



The Spirit Fire Global Conference on Abuse & Faith

**Clergy-Abuse Survivors Offer
Restorative Hope & Healing
to Catholics, Clergy, Communities**

Weekly Programs

Beginning **February 14, 2021**

Register for Free for

Broadcast Link, Related Resources

HOW IT WORKS

**A Free Gift of Content
To Promote Grassroots Healing**

Clergy-abuse survivors broadcast a weekly trauma-informed program and create an archive to support clergy and ministers as they foster healing locally for individuals, families, parishes, dioceses, and communities.

From

**100+ Trusted Experts
Trauma Recovery Model
Spirit Fire Leadership
Clergy/Survivor Panels**

**20 Topics, 60 Weeks
Free Digital Delivery**

- Expert presentation(s)
- Trauma-informed resources
- Survivor faith testimonies
- Healing panel dialogue
- Group discussion questions
- Private journaling exercises
- Pastoral care checklists

For

Parishioners
Staff & Ministries
Clergy & Religious
Review Boards
Health Professionals
Survivors & Families
Parents, Grandparents
Educators
Advocates
Alienated, Disaffected

PROCESS LOCALLY

- Pastoral Care Settings
- Classroom Discussions
- Parish Meetings
- Teleconference Groups
- Review Board/Workshops
- Private Survivor Retreats

Basics in
The Best Thinking on
Reform and Recovery

GLOBAL

- Child Safety Worldwide
- Vatican Universal Training

NATIONAL

- Multicultural Communities
- Spotlight on Trends
- Protection Procols Now

LEGAL

- Advances in Jurisprudence
- Profiling Sexual Predators
- Righting Wrongs: Options

PSYCHOLOGICAL

- Advances in Psychology
- Pathology vs. Evil
- Strength-Based Programs

RELATIONAL

- Suffering Families/Parishes
- Vicarious Wounds
- The Creativity Response

INSTITUTIONAL

- Toxic Organizations
- Assessing Catholic Reforms
- Exposes in Faith

COMMON WATERSHED EVENTS IN MANY PEOPLE'S CATHOLIC STORIES

Media coverage? Local Scandal? Personal pain?

What were turning points in your faith story?

1983

**Gilbert Gauthe (LA priest)
arrested and tried in criminal
court, imprisoned 1985.**

1990s

**Irish criminal prosecutions and
investigations document "tens of
thousands of children" abused
1940s-1990s.**

2002

***Boston Globe* series documents
widespread abuse of minors and
coverup in the Boston.**

2002

**USCCB & CMSM adopt child
protection and victim care protocols.**

2018

**Theodore McCarrick removed
from ministry following
revelations of sexually preying on
minors and seminarians.**

2018

**PA AG reports history of widespread
child sexual abuse/coverup in local
dioceses. AG offices across the U.S.
open investigations.**

2020

**Cardinal Pell (Australia)
released from solitary after 2018
sex-abuse conviction overturned.
Inquiries into cover-ups ongoing.**

2020

McCarrick report released.



OUR CATHOLIC STORY

BUILDING A FAMILY NARRATIVE ACROSS GENERATIONS & VIEWPOINTS

We tell our stories to be known and to learn about who we are.

Storytelling can help overcome traumatic experiences. It can enrich friendship, families, and parish life. It is a baseline for therapy and restorative programs.

Our Catholic Story is a storytelling exercise in Church healing. We collect people's responses to the questions found on the opposing page (Page 4).

We ask people from different generations, walks in life, backgrounds, and experience to create a collective faith story.

Distinct from therapeutic memory recall, this exercise is intended to inform and inspire listeners with confidence because of, not despite, the scandal of abuse in our Church and world.

Jesus taught in parables to make Truth easier to understand and accept. Let's follow His lead.

Objective

Learn how your own faith story can bring hope to a suffering world because of, not despite, the scandal of abuse in the Church

Two Releases

Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM, Cap.
Archbishop of Boston
President, Pontifical Commission for Protection of Minors
Teresa Pitt Green, Luis A. Torres, Jr.
Spirit Fire Founders
February 14, 2021

John Garvey
President
The Catholic University of America
Michael D. Hoffman
Spirit Fire Survivor
Co-Founder, The Healing Voices
February 21, 2021

ACROSS THE GLOBE

THE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD



Objective

Gain working knowledge of global issues in promoting child safety in the Universal Church

Four-Week Program

World Tour of Danger Hot Spots

TBA

February 28, 2021

Safeguarding in the Church Universal

Fr. Hans Zollner, PhD, President

Centre for Child Protection

Pontifical Gregorian University

March 7, 2021 - 5pm Eastern

A Brief History of Abuse in the Church

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti, PhD, DMin

School of Theology and Religious Studies

The Catholic University of America

March 14, 2021 - 5pm Eastern

Global Problem, Ecumenical Response

TBA

March 21, 2021

The Church Universal is responding to the history of abuse by promoting child dignity and protections in every region, every culture, and every political setting on the planet.

What is the past and current status the Church's approaches to abuse?

What are the global challenges and international laws that affect the Church's efforts to reform and to improve protections for children and vulnerable persons?

What roles are survivors playing around the world right now in promoting reform, safeguarding, and pastoral care for survivors?

Free Registration

- Weekly email/text with links
- Related resources free
- Discussion questions for groups



CULTURES AT HOME

MULTICULTURAL FACTORS IN ABUSE AND PASTORAL CARE IN THE U.S.

Waves of immigrants from around the globe have enriched U.S. society for centuries, often while bearing wounds from famine, war or other trauma in the land they fled.

Enslaved persons, who made no choice to emigrate, have added treasure to the nation while suffering the trauma of racism.

Indigenous peoples were driven from ancestral land and crushed culturally, socially, and politically. Church-related trauma went beyond sexual abuse.

Understanding the unique plight of various groups is crucial for pastoral care related to trauma and for gaining greater insight into the gifts of resilience, courage, and profound faith members of these groups contribute to our common Catholic story.

Objective

Learn how culture and ethnicity can affect responses to child protection and pastoral care initiatives

Four-Week Program

Latin and Hispanic Immigrants

TBA

March 28, 2021

Black and Native Americans

TBA

April 4, 2021

1880s-1930s: Northern Europeans

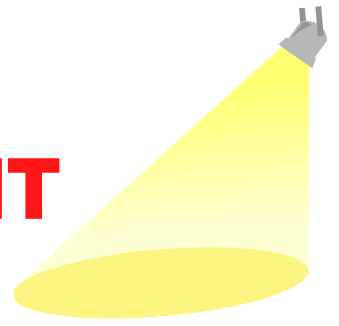
TBA

April 11, 2021

Dialogue: Multicultural Parishes

Diverse responses sensitive to culture, generational experiences, and faith traditions

April 18, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WHAT WE KNEW, KNOW NOW, AND HAVE YET TO DISCOVER

Objective

Become familiar with statistics, trends and research in abuse, reforms, health and recovery on social/personal levels

Four-Week Program

Trends & Incidence of Abuse of Minors Since World War II

Thomas Plante, PhD

Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J. Professor

Santa Clara University

Clinical Professor

Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Stanford University School of Medicine

April 25, 2021

Civic Organizations as Precursors of Child Protection, 1770s-1930s

TBA

May 2, 2021

Human Trafficking: Community Awareness as Main Defense

Federal, state, local law enforcement and victim liaisons

May 9, 2021

Renowned experts review data and research that have influenced past and contemporary thinking about abuse, safeguarding, and national, social, and personal well-being.

How did we come to understand the reality of sexual abuse of children and others in the Church and elsewhere?

What studies have been done? What are their strengths, weaknesses? How have they affected past and current actions? Is an accurate understanding of factors and fixes for abuse even possible?

If faith settings were not immune from abuse, are they to be trusted for personal and social recovery and well-being?

Research-Based Reasons Faith is Important for Recovery and Wellbeing

Tyler VanderWeele, PhD

John L. Loeb and Frances Lehman Loeb Professor

Departments of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Harvard Chan School of Public Health

Director, Human Flourishing Program

Co-Director, Initiative on Health, Religion and Spirituality

Faith & Flourishing Conference

May 16, 2021





PROTECTION PROTOCOLS

PROTECTING CHILDREN, TEENS, VULNERABLE ADULTS NOW

Starting with survivor testimonies, here is a survey of contemporary risks and effective protections for children, teens, and vulnerable adult within and beyond the Church.

Learn how to protect those in your care as parent, educator, grandparent, uncle, aunt or friend.

Learn the signs of abuse and what to do if you suspect abuse. Learn about added protections for high-risk groups, such as disabled persons or bullied teens. Learn how human-trafficking gangs operate and reach almost 50% of all minors on social media.

Also, receive a library of free, high-grade resources to make your home, parish, and community safe, empowering minors without frightening them.

Objective

Learn how to make your home and parish a safe space for children, teens, and vulnerable people in need

Three-Week Program

Keep Kids Safe

Victims Talk Recovering, & Faith

Survivors share stories of escape, recovering, and faith

May 23, 2021

Survey of Effective Youth Programs

Top ten child and youth learning programs for families and parishes

Michael D. Hoffman

Spirit Fire Survivor

Child Protection Advocate

Faith Issues in Child Protection

Pat Neal, Executive Director

Virtus Online Programs

May 30, 2021

Smart Practices Keeping Kids Safe Online

Deacon Marques de Silva, Director

Office of Child Protection and Victim Assistance

Diocese of Arlington, Virginia

June 6, 2021

ADVANCES IN LAW

HOW U.S. JURISPRUDENCE HAS IMPROVED CHILD PROTECTIONS FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS

Four-Week Program Releasing: June 13 - July 4, 2021

SEXUAL PREDATORS

THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF HOW WE UNDERSTAND SEXUAL ABUSE & SEX OFFENDERS

Four-Week Program Releasing: July 11 - August 1, 2021

ADVANCES IN PSYCHOLOGY

HOW PSYCHOLOGICAL VIEWS OF SEXUAL ABUSE EVOLVED – AND STILL VARY

Four-Week Program: August 8 - August 29, 2021

PATHOLOGY OR EVIL?

PSYCHOLOGY VS. THEOLOGY: DIALOGUE ON ABUSE, OFFENDERS, AND VICTIM INNOCENCE

Four-Week Program Releasing: Sept 5 - Sept 26, 2021

HOW FAMILIES SUFFER

SHARED WOUNDS FROM ABUSE AND FINDING NEW LIFE TOGETHER

Full-Day Workshop Releasing: October 3, 2021

VICARIOUS WOUNDS

ESSENTIAL AWARENESS OF SELF AND OTHERS IN TRAUMA-INFORMED PASTORAL CARE

Three-Week Program Releasing: October 31 - November 14, 2021

TOXIC ORGANIZATIONS

WHAT'S NEEDED FOR LASTING INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION?

One Full-Day Workshop Releasing: November 21, 2021

THANKSGIVING AFTER TRAUMA

Real-Time, Virtual Marathon in Resilience: November 28, 2021

CATHOLIC REFORMS

ASSESSING PROGRESS OF REFORM IN THE
U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH

Three-Week Program: December 5 - December 19, 2021

SAFEHOME FOR CHRISTMAS

December 26, 2021 (12 noon to 12 midnight)

EXPOSE IN FAITH

MEDIA'S ROLE EXPOSING SEXUAL ABUSE,
DRIVING REFORMS AND/OR FURTHER WOUNDS

Two-Week Program: January 2 - January 9, 2022

JANUARY SAFETY HACKATHON

Gallery Event: January 26, 2021

RIGHTING WRONGS

RESOLVING DISPUTES: OPTIONS FOR VICTIMS, FAMILIES,
AND PARISHES

Three-Week Program: January 16 - January 30, 2022

RECONCILIATION

Workshop with Everett Worthington, PhD, Commonwealth
Professor Emeritus, VCU, re: a Forgiveness Project

Two-Week Program: February 6 - February 13, 2022

A WELLNESS PROGRAM

INTRO TO A TRAUMA RECOVERY WELLNESS APPROACH

Two-Week Program: February 20 - 27, 2022

THE CREATIVITY RESPONSE

SUFFERING AS INSPIRATION AND MOTIVATION

One Full-Day Workshop: March 6, 2022

LEADERSHIP FORUM

Four Live Sessions: March 13 - April 3, 2022

EASTER RETREAT

Five Evenings Releasing: April 10, 2022



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