

Preaching Conference

January 3–5, 2023



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The Beginning and the End: Constructing Effective Introductions and Conclusions to Homilies

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Tuesday, Jan. 3

2:00 PM Registration
5:15 PM Evening Prayer
5:45 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Presentation 1

Wednesday, Jan. 4

7:45 AM Morning Prayer
8:15 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Presentation 2
10:15 AM Break
10:30 AM Presentation 3
11:45 AM Angelus
Noon Lunch

1:00 PM Presentation 4
2:15 PM Break
2:30 PM Presentation 5
4:00 PM Holy Mass
5:00 PM Reception
5:30 PM Dinner

Thursday, Jan. 5

7:45 AM Holy Mass
8:15 AM Breakfast

Presentations: Lobby
Liturgies: Sacred Heart Chapel
Meals: Dining Room



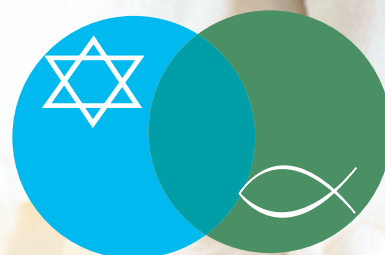
Presentation 1

The Significance of Good Introductions and Conclusions in a Homily

This presentation will encourage the homilist to be enthusiastic but also to employ ways of engaging the listeners through ingenuity. Ultimately, we need to grab something new, something exciting, something out of the ordinary to set up our homily and establish a presence and get the attention of those we seek to offer the word of God. Additionally, the goal of my presentation will be to close with something simple but thought provoking enough for the listeners to take with them.

About Reverend Carl Gregorich

I am a second vocation individual having worked just shy of 40 years in the railroad industry in Marketing/Sales. I was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Joliet and served the Church for a number of years as deacon. However, at the time of my retirement from the transportation industry I felt a call to further study for the priesthood and entered SHSST in 2015 and graduated in May of 2018 and was ordained in June of 2018 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Memphis, TN.



The Lux Center
for Catholic-Jewish Studies
at Sacred Heart Seminary and
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You're invited!

Please join us! Learn more and register:

shsst.edu/lux-events

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023

Dorothy Day and Antisemitism

A Lux Center Zoom Presentation

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023

Was Jesus' Last Supper a Passover Meal? New Insights from Qumran

A Lux Center Presentation at
Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid,
6880 N. Green Bay Ave,
Milwaukee 53209

Sunday, Mar. 26, 2023

Jewish Sects in the New Testament

2023 Lux Center Spring Public
Lecture by Dr. Malka Z. Simkovich,
Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies
and the director of the Catholic-
Jewish Studies program at Catholic
Theological Union in Chicago



Presentation 2

How to Engage Your Congregation by Starting Your Homily Talking About Yourself

People love to know their priest/deacon. Beginning homilies with personal stories will “hook” the listener, bringing their attention to the main message. After making a case for this type of homily, this talk explores the do’s and don’ts of self revelation: what is appropriate, how to tie it into the homily, referring back to it during and/or at the end of the homily. The presenter will include examples from his own homilies along with an interactive exercise.

About Reverend Daniel Dorau

Fr. Dan is a priest in the Diocese of Davenport Iowa serving as pastor of four rural parishes. A graduate of SHSST, he was ordained in 2017. Prior to seminary, Fr. Dan worked as a systems analyst and corporate trainer and has taught at the university and college level. He has a BA in Speech Communication and a MS in Information and Communication Science.



Presentation 3

Bring to Life the Words of the Gospel

My presentation will center on bringing about a common understanding of what Jesus is telling us in the Gospel reading. To bring about a deeper meaning of, “how does the Gospel reading relate to me in my everyday life.” In the context of, how can I form and bring to life the words of the Gospel into an everyday reality of life that we all experience?

About Deacon Rick Valencia

I was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Tucson June 16, 2012. In September 2015, I was asked to become the Director for Deacons for the Diocese of Tucson by then Bishop Gerald Kicanas. Currently, I am in my seventh year of assignment as Director. Additionally, I serve as a member of the Common Formation Program (Diaconate & Lay Ecclesial Ministry) for our diocese, as well as serving in various leadership roles within my parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Benson, AZ. I am a retired police officer/detective having served for 40 years with two state agencies, the Arizona Department of Public Safety (30 years) and the Office of the State Attorney General, Criminal Division, Office of Special Investigations (10 years).



Presentation 4

Major Characteristics of Effective Introductions and Conclusions

This presentation will address how effective introductions and conclusions are essential in allowing listeners to connect with the main message of a homily. People in our culture today value relationships with their preachers. However, even if the homilist is well known to a congregation, they must continually open the minds of the people to absorb and listen to the message God has placed on our hearts. By sharing specific examples of beginnings and endings of homilies, the participants will come away with a deeper understanding of how to engage and keep one’s listeners involved.

About Deacon Steve Kramer, D.Min.

Deacon Steve Kramer was ordained in 1994 for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York and is now incardinated for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He holds an M.A in Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York and a Doctorate (D.Min.) in Preaching and Communication from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. He is the Director of Homiletics and Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. In addition, Deacon Kramer teaches homiletics to the candidates for the Permanent Diaconate Formation program of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Deacon Steve is a nationally known retreat master and speaker on preaching/communication topics, as well as contributing articles and a quarterly column for *The Deacon* magazine. He and his wife Geri have been married for forty-four years. They have four grown children and one grandchild all who now live in Southeastern Wisconsin.



Presentation 5

Taking Off and Landing: Using Imagery to Help Effectively Fly Our Homilies

Many of us, who have been preaching for years, occasionally forget who is sitting in our pews. Because of this, we tend at times to lapse into the doldrum of sloppy unimaginative homilies that seem to hover in the air without any intentions of landing in the minds and hearts of the people. Since men and women’s minds are so cluttered with the thoughts of the culture, we need a new approach to speaking to them. Since attention spans are shorter today for many of our congregants, employing imagery is a useful tool to help us take off and land our homilies successfully from start to finish.

About Reverend Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ

Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ is a member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. The community is headquartered in Franklin, Wisconsin on the grounds of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Fr. Mark has been a religious priest for 22 years and has served the SCJ community in numerous offices and ministries. He has been a Vocation Director, Peace and Justice Director, and missionary pastor. Additionally, Fr. Mark spent many years as an active duty military chaplain for the United States Army. Currently he serves as Associate Formation Director at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, which is an apostolate of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.



Toolbox for Pastoral Management

Recently or Soon-To-Be Appointed Pastors/Administrators

Join us for a Toolbox for Pastoral Management facilitated by the faculty of Leadership Roundtable at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI, June 5–9, 2023.

The Toolbox helps prepare recently or soon-to-be appointed pastors/administrators with a variety of leadership and management skills.

Schedule: The Toolbox will start at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, at Sacred Heart, and conclude with lunch on Friday, June 9, 2023. Evening Prayer is part of the schedule, and beginning Tuesday, there will also be daily Eucharist and Morning Prayer.

Cost: \$1,500* per participant includes all meals and lodging at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Travel costs will be the responsibility of the participant.

* The total cost per participant is \$2,440. Thanks to a grant, Sacred Heart is providing a \$940 scholarship to each participant.



Learn more and register

The Toolbox will be limited to 30 participants.

Register at: www.shsst.edu/toolbox

For further questions and reservations, please contact Emili Nollge, Special Events and Communications Dept. Coordinator, enollge@shsst.edu, 414-858-4672.



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