

The Office for Pastoral Ministries Presents  
F. Gerald Martin Pastoral Ministry Conference

# Good News Unleashed: Being Catholic in a Secular Society

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Pastoral Ministry Conference

305 Michigan Avenue - 10th Floor

Detroit, MI 48226



Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

August 3-5, 2009

Hosted at  
Madonna University

Collaborative Partners: Departments of Education and Parish Life and  
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## Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

A Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas.

**B.A. University of Ottawa**

**B. Th. Newman Theological College, Edmonton**

**M.A. University of San Francisco**

**M.R. Sc. University of Louvain, Belgium**

**Ph.D/STD University of Louvain, Belgium**

He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than sixty newspapers worldwide, including the Michigan Catholic.

### His books include:

*Forgotten Among the Lilies*

*The Restless Heart*

*The Holy Longing*

*Against an Infinite Horizon*

*The Shattered Lantern*

*The Loneliness Factor*

*Secularity and the Gospel: Being Missionary to our Children*



**Haunted By God:** The Life of Dorothy Day is an acclaimed play about the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, who spent 47 years caring for the poor and leading the Catholic Church to a more active concern for the needy in U.S. society.

Hailed as “a moving, magnificent one-woman show,” this dramatic portrait, featuring Still Point founder and director Lisa Wagner, follows Dorothy from her days as a 17 year-old Greenwich Village bohemian, through her middle years as a social activist and journalist to her later years as an elderly, wise leader.

*(Monday Afternoon)*



## John Thorne and United In Christ

was founded in 2002 under the direction of John J.F. Thorne. This all female ensemble has members from various churches both Catholic and Protestant. These ladies have sung throughout the U.S. and remain committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*(Tuesday Afternoon)*



## CONFERENCE FOCUS & FEATURES

Ron Rolheiser will help us in the struggle to name our present moment of being church in the world. Together we will attempt to claim our Catholic identity more clearly and imagine what challenges face us in the future. We will be invited to embrace more fully our call to discipleship and to live as the Body of Christ. We will contemplate the themes of forgiveness, non-violence, the possibility of community and simplicity of life. We will be asked to face the dark nights as well as the bright days of living in faith. Furthermore, we will be asked to see ourselves as missionaries to our own families, our own children and beyond. We will be gently, yet directly, confronted with God's mandates to live as Christians for the long haul.

**Come and experience the Good News Unleashed as the Spirit animates our lives and ministry through wisdom shared, musical and theatrical presentations and celebrative prayer and liturgy!**

### Key Features

- o Pastoral Focus in a relaxed setting as a resident or commuter
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# SCHEDULE

## Monday, August 3

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- 8:00am Registration and Commuter Breakfast at Madonna University
- 9:00am Welcome and morning prayer  
*“The Struggle to Name Our Present Moment”*  
Break  
*“The Struggle for Catholic Identity Today”*
- 12:15pm Lunch
- 1:20pm *“Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day”*  
Drama featuring Lisa Wagner  
Break  
*“The Anticipated Struggle Ahead – What the Next Hundred Years Will Bring”*
- 3:45pm Closure of the Afternoon
- 7:00pm **Evening at St. John Neumann Parish, Canton**  
*“The Struggle for a More Mature Discipleship”*
- 8:30pm Social at St. John Neumann Parish

## Tuesday, August 4

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- 8:00am Registration and Commuter Breakfast at Madonna University
- 9:00am Welcome and morning prayer  
*“Some Missionary Principles – Seeking to be Missionaries to our own Children”*  
Break  
*“Some Christological Principles – Being the Body of Christ”*
- 12:15pm Lunch
- 1:20pm **Musical Presentation Featuring John Thorne & United In Christ**  
Break

## Tuesday, August 4

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- “Some Ecclesial Principles – Being a Church with a Catholic Embrace”*
- 3:45pm Closure of the Afternoon
- 7:00pm **Evening at St. Aidan Parish, Livonia**  
*“Living Through our Dark Nights of Faith”*
- 8:30pm Social at St. Aidan Parish

## Wednesday, August 5

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- 9:00am Eucharistic Liturgy, Madonna University
- 10:15am Breakfast at Madonna University  
*“Commandments for the Long Haul – I”*
- 12:30pm Lunch  
Special Tribute to Fr. Paul C. Berg
- 1:40pm *“Commandments for the Long Haul – II”*  
Closing Ritual
- 3:30pm Conference Closing

### Conference Sessions hosted at:

Madonna University  
36600 Schoolcraft Road  
Livonia, Michigan 48150  
Enter off of Levan Road to the University Center Building  
Visit <http://www.madonna.edu> for directions

### Overnight Accommodations at:

The Retreat Center at St. John's  
44011 Five Mile Road  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

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