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Elkhart Lake, WI

Our Keynote Speaker



Sr. Linda Gibler, OP, PhD is a Dominican Sister of Houston, Texas, and currently serves as Associate Academic Dean at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, and as an adjunct professor for the Loyola Institute for Ministry. She also lectures and gives workshops on the significance of recent scientific discoveries for Catholic theology and spirituality. Linda delights in telling the 14 billion-year story of the universe, stars, and earth, as well as the stories of the common things that surround us. Her book, *From the Beginning to Baptism: Scientific and Sacred Stories of Water, Oil, and Fire*, was published in March 2010 by The Liturgical Press.

Friday Breakout Sessions

A. Setting the World on Fire – One Family at a Time.

This session will take a closer look at families today – who they are and how they are searching for meaning. In light of the impact of technology on the family, we will explore ways we can help them make use of technology in order to make a positive impact on the world. **Presenter: Ms. Jane Angha:** Consultant for Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Green Bay and Director of Ministry Blueprints. Previously, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at St. Bernard Parish in Appleton, Wisconsin.

B. Creative Ways of Using Technology in my Ministry

Embracing new media and promoting the Catholic faith in our church is easy when we have the right tools to work with. In this workshop we will explore different ways that technology can make your ministry better, easier and more efficient including creative ways to communicate, collaborate and celebrate the joy of the Gospel. This workshop will be open to questions, ideas and best practices. Walk away with concrete skills and ideas for the new evangelization as a Church in the 21st century. **Presenter: Mr. Dave Baudry:** Director of Christian Formation at St. Agnes Parish in Butler, WI. Dave has worked in parish ministry for over 30 years and is a member of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Technology in Ministry Committee

C. Evangelization: Opening Doors of Mercy

(Sponsored by Wm. H. Sadlier)

Pope Francis has called us to open doors during this Year of Mercy. Open doors can be the beginning of evangelization. How do we keep the doors open now--and when the Year of Mercy ends?

Presenter: Dr. Carole Eipers: one of the key developers of the *WE BELIEVE* catechetical program (William H. Sadlier), she has served in catechetical ministry at parish, diocesan, and national levels for more than 25 years and continues as a presenter in evangelization, catechesis and related topics both nationally and internationally.

D. Spirituality: The Innate Search for God-Pastoral Implications from the Brain Research

The Innate Search for God is "hard wired" in the brain! The search for the meaning of life and its essential purposes can be enlightened by some of the recent research by neuroscientists. We will look at how these findings have pastoral implications and affirm our spirituality in the Catholic Tradition. **Presenter: Ms. Jean Marie Weber:** Currently ministers at Cardinal Stritch University as the Liaison to the Catholic Community. Previously, she served in the Saint Clare Center for Catholic Life as the Director of Educational programs and as the Director of Certification for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation.

Accommodations & Meeting Site: The Osthoff Resort

Located on the shores of Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, the Osthoff Resort features spacious hotel-style rooms and one or two bedroom suites accommodating up to six guests. All feature a full kitchen and fireplace. **Rates: \$79.00 per night.** Make your reservations directly with the hotel at 800-876-3399, prompt #1, mentioning that you are with WI Directors of Religious Education Federation. Or, book online at www.osthoff.com. Click on the meetings tab at the top of the screen, then on "To make your individual group reservations" (in the middle of the page) use 'GWIDIREC' for group ID and 'WDREF' for the password. **RESERVE BY OCT, 19, 2016 TO RECEIVE THE CONVENTION ROOM RATE** *The convention rate is good on nights prior to or following the week of the meeting so why not extend your stay joined by family or friends on Friday and Saturday night?*



Information and Registration
2016 Convention



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“The Heavens Proclaim The Glory of God” is the theme of our 2016 Convention. From the earliest days of Christianity scientific exploration has been fostered by the church, with its findings expanding our understanding of God, creation, the Church, and ourselves. This year’s Convention will offer you the opportunity to:

- * Explore the relationships between science and faith and their implications for ministry in the Church of the 21st century through presentations by Sr. Linda Gibler, OP
- * Explore current ministry topics in Breakout Sessions
- * Visit exhibitors, for the latest in curriculum, books, religious art and gifts
- * Dialogue with other Parish Catechetical Leaders from around the state/region, networking and sharing ministry ideas
- * Vision for the future of WDREF