

Teen Faith Speaking Topics



- **Obstacles to Faith:** Too often teens have many questions about their faith that go unanswered. From middle school to high school, teens go through significant development in their ability to understand abstract reasoning. This often leads to uncertainty and questioning what they have learned about morality, the existence of God, science and faith, fairness and equality, among others. This talk incorporates research on teens and their faith, John's 30 years of educational experience, and conversations John has had with numerous teens he has worked with including the work he put together, "50 questions about faith and God with middle and high school teens."
- **A Walk Through the Mass:** John uses his understanding of the teenage mindset to help them understand the flow and importance of the Mass. Highlights of the talk include, entering into spiritual time and space, you are forgiven, God speaks to you!, Heaven meets earth – we worship with our loved ones who have passed, Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity - Jesus gives us everything, Go and be awesome!
- **Praying with Google:** One of the most powerful and ancient forms of prayer in the Church is Lectio Divina – Divine Reading. John walks you through the steps of Lectio Divina, how and why it works. One important aspect is choosing a passage from the Bible to pray with. John shows how to use Google to find different Scripture passages that can help teens hear God in His Word and know He is speaking to them.