

# SEMINARS

On **both conference days, there will be a variety of seminars** offered, across two locations in Veenendaal. The seminars are an important part of the conference, giving participants the opportunity to make choices that align with their own questions and needs. Some of these seminars may be held in English; requests for translation of

specific seminars may be directed to the organisation. Are you coming with a team? We encourage you to attend different seminars and to exchange your experiences afterwards!

Information about the seminars and regular updates will be available on the website.



**Location**

The main venue is **De Basiliek, Wiltonstraat 56 in Veenendaal**.

Some seminars will take place at **Royal Mission, De Schutterij 10 in Veenendaal**.

**Translation**

Fr. Mallon will speak in English. Translation into English will be provided for the other plenary sessions. Translation requests for seminars can be made to the organisation and will be taken into consideration. English speakers are very welcome!

**Programme**

The conference will take place on Thursday 12 March and Friday 13 March 2026. On Wednesday evening, 11 March, there will be a time of prayer and fellowship ahead of the conference.

The programme on both days includes a Eucharistic celebration, lectures, prayer times, seminars, testimonies from parishes, meals and opportunities for informal exchange with fellow participants.

On **Thursday evening, 12 March**, there is a separate session for students and young professionals: the **Young People's MeetUp**.

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**Rates**  
(early bird rate until 1 December):

<b>REGULAR RATE</b>	175 euros per person
<b>GROUP RATE</b>	145 euros per person (5 or more people)
<b>YOUTH RATE</b>	145 euros per person (up to 30 years of age)

The costs include coffee, tea and three meals. Breakfast and accommodation are not included; please check the website for suggestions from the organisers.



**Information and registration**

For more information and to register, visit [www.missionaireparochie.nl](http://www.missionaireparochie.nl) or scan the QR code.



*The Missionary Parish conference is organised by a number of collaborating organisations that want to encourage and support parishes to become more missionary: the Centre for Parish Spirituality (CPS), Alpha Netherlands, Catholic Alpha Centre, xpand and the Diocese of Breda. Divine Renovation also provides support.*



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# PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER!

WITH FR. JAMES MALLON

MARCH 12 - 13, 2026

MISSIONARY PARISH CONFERENCE

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# WELCOME!

Welcome to the fifth Missionary Parish Conference in the Netherlands: a two-day anniversary edition that offers an opportunity to meet people and to be inspired on the road to becoming more missionary parishes!

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EDITION

The past few years have seen a worldwide missionary movement within the Church. Parishes have had hopeful experiences; people have been touched by the Holy Spirit. New people are getting to know Jesus Christ. Yet parishes also encounter obstacles. It is not always easy to make missionary choices, to truly work together and to give space to the Holy Spirit. So come to this conference, to be immersed in a missionary culture for two days! Even if you are unsure about 'setting sail',

you are very welcome! Our Protestant brothers and sisters are also warmly invited. We want to learn together what it means to be more missionary, wherever you and your parish stand in this process.

Come to **De Basiliek** in Veenendaal on **12 and 13 March** and experience it for yourself!



## THEME PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP WATER

**“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”** (Luke 5:4)

After a night of toiling, Jesus challenges his future disciples to set out once more and cast their nets again. This requires them to let go of their own tried-and-tested methods in order to obey Jesus' command. This step of faith proves to be worthwhile: their nets are overflowing!

This is the challenge that many parishes are facing today: do we dare to take a chance and set sail into the deep? What is holding us back? And what comes after; how do we persevere?

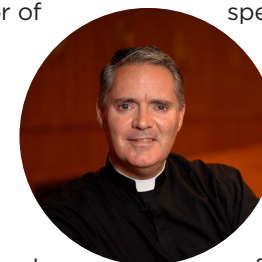
The conference will offer ample opportunity to explore these themes in depth – through lectures, various seminars, personal testimonies, and the informal meetings with fellow participants.



## MAIN SPEAKERS

### Fr. James Mallon

We are delighted to welcome Fr. James Mallon back to the Netherlands. This Canadian priest became known as the author of the book *Divine Renovation: from maintenance to mission*. In it, he describes how they made the transition to become a missionary parish in his parish in Halifax. The principles described in the book resonated worldwide.



Fr. James is closely involved in the international ministry of Divine Renovation and he is a sought-after speaker on the themes of parish renewal and evangelization. The topics of his lectures are taken from the Gospel reading from Luke 5: 'We have toiled all night', 'At your word I will cast out my nets' and 'Do not be afraid, from now on you will catch men'.

### Sr. Theresa Anne Knuth OP

Sr. Theresa Anne is a sister of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, originally from Nashville, Tennessee. The apostolic goal of the sisters is to inspire children, young people and their families to get to know Jesus Christ and the redeeming truth of the Gospel. Sr. Theresa Anne has a master's degree in theology and is involved in various forms of catechesis for children and adults within (and outside of) parishes.



On Thursday evening, she will speak on the theme "Lord, depart from me, for I am a sinful person" – Where do I stand in my relationship with Christ? Where does the Lord invite me to deeper conversion and change? How do I deal with my own brokenness, also in relation to the parish?