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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025



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CONFERENCIA PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS

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TWO TRACKS ONE CONFERENCE

This year, we are overjoyed to bring you one young adult conference that has both an English Track and a Hispanic Track. We are blessed to partner with the **Office for Hispanic Catholics** at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for double the amount of speakers and languages. You can find both the mobile program linked below.

DOS PROGRAMAS UNA CONFERENCIA

*Este año, nos complace enormemente ofrecerles una conferencia para jóvenes adultos con dos programas: uno en inglés y otro en español. Tenemos la bendición de colaborar con **la Oficina para Católicos Hispanos** de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia, lo que nos permite contar con el doble de presentadores e idiomas. Pueden encontrar el programa electrónico en el enlace a continuación.*

MOBILE PROGRAM /
PROGRAMA ELECTRÓNICO



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**“YOU ALSO ARE MY
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JN 15:27

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**“USTEDES TAMBIÉN SON MIS
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PRINCIPIO”**

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JN 15:27

THE THEME OF TODAY'S CELEBRATION IS WITNESSING THE HEALING POWER OF CHRIST.

How can we Encounter the the Lord more fully and find
Belonging and identity in Christ?

How can we **Nourish** our witnessing to Christ through
formation, accompaniment, and fellowship?

How can we Share our Witness through incarnational
evangelization, missionary discipleship and **Service**?



The scripture passage of the Samaritan woman meeting Jesus at the well embodies this theme of WITNESS! Similar to the Samaritan woman, we are thirsty to find our belonging and identity in Christ. As we are nourished by the words of Christ that teach us everything about ourselves, we are more fully equipped to share our witness of the good news. Like the woman at the well, our hearts cannot help but leave our water jars and run to tell everyone our witness of our encounter with Christ. In service, we share and witness, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" (John 4:29)

EL TEMA DE LA CELEBRACIÓN DE HOY ES SER TESTIGOS DEL PODER SANADOR DE CRISTO

¿Cómo podemos encontrarnos más plenamente con el Señor y encontrar **pertenencia** e identidad en Cristo?

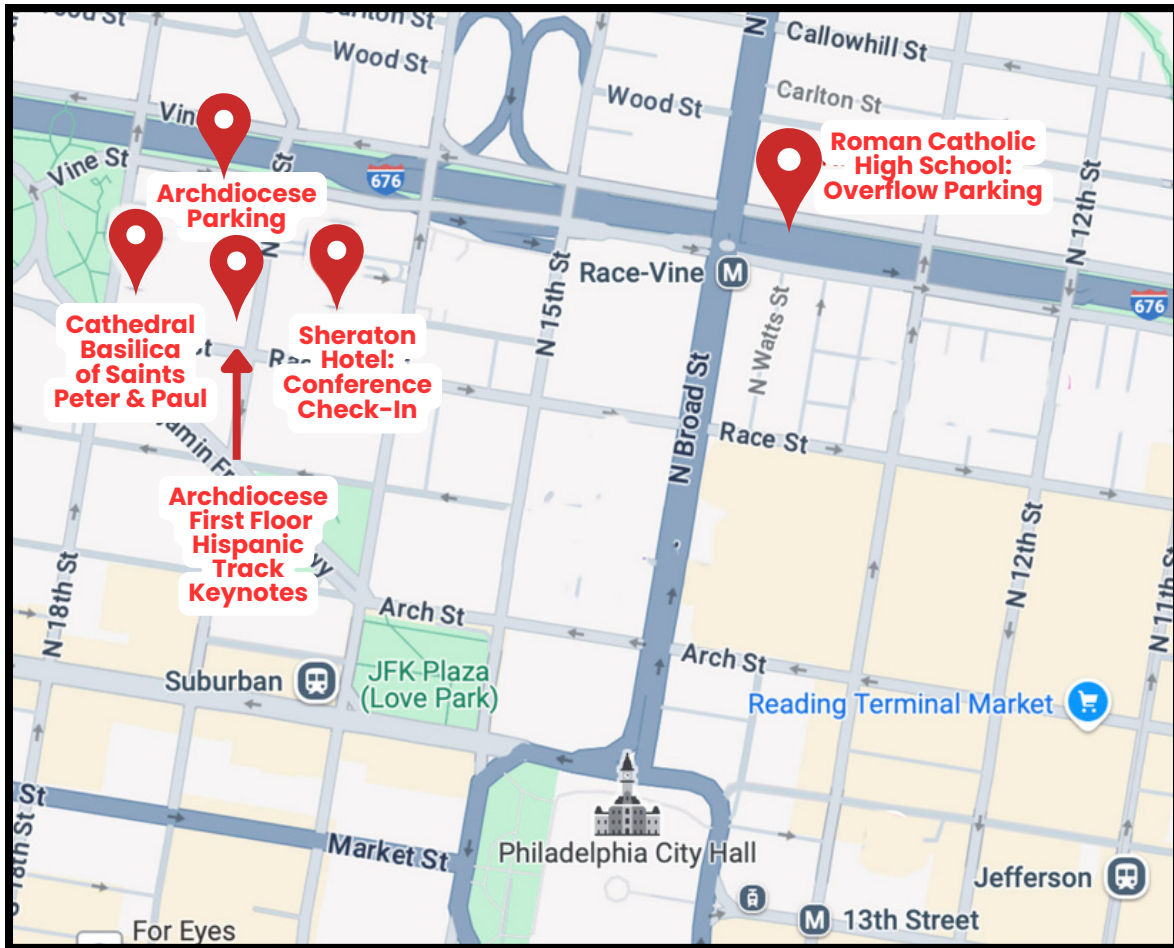
¿Cómo podemos **nutrir** nuestro testimonio de Cristo a través de la formación, el acompañamiento y la comunión?

¿Cómo podemos compartir nuestro testimonio a través de la evangelización encarnada, el discipulado misionero y el **servicio**?



El pasaje de las Escrituras en el que la mujer samaritana se encuentra con Jesús en el pozo encarna este tema del TESTIMONIO. Al igual que la mujer samaritana, estamos sedientos de encontrar nuestra pertenencia e identidad en Cristo. A medida que nos nutrimos de las palabras de Cristo, que nos enseñan todo sobre nosotros mismos, estamos más preparados para compartir nuestro testimonio de la buena nueva. Al igual que la mujer en el pozo, nuestros corazones no pueden evitar dejar nuestros cántaros de agua y correr a contar a todos nuestro testimonio del encuentro con Cristo. En el servicio, compartimos y testificamos: «¡Vengan a ver a un hombre que me ha dicho todo lo que he hecho! ¿No será él el Mesías?» (Juan 4, 29).

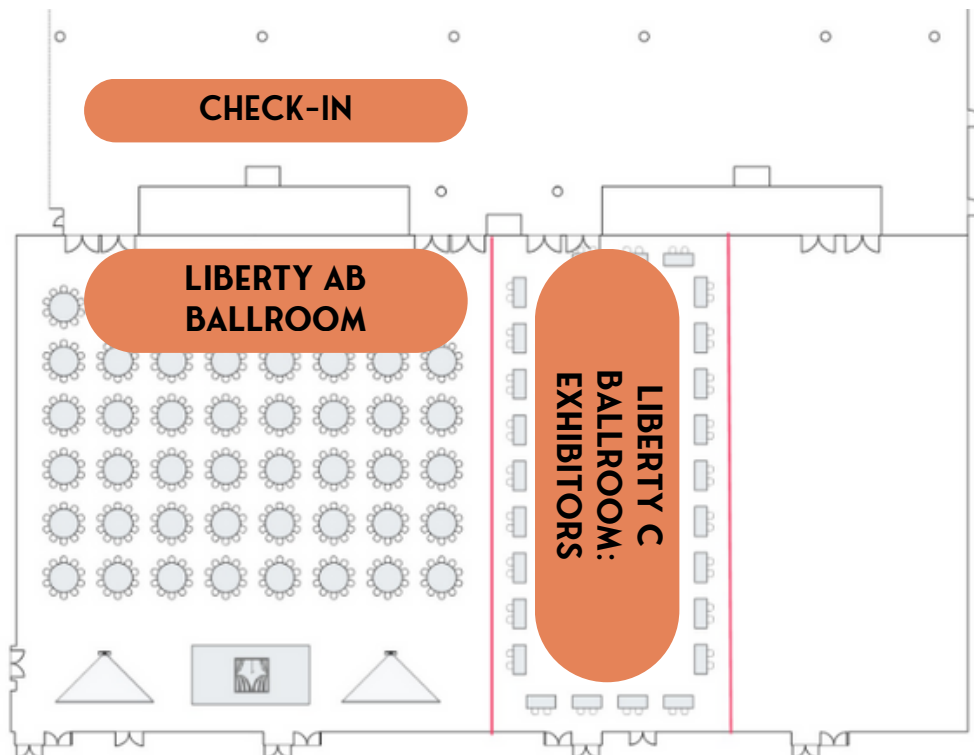
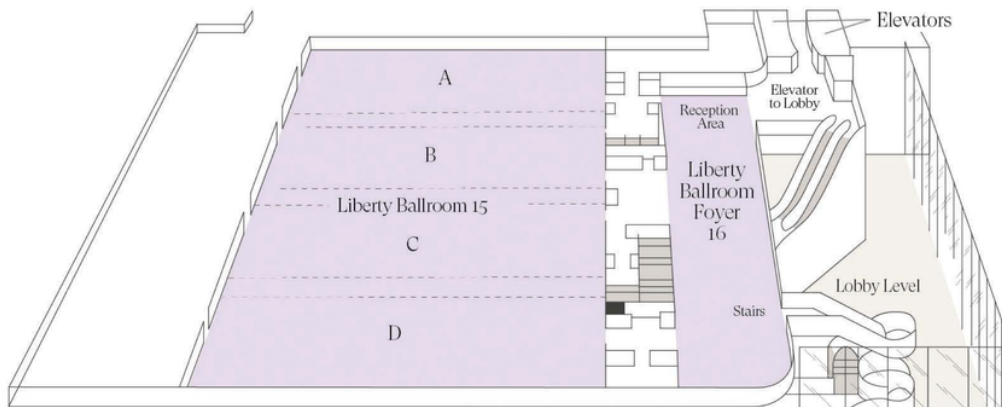
CONFERENCE MAP



MAPA DE LA CONFERENCIA

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THE SHERATON HOTEL DOWNTOWN PHILADELPHIA



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SCHEDULE

12:00 PM	Vendors/Exhibitors Check-In & Setup	Liberty AB Ballroom
1:00 PM	Doors Open & General Check-In	Liberty AB Ballroom
2:00 PM	Opening Bilingual Prayer Service	Liberty AB Ballroom
2:45 PM	Keynote 1: <i>Belonging in Christ</i> English Keynote - Damon Owens → Hispanic Keynote →	→ Liberty AB → 1 st Floor Archdiocese
3:15 - 4:15 PM	Meet & Mingle: Exhibitors and Vendors	Liberty C Ballroom
3:45 - 4:15 PM	Praise & Worship w/ Jesus Youth (Optional)	Liberty AB Ballroom
4:15 PM	Keynote 2: <i>Serving through our Witness</i> English Keynote - Jamie Baxter Hispanic Keynote	→ Liberty AB → 1 st Floor Archdiocese
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Meet & Mingle: Exhibitors and Vendors	Liberty C Ballroom
5:00 PM	Conversation in the Spirit w/ Synodality in Catholic Higher Education (Optional)	Liberty AB Ballroom
5:45 - 6:15 PM	The Witness Stand: Stories of Conversion	Liberty AB Ballroom
5:45 PM	Dinner*	Liberty AB Ballroom

**Participants who did not purchase the cheesesteak buffet add-on are encouraged to visit various nearby restaurants.*

SCHEDULE

7:00 PM	Keynote 3: Nourishment in Christ English Keynote - Heather Khym → Hispanic Keynote →	→ Liberty AB → 1 st Floor Archdiocese
8:00 PM	Bilingual Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions	Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
9:00 PM	Bilingual Anticipated Sunday Mass with Bishop Chylinski	Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

HORARIO

12:00 PM	Registración y montaje de vendedores / expositores	Liberty AB Ballroom
1:00 PM	Apertura de puertas y registraci3n en general	Liberty AB Ballroom
2:00 PM	Oraci3n de apertura bilingüe	Liberty AB Ballroom
2:45 PM	Primer tema: Pertenecer a Cristo Animaci3n: Alejandra Barrios Conferencista: Rev. Wesly Taveras	→ Primer piso Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano
3:45 - 4:15 PM	Encuentro y convivencia: expositores y vendedores	Liberty C Ballroom
3:45 - 4:15 PM	Alabanza y animaci3n con <i>Jesus Youth</i> (opcional)	Liberty AB Ballroom
4:15 PM	Segundo tema: Servir a trav3s de nuestro testimonio Animaci3n: Alejandra Barrios Conferencista: Rev. Francesco D'Amico	→ Primer piso Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano
5:15 PM	El estrado del testigo: Historias de conversi3n	→ Primer piso Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano

HORARIO

5:45 PM	Cena	Liberty AB Ballroom
5:45 – 6:15 PM	The Witness Stand: Stories of Conversion (en inglés)	Liberty AB Ballroom
5:45 – 7:00 PM	Encuentro y convivencia: expositores y vendedores	Liberty C Ballroom
7:00 PM	Tercer Tema: Alimentados en Cristo Músico y Conferencista: Alejandra Barrios	→ Primer piso Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano
8:00 PM	Adoración Eucarística bilingüe y confesiones	Catedral Basílica de los Santos Pedro y Pablo
9:00 PM	Misa de Vigilia bilingüe con el obispo Chylinski	Catedral Basílica de los Santos Pedro y Pablo

**Se recomienda a los participantes que no hayan adquirido el boleto para el bufé de cheesesteak que visiten los distintos restaurantes cercanos.*

OUR SPEAKERS



DAMON OWENS

Damon Owens is an international speaker and evangelist. He is executive director of Joyful Ever After, and National Parish Engagement Officer for Communio.org. The first executive director of the Theology of the Body Institute, Damon has dedicated three decades to helping couples get the marriage they want from the marriage they have and equipping the Church to evangelize through the renewal of healthy relationships, marriage, and the family.

Jamie Baxter founded Exodus 90 in 2015. Since that time, more than 300,000 men have become Exodus men. Exodus 90 serves men in becoming uncommonly free through practices of prayer and asceticism with the support of a local fraternity. The Exodus 90 app serves as a daily, year-round personal formation tool for men. The Exodus 90 Challenge starts on January 5, 2026 and you are welcome to join Jamie and tens of thousands of men around the world! Jamie lives in Westfield, Indiana with his wife Colleen. They have three young children at home. Jamie studied Philosophy, Catholic Studies, and Classical Languages at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota and Theology at St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana.



JAMIE BAXTER



HEATHER KHYM

Heather Khym is the co-host of the internationally popular Abiding Together Podcast. She and her husband, Jake, are the cofounders of Life Restoration Ministries, where she serves as director of vision and ministry of the British Columbia-based apostolate. She has more than twenty-five years of experience as a speaker and retreat leader, offering workshops and conferences in the United States and Canada. She attended Franciscan University of Steubenville, studying theology and catechetics. Heather is passionate about evangelization, discipleship, and creating an environment for people to have a personal encounter with God. She lives with her husband in British Columbia, Canada and has three young adult children.

NUESTROS PRESENTADORES



**ALEJANDRA
BARIOS**

Alejandra Barrios es coordinadora de jóvenes en la parroquia St. William, Diócesis de Austin, y responsable de redes sociales de la casa de retiros El Arca y la Paloma. Es periodista de profesión y actualmente esta cursando una maestría en Consejería Pastoral en la Universidad de Loyola en Chicago. Alejandra es miembro activo de la Renovación Carismática Católica, participa en el ministerio de música a nivel diocesano y en el ministerio de comunicaciones a nivel nacional. Ha liderado iniciativas de formación y evangelización para jóvenes, acompañándolos en su caminar en retiros y grupos de oración.

El Padre Wesly Taveras creció en la República Dominicana, y es hijo de José y Rosa. Sus padres regresaron a la fe y él fue bautizado a los 5 años. De niño practicó béisbol y baloncesto, y como adolescente fue monaguillo, inspirándose en el ejemplo de sus sacerdotes. Después de la secundaria, ingresó al Seminario Redemptoris Mater en su país y fue asignado a Filadelfia. Aquí estudió en el Seminario San Carlos Borromeo. El padre realizó trabajo pastoral y misionero en Florida, y como diácono sirvió en St. Agnes. Fue ordenado en 2020 y sirve actualmente como vicario parroquial en Saint Aloysius.



**REV. WESLY
TAVERAS**



**REV. FRANCESCO
D'AMICO**

El Padre Francesco María D'Amico nació y creció en Asís, Italia, la ciudad de San Francisco, a quien debe su nombre. El deseaba ser futbolista, pero una grave lesión se lo impidió y lo alejó de la fe hasta que su encuentro con Cristo transformó su vida. A los 21 años pasó un año en la Domus Galilaeae en Israel, donde redescubrió el amor de Dios y discernió su vocación sacerdotal. El padre fue enviado a estudiar a Washington, D.C., y luego se trasladó al Seminario Redemptoris Mater en Filadelfia. Fue ordenado en 2019, sirvió en San Aloysius en Pottstown como vicario parroquial y desde 2023 sirve en San William, como párroco.

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

JESUS YOUTH PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Jesus Youth is an international community of young people that are dedicated to spreading the Gospel in their everyday life. The guiding principles of Jesus Youth are spirituality, friendship, and service.



CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT WITH SYNODALITY IN CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION (SCHEAP)

Institutions of higher education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia answered Pope Francis' invitation to participate in the global synod. Through listening sessions, SCHEAP elicits students' joys and obstacles of journeying with the Church, as well as their hopes for its future. Today, SCHEAP will lead us in a Conversation in the Spirit with the theme of Witness.



THE WITNESS STAND: STORIES OF CONVERSION

The theme of our conference is witness! We invite you to come and hear inspiring witnesses of conversion and vocation from various walks of life! Are you ready to step up to the witness stand and make your opening argument?

Our Witnesses:

- Reggie Tarawalley, Young Catholic Professionals Leadership Team
- Sr. Gaudia Maria, Sisters of Life
- Zac Moren, Metanoia Young Adults



YOUR OFFICE



OUR VISION

Our mission is to guide young adults in finding a community in which to **belong**, to promote opportunities for spiritual growth for young adults to **nourish** their faith, and to equip young adults to **serve** as missionary disciples.



OUR MISSION

The Office for Ministry with Young Adults (OMYA) seeks to accompany, inspire and unify young adults from various backgrounds, stages of belief, and diverse cultures to experience the love, mercy, and healing of God. Along with the Office for Catechetical Formation and the Office for Ministry with Youth, OMYA is one of the three branches of the Office for Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adults (OFFYYA). These three offices hope to provide a better continuum of ministry and care for youth and young adults and to create a more dynamic and interconnected web of ministry and outreach.



**FR. STEPHEN
DELACY**

Vicar for OFFYYA



**FR. TIMOTHY
TARNACKI**

OMYA Director



**ANDREA
HALL**

OMYA Associate Director



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NUESTRA OFICINA

“Ayudamos a fortalecer la fe de los católicos hispanos a través del Evangelio, apoyando su formación y educación para vivir y continuar la misión de Jesucristo. Esto lo logramos de las siguientes maneras:

- Apoyamos y acompañamos a la comunidad hispana en su crecimiento en la fe católica mediante diversas iniciativas.
- Brindamos programas de formación en la fe y catequesis mediante el Instituto Católico Hispano, para profundizar en el conocimiento de la fe y desarrollar formas efectivas de proclamar el Evangelio.
- Participamos activamente en liturgias y servicios en español en las 37 parroquias y 2 sitios de oración.
- Abogamos por servicios pastorales para las comunidades hispanas.
- Organizamos talleres y eventos culturales.
- Colaboramos con las oficinas de la Arquidiócesis para optimizar los servicios ofrecidos.
- Preparamos y alentamos a futuros ministros a través de la formación cultural, lingüística y pastoral, fomentando el servicio comprometido a nuestra comunidad.

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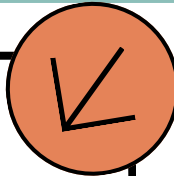


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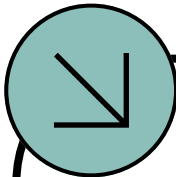
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with Young Adults

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YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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events all throughout the
Archdiocese



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newsletters, young adult events
calendar, and more!



COMING UP *PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS*



JANUARY 1-5, 2026

SEEK Conference 2025
Columbus, OH



JANUARY 24, 2026

Youth and Young Adult Ministers Retreat
National Shrine of St. John Neumann



FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2026

Young Adult Missionary Discipleship Initiative (YAMDI)
Retreat
Mother Boniface Spirituality Center



MARCH 28, 2026

Sonrise Festival
Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa



MAY 9, 2026

Heart to Heart Gathering for Young Adult Women
Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa



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VENDORS & EXHIBITORS

VENDEDORES & EXPOSITORES

AUGUSTINIAN FRIARS

BEAUTIFUL BREATH

BLESSED EMILINA

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN
VOLUNTEER CORPS (CAP CORPS)

CATHOLIC CENTER FOR
YOUNG ADULTS (CCYA)

CHRIST IN THE CITY

THE CULTURE PROJECT INTL

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS
OF CHESTER COUNTY
(CYACC)

CZESTOCHOWA YOUNG
ADULTS (CYA)

DAYLESFORD ABBEY

GIANNA CENTER OF
PHILADELPHIA

HOUSE OF LOVE AND
LAUGHTER SHOP

INTEGRITY COUNSELING
SERVICES

LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

MISSION YOUTH PHILLY

VENDORS & EXHIBITORS

VENDEDORES & EXPOSITORES

MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE MOST
BLESSED TRINITY (MSBT) & MISSIONARY
SERVANTS OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (ST)

MONASTERY OF ST. CLARE

NATURAL WOMEN'S HEALTH
GYNECOLOGY AND FERTILITY
PRACTICE

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS VOCATION
CONFERENCE (NRVC) AND NATIONAL
FUND FOR CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS
CHARITIES (NFCRV)

OFFICE FOR LIFE AND
FAMILY (AOP)

PAULINE FATHERS AND
BROTHERS

SAINTLY SOCIETY

SACRED ART BY CYDNEY

SYNODALITY IN CATHOLIC
HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF
PHILADELPHIA (SCHEAP)

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGICAL
STUDIES

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF
PHILADELPHIA

SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

SOUL TO SOUL COACHING

ST. MATTHEW PARISH YOUNG
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Think Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to unleashing the power of Hope, in a world of despair, one person at a time, through educational and outreach ministries. . The Think hope Foundation is a tribute to Maria Middleton's indomitable faith and spirit. Despite a devastating illness that would claim her young life, Maria brought Unity, Love and Hope to every person and every community she touched. She was an antidote to the hopelessness and despair that seems to be plaguing the world. "Think hope" is dedicated to carrying on her legacy of hope. Learn more at <https://www.thinkhope.org/>



Our Mission is to present the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith as the path to a fulfilled life and authentic happiness. We share valuable resources, create powerful media, and build communities to answer the longings of the human heart with the transformative power of the Gospel.

Rooted in the Catholic Faith, we provide retreats, programs, and events that help people deepen their relationship with God and find peace. Malvern Retreat House cares for the needs of all people. No matter where you may be in your spiritual journey, we encourage you to come as you are and see what our prayerful retreats and meditative grounds have to offer. Though we are a Catholic destination, if you need peace, healing and a space in which to be still, Malvern Retreat House invites you to journey onto our grounds—regardless of your religious background.



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