

ACYC 2019 Workshop Schedule

Session 1 Tuesday, June 4 11:00 a.m. – Noon

1 – 01 *Mission Driven Leadership: Making Your Difference in the World*

with Ted Miles & Karen Bortvedt with Maryknoll Lay Missioners

Have you ever thought of the entirety of your life as a mission? Do you see yourself as mission, or as called to holiness? Pope Francis recently reminded us that “every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth.” (Message for World Mission Day 2018) Come explore the difference God invited YOU to make in helping to build the kingdom. Join this interactive workshop of story-telling, dialogue, and stepping toward global action to discover how to charge your life with mission!

1 – 02 *Living Fully Alive!* with Joshua Cordes.

Our identity and mission are found in relation to God, our Father, by living joyfully as his adopted sons and daughter. This transformation in Christ is fully lived out by allowing the Holy Spirit to make us new through the Sacraments of the Catholic Church and to preach the Gospel everyday with our words and actions. This is how we witness. This is how we live fully alive. Come explore what this might practically look like in our lives today.

1 – 03 *Sacrament of the Sick* with Fr. Luz Flores.

After many years of service as a hospital chaplain, I’ve come to deeply understand and love the Anointing of the Sick, which is often an overlooked Sacrament. Come hear my story and learn about this beautiful prayer of the Church.

1 – 04 *Being a Future Saint & Still Being Cool* with Sister Josephine Garrett.

It actually is not impossible for you to be a Saint. In fact, every single person in the world is called to be a Saint, AND still lead a normal and ordinary life. In this session we will talk about some of the Saints we know and love, and some of the future and coming Saints, including YOU! And of course, there will be references to all of our favorite super heroes, because I think there is a lot to take from all the superhero stories we love about becoming Saints.

1 – 05 *Clones, Chimeras, and Google Babies* with Bob McMorrow.

Catholic Bioethics for a crazy world.

1 – 06 *A Theology of Creativity* with Anna Schulten.

You’re invited to this painting class and spending time praying through your own artwork.

1 – 07 *Joy of Our Healing: How to help those before and after the abortion choice* with Project Rachel.

Project Rachel is a post abortion healing ministry. This workshop is designed to help you learn what abortion is and how to talk to others and help them choose life and where to go for help if someone you know has had an abortion.

Session 2 Tuesday, June 4 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

2 – 01 *Catholic Middle Earth* with Bob McMorrow

Come explore the Catholic themes in Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*.

2 – 02 *The Adventure of Following Christ* with Ed Burke.

This is my personal testimony of how following God's will is far more exciting than any life we could plan for ourselves. I will describe some awesome people who have changed my life and my experience of being called to seminary.

2 – 03 *Darkness and Light: Breaking Open Bullying & Dignity* with Oddwalk Ministries.

Two concepts that challenge teens and all of us as Christians are bullying and dignity. Especially in the Christian context, how are these defined? How can we, in the face of bullying, and mean and unsympathetic actions, become good stewards of Christian dignity?

2 – 04 *All That I Have Is Yours* with Fr. Thomas Kuffel

Come to know the four relationships we have with God: Father, Brother, Betrothed, and Parent, as seen in the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

2 – 05 *Impact of Experiences* with Jenny Michaelson

A workshop on how our experiences impact our relationships and decision making.

2 – 06 *Understanding Addiction* with Fr. Frank Reitter.

We have an addiction epidemic and teens aren't immune from the realities of addiction.

This workshop will help you understand the basics of addiction and how to respect the dignity of those who are addicted.

2 – 07 *You've Got a Mission and Confirmation is Important* with Katherine Angulo.

Quite often in our parishes the preparation for the sacrament of confirmation focuses only on following a program or a book. This makes young people only feel like spectators of their faith. During this session, we are going to review the invitation made by Pope Francis during the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, to the youth of the world: "Dear young people, we didn't come to this world to vegetate...No, we came to leave a mark." During this session, we will be talking about how we can take advantage of this time of preparation to excite the young people in their Catholic Faith.

Session 3 Tuesday, June 4 at 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- 3 – 01 *Genesis, Darwin, The Big Bang & Milk Shakes*** with Fr. Frank Reitter.
Looking at science and faith and how they go together.
- 3 – 02 *Strive To Be A Saint Always*** with Samantha Yee.
We're all called to be saints. But what does that look like for teens today? We'll answer that questions through the example of young saints life Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, Bl. Chiara Luce Badano, and the 12 apostles.
- 3 – 03 *True Partnership*** with Jenny Michaelson.
This workshop examines marriage and how the church understands love and marriage as a partnership for the whole of life.
- 3 – 04 *You Want Me To Pray?*** with Lisa Gomes.
Let us pray. In this workshop we'll look at what prayer is and why we need to make it a part of our lives.
- 3 - 05 *The Nicene Creed: Source of My Joy*** with Rudy Poglitsch.
The rhythm of the Nicene creed gives me hope and joy by assuring me of the eternal truths of God and the promise of the life to come. I'll share my story.
- 3 – 06 *How to Keep your Faith in College*** with Fr. Bryce Sibley.
Studies show that 80% of Catholic students quite practicing their faith by the time they leave college. In this workshop. Fr. Sibley who has almost a decade of experience working with students at a secular college, will explain to you the reasons so many lose their faith but more importantly offer practical tips for not only keeping your faith but growing in your relationship with Christ during your time in college.
- 3 – 07 *Music Ministry*** with Anna Schulten & Oddwalk Ministries.
Learn more about the nuts and bolts of music ministry by helping us prepare to celebrate the Liturgy throughout ACYC experience. This workshop is part education, part rehearsal, and part prayer.

Session 4 Friday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. (Soldotna)

4 – 01 *Faith as a Journey: Helping Teens along the Way* with Oddwalk Ministries.

We often find that young people lack a theological language to talk about their relationship with God or their faith journey. This workshop will help you discover new and relatable ways to speak about these aspects of faith.

4 – 02 *The Mystery of Faith: Encountering Christ in the Mass* with Deacon Kevin Klump.

The Mass is the greatest event in the life of a Christian. In it, one is able to encounter and live the entire life of Our Lord, joined by Jesus Christ. By partaking in the Mass, the Christian claims as his or her own what Christ has won for each of us. No other action in the Christian life has this sort of efficacy. This workshop will explore just how it is that we encounter the entire life of Jesus through the words, deeds, and signs in the Mass.

4 – 03 *Mission* with Hannah Castree.

Catholics are sent forth to serve others in mission. How are you being called? What's your mission? Come explore those questions with me and hear my experiences of mission in my own life.