

2018 CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Preferred method – online registration

To register online, visit: diometuchen.org/critical-life

Please check one:

- General Admission
- Student*
- Priest/Deacon/Religious
- Parish Pro-Life Representative
- Healthcare Professional
- Educator
- Other

COST: \$25

*(includes lunch
and handouts)
*Fee is \$10 for
High School and
College Students*

Total payment enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to the Diocese of Metuchen

Please list the name and address of each participant separately.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish/Affiliation: _____

Please indicate if you have any special needs.

Explain: _____

**REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED
BY OCTOBER 12, 2018**

Space is limited.

Send to:

Diocese of Metuchen Office of Human Life and Dignity
P.O. Box 191
Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191

For more information:

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amarshall@diometuchen.org

GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE:

- To discuss the message of Pope Paul VI's famous encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, which is rooted in the way men and women are made by God, who is love—a message of humanity, totality, faithfulness, and fecundity
- To equip participants with practical tools to explain the teaching and context of *Humanae Vitae* whenever they are "asked about the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:16)
- To explore whether or not the teaching in *Humanae Vitae* is relevant today in a culture with changing opinions
- To inspire a desire to become "Missionary Disciples" for Christ and for Life
- To build an understanding that reaching out to those who are vulnerable, including the unborn, the terminally ill, the frail elderly and those living with disabilities is necessary for a healthy society and helps to build a world where human life is always loved and respected
- To gather, to be nourished and to celebrate the gift of life in prayer and fellowship

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The Diocese of Metuchen in collaboration with
the Archdiocese of Newark presents the

2018 Critical Life Issues Conference

EVERY LIFE:

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

THE MOST REVEREND JAMES F. CHECCHIO, JCL, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen, Celebrant and homilist

AGENDA

7:30 a.m.

Doors Open -
Registration/Exhibits

8:30 a.m.

Mass and Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament

Coffee Break

Visit exhibits

10 a.m.

"Humanae Vitae at 50 Years –
Back to the Future"

Presenter: Patrick Coffin

11:20 a.m.

"The Beauty and Wisdom of God's Design:
A Millennial's Perspective"

Presenter: Cristina D'Averso-Collins

Visit exhibits

Noon

Lunch in the Dining Hall

12:50 p.m.

Screening: Unprotected the movie,
followed by panel discussion

Break

2:20 p.m.

"From Death to Life: A Conversion Story –
Becoming a Missionary Disciple for Life"

Presenter: Dr. John Bruchalski

3:20 p.m.

Benediction and closing

AMONG THE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS ARE:

Patrick Coffin



Patrick Coffin is the creator and host of The Patrick Coffin Show, a podcast and YouTube channel with regular viewers in over 100 countries. For almost eight years, he hosted the top-rated Catholic Answers Live radio show. He is the author of four books on faith and culture.

Coffin holds a double major bachelor's degree in philosophy and religious studies from Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, a graduate diploma in the philosophy of Catholic education from McGill University in Montreal, and a master's degree in theology (magna cum laude) from Franciscan University of Steubenville. A native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Patrick now resides in Orange County, CA with his wife and children.

Cristina D'Averso-Collins



Cristina serves as Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Monmouth University. She graduated from Villanova University in 2011 and completed her Masters in Marriage and Family Studies from The John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America in 2013. She also

obtained a Masters in General Psychology from Divine Mercy University in 2016. For her capstone research project, she developed a Marriage Readiness Retreat for college students, which she has organized for the past 3 years through campus ministry. She is dedicated to bringing the truth and beauty of God's plan for the human person to the younger generation. Cristina and her husband, Brian, have been married for 2 years and reside in New Jersey.

Dr. John Bruchalski



Dr. John Bruchalski calls himself an example of Our Lady of Guadalupe's influence. In 1987, the year he graduated from medical school at the University of South Alabama, Bruchalski visited the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe near Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City. Bruchalski was then in a medical residency program

and about to enter an obstetrics-gynecology practice where he would use what have become the tools of the trade: contraceptives, sterilization, and abortion. During the trip, Bruchalski had a powerful conversion experience.

In 1994, he opened the Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax, Va., which specializes in problem pregnancies. The clinic does not provide or refer patients to others for abortion or artificial contraception, and turns no women away for lack of money. The clinic, which has on display images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, delivers 40 babies a month.

"UNPROTECTED" THE MOVIE

Over the past half century, the sexual revolution has done untold damage to millions of people. "Unprotected" is a documentary which traces the cause of that misery back to its primary source, the widespread use of contraception. Excerpts will be shown.