

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, March 19, 2010

4:00pm.....Registration Opens

5:30pm -7:00pm.....Exhibitors

7:00pm -7:15pm.....Welcome: Bishop Warfel

7:15pm -9:00pm.....Faith, Hope & Healing in Christ:
Trish Short with Michael Bethea *(Divine Mercy Chaplet)*

Saturday, March 20, 2010

7:00am.....Registration Opens

7:00am -7:30am...Mass, St. Bernard's *(Bishop Warfel, Celebrant)*

7:30am -8:00am.....Hospitality/Registration

8:00am -9:15am...The Consistent Life Ethic: John Carr

9:30am -11:30am...Rwandan Genocide Survivor's Story
of Faith, Hope & Forgiveness: Immaculée Ilibagiza

11:30am -12:00pm.....Promotion from Exhibitors

12:00 Noon -1:45pm.....Lunch (Exhibits Open)

1:45pm -3:00pm.....How to Build a Culture of Life:
Camille De Blasi Pauley

3:00pm - 4:00pm.....Q&A with Presenters & Bishop

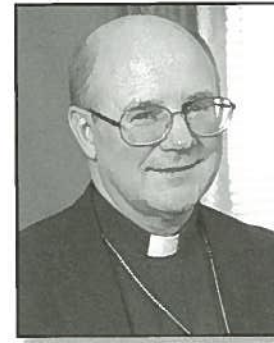
4:00pm - 4:30pm...Concluding Prayer *(Divine Mercy Chaplet)*
Trish Short with Michael Bethea

Bringing
Hope to
the World

Affirming
the Culture
of *Life*

*A Life Conference
Sponsored by the
Two Catholic Dioceses
of Montana*

March 19 & 20, 2010
St. Bernard's Parish
Billings, MT



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A Message from Bishop Michael Warfel

Like the weather, everyone talks about the declining culture in America but too few seem to be doing anything about it. One of the major factors in this decline is the disconnect between individuals and their fellow man. Everyone seems to be doing their own thing, morality seems to be deemed "relative" to the situation, and it seems there are no "absolutes." We live in a world of self-centeredness, regardless of the impact on others. We live our lives in days empty of God. People seem to have forgotten St. John's admonition, "By the love you have for one another, says the Lord, everyone will know that you are my disciples." *(John 13:35)*

One major moral issue that conflicts and separates America today is that of "life." Recently, Pope Benedict XVI issued an encyclical titled "Caritas in Veritate" (Love in Truth). It deals with a variety of modern cultural issues, particularly those involving the culture of life. We are called to educate ourselves on these writings in order to form a more perfect conscience.

The bishops of the Dioceses of Helena and Great Falls-Billings are taking action to educate Catholics on the various facets of issues of life. We will begin conferences, alternating between dioceses, to affirm the Church's consistent ethic on issues of life. The first such conference will be held at St. Bernard's Church in Billings on March 19 and 20, 2010. You are both invited and urged to attend.

The 2010 conference is titled "Bringing Hope to the World: Affirming the Culture of Life." Featured speakers include Immaculée Ilibagiza, regarded as one of the world's leading speakers on peace, faith and forgiveness and author of "Left to Tell," a New York Times best-seller; Camille Pauley, who has been on the front line of life issues for many years; John Carr, the Director of Justice, Peace and Human Development for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Trish Short and Michael Bethea, whom you have likely seen on EWTN singing the Praises to Divine Mercy

Speakers will address the close connection between such "life" issues as capital punishment, abortion, stem cell research, euthanasia, social justice and God's Divine Mercy. You might Google the names of the speakers to learn more about their ministry on life issues.

We often forget that Christ is present in each one of us. That being true, we should wish the very best for our brother and sisters, even the least of them, and treat them as the embodiment of Christ. Every life is sacred. We need to be consistent in our efforts to protect life; one can't protect some lives and not others. We must consistently be mindful of treating our brothers and sisters in Christ in the manner we would wish to be treated. This upcoming conference will show you how all of the various facets of life are intricately woven together into a single ethic of love for our brothers and sisters. *You won't want to miss it!*

Michael Warfel

AFFIRMING THE CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

Immaculée Ilibagiza



Immaculée Ilibagiza is a living example of faith put into action. Immaculée Ilibagiza's life was transformed dramatically during the '94 Rwandan genocide where she and seven other women spent 91 days huddled silently together in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor's house. Immaculée Ilibagiza entered the bathroom a vibrant, 115-pound university student with a loving family – she emerged weighing just 65 pounds to find her entire family had been brutally murdered (with the exception of one brother who had been studying out of the country).

Rather than succumbing to the rage that she felt, Immaculée instead turned to prayer. She began to pray the rosary as a way of drowning out the negativity that was building up inside her. Through prayer, she eventually found it possible, in fact imperative, to forgive her tormentors and family's murderers.

In 1998, Immaculée Ilibagiza emigrated to the United States where she worked with the United Nations. She shared her story with co-workers and friends, who were so impacted they insisted she write it down in book form. The manuscript became **Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust** (Hay House). The book quickly became a New York Times Best Seller.

Today Immaculée Ilibagiza is regarded as one of the world's leading speakers on peace, faith, and forgiveness. She has shared her universal message with world dignitaries, school children, multinational corporations, churches, and at many conferences. Immaculée Ilibagiza works hard to spread her message and to raise money for her Left to Tell Charitable Fund which directly benefits the children orphaned by the genocide.

Trish Short



Trish Short is best known from EWTN Global Catholic Television. This former model, actress and pro-choice feminist found her life shattered in her twenties after two failed marriages and losing two children to the culture of death. In her late thirties, Trish was introduced to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy by a friend – through it, she found faith, hope and healing in Christ.

Now an award-winning director, music producer and singer / songwriter, Trish founded Artists for Life in 2000 to use the arts and media to build a culture of life. Their work has appeared on ABC Family Channel, Fox Network and on Christian Networks EWTN, TBN and CBN.

Trish also works as an international conference speaker and singer – her music and personal witness testify to the love, mercy and power of God to change a life!

Michael Bethea



Former RCA Records recording artist Michael Bethea first discovered a love for singing at the age of five, performing at his kindergarten graduation. After winning several high school music honors, he was accepted to Jackson State University on a full vocal scholarship. Recording two albums while under contract to RCA, he toured extensively abroad, opening for soul music legends The Temptations. Moving to the Gulf Coast, Michael formed his own band and acquired a loyal fan base. Wildly popular and something of a celebrity along the Emerald Coast of Florida, Michael has shared the stage with Keith Urban, CeCe Winans, Bo Diddley, Jeff Carlise and Greg Barnhill (singer, songwriter for Vince Gill and Amy Grant).

John L. Carr



For the last decade, John Carr has served as director of the Department of Social Development and World Peace of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference. In this role, he assists the bishops in sharing and applying Catholic social teaching, advocating on the moral dimensions of key domestic and international issues, and building the Catholic community's capacity to act on social mission. John writes frequently on Catholic social teaching and the moral dimension of public issues. He speaks regularly on the social mission and message of the Catholic Church and the demands of faith in public life. He is the editor of Full Employment and Economic Justice and co-author of Housing and Mediating Structures.

Camille De Blasi Pauley



Camille De Blasi Pauley is the President and co-Founder of Healing the Culture, and a leader in pro-life education. For over fifteen years, she has inspired politicians, judges, lawyers, medical professionals, and church leaders to defend human life with rational arguments. She has trained students, teachers, parents, business leaders, and pro-life professionals to engage in sophisticated dialogue on pro-life issues.

Camille has co-produced six video series and spoken to tens of thousands of people around the world. It has grown into an internationally recognized organization with tremendous influence in the cultural battle over abortion and euthanasia. From 1993 to 2003, Camille served as Director of Education for Human Life of Washington, and was the co-founder and Director of the Center for Life Principles.

REGISTRATION FORM

To register for this conference, please provide the following information (ticket cost: \$30 for adults & \$15 for students).

Name(s): _____
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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

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Tickets

Adults _____ x \$30

Students _____ x \$15

Lunches (Subway 6" sub, chips, cookie & drink)

Turkey _____ x \$5

Ham _____ x \$5

▶ Total Fees \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

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