



# National Gathering on Christian Initiation™

A Conference for Catechumenal Ministers  
and Pastoral Leaders

## Conference Presenters Possess Broad Experience

The team of presenters at this year's National Gathering on Christian Initiation™ have a range of experience in catechesis, initiation ministry, and liturgy. The presenters:



Rev. Michael E.  
Connors, CSC

**Rev. Michael E. Connors, CSC**, is the director of the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgical Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He had been a member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. He is the editor of *To All the World: Preaching and the New Evangelization* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2016) and *We Preach Christ Crucified* (Liturgical Press, 2015).

He is the author of *Inculturated Pastoral Planning: The U.S. Hispanic Experience* (Rome: Gregorian University Press, 2001).



Joseph Paprocki

**Joseph Paprocki, DMIN**, is the national consultant for faith formation at Loyola Press in Chicago. He has more than thirty-five years of experience in pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago and is the author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis, including *Great Is the Mystery: Encountering the Formational Power of Liturgy* (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2013),

*Living the Mass* (Chicago: Loyola Press, 2011), *The Catechist's Toolbox* (Loyola Press, 2007), and *A Well-Built Faith: A Catholic's Guide to Knowing and Sharing What We Believe* (Loyola Press, 2008). Paprocki serves as a catechist in his parish in the Chicago suburbs and writes about his experience in his blog, *Catechist's Journey*.



Victoria M.  
Tufano

**Victoria M. Tufano**, senior editor and liturgical consultant at Liturgy Training Publications, is the coauthor of *Guide for Celebrating Christian Initiation with Adults* (Liturgy Training Publications, 2016) and *Guide for Celebrating Christian Initiation with Children* (Liturgy Training Publications, 2016) and a former editor of *Catechumenate: A Journal of Christian Initiation*. She served as

pastoral associate and director of liturgy at Ascension Catholic Church in Oak Park, Illinois, and as director of liturgy for the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa. She was a team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and served as a member and chair of the board of directors for that organization. Vicky holds a master of arts degree in liturgical studies and a master of divinity, both from the University of Notre Dame.



D. Todd  
Williamson

**D. Todd Williamson**, director of the Office for Divine Worship in the Archdiocese of Chicago, speaks nationally on liturgy and the sacraments. He is the coauthor of *Guide for Celebrating Christian Initiation with Adults*, *Guide for Celebrating Christian Initiation with Children*, and *Great Is the Mystery* and is author of two editions of *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy* (2007 and 2008), all published by Liturgy Training Publications. He has written for *Rite*, *Pastoral Liturgy*®, *Catechumenate: A Journal of Christian Initiation*, and *Religion Teacher's Journal*. His master of arts degree in theological studies is from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.



Michael Ruzicki

**Michael Ruzicki** is planning the conference with Victoria Tufano and LTP Acting Director Deanna M. Keefe. Michael is an editor and liturgical training consultant for Liturgy Training Publications and director of music for Notre Dame de Chicago Parish. Before arriving at LTP, Michael served as a team member of the North American Forum

on the Catechumenate, as a parish pastoral associate for liturgy, as coordinator of adult and sacramental formation for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and as the director of music ministry for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He is a graduate of the Catholic University of America and Washington Theological Union. He is the author of *Guide for Training Initiation Ministers: An Introduction to the RCIA* (Liturgy Training Publications, 2017).