



NEWS RELEASE

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The country's longest-running Catholic men's conference celebrates its 31st year on Saturday, November 21, 2026! The annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference promises to be a day full of inspiration and hope, drawing close to a thousand men.

Men will explore what it means to offer praise to God and how to be a person of hope and joy, leading their families and friends closer to God. This Jubilee Year's conference takes its theme from Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

This year's Conference speakers include highly acclaimed Catholic speaker, author, and Relevant Radio Show Host, **Doug Hinderer**; the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, **Bishop Dennis Spies**; and renowned Catholic speaker, licensed psychologist, and author, **Dr. Matthew Breuninger**. The event will be emceed by the ever-popular National Anthem Singer for the Chicago Cubs, **Wayne Messmer**.

The Conference will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at the Holmes Student Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL.

In addition to speakers, the program includes Confession, Adoration, Mass, music, reflection time, vendors, and lunch. It is open to married, single, and divorced men, including fathers, teenage sons, and grandfathers, whatever their level of faith.

The cost is \$55 if purchased in advance by October 21, \$60 after October 21, \$65 at the door, only \$25 for college students or younger, and \$15 for deacons, with lunch and parking included. Conference officials state that no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Doors open and music begins at 8:00 AM, with the formal program starting at 8:50 AM. Many area Catholic parishes have tickets for sale. For more information or to register with a credit card, visit the Conference website at thetalk.org.

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