

# Preparing a Welcome Table:

## UNITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

### CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The CPA seeks individual papers, panels, workshops, and poster presentations for its 2021 Annual Conference taking place April 22-24, 2021, in San Diego, CA. The deadline for general submission is July 3, 2020. 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.

We are seeking proposals for the following types of presentations:

1. Individual or Co-Presentation (1-3 participants) (90 minutes)
2. Thematic Panel Presentation (3 or more participants) (90 minutes)
3. *Applied Workshop Presentation (90-180 minutes) - we are especially looking to offer several of these longer workshops which will involve more in-depth learning and practical application of a particular skill, technique, or approach*
4. Poster Presentation

Presentations may be in the following categories:

- Clinical - based on clinical practice, clinical research, and/or action research
- Academic Paper - research based
- Academic Paper - theory based
- Poster Presentation - practice, research, or theory based

### BENEFITS TO SPEAKERS

Plenary Speakers receive an honorarium, travel voucher, and free admission to the conference.

Breakout Speakers and Panelists receive discounted admission to the conference.

### PREFERRED METHOD OF SUBMISSION

Submit complete proposals via this form on or before July 3, 2020. Submissions not completed by this date may not be considered. For questions, contact: [education@catholicpsychotherapy.org](mailto:education@catholicpsychotherapy.org)



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SAN DIEGO, CA | APRIL 22-24, 2021

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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.
6. If the presenter(s) have not presented at a CPA conference before, evaluations from prior professional presentation(s) - not required for poster presentations.
7. Intended audience and instruction methodology (lecture, demonstration, etc) - not required for poster presentations.

### 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

### REVIEW CRITERIA

Greater consideration will be given to presentations with an interactive format, creative/original content, timely subject matter relevant to the theme of this year's conference, faith relevance, faithful to Catholic teaching, empirically/scientific based, practical application, handouts, and resources.

Please note, if you submit for an individual session but your proposal is not accepted, you may be asked to join a panel or present a poster.