

# D/CRE GATHERING

# OCTOBER 7-9, 2026

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## From Encounter to Mission:

# REIMAGINING

## *Parish Catechesis*



**DEEPLY ROOTED  
IN CHRIST**

Nourished by Scripture,  
prayer, and the  
Church's teachings.



**GROWING IN FAITH  
TOGETHER**

Building a strong foundation  
by learning, reflecting, and  
living our Catholic faith.



**SENT IN LOVE  
TO SERVE**

Putting our faith into action  
as disciples who love God  
and neighbor.

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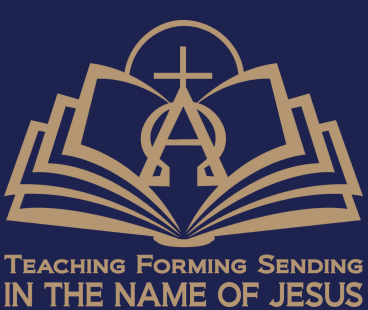
# JAMES PAULEY, STD

PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AND CATECHETICS AT FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY

From Encounter to Mission: Reimagining Parish Catechesis invites D/CREs to rethink how parish formation can truly lead people into a living relationship with Christ and a vibrant missionary identity.

Participants will explore practical ways to shape parish religious education settings where the Gospel is experienced, not just taught; where catechists lead from a place of encounter; and where families and learners are equipped to witness Christ in daily life. Together, D/CREs will strengthen their leadership, share best practices, and envision a catechesis that forms disciples who carry Christ's love into the world.

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# Our Keynote Speaker



**Dr. James Pauley** is Professor of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University. He is the author of two books focused on the renewal of catechesis: *An Evangelizing Catechesis: Teaching from Your Encounter with Christ* (Our Sunday Visitor, 2020) and *Liturgical Catechesis in the 21st Century: A School of Discipleship* (revised edition, 2022). He is currently writing his next book on how to live a deep and transforming sacramental life, which will be published in 2027.

In 2014, Dr. Pauley was appointed editor of *The Catechetical Review*, Franciscan University's journal dedicated to catechesis and evangelization. Dr. Pauley began working as a parish catechetical leader in 1989 and has served professionally in parish, diocesan, and university catechetical formation for more than thirty-five years.

Having received his Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in 2014, he enjoys serving as a frequent speaker in dioceses and parishes nationwide on a variety of topics related to evangelization, catechesis, and the transformative sacramental encounter. Dr. Pauley is married to Katrina, and they are blessed with three daughters.

# D/CRE Gathering in Avalon Schedule

Sea Glass is the dining room; Ohana is the prayer room

## Wednesday, October 7, 2026

3:00 PM	Check-In & Registration
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Grace Before Meals/ Dinner (Sea Glass)
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Prayer & Reflection (Ohana) – Rev. Stephen DeLacy
8:00 PM - 8:45 PM	<b>CONFERENCE 1</b> (Ohana) – Dr. James Pauley

## Thursday, October 8, 2026

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Holy Mass (Ohana) Celebrant: Rev. Stephen DeLacy
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Breakfast (Sea Glass)
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	15-minute break - Break for room set up (Sea Glass)
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	CONFERENCE 2 (Sea Glass) – Dr. James Pauley
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Thank you /Announcements/Break (Sea Glass)
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Break for room set up (Sea Glass)
12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	Angelus/Grace Before Meals / Lunch (Sea Glass)
12:50 PM - 1:00 PM	10-minute break - Break for room set up (Sea Glass)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	CONFERENCE 3 (Sea Glass) – Dr. James Pauley
2:00 PM - 3:20 PM	Exhibitors resources: Evangelizing Catechesis (5-10 minutes max. each)
3:20 PM - 5:30 PM	Free Time: Optional ●Visit Vendors ●Confession (Sign-up sheet for 10-minute appointments)
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Greetings from Fr. Stephen DeLacy (Sea Glass)
5:45 PM - 6:45 PM	Social Hour (Sea Glass)
6:45 PM - 8:15 PM	Dinner, Raffle Basket Drawings, and Thank yous and Introduction of 2027 Chairperson
8:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Night Prayer (Sea Glass) - Rev. Stephen DeLacy

## Friday, October 9, 2026

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Exposition & Adoration (Ohana)
8:30 AM - 9:10 AM	Holy Mass (Ohana)
9:10 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast and Checkout (Sea Glass)
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM	CONFERENCE 4 (with break - Sea Glass) – Dr. James Pauley
11:30 AM - 12 PM	Wrap-Up & Departure

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