The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark invites you to a Special Session on

**Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics**

Thursday, February 7, 2019
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Newark, N.J.
8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Register On-Line by clicking [HERE](http://www.rcan.org/catechetical) or at [www.rcan.org/catechetical](http://www.rcan.org/catechetical).

Please register by January 31, 2019.

In their study, the Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics, Saint Mary’s Press describes extensive research on young Catholics who have left the Church. This session will identify the underlying dynamics that lead to disaffiliation, describe the factors that reinforce those dynamics, and examine the implications for parish life, Catholic education, and pastoral ministry. We will hear about these issues from young adults, tapping their own voices. And we will also propose pastoral strategies that enhance affiliation and engagement with the faith community.

**Presenter:** Bob McCarty, Project Coordinator for the St. Mary’s Press Research Project

Bob McCarty is a pastoral ministry consultant and trainer and has been in professional ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, diocesan, and national settings. He offers consultations, retreats, workshops and training programs in ministry skills and issues internationally. His recent books are *Thriving in Youth Ministry* and *The Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry: Fundamentals, Theory and Practice* through Saint Mary's Press, *Be A Champion for Youth: Standing With, By and For Young People*, co-authored with his wife, Maggie, and *Raising Happy, Healthy and Holy Teenagers: A Primer for Parents* through NFCYM. Bob has a BS in Sociology/Theology from St. Joseph’s University, an MA in Religious Education from LaSalle University and a D.Min. from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana. Bob is adjunct faculty at The Catholic University of America and The University of Dallas.

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