freedom, Grace, & Related Moral Issues

ELECTIVES: DOCTRINE LEVEL II

1. The Sacrament of Baptism
2. The Sacrament of Confirmation
3. The Sacrament of Eucharist
4. The Sacrament of Reconciliation
5. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
6. The Sacrament of Matrimony
7. Special Topics in Discussing Matrimony
8. The Sacrament of Holy Orders
9. Saints
10. The Blessed Virgin Mary
11. Christological Heresies
12. Ten Commandments & Beatitudes
13. Catechesis on Creation
14. Faith & Reason
15. Introduction to the Old Testament
16. Introduction to the New Testament

ELECTIVES: METHODS FOR TEACHERS

1. The Role of Prayer
2. Praying With Scripture
3. Teaching With the Saints

ELECTIVES: METHODS FOR RELIGION TEACHERS

1. The Vocation of the Catechist
2. Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis
3. Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist
4. Ecclesial Method I & II
5. Scripture, the Heart of Catechesis
6. Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism
7. Incorporating Beauty in Catechesis
8. Analyzing Doctrine With Doctrinal Keys
9. Catechesis for Persons With Physical or Mental Disabilities
10. Digital Catechesis: Using Tech Tools to Teach Eternal Truths
11. Engaging Youth Culture
12. Incarnational Ministry
13. Use of a Textbook
14. Applying the Catechism in the Classroom
15. Planning Liturgical & Prayer Experiences for Children
16. Mentoring From Saints for Youth
17. Managing the Classroom like St. John Bosco
18. Grading & Assessment
19. First Penance & First Eucharist Preparation
20. Confirmation Preparation: Issues, Catechesis & Liturgy
21. Introducing the Liturgy to Children
22. Introducing the Scriptures to Children
23. Introducing Reconciliation to Children
24. Introducing the Eucharist to Children
25. Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
26. Crucial Questions in a High School Classroom
27. Getting the Big Picture on the USCCB Framework

ELECTIVES: FOR LEADERSHIP

1. Observing/Evaluating Teachers
2. Parents as Primary Educators
3. Discipling Adults
4. Vocational Spirituality
5. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
6. Catechetical Mentorship
7. Mentoring Among School Teachers

ELECTIVES: FOR PASTORAL STAFF

1. Working With Pastors & Principals
2. Spiritual Accountability
3. Empathetic Listening
4. Asking Good Questions

ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR TEACHERS

1. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
2. Theology of the Family
3. Faith & Moral Development
4. Science & Faith Overview
5. Evolution & the Catholic Church
6. Math/Logic & the Catholic Faith
7. Historical/Social Studies & the Catholic Faith
8. Literature Studies & the Catholic Faith
9. Foreign Language Studies & the Catholic Faith
10. Fine Arts & the Catholic Faith
11. Performing Arts & the Catholic Faith
12. Praying With Scripture

ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR RELIGION TEACHERS

1. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
2. Theology of the Family
3. Child Faith & Moral Development I & II
4. Teen Faith & Moral Development

ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR LEADERSHIP

1. Catholic Education in the 21st Century
2. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
3. Ecumenism in the Catholic School
4. Praying With Scripture

ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR PASTORAL STAFF

1. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
2. Depression & Suicide
3. Addiction & Alcoholism
4. Crisis & Conflict
5. Suffering & Death
6. Counseling & Pastoral Care With Teens
7. Praying With Scripture