

**JOIN TOGETHER
FOR A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In celebration of the 6th anniversary of the dedication of the O'Connor Family Life Center, we are happy to announce an all day program to be presented by Dr. Thomas Neal. Dr. Neal is a recognized authority in the field of lay ministry. He is currently employed at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, teaching seminarians and lay ecclesial ministers in his position as Professor of Pastoral and Spiritual Theology.



Dr. Neal's theme for the day will be:
Lay Holiness in Ministry and Mission

9:00-9:30	Registration, Coffee & Donuts, O'Connor Family Life Center
9:30-10:45	<i>Baptism</i>
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:15	<i>Call to Holiness</i>
12:15 -1:30	Lunch served on site followed by personal prayer time
1:30-2:45	<i>Call to Build Up the Body of Christ</i>
2:45-3:00	Break
3:00-4:15	<i>Call to Consecrate Our World to God</i>
5:00	Vigil Mass, St. Mary Basilica

I had the good fortune to hear Dr. Neal speak 8-10 years ago in Iowa before our move south. He gave talks during Lent and Advent and was extremely knowledgeable. Even though the specifics have long been forgotten, I remember that he is a very impressive speaker, and I am so happy to be able to hear him again.
[Dan Miller, St. Mary parishioner]

"Dr. Tom Neal stressed the importance of the laity in a very interesting presentation. He brings the journey to holiness into 2018 and the future while integrating the need for inclusion of "regular" people in all aspects of church work. I am eagerly looking forward to his visit to St. Mary!"
[Pat Tumminello, St. Mary parishioner]

"Dr. Neal explained the importance and privilege of lay ecclesial ministry. He stressed the fact that as lay ministers, we work alongside the bishops and priests in doing God's work in the kingdom: what a privilege. He pointed out how sacred scripture is the "Word of God." Scripture can and should be used as a means to enrich, guide and strengthen that ministry. Contemplation of sacred scripture is a valuable way to achieve that goal."
[Charles Garrity, St. Mary Parishioner]

An Advance Registration of \$10 is requested which will include a box lunch.

Please complete the following form and return it with your fee no later than Thursday, September 20, to the St. Mary Office at 107 S. Union St., Natchez, MS 39120 or you may drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____