



# MINISTRY DAY • CATECHETICAL DAY

Diocese of Winona-Rochester

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## *Building a Culture of Discipleship*

### The Ministry Context • The Catechetical Context

(with Deacon Keith Strohm of M3 Ministries)

**Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> • Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am - 2:30 pm**

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### Program & Schedule

9:00 **Mass**

9:50 **Gathering** (with beverages & snacks)

10:10 **Welcome & Introduction**

10:20 **AM Session** – Deacon Keith Strohm

**Thursday:**

**THE NON-NEGOTIABLE SHIFT – Embracing Missionary Values for Cultural Change**

Culture is more than a buzzword or an intangible concept – it is, in fact, one of the keys to communal change. If we want to experience the renewal of our dioceses and parishes, then we will have to intentionally build cultures rooted in discipleship, mission, and evangelization. In this session, Deacon Keith will explore 5 key "macro" values or paradigms that we will have to shift if we want to pursue this journey of transformation and provide concrete resources, as well as a practical process for beginning these paradigm shifts.

**Friday:**

**OUTPOSTS OF THE KINGDOM – Catholic Education and the Transformation of the World**

Catholic Schools have more to offer the world than simply a quality education. Recognizing this, St. John Paul II said that, "The Church needs men and women who are intent on helping to permeate the whole educational milieu with the spirit of Christ." Doing so is no easy task. If we want to experience the renewal of our Catholic Schools and Catechetical Programs, then we must intentionally embrace the reality of discipleship and mission. In this session, Deacon Keith will explore what missionary Catholic education looks like and discuss what it might take to more fruitfully live out that reality.

12:00 **Lunch break**

12:50 **PM Session – Deacon Keith Strohm**

**Thursday:**

**THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IN PARISH TRANSFORMATION**

"For Freedom, Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). This is the heart of Jesus' mission of redemption and the core of His message. There can be no parish renewal, no diocesan transformation, and no fruit in mission if the Gospel message isn't lived and shared. In this session, we will dive in to the heart of the Gospel, called the kerygma, and explore its central themes. What is the Gospel and what does it mean for each of us, and for our journey into parish transformation.

**Friday:**

**LIVING IN THE FREEDOM OF CHRIST – Discipleship as a Foundation for Catholic Education**

The heart of the Gospel message is the freedom found in the Person of Jesus Christ. It is this Person whom the Church is called to share in every dimension of Her life – including Catholic Education. To do so, our catechetical and pedagogical efforts must be grounded in the Gospel and our personal relationship with Christ in the midst of His Church. In this session, Deacon Keith will explore the Gospel message and offer opportunities to reflect on its meaning for us personally and as Catholic Educators.

2:20 **Wrap Up & Closing Prayer**