

St. Lambert Parish
8148 N Karlov
Skokie, IL 60076

Friday, October 22, 2010
Saturday, October 23, 2010
9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Lessons from the Early Church:



As Catholics, we see in the Mass a legacy left to us by our fathers and mothers in the faith, the earliest Christians. As we prepare for the implementation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal and look forward the changes which will be taking place in the liturgy, it is appropriate that we step back and examine what those early Christians have to say that is of relevance to the contemporary Church.

Noted author and patristics scholar, **Mike Aquilina** will headline a two-day seminar examining the faith and particularly the liturgy from the perspective of the Fathers of the Church. Together with **Rod Bennett, Carl Sommer** and **Rev. Richard Simon**, Mike Aquilina will guide us as we listen to what the earliest Christians have to say to the Church today.



Mike Aquilina

FRIDAY, October 22, 2010

- ◆ Rod Bennett: "The Early Church and Early Christianities."
- ◆ Mike Aquilina: "The Church Fathers for Church Teachers"
- ◆ Carl Sommer: "How the Early Christians Transformed the Roman World, and How We Can Do the Same Today"

SATURDAY, October 23, 2010

- ◆ Rod Bennett: "Up Close with the Early Christians: Starting a Friendship with the Apostolic Fathers"
- ◆ Carl Sommer: Mythbusters: Confronting Half-truths and Outright Lies about the Early Church"
- ◆ Mike Aquilina: "The Martyrs and Their Mass"
- ◆ Panel Discussion Q & A

Cost is \$15 for one day or \$20 for both.

(Optional box lunch may be ordered at an additional cost of \$10 per day)

For further information or to register contact:
St. Lambert Parish at 847-670-5090, or
Deacon Chick O'Leary at 773-775-6659



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Registration form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fri., Oct. 22 — no lunch | \$15 |
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SCHEDULE

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11 am Mike Aquilina: "The Church Fathers for Church Teachers"

12 noon MASS (extraordinary form)

1 pm LUNCH

2:30 pm Carl Sommer: "How the Early Christians Transformed the Roman World, and How We Can Do the Same Today"

4 pm Close

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3 pm Panel Discussion Q & A

5 pm VIGIL MASS Fr. Richard Simon

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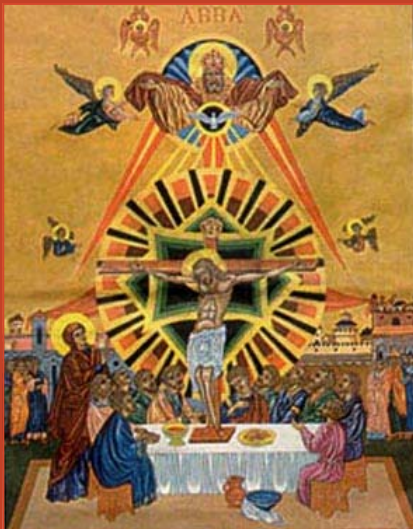


Lessons from the Early Church: Listening to the Fathers today

Mike Aquilina, Rod Bennett, Carl Sommer and Rev. Richard Simon

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Our individual identities are shaped by and linked to our parents and the stories of our families. As a Church, our identity is linked to and shaped by our fathers and mothers in the faith, the earliest Christians.

What do those early Christians have to say that is of relevance to the contemporary Church? How is our understanding of liturgy shaped by what Jesus' followers in the first centuries believed and practiced? Have the changes in the eucharist brought us closer to the ancient church or separated us from our roots?

These are some of the questions we will be addressing over the course of two days as we examine the faith, and particularly the liturgy, from the vantage point of the early Christians. We will be guided in this exploration by three authors who have successfully attempted to make the writings of the Fathers of the Church accessible to the ordinary believer.

Mike Aquilina, Executive Vice President and Trustee of The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, is a widely recognized Catholic author and lecturer.



Among Aquilina's many books are the best-selling *The Fathers of the Church: An Introduction to the First Christian Teachers* (2nd ed 2006); *Living the Mysteries: A Guide for Unfinished Christians* (2003) co-written with Dr. Scott Hahn; *The Mass of the Early Christians* (2001); *What Catholics Believe: A Pocket Catechism* (2000); *The How-To Book of Catholic Devotions* (2000); and *A Pocket Catechism for Kids* (2001). His most recent book is *Take 5: On the Job Meditations With St. Ignatius* (2008). His ongoing research is concerned with early Christian community and worship.

He is past Associate Editor of *Scripture Matters*, the bulletin of The Institute of Applied Biblical Studies and past Editor of *New Covenant*, a Catholic spirituality magazine, and *The Pittsburgh Catholic*, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. His reviews, essays and journalism have appeared in *First Things*, *Touchstone*, *Crisis*, *National Catholic Register*, *Child and Family* and elsewhere. Aquilina has also co-hosted several popular series on scripture and theology airing on the Eternal Word Television Network. He and his wife Terri live in the Pittsburgh area with their six children.



Carl Sommer holds a master's Degree in Historical Theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. He has ten years' experience as a DRE and religious educator in the St. Louis area. He is the author

of *We Look for a Kingdom: The Everyday Lives of the Early Christians*, and has been published in Catholic magazines and on Catholic websites. He currently resides in St. Louis with his wife and two children

Rod Bennett was, for many years, the editor of *Wonder Magazine*, a popular Christian media journal. His writings have appeared in other national publications as well, ranging from *Rutherford* and *Gadfly* to *Cornerstone* and *Catholic Exchange*. Recently, Rod has appeared on well-known radio and television programs such as *The Journey Home*, *Bookmark*, and *Catholic Answers Live*. His first book, *Four Witnesses; The Early Church in Her Own Words*, is a best seller from Ignatius Press. He also edited *Why Catholic Bibles Are Bigger* with apologist Gary Michuta and compiled *Chesterton's America*, coming soon from IHS Press. A convert from the Southern Baptist faith, Rod joined the Catholic Church in 1996. He lives in Atlanta with his wife Dorothy and their two children.



Fr. Richard Simon (aka "Reverend Know-It-All") is the pastor at St. Lambert's Parish in Skokie, IL. Ordained in 1975 from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Fr. Simon taught classical Greek and Latin at St. Joseph's College, (formerly Niles College) the Archdiocesan seminary, from 1982 to 2007.



Fr. Simon's expertise in apologetics with concentration on the early Christians has prepared him for his role as a regular host of Relevant Radio's **Go Ask Your Father**.