



2016 CONVOCATION KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Father Kevin O'Brien, S.J.

Father Kevin O'Brien, S.J. serves as vice president for mission and ministry at Georgetown University. In this role he shares the Catholic and Jesuit tradition of education and spirituality with faculty, students, staff, and alumni through seminars, social justice immersion programs, and retreats. Father O'Brien also oversees campus ministry programs on four campuses and the Mission and Pastoral Care program at MedStar Georgetown Hospital.

Father O'Brien lectures in Georgetown's Department of Theology in the area of ecclesiology. He writes in the area of Jesuit history and spirituality. In 2011, Loyola Press published his award-winning book, *The Ignatian Adventure: Experiencing the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in Daily Life*. Father O'Brien has taught and served in the chaplaincies at Fordham University, Saint Joseph's University, Loyola University in Baltimore, and LeMoyne College. He holds a J.D. from the University of Florida, a master's in philosophy from Fordham, and a master's of divinity and licentiate in sacred theology from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now part of Boston College). He graduated from Georgetown with a B.A. in 1988.

Ms. Sherry Weddell

Sherry Weddell co-founded the Catherine of Siena Institute (CSI) with Father Michael Sweeney, O.P. in 1997. CSI is an affiliated international ministry of the Western Dominican Province and trains Catholic leaders in evangelization and the formation of parishes of "intentional disciples." Sherry and her international team of collaborators have worked directly with 120,000 lay, religious, and ordained Catholics in well over 500 parishes in 137 dioceses. In 2014 she presented a workshop before the annual assembly of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men.

Ms. Weddell is the author of the books *Become a Parish of Intentional Disciples* (2015) and *Forming Intentional Disciples: the Path to Knowing and Following Jesus* (2012), the latter of which is available in Spanish as *Formación de Discípulos Intencionales*. She edited and contributed to *Forming a Parish of Intentional Disciples* (2015). Ms. Weddell originally wrote the *Called and Gifted* discernment process in 1993 and is now revising this process for international use. She intends to write a book on the charisms and the charismatic dimension of the Church's life as one of the fruits of intentional discipleship. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington and a Master of Arts degree in Adult education from Seattle University.