You are invited to

The Gathering

Friday, March 3 - Saturday, March 4

to be held at the newly rebuilt

The Landing

110 Front Street Van Buren, Missouri
**Registration Fees:**

- $50 per person if commuting and NO hotel room is needed
- $85 for DOUBLE occupancy ($135 if a SINGLE room is desired)
  - Second night is FREE!

Your registration fee includes:
- 2 Nights Hotel Room (if applicable), Dinner on Friday,
  - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday.
  - All speaker presentations and materials.

**Bill Donaghy, M.A.**

Senior Lecturer & Content Specialist for the Theology of the Body Institute

**Bill Donaghy will be speaking on the following topics:**

Theology of the Body and the New Evangelization
The theology of the body is most often cast as an extended teaching on sex and marriage. It is that, but it is also so much more. In this presentation, Bill demonstrates that the theology of the body provides a "lens" through which to view, understand, and share the Gospel message itself. In the process, he demonstrates that the Church’s teaching on life and love is not "imposed" from the outside, but corresponds perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

The Genesis of Gender: Rediscovering Who We Are
Our culture continuously asks the question "Who am I?" LGBTQIA? This long list of letters is an attempt to categorize those who feel constricted by the heteronormative binary of male/female. But what does it really mean to be a human person today?

**Schedule**

**FRIDAY**
- 4:00 PM Room Check-in begins
- 6:30 PM Dinner at Conference Center
- 7:30 PM Welcome/Prayer/Icebreaker
- 8:30 PM Keynote Presentation with Bishop Rice
  - "Encountering Christ in the Eucharist"
  - at St. George Church
- 9:00 PM Adoration and Stations of the Cross
- 10:00 PM Return to rooms for the night

**SATURDAY**
- 8:00 AM Mass with Bishop Rice at St. George Church
- 9:00 AM Breakfast at Conference Center
- 9:30 AM Keynote Session with Bill Donaghy
  - "The Theology of the Body and the New Evangelization"
- 12:30 PM Lunch and Break
- 2:00 PM Keynote Session with Bill Donaghy
  - "The Genesis of Gender: Rediscovering Who We Are"
- 5:00 PM Closing Prayer/Meal Blessing
- 5:15 PM Dinner

*Option to stay overnight for social time together.

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