THE GATHERING
FOR YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION LEADERS
2019-2020 Season

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION & SUPPORT
PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
GREAT FELLOWSHIP & EXCELLENT TRAINING
A DELICIOUS, COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH
LOCAL & NATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTERS & TRAINERS
Thursday, September 12, 2019
9:15-9:45 a.m.  Check-in & Registration
9:45 a.m.           Opening Mass & Program
12:30 p.m.         Lunch

Bishop Andrew Cozzens invites you to join him for his
September Opening Mass & Message
For Youth Ministry & Faith Formation Leaders

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

Save the date now 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 source of fellowship, resource ideas, and personal support!

Bill Dill, Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Events Coordinator, will join the festivities and share 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!

Register By Sept. 4th (Wed) For Complimentary Lunch!

How To Register:
1. Register online at www.netusa.org/thegathering
2. Register by Sept. 4th (Wed) for a complimentary lunch
   Registrations after Sept. 4th are most welcomed, but no lunch can be offered
3. Registration closes Sept. 10th (Tues)

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LAUNCH YOUR NEW SEASON WITH A FANTASTIC GROUP OF YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION LEADERS!
Evangelistic Moments

Does the name of Jesus easily roll off the tip of your tongue? Are you comfortable inviting and leading young people into a personal relationship with Jesus? Is your ministry marked by moments for conversion throughout the year, or are these life-changing moments very few and far between?

Do you shy away from this key aspect of Catholic ministry to young people because of fear, neglect, or possible misinformation?

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

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1. Register online at www.netusa.org/thegathering
2. Register by Oct. 2nd (Wed) for a complimentary lunch
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3. Online Registration closes Oct. 8th (Tues)

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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, a term we’ve heard in passing, or understood as 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 young adults how to 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.

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1. Register online at www.netusa.org/thegathering
2. Register by Nov. 6th (Wed) for a complimentary lunch
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3. Online Registration closes Nov. 12th (Tues)

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Three Keys to Being a Facilitation and Discussion Super Star!
An Extended & Specialized Gathering Event!

As ministers of God, we are called to Go and create disciples! The “create” means there is a transformation.

How do we go from proclaimers of the word to creators of disciples? One word. Ownership.

There is a difference between me “saying it” and them “getting it!”

So much of our influence isn’t in the presentation part of our ministry but in the conversation part of our ministry. Getting the individual or group to discuss, argue, wrestle, and bring clarity and ownership to what is being passed on will separate you from a person who can deliver a message to a minister who can develop people.

In this fun-filled, hands-on, interactive session, international speaker Michael Hoffman is back to equip and ignite the ministers of our Lord with the skills of influence. Let’s focus on facilitation and discussion skills.

The magic happens in debriefing and Michael will show you how.

Michael Hoffman has over 20 years of working with top organizations. 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.
Five Things I Wish I Would Have Known

One way to become an effective ministry leader is to learn through experience over a period of time — and often a long period of time. And there’s a lot to be said for that! But what if you could shorten your learning curve? What if you could accelerate your expertise? What if you could learn from someone who has “been there and done that” with years of proven and effective ministry experience?

Gina Bauer, a 25 year youth ministry veteran, is with us this month. She will share key principles and practical wisdom as well as her humorous stories illustrating the joys and struggles of youth ministry. Gina speaks throughout the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, nationally, and at the Franciscan University St. John Bosco Conference.

Bring Your Entire Staff & Ministry Team!

Small is the New Big: Making Small Group Ministry Work for You

There’s no shortage of statistics out there right now about people, particularly young people, leaving the Church. But what can we do about it?

In this session, Annie will be sharing with us on how to multiply our efforts in ministry by strategically partnering with parents and empowering other faithful adults to become disciple-makers though small group discipleship.

Annie will be sharing both theory and practical examples of how parishes around the world are making the switch to a small group model of ministry.

An alumna of NET Ministries and a graduate of the University of St. Thomas’ Catholic Studies program, Annie Grandell served as a parish youth minister in the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis for 11 years. She then went on to work for YDisciple at the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colorado. She moved with YDisciple to NET Ministries in 2018. She’s a wife, a mom, and runs mainly on grace and coffee.

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1. Register online at www.netusa.org/thegathering
2. Register by March 4th (Wed) for a complimentary lunch
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3. Online Registration closes March 10th (Tues)
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1. Register online at www.netusa.org/thegathering
2. Register by April 1st (Wed) for a complimentary lunch
   Registrations after April 1st are most welcomed, but no lunch can be offered
3. Online Registration closes April 7th (Tues)
   This event is complimentary, but pre-registration is required at www.netusa.org/thegathering
“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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