

2023 WHY BE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 12-14, 2023

BEHOLD

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Sessions are held at difference locations

This year there will be 2 lead up events and a Thanksgiving Mass

No meals options available this year - please bring your own if required.

Tuesday 10 October 2023

Lead Up Event

Immaculate Heart of Mary

104 Scarborough Beach Road, Scarborough

8.30 am

Lauds

9.00 am - 9.45 am

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

9.45 am - 10.00 am

Break

10.00 am - 12.30 pm

Retreat Session

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...” John 6:68

Why a Sacrifice? - **Tim Staples**

Beauty Beyond Eucharistic Miracles - **Stacy Trasancos**

Invitation to the Eucharist - **Cy Kellett**

***Includes morning tea**

12.30 pm - 1.30 pm

Adoration | Confession | Meet the Speakers

Wednesday 11 October 2023

Lead Up Event

St Joseph Pignatelli

40 Galloway Street, Attadale

8.30 am

Lauds

9.00 am - 9.45 am

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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Thanksgiving Mass

Sacred Heart

64 Mary Street Highgate

6.00 pm - 7.15 pm

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - **Archbishop Emeritus Barry Hickey**

7.30 pm

CYM Event

What Ever Happened to the Modern World - **Cy Kellett**

Priest Dinner and Talk (Clergy only)

The Priesthood and the Eucharist - **Tim Staples**

Thursday 12 October 2023

Conference Day 1

Sacred Heart

64 Mary Street Highgate

5.00 pm	Vespers
5.30 pm - 6.30 pm	(Opening) Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Bishop Don Sproxtton
6.30 pm - 7.00 pm	Break and Registration
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Welcome
	Opening Session - In the Garden/At the Foot of the Cross
	"...nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done." Luke 22:42
	Opening Keynotes
	Redemptive Suffering - Cy Kellett
	The Gospel of Suffering - Tim Staples
	Science & Suffering : <i>Life Among the Invisible</i>
	- Stacy Trasancos
9.00 pm	Adoration Confession Compline
9.45 pm	Benediction Meet the Speakers Good night

Friday 13 October 2023

Conference Day 2

Our Lady Of The Mission

270 Camberwarra Drive Craigie

5.00 pm	Vespers
5.30 pm - 6.15 pm	Mass
6.15 pm - 7.00 pm	Break and registration
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Welcome
	Evening Session
	Catholic Answers Live - Recorded Session
	Tim Staples, Stacy Trasancos, Cy Kellett
9.00 pm	Adoration Confession Compline
9.45 pm	Benediction Meet the Speakers Good night

Saturday 14 October 2023

Conference Day 3

Our Lady Of The Mission

270 Camberwarra Drive Craigie

8.00 am	Lauds
8.30 am - 9.30 am	Mass
9.30 am - 10.00 am	Breakfast and Registration
	Morning Session - On the Road to Emmaus
	"I am the living bread which came down from heaven..."
	John 6:51
10.00 am - 11.00 am	Welcome
	Transubstantiation - Stacy Trasancos
11.00 am - 11.20 am	Morning Tea
11.20 am - 1.00 pm	Talks Surrender - Cy Kellett
	Mary, Mother of the Eucharist - Tim Staples
	Q&A
1.00 pm - 2.00 pm	Adoration Lunch Break
	Afternoon Session - In the Upper Room
	"Behold, I make all things new." Revelations 21:5
2.00 pm - 3.40 am	Talks Mission and the Eucharist - Cy Kellett
	We Are a People of Hope - Stacy Trasancos
	Q&A
3.40 pm - 4.00 pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm	Missio
	The Living Bread - Tim Staples
5.00 pm - 5.30 pm	Goodbye

TALK DESCRIPTIONS

“Why a Sacrifice?”

Tim recounts a conversation he had with a former Jesuit scholastic who had left the Catholic Faith. He claims to have been “enlightened” while studying for the priesthood as a Jesuit that the entire sacrificial system that undergirds the entire Catholic Faith is little more than “paganism warmed over. The idea that an infinitely holy God would require a blood sacrifice is absurd!” Join the conversation and discover how Tim responded to this question and much more!

“Beauty Beyond Eucharistic Miracles”

Stacy Trasancos puts her science background together with studies in theology and philosophy to introduce you to some of the great Eucharistic Miracles in the world. What do they mean? How do Catholics understand these miracles? From there, we can launch into the deeper and more beautiful truth of the Eucharist itself, Christ Himself, truly present with us in every Mass.

“Invitation to the Eucharist”

Mother Teresa was describing much of modern society when she said: “Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.” Modern people don’t usually need more food, but we need the food of God in Christ. The invitation to the Eucharist is not just the invitation to a particular devotion, but to the entire life of love, the fullness of life, life without end.

“What Ever Happened to the Modern World?”

The modern era, which was supposed to be all about progress and reason, has gotten itself into serious trouble. In many ways the modern world has become unfit for real people, and as it progresses, it becomes even less so. We cannot make a society fit for humans until we admit that the modern world, though it has gained many things, has also been a time of losses for humanity. The most serious of these losses is the loss of Christ. And knowing how that happened can help us recover a modern world fit for people.

“The Priesthood and the Eucharist”

In this talk, Tim takes apart the common objections to both the Priesthood and the Eucharist from our Protestant friends while showing the integral relationship between these two essential dogmas of the Catholic Faith. By the end of this session, expect to experience a renewed sense of awe at the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist, and a new love and respect for the Priesthood established by Jesus Christ in his One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

“Redemptive Suffering”

Christ offered his body as sacrifice for our redemption. In the Eucharist, we are incorporated into his body. Because we are part of his body, with Paul, we can “make up what is lacking” in the sufferings of Christ for the good of others. Our suffering is no longer in vain, but, because we are in Christ, it has real value for real people.

“The Gospel of Suffering”

In this talk, Tim demonstrates the profound meaning of suffering and its relationship to a Catholic and biblical understanding of justification. As Tim explains, “Jesus did not suffer and die on the cross so that we do not have to; He suffered and died on the cross so that our suffering and death can be made salvific in him.” One of the many unfortunate by-products of the so-called “material principle of the Reformation,” “sola fide,” is this loss of understanding of the role of suffering in the life of Christians. This talk not only gives you the theology of salvation from a Catholic perspective, but it will touch your heart as Tim shows how the Catholic understanding of suffering brings hope and a sense of purpose to the darkest moments in the lives of Christian men and women.

“Science and Suffering: Life Among the Invisible”

Science, more than ever, provides demonstrations that God exists. Traditional arguments can be updated with the marvels we now know about the atom. But we also cannot stop with distant and

impersonal proofs. They are meant to enrich our faith so that when we suffer, we can transcend this valley of tears and surrender to a personal God who created each of us, sees us, and loves us beyond human comprehension.

“Transubstantiation”

Dr. Trasancos brings the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas on the mystery of the moment the Host "is" the Body of Christ and the wine the Blood of Christ. The profound truth of the Real Presence of Christ with us in Mass is easy to take for granted, but have you ever thought about exactly when we know Christ is there and how we literally glimpse eternity? What it means to eat the Body of Christ? Where does it go in our bodies? And how it can change us? This talk goes beyond catechesis and explores the teaching of the Angelic Doctor himself. It is educational and, more so, inspirational because it makes the beautiful theology of the Church real in our lives.

“Surrender”

To surrender to Christ is to take up my humanity. Why do we resist him? How can we overcome this resistance? What is promised to those who do?

“Mary, Mother of the Eucharist”

“Mother of the Eucharist” is a title of our Lady that has been growing in popularity in the last 50 years in the Church. Tim explains how this title of Mary connects Mary as Mother of God and Mary as Mediatrix and brings them both into perspective for Catholics in their daily lives.

“Mission and the Eucharist”

We can argue, though most people won't believe us, that the modern world was founded on the Eucharist. It was the Eucharist that transformed society from the family up to the nation, and made possible the advances in culture that we share in. Now, only Christ in his fullness, the Eucharistic Christ, can rescue us from the messes we have made. All of us are called to be on mission to share him and to invite others into life with him.

“We Are a People of Hope!”

What does it mean to hope? How do we keep walking through the fires that life throws at us? How do we know everything will be right? Pulling from science, theology, and philosophy in the intellectual tradition of the Catholic Church, Stacy Trasancos shows you how we can incorporate the teaching on hope into our everyday lives to keep going and never give up.

“The Living Bread”

Tim defends the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist using the text of John 6 given in its historical context. According to St. Irenaeus, in the second century, St. John had the Gnostic heretic, Cerinthus, in mind when he penned his Gospel. Tim unlocks the keys to understanding, in this context, why St. John emphasized—1. The Divinity of Christ and his equality with the Father, and 2. The true presence of Christ in the Eucharist—more than any of the other Evangelists. He did so precisely because these were two of the central points Cerinthus and his Gnostic followers denied.