



**Courage International**  
**University of Saint Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary**  
**Clergy Study Day**

**Wednesday, July 24**

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| 8:30 am           | Registration  |
| 9:00 am           | Welcome and Introduction  |
| 9:15-10:15 am     | <b>Christian Anthropology</b><br>A Courage priest will discuss the teaching of the Catholic Church on identity, sexual ethics, and homosexuality. The discussion will include the terminology that the Church uses, as well as how to present the teaching in a clear, welcoming, and compassionate way.  |
| 10:15-10:30 am    | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10:30-11:30 am    | <b>Providing Authentic Pastoral Care</b><br>A Courage priest will discuss the expectations of the Church and practical advice on how to accompany people who experience SSA in their own lives or in their families. Topics will include preaching, parish life, and one-on-one interactions in confession, pastoral counseling, and spiritual direction. We will also discuss the Goals and the approach of the Courage and EnCourage apostolates. |
| 11:30 am-12:00 pm | <b>Questions and Answers for morning presentations</b>  |
| 12:00-1:00 pm     | <b>Lunch</b> will be provided for all participants.   |
| 1:00-1:45 pm      | <b>Courage Witness Talk</b>   |
| 1:45-2:00 pm      | <b>Break</b>  |
| 2:00-3:15 pm      | <b>Transgender Surgery and Christian Anthropology</b><br>A board-certified plastic surgeon and Catholic deacon will present a discussion of the "transgender" phenomenon, its historic roots, the scientific evidence for the existence of such a condition, and the moral and ethical problems of the use of medicine and surgery in the treatment of this condition.  |
| 3:15-4:00 pm      | <b>Questions and Answers for afternoon presentations</b>  |
| 6:00pm            | <b>Dinner</b> will be provided for all participants.  |