

Conference Schedule

11:15 AM to 5:00 PM
“Live” Zoom Access

Technical Support
Men’s Conf. Representative
All Exhibitors
Luis Soto’s Presentation
in Spanish *(recorded)*

11:15 AM

Sign In, Local Lunch*
Overview of the Day

12 Noon Welcome – Bishop McManus
(recorded)

Scott Hahn – Intro. *(live)*
1st Presentation *(recorded)*
Q & A *(live)*

12:45 PM Bishop Reed – Intro. *(live)*
Presentation *(recorded)*
Q & A *(live)*

1:30 PM Coffee* / Rest Room Break

1:45 PM Luis Soto – Intro. *(live)*
Presentation *(recorded)*
Q & A in both Spanish &
English *(live)*

2:45 PM Scott Hahn – Intro. *(live)*
2nd Presentation *(recorded)*
Q & A *(live)*

4:00 PM Mass – Bishop McManus
(recorded)

* Host Locations Only

We Welcome Volunteers

Each year the Catholic Men’s Conference improves by using the talents of those volunteers who want to help out. We can always use the help of many more men. This includes the young. “Many hands make light work!”

These are some responsibilities where we can use your help:

- Recruiting fellow parishioners to come to the Conference
- Bringing young men from Parish Youth Groups & Colleges
- Reaching out to parish communities yet to come
- Attracting Exhibitors
- Getting Advertising
- Locating “Host Locations”
- Being a host at one of our “Host Locations”
- Providing basic telephone “Tech Support”

If you can help in any of these ways please contact any of the following committee members at their email addresses:

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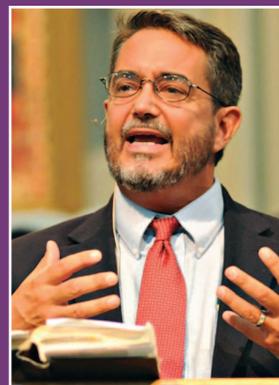
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20th Annual Worcester Diocesan

Catholic Men’s Conference



Serving our brothers in Christ



Saturday, March 20, 2021

★ **VIRTUAL FORMAT** ★
This Year

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Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference

Saturday, March 20, 2021

A Remote & Interactive Conference

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions imposed by the Commonwealth on the limited number of individuals allowed to gather indoors and outdoors, Assumption University is unable to host this year’s Men’s Conference.

Therefore, our Conference on March 20 will be remote and interactive.

Here is how the remote, interactive Conference will work:
Through a smart TV, PC, or Mac, conference attendees will be able to:



Participate at Home or with friends via their internet hook-up.

OR



Meet with others at a Covid-safe Host Location - a parish center, local meeting room, or classroom, etc., with internet access.

Whether at Home or at a Host Location, attendees will be able to:

- View our featured speaker presentations
- Access our Spanish presentations
- Join a Q&A session after each talk
- Interact in real time with our many vendors
- Enjoy a complementary lunch (Host Locations only)
- Access telephone technical support
- Bishop McManus will open the Conference at noon and close it with a Mass at 4:00 pm.

TICKETS

Tickets from our cancelled event last year will be honored for March 20, 2021. Please re-register online or by calling the numbers below.

For additional information or purchase new tickets, please visit us (soon) at firstmensconf.org or contact Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345 between Mon and Thurs from 9 am to 4 pm. However, she will not be in the office during March 1 through 5. During that week please call Angelo Guadagno at 617-283-6680.

Everyone will receive access information on March 18th and you will be requested to “preregister” to test the connection.

20th Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

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If you are looking for:

- practical answers for today's challenges . . .
- new ways to grow in your Catholic faith . . .
- opportunities for local spiritual programs . . .
- and especially . . . if you desire a deeper union with Christ

Come!

- Hear and meet our great national speakers!
- Rediscover and renew your faith!

Why?

- You'll strengthen your Catholic identity
- You'll meet others who want to make a difference



My dear brothers in Christ,

I look forward to seeing you at our historic 20th Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference. I am very proud of the fact that we are the *first* Diocese in the United States to have a 20th annual conference. Established in 2001, the conference is one of the finest developments in the Diocese and I always participate in it with great delight.

Our 20th Anniversary conference, which will be virtual this year, is an extraordinary event. Its purpose is to assist Catholic men to conform themselves more closely to Christ. Those who participate seek to increase their participation in the life of the Church and strengthen themselves spiritually as they live their lives of faithful witness in a changing world.

It is truly inspiring to see so many Catholic men, with their sons and grandsons, join together with a hundreds of their 'brothers in Christ,' to listen to stimulating presentations, and return to their families and their parishes renewed in the faith.

I hope that you will invite other men, young and old, to join you for this special day. I am very grateful to the Catholic Men's Conference committee and workers for figuring out ways to safely conduct this year's conference in the midst of all the pandemic challenges.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Worcester

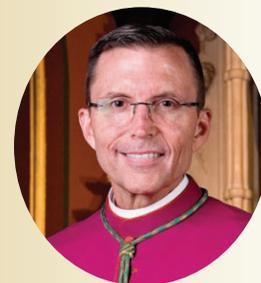


DR. SCOTT HAHN

*The Road to
Emmaus:
The Path to Lifelong
Conversion*

The Power of the Sacraments

One of the most sought after speakers in the country Dr. Hahn will offer two talks at the conference. Having entered the Catholic Church in 1986, he is chair of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville. His talks have been effective in helping thousands of Protestants and fallen away Catholics to (re)embrace the Catholic faith. He is also the bestselling author of numerous books. Some of his newest are *The First Society*, *The Fourth Cup*, *Romans: A Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture*, *The Creed*, *Evangelizing Catholics*, *Angels and Saints*, and *Joy to the World*.



**BISHOP
ROBERT REED**
*O God, Just Give Me
One More Chance*

No matter how strong we are, we fall. I fail, but I am never a failure! The door to mercy is always open to me. Am I strong enough, courageous enough, humble enough to enter? Bishop Reed is an Auxiliary Bishop of Boston. He is President of *The CatholicTV Network*. He regularly celebrates the network's Masses, hosts the game show *WOW: The CatholicTV Challenge*, and regularly co-hosts *CatholicTV's* signature talk series *This is the Day*. He is the author of *Renewed: Ten Ways to Rediscover the Saints*, *Embrace Your Gifts* and *Revive Your Catholic Faith* and its companion television series *RENEWED*.



LUIS SOTO
*Our Lady of
Guadalupe, Queen
of the Americas*

Many people have heard of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but few people know her story. In this talk, speaker and catechist Luis Soto (who himself was born and raised in Mexico) shares the little-known history and life-changing importance of Mary's appearance to a peasant man named Juan Diego, and the miraculous image she left behind. Loved by millions (including St. John Paul II), Our Lady of Guadalupe is a patron and example of how to share the Gospel with the whole world. Originally from Sonora, Mexico, Luis developed *One Family Under God*, a model of unity and integration amongst cultures in Catholic parishes today.



RYAN TREMBLAY
Soloist & Guitarist

When Ryan Tremblay starts singing, or picks up a guitar, or gets anywhere near a set of drums, people stop and listen. Through music he shares his love for Jesus Christ, for the Church, and for the beauty of creation. He followed his heart by learning how to sing and play guitar and write for his own voice. "My Life with You" is a musical collection is a collaboration with Todd Urbonas. Their songs reflect a depth that's come from years of working together. "Our music is one part witness and one part invitation to anyone who wants to listen. We leave space in our lives for God's grace to flood over us."



**ELIZABETH
TREMBLAY**
Vocalist

Elizabeth Tremblay (Parrillo) grew up singing in church with her Mother, who was the Music Director at their home parish. Her love for music grew as she started serving as a cantor/soloist for various churches and throughout Southern New England. She continues to sing in churches alongside her husband, Ryan, a Christian singer/songwriter. Liz has performed with various groups/artists including JaynJoe (Boston area acoustic rock duo), Sure Thing (Rhode Island/Southeastern MA Top 40 wedding/dance band), Mike Tanaka and Friends (Rhode Island Jazz ensemble), and Mango Trio (Rhode Island jazz trio). She is currently co-writing & recording an album of original music.



**BISHOP ROBERT
J. MCMANUS**

*Conference Mass
& Homilist*

One of the features of the Conference each year is the opportunity to gather for the Eucharist with the Chief Shepherd of the Diocese, Bishop McManus. He has served on various episcopal committees for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: Education, Health-care and Pro-Life. The bishop joins us for the 16th consecutive year. Our Mass features St. John's text where Jesus tells us "unless a wheat grain falls into the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest."