

# THE GATHERING

FOR YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION LEADERS

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PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
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**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

9:15-9:45am Check-in & Registration  
9:45am Opening Mass & Program  
12:45pm Lunch

**NOTE THE  
SPECIAL  
DATE!**

## 2018-19 September Opening Mass & Message With Archbishop Bernard Hebda for Youth Ministry & Faith Formation Leaders

On behalf of NET Ministries and the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life, **Archbishop Bernard Hebda** invites you to join him for **“Mass and a Message”** to launch this brand new ministry season!

**Save the date**, and join a fantastic, faith-filled group of new and veteran Youth Ministry and Faith Formation leaders from the Archdiocese and beyond.

Meet your Vicariate leaders and members from parishes around you who will be a rich resource of fellowship, resource ideas, and personal support!

**Bill Dill** will present youth ministry events and resources available through the Archdiocese.

**Joe Roueche** will connect you with a wide array of ministry resources and events provided by NET Ministries and other excellent Catholic organizations sure to complement and support you in your ministry.

**Cost: This event is complimentary, but pre-registration is required!**

**Your ministry team is always welcome!**

### How To Register:

1. Register online at [www.netusa.org/thegathering](http://www.netusa.org/thegathering)
2. Register by Sept. 10th (Mon) for a complimentary lunch  
Registrations after Sept. 10th are most welcomed, but no lunch can be offered
3. Registration closes Sept 16 (Sun)

**This event is complimentary, but pre-registration is required at [www.netusa.org/thegathering](http://www.netusa.org/thegathering)**

### Register By Sept. 10 (Mon) For Complimentary Lunch!



**Archbishop Bernard Hebda**, St. Paul & Minneapolis



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**MEET, CONNECT, AND WORSHIP WITH  
OUTSTANDING YOUTH MINISTRY &  
FAITH FORMATION LEADERS!**



**Thursday, October 11, 2018**

9:15am Check-In & Registration  
9:45am Mass & Ryan O'Hara  
12:30pm Lunch

## Why Your Teens Might Leave the Church After High School: And What You Can Do About It Now

According to a 2016 Pew research study, 79% of former Catholics had left the Church by the age of 23. With statistics like this, it is clear something isn't working quite right for young people and the Church today. The number of people under age 40 who identify with 'no religious affiliation' (the 'nones') is growing by leaps and bounds.

And if we aren't intentional, the teenagers we are working with today might become the ex-Catholics we don't get to work with tomorrow.

### In this session, you will discover:

- Why are young people leaving the Church at such an alarming rate?
- Where do they go once they've left?
- What can be done now to ensure this trend does not continue?

**Ryan O'Hara** is a gifted speaker and trainer with over 20 years experience with Catholic youth and young adults. He serves as Mission Director for St. Paul's Outreach, a national Catholic ministry that evangelizes and forms college students on campuses across America.



**Ryan O'Hara**



**Fr. Brian Park**  
Pastor, Annunciation,  
Minneapolis

## How To Register:

1. Register online at [www.netusa.org/thegathering](http://www.netusa.org/thegathering)
2. Register by Oct. 3rd (Wed) for a complimentary lunch  
Registrations after Oct. 3rd are most welcomed, but no lunch can be offered
3. Online Registration closes Oct. 9th (Tues)

**This event is complimentary, but pre-registration is required at [www.netusa.org/thegathering](http://www.netusa.org/thegathering)**

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**

9:15am Hospitality  
9:45am Mass & Program  
12:45pm End

## Speaking On Your feet: The Techniques That Start It All

Giving a presentation is hard enough, but what about the times when you only have moments to prepare? Believe it or not, the majority of the time you're being a "person of influence" is NOT giving prepared presentations...it's thinking on your feet! It's trusting what's about to come out of your mouth! Whether you're asked to give a program or standup and own the moment, you will discover the tips and techniques that professionals build to look so seamless and come across like they are always ready for the spotlight.

In this HIGHLY interactive program, 20+ year professional speaking veteran Michael Hoffman will pull back the curtain and show you his favorite tips and techniques the pros use to command an audience.

### In this program you'll learn:

- How to build a mental framework to be ready to speak on your feet at all times
- How to grab and hold attention
- How not to be afraid of the phrase: "Would you please say a few words?"
- And much, much more!

***THIS IS A HANDS-ON PROGRAM  
MICHAEL HAS NEVER GIVEN AT  
THE GATHERING BEFORE, AND YOU  
DO NOT WANT TO MISS IT.***

**Michael Hoffman** is back again with his bag of skills that will equip you and **challenge** you to be a **minister with influence**. Bringing his experience of working with top organizations for the last 20 years, you will spend the day in technique driven, process rich, hands on practice to help you become a more effective leader and communicator. He is President of "Igniting Performance", a Dallas-based organization which ignites leaders in the corporate world with keynotes and training.



**Fr. Andrew Jaspers, Saint John Vianney Seminary, St. Paul**



**Michael Hoffman**



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2. Register by Oct. 31st (Wed) for a complimentary lunch  
Registrations after Oct. 31st are most welcomed, but no lunch can be offered
3. Online Registration closes Nov. 6th (Tues)

### Cost:

- Advance Registration: Until Oct. 31st (Wed): \$15
- Regular Registration: Nov. 1st- Nov. 6th (Tues): \$20
- Walk-In Registration: After Nov. 6th: \$25



## Thursday, February 14, 2019

9:15am Check-In & Registration  
9:45am Mass & Training Session  
12:30pm End

## How To Register:

1. Register online at [www.netusa.org/thegathering](http://www.netusa.org/thegathering)
2. Register by Feb. 6th (Wed) for a complimentary lunch  
Registrations after Feb. 6th are most welcomed, but no lunch can be offered
3. Online Registration closes Feb. 12th (Tues)

## Retreats: Teens and the Encounter with Jesus

In his apostolic exhortation **Joy of the Gospel** Pope Francis presents the invitation to a “renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ” for all believers.

In your role as a parish leader to young people have you considered how effective retreats can create the space for this personal divine encounter to occur?

Perhaps retreats in your ministry feel a little daunting, or you may have had some negative experiences leading retreats. Fear not! With a little guidance and wisdom, retreats can become a normal reality in your youth ministry.

### In this session you will discover:

- The “why” behind retreat ministry
- Practical wisdom on how to lead your own retreats
- Do’s and don’ts of retreat ministry and where to start

**Bob Swift** has nearly 20 years of parish youth ministry experience. He is a graduate of the Augustine Institute and is currently serving as the Faith Formation Director at St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael, MN.



**Bob Swift**



**Fr. Lenny Andrie**  
Pastor, St. Therese,  
Deephaven

**Your ministry team is always welcome!**



**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

9:15am Check-in & Registration  
9:45am Mass & Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR  
2:30pm End

## Conditions of Discipleship

### An Extended & Specialized Gathering Event!

There has been a great deal of discussion in the last many years about making disciples, and this is a wonderful blessing in the Church.

But, before we can make disciples we have to be a disciple.

It's my belief that so many of the struggles in the Church are the result of Catholics' failure to **BE** disciples.

#### Our day we will focus on:

- What it means to be a disciple of Jesus
- What the conditions are for discipleship
- What the key elements and pitfalls

**Father Dave Pivonka, TOR**, is a nationally known speaker and author who has held several ministry positions at Franciscan University of Steubenville and is actively involved in the highly successful summer conferences program. He is featured on the "The Wild Goose" video series - a powerful series of short videos on the Holy Spirit (free and online).

He is the director of Franciscan Pathways, an evangelistic outreach of his Franciscan Community.



**Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR**

### Bring Your Entire Staff & Ministry Team!

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2. Register by March 6 (Wed) for a complimentary lunch  
Registrations after March 6 are most welcomed, but no lunch can be offered
3. Online Registration closes March 12 (Tues)

#### Cost:

- Advance Registration: Until March 6 (Wed): \$15
- Regular Registration: Until March 12 (Tues): \$20
- Walk-In Registration: After March 12 (Tues): \$25

#### How To Register:

1. Register online at [www.netusa.org/thegathering](http://www.netusa.org/thegathering)
2. Register by Apr. 3 (Wed) for a complimentary lunch  
Registrations after Apr. 3rd are most welcomed, but no lunch can be offered
3. Online Registration closes Apr. 9 (Tues)

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

9:15am Hospitality  
9:45am Mass & Jen Messing  
12:45pm Lunch

## What Does the Body Have to Do With Faith Formation?

The **theology of the body** has become a fairly popular topic over the years, but the degree of exposure for students and teachers alike is quite varied. Whether it's seen as a chastity or sexuality program, just a term we've heard in passing, or understood to be a baseline for knowing who we are as persons, we can all go a little deeper. Just like math or science, it needs to be revisited over and over to really draw upon its benefits in everyday life.

**In this session, you will discover** how the theology of the body and our Catholic Christian faith are wholly intertwined. By revisiting our body-soul reality with particular vocabulary, we will get to the heart of everything from the story of salvation history to prayer and sacraments to the hard moral issues our culture is facing.

**Jen Messing** has been teaching both youth and adults how to apply the theology of the body since 2002. She founded Into the Deep in 2012 to formally speak, teach, and lead camping retreats around the country.

**Cost: This event is complimentary, but pre-registration is required!**

**A complimentary lunch is included if you register by April 3rd!**



**Jen Messing**



**Fr. Andrew Jaspers**



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## Bill Dill

Youth Ministry  
Events Coordinator  
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St. Paul & Minneapolis

"As Coordinator of Youth Ministry events here in the Archdiocese, I am very grateful for the gift that NET's Gathering is to our youth ministers. I cannot say enough about the top-notch training and support you'll receive. I very much encourage all youth ministers to take full advantage of The Gathering! I hope to see you there!"



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## 2018-19 Youth Minister's Vicariate Events

ALL  
VICARIATE  
MEETINGS  
ARE  
10AM-1PM

### North/East Vicariate

Dec. 14, 2018 (Fri)

Feb. 21, 2019 (Thur)

June 4, 2019 (Tues)

Location: Transfiguration  
Church, Oakdale

RSVP to Cate Bunnell:

[cate@churchof.saintpaul.com](mailto:cate@churchof.saintpaul.com)



**Cate Bunnell**  
Church of Saint  
Paul, Ham Lake

### South Vicariate

Dec. 11, 2018 (Tues)

Feb. 19, 2019 (Tues)

June 11, 2019 (Tues)

Location: St. Peter Catholic  
Church, Mendota

RSVP to Pat Millea:

[pmillea@stmichael-pl.org](mailto:pmillea@stmichael-pl.org)



**Pat Millea**  
Church of Saint  
Michael, Prior Lake

### West Vicariate

Dec. 13, 2018 (Thurs)

Feb. 28, 2019 (Thurs)

May 30, 2019 (Thurs)

Location: Holy Name of Jesus,  
Wayzata

RSVP to Debbie Gladitsch:

[debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org](mailto:debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org)



**Kory LaCroix**  
Holy Name of  
Jesus, Medina