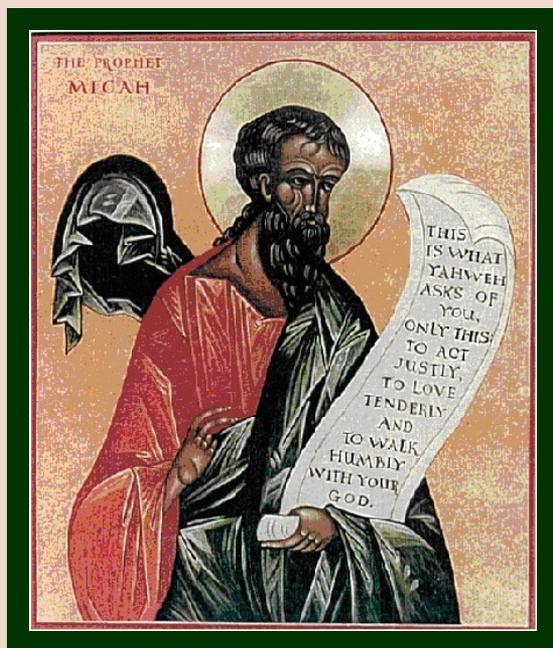


2011 Regional Conferences of Acadiana

“Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly”



**West Regional Conference
Saturday, April 2, 2011**

**Vermilion Catholic High School
425 Park Avenue, Abbeville**

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You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you:
Only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Vermilion Catholic High School, Abbeville

8:30 am	Registration & Breakfast
9:00 am	Prayer & Welcome
9:20 am	Keynote
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	3 Breakout Presentations
12:00 noon	Dismissal

Cost: \$5.00 per person

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Keynote Speaker: Roy Petitfils

Roy Petitfils is a spiritual and motivational teacher, counselor and author residing in Youngsville, Louisiana. Roy's presentations are informative, but also remind people of their best motives and their best selves. Faith, of course, is an essential part of that. His versatile background and blend of energy, joy, humor and substance inspire people to act.

KEYNOTE: Be Not Afraid – Acting Justly, Loving Tenderly and Walking Humbly with Our Young Church: Participants will learn the challenges of teaching about the virtues of justice, love and humility to modern youth. Ironically, the most important skill we can master in teaching them about these virtues is listening to them. When young people feel heard they are much more likely to be receptive to the Gospel message. **(Catechist Certification: Level III, IV, or V: Specialized Methods – Adolescent Catechesis or Youth Ministry. 1 credit, 1 hour.)**

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

“Walk Humbly” – The Missing Face of Christ - Reaching Out and Walking Humbly with Our Young Church. There has never been a more challenging generation in history than today's young people. Of the youth who attend Church, 85% will leave the Church after high school. It can be overwhelming for many adults to reach out to a rapidly changing, skeptical and wounded generation of youth. Yet our God asks us to share the Good News with everyone—including our youth. In this dynamic, interactive workshop Roy will: Answer the question “Why don't many youth want to go to Church?” Reveal why some youth open up to some adults and not others. Teach skills for connecting with guarded, resistant and hurting youth. Illustrate how anyone of any age can relate meaningfully with young people. And much, much more. **(Catechist Certification: Level III, IV, or V: Specialized Methods – Adolescent Catechesis or Youth Ministry. 1 credit, 1 hour.)**



Presenter:

Sarah Brabant, Ph.D., C.S.P., C.F.L.E., F.T.

Dr. Sarah Brabant is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and received her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in 1973. Dr. Brabant is the author of the book, **Mending the Torn Fabric: For Those Who Grieve and Those Who Want to Help Them.** She has contributed over

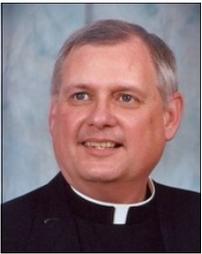
fifty articles to professional journals and has presented numerous papers, workshops, and lectures on death and bereavement at the local, state and national level.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

“Love Tenderly” – Bereaved Children and Teens: The Need to Recognize, Affirm, and Empower. This presentation will address the following:

1. Cultural myths about children/teens and grief that need to be dispelled.
2. Characteristics of bereaved children and teens, how and what they grieve.
3. Factors that complicate/facilitate their grief work, how we can support them.

(Catechist Certification: Level III, IV, or V: Specialized Methods – all areas of specialization. 1 credit, 1 hour.)



Presenter:

Very Rev. Msgr. Robie Robichaux, JCL, VJ

Monsignor Robie Robichaux serves the Diocese of Lafayette as the Judicial Vicar for the Tribunal as well as Pastor of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Lafayette.

BREAKOUT SESSION 3

“Act Justly” – One of the greatest acts of justice in the life of the Catholic Church is the way in which petitions for a Declaration of Nullity (commonly called *annulments*) are processed. This presentation will begin by giving a brief overview of the process and exactly what does receiving an “annulment” mean. The presentation will then address such things as how we can help young people understand the changes in their family dynamics and tools that we can offer young people in dealing with their peers. **(Catechist Certification: Level III, IV, or V: Specialized Methods – all areas of specialization. 1 credit, 1 hour.)**

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