

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please reply by Friday, March 18, 2016

I would like to attend the seminar, Sunday, March 27, through Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at Shellbourne Conference Center.

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per priest / \$150 per seminarian). Checks payable to Midwest Theological Forum.

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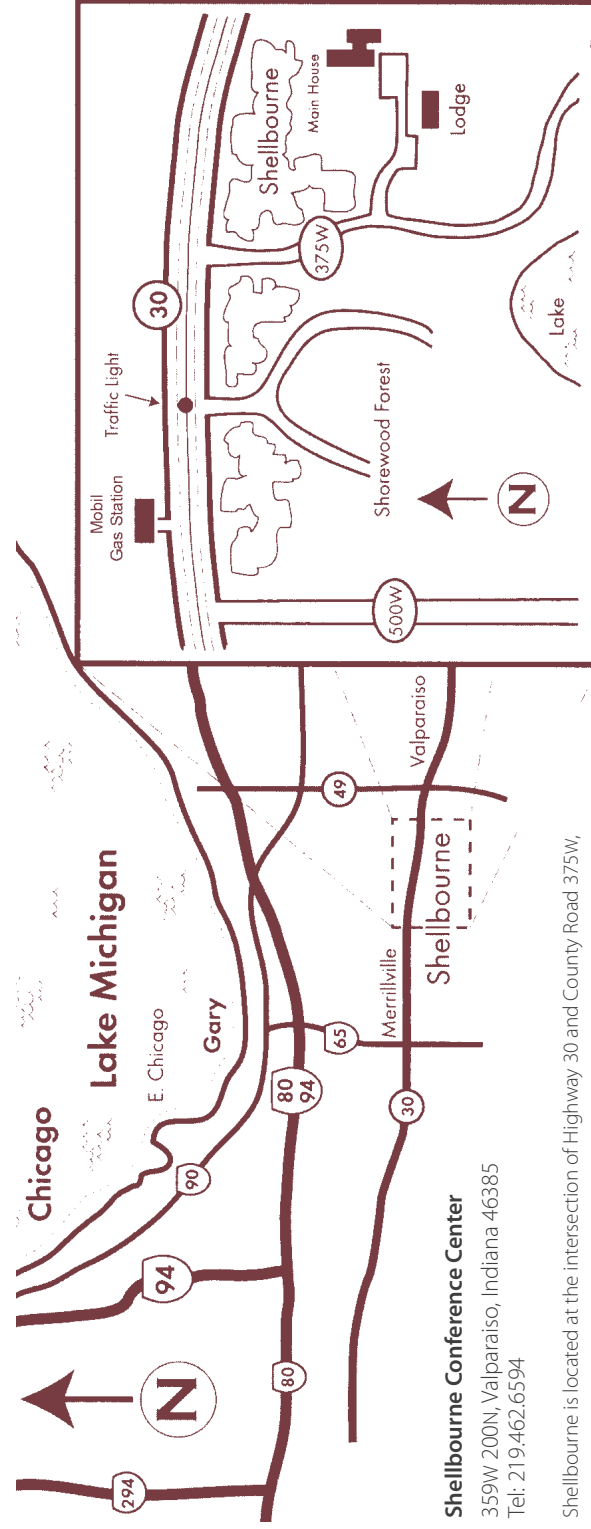
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Priests and deacons: Please bring an alb and white stole.

Seminarians: Please bring an alb.



MIDWEST THEOLOGICAL FORUM



"The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love."

POPE FRANCIS

## Blessed Are the Merciful

Thirty-third Easter Seminar  
for Priests and Seminarians

March 27 – March 30, 2016

Shellbourne Conference Center  
Valparaiso, Indiana

# Topics and Speakers

## EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

7:30 P.M. Arrival and Light Supper

8:00 P.M. Introductory Talk

## MONDAY, MARCH 28

7:45 A.M. Morning Prayer

8:00 A.M. Preached Meditation

8:30 A.M. Eucharistic Concelebration  
(Please bring alb and stole)

11:00 A.M. **First Presentation**  
*The Priest as a Channel of Mercy*  
Most Rev. Donald J. Hying  
Bishop of Gary, IN

5:30 P.M. Holy Hour

7:30 P.M. **Second Presentation**  
*The Gift of Forgiving  
and Being Forgiven*  
Very Rev. Javier del Castillo  
Vicar of the Prelature of Opus Dei  
for the Midwest

## TUESDAY, MARCH 29

7:45 A.M. Morning Prayer

8:00 A.M. Preached Conference

8:30 A.M. Eucharistic Concelebration  
(Please bring alb and stole)

11:00 A.M. **Third Presentation**  
*The Intimate Link between  
Moral Truth and Mercy*  
Most Rev. James D. Conley  
Bishop of Lincoln, NE

5:30 P.M. Holy Hour

7:30 P.M. **Fourth Presentation**  
*The Confessional as a Chamber of Healing*  
Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano  
Bishop of Rochester, NY

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

7:45 A.M. Morning Prayer

8:00 A.M. Conference

8:30 A.M. Eucharistic Concelebration  
(Please bring alb and stole)

10:00 A.M. Departure



## *Blessed Are the Merciful*

Thirty-third Easter Seminar for Priests and Seminarians

**THE HOLY SPIRIT** has inspired Pope Francis to proclaim a Jubilee Year of Mercy, which strikes at the very heart of the Gospel message since Jesus Christ is the Incarnation of mercy. The overarching divine perfection of compassionate love is meant to touch the heart of every individual. The present signs of the times reveal that effective evangelization must be based on an abundant show of mercy through the Church's ministers and lay faithful. As was the case in his public life, attraction to the Lord is always through an experience of his unconditional mercy and kindness. This revelation of the merciful heart of God is especially typified in the Father's loving embrace of his Prodigal Son.

During these days of discussion and reflection, we want to explore ways of communicating the truth of the Gospel through the medium of mercy. It is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation that the Church lavishes the healing love of Christ. We want to explore, therefore, the ways this sacrament can be celebrated so that it truly is perceived as an experience of the merciful heart of Jesus Christ.