WELCOME BOOKLET

sharing the CHURCH'S *Story*

Simple, powerful tips and workshops so that everyone can share the Church's story with charity, clarity, and confidence.

Catholic Voices

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Why is it important to know how to share the Church's story?

Every Catholic is frequently faced with challenging questions. We all know the stereotypes and misunderstandings that exist about the Church.

Back in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI planned to visit the UK. Catholic Voices was created to answer media interviews, and share the Church's story in a clear, positive light during his visit.

We dream of a Church that can speak to modern culture in clear and compelling way, led by ordinary men and women! Catholic Voices has found a simple combo that makes a world of difference. Find common ground. Look for the positive intention behind the criticism. Stay kind and civil. While we might not win the argument that way, we may win the heart.

In this conference, Catholic Voices and Smart Catholics are teaming up to help lay men and women everywhere to share the Church's story with charity and clarity.

Get the tools and attitudes to develop confidence. Confidence in communicating your faith.

Confidence through making friends with an online community of Catholics worldwide who love their faith, just like you.

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Event Host

This event is proudly brought to you by:

CatholicVoices

Catholic Voices began in the UK to improve the Church's representation in the media, above all in news programs and debates. Over 20 CV groups have started in different countries in Europe, the Americas and Australia. In the UK, we have continued to train speakers via our national speakers' training programme selecting and preparing a new team each autumn.

In the last few years we have also trained our speakers to give talks in parishes about the CV method and how to use it to talk about controversial issues involving the Church.
catholicvoices.org.uk

Meet Brenden Thompson

Brenden studied Youth Ministry and theology at St Mary's, Twickenham before going on to do a Masters in Applied Theology at Oxford University. Brenden is currently the CEO of Catholic Voices.Brenden also speaks to thousands of people every year about the Gospel with joy and enthusiasm and trains others in how to share the Christian faith with charity and clarity.

What to expect from this event

This event works hard to do 3 things:

- Help you meet and make new friends
- Learn new things and get your questions answered
- Provide you with resources

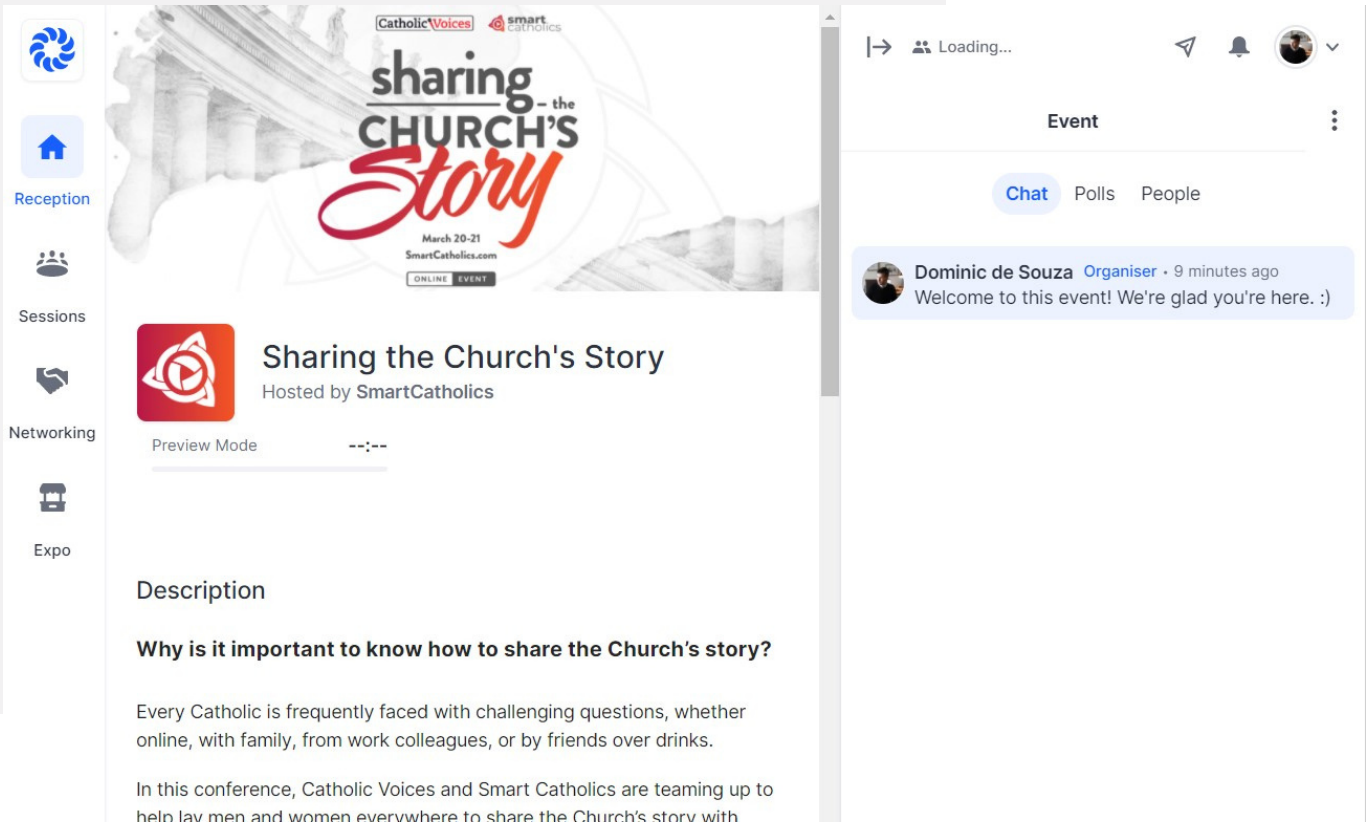
Please note:

In chatting with strangers, please be careful about sharing personal details. SmartCatholics team members will never require you to share details or personal information.

$25 Access Pass

When you purchase your ticket, you get access to the whole live event. Join in the lounges, attend the live workshops, and enter speed meetings for quick conversations!

$9.99 Early Bird - ends March 15



Event Schedule

The workshop sessions will host up to five different speakers at the same time so you can choose the events that matter most to you. Join the speed meetings to meet other attendees for a conversation limited to 3 minutes or less. Note: Schedule subject to change.

SATURDAY 20 MARCH

8:45 AM EDT/ 1:45 PM BST	Networking	Introductory Speed Meeting
9:00 AM EDT/ 2:00 PM BST	Sessions	Welcome
9:10 AM EDT/ 2:10 PM BST	Sessions	Keynote
9:30 AM EDT/ 2:30 PM BST	Sessions	Knowledge Workshops
10:30AM EDT/ 3:30 PM BST	Speed Mtg / Expo	Network or visit the Expo Booths!
10:45 AM EDT/ 3:45 PM BST	Sessions	Prayer Moment
11:00 PM EDT/ 2:00 PM BST	Sessions	Skills Workshops
12:00 PM EDT/ 5:00 PM BST	Expo	Lunch / Dinner
1:00 PM EDT/ 6:00 PM BST	Sessions	Panel
2:00 PM EDT/ 7:00 PM BST	Networking	Speed Meeting
2:15 PM EDT/ 7:15 PM BST	Sessions	Attitude Workshops
3:15 PM EDT/ 8:15 PM BST	Sessions	Closing Thoughts Panel
3:45 PM EDT/ 8:45 PM BST	Expo	Happy Hour
4:30 PM EDT/ 9:30 PM BST		Event Ends

Taking Notes

Print off the note template to copy as many times as you need.

Each talk invites you to **highlight a problem** that must be addressed. Becoming aware of a problem is the first step to change.

Then **identify the goal**, the 'promised land,' that we need to get to. What does it look like for you?

Lastly, identify **one actionable step** you can take today.
Perhaps it's a daily moment, or a series of small actions. Small efforts over time feel achievable, and build into progress.

My Notes

Prompts: Highlight a problem. Identify the solution. Decide on an action item.

Use to note your thoughts from workshops, or to remember your speed meetings.

Sponsors

A special thank you

This event is proudly supported by our sponsors and partners.
Please take a moment this weekend to visit them in the expo!

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GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

Hallow
Catholic Prayer & Meditation App

FAQs

How can I attend the conference?
Buy your ticket from smartcatholics.com. If you purchased your ticket, we will send you email reminders to attend the conference on the day.

How can I watch the videos?
The link to the video replays will be sent to the email you registered with.

I can't attend the live events. Will there be replays?
Yes, all the recordings will be stored in our beautiful, on-demand library.

Can I meet and chat with the speakers?
Yes, we will have live events, workshops, and lounges during the live part of this event.

Is there a community?
SmartCatholics is the free community for faithful Catholics who value a culture of kindness and learning. Build your own membership by joining the groups you want. Make friends, and share your insights and experiences.

Code of Conduct

You should be able to expect a friendly, safe, and welcoming environment. Everyone is expected to follow these guidelines.

Expected Behavior

The following behaviors are expected of all event participants:

- Be considerate and respectful at all times.
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior.
- Alert the SmartCatholics team if you notice violations of this Code of Conduct, even if they seem inconsequential.

Unacceptable Behavior

The following behaviors are considered harassment and are unacceptable at any SmartCatholics event.

- Violence, threats of violence, or violent language directed against another person.
- Deliberately inflammatory or discriminatory language or insults against other groups or individuals.
- Posting or displaying sexually explicit or violent material.
- Deliberate intimidation, stalking, or following (online or in person).
- Advocating for or encouraging any of the above behavior.

Consequences

If a participant engages in unacceptable behavior, the SmartCatholics team may take any action they deem appropriate, up to and including expulsion from the conference/community without warning or refund.

The decision of SmartCatholics moderators are final.

Liability

You agree to hold SmartCatholics, partners, and all related team members, free from any liability, legal, personal, or otherwise, related to any experiences that come from your decisions, or the decisions of other attendees.

Please reach out quickly, and as often as you need, for help or clarity with your event or community experience.

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Modern Catholics are tired of feeling like bystanders, instead of first-responders! SmartCatholics helps us regroup and make friends.
Join a community of all ages looking to be smart, magnetic Catholics.
SMARTCATHOLICS.COM