

9th Annual



PITTSBURGH PASTORAL CARE CONFERENCE

*for Shepherds (Clergy)
and
Other Caregivers (Laity)
of the Flock*



Friday, May 7, 2010
8 AM to 4 PM

Pittsburgh Theological Institute
616 N. Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

**“Seeking Recovery – Mind, Body,
Spirit & Financial Recovery”**

Sponsoring Organizations

- Christian Associates of SW PA*
- Duquesne University, Department of Theology*
- Jewish Healthcare Foundation*
- National Episcopal Clergy Association*
- The Oasis Recovery Center*
- Penn State University Greater Allegheny*
- Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute*
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*
- Trinity School for Ministry*

Master of Ceremonies

Sally Wiggin

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Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference
The Oasis Recovery Center of Western PA
960 Penn Avenue, Suite 105
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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Keynote Speaker Fr. Scott Seethaler

Father Scott Seethaler is a Roman Catholic priest in the Capuchin-Franciscan order. He has been a priest for 40 years. He has taught at Slippery Rock and Duquesne University. He has been a motivational speaker throughout the United States since 1975, speaking in both religious and secular settings concerning personal and professional excellence. He has a radio program that airs six days a week in Western Pennsylvania entitled Joyful Reflections.

Among his many honors, he has received the Toastmasters International, Good Shepherd, and the Diocese of Pittsburgh Flame of Hope Award. In 2000, he built a hospital for the poor in the State of Oaxaca, Mexico that presently serves 1,900 people a month.

Opening Remarks Bishop Kurt F. Kusserow

*SW Pennsylvania Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

Bishop Kusserow ministered at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Latrobe, PA, Hebron Lutheran Church, Avonmore, PA and Faith Lutheran Church, Apollo, PA.

He received his BA in English from Thiel College and Masters of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH. The son of missionaries, he grew up in Malaysia and Singapore and graduated from the Singapore American School.

2010 PITTSBURGH PASTORAL CARE REGISTRATION FORM

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Please Choose Session Preference (Circle one letter in each session)

Session One A B C D E *Session Two* A B C D E *Session Three* A B C D E

_____ \$35 Pastoral Care Conference (includes breakfast/lunch) (prior to April 30)

_____ \$40 Pastoral Care Conference (includes breakfast/lunch) (after April 30)

_____ \$15 (Add \$15 for _____ CAC _____ SW _____ ACT48 credits)

Make checks payable to: The Oasis Recovery Center of Western PA, 960 Penn Avenue, Suite 105, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

For more info, call 412.281.8360 or go to www.pgihpc.org

PITTSBURGH PASTORAL CARE CONFERENCE—AGENDA

8:00–8:30 am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30–9:00 am

Welcome

Sally Wiggin

WTAE-TV News Anchor

Welcome to 9th Annual PPC Conference

The Rev. Dr. Jay Geisler, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, McKeesport

Welcome and Prayer

The Rev. Dr. James E. Davidson, Director Continuing Education

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

9:00–9:20 am

Opening Remarks

Bishop Kurt J. Kusserow

9:30–10:45 am

Session One (choose one)

A1. Addiction 101

Learn the basics of addiction and recovery, including the Christian roots of the 12 step programs.

The Rev. Dr. Jay Geisler, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, McKeesport

B1. Anxiety and Attention Deficit Disorders

Learn about these disorders and about a new speciality program to address them.

Oscar Bukstein, MD, Medical Director, Adolescent Substance Abuse and Treatment Program, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC)

C1. Sustaining Marriages

Review changes in marriages and families within American society and learn how pastoral initiatives can address these challenges.

Dr. George Worgul, S.T.D., Chair, Theology Department and Past Director of the Family Institute, Duquesne University

D1. Financial Planning

Helping communities reinvest in the future and assist those in need of financial assistance.

Debbie Tawney, Huntington Bank

E1. The Resurrection of Ministry

Because Jesus' ministry is raised and ascended with Him, what does our ministry look like in view of our Lord's continuing ministry from the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world? Surely: characterized by joy and hope.

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Purves, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Break 10:45–11:00 am

11:00 am–12:15 pm

Session Two (choose one)

A2. Addiction and Families

The entire family system is affected by addiction and is need of help and support. Learn how to assist families.

Karen A. Plavan, Ph.D. Oasis Recovery Center of SW PA

B2. Biology of Addiction, the Disease Concept

This presentation will provide a broad overview of the biological and medical aspects of addiction with emphasis on integrating these into chemical dependency treatment.

Dr. Bruce J. Merkin, MD, Medical Director, Glenbeigh Hospital, Affiliated with Cleveland Clinic

C2. Caring for the Elderly

Learn how to help and care for the elderly in your congregation.

The Rev. Gaea Thompson, Chaplain, Canterbury Place & Chair, Commission on Aging
Nancy Zions, MBA, Vice-President & Chief Program Officer, Jewish Healthcare Foundation

D2. Mentoring inmates after Incarceration

The majority of inmates suffer from addiction and need on-going support. Learn how churches can help mentor and restore them to be productive and healthy members of the community.

Chaplain Lynn Yeso, Allegheny County Jail

Brother Mark Lowery, FSC, Outreach Director, Michael's Place

Tara Goodin, Managing Director, The Hope Pod

E2. Helping Clergy

Clergy need to address their own physical, mental, spiritual, and financial needs in order to be of healthy service to others.

The Rev. George Werner, Retired Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh

12:30–2:00 pm Lunch

Keynote Speaker:

Fr. Scott Seethaler

Host of "Joyful Reflections"

Presentation of the David Else Award

2:15-3:30 pm

Session Three (choose one)

A3. Shopping and Spending Addictions

Learn how our emotions affect our shopping and spending habits in our material world and learn how to live debt free.

The Rev. Dr. Jay Geisler, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Speaker from Debtors Anonymous

B3. Living Healthy Lifestyles and Reducing Financial Stress

Stress can alter mental, physical, and spiritual health. Learn how healthy lifestyle behaviors can reduce the effects of stress on health.

Bruce S. Rabin, MD, Ph.D. Medical Director, UPMC Healthy Lifestyle Program

C3. Working with Teens and Families

Learn to cope with problems that teenagers face in an addictive society.

Brother Colman Coogan, FSC, Director of Social Work, Central Catholic High School

Wendy Ethridge-Smith, Education and Youth Initiatives, United Way of Allegheny County

D3. A Community Response to Youth Violence

A practical discussion on the perceptions and realities of youth violence, its impact, and a look at community responses.

Fred Thieman, President, Buhl Foundation, Pittsburgh, PA

E3. Healthy Boundaries of Pastoral Counseling

Pastors are called to bring God to people and people to God. We will think together about appropriate ways of framing our relationships in God-pleasing ways.

Fr. John Abdalah, AACP, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Ministry Tracks

A – Addiction and Recovery

B – Mental Health and Wellness

C – Family and Marriage

D – Community Outreach

E – Reflections in Ministry

**Continuing Education Credits
Approved For 7 Hours**

Catholic Clergy & Pastoral Associates

Certified Addictions Counselors- (CAC)

National Association of Social Work PA- CEUs

ACT 48 – Teachers