

## About the 2022 AGM Speakers & Sessions

### Keynote Speakers:



- Fr Michael Knox, Jesuit Priest, Gifted Homilist and Orator Fr. Michael Knox, S.J., DPhil (Oxon) *is a Roman Catholic priest in the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). After entering the order in 1997, he completed a four-year honours bachelor's degree in history at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, followed by a diploma in philosophical studies. In 2006, he completed a MA thesis in history at Memorial University, Newfoundland, and Campion Hall, Oxford. Subsequently, in 2009, he completed a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology and a Master of Divinity at Regis College, University of Toronto, followed by License in Sacred Theology and an MA in Theology at the same school. In 2015, he completed a DPhil in history at Oxford University, entitled: The Rhetoric of Martyrdom in the Jesuit Relations of New France, 1632-1650.*

- Spencer West, Visionary & Activist: Redefine Possible: Lessons for Tracking Mountains in Your Personal and Professional World  
*Spencer invites audiences to experience the transformation that can occur when we “redefine possible”. With his trademark humour and humility, Spencer spins a spellbinding story of the challenges he faced after losing his legs from the pelvis down at age five, and the journey of discovery that ultimately enabled him to summit Mount Kilimanjaro using his hands and wheelchair. Spencer applies the insights gleaned from a lifetime of overcoming obstacles to help leaders and employees identify their own roadblocks and push past them. Responses – AGM Article for Newsletter His inspiring message and tangible life lessons motivate business audiences to believe they can tackle any goal, whether personal or professional. Spencer is the author of the best-selling book Standing Tall: My Journey, and star of the documentary Redefine Possible: The Story of Spencer West, which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2012.*

- Sister Mary Rowell, “Walking Gently on God’s Earth” *Evolving Tradition Sister of St. Joseph of Toronto, Professor at Regis College & St. Michael’s, Ethicist Throughout Scripture and in varying times in the Church we find touchstones to remind us of God’s good creation and of our responsibility to care for it. Sometimes, however, Christian attention to creation has waned while we have focused on other important aspects of discipleship. Today, we are called anew as disciples of Christ to attend to Creation. This is not something “New Age” or a preference. As Pope St. John Paul II reminded us, “Care for the environment is not an option. Pope Francis, walking in the footsteps of his two predecessors and focusing our attention on the environment in his Encyclical, Laudato Si’, challenges Christians and indeed all people of good will to a radical environmental conversion. In*

*our time together, we will explore through Scripture, the witness of Jesus, and the Church's Tradition this call, intrinsic to Christian living. We will reflect on and pray about the emerging concept of "integral ecology"; a concept that urges us to respond with zeal to the urgent mission entrusted to us today, to "listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor" as a single cry. These themes resonate clearly with many of our children and youth. For those of us involved in the ministry of education we are invited to immerse ourselves deeply in this unfolding vision of discipleship so as to better serve God and neighbour in what has been called, "our great work".*

## Breakout Sessions:

**Session 1** "First Nations, Métis, Inuit Well-Being, and Organizational Re-Culturing" (English)

**Session 2** "Salt & Light: Creation- Where Our Faith and the Environment Meet"(English)

**Session 3** "Catholic Governance" (English and French Sessions)

**Session 4** "How to Meet Your Provincial Legislator" (English Session)

**Session 5** What Does "Inclusion" Look Like in Catholic Education in 2022?" "L'inclusivité en éducation catholique en 2022?" (bilingual)

**Session 6** "Engagez-moi : Comment laisser la place à l'élève dans son cheminement identitaire" (French)

**Session 7** "The Intersection of Faith and the Environment: A Local and Global Social Justice Journey" (English) Responses - AGM Article for Newsletter

**Session 8** "How to Meet Your Provincial Legislator" (French Session) Off-Site Events

## The Off-Site Events:



❖ Tree Planting at École élémentaire Notre Dame de la huronie in Collingwood

❖ Spousal/Companion Tours and Delegate Tours:

**Friday Tour:** Martyrs Shrine/Ste Marie Among the Hurons

**Saturday Delegate Tour:** Georgian Hills Vineyard

(Option 1) Visit of Creemore Springs Brewery

(Option 2) Monterra Golf & Country Club