



St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

Adult Faith Formation Program

Presents

FALL LECTURE SERIES

America's 250th

4 Sessions

Thursday Evenings

7pm (Eastern Time) 6pm (Central Time)

September 17, 2026

Religious Reference in our Founding Documents

October 15, 2026

Slavery, Christianity & the Founding

November 19, 2026

Following the Science / Following the Faith

December 17, 2026

Vatican II – Did it “Democratize” the Faith?

Presented by Fr. William Nicholas via ZOOM

Class information can be found at **www.frbillnicholas.com**
under "Zoom Presentations"

God & Country: Faith & Religion in America's Founding

- *Are we aware that the Founding Documents of the United States, while not establishing a state religion, have a strong religious undercurrent? Fr. Bill discusses the great respect our Founding Fathers had for faith and religion as essential for the existence of a free society, and how they worked that respect into the Founding Documents and other speeches and ordinances of our nation's founding and early expansion.*

Slavery: Does the Bible Condone It? Does Christianity Foster It? Is Our Nation Founded On It?

- *The history of slavery in the United States is an issue that won't go away! Some have even used it to attack the very Christian roots of the Country. Fr. Bill examines where and how the Bible addresses the issue (particularly in the New Testament), the history of slavery in Christian Europe, and how the issue was addressed in the Founding Documents of the United States.*

Mother of Modern Science - The Catholic Church

- *Conventional Wisdom believes that there is a conflict between Faith and Science. On the contrary, without the Christian Faith, there would be no Modern Science as we know it. Fr. Bill presents examples of the many priests, bishops and religious brothers who are fathers of many fields of Modern Science and will demonstrate how the Christian Faith paved the way for the emergence of Science as we know and celebrate it today.*

Vatican II: Did it “Democratize” the Faith?

- *For many, Vatican II means two things -- changes in the Mass and modified religious habits. For over sixty-years Vatican II and the "spirit" of Vatican II have been invoked in numerous contexts, often to promote or legitimize or discredit a particular agenda or ideology in the Church. Some worry it calls for a “democratization” of how the Church is led. Fr. Bill presents a history of the Church's Ecumenical Councils, concluding with a review of Vatican II and the documents that came forth from it*