

GENERAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE MAY 2-3, 2017

An Introduction to the Theology of the Body

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Northern Illinois District



TUESDAY, MAY 2

At Trinity Lutheran Church,
Burr Ridge

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9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Divine Service**

10 minute Break

10:10 – 11:10 **President's Address**
Rev. President Dan Gilbert

Break for Travel, Lunch & Registration at the
hotel— **Lunch provided starting at 11:30**

TUESDAY, MAY 2

At Holiday Inn, Countryside

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11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch & Registration**
Hotel Atrium & Lobby

1:00 – 2:00 **Session ONE**
Bill Donaghy

20 minute Break

2:20 – 3:20 **Session TWO**
Bill Donaghy

3:20 – 3:35 **Conference Business**

20 minute Break

3:55 – 4:55 **Session THREE**
Bill Donaghy

20 minute Break

5:15 – 6:15 **Session FOUR**
Bill Donaghy

-- TUESDAY, MAY 2 CONTINUED --

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. **Daily Prayer: Vespers**

6:45 – 8:00 **Conference Dinner**
Pizza and Beverages in Atrium

[7:30 – 8:30] **Optional Bible Study**
With Donaghy in Main Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

At Holiday Inn, Countryside

7:00 – 8:15 a.m. **Hot Breakfast**
Provided in Atrium

8:15 – 8:45 **Daily Prayer: Matins**

8:45 – 9:45 **Session FIVE**
Bill Donaghy

15 minute Break

10:00 – 10:15 **Conference Business**

10:15 – 11:15 **Session SIX**
Rev. Spencer Mielke

11:15 – 11:30 **Wrap Up and Itinerarium**

Speakers & Topics

Mr. Bill Donaghy

Plenary Sessions: An Introduction to the
Theology of the Body.

Tuesday Evening: 'Arise My Beloved': The Song of
Songs and the Great Dance of Sexual Difference.

Rev. Spencer Mielke

Here I Sit: How a Pope's Teaching is
Transforming a Lutheran Pastor's Life, Ministry
and Parish.

Conference Speakers



Bill Donaghy

TOPIC

An Introduction to the Theology of the Body

TOPIC SUMMARY

The Theology of the Body (TOB) is Pope John Paul II's biblical meditation on what it means to be human. Through a prayerful unpacking of Scripture, coupled with a philosophical gaze on the lived reality of human experience, the pope spoke to the truth that human love "from the beginning" was to be an icon of God, Himself a Divine Family of Love in the Trinity. Man and woman are meant to visibly image on earth the eternal exchange of life-giving Love that is God! In pondering this human vocation to love, the TOB focuses on two main questions, "What does it mean to be

human?" (our identity) and "How can I live my life in a way so as to be truly happy?" (our vocation). This offers the answer to the ache of our time for the true meaning and orientation of human sexuality.

BIOGRAPHY

Bill Donaghy (Don-a-hee) has spoken internationally on faith and the New Evangelization since 1999. Through his work with the Pontifical Mission Societies, Bill has given hundreds of talks on the spirituality of mission to young people throughout the greater Philadelphia area and beyond, creating a teaching and speaking ministry known as MissionMoment.org. He holds an Associates Degree in Visual Arts, a Bachelors in Philosophy and a Masters in Systematic Theology. In addition to his full-time work for the Theology of the Body Institute, Bill teaches at Immaculata University. He and his wife, Rebecca, live outside of Philadelphia, PA with their four children.



Spencer Mielke

TOPIC

Here I Sit: How a Pope's Teaching is Transforming a Lutheran Pastor's Life, Ministry and Parish

TOPIC SUMMARY

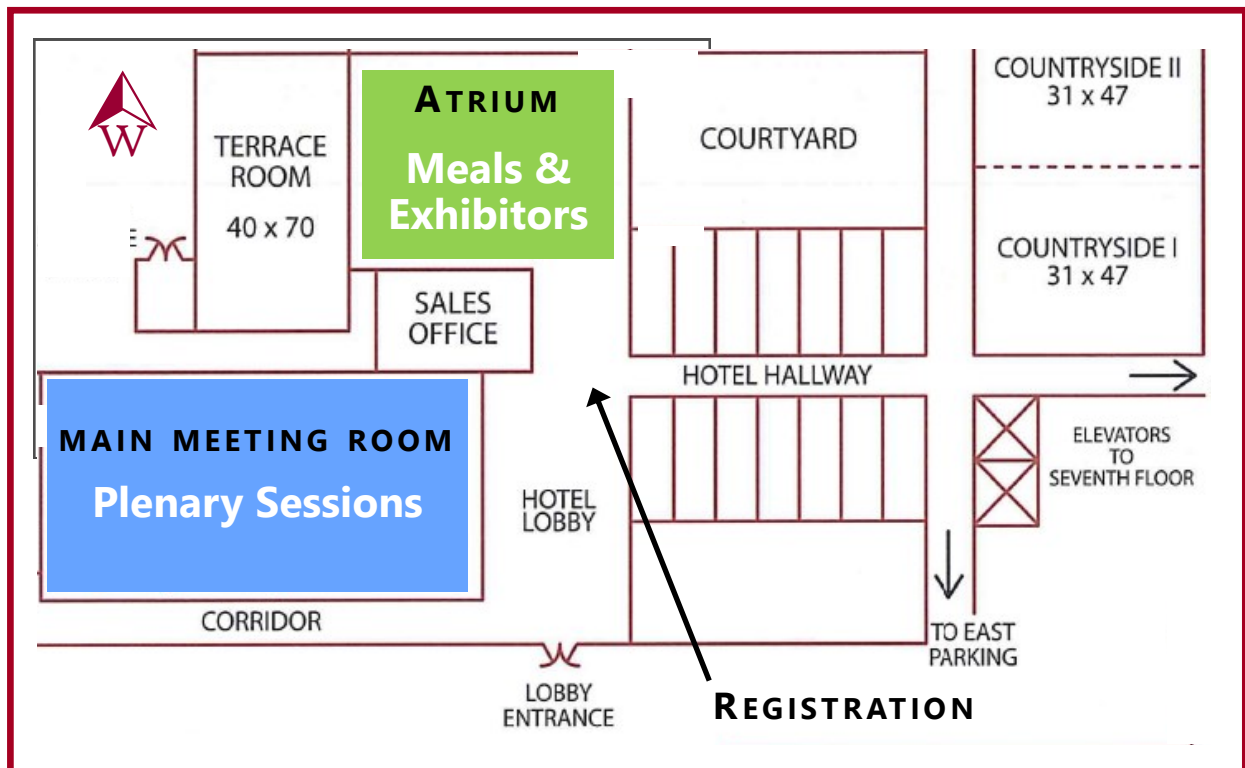
We Lutherans don't normally turn to popes for theological help. But if we are willing to sit and listen, John Paul II, in his *Theology of the Body* offers a rich, Christological, sacramental, and biblical response to the confusing issues of our day: gender, sexuality, marriage. Pr. Mielke will share how he first learned of the

Theology of the Body, what it has done in his life and ministry, and how it might help Lutherans respond to our devolving moral landscape.

BIOGRAPHY

Pr. Spencer Mielke is Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkhart, IN where he has served since 1998. He attended Concordia University, River Forest/Chicago (B.A. Secondary Education, 1994) and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (M. Div. 1998). He is currently enrolled in the Theology of the Body Institute's Certification program. He and his wife Shelley have been married for 20 years and have 5 children ranging in age from 7-17.

Holiday Inn & William Tell Chicago



Exhibitor & ministry Partner tables located near the Atrium



Address for Trinity Lutheran Church, Burr Ridge

11500 German Church Road
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(708) 839-1200

From I-55, take County Line Road South to German Church Road and turn left. Trinity is 1/2 mile on the left.

Directions to Holiday Inn from Trinity

- ↑ *Head east on German Church Rd toward Independence Dr .5 mi*
- ↶ *Turn left onto S Wolf Rd 1.9 mi*
- ↷ *Turn right onto historic U.S. 66/Joliet Rd 1.5 mi — Hotel will be on the left*



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6201 Joliet Road
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