



*Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents
Whose Children of Any Age, Have Died by Any Cause,
No Matter How Long Ago*

**Spring, 2020
Emmaus Ministry
Wednesday Virtual
Gatherings**

Every Wednesday evening from April 8 to May 6, 2020 Emmaus Ministry parents--and anyone else who cared to join us--gathered for an hour from 8pm-9pm to reflect on where is God in the pain and suffering of a grieving parent.

The Reflections were comforting and inspiring. It was great to see each other in a Zoom setting. The second half of the sessions included vibrant discussions among parents and the presenters.

Please join us vicariously by watching and listening to the Reflections using the links below. [Note: Because of confidentiality reasons, the discussions are not included in the recordings below.]

To access all current Emmaus Ministry videos, [see our YouTube Channel](#).



"On Easter Sunday this week, together, we will celebrate not only the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but also the resurrection of your child. All of your children are alive and well--and prospering."

April 8, 2020 at 8pm

Brother David Schlatter, OFM

Brother David Schlatter, OFM has served as a Catholic Chaplain at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for many years, and resides in

Silver Spring MD. He was our spiritual leader for our most recent retreat in Washington DC and gave a particularly poignant and moving reflection. [SEE BRO. DAVID'S REFLECTION HERE.](#)



"God comes to us through the wounds, not in spite of them... Like Lazarus, we need to unbind each other... Today, the turn is ours."

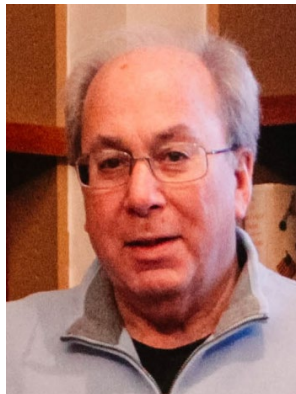
April 15, 2020 at 8pm

Fr David Convertino, OFM

Fr. David is the Director of the Franciscan Office of Development of HNP and the Executive Director of the Franciscan Missionary Union, headquartered in New York City. Fr David previously served as Guardian of St Anthony Shrine in Boston, where he along with Bro. John Maganzini and Diane founded what has become the Emmaus Ministry. Fr. David was

our original Spiritual Leader during the first years of the Emmaus Ministry.

[SEE FR. DAVID'S REFLECTION HERE.](#)



"Where is God in our pain and suffering?

...Right here beside us! The question is not 'Why did Jesus die?' The question is 'Why was Jesus killed?'"

April 22, 2020 at 8pm

Charley Monaghan

Charley Monaghan's reflection, based on Fr. Richard Leonard's book, "Where the Hell is God?" offered thought-provoking perspectives on where is God in our suffering, death, and the loss of our children. Charley Monaghan is one of the original founders of the Emmaus Ministry and a frequent Parent Retreat Team Leader.

[SEE CHARLEY MONAGHAN'S REFLECTION HERE](#)



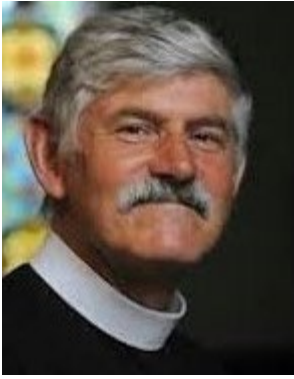
"What we do here on earth will echo into eternity. When we move forward, our children move forward with us and we move forward with them."

April 29, 2020

Fr. Dennis Schuelkens

Fr Dennis serves as Pastor of St Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary Parishes in Weirton WV and also serves as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Fr Dennis has been involved with the Emmaus Ministry since 2013. He is the nephew of Charley & Diane Monaghan, founders of the Emmaus Ministry.

[SEE FR. DENNIS' REFLECTION HERE.](#)



"You will not only see your child again, you will also physically hold and hug your child again! In the resurrection of the body, you will touch your child physically, not just spiritually. We know this for a fact."

May 6, 2020

Fr Jurgen Lias

Known for his quick wit and deep knowledge of Scripture, Fr Lias served as an Episcopal Priest for 40 years before being received, confirmed, and ordained into the Catholic Church in 2013. On April 20, 2013. Fr. Jurgen has served as an Emmaus Ministry Spiritual Leader since 2015. [SEE FR. JURGEN'S REFLECTION HERE.](#)



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