



My dear brothers in Christ,

I look forward to seeing you at the 19th 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 19th 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 annual conference, which takes place at Assumption College, 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 thousand of their 'brothers in Christ,' to listen to stimulating presentations, go to confession, actively participate in the Mass, 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 the day. I can't tell you how happy I am that Assumption College will host the event again this year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Worcester

## 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
- Early Morning Volunteers on Conference Day
- Welcome & Hospitality throughout the Conference Day

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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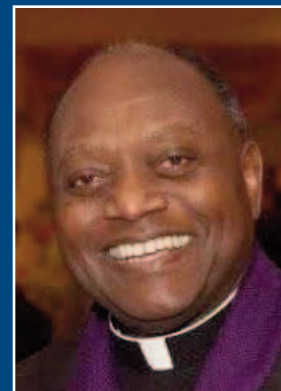
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## Serving our brothers in Christ



## Saturday, April 6, 2019

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**WHEN:** Saturday, April 6, 2019

**WHERE:** Assumption College  
Plourde Center

**DIRECTIONS:** Travel to:  
500 Salisbury Street,  
Worcester, MA 01609;  
[www.assumption.edu](http://www.assumption.edu)  
see directions on home page

**PARKING:** Assumption College Parking Areas

#### TICKET PRICES:

\$30 for students

\$45 for adults through Mon., March 25 at midnight

\$60 for adults on March 26, and following, & at the door

#### FOR TICKETS:

Send your check to  
Catholic Men's Conference,  
49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609

For information, call Sara Smillie at:  
508-929-4345

Purchase online, thru PayPal, at:  
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## Come!

- Hear and meet our great speakers!
- Rediscover and renew your faith!
- Offer your confession!
- Celebrate the Eucharist with our Bishop!

## Conference Schedule

<b>7:00 am</b>	Registration begins
<b>7:30 am</b>	Rosary, 2nd Fl., Hagan Ctr.
<b>8:00 am</b>	Music begins
<b>8:15 am</b>	Welcome & Prayer
<b>8:30 am</b>	Kevin Dunn
<b>9:15 am</b>	Francesco Cesareo
<b>10:15 am</b>	Trent Horn
<b>11:15 am</b>	Father Warren Savage
<b>11:50 am</b>	Confessions & Lunch
<b>1:30 pm</b>	Mike Aquilina
<b>2:30 pm</b>	Eric Mahl
<b>4:00 pm</b>	Conference Mass

## SPEAKERS



### KEVIN DUNN

#### *Living, Dying and the Power of Presence*

We may think the solution to abortion, euthanasia and suicide is beyond our reach. However, we hold it within ourselves. It is the call of Christ Himself: that we love God by being present to our neighbor and in humble service. We can save lives. Kevin speaks about the personhood of every human being and the science behind the truth. Our worth comes from God. His presentation will include video clips from his films on assisted suicide, abortion and euthanasia. Hailing from Toronto and a father of six Kevin's message is one of sacrificial love. And that message is life-affirming, hopeful and heart-warming.



### FRANCESCO CESAREO

#### *A Wounded Church*

Dr. Cesareo is Assumption College's president. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Late Medieval/Early Modern European history from Fordham University. As a Fulbright Scholar he studied at the University of Rome and the Pontifical Gregorian University. Since 2013 he has been the chairman of the National Review Board for the Protection of Children and Young People. He will address the current challenges to the Church coming from the abuse of minors. His talk will focus on all the good things that have happened in the Diocese of Worcester since the Dallas Charter of 2002 and that all men are partners in supporting one another in the faith.



### TRENT HORN

#### *The Beginner's Guide to Defending Your Faith*

Trent shows you that you don't need all the right answers - you just need the right questions and the right attitudes in order share the Catholic faith with anyone. As a staff apologist for Catholic Answers, he specializes in teaching Catholics to graciously and persuasively engage those who disagree with them. He has given over 500 presentations to audiences around the world. He is an adjunct professor of apologetics at Holy Apostles College and the author of 5 books, including *Answering Atheism*, *The Case for Catholicism*, and *Why We're Catholic: Our Reasons for Faith, Hope and Love*.



### FATHER WARREN SAVAGE

#### *Do "Good People" Need the Sacrament of Reconciliation?*

Why do "good people" need regular confession? To rediscover that we are sinners. And that the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us an opportunity to rediscover the deep truth that we are in need of God's tender mercy and forgiveness! We need it in order to overcome self-deception! Fr. Savage is a priest of the Diocese of Springfield. He is the Catholic chaplain at Westfield State University; a lecturer at Our Lady of the Elms College; an instructor in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program; Chairperson of the Diocesan Committee for the Continuing Education and Formation of Clergy, a member of Spiritual Directors International and the Academy of Homiletics.



### MIKE AQUILINA

#### *With the Strength of Angels*

God gave strength to Abraham, Jacob, Moses and many others through the angels and Mike will explore this power. He's authored more than fifty books on Catholic history, doctrine, and devotion, including *The Fathers of the Church* and *The Mass of the Early Christians*. He has co-authored works with Scott Hahn, composer John Michael Talbot and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artist, Dion. He has co-hosted ten series on EWTN. A featured presenter of the U.S. Bishops' Leadership Institute he writes widely on catechetics. Mike is also a poet and songwriter, whose work has been recorded by Grammy Award-winning artists Paul Simon and Dion.



### ERIC MAHL

#### *Transformation Into Love*

Eric shows how an authentic encounter with God reveals our deepest identity. It transforms us. We manifest who God is. How do we reveal this God we know as Love and Mercy itself? Eric earned a scholarship to play Division One football at Kent State University and was signed by the Cleveland Browns. After walking away from the NFL, he continued his intensive focus of following Jesus. He spent three years living as a hermit meditating on God's Word. Then he entered the inner-city to give himself completely to God. He currently serves as a part of the formation team of the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA.



## MASS CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST

### BISHOP ROBERT J. MCMANUS

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, Healthcare and Pro-Life. The bishop joins us for the 15th consecutive year. Our Mass features St. John's text where Jesus forgives the woman caught in adultery and says to her, "Go and from now on do not sin any more."



## Registration Form

*If ordering tickets by mail, please use this form*

PRINT CLEARLY:

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

in \_\_\_\_\_

### **If ordering on or before March 25:**

Please send me (#) \_\_\_\_\_ adult tickets @ \$45 ea.

### **If ordering after March 25:**

Please send me (#) \_\_\_\_\_ adult tickets @ \$60 ea.

### **Students Anytime:**

Please send me (#) \_\_\_\_\_ student tickets @ \$30 ea.

### **► My check payable to 'Catholic Men's Conference' for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.**

### **► OR: I'll pay by CREDIT CARD.**

(please circle one): MC VISA AMEX DISCOVER  
Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

3-digit "Security" number on rear of card: \_\_\_\_\_

(For AMEX, 4-digit number on front of card): \_\_\_\_\_

### **► Send to: Catholic Men's Conference, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609**

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### **► OR:** You can order tickets online, through PayPal at: [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org)