



PERSON & IDENTITY

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GENDER IDEOLOGY: WHAT CATHOLICS NEED TO KNOW



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Thank you for joining us for this special event as we promote the truth about the human person, counter misconceptions premised in gender ideology, and equip Catholics with facts, toolkits, resources, and talking points in light of Catholic social teaching.

Program *Schedule*

- **Prayer and Opening Remarks**
Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown
- **Introductions**
Kristin Osenbach, Director of Evangelization and Formation
- **Session 1: Who Am I? The Cultural Impact of Gender Ideology**
Mary Rice Hasson, J.D.

Goal

Define gender ideology, contrast Christian anthropology and gender ideology, show cultural impact of gender ideology

- **Break and Refreshments** - Please submit questions for Q&A Session!
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- **Session 2: “A Better Way” - Responding in Truth and Love**
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Goal

Show there's a “better way” than the cultural pathway that rejects the truth of the person and promotes “gender transition.”

- **Session 3: Expert Panel - Q&A**
- **Closing Prayer**
Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown

About our *Speaker*

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Mary Rice Hasson, J.D., is the Kate O’Beirne Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., where she co-founded and directs the Person and Identity Project, an initiative that educates and equips parents and faith-based institutions to promote the truth about the human person and counter gender ideology.

An attorney and policy expert, Mary has been a three-time keynote speaker for the Holy See at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, on topics related to women, education, and gender ideology. She serves as a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. Recently, Mary was honored to receive the Christifideles Laici award at the 2023 National Catholic Prayer Breakfast.

The co-author of several books on education, Mary’s writing has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, National Review, First Things, the National Catholic Register, and Our Sunday Visitor, among others. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School, Mary is married to Seamus Hasson, and they are parents of seven grown children and grandparents of five.



Panelists

Rev. Stephan A. Isaac, M.Div., M.A.

Fr. Stephan Isaac, a native of Easton, Pennsylvania graduated from American University in Washington, DC in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in International Studies and a second major in Political Science. After graduating from AU, he immediately entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, PA, where he earned his Master's Degree in Moral Theology as well as his Master of Divinity Degree.

Fr. Isaac was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Allentown on June 4, 2016. In addition to his other priestly assignments, Fr. Isaac served as Chaplain of Berks Catholic High School in Reading for four years and currently serves as the Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral Parish of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown, and as the Chaplain of Allentown Central Catholic High School.

Rev. Richard W. James, M.Div., M.A., S.T.L.

Fr. Richard James, a native of Elysburg, Pennsylvania was formed for the Priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Allentown in 2012.

Fr. James later obtained a Licentiate in Moral Theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy in 2020. Since completing his academic studies, Fr. James has been pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Bally, Pennsylvania. Additionally, Fr. James also serves as a Diocesan Medical Moral Ethicist and on various other diocesan committees.

Dr. Anne Marie Manning, M.D. OB/GYN

Anne Marie Manning is a native of Haddonfield, NJ. She graduated from La Salle College in Philadelphia before attending Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey PA where she earned an MD in 1985. After completing a residency in OB/GYN at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester NY in 1989 she returned to central Pennsylvania to join a private OB/GYN group.

After much personal prayer and the conversion of her husband to the Catholic faith she started a pro-life, non-contraceptive OB/GYN practice with the support of Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill where she practiced for over 25 years. With the closure of the obstetrics unit at Holy Spirit her group now called Divine Mercy OB/GYN moved to the UPMC system working out of Carlisle Hospital in Carlisle PA. Along with her husband Alex, she has raised eight children and they are the proud grandparents of boys and girls.

Gian Milles, M.S.

Gian Milles attended Temple University from 2012-2016 where he achieved a B.A. in psychology while making Magna Cum Laude. He then served as a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary with the University of Vermont from 2016-2018. Most recently, he attended Divine Mercy University from 2019-2021, earning an M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Since graduation, he has worked as an addictions counselor with Malvern Treatment Center and now works with Integrity Counseling Services in a way that allows him to more fully integrate his faith into his counseling practice. Gian has been accepted to Liberty University to study for his PhD in Counselor Education and plans to begin in the Spring of 2024. Gian enjoys spending time with his family and his girlfriend, watching movies, reading, playing baseball, traveling, and spending time on the beach.

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