



## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

All participants will have the opportunity to select 2 of the following sessions.

### **THE RACIAL GOSPEL: AN ANTI-RACIST READING OF THE GOOD NEWS**

From the liberation of the Hebrews in Egypt to the incarnation of Christ amidst the occupied Jewish people, God has consistently taken the side of the oppressed on issues of race and ethnicity. Let us re-evaluate the Gospel message through an Anti-racist lens to better understand how Jesus' words and deeds remain a relevant message of hope and liberation to the oppressed and the marginalized.

Presenter: **Samuel Carlson** is a Theology Teacher and the Service Coordinator at Bishop Blanchet High School, Seattle. He is in his 8th year of teaching, and studied Theology and Biblical Languages and Literature at the University of Notre Dame and Loyola University Chicago, respectively. His interests are Liberation Theology, Grassroots Activism, Apocalyptic Literature, and Cooking.



### **THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS**

The saints can sometimes feel light years away from us: what do these seemingly perfect people have to do with us? However, a closer look shows us that the communion of saints embodies the beautiful diversity and creativity of God, while reflecting the deeply sacred humanity of Christ. Come meet some new friends to accompany you on your spiritual journey and open your heart to how you are being called to build the Kingdom of God in ways that only you can.

Presenter: **Cameron Bellm** is a Seattle-based writer of prayers, devotionals, and essays. After completing her Ph.D. in Russian literature, she traded the academic life for the contemplative life, informed by Ignatian spirituality and Catholic Social Teaching. She writes the Spirit & Verse column at Jesuits.org and is the author of *A Consoling Embrace: Prayers for a Time of Pandemic* (2020) and *No Unlikely Saints: A Mental Health Pilgrimage with Sacred Company* (2021). You can find her on Instagram @cameronbellm and at cameronbellm.com.





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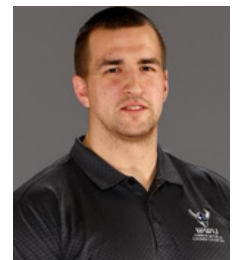
### **POWER-LIVING: UNLOCK YOUR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS**

One of the greatest messages that we have often been told is “Be the best version of yourself”. Have you ever thought of what that truly means? Or whose standard do you find measuring yourself? Could excelling at sports or creating art be ways to allow God to work through you? Where does being a child of God fit into it all? Let us look closer at the identity of being a child of God, how that is relevant to being your best and unlocking your greatest strengths in all levels beyond what you can imagine.

Presenters: **Diana Jorda** is an eccentric bulletin lady that cares too much about font selection, nerds about catholic philosophy and theology, a former youth minister that pulls out Catholic themes in Disney film, and currently is a graduate student for Masters in Counseling at Divine Mercy University.



**Damien Fisher** has spent his adult life pursuing excellence in athletics as both an athlete and coach. After a two-sport collegiate career that including a National Championship in basketball, he turned professional in the Highland Games and has since won the 2021 National Championship and placed 3rd at the World Championship in 2022. He is currently the Head of Strength & Conditioning and an Assistant T&F coach for Western Washington University. Damien lives in Ferndale with his three daughters and wife, Emma, who is the Director of Viking Catholic at WWU.





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### **CARE FOR CREATION: ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM 101**

As the effects of climate change are becoming more severe, especially for the most vulnerable, is it really possible for young people to change the trajectory of our planet? Grounded in Catholic Social Teaching, let us explore ways to create momentum and challenge the status quo, learn how to unleash your inner activist and, together with like-minded people, create the power to urge our leaders to listen to this generation and fight for our future.

Presenters: **Mark Patterson** is the Director of Communications and Justice at St. Joseph Parish in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood. He holds a Master of Fine Arts in Poetry Writing and spent the decade before joining the parish teaching composition and creative writing at University of Kansas, University of Iowa, and Seattle Central College. During that time, he also taught art and writing in state prisons in Iowa and Washington. As an activist, Mark has worked with organizations providing harm reduction supplies to unhoused communities, re-entry support to formerly incarcerated persons, and developing strategic sustainability initiatives. Outside of work, he spends way too much time on Twitter but just the right amount of time on TikTok.



### **CATHOLIC LIFESAVERS CORPS**

Catholic Lifesaver Corps (CLC) is a team of high school students who were trained as facilitators of a suicide prevention program. They offer regular trainings in their respective schools and nearby parishes to educate fellow students on the signs of suicidal ideation and the necessary steps to keep their peers safe. We will discuss what you can do to help your friends and those in need by utilizing a scenario to walk through what might help save a life.

Presenter: **Dane Stringfellow** is a counselor at Archbishop Murphy High School (AMHS). He graduated from AMHS, University of Portland with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, and earned his Masters Degree at Seattle University. Dane was involved with the archdiocesan committee that brought in LivingWorks and SafeTalk to our schools. The great team from AMHS joined Pope John Paul II High School in the first-ever training of high school students.





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### **FOR YOUTH MINISTERS ONLY:**

#### **GET TO KNOW OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICES!**

This session will provide the first of many joyful opportunities to gather together. Kimberly will take a little time to introduce herself, but mostly, she is excited to meet all of you, and would like to know about your ministries: What are your challenges and strengths, and how can she best support you, accompany you, and pray for you?

**Kimberly Abadir** is our new Director of Youth Ministry Services! She has worked at the Chancery for 11 years, most recently in the Archbishop's Office. For the last several years, Kimberly has also served as Youth Minister for Our Lady of Fatima, Seattle, building Middle School and High School programs and leading a team of dedicated volunteers. She is dedicated to walking with young people offering them space to encounter Christ and empowering them to share their faith as witnesses. Kimberly and her husband Mark are joyful and busy parents of four children.



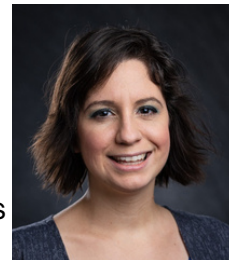


## GENERAL SESSIONS

### PROTAGONISTS OF CHANGE

In *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis invites young people to “get involved” and be “protagonists of change”. Discover how young people are working toward a better world and responding to the challenges of our time by living out their call to global solidarity. Learn more about the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and how you can be a beacon of hope in the world and in our Church.

Presenter: **Annie Nieto Bailey** works at Catholic Relief Services, inviting Catholics and people of good will in the U.S. to live in solidarity with our neighbors around the world who are most vulnerable. She was born and raised in Mexico, and has lived in France, Germany, and now the U.S. She holds a B.A. in international studies and foreign languages from Benedictine College and a M.S. in Church Management from Villanova University. Before joining CRS, Annie served as Director of Young Adult Ministry at the Archdiocese of Seattle. Annie has also worked in various ministries, including pastoral care, Hispanic Ministry, multicultural communities, and deacon formation. Her husband and two children keep her busy in her vocation as mother and wife--but she hopes they can travel the world as a family someday, when it's not so busy.







## YOUR HOSTS

### **FR. CHAD HILL**

Fr. Chad is the middle of three boys, grew up in Puyallup at his home parish, All Saints. After high school, he worked several manual labor jobs before becoming a Youth Minister at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Spanaway. This will be his 17th or 18th Convention! Fr. Chad has 6 nieces and nephews whom he loves to spoil. His hobbies are reading and playing table-top board games like 7 Wonders and Settlers of Catan. Fr. Chad is a newly-ordained priest since June 5 this year and is loving his vocation!



### **AIRES PATULOT**

Aires Patulot is a dynamic and charismatic professional Catholic speaker, retreat facilitator, writer, podcaster, workshop leader, musician, and singer. He is committed to training and inspiring the next generation of missionary disciples.

Aires has a Bachelor's Degree in Theology and a Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Seattle University. He is the Director of Campus Ministry at Bellarmine Prep. In his spare time, Aires loves spending time with his wife of thirteen years, playing with his four rambunctious sons, listening to 90's R&B music, djaying events and cycling. He loves Pope Francis and has a special affinity for Saint Pope John Paul II, who was instrumental in igniting his passion for the Catholic faith.

