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Free Preaching Webinars

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Tuesday, June 22, 2021 - "Preaching and *Laudato Si'*"

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Panel Presentation

In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis has challenged the Church to integrate care for creation into its social teaching and pastoral practice. What implications could this have for preaching? Could preaching help the faithful to discover the created order as a pathway to the divine? How might preachers help to foster respect and care for creation in both liturgical and non-liturgical settings? Join a conversation among four theologians about the way forward in connecting *Laudato Si'* to the preaching ministry.

Panelists:



[Fr. Daniel P. Horan OFM](#) is Duns Scotus Chair of Spirituality and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spirituality at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.



[John C. Holbert](#) is professor emeritus of homiletics at Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.



Suzanne Nawrocki, D.Min., is Adjunct Professor of Homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO. One of her interests within homiletics is the use of the body.



[Fr. Michael Connors CSC](#), is Director of the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgics, and Associate Professor of the Practice in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame.

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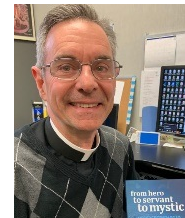
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 -- "Preaching from Archetypal Energy"

2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Fr. Scott Detisch

The homily is a place of integration between the spiritual life of the preacher and the sense of mission out of which the preacher operates. Both of these dimensions which lie beneath the ministry of preaching arise out of the archetypal energy most active within the preacher. Fr. Detisch will explore the three main archetypes that tend to operate the most within the spiritual lives of male clergy: the Hero-for-Christ, the Servant-with-Christ, and the Mystic-in-Christ-in-me. These archetypes have a strong influence on the content and tone of a cleric's preaching. Each archetype offers an important asset to the ministry of preaching, but also contains a hazardous weakness that needs to be monitored. These will be examined and discussed during this session.

[Fr. Scott Detisch](#), S.T.L., Ph.D. was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Erie in 1987. Throughout his years as a priest, Fr. Detisch has served in both parish ministry and higher education. For the last 18 years, he has been involved in seminary education and formation, while also ministering within a parish. In addition, Fr. Detisch serves on the Theology Advisory Board for the Pennsylvania Conference of Catholic Bishops. Currently, Fr. Detisch is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Girard, PA and is adjunct professor of systematic and sacramental theology at St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe, OH. In March of 2019, Liturgical Press published Fr. Detisch's book [From Hero to Servant to Mystic: Navigating the Deeper Waters of Priestly Spirituality](#).



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2022 Notre Dame Preaching Conference:

“Living in the Light of the Word: Enlivening the Scriptural Imagination”

Mark your calendars for **June 20-22, 2022!** Watch [this page](#) for more information in the months ahead.



Keynote speakers: Tom Long, Rita Ferrone, Gary Anderson, Don Senior, Anna Carter Florence

Workshop presenters: J. Michael Joncas, Cathy Hilkert OP, Jude Siciliano OP, Maurice Nutt CSSR, Ann Garrido, Karla Bellinger, Ken Schmidt, Elizabeth Donnelly, Flora Tang, Bob Krieg, Hugh Page, Sara Fairbanks OP, Layla Karst, Oscar Castellanos -- and more!

Laudato Si' and the U.S. Catholic Church:

A Conference Series on Our Common Home

[Catholic Climate Covenant](#), in conjunction with [Creighton University](#), is sponsoring the second in a series of conferences on Pope Francis' call for creation care in *Laudato Si'*. This year's conference will be virtual and free, to be held July 13-15. A **homiletics session** will be offered, chaired by Fr. Mike Connors CSC. The opening keynote address will be given by Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago. More information, conference schedule, and registration available [here](#).

Fall 2021 Marten Visiting Faculty Fellow in Preaching

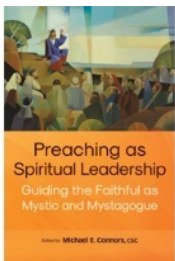


Msgr. Stephen C. Bosso, a priest of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, has been named the Fall 2021 Visiting Faculty Fellow in Preaching at the University of Notre Dame. Bosso is a long-time member of the faculty of [Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary](#) in Boynton Beach, Florida, where he teaches Scripture and homiletics, and served as Rector/President from 2000 to 2005. He will teach one course in homiletics to Notre Dame M.Div. students, while pursuing research and writing.

Preaching Pentecost

Are you preaching this coming Sunday on the Solemnity of Pentecost? The Holy Spirit has been referred to as the “forgotten Person” of the Holy Trinity. Here is one attempt to preach the mystery which the third great feast of the Christian calendar celebrates: >>[Read more](#).

New and Recommended Resources



Michael E. Connors CSC, ed. *Preaching as Spiritual Leadership: Guiding the Faithful as Mystic and Mystagogue*. Liturgy Training Publications, 2021. Contains presentations from the 2019 Notre Dame preaching conference. Available from [LTP](#) and Amazon.

Interested in more resources related to *Laudato Si'*? Try these:

David Cloutier. *Walking God's Earth: The Environment and Catholic Faith*. Liturgical Press, 2014.

<https://www.laudatosi.org/>

Sally A. Brown. *Sunday's Sermon for Monday's World: Preaching to Shape Daring Witness*. Eerdmans, 2020. Brown teaches homiletics and hermeneutics at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Jerusha Matsen Neal. *The Overshadowed Preacher: Mary, the Spirit, and the Labor of Proclamation*. Eerdmans, 2020. Neal teaches homiletics at Duke Divinity School. Watch for a review of this book by Susan McGurgan in a forthcoming issue of *Worship*.

Some recent and very good sources on Initiation ministry, including preaching:

Eliot Kapitan. *Unfolding the Mystery of Christ: Sunday by Sunday Formation of Catechumens*. Liturgical Press, 2020.

Diana Macalintal. *Your Parish Is the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of Community*. Liturgical Press, 2018.

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