

## Catholic Adult Education Speaker's Bureau

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<p><b>Fred Just</b> is the retired Executive Director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a member of the Sacred Heart Parish in Shadyside.</p> <p><a href="mailto:justregentsq@aol.com">justregentsq@aol.com</a> 412-608-7250</p> <p>MPA, University of Pittsburgh</p> <p>MA, Catholic University/Capuchin College</p> <p>BA, St. Fidelis</p>	<p><b>Being a Peacemaker in Today's World: Teachings and the Life of Jesus.</b> Using New Testament sources to develop non-violent lifestyles. Distinguishing between HOT VIOLENCE (physical harm) and COLD VIOLENCE (character assassination). Examples from Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Rosa Parks. Detailed description available.</p> <p><b>Seeking Justice in Today's World.</b> Using Old and New Testament and Church Documents. Defining JUSTICE, SOCIAL JUSTICE and RIGHTS. Distinguishing between JUSTICE and CHARITY. Detailed description available.</p>	<p>Ten to fifteen years ago, parishes had social concerns or social justice committees and were even part of RCIA education process. Today there is a growing interest to revisit the social teachings of the Gospels and the Church — perhaps because of what is happening in our society and across the globe.</p>	<p>Fred has given talks and days of recollection throughout the country on various social issues, calling on his teaching experience and his vast social service sector experience to enhance his presentations.</p> <p>He taught at Quigley HS and Carlow College and was a Field Instructor for the U. of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. He consulted with various Non-profits, coordinating campaigns and engaging lobbying efforts. He is the retired Executive Director, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Pittsburgh where he oversaw 125 employees, six thrift stores, and service programs and more than 75,000 clients annually. He previously served as Executive Director of the Mt. Nazareth Center and Director of Catholic Charities - Diocese of Pittsburgh - and of United Way for Allegheny County.</p> <p>He has over 10 years of local governmental experience working on problems of Aging, Mental Health and City Planning. He served on numerous boards related to Hunger, Housing, Consumer Advocacy, Crime and Delinquency with several related publications and awards.</p>

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<p><b>Maureen R. O'Brien, PhD</b>  Phone: 412-396-6528  Fax: 412-396-4904  Email: <a href="mailto:obrien@duq.edu">obrien@duq.edu</a></p> <p>Associate Professor,  Department of Theology,  Fisher 608A,  Duquesne University  600 Forbes Ave.  Pittsburgh, PA 15282</p>	<p><b>Spiritual Reflection for Everyday Discipleship:</b>  Theological Foundations and Practical Approaches (1-3 sessions)</p> <p><b>Everyone Has a Vocation:</b>  Theological and Spiritual Resources for Finding Your Calling (1-2 sessions)</p> <p><b>Who Is a Minister?</b> New Models for Ministries of the Baptized (1-2 sessions)</p> <p><b>Practical Ecumenism:</b> How Catholics and Other Christians Can Share and Grow in Their Faith Together (1-2 sessions)</p> <p><b>"Nones" and the Rest of Us:</b>  Declining Religious Affiliation and Where We Go from Here (1-2 sessions)</p> <p><b>Soundings from the World Church:</b> A Field Study of Catholic Parishes in Africa (1 session)</p>	<p>My sessions will always involve both my "input" and an overall process of reflection and conversation. I attempt to model best practices of adult formation and education, drawing on their rich experiences and encouraging them to approach questions (theirs and mine) deeply. In some cases, especially if multiple sessions are given, participants will receive models/methods for practice and reflection during each session to be further pursued at the next session.</p> <p>Audio-visual equipment needed for presentations, including internet access. Copies of handouts needed.</p>	<p>Maureen R. O'Brien, PhD, has been a faculty member in the Duquesne University Department of Theology for over twenty years. She has also served as a parish lay ecclesial minister, and in her work at Duquesne is responsible for teaching and guiding graduate students as ministers. She teaches topics in religious education, catechetics, practical theology and theological anthropology. She has held several national leadership positions related to these areas of expertise. She has also served on the national dialogue group of Catholics and United Methodists and helped to develop their pastoral resources. She is actively involved in her own parish, especially in financial support of Catholic schoolchildren in Haiti and efforts to educate parishioners about the country. She recently completed a field study of lay catechists in a diocese in West Africa to compare their ministry with lay ecclesial ministers in the United States.</p>

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<p><b>Mary Traupman, CDP</b> 412-952-7309 mtraupman@gmail.com</p> <p>J.D. Duquesne University Law School; Certificate, Hospital Executive Development Program, St. Louis University;</p> <p>M.B.A.; emphasis on Non-profit Management, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business;</p> <p>M.S.; Mathematics, University of Notre Dame; and</p> <p>B.A. Magna Cum Laude, Mathematics, LaRoche College.</p>	<p><b>The life, work and legacy of Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler, social reformer and supporter of the laboring class in Germany following the industrial revolution</b></p> <p><b>Healthcare decision making: the Catholic moral tradition and the law</b></p>	<p>Bishop Ketteler's life and work became the model for Pope Leo XIII's encyclical <i>Rerum Novarum</i> and much of what developed into Catholic Social Doctrine. It is relevant and necessary, even today.</p> <p>Healthcare reform is a major societal issue today. Catholic teaching has much to teach us about healthcare decision making, but much of it is misunderstood.</p>	<p>MARY A. TRAUPMAN, Esq. is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, with over 40 years of professional experience in positions in education and health care, including administration, legal service, and adjunct faculty status in Duquesne University's Rangos School of Health Sciences.</p> <p>Currently she is an attorney in private practice with a special interest in elder law.</p> <p>She has been widely published and interviewed and has lectured extensively on the ethics of healthcare decision making and advance directives for healthcare.</p> <p>She has served as VP, Risk Manager and Staff Atty. for Divine Providence Hospital.</p>

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<p><b>Fr. Michael Decewicz</b>  <b>Pastor, St. Juan Diego</b>  <b>Parish</b>  mdecewicz@diopitt.org</p>	<p><b>“Addiction - Why Do I Do What I Don’t Want to Do”</b></p>	<p>Addicts, family and friends of addicts, and everybody else faces counterproductive habits that are so hard to change and with so little understanding as to why we can’t change.</p>	<p>Fr. Michael is the Chaplain for the Pittsburgh Vagabonds, a group out to help promote understanding of addictions and pathways forward.</p>

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<p><b>Fr. Vincent Stegman</b>  600 Forbes Avenue  Pittsburgh, Pa 15219  412-370-2511  <a href="mailto:csspborana@yahoo.com">csspborana@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>Author: <b><i>Crossing Bridges: An Account of Cross-cultural Experiences by a Retired Missionary</i></b></p>	<p><b>Crossing Bridges -</b>  Racism, African affairs</p>	<p>Racism is one of the biggest scourges in American life today. So little is known about actual people of color; any enlightenment is valuable.</p>	<p>Fr. Vince is the author of <b><i>Crossing Bridges: An Account of Cross-cultural Experiences by a Retired Missionary</i></b>. For forty years he lived in tribal communities in two East African countries, living and sharing the Gospel with remote tribal members as they could understand it.</p> <p>Previously he taught in an Afro-American school in segregated Virginia. Since then he has read and thought much about Africa, African-Americans and our general population.</p> <p><b><i>Crossing Bridges</i></b> is his first person account of living the Gospel with African tribal people.</p>

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<p><b>Carole Brennan, D. Ed.</b>  <a href="mailto:uiogd@comcast.net">uiogd@comcast.net</a>            724-274-4170</p> <p><b>Ed.D. Psychotherapy,</b>            Duquesne University</p> <p><b>Master of Divinity,</b>            Princeton</p> <p><b>M.A. Counseling,</b>            Duquesne University</p> <p><b>Certificate in Archeology,</b>            Oxford University, England,            and</p> <p><b>Certificate in Moral Development,</b> Harvard University.</p>	<p><b>Introduction, Purpose and Future of Catholic Social Teaching (CST)</b></p> <p><b>Ten Themes of CST:</b> And how other religions embrace these themes</p> <p><b>Religion, Faith and Spirituality:</b> How they differ - How they are the same</p> <p><b>Exploring Christianity (in its many forms), Judaism, Islam, and several other religions</b></p> <p><b>Moral Development Growth of Faith</b></p> <p>Format: Discussion with ample time for Q&amp;A</p>	<p>CST, a neglected teaching of the Catholic Church, is rarely preached from the pulpit nor often taught in our Catholic schools or CCD. If understood and practiced, it can change society.</p> <p>Religion, Faith and Spirituality are three separate concepts which, when combined, can enhance our lives. All three are frequently misunderstood.</p> <p>Moral development and the growth of faith come in stages for individuals and for nations. This session explains each.</p>	<p>Carole taught at Seton Hall University for over ten years and was their Commencement Speaker in 2010. Earlier she was invited to be Theologian in Residence at Princeton Seminary in 2001 and presented twice at the Federation of Christian Ministries Conferences in Ohio on "Animal Therapy and the Elderly," and on the "Spirituality and High Risk Youth," which was also given to the Sisters at St. Joseph in Baden. She recently gave a week-long seminar on Spirituality at the Chautauqua Institute in New York.</p> <p>In addition to her doctorate in psychotherapy from Duquesne University, Carole also holds certificates in archeology from Oxford University in England and in Moral Development from Harvard University under the direction of Lawrence Kohlberg, and Youth and Theology from Princeton Seminary.</p>

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<p><b>Andrew Bechman</b>  <a href="mailto:akbechman@gmail.com">akbechman@gmail.com</a>            412-781-2767            (home landline)</p> <p>Member, St. Scholastica Parish in Aspinwall.</p> <p>Staff member, St. Scholastica, working in adult faith formation and RCIA.</p> <p><b>Rose Lord</b>  <a href="mailto:roseannlord7@gmail.com">roseannlord7@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Member, St. Thomas à Becket parish in the South Hills.</p>	<p>“Loving God by caring for the Earth and its people: a call to conversion”</p> <p>(Six 90-minute sessions or two day-long sessions [9 a.m. to 3 p.m.] )</p>	<p>Climate change catastrophes have already begun around the world and require action from the whole human family if we are to survive. What resources does our Catholic tradition bring to this crisis? Pope Francis has shown the way in <i>Laudato Si'</i> (“Care for Our Common Home.”)</p> <p>This interactive workshop will encourage participants to see that we are truly “one single human family,” and an integral part of all creation. We will introduce them to Pope Francis’s critique of economic and political systems that destroy our environment and his call for our conversion to ecological stewardship. We will explore with participants how we can take an active role in caring for our planet and its people. All the while, we will attend to spiritual experiences that can animate our efforts.</p>	<p>Andrew Bechman has worked as a high school teacher, an at-home father, and in his current position for nineteen years as a parish minister working with adults who wish to enrich their faith lives. He earned a master’s degree in religious education from Boston College. He has done work for the Diocese of Pittsburgh on the RCIA Steering Committee and other committees related to adult faith formation.</p> <p>Rose Lord, retired from the healthcare field, has been working, through several non-profits, with indigenous women in Guatemala and Haiti for fourteen years. She has designed the Women’s Self Reliance Program, in which participants learn about organic vegetable gardening and nutrition as they work to develop a stronger community.</p>

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<p><b>Edward T. Brett</b></p> <p>PhD History, Rutgers University, New Jersey</p> <p>Professor Emeritus, La Roche University</p>	<p><b>Martyrs of Hope: The Spiritual Transformation of Seven U.S. Missionaries in Central America.</b> This is a joint presentation with Donna Brett.</p> <p><b>Catholic Social Justice</b></p> <p><b>U.S. foreign policy and the Catholic Church in Latin America during the Cold War.</b></p> <p><b>The little-known history of the African American Sisters of the Holy Family and their work with the poorest of the poor in Central America.</b></p> <p><b>Archbishop Oscar Romero: A Model for a Church in Crisis</b></p>	<p>The year 2020 is the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of four US churchwomen in Central America. Their lives, their struggle for justice and spiritual growth are inspirations, living in conditions that too few of us understand. Dorothy Kazel, OSU; Ita Ford, MM; Maura Clarke, MM; and lay missionary Jean Donovan; and their companion, Carla Piette, MM--all died tragically in 1980. This discussion helps us understand the relationship of their spirituality, their courage and their work of assisting refugees during the El Salvador civil war, and something about the role of our own foreign policy. It also gives us a chance to reflect how these role models can continue to inspire us to serve the poor and to work for justice in our troubled world.</p>	<p><b>Edward T. Brett</b> received his PhD in history from Rutgers University. He is the author or co-author of five books, including: <i><u>Martyrs of Hope: Seven U.S. Missionaries in Central America</u></i> (Orbis Books, 2018),</p> <p><i><u>The U.S. Catholic Press on Central America: From Cold War Anticommunism to Social Justice</u></i> (University of Notre Dame, 2003) and</p> <p><i><u>The New Orleans Sisters of the Holy Family: African American Missionaries to the Garifuna of Belize</u></i> (University of Notre Dame, 2012).</p> <p>He taught / lectured on a variety of subjects concerning Catholic social justice, U.S. foreign policy and the Catholic Church in Latin America during the Cold War, Vatican II, the Catholic missionary movement, and the little-known history of African American female religious congregations. He recently lectured on "Archbishop Oscar Romero: A Model for a Church in Crisis."</p>



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<p><b>Elise Lonich Ryan, Ph.D.</b> 620 Cascade Road Pittsburgh, PA 15221 724.255.6834 (cell) <a href="mailto:elonichryan@gmail.com">elonichryan@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>B.A.:</b> English Literature, University of Pittsburgh (<i>summa cum laude</i>)</p> <p><b>M.A.:</b> English Literature, Indiana University, Bloomington</p> <p><b>Ph.D.:</b> English Renaissance Literature with a Ph.D. minor in Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington</p> <p><b>Employment:</b> Part-Time Instructor, English Department, University of Pittsburgh and Adviser, Pittsburgh Christian Studies</p>	<p><b>Catholic Women Writers</b> (4-5 sessions; 90 minutes each)</p> <p><b>A/V will be necessary</b> for all courses, and some printing for hand-out will likely be required. One of the biggest deterrents to participation in these classes from people in the 25-50 age range are timing, lack of child care, and no digital component to the course. I'm very happy and able to imagine more flexible meeting times, the likelihood of engaging reliable adults to watch children, and developing an online extension of the course with the hope of bringing-in a more diverse audience.</p> <p><b>I'm also willing to negotiate fees once the structure of the course and the availability of funds are established</b></p>	<p>Women have <i>always</i> been leaders in the Church and guardians of the faith, extending it into future generations and expanding its system of belief and practice. All this is both because and in spite of their exclusion from some forms of ministry, particularly the diaconate and the priesthood. In each session, we will examine 1-2 Catholic women writers, from a variety of genres, to explore how women voice their faith—in all its complexity, beauty, and difficulty—in art and theology. Each session will also include time to extend the ideas in the text to our present experience of women in the Catholic church, especially in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and consider the ways in which women's work in the Church can be understood, celebrated, and acknowledged.</p>	<p>Elise's academic training, research, and teaching focus on the intersection of religion and literature, and she has taught at the college and university level for over ten years, currently as a part-time instructor in the English department at the University of Pittsburgh.</p> <p>She has also taught adult faith formation classes at her previous parish, St. Francis of Assisi in Columbus, OH, on Dante's <i>Divine Comedy</i> and Dostoevsky's <i>The Brothers Karamazov</i>. Raised in the Catholic Church in Pittsburgh.</p> <p>Her teaching has been much lauded and acknowledged with teaching awards and nominations, and her classes are often interactive and designed to meet as many people as possible where they are in life and in their familiarity with the given topic.</p>

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<p><b>Elise Lonich Ryan, Ph.D.</b> 620 Cascade Road Pittsburgh, PA 15221 724.255.6834 (cell) elonichryan@gmail.com</p> <p><b>B.A.:</b> English Literature, University of Pittsburgh (<i>summa cum laude</i>)</p> <p><b>M.A.:</b> English Literature, Indiana University, Bloomington</p> <p><b>Ph.D.:</b> English Renaissance Literature with a Ph.D. minor in Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington</p> <p><b>Employment:</b> Part-Time Instructor, English Department, University of Pittsburgh and Adviser, Pittsburgh Christian Studies</p>	<p><b>Theater and Liturgy (4-5 sessions; 90 minutes each;</b> Ideally, this course overlaps with the end of the Lenten and the beginning of the Easter periods so that the Church's ancient sequences might rise both to the liturgical rubrics we know today and to theatrical practices which could be directly applied to people's Mass experiences.)</p> <p><b>A/V will be necessary</b> for all courses, and some printing for hand-out will likely be required.</p> <p>I'm very happy and able to imagine more flexible meeting times, the likelihood of engaging reliable adults to watch children, and developing an online extension of the course with the hope of bringing in a more diverse audience.</p> <p><b>I'm willing to negotiate fees once the structure of the course and the availability of funds are established.</b></p>	<p>After the fall of Rome, the Classical world of public theatrical performance went dormant. It was resurrected in the Roman Catholic Church's liturgy, specifically in the development of the <i>quem quaeritis</i> (<i>Whom are you seeking?</i>) sequence during the Easter Vigil liturgy. As more sequences developed, theatrical performance expanded from liturgy to public performances of Biblical stories and saints' lives: the medieval mystery and morality plays. Our course will be a dynamic and interactive exploration of the liturgy's long relationship with the theater, and we will consider how we are called today to embody our worship via a variety of performances during Mass. Often, Catholic ritual practices and the Mass itself are pejoratively described as "performance" and "theater." This need not be negative descriptions but can point to deep truths about our history and our practice as Catholic Christians.</p>	<p>Elise's academic training, research, and teaching focus on the intersection of religion and literature, and she has taught at the college and university level for over ten years, currently as a part-time instructor in the English department at the University of Pittsburgh. She has also taught adult faith formation classes at St. Francis of Assisi in Columbus, OH, and on Dante's <i>Divine Comedy</i> and Dostoevsky's <i>The Brothers Karamazov</i>. Raised Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, Elise lived out of state for ten years, returning in the summer of 2017. She has the perspective of both an "insider" to the community and an "outsider."</p> <p>Her teaching has been much lauded and acknowledged with teaching awards and nominations, and her classes are often interactive and designed to meet as many people as possible where they are in life and in their familiarity with the given topic.</p>

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