

Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics

West Coast Regional Symposium

Why are young people leaving the Catholic Church? What does that mean for my ministry?

Three goals of the conference

- Explore in-depth the findings from the research of disaffiliated young Catholics
- Position these findings within the broader cultural context and current research on the millennial generation and religious identity and affiliation
- Identify tangible implications for the Church and its pastoral ministry to, with, for, and by young people

Over the last two years, Saint Mary's Press has been leading a national conversation on significant research in partnership with CARA at Georgetown University. *Going, Going, Gone* presents the findings of a national study of US teens and young adults (ages 15–25) who previously self-identified as Catholic, but no longer do so (the disaffiliated).

The research illuminates the richness, complexity, textures, and nuances of disaffiliation, providing deep insights well beyond what prior studies suggest.

Please join us and become part of an important national conversation. Add your particular insights as we consider the implications of this research for ministry with young Catholics, and as we consider the broader implications for the future of religious affiliation and practice in the US.

Learn more: catholicresearch.smp.org

Pre-Conference Symposium

November 29, 9 AM–6 PM

November 30, 9 AM–11:45 AM

Register

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Price: \$100/person, includes lunch Thursday, admission to the SCFFC (Friday afternoon and Saturday) at the Santa Clara Convention Center

Reserve a room: Santa Clara Marriott, 2700 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara | SCFFC rate: \$149/night
For more information go to scffc.org/travel-stay

Presenters

Elizabeth Dresher, PhD.: Professor of religious studies at Santa Clara University, author of *Choosing Our Religion: The Spiritual Lives of America's Nones*

Bob McCarty, D.Min.: Co-author for *Going, Going, Gone! The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics*

Josh Packard, PhD.: Sociologist, professor and researcher at the University of Northern Colorado, author of *Church Refugees: Sociologists reveal why people are DONE with church but not their faith* (with Ashleigh Hope)

John M. Vitek: Co-author for *Going, Going, Gone! The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics*, President & CEO of Saint Mary's Press



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