

LAUDATO SI' *AND HUMAN/SPIRITUAL FORMATION OF PRIESTS*



**DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO
PRIESTS' STUDY DAYS 2017**

October 2 - 6, 2017

Christ the King Retreat Center

6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 2:00 Arrival/Check-in
- 3:30 **Priestly Life and Ministry Committee update**
Chair of PLMC committee
- 5:00 **Care of Retired Priests update**
Bishop Jaime Soto
Louella Garcia, Clergy Care Manager
- 5:30 Vespers
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:30 **Introduction to Study Days**
Uli Schmitt, Director of Clergy Formation
- 8:00 **Praising the Lord by Caring for our Common Home: An Overview of Laudato Si'**
Fr. Christopher J. Renz, OP
- 9:00 Social Hour

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Lauds
- 9:30 **Cooperation and Niche Construction: Myth-busting in evolution**
Fr. Christopher J. Renz, OP
- 10:20 **Theological and Spiritual Perspectives on Cooperation, Sin, and Environmental Stewardship**
Fr. Christopher J. Renz, OP
- 12:00 Lunch
- 3:30 **What we know - What we expect/choose - What we fear: Climate Science Update**
Dr. Thomas A. Cahill, UC Davis
- 4:30 **What we choose: Guidance from Laudato Si' on climate choices in a globalized world**
Fr. Christopher J. Renz, OP
- 5:30 Mass & Vespers
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 **Fullness of Life in Christ Jesus: Called to community AND unity**
Fr. Christopher J. Renz, OP
- 9:00 Social Hour

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Lauds
- 9:30 ***Christ Our Light - Thanks Be to God!***
Creating vivid connections with Catholic culture and worship
Fr. Christopher J. Renz, OP
- 12:00 Lunch
- 3:00 ***Laudato Si' and Parish Life: Projects and Possibilities***
Dan Misleh, Catholic Climate Covenant
Mark Rohlena, USCCB
Julia Burrows, Governing Institute
Bill Carriere, St Monica's Parish, Willows
John Gonsalves, Facilities Director, Diocese of Sacramento
Ryan Sale, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Red Bluff
Lloyd Leighton, St. Joseph's Parish, Auburn
Sharon Tobar, Jesuit High School
John Watkins, Director, Catholic Charities and Social Concerns, Diocese of Sacramento
- 5:30 Mass & Vespers
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Movie and Social Hour

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Lauds
- 9:30 **The Human and Spiritual Dimensions of Ongoing Formation for Priests**
Fr. David Songy, O.F.M.Cap., S.T.D., Psy.D
- 12:00 Lunch
- 3:00 **Building Communion in the Presbyterate**
Fr. David Songy, O.F.M.Cap., S.T.D., Psy.D
- 4:30 **A Process for Ongoing Formation**
Fr. David Songy, O.F.M.Cap., S.T.D., Psy.D
Uli Schmitt, Director of Clergy Formation
- 5:30 Mass & Vespers
- 6:30 Dinner
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
- 7:30 Social Hour

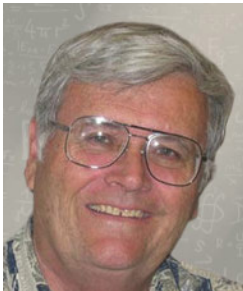
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Mass & Lauds

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS



Fr. Christopher J. Renz, OP is Academic Dean at the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology. He is also a Professor of Religion & the Arts and Science & Theology. His background as a scientist provides a lens through which he views all of his academic work in philosophy and theology. The net effect is that he is constantly asking himself questions such as, “How does this impact the human person in her or his everyday life?” or “How can this idea enhance one’s faith journey?” His goal is to understand not only the biology of the human body but also the “chemistry” of the human spirit.



Dr. Thomas A. Cahill is Professor of Physics and Atmospheric Sciences, Emeritus, and ex-Director of both the Institute of Ecology and Crocker Nuclear Laboratory at the University of California Davis. He was major professor for over 30 PhD students in 6 separate disciplines, and author of over 150 peer reviewed articles in physics, applied physics, and atmospheric physics. He is currently head of the UC Davis DELTA Group, focusing on global climate problems. He was a co-founder of the Catholic Faculty and Staff Association of the local Newman Center.



Dan Misleh is the founding executive director of Catholic Climate Covenant—a partnership of 14 national Catholic organizations including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He has been involved in the social mission of the Church since 1982, beginning with two years in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Alaska through today. He has helped engage the Catholic community at the national, state and diocesan levels in a serious and sustained conversation about a Catholic approach to climate change focusing on the promotion of the common good, the protection of poor people, and the exercise of prudence with the goal of more fully implementing the U.S. Catholic bishops’ 2001 statement on climate change and Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si’*.



Mark Rohlena is the Director of the Office of Domestic Social Development in the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He serves as a resource to the bishops on domestic social policy, and works to advance Catholic social teaching in federal policymaking on a host of issues, including environmental stewardship. He regularly speaks and writes on these matters. Before joining the USCCB, Rohlena served as the President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado in the Diocese of Colorado Springs, CO. He is an attorney who previously practiced in the area of legal ethics.



Julia Burrows is the Director of the Governing Institute, where she manages the Institute’s research and advisory operations. Prior to joining Governing Julia was Vice President for Corporate Relations & Advancement for Enable Energy (Enable), a renewable energy advancement company that invents new renewable energy technology, manages commercial solar projects and advises clients on sustainability. Julia was responsible for the sustainability consulting practice, the corporate presence in the media, and connecting the company to the community.



Fr. David Songy, O.F.M.Cap., S.T.D., Psy.D is President of the Saint Luke Institute. He is a priest of the Capuchin Province of Mid-America and a clinical psychologist. Prior to coming to Saint Luke Institute, he was the spiritual director and prefect of studies at Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Denver, Colorado. He also was director of counseling services at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and held several positions at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary. Fr. Songy holds a doctorate in psychology from the University of Denver and a doctorate in sacred theology from the Teresianum, the Pontifical Institute of Spirituality in Rome. He holds a master’s degree in pastoral counseling from Loyola College and theology degrees from Aquinas Institute.

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