

## Speaker info for 2017 Region XIII Conference



Dcn. James Keating is an award winning author and Director of Theological Formation in the Institute for Priestly Formation at *Creighton University* in Omaha Nebraska. In 1993 Dr. James Keating was appointed by the Papal Nuncio to be Associate Professor of Moral and Spiritual Theology in the School of Theology at the *Pontifical College Josephinum*, Columbus, Ohio. He served in this capacity for 13 years until 2006 when he joined the IPF at Creighton.

Deacon Keating received his Ph.D. in Roman Catholic Theology from *Duquesne University* in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, his Master's degree in Religious Studies from *Fordham University* in New York City, and his B.A in Religious Studies from *Siena College*.

He was invited by the **Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization** to give a presentation in 2016 at **the Vatican** for their world- wide celebration of the Diaconate during the Holy Year of Mercy. He spoke on "The Diaconate and Family."

He is a deacon of the Archdiocese of Omaha, where he serves as **Director of the Office of the Diaconate**

Married to Marianne, they have three sons, Kristoffer, Jonathan and Liam, and a daughter, Ina. He was ordained a deacon in 2001.

Deacon Keating's talk is titled "The Interpenetration of Fatherhood, Married Life, and Diaconate."

*Diaconate is a dynamic way of life incorporating many connections of love and communion. We would all benefit to meditate together on how this life of communion and self-donation flows from and relates back to our living Christ's own servant mysteries. In so doing we can all deepen our participation in this privileged vocation which sends us to abide in the Word and bear the fruit of such to those in need.*



Fr. Florea is a priest of the Diocese of Phoenix. He is currently living a contemplative life of prayer while serving as Director of the Merciful Heart Hermitage: A House of Prayer for Priests in Black Canyon City, Arizona. In addition to his ministry to priests, he also assists the Office of the Diaconate in the area of spiritual formation. He received his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) from the University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary. After his ordination to the priesthood in June of 2007, he served as parochial vicar at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral and at St. Gregory Parish. He also served as chaplain at Bourgade Catholic High School. In addition to his ministry in the Diocese of Phoenix, Fr. Florea serves as a spiritual director with the Institute for Priestly Formation in

Omaha, Nebraska.

Fr. Florea's talk is titled "*Spiritual Direction: The Key for Fruitful Diaconate Ministry.*"

*Spiritual direction is the cornerstone of diaconal life and is crucial for growth in the deacon's relationship with the Lord. Yet the deacon's own interior disposition toward spiritual direction will greatly impact the degree of fruitfulness of that spiritual direction for his life and ministry. This talk will focus on what the deacon can expect from spiritual direction and how he can be better disposed to receive this direction in such a way that he enters more fully into the "abundant life" that Christ promises (cf. Jn. 10:10).*



Fr. Paul Sullivan was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Phoenix in 2007. Since then he has served in as a parochial vicar, director of a retreat center, high school chaplain and pastor. He currently serves as Director of Vocations for the diocese and as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Phoenix. Fr. Sullivan grew up in New York in a family of eight children. He attended SUNY Albany for college where he earned a degree in accounting. After 3 years of work as a CPA, he entered formation at Saint Meinrad Seminary in preparation for ordination. He also serves on the staff of the Institute for Priestly Formation in their spiritual formation certificate program for priests.

Fr. Sullivan's talk is titled "*The Deacon: A Model Christian Man*"

*In being called to serve in the ordained ministry, the deacon has a unique role to witness to healthy masculine spirituality on behalf of the Church. In recent years, a movement across the country of Men's Conferences and writings such as [Into the Breach](#) by Bishop Olmsted has prompted further discernment of what it means to be a Christian man. This talk will allow us to consider the importance of what the apostles looked for when they chose the first deacons who were "men of good repute." Indeed this "good repute" flows out of our union with Jesus and our identity in Him. This allows for a true understanding of the man's call to be protector, provider and spiritual leader.*



Barbara Lishko works full time as a Lay Catholic Marriage Minister. She and her husband Mark, an ordained Deacon, have been married for 38 years and are blessed with five young adult children, whose lives grow and expand through marriage and grandchildren. Through the inspiration of her family, work in the Catholic Church, and wacky life experiences, her dream of writing was born. She is a regular contributor at [www.catholiclane.com](http://www.catholiclane.com) and has been published in *Shalom Tidings*. She is the past recipient of the Diocese of Phoenix St Terese of Lisieux award.



Lani Bogart - Nourished by daily prayer with her deacon husband, Lani Bogart oversees all things catechetical in a mostly Hispanic urban parish in Glendale, Arizona. She holds a Master of Theology and Christian Ministry Degree from Franciscan University of Steubenville, co-leads the **Committee to Serve Wives and Widows of Deacons** for the Diocese of Phoenix, and leads breakout sessions for women who are living the Sacrament of Matrimony with a man in diaconate formation. She has been published in *Envoy Magazine* and *The Catechetical Review*. Lani also delights in each encounter with her five children and seven grandchildren and enjoys knitting, calligraphy, and singing.

Barb and Lani's 1:00 talk is titled "*Daughters of the King*"

*In this session we will contrast and compare God's plan for women with what we've experienced. From Eden to suburbia, what has it meant to be a woman? Through Scripture, engaging examples, and storytelling, we will revisit our roots and explore our potential as women. We'll discuss God's plan from the beginning in comparison with ways we have experienced our femininity, ending with ways to reclaim our original inheritance.*

Barb and Lani's 2:30 talk is titled "*Living Your Queenship*"

*In this session we will discuss how to better integrate the Vocation to Matrimony with our husbands' Vocation to Holy Orders. Taking lessons from the Queen Mother (both Mary and the Church) we will highlight our unique beauty as God's vessels along with a few of the many ways we can spread God's message of life and love to others.*