
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC

ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA



October 5, 2021

Priests and Deacons,

We are pleased to partner with the Office of Formation and Discipleship to bring you a clergy study day entitled *They're Back in the Pews? Now Send Them Out!*, featuring well known author of *Forming Intentional Disciples* Sherry Weddell. The clergy study day will take place on Wednesday, November 3, at the Chancery from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nearly a year and a half after the resumption of the public Mass, and the rollercoaster pandemic ride that followed, clergy are invited to look at new ways of engaging those who are back in the pews, forming lifelong disciples committed to the person of Christ and the mission of the church, in the context of a post-Christian society. It is important for us to remember that the single end that the church serves has not changed, "that each person may be able to find Christ, in order that Christ may walk with each person the path of life, with the power of the truth about man and the world that is contained in the mystery of the Incarnation and the Redemption and with the power of the love that is radiated by that truth" (*Redemptor Hominis*, no. 13).

We invite you to spend the day with Sherry Weddell as we examine where people are and what it will take in "Missiondom" to help them become disciples and apostles in their families, their workplace, their communities and the world.

This clergy study day is an in-person event and space is limited due to our intention to create a safe environment for all who attend. An individually packaged lunch and snacks will be served. Masks will be required. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and we anticipate that spaces will fill quickly. RSVP to Amanda Hailey at ahailey@archatl.com or by calling 678-595-9181.

We look forward to hosting Sherry Weddell here at the archdiocese and hope that you will join us.

Most sincerely,

Monsignor James Schillinger
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