

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7th

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
**register at hotel and then go to Spiritual Life Cntr.*
4:30 pm - Free Time
5:00 pm - MASS
Celebrant: Rev. Paul Check
Director-Elect of Courage
6:00 pm - DINNER
7:00 pm - Free Time
7:30 pm - KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:
Rev. Paul Check
Director-Elect of Courage
“Show Us the Father”
9:00 pm - CONFESSION
and Charismatic Prayer Gathering
before the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th

7:30 am - BREAKFAST
8:30 am - Free Time
9:00 am - SPEAKER: **Dale O’Leary**
“Attachment Disorders and the Need for Love”
10:00 am - Free Time
10:30 am - WORKSHOPS:
- **Courage Men’s Meeting**
- **Courage Women’s Meeting**
- **EnCourage Meeting (General)**
- **Pastoral Seminar for Clergy and Persons Engaged in Pastoral Ministries***
**This seminar will break for lunch and then continue till 2:00 p.m.*
12:00 pm - LUNCH
1:00 pm - Free Time
1:30 pm - WORKSHOPS:
- **Dealing with the Problem of Pornography**
- **Courage Reparation**
- **EnCourage Meeting (Spouses)**
- **Releasing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
3:10 pm - **New Courage DVD on the Life of Fr. John Harvey, O.S.F.S.!!**
5:00 pm - MASS
Celebrant: TBD
6:00 pm - DINNER
7:30 pm - SPEAKER: **Dawn Stefanowicz**
“Out From Under”
9:00 pm - CONFESSION
9:00 pm - ADORATION (all night)
- the 1st hour will be a Reparational Holy Hour

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - cont’d.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th

6:45 am - MORNING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
7:30 am - BREAKFAST
9:00 am - SPEAKER: **Fr. John F. Harvey, O.S.F.S.**
“The Roots of Moral Relativism”
10:30 am - WORKSHOPS:
- **Group Leaders’ Meeting**
- **Courage Men’s Meeting**
- **Courage Women’s Meeting**
- **EnCourage Meeting (General)**
12:00 pm - LUNCH
1:00 pm - Free Time
1:30 pm - WORKSHOPS:
- **Related Psychological Issues of Persons with Same-Sex Attractions**
- **Workshop With Jesus: A Guide to Adoration**
- **Releasing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
3:00 pm - TESTIMONIES:
2 Courage Members
5:00 pm - MASS
Celebrant: TBD
6:00 pm - DINNER
7:30 pm - **HEALING SERVICE**
9:00 pm - SOCIAL: **Music and Entertainment**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th

7:30 am - BREAKFAST
9:00 am - Rev. Donald Timone
“Coming Down From The Mountain Top”
10:00 am - MASS
Celebrant: Sean Cardinal O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap.
12:00 pm – LUNCH
1:00 pm – Departures

We dedicate this year’s Courage Conference to Our Lady of Guadalupe



ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Rev. Paul N. Check is a priest with the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut and was ordained in 1997. He holds an S.T.B. from the Gregorian University, Rome and an S.T.L. (Moral Theology) from the University of the Holy Cross, Rome. Fr. Check has served as a parish priest and high school chaplain. Bishop William E. Lori appointed him to be the Chaplain for Courage in Bridgeport in December 2002. In addition, he teaches Moral Theology to seminarians, permanent deacon candidates, and religious. Father graduated with a B.A. in History from Rice University in 1977 and served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps for nine years prior to entering the seminary. In 2008, Fr. Paul Check will succeed Fr. John Harvey as the Director of Courage International.

Dale O’Leary is a freelance writer and lecturer. As a reporter for several Catholic magazines and newspapers, she covered the pro-life movement, Operation Rescue, and the United Nation’s conferences in Cairo, Beijing, and New York. Her book *The Gender Agenda: Redefining Equality* has been published in Italian, and other translations are in the works. For a number of years, she wrote a column that appeared in the religion section of *The Providence Journal*. She has lectured across the United States and in Italy, Ireland, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, El Salvador, Mexico, and the Philippines. Her articles have appeared in *Catholic World Report*, the *NARTH Bulletin*, and *L’Osservatore Romano*. She has also made frequent appearances on television and radio. In preparation for this book, she spent ten years researching same-sex attraction and interviewing therapists and persons who have come out of homosexuality. (Biographical Note from *One Man, One Woman: A Catholics Guide to Defending Marriage.*)

Rev. Jeffrey Keefe, O.F.M. Conv. went to Fordham University for a PhD (1965) in Clinical Psychology, and interned at Bellevue Hospital under David Wechsler (the ‘Daddy’ of I.Q. tests). From 1966 through 1971, Father taught summer sessions in Adolescent Psychology at Notre Dame University. He has served as staff member at several clinics/hospitals. Presently, Fr. Keefe is the Provincial Psychologist to the Conventual Franciscan Friars, is a Consultant to several dioceses and religious communities on Admissions, and maintains a private practice. A member of NARTH (Nat’l Assoc. of Research & Therapy of Homosexuality) since its founding in 1992, Father is involved with reparative therapy. He is particularly proud to serve on the Board of Directors of North American Volunteers to Lourdes, as well as on the Int’l Medical Board of Lourdes. Fr. Keefe has been with Courage since its founding at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Lower Manhattan. He is a current member of the Board of Directors of Courage International Inc., and has just returned from giving a Day of Recollection to Courage (“Encourage” in England) in London.

Rev. Donald Timone is a priest of the Archdiocese of New York. He has taught spiritual theology for 38 years in various college and graduate programs, and he has worked with *Courage/EnCourage* as a spiritual director for over 25 years! Father Timone has served on the *Courage Board of Advisors* and he is a dynamic speaker at *Courage Conferences*. Father has also given presentations on *Courage* to diocesan gatherings of priests, seminarians, youth ministers and educators around the country.

Dawn Stefanowicz is an author, speaker, media spokesperson, licensed accountant, and home educator. She has addressed the Canadian Senate on hate crime legislation, appeared on EWTN and was a guest speaker at NARTH’s 2007 Annual Conference. She has testified in the following areas: Hartford, Connecticut; Boston, Massachusetts; Tallahassee, Florida; Washington and Ottawa, Canada. Dawn speaks to various audiences by request and wrote the article “Same-Sex Marriage: Have the Best Interests of Children Been Considered?” She advocates for children and families, pertaining to marriage, parenting, sexuality, and education. Dawn is a resource to family policy, legislative, medical, research, and scholastic organizations. She offers a safe place for adult children from similar households (<http://www.dawnstefanowicz.com>). Her recent book, *Out From Under: The Impact of Homosexual Parenting*, is a compelling, fast-paced, and no-holds-barred narrative of one child’s journey from birth to the end of innocence *and beyond*—as the daughter of a homosexual father. Dawn has been married for twenty-three years and has two children. (Excerpt from *News from Dawn’s Desk.*)

Rev. John F. Harvey, O.S.F.S. is the Founding Director of the *Courage* movement. He is an international speaker and has been writing and lecturing for over forty years on the pastoral care of men and women with same-sex attractions. Father Harvey has authored three books: *The Homosexual Person: New Thinking in Pastoral Care* (Ignatius Press, 1987), *The Truth About Homosexuality* (Ignatius Press, 1996) and his latest book *Homosexuality and the Catholic Church: Clear Answers to Difficult Questions* was published by Ascension Press and released in December 2007. Father also co-edited a book with Gerard Bradley entitled *Same-Sex Attractions: A Parent’s Guide* (St. Augustine’s Press 2003). He has written two pamphlets: “Pastoral Care and the Homosexual” (The Knights of Columbus) and “A Spiritual Plan to Redirect One’s Life” (Daughters of St. Paul). His articles have appeared in numerous Catholic periodicals and newspapers. Father Harvey has also appeared on EWTN (*Mother Angelica Live*, *Living His Life Abundantly*, *Life on the Rock*, *FOCUS*, and most recently Fr. Ben Groeschel’s *Sunday Night Live*), CBS *Sunday Morning*, several radio programs and independent documentaries.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

All personal information will be kept confidential by the Courage Office & Spiritual Life Center of Marian Community:

Title Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please register either as a Full Conference Attendee or as a Commuter:

___ **FULL CONFERENCE ATTENDEE** (includes overnight accommodation at designated hotels on Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Full Cost for Single \$325.00

Full Cost for Double* \$285.00 PER PERSON (Total \$570)**

***LIST NAME OF ROOMMATE _____
both attendees are to complete a registration form.

___ **COMMUTER** (doesn't stay overnight):

Commuters, please circle which day(s) you will attend:

Thursday: 1/2 day @ \$30 U.S.

Friday: full day @ \$60 U.S. OR

Pastoral Seminar only (includes lunch) @ \$35 U.S.

Saturday: full day @ \$70 U.S.

Sunday: 1/2 day @ \$40 U.S.

Do you have any special needs (i.e. medical dietary requirements, wheelchair accessibility, sign-language interpreter)? _____

All payments must be in U.S. funds. Cheques or money orders should be made payable to: **COURAGE**

___ I prefer to use my credit card. Please charge my:

Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ AMEX ___

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PLEASE MAIL FULL PAYMENT & REGISTRATION FORM TO:

COURAGE
c/o St. John the Baptist Church
210 W. 31st Street
New York, NY 10001

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Both commuters and overnighters must send in their registration and complete payment by **Friday, July 18th, 2008** in order to confirm their attendance and receive the special conference rate. We will not be accepting last-minute/new registrations at the conference itself. **Please Note:** Overnight rooms fill up quickly - we strongly recommend you register early.

ACCOMMODATION INFO:

Overnight registrants will stay in nearby hotels less than 5 miles from the Spiritual Life Center. A block of rooms have been reserved at the following comparable hotels (all hotels in the same vicinity):

- Courtyard by Marriott, Milford, MA
- Fairfield Inn and Suites, Milford, MA
- Comfort Inn, Milford, MA

NOTE: THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER WILL HANDLE ROOM RESERVATIONS AND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IN YOUR CONFIRMATION LETTER SENT BY THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER AS TO WHERE YOU WILL BE STAYING.

There will be **shuttle service** from the hotels (see above) to the Spiritual Life Center leaving at designated times in the morning, afternoon and evening.

The address of the Spiritual Life Center is:
154 Summer Street, Medway, MA 02053

REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- Acknowledgement letter from Courage upon receiving full payment and completed registration form (please provide an email address if you have one), AND

- Confirmation letter from the Spiritual Life Center, **which will include confirmation of hotel reservation**, directions AND transfer information from the airport to the hotels and Spiritual Life Center.

WORKSHOPS/PRESENTATIONS:

- Courage Men's Meeting
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- EnCourage Meeting (General)
- EnCourage Meeting (Specifically for Spouses)
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AIR TRAVEL

If traveling by air, please make your reservation to Boston's Logan International Airport. **In your confirmation letter from the Spiritual Life Center, you'll receive details about ground transportation from the airport.** The official Airline of this year's Courage Conference is **Continental Airlines!** To book your reservations, go to www.continental.com and provide the Z Code **ZEBV** and Agreement Code **AEBERP** to receive up to 8% off your ticket price. Enter both your Z-code and Agreement code (**without a space**) in the Offer Code Box.

Continental MeetingWorks (If you book by phone, there will be a service fee)

(800) 468-7022 for reservations in USA or Canada
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. CST

*For reservations outside the toll-free area, contact the local Continental Reservations Office.

Please Note: You are not obliged to use Continental Airlines - please feel free to use whichever Airline gives you the best deal!

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COURAGE CONFERENCE 2008!



**A Spiritual Conference
for Members and Friends of
Courage and Encourage**

**Spiritual Life Center of
Marian Community**

Medway, MA August 7th -10th