

Clergy Study Day

Neumann University Brueder Life Center Student Multipurpose Room

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Welcome and Introduction

9:15-10:15 am **Christian Anthropology**

Fr. Brian Gannon, Executive Director of Courage International

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 Break

10:30-11:30 am **Authentic Pastoral Care**

Fr. Paul Scalia

A Courage priest will discuss the Church's teaching on sexuality and offer 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-Noon **Question and Answer Session for Morning Presentations**

Lunch will be provided for all participants Noon -12:30 pm

12:30-1:00 pm **Chaplain Testimony**

A veteran chaplain will share how Courage has impacted his priesthood.

1:00-2:00pm	Sexual Identity and "Gender Dysphoria": Pastoral Considerations Mrs. Mary Hasson, J.D., Director of Person and Identity Project
	This talk clarifies the concept of gender identity and discusses common pastoral issues, background factors, pastoral approaches, and suicidality research.
2:00-2:15 pm	Break
2:15-3:15 pm	Same- Sex Attraction, the Seminary and Priesthood Fr. James McTavish
3:15 – 3:45pm	Question & Answer Session with Fr. James McTavish
3:45-4:15 pm	Question & Answer Session with All Speakers
4:15-5:00 pm	Optional Case Study Fr. James McTavish