



Archdiocese of Vancouver
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Reverend and dear Father:

The Upper Room 2020 Conference is taking place on September 19, 2020. The Conference will have two distinct venues: a parish-based one at 10 different parishes with 50 people (or fewer) gathered as a community to watch and share a meal; and, for all others, as a digital conference.

I will kick off the Conference as the second year of the Proclaim Movement, which was launched in the hope of promoting a new missionary impulse reaching out to the Lower Mainland with the power of the Gospel. This mission is being fostered today by disciples who recognize evangelizing moments in their day-to-day lives: in their families, communities and workplaces.

A lineup of four international speakers will address how the faithful can be missionary disciples in their parish community.

Fr. John Riccardo is a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit. He is the Founder and Executive Director of ACTS XXIX, a non-profit apostolate that helps to reclaim the world for Christ by equipping clergy and lay leaders for the new “apostolic” age in which we live. His talk is titled “You Were Born for This.”

Dr. Mary Healy, professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, is a bestselling author well known to Vancouver Catholics. She will be speaking on “Hope That Does Not Disappoint.”

Pete Burak forms intentional disciples as Director of *i.d.9:16*, the young adult outreach of Renewal Ministries. He is a frequent speaker on discipleship and evangelization, and will address us on the “Power of the Holy Spirit.”

Since his 2008 major label debut, **Matt Maher** has become a staple in the artistic and song writing community. A nine-time GRAMMY® nominee and three-time GMA Dove Award winner, he has garnered considerable success writing and recording songs, including “Lord, I Need You” and “Because He Lives (Amen).”

In order that this Conference will reach as many of your parishioners as possible, please send to all your email lists the information about the Upper Room, especially to those involved in Alpha and Discovery. This information and registration can be found at upperroomvancouver.com.

With my prayer that you and your parishioners will be fully engaged in this Archdiocesan initiative, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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