



2010 Boston Catholic Men's & Women's Conferences One Week to the Women's Conf.

February 20, 2010

The Women's Conference: Help produce a sellout.



Only 435 seats remain for the Women's Conference on Saturday February 27, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

We would be grateful if you would forward this email as a personal invite to ONE woman friend or family member.

Or please reach out to one woman that you see at Church this weekend and invite her to the Conferences.

To purchase tickets for the Women's Conference and the Men's Conference, please click on the "Tickets" link below or one of the special categories of registration. Thank you.

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Lunch Ticket Deadline: 2/22 at 10am

In order to give the caterer enough notice to prepare the lunches for the Women's Conference, the deadline for ordering tickets that include lunch is **Monday 2/22 at 10am**.

Tickets without lunch will remain available for purchase until Thursday, February 25 at noon.

All tickets ordered after Monday 2/22 will be held at a "will call" table at the Conferences.

If the conference doesn't sell out by 2/25, tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Please check the Conference website for door ticket availability.

Great Profiles on Speaker Leah Darrow.

Quick Links

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Previous Conference Recaps

George Martell has produced a photo slideshow of all of our previous conferences. In addition, news articles, recordings, and other links are available.

[2008 Men's Recap](#)

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Join a Men's or Women's Group

Many Catholics experience the best of our faith in small groups. Below are links to information on 3 types of groups.

[Men's Groups](#)

[Women's Groups](#)

[Arise Groups](#)

Cardinal Sean's Weekly Email

We encourage all attendees to receive the weekly email from Cardinal Sean (with his Blog post) and with Pilot news stories. It gets delivered each Saturday

There is a great story in *The Pilot* on Women's Conference speaker Leah Darrow.

"She went from "America's Next Top Model" to role model. She's a reality TV star who now points to the real Truth.

"For years my faith took a back seat until it all came to a soulful boiling point during a high power photo shoot, where I turned back to God and my faith," confesses nationally known Catholic speaker Leah Darrow.

"Ever heard that prodigal son story? I'm his sister," she said.

Darrow will describe the importance of living a life rooted in God, not the world. Her story will include how she abandoned the world of New York modeling to become a leader in the "Pure Fashion" movement, which encourages young women to become confident, competent leaders who live the virtues of modesty and purity. She also shares her story throughout the country at gatherings of women, often with young adults and teens. Darrow will be one of the featured speakers at the upcoming 5th annual Boston Catholic Women's Conference (BCWC) on Feb. 27 at Boston's Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

To view the full Pilot article, [please click HERE](#).

Leah's message is particularly relevant to the pressures that young women face. Please invite the young women in your life to attend the 2010 Women's Conference.

To view a video message from Leah, [please click here and scroll down to the 2nd video](#).

Women's Conference Logistics

An email will be sent on Thursday 2/25 with a series of logistical reminders (parking, directions, seating, etc.).

This information is also available on the [website by clicking here](#).

Women's Conference Speakers

The Women's Conference will be on **Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston** (snow date is 3/6/10). It will be from 9am - 5:30pm.

The BCWC will feature as speakers **Patti Mansfield, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, Leah Darrow, and Sr. Olga of the Eucharist**. The BCWC will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and a great opportunity to gather with other Catholic women of faith. Tickets will be \$20 (\$30 including lunch). Click [here to order tickets](#).

FOR COMPLETE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SPEAKER BIOS, SCHEDULES AND PRINTABLE DETAILS [CLICK HERE](#)

A Great Choice for Lent

The Women's Conference: A Great Choice for Lent



In the February 12 *Pilot* newspaper, Scot Landry writes:

morning and it can keep you up with the news of the Archdiocese as well as national and international Church news.

To sign up, please click on this link (www.BostonCatholic.org) and enter your email address in at the top.

New Conference Phone Number

Please note our new phone number: 617-444-9950.

Help Promote the Conferences

There are a variety of tools that we've developed to make it easy to share an invite to the Conferences.

[Please click HERE for all the downloadable or web tools](#). Included are bulletin announcements, prayers, logos, videos, press articles to forward, and much more.

Thank you for your help in spreading the word.

"Lent is the time during which Catholics return to the fundamentals of their faith. For 40 days, it is an occasion to focus our attention more closely on certain aspects of our faith that we're encouraged to do well throughout the year."

"Each Lent, Cardinal Seán and our Church leaders ask us to deepen our practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These practices are meant to help us to grow in holiness and to become more Christ-like. The resolutions we make this Lent are intended to help us keep this at the forefront of our minds."

"Perhaps you may want to attend weekday Mass more frequently, spend an additional five minutes per day in prayer, attend a parish's Lenten mission retreat, or pray that your friends and family members may also deepen their relationship with God. Further, if you have friends and family members who you hope will deepen their involvement in -- or simply return to -- the Church, please consider encouraging them to participate in "The Light Is On For You" initiative and the 2010 Boston Catholic Women's Conference. Of course, I encourage you to embrace these opportunities yourself as well!"

"An important event in the life of our archdiocese occurs on Saturday, Feb. 27, when the 2010 Boston Catholic Women's Conference will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The BCWC provides a 1-day retreat experience that can help focus us on the Lenten path. The conference offers great speakers, confession, adoration, and plenty of time to gather with 2,000 Catholic women who, like you, want to connect more deeply with God and with others on their journey of faith. Please join us and bring along some relatives and friends. Tickets are available at www.CatholicBoston.com."

[Please click here to read Scot's full article.](#)

Informational Video on Conference Speakers

A short video with descriptions of the 2010 Conferences and speakers has been produced.

[Please click HERE to watch the video](#)

A Great Reason to attend the Women's Conference

In this February 5 *Pilot* newspaper, Jaymie Stuart Wolfe writes:

"Like most of us, I can't afford the time or the money to really get away on vacation or retreat. But a one day conference is something I can-and should-do. Why? Because I for one, could really use a day where I am reminded that who I am is far more important in the eyes of God than what I can or cannot do. I need a day filled with feminine voices raised in prayer and in song; a day where conversations are all about the things that really matter

in life. I long to be in place where I can look around and know that just about everyone I see shares my values, and my faith. I'd love to spend a day in a church large enough to hold all my sisters, at least the ones that live nearby. All that, before any of the speakers say a word, or I finally get myself to Confession, or spend time with the Eucharist."

"I'm certain that Patti Mansfield, Donna Marie Cooper-O'Boyle, Leah Darrow, and Sr. Olga of the Eucharist will say some things I'll never forget. The witness each one of them has to offer is powerful and uplifting. I'm sure the Eucharistic procession will be spellbinding, and that Mass with Cardinal Seán will be lively even though it is Lent. But for me, the day will be more than worth the effort simply because of the hundreds and hundreds of women who gather there for it."

"The Holy Spirit never declines an invitation. That is why you and I shouldn't either. God is everywhere. But I know that on February 27th His Spirit will be at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross to reassure the women of Boston that we can do all things, if we only do all things through Christ."

[Please click here to read Jaymie's full article.](#)

Lowell Sun Story on the Women's Conference

We are grateful to the Lowell Sun newspaper for always sharing with its readers the invitation to attend the Conferences.

Here is an excerpt from the Feb 5 column, written by Debbie Hovanasian:

Another bonus is that the women's conference can now be held on Saturday, instead of Sunday or Friday night, as in previous years when the men's and women's conferences were booked back to back.

That's a big plus, according to St. Andrew Parish's Fran Gulia, parish co-captain of the women's conference. She's the mother of five children 10 years old and under. Arranging child care will now be easier for her and her husband, Riccardo, who attends the men's conference.

"Having it the same weekend as the men's conference made it difficult for married couples, especially those who have to work out child care for the entire weekend," said Gulia. "Also, many of the women teach religious education on Sundays, so they had to make the choice between teaching their class or going to the conference."

Gulia considers the historic cathedral, dedicated in 1875 by Archbishop John J. Williams, Boston's first archbishop, another draw. Among its beautiful interior, stained glass and expansive altar is a Hook and Hastings pipe organ widely considered one of the finest of its type in the country. "Many of the women in our group have never been to the cathedral, so this is a great chance

to see it," *Gulia* said.

[To read the entire article, please click here.](#)

CatholicTV Interview about the Women's Conference

On January 29, Jennifer Schiller was a guest on CatholicTV's popular *This is the Day* live interview program with Fr. Robert Reed and Jay Fadden.

Jen described why she thinks this year's women's conference could be the best ever and why she thinks women will love that the Conference is now on a Saturday at the Cathedral.

Prior to interviewing Jen, Fr. Reed & Jay interviewed the Celtic Women, who talk about their new album "Songs from the Heart" and they sing a few tracks from that album.

[Please CLICK HERE to watch the interview](#)

Pilot Article on Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle (Women's Conf. Speaker)

"What struck me the most about Mother Teresa when I saw her for the first time was her diminutive size," recalls nationally known speaker and author Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle. "There stood the world renowned peacemaker, lover of the world's poor and a Nobel Peace Prize recipient - a giant - but in the body of someone not much taller than my young daughter!"

O'Boyle will describe her decade-long relationship with the most admired woman of the 20th century at the upcoming 5th annual Boston Catholic Women's Conference (BCWC), scheduled for Saturday, February 27 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

Pilot Article on the Conferences

Men's, Women's Conferences will have separate dates, new venue

By Pilot Staff
Posted: 1/8/2010

Over the last six years, more than 20,000 attendees have taken part in the Boston Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences, which feature nationally recognized Catholic speakers and breakout sessions as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration and Mass.

"We've set up these conferences to be great one-day retreats in our annual faith life," said conference organizer Jennifer Schiller. "In 2010, we are making many exciting changes."

[Please click HERE for the full article](#)

Men's Conference Speakers

The Men's Conference will be on **Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston**. It will be from 9am -

5:30pm.

The BCMC will feature the team from **EWTN's Crossing the Goal** as speakers (**Danny Abramowicz, Curtis Martin, Peter Herbeck and Brian Patrick**). The BCMC will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and fun fellowship. Tickets will be \$20 (\$30 including lunch). Click [here to order tickets](#).

FOR COMPLETE SPEAKER BIOS, SCHEDULES AND PRINTABLE DETAILS [CLICK HERE](#).



Please help out

Successful Conferences take hundreds of people playing large and small roles. There are many ways to help. We invite you to join us in making the 2010 Conferences the best ever.

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The **Light is On For YOU**, Confession Initiative



The Archdiocese of Boston is holding Wednesday Evening confessions during Lent from 6:30-8:00 pm in every church and chapel.

Please invite friends and family to renew and strengthen their practice of this wonderful sacrament of God's mercy and healing grace.

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