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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PRESENTER PROFILE #2

DR. EDWARD SRI: a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Each year he speaks to tens of thousands of people, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists and laity. He has written several best-selling books, including *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion*, *Walking with Mary*, and *Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple*. Dr. Sri is the host of the acclaimed series *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* and the presenter of several formation series, including *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, and *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*.

Dr. Sri says: "At every Mass we are planting our flag with God and saying 'I believe in the three persons and I believe in all these truths of the Church.' But it's also a personal entrustment of ourselves. 'I have personally gifted myself to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and I want to entrust more of my heart to you; I want to surrender more of my life to you; and that's something we can grow in week to week.'"

CHECK OUT DR. SRI ONLINE

"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Introduction Video"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du_7GGoRZXs

"My Encounter"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DX-ZCBtraE>



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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PRESENTER PROFILE #4

FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL grew up outside of a small farm community in Pesotum, IL. After his undergrad studies at the University of Illinois, he attended Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. He was ordained for the Diocese of Peoria in 2003 and has enjoyed assignments in campus ministry and parishes of all sizes. He loves being a spiritual father to many and has a great passion for helping hearts to grow. Fr. Luke is a member of the team of National Eucharistic Preachers which is part of the National Eucharistic Revival of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Fr. Luke says, "Being with Jesus in the Eucharist is where I feel most at peace and where I feel most myself. I never wonder if I should be doing something else—I always feel the peaceful conviction that there is no better place I can be at that moment. Being in His presence helps me see clearly that I am loved and that He has given everything for me. It is where I am renewed in strength when I falter and where I receive the strength to do whatever He asks of me each day. My time with Jesus in the Mass and in Adoration is always the best part of my day."

CHECK OUT FR. LUKE ONLINE

"Fr. Luke's Vocation and the Eucharist"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4GzaRiR9wY>

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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PRESENTER PROFILE #1

FR. JOHN RICCARDO, missionary and ACTS XXIX Executive Director. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1996. In 2019, after 23 years in parish ministry, he founded Acts XXIX to proclaim the gospel in an attractive and compelling way and to equip clergy and lay leaders for the age in which God has chosen us to live. Fr. John is a graduate of the University of Michigan, the Gregorian University, and the Pope John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family.

Fr. John says: "Ask yourself this: is it possible for me to achieve greatness when I am feeding on the Eucharist only once a week? Once we've really come to understand, objectively speaking, that the Eucharist is the greatest source of strength that we could ever encounter in our lives, why wouldn't we want to come more often? I just can't thrive without the Eucharist. I'm not strong enough. I used to think I was, but now I've come to realize otherwise."

CHECK OUT FR. JOHN ONLINE

"How Do You Explain the Eucharist?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V693Ve8xtoE>

"Eucharist: Become One with Him"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4o-p1ATThU>

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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PRESENTER PROFILE #5

DAVE MOORE has more than 15 years experience as a Catholic Musician and Recording Artist, and is currently the Resident Worship Leader for the Diocese of Dallas OYYACM (Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries). An early pioneer for Nights of Worship in the Catholic Church, he has mentored over 30 Catholic Musicians and has recorded and/or produced liturgical and non-liturgical music for more than 50 different artists.

LAUREN MOORE holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and has served for over 15 years in Catholic Music Ministry. With over six years of experience as a Private Instructor for Piano and Vocal performance, she shares Dave's love for writing and arranging music for the Catholic Church. Lauren's passion is creating and performing music for the edification of the Catholic Church.

SEE DAVE AND LAUREN PERFORM ONLINE:

"O God Beyond All Praising"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kalDkoFXdUk>

"O God, You Searched Me"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuKwXVWdyEs>

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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PRESENTER PROFILE #3

STEVE RAY: was raised in a devout Baptist family. He was very involved in Baptist churches as a teacher of Biblical studies. After an in-depth study of the writings of the Church Fathers, both Steve and his wife Janet converted to the Catholic Church in 1997. Steve is the author of the best-selling books *Crossing the Tiber*, and *Upon this Rock*. He is a regular guest on *The Journey Home* and has appeared on many other radio and TV programs. He is writer, producer and host of the 10-part video/DVD series *The Footprints of God: the Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine* filmed entirely on location in the Holy Land and surrounding countries. He and Janet live in Michigan. They have four children and ten grandchildren.

Steve Ray says: "Janet and I sat in Mass this weekend again swept away by the beauty of the liturgy — not because the music was throbbing or the preacher profound — but because it was the same Sunday morning worship that was given to the Church by Jesus and the Apostles, and preserved and celebrated uninterrupted for the last two thousand years. We were blessed to be participating in the same liturgy that the first Christians celebrated... immersed in the same Mass as the Apostles and their disciples. No wonder I had tears welling up in my eyes."

CHECK OUT STEVE RAY ONLINE

"Attending Catholic Mass for the First Time."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcw8JoGHUJo>



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