

*Diocese of Superior*  
*55<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference*

*Here I Am Lord*



*Featuring Keynote Speaker*  
**Rev. Gregory Ihm**  
*Director of Vocations, Diocese of Madison*

**Friday, October 27, 2017**  
**St. Joseph Parish, Rice Lake**

## Keynote Speaker



*Reverend Gregory Ihm*

### ***Here I am Lord: Remaining Present to the Lord***

Have you ever forgotten where you are at or where you are going or where you had been? To say *Here I am Lord* requires that we are present to the Lord and He is present to us. This is an opportunity to learn how to be more present to the Lord so that He may be more present in our ministry, to those He has called us to serve. The Rites of the Church have been given to us in order to inform us and transform us. We should become what we celebrate. The Church has given us a culture that works for promoting Religious Vocations in and through the Rites of the Church. The question remains, how do we give to those that we serve an opportunity to experience the transforming power of the Church's Rites.

### ***Fr. Ihm speaks about himself:***

I was born to Raymond and Sheri Ihm in Lancaster, Wisconsin, sixth in a family of seven, on November 12, 1982. I grew up Catholic on a dairy farm where I attended Catholic school until seventh grade when I switched to the public school system. I was involved in St. Clement Parish as an altar server until I left home and in high school I was involved in TEC retreats, youth rallies and the Diocesan Youth Council.

While I was on a TEC retreat I received a clear call to pursue seminary formation. Upon graduating from high school I entered Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minnesota, where I received a bachelor's degree in philosophy. I then had the privilege to study at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy, for my theology degree. In October 2009, I was ordained a transitional deacon in St. Peter's Basilica. As a deacon I began a Licentiate in Liturgical Theology from Santa Croce University and would complete it after my first year of priesthood.

I was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ on June 25, 2010 in Madison, Wisconsin. I was assigned as chaplain of Camp Gray, the diocesan youth camp for my first summer, and to complete my licentiate in my first year. Upon returning to the Diocese of Madison, I was assigned as Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist, Waunakee, St. Mary of the Lake, Westport, and Master of Ceremonies for the Diocesan Bishop. After two years as Parochial Vicar I was named the Vocation Director and have served in this role up to the present.

### ***Schedule of the Day***

8:00 a.m.	Registration & Vendors Open
9:00 a.m.	Mass with Bishop James Powers and concelebrating priests Break
10:40 a.m.	Keynote
12:00 noon	Lunch (served in the gymnasium – tickets will be attached to conference program)
1:00 p.m.	Sectional 1
2:00 p.m.	Break to visit vendors
2:30 p.m.	Sectional 2
3:30 p.m.	Conference ends

## ***Scheduled to Present***

<b><i>Dan Blank</i></b> Vocations Plan	1 p.m.
<b><i>Greg Buchberger</i></b> Integrating Music Skills into Liturgy Preparation	1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
<b><i>Christina King</i></b> Theology of the Body – Self-worth & Self-image	1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
<b><i>Michael Klapperich</i></b> Use of Technology to Meet the Needs of Youth	1 p.m.
Use of Technology to Teach the Faith (Both religious education focused - also useful for schools)	2:30 p.m.
<b><i>Rose Klugow</i></b> Lesson Planning (Religious education focused - also useful for schools)	1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
<b><i>Fr. Jojappa Madanu</i></b> Vocations in the Indian Culture	1 p.m.
<b><i>Dr. Steve Ostovich</i></b> Answering God’s Call in the Bible <i>Bring your Bible!</i>	1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
<b><i>Anna Richardson</i></b> Planning a Good Catechetical Year (Religious education focused - useful for schools)	1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
. . . And more!	

## ***Grade Level Discussions for Schools***

Veteran principals and teachers will facilitate grade level discussions for those teaching in our Catholic schools.  
All discussions will begin at 2:30 p.m.

***Sonja Doughty & Kate Shimel***  
3K – 5K

***Rita Lee & Teacher***  
Grades 1 & 2

***Debbie Johnston & Theresa Easterly***  
Grades 3 & 4

***Dan Bell & Jennifer Lohr***  
Grades 5 & 6

***Laura Jo Jarchow & Mary Rosauer***  
Grades 7 & 8



## ***Registration***

Pre-registration is required.

Registration fee: \$45 per person – includes lunch  
\$50 per person if paid after Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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