



Clergy Study Day

University of St. Mary of the Lake

- 9:00 am Welcome and Introduction
- 9:15-10:15 am **Christian Anthropology**
Fr. Colin Blatchford, Associate Director, 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 **Providing Authentic Pastoral Care**
Fr. Paul Scalia, Diocese of Arlington
- 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-Noon **Question and Answer Session for morning presentations**
- Noon -1:00pm **Lunch** will be provided for all participants
- 1:00-1:45 pm **Chaplain Witness Talk**
- 1:45-2:00 pm **Break**
- 2:00-3:15 pm **Transgender Psychology and Christian Anthropology: The Profound Need for Respect, Compassion and Sensitivity**
Dcn. Patrick Lapper, M.D, Diocese of Birmingham
- 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 **Question and Answer Session for afternoon presentations**