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Building Bridges with the  
Divorced and Separated

**2017 National Conference at Catholic University of America (CUA)  
July 22 - 23, 2017  
Washington, D.C.**

## **Building Bridges with the Divorced and Separated** ~ *Strengthening Family Ties* ~

**Two-day** program provides tools and insights for developing or expanding ministry in dioceses and parishes, and support families in transition. Topics focus on a Christ-centered path to healing the family unit. Participants increase awareness that they are wanted, loved, and supported to actively participate in church roles that fit their individual conditions. Guide book provided.

Participant Cost: \$100/person. **Early Bird Special before June 5 is \$80.** Includes study materials.

### Speakers



**History of Marriage/Divorce and Remaining Faithful** will examine the history of matrimony in the Church, consider the heartbreak of divorce, the issue of martial 'nullity' and 'invalidity' and the Church process involved in declaring a marriage invalid.

Msgr. David Fulton, STD, JCD is associate professor of moral theology and of canon law and is director of priest programs at St. Mary's Center for Continuing Formation. Msgr. Fulton has served in an array of offices in the tribunals of Trenton and Metuchen, NJ, and has taught canon law.



**Forgiveness and Reconciliation** will explore the healing nature of forgiveness and its distinction from reconciliation; especially as it applies to the wounds and circumstances that can accompany separation and divorce. R. Scott Hurd is Senior Director for Leadership Development at Catholic Charities USA and the author of five books, including *Forgiveness: A Catholic Approach* (Pauline Books and Media, 2011).



**Unique Needs of the Separated & Divorced** Workshop will cover therapy and studies with a focus on aspects of avoiding divorce, healing from divorce, moving forward and blended families post-divorce. Guide book provided. A divorced mother of three, now adults, and recently remarried post annulment. Kelly A. Klaus, MA, LMFT with a Master's degree in counseling psychology from Pepperdine University & is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist from San Juan Capistrano, CA.



**Joy of Catechist: Proclaiming Christ in Word and Life** presents how every person by virtue of their Baptism, is called to participate in the missionary mandate to ‘Go and Make Disciples.’ Serving as a catechist of adults, youth or children is a privileged opportunity to live this call. Sara Blauvelt is Director of Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Washington. Sara holds a MA in Catechesis/Religious Education from CUA and worked in parish religious education for 25 years.



**Tending the Lost Sheep: There’s an “App” for That!** Landings International Paulist Fathers program of reconciliation reaching out to those who have been away from the Church inviting them to take another look through an 8-10 week session sponsored by the parish. Bill Wannall, Program Director for Landings Int’l and Pastoral Associate in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. Bill holds degrees/certificates from University of Maryland College Park and George Washington University.



**Beauty from Ashes: Using Our Personal Experiences to Encourage and Inspire Others** will explore how we are strengthened to help others in their journeys and deepen their friendship with Christ. Alice Culbreth is Director of Christian Formation at St. Peters Parish in Waldorf, Maryland, Archdiocese of Washington with 20+ years of experience in pastoral ministry and catechesis. Alice has professional certifications in catechesis, youth ministry and RCIA.



**Witnessing Recovery through a God-centered Healing Plan.** Gregory Mills has been in leadership positions in Catholic Divorce Ministry since 2004. Greg served in multiple roles within Region 10 and with the national board of directors, and currently holds the office of Executive Director.

