

FREE INTERACTIVE THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE / WORKSHOP
PASSING ON THE FAITH: THE CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING

**FEATURING:
DR. JOSH PACKARD AND DR. BOB McCARTY**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10 FROM 7-8:30 PM EST



Empowering young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ is increasingly a challenge... and a blessing! The territory for pastoral ministry is changing rapidly, as evidenced by the significant increase in the “nones” – the non-affiliated. This presentation will describe the changing religious landscape for young people and the need to re-think everything when it comes to the ways we engage with the most diverse generation in history. We will also discuss the role of the Church in accompanying young people on their spiritual journey.

Dr. Josh Packard is the executive director of Springtide Research Center and an accomplished researcher, speaker, and author studying the sociology of religion and new forms of religious expression. He has written numerous articles and given dozens of speeches about religion in America. He is also author, with Ashleigh Hope, of *Church Refugees: Sociologists reveal why people are DONE with church but not their faith* (Group, 2015). Josh lives in Greeley, CO and received a Ph.D. in sociology from Vanderbilt University after studying English as an undergraduate at Texas Lutheran University.

Dr. Bob McCarty is a pastoral ministry consultant and trainer and adjunct faculty at The Catholic University of America and The University of Dallas. He offers consultations, retreats, workshops and training programs in ministry skills and issues internationally. Bob serves as the project coordinator for the Saint Mary’s Press research project, *Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics*. His most recent book is *Faith Talk: Having Conversations with Young People That Matter!* (Saint Mary’s Press 2018). Bob is a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, MD. Bob has a D.Min. from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana and an MA in Religious Education from LaSalle University.

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