

**National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers
Professional Development Conference Call**

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A Home for the Wounded Heart

As in the case of Jesus himself, some of the Church's teachings are perceived to be "hard sayings" which challenge those who hear them. This is particularly true of many of her teachings in the area of marriage and sexuality such as those dealing with divorced and remarried persons or people dealing with same sex attraction. How can these teachings be heard as invitations to life and healing? Doing so requires an understanding of the priority of the encounter with Christ, the pastoral nature of the Church and the family which is the domestic church, the gradual and progressive nature of the healing effected through conversion, and the friendship and support offered by authentic Christian community in and outside of the family.

Date of Call:

5/21/2015

Time of Call:

1:00 pm Eastern

-12:00 Central

-11:00 Mountain

-10:00 Pacific

**Procedure for
Participants:**

Dial in Number:

605-475-4000

Access code:

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A native of the Midwest, **John S. Grabowski, Ph.D.** earned his B.A. in theology at the University of Steubenville and his Ph.D. at Marquette University. For the last twenty four years he has been on the faculty of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where he is currently Associate Professor of Moral Theology with continuous tenure and the Director of the Moral Theology/ Ethics area. He has also served as Associate Dean for Graduate Studies of Catholic University's School of Theology and Religious Studies. From 2005-2009 he served as a theological advisor to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on Marriage and Family. He and his wife were appointed to the Pontifical Council for the Family by Pope Benedict XVI in the fall of 2009 where they serve as a member couple. He is also currently serving as a theological advisor to the U.S.C.C.B. Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family, and Youth.

Dr. Grabowski has published widely in the areas of moral theology, marriage, sexuality, and bioethics. His articles have appeared in scholarly journals as *The Thomist*, *Studia Moralia*, and the *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* as well as popular journals such as *America*, *Commonweal*, *The Living Light*, and *Share the Word*. His book *Sex and Virtue: An Introduction to Sexual Ethics* was published by the Catholic University of America Press in August of 2003. He also wrote the Foreword to the 1997 English edition of Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Dr. Grabowski has also offered a variety of courses for adults, catechists, and ministry students in the Washington area and has presented lectures and workshops at conferences across the United States.

Dr. Grabowski and his wife Claire have five children and reside in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

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