Youth & Religious Leadership

TOGETHER

Discerning in Missionary Discipleship
WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, welcome to our National Assembly!

This year, the Assembly will anticipate the upcoming Synod on Young People, under the theme, “Youth and Religious Leaders Together: Discernment in Missionary Discipleship.”

We welcome vocation personnel, and those in ministry with youth and young adults, who are joining us this year. Through engaging speakers and lively discussion, we will explore how we, as religious, may help youth and young adults discover their plan for life through vocational discernment, and with joy and openness to God and participation in our Church and world.

In a special way, I invite you to join me in welcoming our plenary speakers.

Most Reverend David Konderla, Bishop of Tulsa, will share insights not only from his episcopal ministry, but from his prior roles as vocation director, and as pastor and campus minister in the Diocese of Austin.

Curtis Martin started FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) at Benedictine College in 1998. Today, this ministry has 660 trained evangelizers on 137 campuses in four nations dedicated to sharing the hope and joy of the Gospel with college and university students through one-on-one discipleship.

On Wednesday evening, you are invited to participate in a special racial justice immersion experience. We will travel to a Redemptorist parish near downtown St. Louis to meet with local Catholic and Baptist clergy and young people impacted by racial tension in their communities. We will listen, dialogue and pray together.

On Thursday evening, we will honor Kathleen McChesney for her dedication to the protection of young people in our Church and on Friday, we will enjoy an engaging town-hall with experts and young adults, followed by Mass celebrated by St. Louis Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, whose staff has provided invaluable assistance for our Assembly.

Thank you for being here. Enjoy!

Fr. John Pavlik, OFM Cap
Executive Director
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TUESDAY, JULY 31
Visit our exhibitors: 2-6 p.m. & 7:15-8:45 p.m.

4:30-5:45 P.M. NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
(Alpine 1)

6-7 P.M. WELCOME & OPENING REFLECTION
(Versailles 1)
Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS, facilitator
Very Rev. Brian Terry, SA, president
Very Rev. Ron Mercier, SJ, reflections

7-8:45 P.M. OPENING RECEPTION
(Exhibit Hall-Versailles 2 & Foyer)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
Visit our exhibitors: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

7:30-8:30 A.M. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(Versailles 2 and Foyer)
Sponsored by Southdown

8 A.M. RESOLUTIONS HEARING (TENTATIVE)
CMSM members only (Versailles 1)

9 A.M. MORNING PRAYER
Very Rev. Ron Mercier, SJ,
Spiritual Reflection (Versailles 1)

9:30-10:30 A.M. PLENARY: MOST REVEREND
DAVID KONDERLA
Sponsored by Shalom Center

10:30-11 A.M. COFFEE BREAK IN EXHIBIT AREA
Sponsored by
Saint John Vianney Center

WEDNESDAY (continued)
Visit our exhibitors: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

11 A.M.-12 P.M. DISCUSSION
Sean Sammon, FMS, facilitator

12 NOON-1 P.M. LUNCHEON:
Racial Justice & Religious Institutes
Rev. Joseph Brown, SJ, Ph.D.
Speaker sponsored by
Christian Brothers Services
(Versailles 1)

2-3:15 P.M. CMSM MEMBER MEETING
Presentation of Candidates
for National Board
Leadership Issues & Dialogue
(Versailles 1)

3:15-3:45 P.M. COFFEE BREAK IN EXHIBIT AREA

3:45-4:45 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSIONS (continued)

5 P.M. EUCHARISTIC LITURGY (Matterhorn)

7 P.M.-8:30 P.M. RACIAL JUSTICE IMMERSION
St. Alphonsus “The Rock” Parish
Meet in lobby at 6:20 p.m.

RACIAL JUSTICE

Wednesday special events:

- Lunch with Jesuit Father Joseph Brown, Africana Studies professor, writer and poet
- Evening Racial Justice Immersion: Visit a local Redemptorist parish to listen, dialogue and pray with faith leaders and young adults working toward racial reconciliation in their community

PRAYER & LITURGY

Prayer opportunities:
- A prayer room, with the Blessed Sacrament, is located in Davos (lobby level), and open daily, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Mass is celebrated daily in Matterhorn (lobby level)
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2**

Visit our exhibitors: 7:30-11 a.m.

7:30-8:30 A.M. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Sponsored by Praesidium
(Versailles 2 and Foyer)

9 A.M. **MORNING PRAYER**
Very Rev. Ron Mercier, SJ
Spiritual Reflection
(Versailles 1)

9:30-10:30 A.M. **PLENARY: CURTIS MARTIN**
Sponsored by National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC)

10:30-11 A.M. **COFFEE BREAK IN EXHIBIT AREA**
Sponsored by Guest House

11 A.M.-12 P.M. **DISCUSSION**
Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS, facilitator

12 NOON Lunch on your own

2-3:15 P.M. **CMSM MEMBER MEETING**
National Board Elections
Leadership Issues and Dialogue

3:15-3:45 P.M. **COFFEE BREAK**

3:45-4:45 P.M. **AFTERNOON SESSIONS (continued)**

5:15 P.M. **EUCHARISTIC LITURGY (Matterhorn)**

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**THURSDAY (continued)**

6:30 P.M. **SOCIAL (Versailles Foyer)**

7:30 P.M. **BANQUET (Versailles 1)**
Sponsored by Saint Luke Institute

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3**

7:30 A.M. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:45 A.M. **MORNING PRAYER**
Very Rev. Ron Mercier, SJ

9:20-10 A.M. **REGIONAL MEETINGS**
1 - Bern
2 - Alpine 1
3 - St. Moritz
4 - Alpine 2
5 - Davos
6 - Versailles 2

10-10:20 A.M. **COFFEE BREAK**

10:20-11:50 A.M. **FRIDAY FORUM**
Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS
Rev. Tom Gaunt, SJ, Ph.D.
Bro. Javier Hansen, FSC
Mary Hess, Ph.D.
Brian Miller
Andrew Paulsen

12 NOON **EUCHARISTIC LITURGY**
Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson,
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**NEW MINISTRIES AND VENDORS!**
- More than 40 ministries, chaplaincies and vendors, including several new to CMSM (see your folder for a full list)
- Enjoy the opening reception, breakfasts and coffee breaks in the Exhibit Hall

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**EXHIBIT HALL**

**CMSM MEMBER MEETING**
National Board Elections
Leadership Issues and Dialogue

**PANEL DISCUSSION**
Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS
Rev. Tom Gaunt, SJ, Ph.D.
Bro. Javier Hansen, FSC
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**YOUNG ADULT & VOCATION TRACK**

Afternoon sessions:
- Get the most out of your digital media outreach with practical tips & engagement strategies from the team at Fuzati
- Learn and network in a lively roundtable discussion facilitated by Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS
Most Reverend David Konderla

Most Reverend David Konderla is Bishop of Tulsa. A native of Austin, Tex., and one of 12 children, he worked as a machinist before entering college and the seminary. After graduating from the University of Dallas with a bachelor’s degree in history, he earned his Master of Divinity from the University of St. Thomas and St. Mary’s Seminary.

He was ordained a priest for Austin in 1995 and served in parish ministry and as the diocese’s first full-time vocation director. From 2005 to 2016, he was pastor of St. Mary’s Catholic Center in College Station, Texas, home to Texas A&M and its 55,000 students, 25 percent of whom are Catholic.

He was appointed the fourth Bishop of Tulsa on May 13, 2016, by Pope Francis, and was ordained and installed as bishop on June 29, 2016.

Curtis A. Martin

Curtis A. Martin founded the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) at Benedictine College in 1998.

As founder and CEO, he has overseen the organization’s growth from one campus to 660 evangelizers on 137 campuses in four nations. FOCUS is one of the fastest-growing college outreach apostolates in the Catholic Church.

Curtis holds a master’s degree in Theology and is the author of the best-selling book, Made for More.

In 2011, Curtis was appointed to serve as a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization.

He and his wife, Michaelann, live in Colorado. They have been blessed with nine children.

Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS

Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS, is a Marist Brother who is Scholar-in-Residence at Marist College and novice director for his province. He has worked with undergraduate students in Marist College’s emerging leaders program, and in counseling, faith development and human resources.

He is the author of several books and numerous articles examining the interface of faith and science, and has served as superior general, vicar general and a provincial for his congregation. Sean holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from Fordham University.

Rev. Ronald Mercier, SJ

Rev. Ronald A. Mercier, SJ, is the current and first provincial of the Jesuits’ Central and Southern Province, which was created in 2014. He previously taught ethics at Saint Louis University, while also serving as rector of Bellarmine House for Jesuits in formation. He earned a bachelor’s in Russian and East European Studies from Yale and a master’s in history from Columbia University. After entering the Jesuits in 1975, he received a master’s in history from Harvard and a Doctor of Theology in Christian Ethics from Regis College.

He was dean and professor of ethics at Regis College, University of Toronto. He participated in the Association of Theological Schools of the U.S. and Canada, serving as founding chair of its Society of Chief Academic Officers. He also helped the Catholic Health Association of Canada write its Health Care Ethics Guide and was the founding executive director of the Jesuit Collaborative in Boston, a network linking ministries in Ignatian spirituality.
Rev. Joseph A. Brown, SJ, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Africana Studies at Southern Illinois University. A native of East St. Louis, Ill., he graduated from St. Louis University and received a master’s in creative writing from Johns Hopkins University. After his ordination in 1972, he taught theater and poetry at Creighton University for several years, eventually becoming artist-in-residence in 1978.

He went on to receive a master’s degree in Afro-American Studies and a doctorate in American Studies from Yale University, then taught at the University of Virginia and Xavier University in New Orleans. He also held the MacLean Chair of Jesuit Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at St. Joseph’s University. In 2014, he became the founding Chair of the 1917 Centennial Commission & Cultural Initiative, Inc., which coordinates activities commemorating the 1917 East St. Louis Race Riots, bringing to light the circumstances and aftermath of one of the most significant examples of domestic terrorism in U.S. history.

Rev. Tom Gaunt, SJ, Ph.D., is executive director of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) and a co-author of several books, including Catholic Parishes in the 21st Century and the just-released Pathways to Religious Life.

Prior to joining CARA in 2011, Fr. Gaunt served as the socius/executive secretary of the Jesuit Conference-USA and as formation and studies director of the Maryland and New York Jesuit provinces. After ordination, he spent ten years as a pastor and as director of planning and research in the Diocese of Charlotte.

He entered the Society of Jesus in 1971 and was ordained in 1981. He holds a masters in public administration and a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Fr. Gaunt has been actively involved with the L’Arche Communities in Washington, DC, for the past 17 years.

Mary E. Hess, Ph.D., is professor of educational leadership at Luther Seminary, where she has taught since 2000. In 2016-17 she held the Patrick and Barbara Keenan Visiting Chair in Religious Education at the University of St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto. She has degrees from Yale, Harvard and Boston College, and has directed a number of projects focusing on the challenges of media culture for communities of faith.

As an educator straddling the fields of media studies and religious studies, she has focused her research on exploring ways in which participatory strategies for knowing and learning are constructed and contested amidst digital cultures. She is particularly interested in dialogic forms of organizational development.

She publishes regularly, and is a past president of the Religious Education Association. Recent books include Teaching Reflectively in Theological Contexts: Promises and Contradictions and Engaging Technology in Theological Education.

Andrew Paulsen is a 2012 graduate of Marist College. Following graduation, he was a Teach for America volunteer at East Side High School in inner city Newark, NJ. He stayed on there after completing his volunteer commitment. He holds graduate degrees in education from Seton Hall and from Columbia University. Andrew has just returned from Taiwan, where he was a Fulbright Fellow researching how Asian educational best practices in mathematics can be applied to math education here in the US.

Brian Miller is executive director of the Catholic Youth Apostolate in the Archdiocese of St. Louis; previously, he served as archdiocesan director of Young Adult Ministry. He holds B.A. degrees in Theology and in Youth Ministry from Benedictine College, Atchison, Kan., and currently is pursuing a master’s degree in theology from the Augustine Institute.

Bro. Javier Hansen, FSC, was one of three youth delegates selected to represent the United States at the Pre-Synod held in Rome this past March. A native of Northern California, he is a De La Salle Christian Brother (Province of San Francisco New Orleans). He has been in formation for five years and teaches freshman and junior religion at Cathedral High School in El Paso, Tx.

Javi attended the Christian Brothers’ St. Mary’s College of California. He currently is working toward a master’s degree in education at the University of Texas at El Paso.
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