

# Preparing a Welcome Table:

## UNITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

### CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Submissions to be considered for poster presentations may be made until December 1, 2020.

The Catholic Psychotherapy Association is dedicated to supporting mental health practitioners by promoting the development of psychological theory and mental health practice which encompasses a full understanding of the human person and society in communion with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. To learn more about the CPA, read our mission and vision here.

We are an interdisciplinary group of mental health professionals (including medical doctors, nurses, psychologists, counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors, spiritual directors, seminarians, religious and clergy) who serve Catholic populations. We seek to provide our members with quality continuing education and we are especially concerned with the integration of sound empirical research, effective clinical practice, and authentic Catholic spirituality.

### VIRTUAL POSTER PRESENTATIONS: HOW IT WORKS

Approved poster presentations will have a designated gallery on the 2021 CPA Conference platform, and present a summary of their work for 5-7 minutes as part of a roundtable discussion on Friday, April 23, 2021. Please note that approved poster presenters must complete registration for the main conference days in order to participate.

### HOW TO SUBMIT

Proposal should be submitted online using this [Google Form](#)

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### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Proposals shall include the following material/documentation:

1. Title of the proposed paper or presentation (100 characters or less)
2. Summary (400-600 words) of topic, title of presentation, applicable research, content, format, and three learning objectives.
3. Brief abstract (100-150 words) to include on the website/in the program, should the proposal be accepted. The abstract should provide the reader with a good understanding of what to expect to see and gain from the presentation.
4. References and citation of recent and foundational literature supporting this presentation (including sources published within the past 5 years). Must include at least 3 peer-reviewed references (journal articles, etc).
5. Resume or vita for proposed presenter, documenting previous related presentations, education and/or clinical experience.

### THEME AND DESIRED TOPICS

The theme of this year's conference is "Preparing a Welcome Table: Unity and Diversity in the Catholic Church" and so a special focus will be on the clinical prevention and treatment of psychological issues that take place within the lives of specific ethnic and cultural groups, especially where there may be discrimination and prejudice, or among populations that are underrepresented in research and counseling theories. The conference will outline common factors that contribute to these various issues and propose evidence-based therapeutic interventions and other means of collaboration within the Church. Although these are the stated themes, we are open to other topics related to the overall mission of the CPA.

### POSSIBLE CONTENT AREAS

- Prevention and treatment methodologies within specific ethnic and cultural groups
- The counseling experience within specific groups
- Multicultural counseling and competencies
- Ethical issues
- Marriage and family counseling
- Exploration of Catholics as a population that is underrepresented in research

