

**2019 WHY BE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 17-19, 2019**

Ephphatha

"Always be prepared to make a defence to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you"

1 Peter 3:15

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

All sessions to be held at the Corpus Christi College, Bateman
Off Street parking and at the school will be available on the days
No meals are served this year - please bring your own if required.

Thursday 17 October 2019

5.30 pm - 6.15 pm	Opening Mass - Bishop Don Sproxtton
6.15 pm - 7.00 pm	Dinner and registration
7.00 pm - 7.15 pm	Gathering music - Tommy Segoro
7.15 pm - 9.00 pm	Welcome Opening Session Opening Keynotes "Particles of Faith" - Stacy Trasancos "Is the Jesus Story a Myth?" - Karlo Broussard
9.00 pm - 9.30 pm	Adoration
9.30 pm	Meet the Speakers/Good night

Friday 18 October 2019

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm	Dinner and registration
7.00 pm - 7.15 pm	Gathering music
7.15 pm - 9.00 pm	Welcome Evening Session Catholic Answers Live - Recorded Session Tim Staples, Karlo Broussard, Stacy Trasancos, Cy Kellett
9.00 pm - 9.30 pm	Adoration
9.30 pm	Meet the Speakers/Good night

Saturday 19 October 2019

8.00 am - 9.00 am	Breakfast and registration
9.00 am - 9.15 am	Gathering music - Tommy Segoro
9.15 am - 9.30 am	Welcome Morning Session "Catholic Faith vs Modern Confusion" - Cy Kellett
9.30 am - 10.30 am	Morning Tea
10.30 am - 11.00 am	Breakout Sessions "Forming Men as Guardians of Faith" - Karlo Broussard "Lady Theologiae: St Thomas for Women" - Stacy Trasancos
11.00 am - 12.30 am	* 60 minute talk plus 30 minutes for Q&A
12.30 pm - 2.00 pm	Adoration/Lunch Afternoon Session
2.00 pm - 3.30 am	Breakout Sessions "How is Man Saved?" - Tim Staples "The First Franchise" - Karlo Broussard "Science, Miracles and the Eucharist" - Stacy Trasancos "Catholic Heroes in the Modern World" - Cy Kellett * 60 minute talk plus 30 minutes for Q&A
3.30 pm - 4.00 pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm	"Jesus' Radical Call to Discipleship" - Tim Staples
5.00 pm - 5.30 pm	Goodbye

TALK DESCRIPTIONS

“Particles of Faith”

I have always loved science and left behind faith to pursue it. In graduate school, I had my comeuppance standing before an old ginkgo biloba tree during my time researching artificial photosynthesis. In the search for truth, I realised that my love of science had been a search for God all along. Granting assent to the articles of faith was the most satisfying leap I ever made as a scientist and, more importantly, as a person.

“Is the Jesus Story a Myth”

Karlo responds to the most common objections skeptics give for not trusting the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ life and gives reasons why they are historically reliable.

“Catholic Faith vs Modern Confusion”

In this talk, Cy gives a brief history of the loss of faith in modern times, considering first the shattering of the Church, then the loss of Jesus, the loss of faith in God, and, finally, the loss of connection to reality. He concludes with ideas for breaking through the modern loss of reality via the restoration of fully Catholic communities of love.

“Forming Men as Guardians of the Faith”

Karlo brings to light threats to faith we face in our society and calls men to rise up and take responsibility for the duty that God has bestowed upon them: to be guardians of Faith.

“Lady Theologiae: St Thomas for Women”

A light-hearted talk about a few ways we ladies can use the wisdom from St. Thomas Aquinas to manage our daily modern lives.

“How is Man Saved”

Tim debunks the Reformers’ doctrine of sola fide (faith alone) using good biblical apologetics, and demonstrates why this issue is so crucial for us to understand for ourselves as well as those to whom we give witness to the Faith.

“The Catholic Church: The Original Christian Franchise”

Karlo shows from the Bible and history that the Catholic Church is the original Christian Church established by Jesus. He first establishes the biblical basis for Peter’s supreme authority given by Christ and then shows from the early Church Fathers that such authority was transferred to the bishops of Rome who succeeded him all the way down to the present bishop of Rome, Pope Francis.

“Science, Miracles and the Eucharist”

Stacy explains why the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life and, given that, why Eucharistic miracles are perfectly fitting in the context of science.

“Catholic Heroes in the Modern World”

In this talk, Cy takes three examples of Catholic people who gave clear and compelling witness to Christ and his Church amidst the confusion of modern life: Saint Josephine Bakhita, Dorothy Day, and Joseph Ratzinger. He draws seven lessons from their lives.

“Jesus’ Radical Call to Discipleship”

In modern Christian culture, Jesus’ call to radical discipleship has been replaced by a “nice” Jesus who “accepts us just the way we are.” And the modern churches compete for who can make Christians feel the most “accepted” and “affirmed.” In this talk, Tim Staples explains how the radical call of the Catholic Church to discipleship, in imitation of her Master, was one of the keys to Tim’s recognising the Catholic Church as the one, true Church established by Jesus Christ. Come and hear why!