

Matthew Leonard, Keynote Speaker

Matthew Leonard is an internationally known speaker, author, podcaster, filmmaker, and Vice President of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology (founded by Dr. Scott Hahn).

A convert to Catholicism and former missionary to Latin America, Matthew is a frequent guest on radio and television programs across the country appearing on SiriusXM, EWTN, CBS, and the Magnificat. He hosts a podcast on iTunes titled “The Art of Catholic” and is a frequent blogger on MatthewSLeonard.com. Matthew is the Executive Producer and host of the best-selling Journey Through Scripture video series and is a featured speaker by Lighthouse Catholic Media.

Matthew holds a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. In addition to numerous articles, he is the author of two books, *Louder Than Words: The Art of Living as a Catholic* and *Prayer Works! Getting A Grip On Catholic Spirituality*.

A native to Texas, Matthew now lives in Ohio with his wife Veronica and their five children.



Fr. Steve Mattson, Community Service Award



Fr. Steve Mattson is a priest of the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan. He is what is sometimes called a “revert” to the faith. He was raised in a faithful Catholic home, but his family left the Catholic Church after he graduated from high school. After nearly twenty years as an Evangelical Protestant, Fr. Steve returned to the Catholic faith, and later felt the call to the priesthood.

Fr. Steve Mattson attended the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Illinois, and was ordained in 2005. Fr. Steve holds a Ph.D. in Education from Michigan State University, and served as the Diocese of Lansing’s Superintendent of Schools and Chairperson of the Department of Education and Catechesis from 2009-2015. In 2010, he published *Maintenance to Mission: Transforming Our Catholic Schools*, which helped focus school reform efforts in the Diocese of Lansing.

Fr. Steve currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Education in the Diocese of Lansing, and is Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, a position he has held since July 2012.