

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City/ST/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Parish/City _____

Reason attending: (Check)

Pastor ___ Mentor Trainer ___ Mentor ___

Pre-registration is required though there is NO fee to attend this workshop due to the generosity of a grant from the INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC FOUNDATION.

Pastor _____

Signature _____

Return registration forms to:
Office of Sacramental Prep
Confirmation Mentor Workshop
2713 West Chestnut Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601

Registration deadline - no later
than Friday, January 24, 2025

Schedule:

Friday

1:30-3:30 PM

Gathering of Diocesan
Staff, Pastors, and
Deacons

5:30 PM

Light refreshments

6:00-9:00 PM

Gathering of Mentor
Trainers

Saturday

9:00 AM

Opening/Introduction
Helping Parents and
sponsors accompany
young disciples

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

Break

11:15 AM

Radiating Christ -
Witnessing Faith

12:15 PM

LUNCH

1:00 PM

Helping Youth Pray
Providing A Safe
Environment for
Accompaniment

2:15 PM

2:45 PM

Concluding Prayer

3:00 PM

Conclusion for Mentors
(Mentor Trainers stay)

3:15 PM

Gathering for Mentor
Trainers

4:30 PM

Conclusion

THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN PRESENTS

CONFIRMATION MENTOR FORMATION



FEBRUARY 7-8, 2025

BERTSCHI CENTER OF
MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, CRESSON, PA

Featuring:


Tom East



Tom's passion is forming leaders and teams for dynamic ministry through training, consulting, and coaching. Over the past three decades, he provided customized training solutions on three continents for Catholic dioceses, parishes, and ministry agencies that resulted in transformed ministry practice and increased engagement. Most recently, Tom has been providing a project called, "Transforming Confirmation Ministries" in several large dioceses around the country.

Tom and his family live in Gig Harbor Washington. He is a popular speaker at ministry conferences nationwide and author of numerous books including, Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry. Tom holds a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles. Tom is the Pastoral Assistant for RCIA, Grief Ministry, and Marriage for Saint Charles Borromeo parish in Tacoma. Most recently, Tom was the Director of the Center for Ministry Development.

Previously, he was Director of Youth Ministry and the Associate Director of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Tom has shared leadership in numerous national organizations and ministry projects, including the board of directors for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and the National Institute for Young Adult Ministry.



A workshop designed to help parishes form and educate Mentor Trainers and Mentors for use in parishes as part of the Confirmation process.



The three elements of this formation workshop:

- **Diocesan staff, Priests** and Deacons will be gathered to experience an overview of the Confirmation Mentor process and to plan for the implementation of mentor training and the support for the trainers.
- **Mentor Trainers** will be gathered to experience formation in training and to introduce the training materials. These trainers will also experience the mentor workshop and will gather after the workshop to discuss and plan for the implementation of mentor training.
- **Mentors** will be gathered to experience formation in accompanying youth as they prepare for Confirmation. This will include sharing a vision for accompaniment, skills for sharing faith and listening to youth, witnessing to the faith, encouraging youth to pray, and praying with youth. Mentors will also experience information and resources for providing a safe environment for youth and families.

The Church will have to initiate everyone - priests, laity, - into this 'art of accompaniment' which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other."

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium