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WHAT IS SEEK?

SEEK will strengthen your personal faith, offering you a firsthand experience of engagement in the mission of FOCUS. Many FOCUS benefactors have emphatically expressed how their lives and relationships changed drastically for the better because they took action and attended SEEK, and they keep coming back for more! At SEEK, you will feel new hope for the Church as you join other FOCUS benefactors, renowned Catholic speakers, over 400 FOCUS missionaries from 100 campuses, and over 7,000 college students! The lasting impact of personally growing closer to Christ through prayer, liturgy, enjoyable entertainment, and insightful, intellectual, and empowering speakers will profoundly affect your future. At SEEK, we will come together to wrestle life's BIGGER questions and learn, from one another, the Truth that sets us free. Life is meant to be lived and, in order to live it to the fullest, we must choose to heed the wisdom that calls us to 'ask, seek and knock' to discover who we are, where we're going and what motivates us.

Presented by FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, SEEK 2015 is a richly rewarding, deeply meaningful five-day spiritual event in Nashville from January 1st - 5th. With unexpected twists and turns, you will be challenged, inspired and left wanting more. Don't go it alone, let's SEEK together.

ARCHBISHOP
CHARLES J. CHAPUT
will be receiving the
**2015 SAINT JOHN
PAUL II AWARD**
at SEEK 2015

SCHEDULE

Please join us Jan 1-5 for all of SEEK 2015. For those of you who are unable to come the entire time, partial registration is also available.

THURS / JAN 1	FRI / JAN 2	SAT / JAN 3	SUN / JAN 4	MON / JAN 5
<i>Evening Start</i>	Mass	Mass – <i>Archbishop Charles J. Chaput</i>	Mass	
Check-in	Morning sessions	Morning Sessions	Morning Sessions	
Mass	Afternoon Impact Sessions	Afternoon Impact Sessions	Afternoon Impact Sessions	Panel
Welcome & Keynote – <i>Matt Fradd</i>	Evening Keynote – <i>Helen Alvaré</i>	Evening Keynote – <i>Fr. Mike Schmitz</i>	Evening Keynote – <i>Curtis Martin</i>	Mass
Entertainment	Entertainment	Adoration	Entertainment – <i>Jim Gaffigan</i>	
				<i>12:30 PM Finish</i>



Morning session speakers include Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Jason Evert, Lisa Cotter, Jennifer Fulwiler, and more!

THE GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER

The Gaylord Opryland is the largest non-casino hotel in the Continental United States, outside of Las Vegas. It also ranks as the 29th largest hotel in the world. Minutes from the Nashville International Airport and next door to the Grand Ole Opry, the Gaylord Opryland is in a top Music City location offering Nashville's best entertainment, dining, and shopping all under one roof. It features spectacular atrium views, modern amenities, and world-class service. In addition to its 17 restaurants and lounges, three pools, world-class spa treatments and fitness center, the Gaylord Opryland also boasts an award-winning golf course. www.gaylordopryland.com

YOU'LL ENGAGE IN THESE TOPICS:

- The Power of the Sacraments & Prayer
- Morality
- The Church & its Teachings
- Christianity & Science
- Discipleship
- Philosophy & Life's Deep Questions
- Christianity & the World

WHAT FOCUS BENEFACTORS ARE SAYING

"Our experience was a deeply moving religious event in our lives. We could never have imagined that the conference would be so personally rewarding for us. There is nowhere that we would have rather been, nothing we would have preferred to do, no faith building event more moving than the FOCUS Conference."

- Bart Stephan

"Every FOCUS Conference I have attended convinced me my money is being well spent. I see joy in the students and hope for the future. It is exciting!"

- Deacon George Loegering

"Seeing thousands of young people in one room, praising God, praying, and walking toward Holy Communion was something I can't describe. I can only say that because I experienced it, I now have hope for the future. My husband and I are counting the days to the next conference."

- Becky Stephan

"Attending a FOCUS conference was a most inspiring and fun event. We "older folks" read many horror stories about college life. But, when you meet the college students involved with FOCUS, your perspective changes dramatically, giving you great hope for the future of the Catholic Church."

-Tom Sullivan

"We were amazed by what we experienced at FOCUS conference; the caliber of the speakers, the quality of the students, the reverence given to the mass and the overwhelming beauty of the Masses themselves. Now when we hear the Catholic Church is losing its significance in the world today we know otherwise. The Church is experiencing a new beginning in this next generation of FOCUS students."

- Matt and Peggy Tynan

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SEEK 2015 PROGRAM

SPEAKERS



MATTHEW FRADD is Australian by birth and Catholic by choice. After experiencing a profound conversion at World Youth Day in Rome in 2000, Matthew committed himself to inviting others to know Jesus Christ and the Church He founded. As a missionary in Canada and Ireland, Matthew proclaimed the Gospel to over ten thousand teens and young adults. Matthew has been seen or heard on the BBC, EWTN, The Irish Morning Show, and Catholic Answers Live, where he has shared his personal story of sin, redemption, and healing to people all over the world.



HELEN M. ALVARÉ is an Associate Professor of Law who, prior to joining the George Mason faculty, was an associate professor at Catholic University's Columbus School of Law. Professor Alvaré worked at the Office of General Counsel for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, where she drafted amicus briefs in leading U.S. Supreme Court cases concerning abortion, euthanasia and the Establishment Clause. For the next ten years, she worked with the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities at the NCCB. There, she lobbied, testified before federal congressional committees, addressed university audiences, and appeared on hundreds of television and radio programs on behalf of the U.S. Catholic bishops. Her scholarship regularly treats current controversies about marriage, parenting, and the new reproductive technologies. Currently, she is spearheading the campaign for religious freedom against the HHS mandate through the "Women Speak for Themselves" campaign.

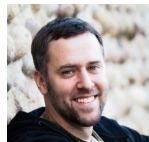


FR. MIKE SCHMITZ, the director of Youth and Young Adult ministry for the Diocese of Duluth as well as the chaplain for the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, inspires and educates through his priesthood and preaching. His Newman Center focuses on helping students be fed through the sacraments and grow in knowledge about the teachings of the Church. Ordained in 2003 at St. Paul Seminary, he has preached to youth and young adults across the country about the love of God and the call of Jesus Christ for saints to be raised up in the Church. Father Mike's hope is that these saints will redeem the entire world for Christ.



CURTIS MARTIN is the President and Founder of FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, one of the fastest growing movements in the Catholic Church. Curtis Martin holds a Master's degree in Theology, is the author of the best-selling book *Made for More*, and was one of the lead commentators of the new, ground-breaking show on EWTN, *Crossing the Goal*. In 2004, Curtis and his wife Michaelann were awarded the Benemerenti Medal by Pope John Paul II for their outstanding service to the Church. In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Curtis as a Consultant to the Pontifical Council of the New Evangelization. In addition to his work with FOCUS, Curtis serves as the Vice Chairman of the Augustine Institute in Denver, a Catholic graduate school dedicated to the New Evangelization. Curtis and his wife, Michaelann, live in Westminster, CO with six of their nine children.

EMCEE



CHRISTOPHER STEFANICK speaks to over 50,000 teens, young adults, and parents every year. This 15 year youth ministry veteran served at a parish in the East L.A. area and as Director of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry for the Archdiocese of Denver. He is the founder and president of Real Life Catholic, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reengaging a generation, VP of the Dead Theologians Society, and a regular contributor to YDisciple at the Augustine Institute. Chris is a syndicated columnist and has authored or co-authored several books, including the confirmation program, *CHOSEN*. He is a regular on Catholic TV and radio. He is most proud of his wife and six children. You can learn more about him at www.reallifecatholic.com.

ENTERTAINMENT



JIM GAFFIGAN is a Grammy nominated Comedian, New York Times Best Selling author, top touring performer, and multi-platinum selling father of five. His fourth hour special ("Beyond the Pale" 2006, "King Baby" 2009, "Mr. Universe" 2012), "Obsessed" will premiere on Comedy Central on April 27th, 2014 and the DVD/CD will be released on April 29th by Comedy Central Records. The pre-order for "Obsessed" has already charted #1 on iTunes, which gives Gaffigan five albums in the Top 25 Comedy category on iTunes. In May of 2013, Jim's first book 'Dad is Fat' was released by Crown Publishing and debuted at #5 on the New York Time's Bestseller's List and remained on the list for 17 weeks after. Gaffigan has had breakout guest appearances on many comedies and dramas ranging from "Portlandia" to HBO's cult hits "Flight of the Conchords" and "Bored to Death" to dramatic roles in all three versions of "Law & Order". In recent years, Gaffigan has also become a mainstay on the big screen with memorable roles in "Going the Distance", "Away We Go" and "It's Kind of a Funny Story." Further broadening his career, he starred in his first Broadway production, "That Championship Season". As part of the highly acclaimed play, Gaffigan appeared in the ensemble alongside Chris Noth, Brian Cox, Jason Patric, and Kiefer Sutherland. He is currently on a 50-city national tour called Jim Gaffigan: The White Bread Tour.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register online through the
SEEK 2015 website at www.SEEK2015.com
Registration Type: Benefactors

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