

PROGRAM UPDATES

Register for June *Webinar* on Abuses of Power in Religious Life

GOSPEL VALUES AND ESSENTIAL CONVERSATIONS: CONFRONTING ABUSES OF POWER IN RELIGIOUS LIFE

WEBINAR | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

2 pm Eastern; 1 pm Central; Noon Mountain; 11 am Pacific

Presenter: Rev. John M. Tourangeau, O. Praem., Ph.D.



In this webinar presentation on **Wednesday, June 26**, Rev. John Tourangeau, O. Praem. will engage several topics related to clergy sexual abuse and the role and dynamics of power. He will give a brief sketch of the historical considerations and then explore the critical need for greater awareness of the dynamics of communal power through honest dialogue and ongoing education. How do we oppose the culture of power and clericalism in the formation process, for example? Fr. John will also cover how power is informed

by Gospel values and Christian mission.

Praxes to be discussed include: welcoming, respectful, and loving community; humility and understanding; integrity, honesty, and truth; responsibility, perseverance, and self-denial; servant leadership; and healthy living and wellness.

A brief question and answer session will follow the presentation.

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Download RFC's New Mobile App



MOBILE APP



We are pleased to announce that the RFC now has a **mobile app** that can be downloaded (for free!) from either the Apple or Android app stores and used to better connect with and engage formation ministry.

Once downloaded you can access a wide array of key content quickly. Features of the app include:

- The *news* section updates right from our blog, carrying the latest news & notes from the RFC
- The *pray* section contains links to a wide array of prayer resources (e.g., daily readings, morning, evening, and night prayer, online retreats, etc.)
- The *capture* section allows users to send us pictures from events (e.g., workshops, member gatherings, etc.)
- The *learn* section hosts a list of various resources related to the Catholic Church and religious life
- The *journal* section gives folks the option of typing notes into the app and saving for later reference
- The *prayer wall* invites users to connect their social media platforms and post prayers and intentions

Additionally, the app contains a *Congress* section that links to the 2019 Congress website with the latest information.

It is our hope that this new tool will serve as a helpful way for those in the RFC community to better engage, connect and collaborate.

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Explore 'Courageous Hope' at RFC's 2019 Congress



We already have almost 100 people registered for the 2019 Congress **October 24-27** in Louisville, KY. Interest continues to grow for this inspiring experience of community, learning and dialogue, prayer and liturgy!

The Congress program features a rich diversity of topics, experiences, presenter backgrounds, expertise and knowledge. Congress participants will have the opportunity to learn from and dialogue with esteemed thought-leaders and practitioners in their fields.

Click for presentation titles and registration

Final Call for July's Life Commitment Gathering



The Life Commitment Program (LCP) is an 8-day program that provides an opportunity for Catholic religious women and men to contemplate and reflect on their call to embrace a life-time commitment to consecrated life. Those discerning or anticipating profession of final vows gather in the company of their peers with presenters, seasoned in religious life and skilled in adult learning processes, to engage the compelling questions, experiences, and insights that speak to the reality of living vowed religious life in the 21st century.

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Together Community Continues to Take Applications for Fall 2019 Cohort



Together is a cohort-based, residential theology program for religious sisters and brothers in temporary vows and for newly professed religious who are willing to commit to full participation in all three program components: theological education, formation, and community.

Together participants will enroll in a graduate theology program at CTU, share community in a designated space in the residence hall, and participate in ongoing formation together as an inter-congregational, intercultural, and intergenerational cohort. It consists of at least one full year of study that would lead to a certificate in an area of theology/spirituality, or two to three years of study that would allow participants to earn a master's degree in theology, pastoral studies or divinity.

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