

Authors of Change: A New Vision and a New Chapter for the Diocese of Buffalo

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Kevin M. McDonough, J.C.D.

Facilitator:

Beth Lenegan, Ph.D.

Director Pastoral Care
Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Description:

Because of economic and demographic change, dioceses throughout the country continue to be confronted with the restructuring of parishes and schools which were once the centers of neighborhood life. During this day, we will examine how the Church of the Buffalo Diocese can work through this time of transition and feelings of denial, frustration, grief and anger to a sense of hope, reconciliation and new life. Rev. Kevin McDonough will begin the morning with a call to remember the centrality of dying and rising in our Catholic faith, and its relevance to the *Journey in Faith and Grace*. As we are reminded of this vision, he and the panel of speakers will share how parish communities can be models of Church in a changing and more vibrant diocese.

Objectives:

- To review the true mission of the Church
- To examine successful models of change in parish life
- To learn strategies and skills to help parish communities embrace change
- To discover the pleasant surprises and the ongoing struggles associated with parish reorganization
- To suggest ways for the ministerial leaders to stay “pumped up” for ministry during this time of change and transition
- To be introduced to the new role of Pastoral Administrator

Panel:

Rev. Michael Mayer
Pastor
St. Andrew and the Church of the Annunciation

Charlotte Bruney
Pastoral Administrator
St. Vincent dePaul Church

Sr. Doreen Glynn, C.S.J.
Pastoral Administrator
St. Mary of the Lake Church

Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Registration in Dining Hall**
9:30 a.m. Welcome
Introduction of Day & Speaker
- 9:45 a.m. Session I**
Keynote Address
Rev. Kevin McDonough
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Session I, continued**
Table Discussion/Open Forum
Rev. Kevin McDonough
Beth Lenegan
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:30 p.m. Session II**
The Experience of Change in the
Diocese of Rochester
presented by the panel
- 2:15 p.m. Table Discussion/Open Forum**
Panelists
Beth Lenegan
- 2:45 p.m. Closing Remarks**
- Departure**

REGISTRATION FORM

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Thursday, March 22, 2007

Cost: \$20 per person for groups of three or more from a parish or organization

\$25 for individual registration
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**Rev. Kevin M.
McDonough, J.C.D.**

The Reverend Kevin McDonough is Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Father McDonough earned a B.A. degree in history from the University of Saint Thomas in 1976 and an M.A. degree in theology from the Saint Paul Seminary in 1980. He was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in 1980. He earned a licentiate in canon law (J.C.L.) in 1986 and a doctorate in canon law (J.C.D.) in 1987 from the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome.

Prior to his current position, Father McDonough served as Chancellor and Episcopal Vicar for the Archdiocese in several capacities relating to canon law and was secretary of the board of the directors of the Archdiocese. From 1987 to 1990, he served as rector of Saint John Vianney Seminary at the University of Saint Thomas. Currently he serves as pastor at the Church of Saint Peter Claver, and he has been associate pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Church of Saint Richard.

He is a frequent speaker about theological, administrative and church vocation issues. He is fluent in English, Spanish and Italian.

Father McDonough has written publications and has given numerous presentations and workshops concerning clergy misconduct issues and how churches respond, as well as on the preparation of seminarians.

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