

The Psychology of Love and Pastoral Ministry: A Seminar

April 16-19, 2012

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Our Lady of Thornwood Education and Training Center

582 Columbus Ave.

Thornwood, NY 10594

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF LOVE AND PASTORAL MINISTRY

Who: Diocesan and religious priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, especially those involved in seminary formation, spiritual direction and psychological counseling.

What: The Sacerdos Institute for Priestly Life and Ministry and The Institute for the Psychological Sciences are co-sponsoring three days of integral, ongoing formation on relevant themes on how psychology can help priests in their ministry of promoting healthy, loving relationships that last. Expert speakers come from the Institute for the Psychological Sciences (Arlington, VA), the Institute for Marital Healing (West Conshohocken, PA), and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Where: Our Lady of Thornwood Conference Center, 582 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood, NY 10594 (Legionaries of Christ)

When: April 16-19, 2012

Monday, April 16th

Afternoon arrivals

7:30 PM Fr. J. Brian Bransfield *Love as the New Beginning of Goodness*

Tuesday, April 17th

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Dr Margaret Laracy *The Experience of Beauty in Psychological Well-Being*

10:30 AM Dr Philip Scrofani *Loving to the End: Psycho-pastoral Insights into Aging with Grace*

12:30 PM Lunch

2:30 PM Dr Gladys Sweeney *Psychotherapeutic Helps for Bereavement Ministry*

4:30 PM Eucharistic celebration

5:30 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Dr Paul Vitz *Love and the Psychology of the Body*

8:30 PM Social

Wednesday, April 18th

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Dr Greg Kolodziejczak *Psycho-physiological Effects of the Distortions of Love*

10:15 AM Dr Greg Kolodziejczak *Conflict Resolution in Marriages, Families, and Communities*

12:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM Dr Richard Fitzgibbons *Narcissism in Today's Culture*

3:15 PM Dr Richard Fitzgibbons *The Psychology of Cohabitation*

5:00 PM Eucharistic celebration

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Social

Thursday, April 19th

8:00 AM Breakfast

Morning departures

SPEAKER BIOS

Rev. J. Brian Bransfield

**Assistant General Secretary, Exec. Dir. of the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC**

Fr Bransfield is a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and was ordained in 1994. He earned a doctorate in moral theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. Father Bransfield served on the faculty of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania from 2005-2007. He taught in both the college and theologiate divisions of the seminary as well as the religious studies division, The Catechetical Institute, and The Theological Institute for Priests. His areas of expertise include marriage and family, the Theology of the Body, Christian anthropology, human sexuality, the virtues, Sacraments, evangelization, and catechesis.

Richard Fitzgibbons, M.D.

Director

Institute for Marital Healing, West Conshohocken, PA

Dr Fitzgibbons has worked with several thousand couples over the past 30 years. In 2000 he coauthored *Helping Clients Forgive: An Empirical Guide for Resolving Anger and Restoring Hope* with Dr. Robert D. Enright, University of Wisconsin, Madison, for American Psychological Association Books. Dr. Fitzgibbons has given many marital conferences in New York, Philadelphia and Washington and has also given numerous conferences to priests in various dioceses and religious communities and to spiritual formation teams of seminaries. Dr. Fitzgibbons is an adjunct professor at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at Catholic University and is a board member of the International Institute for Forgiveness. He is also a consultant to the congregation for Clergy at the Vatican.

Greg Kolodziejczak, Psy.D.

Clinical Psychologist

Cambridge, MA

Dr Kolodziejczak works primarily in private practice in Harvard Square in Cambridge, MA. In addition, he is involved with the Archdiocese of Boston, working with the diocese's marriage preparation curriculum committee, as well as with Project Rachel. Dr. Kolodziejczak previously received a Ph.D. in Ocean Engineering from MIT and a Masters in Theology from Catholic University. After enrolling at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences where he received a Master's and Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, he then accepted an APA-approved internship at the Danielsen Institute in Boston. He completed his postdoc at Two Brattle Center in Cambridge, a clinic that specializes in utilizing psychodynamic approaches and Dialectical Behavior Therapy in working with patients with severe levels of distress. He passed the licensing exam in April, and currently works with Two Brattle Center and in private practice in Cambridge. His almost-800 page dissertation was a synthesis of psychology, philosophy, and theology on the issue of love. In January 2008, he was chosen to present on a case at the American Psychoanalytic Conference in New York, with Peter Fonagy and Otto Kernberg, both giants in psychology.

Margaret Laracy, Psy.D.
Assistant Professor
Institute for the Psychological Sciences

Dr Laracy has clinical interests in individual, family, and group psychotherapy, as well as psychological testing. She completed her predoctoral internship in 2011 at the Outreach Community Counseling Center through the APA-accredited Chicago Area Christian Training Consortium. This year she teaches Law, Ethics, and Psychology; Cultural, Religious, and Individual Diversity in Clinical Practice; and an integrative case conceptualization seminar. She is also co-teaching Group Psychotherapy. Her scholarly interests include various topics in the relationship between Christian anthropology and clinical psychology. In particular, she is interested in the role of beauty in mental health and in psychotherapy, which was the topic of her doctoral dissertation. Dr. Laracy is pursuing her license as a clinical psychologist in the state of Virginia.

Philip Scrofani, Ph.D., ABPP
Associate Professor
The Institute for the Psychological Sciences

Dr Scrofani's expertise is in clinical psychology, cognitive-behavioral therapy, group therapy, and research review, and he teaches in these areas. He has been Board Certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology since 1990. Dr. Scrofani was the Director of Family Psychotherapy Training for five years and Director of Psychology for the Commission on Mental Health Services in Washington, D.C. for 12 years. In that capacity, he had oversight responsibility for approximately 100 clinical psychologists and administrative responsibility for an APA accredited psychology internship. He later accepted a faculty position with the Psychiatry Residency Training Program for the Department of Mental Health in Washington, where he continues to be involved in the training of 32 physicians in residency for psychiatry. He joined the faculty at IPS in 2004.

Gladys M. Sweeney, Ph.D.
Founder, Academic Dean
Institute for the Psychological Sciences

Dr. Sweeney obtained her M.Ed and Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University. She served as the Executive Director of the Catholic Institute for the Psychological Sciences from 1997-1998. She has held a faculty appointment at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Division of Child Psychiatry, Department of Pediatrics. She has also lectured at the North American College and at the Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum in Rome. Dr. Sweeney's current research interest is the integration of the psychological sciences with the Catholic view of the human person. Her publications include *Human Nature in its Fullness: A Roman Catholic Perspective*, CUA Press, 2006; "Why Childhood Attachment Matters: Implications for Personal Happiness, Families and Public Policy," in *The Family in the New Millennium*, Praeger Publishers, 2007; "Psychotherapy and the End of Life" in *What is Death? A Scientific, Philosophical and Theological Exploration of Life's End*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2008.

Paul C. Vitz, Ph.D.
Professor and Senior Scholar
The Institute for the Psychological Sciences

Dr Vitz's teaching and research is focused on the integration of Christian theology, especially Catholic anthropology, with psychology. This requires breaking from the modern secularism and post-modern relativism prevalent today. He is presently focused on the following special topics: the psychology of hatred and forgiveness; the psychology of the virtues; the psychological importance of fathers; and the positive relevance of psychology for the priesthood. Dr. Vitz's books include: *Psychology as Religion: The Cult of Self-Worship* (1977, 1994); *Modern Art and Modern Science: The Parallel Analysis of Vision* (1984); *Sigmund Freud's Christian Unconscious* (1988); and *Faith of the Fatherless: The Psychology of Atheism* (2000). He also co-edited *The Self: Beyond the Postmodern Crisis* (2006). He was professor of psychology at New York University for many years prior to joining the faculty at The Institute for the Psychological Sciences.

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DATES: Monday, April 16, 2012, 6:30pm – Thursday, April 19, 2012, 9:00am

FEES: (check one blank only below):

Seminar and meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner Tuesday and Wednesday; breakfast on Thursday).

_____ **\$275:** Registration deadline April 12, 2012.

_____ **\$220: *Earlybird price. Postmark deadline March 15, 2012.***

Seminar and meals (as above) **plus lodging** (Our Lady of Thornwood Conference Center. Monday night through Wednesday night. Men only.)

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