

## Featuring a Dynamic Line-up of Speakers

**Dr. Ralph Martin**, speaker & author, is world renowned for his evangelization. He is the president of Renewal Ministries, an organization devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelization. Renewal Ministries is the sponsor of EWTN's The Choices We Face. Ralph also is the director of Graduate Theology Programs and a professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Pope Benedict XVI appointed Ralph as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization; he continues to serve in this capacity. Ralph is married and has 6 children and 19 grandchildren.

**Kevin Wells** is a former award-winning sports reporter with the Tampa Tribune, where he covered Major League Baseball and other sports. He is the best-selling author of "The Priests We Need to Save the Church". Kevin also writes articles and speaks at conferences, retreats, radio programs and podcasts about the need for virtuous lives. Wells served as a "content expert" for the EWTN series "They Might Be Saints." In 2009, he survived a brain hemorrhage after being anointed and experienced what hospital staff described as miraculous. Currently, Kevin is president of the Monsignor Thomas Wells Society for Vocations and a public relations director for world Villages of Children having won acclaim for that work.

**Fr. Stan Fortuna C.F.R.**, is one of the eight founding members of the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Prior to his conversion, Fr. Stan was a professional jazz musician. He played gigs alongside some of Jazz's greatest artists. Fr. Stan has released over twenty one (21) CD's in various genres as well as DVDs and books. Assigned to the work of preaching full-time, Fr. Stan travels around the world celebrating Mass, giving talks, and performing concerts with proceeds going directly towards work with poor families in his neighborhood of the South Bronx.

## Be a Catholic Man

**Who we are:** We are ordinary Catholic men, passionate about our Christian Faith. Be A Catholic Man is organized as a 501c3 non-profit corporation. We are entirely funded by our sponsors and registrants. We do not receive financial assistance from the Diocese.

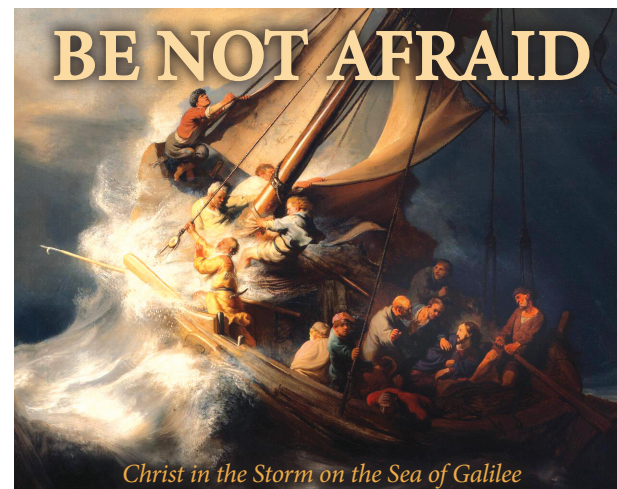
**Our Mission:** We are on a mission to encourage and empower men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their church, and their community and to live their faith in everyday life.

**Our Vision:** We seek to be faithful disciples of the risen Jesus Christ, loyal sons of his Church, loving and faithful husbands, wise and kind fathers and a band of brothers to one another. We desire that all Catholic men in the Diocese of Scranton will be linked as brothers in Christ, witnessing the Gospel in all aspects of their life, through a process of conversion, transformation, and mobilization.

### Tentative Schedule

- 7:00 AM Registration / coffee
- 7:15 AM Rosary begins
- 8:00 AM Opening Ceremonies begin.
- 8:30 AM Speaker
- 9:30 AM Speaker
- 10:30 AM Lunch / Exhibitors / Confessions
- 11:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration / Benediction
- 12:40 PM Speaker
- 1:45 PM Mass: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera
- 3:00 PM Dismissal

*Check the website for updates*  
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Seventh Annual Diocese of Scranton

## Be a Catholic Man Conference

Fear works and the devil knows it. Today we face storms like the one on the Sea of Galilee. We ask the Lord, as the Apostles did, "Do you not care if we perish?" Christ's reply to them is the same He would give to us: "Why are you afraid? [i.e., cowardly] Have you no faith?" So, in times of crisis, Jesus challenges us not to be cowards but instead to face our fears with confidence, knowing that He has already won the victory over evil.



**Bishop  
Joseph  
Bambera**

**Sat. 8 AM - 3:00 PM  
Oct. 8, 2022**

**Holy Redeemer  
High School**

**159 S. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701**



**Dr. Ralph  
Martin**



**Fr. Stan  
Fortuna C.F.R.**



**Kevin Wells**

## Why should I attend?

You're invited to join us at the 7th Annual Be a Man Conference in the Diocese of Scranton.

You may ask, why should I attend? Look out and you'll see a wounded world, a world that has many pitfalls that can harm both yourself and your family. It is a world that needs more men of God to stand up; men who are leading their families to virtue, imitating the heroic love of Christ.

Yet, in today's busy, high-tech world, there are few opportunities where we can take time to reflect on how to better imitate this heroic love; time to put away the cell phone and ipad and be inspired to go further in our imitation of Christ for the sake of not only ourselves, but our loved ones. This Men's Conference provides you that opportunity!

This conference is for men of all ages, regardless of your state in life or where you are on your faith journey. The Conference includes Mass, Reconciliation, music, popular Catholic exhibitors, lunch, and time for reflection.

You will not regret attending. The day will be both inspirational and challenging. It will be an opportunity to stand up with other men, taking initiative to transform the world by living Godly lives.

## What if I'm not Catholic? Can I still come to the conference?

Yes! The speakers' topics, the worship and praise, the prayers and the fellowship can be appreciated by all Christian denominations, not only Catholics.

## I was baptized/raised Catholic, but no longer attend Mass regularly. Am I welcome?

You are fully and completely welcome. We want you to come, to take that one step back toward God and His Church. Sometimes all it takes is just one step to bring about a major change. Since the beginning of the planning efforts, many have been praying specifically for you, that you will come home. We also welcome your questions.

## May my son attend?

Yes, he may. The conference may be a wonderful father-son bonding time. The speakers' topics are geared toward adults, so while each child is different, boys younger than high school might not be mature enough to fully comprehend the topics.

## I noticed that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during the conference. Am I expected to go?

You do not have to go. It has been the experience in the past that offering Reconciliation has brought wonderful healing, leading to a freedom that only Christ can give. There were cases where some men have not gone to Reconciliation in decades. Somehow God moved their hearts to go, and they found the healing and forgiveness that they so much needed.

## Directions

find directions at [www.BeACatholicMan.com](http://www.BeACatholicMan.com)

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## Consider becoming a Conference Sponsor!

A \$100 sponsorship includes your name acknowledged in the Conference program and 1 complimentary admission pass.

**Deadline for Sponsorship is September 9, 2022.**

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## Form for registration by mail

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Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Registration Fee: \$40 each (Registration Fee includes morning coffee & box lunch)
- Early Bird \$30 until 9/9/22
- Student \$15,
- Priest/Deacon/Seminarian FREE
- Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ If registering more than one person, please provide the additional information on a separate sheet.

Send the completed form with your check or money order payable to "**Be a Catholic Man**"

Please put "**Men's Conference**" on memo line of the check.

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