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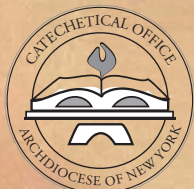
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Saludo y presentación en la mañana



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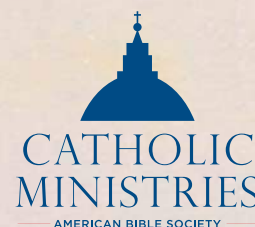


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Schedule

- 8:00 am..... Arrival, Registration,
Hospitality, Exhibits
Cathedral High School
350 East 56th Street
- 9:00 am..... Morning Address
Dr. Roy Peterson
School Gymnasium
- 9:45 am..... Opening Mass (bilingual)
School Gymnasium
- 11:15 am..... Keynote Address (English)
Thomas Cardinal Collins
School Gymnasium
- 12:15 pm Midday Prayer
School Gymnasium
- 12:30 pm Lunch Break
**Pick up pre-ordered
box lunches at the
School Cafeteria**
- 1:45 - 2:30 pm..... Afternoon Address
Museum of the Bible
School Gymnasium
- 2:45 - 3:45 pm..... Workshops 1
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm..... Workshops 2
- 5:00 pm Departure

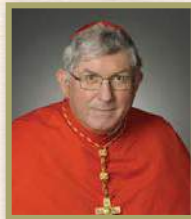
Horario

- 8:00 am..... Llegada, inscripción,
recepción y exhibiciones
Cathedral High School
350 East 56th Street
- 9:15 Presentación en la mañana
(ingles), Dr. Roy Peterson
en el **Gimnasio de la escuela**
- 9:45 Misa de apertura (bilingüe)
en el **Gimnasio de la escuela**
- 11:15 Presentación Principal
Carlos Cardenal Osoro Sierra
en el **Teatro Pequeño**
- 12:15 pm Oración del mediodía
en el **Gimnasio de la escuela**
- 12:30 pm Almuerzo
**El almuerzo ordenado será
disponible en el Cafeteria de
la escuela**
- 1:45 - 2:30 pm..... Presentación de la tarde
Museo de la Biblia
en el **Gimnasio de la escuela**
- 2:45 - 3:45 pm..... Talleres 1
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm..... Talleres 2
- 5:00pm Partida

Thomas Cardinal Collins

Archbishop of Toronto, Canada

English Keynote Speaker



Cardinal Thomas Christopher Collins was born and raised in Guelph, Ontario. In 1969 he obtained a Bachelor of Arts (English) from St. Jerome College in Waterloo. In 1973 he obtained a Master of Arts degree. (English) from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Theology from St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 5, 1973. He received his Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Bible Institute in 1978 and Doctorate in Theology from the Gregorian University in 1986. In 1997 he was appointed as Bishop of Saint Paul, Alberta. Two years later, he was named the Archbishop of Edmonton. In 2001, while in Edmonton, he was named Apostolic Administrator of Saint Paul. In December 2006, he was appointed as the Archbishop of Toronto. During his time in Toronto, Cardinal Collins has served the global church through his membership with the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Congregation for Catholic Education and Commission of Cardinals for oversight of the Institute for the Works of Religion (IOR). He has participated in the Synod on the Eucharist, and the Synod on the Middle East, served as an Apostolic Visitor in Ireland and also as the Delegate of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith for Anglicanorum Coetibus. On January 6, 2012, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI announced the appointment of Cardinal Collins to the College of Cardinals. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals as Cardinal Priest of San Patrizio on February 18, 2012.

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El Cardenal Carlos Osoro Sierra es el Arzobispo de Madrid desde 2014. Fue creado cardenal en el Consistorio de noviembre de 2016.

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Roy L. Peterson

President & CEO American Bible Society

Morning Address Speaker



Roy L. Peterson was selected by the Board of Trustees to be the president and CEO of American Bible Society in February 2014. Peterson was the president and CEO of The Seed Company, a Bible translation ministry based in Arlington, Texas. Peterson also served as president and CEO of Wycliffe USA. Peterson held several leadership positions at Wycliffe Bible Translators. He served in Ecuador and Guatemala with SIL International, in field leadership and government relations. Peterson held management positions with U.S. Shoe Corporation, Florsheim Corporation and American Greetings Corporation. Peterson is a graduate of Roger Williams University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He earned a Master of Arts in Social Science/Leadership Studies from Azusa Pacific University. He completed the Executive Program for Non-Profit Leadership at Stanford University and has an honorary doctorate from Taylor University for his work in Bible translation as well as an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Eastern University.

WORKSHOPS IN ENGLISH



Two Thousand Years of Christianity in Syria and Mesopotamia.

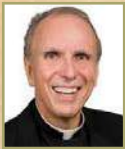
REV. ELIAS MALLON, SA, PHD
Catholic Near East Welfare Association, NY

Christians—Protestant and Catholic—in the west know that Sts. Peter and Paul preached the faith in Rome and died there. Together both brought Christianity to the Greek and Latin speaking world of the Mediterranean and beyond. From there Christianity spread throughout Europe and ultimately to the New World.

What few western Christians know is that while Peter and Paul were bringing Christianity to the west, many of the other Apostles were moving towards the East. Traditions have the Apostles bringing Christianity to Mesopotamia, Armenia, India and further east. While Christianity was growing in the west, it was also growing in the east.

Almost two hundred years before Saints Cyril (†869) and Methodius (†884) had brought Christianity to Slavic Europe, an Assyrian monk from Mesopotamia, known as Alopen in Chinese, was in Tang Dynasty China in 685. The Daqin Pagoda in Sh'ian, China, was part of a 7th century Assyrian church. Timothy (780-823), another Assyrian monk, was made Metropolitan of Tibet while Charlemagne was imposing Christianity on northern German tribes. The theological school of Edessa existed five hundred years before the famous universities of Oxford, Paris and Cologne.

"Two Thousand Years of Christianity in Syria and Mesopotamia" introduces us to these amazing Christians, their history, their unique theology and liturgy and their survival in the east often unknown to fellow Christians in the west who thought they were the only Christians in the world.



A Ministry of Storytelling

REV. ANTHONY CIORRA, PHD
Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, CT

Disciples are commissioned to spread the Word by telling stories. Stories get to the heart, where transformation occurs. Jesus taught us how to do this by telling his stories that we call parables. This workshop will be about parables and how to share them with others. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations by telling our stories."



Prophets to the Nations: God's Word to Those in Exile

ANDREW R. DAVIS, PHD
Boston College, Boston, MA

The Babylonian Exile (586-539 BCE) presented Israel's prophets with a new challenge: to announce God's word to Jews living outside of the Promised Land. Was God still with these exiled Jews? Would He forget them? Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Deutero-Isaiah are remembered as "prophets to the nations" because they spoke to these scattered Jews, assuring them that God was present and sovereign in every nation. Their prophetic words inspire hope still today that no matter how distant and silent God may seem, we can trust in His presence and power. He is with us in whatever exile we find ourselves, and He will lead us home.



Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them." (Mt 10:5)

REV. PATRICK J. GRIFFIN, CM, PHD
St. John's University, Queens, NY

Matthew structures his Gospel around five great discourses of Jesus. The second one is the "Missionary Discourse." In it, Jesus speaks about sending the disciples forth and the character of their missioning. This text offers many worthwhile lessons. Jesus tells his followers that they are to proclaim the Kingdom of God, that they are to do so without being burdened by other concerns, and that they should depend upon the goodness of people. The missionaries are to be simple yet shrewd, bold yet dependent. Jesus challenges them to imitate him in their willingness to take up the cross as they follow, yet they must know how precious they are in God's eyes. This discourse provides the first disciples with a handbook for proclaiming the Gospel to their world. It does so for us as well.



Reading & Living the Scriptures: Why it Matters Today

CATHERINE (CACKIE) UPCHURCH, MA
Diocese of Little Rock, Arkansas

What is the point of modern believers reading the Bible, a collection of documents that are centuries old? What makes them ever new and what gives these sacred words the ability to continually transform our lives and our world? Come get motivated, informed, and inspired to be people of the Word.



Challenges of inter-religious communication; On different understandings of the same Word

MSGR. ROBERT L. STERN, JCD
Archdiocese of New York

How can Jews, Christians, and Muslims have so much in common and not realize it? Don't we quench our spiritual thirst from branches of the same river? Why do we sometimes bottle, label, and promote our life-giving drink so competitively and aggressively? If this is a fault, whose fault is it?

Registration Information

You may register online at www.nyfaithformation.org or you may use the paper registration form. The registration fee for admission is \$25 per person. The registration fee includes admission to the morning address, opening liturgy, keynote address, midday prayer, afternoon address, two workshops of your choice and a box lunch. Your registration fee payment must be made online or postmarked by Friday, June 9 to receive your box-lunch ticket. If you make your registration fee payment after June 9 or at the door on the day of the event, you will need to bring your own lunch. There are no refunds.

Please review the workshop details before you register so that you can fill in your workshop choices. **Those who register and pay by June 9 will receive their admission ticket and lunch ticket by regular mail.** All registrants will need to pick up their Bible Summit materials (Summit ID tag, box-lunch ticket, their schedule for the day and hospitality bag) at the welcome table, located in Cathedral High School, 350 East 56th Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues, as early as 8:00am.

Talleres en Español



“Si conocieras el don de Dios.” Lectura orante de Juan 4,1-45

VERÓNICA TÁLAME, PHD
Universidad Católica de Salta, Argentina

En el taller se propondrá una lectura orante del fragmento evangélico del encuentro de Jesús con la Samaritana. El objetivo será reconocer el itinerario creyente de aquella mujer que, de discípula se convierte en una gran misionera, capaz de testimoniar a otros su profunda experiencia personal, incluso más allá de su historia personal.



Misión y discipulado La invitación de Jesús a vivir y actuar desde la experiencia vincular

MARIA CRISTINA VENTURA, PHD
Universidad de La Salle, Costa Rica

El discipulado y la misión son la base del cristianismo primitivo. Un discipulado misionero capaz de contrastar con un mundo dicotómico, disociado, en el que la manera de pensar a los seres vivos, imposibilitaba una experiencia vincular, de fronteras fluidas y permeables que exigen una mirada diferente y una práctica “otra”.



Discípulas y Misioneras en la Mística del Nuevo Testamento

HERMANA ÁNGELA CABRERA, PHD
Centro de Estudios de Teológicos, Sto. Domingo, RD

El taller explica las técnicas para dar un seguimiento de las mujeres seguidoras de Jesús en los textos neotestamentarios. Se puntualiza el rol del discipulado femenino y su repercusión misionera, contribución genuina y estratégica para el Reino de Dios.



La misión en las últimas palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de Mateo.

REV. DANIEL KERBER, PHD
Arquidiócesis de Montevideo, Uruguay

Acercamiento al mensaje de Jesús resucitado como aparece al final del evangelio de Mateo dirigido a sus discípulos y a toda la Iglesia. Se verá el texto y el contenido del mensaje para nuestro momento actual. El taller buscará presentar el mensaje, pero también involucrar a los participantes como interlocutores del mensaje de Jesús.



Pablo un modelo intercultural

REV. DEMPSEY ROSALES ACOSTA, S.S.L., S.T.D
Universidad de St. Thomas, Houston, Texas

El taller lleva a la discusión de que, de acuerdo a lo expresado en la carta a los Gálatas 3:26-29, Pablo concibe la vida cristiana como una existencia híbrida con indicadores etnos raciales que son unificados en el amor y la fe en el Señor. Se presentará que la dimensión inclusiva del cristianismo implica una nueva identidad, la cual no elimina la unicidad de la persona.



Lectio Divina sobre Emaús: Jesucristo, Evangelizador y Modelo De La Nueva Evangelización

REV. RANDY SOTO, PHD
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO

En este taller se hará una lectura meditativa de la Palabra de Dios que nos ayuda a entender que, para ser verdaderos discípulos de Jesucristo, es necesario que lo conozcamos personalmente y que imitemos su pedagogía a la hora de anunciar el evangelio.



GPS: Recalculando la dirección de mi vida a través de la lectura orante de la Biblia.

HERMANO RICARDO GRZONA, FRP, PHD
Fundación Ramón Pané (USA)

En este taller se presentará que el GPS nos ayuda en el camino para dirigirnos cuando tenemos las metas claras. Cuando hay obstáculos, también nos dice que debemos recalculamos la ruta. En este taller aprenderemos a usar este método de “Lectio Divina”, como un GPS que nos ayude a recalculamos nuestra vida espiritual para dirigirnos a nuestro destino, aún con los obstáculos cotidianos.



Información para la Inscripción

Se puede inscribir por internet en www.nyfaithformation.org o usar el formulario de inscripción. El precio es de \$25 por persona para la inscripción que incluye la admisión a la presentación de la mañana, la liturgia de apertura, la presentación principal, la oración de mediodía, la presentación de la tarde, dos talleres de su elección, y su almuerzo. El último día para el pago de inscripción es el viernes, 9 de junio para recibir su boleto del almuerzo. Si se paga la inscripción después del 9 de junio o en la puerta en el día del evento, tendrá que traer su propio almuerzo. No hay reembolsos.



Revise los detalles de los talleres antes de registrarse para que pueda completar su inscripción. **Los que se registran y pagan antes o en el 9 de junio, recibirán sus boletos por correo.** Todos los inscritos necesitarán reportarse a la mesa de bienvenida para recoger sus materiales sobre la cumbre de la Biblia (ID Tag, boleto para el almuerzo, su programación del día y bolsa de hospitalidad). La mesa de bienvenida estará situada en la escuela Cathedral High School, 350 East 56th Street, entre la 1ª y la 2ª Avenida. Las puertas abren a las 8:00 de la mañana.


New York Catholic Bible Summit 2017 - PRESENTER INFORMATION

June 17, 2017

Presenter	From	Bio	Workshop Title	Description of Workshop
<p>Dra. Verónica Tálame, PhD</p> 	<p>Universidad Católica de Salta, Argentina</p>	<p>La doctora Verónica Tálame es egresada de la Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana de Roma con un grado doctoral en Sagrada Escritura. Dra. Tálame ejerce la docencia en el Instituto Monseñor Tavella al igual que en la Universidad Católica de Salta. Dirige la escuela bíblica “Fray Mamerto Esquiú”. Se ha desempeñado como delegada episcopal de Animación Bíblica de la Pastoral Arquidiocesana y del Departamento Nacional de Animación Bíblica de la Conferencia Episcopal Argentina. Dra. Tálame dirige retiros, dictando igualmente tanto conferencias, como cursos y talleres bíblicos dentro y fuera de su país.</p>	<p>“Si conocieras el don de Dios.” Lectura orante de Juan 4,1-45</p>	<p>En el taller se propondrá una lectura orante del fragmento evangélico del encuentro de Jesús con la Samaritana. El objetivo será reconocer el itinerario creyente de aquella mujer que, de discípula se convierte en una gran misionera, capaz de testimoniar a otros su profunda experiencia personal, incluso más allá de su historia personal.</p>
<p>Maria Cristina Ventura, PhD</p> 	<p>Universidad de La Salle, Costa Rica</p>	<p>Maria Cristina Ventura Campusano nacida en la Dominica Republicana es residente en Costa Rica. Dra. Ventura tiene un doctorado en Ciencias de la Religión – énfasis en el Antiguo Testamento. Dra. Ventura tiene un doctorado en Educación – énfasis en mediación pedagógica. Dra. Ventura tiene una maestría en Ciencias de la Religión, un LIC. En Teología Dra. Ventura es graduada en Ingeniera Química. Sus actividades en los últimos años incluyen; Vicerrectora Académica y de Investigaciones en la Universidad de La Salle, Costa Rica; docente del Instituto de Estudios sobre Religión y Espiritualidad, La Salle; Costa Rica; docente de la Facultad de Educación, La Salle, Costa Rica.</p>	<p>Misión y discipulado La invitación de Jesús a vivir y actuar desde la experiencia vincular</p>	<p>El discipulado y la misión son la base del cristianismo primitivo. Un discipulado misionero capaz de contrastar con un mundo dicotómico, disociado, en el que la manera de pensar a los seres vivos, imposibilitaba una experiencia vincular, de fronteras fluidas y permeables que exigen una mirada diferente y una práctica “otra”.</p>

<p>Hermana Ángela Cabrera, PhD</p> 	<p>Universidad Católica Santo Domingo, Sto. Domingo, RD</p>	<p>La Hermana Ángela Cabrera pertenece a la Congregación Misionera Dominica del Rosario. Es doctora en Sagrada Escritura. Ejerce la docencia en el Centro de Teología Santo Domingo de Guzmán integrado en el Seminario Pontificio Santo Tomás de Aquino. Funge como Directora Nacional de las Escuelas de Teología para Laicos adscritos al Instituto Nacional de Pastoral. Es decana de la Facultad de Ciencias Religiosas de la Universidad Católica Santo Domingo. La Hermana es miembro del consejo editorial de las Revistas: Raíces (pensamiento cristiano) y CLAR. Se desempeña igualmente como consultora bíblica para grupos ecuménicos.</p>	<p>Discípulas y Misioneras en la Mística del Nuevo Testamento</p>	<p>El taller explica las técnicas para dar un seguimiento de las mujeres seguidoras de Jesús en los textos neotestamentarios. Se puntualiza el rol del discipulado femenino y su repercusión misionera, contribución genuina y estratégica para el Reino de Dios.</p>
<p>Rev. Daniel Kerber, PhD</p> 	<p>Arquidiócesis de Montevideo, Uruguay</p>	<p>El Padre Daniel Kerber es Vicario Pastoral de la Arquidiócesis de Montevideo. Doctor en Teología. Ejerce la docencia teológica desde hace dos décadas, explicando sobre todo el Nuevo Testamento. El Padre Kerber asistió como Auditor en el Sínodo de los Obispos de 2008 dedicado a “La Palabra de Dios en la vida y la misión de la Iglesia” Ha sido consultor de las Sociedades Bíblicas Unidas en la sección de Traducciones. El Padre Kerber es Consultor del CEBITEPAL. El Padre Kerber participa en el proyecto “Lectionautas”.</p>	<p>La misión en las últimas palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de Mateo.</p>	<p>Acercamiento al mensaje de Jesús resucitado como aparece al final del evangelio de Mateo dirigido a sus discípulos y a toda la Iglesia. Se verá el texto y el contenido del mensaje para nuestro momento actual. El taller buscará presentar el mensaje, pero también involucrar a los participantes como interlocutores del mensaje de Jesús.</p>

<p>Rev. Dempsey Rosales Acosta, S.S.L., S.T.D</p> 	<p>Universidad de St. Thomas, Houston, Texas</p>	<p>El Padre Dempsey Acosta es sacerdote católico nació en Maracaibo, Venezuela. Licenciado en filosofía con especialidad en educación por la Universidad Católica Cecilio Acosta en Venezuela. Egresado de la Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana de Roma, obteniendo el grado de doctor en Teología Bíblica. Es licenciado en ciencias bíblicas por el Pontificio Instituto Bíblico de Roma. Desde 2008 se desempeña como experto y consultor para el <i>Roman Catholic Ministries</i> de la Sociedad Bíblica Americana. Actualmente ejerce la docencia a tiempo completo en la Universidad St Thomas, Houston, Texas.</p>	<p>Pablo un modelo intercultural</p>	<p>El taller presenta una reflexión basada en la carta a los Gálatas 3:26-29. Pablo concibe la vida cristiana como una existencia híbrida con indicadores etno-raciales que son unificados en el amor y la fe en el Señor. La espiritualidad paulina presenta una dimensión inclusiva del cristianismo que implica una nueva identidad universal que no elimina la distinción personal.</p>
<p>Rev. Randy Soto, PhD</p> 	<p>Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO</p>	<p>El Padre Randy Soto es sacerdote católico nacido en Costa Rica. Actualmente ejerce la docencia en el Seminario Mayor de la Arquidiócesis de St. Louis, Missouri, donde desempeña las cátedras de Sagrada Escritura y Lenguas Clásicas. El Padre Soto es un Doctor en Teología Bíblica por la Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana de Roma.</p>	<p><i>Lectio Divina</i> sobre Emaús: Jesucristo, Evangelizador y Modelo De La Nueva Evangelización</p>	<p>En este taller se hará una lectura meditada de la Palabra de Dios que nos ayuda a entender que, para ser verdaderos discípulos de Jesucristo, es necesario que lo conozcamos personalmente y que imitemos su pedagogía a la hora de anunciar el evangelio.</p>

<p>Hermano Ricardo Grzona, FRP, PhD</p> 	<p>Fundación Ramón Pané (USA)</p>	<p>El Hermano Ricardo Grzona ha dedicado su vida a la formación de catequistas. Doctor en Ciencias Catequéticas por la Pontificia Universidad Salesiana de Roma. Se ha desempeñado como Director de los Departamentos de Educación y Catequesis del Consejo Episcopal para América Latina (CELAM) Dirige tandas de retiro y ejercicios espirituales para catequistas en diversos países y diócesis de América Latina y Estados Unidos. Fue Auditor en el Sínodo Ordinario de los Obispos cuyo tema fue "La Palabra de Dios en la vida y misión de la Iglesia" Actualmente dirige la Fundación Ramón Pane con sede en Miami. Organiza y participa en talleres y retiros de espiritualidad bíblica, especialmente a través del método de la <i>Lectio Divina</i> Ha publicado varios libros de espiritualidad y catequesis bíblicas, entre los que destaca el libro "Jonás, conviértete"</p>	<p>GPS: Recalculando la dirección de mi vida a través de la lectura orante de la Biblia. Del discipulado a la misión.</p>	<p>En este taller se presentará que el <i>GPS</i> nos ayuda en el camino para dirigirnos cuando tenemos las metas claras. Cuando hay obstáculos, también nos dice que debemos recalculamos la ruta. En este taller aprenderemos a usar este método de "<i>Lectio Divina</i>", como un <i>GPS</i> que nos ayude a recalculamos nuestra vida espiritual para dirigirnos a nuestro destino, aún con los obstáculos cotidianos.</p>

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Father Elias Mallon is an ordained member of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement (Graymoor). He obtained a Licentiate degree (STL) in Old Testament studies and a PhD in Middle Eastern languages from the Catholic University of America. From 1989-2001 he was Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute in New York City. At present, he is the External Affairs Officer for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) which supports charitable, educational, health and development projects in the Middle East, Ethiopia, eastern Europe and southern India. He represents CNEWA at the United Nations. He is a regular contributor to *America Magazine* and *One to One*, the blog site of CNEWA.

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Years of
Christianity in
Syria and
Mesopotamia."

Christians—Protestant and Catholic—in the west know that Sts. Peter and Paul preached the faith in Rome and died there. Together both brought Christianity to the Greek and Latin speaking world of the Mediterranean and beyond. From there Christianity spread throughout Europe and ultimately to the New World.

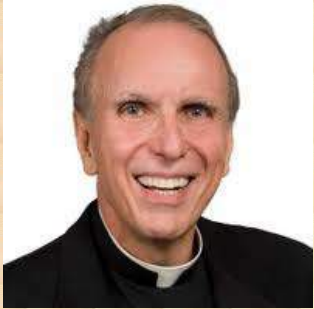
What few western Christians know is that while Peter and Paul were bringing Christianity to the west, many of the other Apostles were moving towards the East. Traditions have the Apostles bringing Christianity to Mesopotamia, Armenia, India and further east. While Christianity was growing in the west, it was also growing in the east.

Almost two hundred years before Saints Cyril (†869) and Methodius (†884) had brought Christianity to Slavic Europe, an Assyrian monk from Mesopotamia, known as Alopen in Chinese, was in Tang Dynasty China in 685. The Daqin Pagoda in Sh'ian, China, was part of a 7th century Assyrian church. Timothy (780-823), another Assyrian monk, was made Metropolitan of Tibet while Charlemagne was imposing Christianity on northern German tribes.

The theological school of Edessa existed five hundred years before the famous universities of Oxford, Paris and Cologne.

"Two Thousand Years of Christianity in Syria and Mesopotamia" introduces us to these amazing Christians, their history, their unique theology and liturgy and their survival in the east often unknown to fellow Christians in the west who thought they were the only Christians in the world.

Rev. Anthony Ciorra,
PhD



Sacred Heart
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Father Anthony Ciorra is the assistant vice president for mission at Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, Conn., holds a Master of Arts in Psychological Counseling and a Master of Divinity from Seton Hall, a Master of Arts in Spirituality from St. Bonaventure University, a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Archdiocese of New York and a PhD in Theology from Fordham University. Before joining Sacred Heart University, he served as director of the Center for Spirituality for the Archdiocese of New York, professor of Theology and director of the Center of Theological and Spiritual Development at the College of St. Elizabeth, and dean of the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at *Fordham University*. *He is the author of Everyday Mysticism and Moral Formation in the Parish*. In 1999, he received the Pro Ecclesiae et Pontifice Award from Pope John Paul II.

“A Ministry of
Storytelling”

Disciples are commissioned to spread the Word by telling stories. Stories get to the heart, where transformation occurs. Jesus taught us how to do this by telling his stories that we call parables. This workshop will be about parables and how to share them with others. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations by telling our stories."

Andrew R. Davis,
PhD



Boston
College,
Boston, MA

Andrew R. Davis is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, where he first discovered his love of ancient languages in Mrs. Ruth Ann Morton's seventh-grade Latin class. He continued studying Classics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (A.B.). After a year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (Oakland) and another year teaching English in Austria, Davis attended the Weston Jesuit School of Theology (M.T.S.) and then pursued doctoral studies at the Johns Hopkins University (M.A., Ph.D.). Research for his dissertation included a year as Kress Fellow at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. Before coming to Boston College, Davis taught for four years at the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. Besides his primary research interest in Israelite religion, especially sacred space, Davis has been working recently in the books of Job, Genesis, and Ruth. He is also interested in Jewish-Christian dialogue. His hobbies include swimming, reading, and spending time with his wife and two sons.

"Prophets to the
Nations: God's
Word to Those
in Exile"

The Babylonian Exile (586-539 BCE) presented Israel's prophets with a new challenge: to announce God's word to Jews living outside of the Promised Land. Was God still with these exiled Jews? Would He forget them? Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Deutero-Isaiah are remembered as "prophets to the nations" because they spoke to these scattered Jews, assuring them that God was present and sovereign in every nation. Their prophetic words inspire hope still today that no matter how distant and silent God may seem, we can trust in His presence and power. He is with us in whatever exile we find ourselves, and He will lead us home.

Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, PhD



St. John's University, Queens, NY

Father Patrick Griffin, CM, a Brooklyn native, was ordained a Vincentian priest in 1979. After ordination, he completed a doctorate in Biblical Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and has taught at various universities and seminaries. From 1993-1999, he worked in Rome as the *Econome General* of the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians). From 2010-2014, Fr. Griffin ministered in Paris as the Director General of the Daughters of Charity. In March 2014, Fr. Griffin returned to St. John's University in NY where he assumed his current position as the Executive Director for the Vincentian Center for Church and Society.

"Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them." (Mt 10:5)

Matthew structures his Gospel around five great discourses of Jesus. The second one is the "Missionary Discourse." In it, Jesus speaks about sending the disciples forth and the character of their missioning. This text offers many worthwhile lessons. Jesus tells his followers that they are to proclaim the Kingdom of God, that they are to do so without being burdened by other concerns, and that they should depend upon the goodness of people. The missionaries are to be simple yet shrewd, bold yet dependent. Jesus challenges them to imitate him in their willingness to take up the cross as they follow, yet they must know how precious they are in God's eyes. This discourse provides the first disciples with a handbook for proclaiming the Gospel to their world. It does so for us as well.

Catherine (Cackie)
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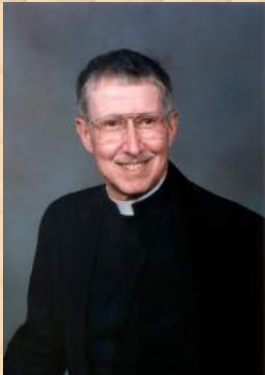
Diocese of
Little Rock,
Arkansas

Cackie Upchurch taps into years of experience in Bible study and adult faith formation to share the life-giving message of Scripture. She serves as director of Little Rock Scripture Study, is the general editor of the *Little Rock Catholic Study Bible*, an associate editor of *The Bible Today*, contributor to *Give Us This Day*, and the author of the following volumes of *Alive in the Word*: *Mary, Favored by God*; *Moses, Called and Equipped*; and *Hospitality, Welcoming the Stranger*. A native of Fr. Smith, Arkansas, she holds a bachelor's degree in Theology from Fordham University, Bronx, NY; and a master's degree in Theology from the University of St. Michael's College (Toronto School of Theology), Toronto, Canada.

“Reading &
Living the
Scriptures: Why
it Matters
Today.”

What is the point of modern believers reading the Bible, a collection of documents that are centuries old? What makes them ever new and what gives these sacred words the ability to continually transform our lives and our world? Come get motivated, informed, and inspired to be people of the Word.

Msgr. Robert L. Stern, JCD



Archdiocese of New York

Msgr. Robert Stern is a priest of the Archdiocese of New York, ordained in 1958. He holds a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. His archdiocesan service includes inner-city ministry in the West Side and South Bronx, canonical and financial administration, coordination of Hispanic pastoral affairs, and lay leadership development. In 1985 he was assigned to the service of the Holy See, leading two Vatican agencies (CNEWA and the Pontifical Mission for Palestine) providing humanitarian and pastoral aid to the churches and peoples of the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe and fostering ecumenical and interreligious understanding and collaboration. He retired in 2011 and currently serves as a consultant to the Eastern Lieutenancy Council of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, whose mission is to support the people and shrines of the biblical lands.

“Challenges of inter-religious communication; On different understandings of the same Word”

How can Jews, Christians, and Muslims have so much in common and not realize it? Don't we quench our spiritual thirst from branches of the same river? Why do we sometimes bottle, label, and promote our life-giving drink so competitively and aggressively? If this is a fault, whose fault is it?

Thomas Cardinal
Collins, STD



*ENGLISH KEYNOTE
SPEAKER*

Archdiocese
of Toronto,
Canada

Cardinal Thomas Christopher Collins was born and raised in Guelph, Ontario. In 1969 he obtained a Bachelor of Arts (English) from St. Jerome College in Waterloo. In 1973 he obtained a Master of Arts degree. (English) from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Theology from St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 5, 1973, He received his Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Bible Institute in 1978 and Doctorate in Theology from the Gregorian University in 1986. In 1997 he was appointed as Bishop of Saint Paul, Alberta. Two years later, he was named the Archbishop of Edmonton. In 2001, while in Edmonton, he was named Apostolic Administrator of Saint Paul. In December 2006, he was appointed as the Archbishop of Toronto. During his time in Toronto, Cardinal Collins has served the global church through his membership with the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Congregation for Catholic Education and Commission of Cardinals for oversight of the Institute for the Works of Religion (IOR). He has participated in the Synod on the Eucharist, and the Synod on the Middle East, served as an Apostolic Visitor in Ireland and also as the Delegate of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith for *Anglicanorum Coetibus*. On January 6, 2012, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI announced the appointment of Cardinal Collins to the College of Cardinals. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals as Cardinal Priest

Roy L. Peterson
President & CEO
American Bible
Society



Philadelphia,
PA

of San Patrizio on February 18, 2012.

Roy L. Peterson was selected by the Board of Trustees to be the president and CEO of American Bible Society, beginning his new role in February 2014. Peterson spent a decade as the president and CEO of The Seed Company, a Bible translation ministry based in Arlington, Texas. Before joining The Seed Company, Peterson served as president and CEO of Wycliffe USA. Prior to serving as President, Peterson held several leadership positions at Wycliffe Bible Translators. He served for a number of years in Ecuador and Guatemala with Wycliffe's sister organization, SIL International, in field leadership and government relations. Prior to full-time ministry work, Peterson held management positions with U.S. Shoe Corporation, Florsheim Corporation and American Greetings Corporation. Peterson is a graduate of Roger Williams University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He went on to earn a Master of Arts in Social Science/Leadership Studies from Azusa Pacific University. He completed the Executive Program for Non-Profit Leadership at Stanford University and has an honorary doctorate from Taylor University for his work in Bible translation as well as an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Eastern University. Peterson and his wife, Rita, have four children and six grandchildren.