

Creston College 2018 Easter Conference

Love for the Church? – win friends, not arguments

- ***a 2-day workshop on Catholic Apologetics for our times***

Holy Thursday March 29 2018

6:30pm Rosary
 7:30 Choir Practice
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 8:00 Holy Thursday Mass

Holy Thursday all night vigil

Good Friday March 30 2018

7:30am Rise
 8:00 Breakfast

9:00 **Meditation** (priest available after)
'In the footsteps of the beloved apostle'- how to follow our Lord

9:30 **EASTER CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION**

- Overview of the two days
- **Format:**
 - o *Speaker gives summary of the topic; identifies 3-4 'Challenging questions', explains main points on these and guides discussion - 40 minutes*
 - o *Audience is divided into the number of 'Challenging questions', and comes up with an 'Elevator Pitch' (30 sec max)- usually 3 main points*

10:00 **'How to defend the Faith without Raising Your Voice'**

- Introduction to effective dialogue: 10 principles
- Primacy of charity – accompaniment

11:30 **Topic 1: Death & Resurrection of Jesus Christ – Truth & Consequences**

1:00 Lunch
 2:00 Choir Practice
 Priest available for confession/chat

3:00 Good Friday Service
 5:30 Stations of the Cross
 6:00 Dinner
 6:30 Rosary

7:30 **Topic 2: Navigating the Assisted Suicide debate**

Holy Saturday March 31 2018

- 7:30am Rise
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 **Meditation** (priest available after)
-Strength from life of prayer and the Eucharist
- 10:00 **Topic 3: Same-sex marriage: Catholics and human sexuality**
- 11:30 Rosary
- 12:00 **Topic 4: Same-sex Marriage – Equality and Religious Freedom**
- 1:00 Lunch
Get-together
- 2:30 **Presentations and Conclusions**

Preparation for Easter Vigil

For those staying on for the Easter Vigil:

- 4:30pm Afternoon tea
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Choir Practice
Priest available for confession/chat
8:30 Easter Mass