

Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference Agenda Priests – The Dechurched: Proclaiming the Gospel in Word & Deed Monday, October 23 – Wednesday, October 25, 2023 Canterbury Conference Center

Guest Speakers: Jim Davis & Michael Graham

Jim Davis and Michael Graham have commissioned the largest and most comprehensive study of dechurching in America by renowned sociologists Dr. Ryan Burge and Dr. Paul Djupe. Davis and Graham's new book, *The Great Dechurching*, takes the insights gleaned from this study and drills down on how exactly people are dechurching with respect to beliefs, behavior, and belonging.

At this year's clergy conference for priests, Davis and Graham will deliver presentations on the dechurched phenomenon with an emphasis on how to proclaim the gospel to the dechurched in both word and deed. Priests will learn about the dechurched through a detailed sketch of demographics, size, core concerns, church off-ramps, historical roots, and the gravity of what is at stake. Our speakers will also explore what can be done to slow the bleed, engage the pertinent issues winsomely and wisely, and hopefully re-church some of the dechurched.

October 23 - Monday

3:00 p.m.	Registration Begins
4:15 p.m.	Worship
4:30 p.m.	Welcome and Announcements by Canon Dan Smith
	Welcome and Overview by Bishop Justin Holcomb
4:45 p.m.	Diocesan Updates
5:15 p.m.	Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m.	Hospitality/Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Social Time

October 24 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer*
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Worship
9:15 a.m.	Church Pension Group Updates
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Session I: The Dechurched - Jim Davis and Michael Graham
11:45 a.m.	Noonday Prayer
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Diocesan Updates
1:45 p.m.	Session II: The Dechurched - Jim Davis and Michael Graham
3:00 p.m.	Break/Friends of Bill**
5:00 p.m.	Celebration of Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Ordination Vows $\!\!\!\!^*$
6:30 p.m.	Hospitality/Fellowship
7:00 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Social Time

October 25 - Wednesday

7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer*
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Worship
9:15 a.m.	Session III: The Dechurched - Jim Davis and Michael Graham
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Panel Q&A With Bishop Holcomb, Canon Dan, Archdeacon Altenbach,
	Jim Davis, and Michael Graham
11:30 a.m.	Diocesan Updates
12:00 p.m.	Final Song, Lunch and Departure

* denotes worship service takes place in the St. Augustine Chapel.

** denotes Friends of Bill will meet in the St. Alban's Room in the Paul McQueen Building All other worship and plenary sessions will be held in the St. Paul's Room.