



Office of the Bishop

My Dear Brother Priest:

This year's priest Fall Assembly will take place on **October 19, 2018** at the **University of San Diego** as part of the ***Our Families, Our Future Conference***. This conference is a response to the "Embracing the Joy of Love," Synod of 2016. The theme for the conference is ***Creating Parish Cultures of Welcome***.

All priests, diocesan and religious, with assignment to any form of diocesan ministry are expected to attend this event. Retired and other priests are welcome. No cost (Diocesan sponsored).

The objective of the conference is to inspire and equip parish pastoral staffs (priests, deacons, liturgists, music directors, DCMs, youth ministers, office staff, etc) and lay leaders to understand, welcome and more effectively engage families in the life of the Church. The conference will include inspiring speakers Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Pedro Rubalcava and Sarah Hart, as well as, workshops to discuss practical tips in creating cultures of welcome at our parishes. Please note there will be a separate priest track in order to discuss the issues most pertinent to our ministries and roles.

Priest Track Schedule

1:00 pm	Welcome & Opening Prayer
1:15 pm	Keynote Fr. Leo Patalinghug (English) Pedro Rubalcava (Spanish)
2:00 pm	Break
2:15 pm	Workshop for Priests Sr. Maureen Colleary, FSP "Be My Witness: Formation for the New Evangelization"
4:30 pm	Vesting
5:00 pm	Liturgy with Families from diocese (model principles discussed at Conference)
6:15 pm	Priest Social
7:30 pm	Family concert with Sarah Hart & Pedro Rubalcava (optional)

The Office for Family Life & Spirituality will provide detailed information and registration material in early June.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy
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