

Proposed Mass Announcements for Parish Event Weekend February 6/7 or Feb 13/14

Option 1

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This one- day event may go a long way in your faith journey. Meeting other Catholic Men and Women – experiencing true fellowship, a deepened understanding of your faith, a more fruitful prayer life... the list goes on and on.

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The most important thing to know about the Boston Catholic Conferences is that they are for everyone, regardless of where a person is on their faith journey. The conferences offer a variety of speakers, the celebration of mass, the sacrament of reconciliation and Eucharistic adoration. It is through all of these events that God speaks to attendees in different ways. All men and women who come share, however, that they all feel a sense of community as they gather with so many other Catholics.

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- **Patti Mansfield** (International speaker, author, teacher, and leader since the earliest days of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal)
- **Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle** (Author and upcoming host on EWTN. Blessed by a decade-long friendship with Mother Theresa.)
- **Leah Darrow** (Former "America's Next Top Model" participant, now speaking out for modesty, chastity & a life rooted in faith)
- **Sr. Olga of the Eucharist** (Founder of a religious order, sometimes called the "Mother Theresa of Bagdad", now Chaplain, Boston Univ)

Speakers for the men's conference include:

- **Danny Abramowicz** (Former all-pro NFL player, coach and broadcaster, now full-time with "Crossing the Goal" men's ministries)
- **Curtis Martin** (President & founder of FOCUS, a national Catholic outreach to students at 39 college campuses across the US)
- **Peter Herbeck** (Vice-President for Renewal Ministries, an EWTN TV co-host, author, and international evangelization leader)
- **Brian Patrick** (Host of the "Son Rise Morning Show" on Sacred Heart Catholic Radio in Cincinnati; 35-year broadcast veteran)

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