



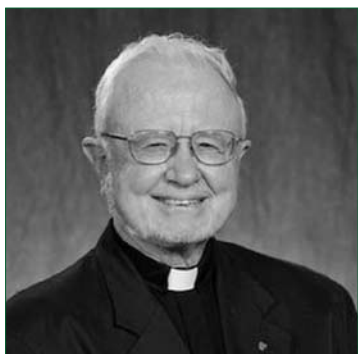
## Twenty-Seventh Annual Scripture Seminar

# The Long Road to the Pneumatology of John

*The Holy Spirit: From Genesis to John*

The 27th Annual Scripture Seminar will be held at the Oblate Renewal Center in San Antonio, Texas. The Texas Catholic Conference invites you to participate in this four-day seminar that will feature two exemplary scholars and a riveting and rigorous study of Scripture.

## FACULTY



**Rev. George T. Montague, S.M., S.Th.D.**

(Monday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 20)

Author of over twenty books on both the scholarly and popular level, Reverend George Montague has specialized in the Pneumatology of both Old and New Testaments, having written or contributed to a number of studies in that discipline. He has also researched and written in the field of Biblical interpretation (hermeneutics), and in the Marian theology in the gospel of John. Rev. Montague completed his doctorate on the writings of St. Paul and is especially interested in Paul's theology of spiritual growth.

Rev. Montague participated in a summer study in Israel with Hebrew Union College and in the excavation of Tel Gezer in 1966 under Dr. William Dever. Currently he is a New Testament professor at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

### Degrees:

B.S.Ed., University of Dayton, 1950  
S.Th.B., University of Fribourg, 1957  
S.Th.L., University of Fribourg, 1959  
S.Th.D., University of Fribourg, 1960



**Rev. Juan Alfaro, S.S.L.**

(Tuesday, October 19 and Thursday, October 21)

Reverend Juan Alfaro was born in Miranda, Navarra Spain. After graduating from Xavier High School, he joined the Benedictine Order and went to Manila, Philippines to be a missionary. He studied theology at the University of Santo Tomas, and was ordained a priest on Dec 23, 1962. After receiving a doctorate in theology in 1964, he entered the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and was awarded a Doctorandus in Re Biblica. His fourth year in Rome was spent teaching "Johannine Writings" at the International Benedictine College of Sant Anselmo. Returning to Manila in 1968, he taught Scripture at the Benedictine Abbey, San Beda College, the University of Santo Tomas, and the Jesuit School of Theology.

Rev. Alfaro came to San Antonio in 1972 to work at the Mexican American Cultural Center, now the Mexican American Catholic College. He served from 1984-1989 at St. Matthew's parish as a Parochial Vicar, and in 1991, came to Saint Rose of Lima parish where he has been until now. He continues to teach at local colleges and universities and conduct biblical workshops in about 45 dioceses. He has written numerous books, mostly on Scripture, and he has published many articles in biblical and theological magazines and Catholic newspapers.

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Oblate Renewal Center  
San Antonio, TX  
October 18-21, 2010

### PURPOSE OF SEMINAR

- To provide an opportunity for advanced education on Scripture
- To promote reflection on themes present in Scripture
- To aid in homily and religious education preparation

**New:** Lower Price and On-Site Room Options

Complimentary parking at the Oblate Renewal Center is available. Please bring a sweater or jacket in case the room is cold. We will not be able to adjust the thermostat.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Priests, Deacons, Religious and Laity
- Pastoral Administrators
- Directors of Religious Education
- Catholic School Principals and Catholic School Religion Teachers
- Directors of Retreat and Renewal Centers
- Youth and Campus Ministers
- Office of Worship and Liturgy Teams
- Theology Faculties and Formation Teams
- Persons interested in Sacred Scripture



*\* Please note that speakers will not be speaking on consecutive days.*

# PROGRAM

## MONDAY, October 18, 2010

11:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. Opening Prayer and Welcome

Presentation: Rev. George Montague, S.M., S.T.D.

*Our Journey Begins: From the Earliest Traditions to the Exile*

Although the Church Fathers, reading the Old Testament in the light of the New, saw the spiritual, Christological meaning everywhere, we will follow a more literal reading of the Hebrew bible to discover how God unveiled the mystery of the Spirit little by little. We will begin with the earliest traditions, the Yahwist account of the spirit as life-breath given to Adam, and then follow the trail through the Elohist, Deuteronomy, the books of Samuel and Kings and the pre-exilic prophets, noting both the positive picture of the Spirit as well as Jeremiah's ambivalence due to the false prophets' claims to be speaking by the Spirit of God.

2:45 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Presentation: Rev. George Montague, S.M., S.T.D.

*From the Exile to Jesus: The Spirit Wakes the Dry Bones, Rebuilds Israel, Inspires Wisdom and Song*

To a people disheartened by exile Ezekiel prophesies resurrection. Second and Third Isaiah promise a new outpouring of the Spirit at the homecoming, and Joel proclaims the gift of the Spirit upon "all flesh." The psalms equate the "holy spirit" with God's presence, and the Wisdom literature lays the groundwork for the Trinitarian revelation in the New Testament.

5:00 p.m. Closing Prayer

6:00 p.m. Dinner is served for attendees rooming at Oblate.

## TUESDAY, October 19, 2010

9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer

Presentation: Rev. Juan Alfaro, S.S.L.

*The composition and order of the Gospel of John:*

We will review the twofold edition of the Gospel and the problems and challenges of the Johannine community at the end of the first century as reflected in the first letter of John. Next we will study the final edition of the Gospel and the arrangement of the Gospel contents centered in Jesus, the light of the world.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Presentation: Rev. Juan Alfaro, S.S.L.

*The Spiritual Gospel:*

We will examine Jesus' baptism with the Spirit on the Jordan river, and the baptism of the disciples on Easter Sunday. We will also look at the resurrection of Jesus and the transformation of the disciples and the self-understanding of the new identity of Christians.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Presentation: Rev. Juan Alfaro, S.S.L.

*The Last Supper discourse:*

We will study the unity of the discourse in its present form and the role of the Spirit in the Christian community and in its confrontation with the world. We will also examine the Spirit, the Spirit of truth, the Paraclete and the new understanding of the presence and message of Jesus living in the disciples.

2:45 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Presentation: Rev. Juan Alfaro, S.S.L.

*The Spirit and the glorified Jesus:*

We will learn about the events on Mount Calvary as the arrival of God's Kingdom, the gift of the Spirit and the living water, the birth of the Church as the eschatological family of Jesus, the paschal mystery in John's Gospel, and the birth of water and of the Spirit

5:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Oscar Cantú - Immaculate Conception Memorial Chapel

6:00 p.m. Dinner is served for attendees rooming at Oblate.

## WEDNESDAY, October 20, 2010

9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer

Presentation: Rev. George Montague, S.M., S.T.D.

*Paul: Dynamic Theologian of the Holy Spirit*

St. Paul understands the human person as spirit, soul, body. The Holy Spirit is being given constantly to the believer; he is the interior revealer of the mystery of Christ and of the Father; the Spirit is intimately joined to the body of Jesus and the body of the Christian, and he manifests his power through charismatic gifts of the Spirit. The Spirit enables us to transcend the Law and to journey toward glory with invincible hope.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Presentation: Rev. George Montague, S.M., S.T.D.

*The Spirit in Mark and Matthew*

In Mark the Holy Spirit is primarily the Spirit of power by which Jesus conquers Satan in all his manifestations. The Holy Spirit, agent of the conception of Jesus, announces a new creation in Jesus' baptism; and Matthew shows how Jesus' understanding of the eschatological Spirit differs from that of John the Baptist. The risen Lord abides in the church through his spiritual presence in a way different from Luke, who stresses the role of the Holy Spirit.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Presentation: Rev. George Montague, S.M., S.T.D.

*Luke, the Narrative Theologian of the Holy Spirit*

In the infancy account Luke presents a prologue to both his gospel and the Acts, showing a domestic Pentecost that anticipates the descent of the Spirit in Acts 2 and the work of the Spirit in the development of the Church. In the gospel Jesus proclaims his anointing by the Spirit as he begins his mission of preaching, healing, and exorcizing. The Holy Spirit leads Jesus' personal prayer and teaches inwardly what Jesus teaches outwardly in the Lord's prayer.

2:45 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Presentation: Rev. George Montague, S.M., S.T.D.

*The Summit: John's Theology of the Holy Spirit*

Beyond adoption, new birth given by the Holy Spirit, who is the living water gushing from Jesus' side, the gift also of Jesus' last breath. The Paraclete, the only personal image of the Holy Spirit, unfolds the mystery of Jesus and the Father and vindicates the church against the attacks of the world.

5:00 p.m. Mass- Immaculate Conception Memorial Chapel

6:00 p.m. Dinner is served for attendees rooming at Oblate.

## THURSDAY, October 21, 2010

9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer

Presentation: Rev. Juan Alfaro, S.S.L.

*Growth in faith in John Gospel:*

In this session we will examine the transforming power of faith, specifically looking at the Samaritan woman and her people, the royal official and his family, and the man born blind. We will also review Adoration in Spirit and in truth, and Jesus as the new temple in whom the Christian family finds a home.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Presentation: Rev. Juan Alfaro, S.S.L.

*The Hour of Jesus:*

In our final session we will study the hour of Christians and review events from Cana to Calvary. We will also examine the call to Christian service in sacrificial love, after the example of the love of Jesus.

12:00 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer and Dismissal

Lunch on your own

# REGISTRATION FORM

## SCRIPTURE SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM -- PLEASE PRINT

### OBATE RENEWAL CENTER

5700 Blanco Road  
San Antonio, TX 78216

A limited number of rooms are available at the Oblate Renewal Center. Please see the Registration form for room pricing.

• Reservation includes breakfast and dinner.

• Check in on Sunday Oct. 17 is 5pm. Check out on Thursday Oct. 21 is 9 am (luggage may be stored at the Oblate front desk until the conclusion of the Seminar).

• The Oblate Renewal Center is a retreat center. Please remember that you will need to provide your own toiletries, including a hair dryer and other personal comfort items.

Please contact Becky Sierra at 512-339-9882 to confirm room availability prior to submitting your room fee.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

We have also contracted with the San Antonio Airport Hilton, located at 611 N.W. Loop 410, to offer rooms at \$98/night (this rate does not include dinner or breakfast). The hotel offers a free shuttle to and from the airport. To make your reservations, you can call hotel reservations at 1-888-728-3031, locally at 210-377-4626, or go online to [www.hiltonsanantonioap.com](http://www.hiltonsanantonioap.com). When making your reservation, please make sure you give the Group/Convention code: TXC. Reservations at the hotel must be made prior to September 17, 2010.

You can also search for area accommodations using an online travel reservation web site such as [Hotels.com](http://Hotels.com) (1-800-246-8357), [Expedia.com](http://Expedia.com) (1-800-397-3342), or [Travelocity.com](http://Travelocity.com) (1-888-872-8356). Please note that not all hotels have a shuttle so you may need to arrange for transportation to and from the Oblate Renewal Center. Feel free to contact TCC at 512-339-9882 if you would like information on any other accommodations in the area.

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Please indicate your availability to assist in the liturgy:

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Would you like to receive the free TCC email newsletter, the *Texas Catholic Voice*?

**Priests:** Would you like to concelebrate Mass on Tuesday with Bishop Cantú?

Would you like to concelebrate Mass on Wednesday?

**Deacons:** Would you like to assist at Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday?

**Registration Fee \$175/per person for all 4 days**

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**Daily Rate \$50/per day per person (Dinner and Accommodations NOT included)**

Which Day(s) do you plan to attend?:

Number of Days: \_\_\_\_\_ X Commuter Rate (\$50) =

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**Oblate Renewal Center has a limited number of rooms.**

**Rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

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**Oblate Single Three Nights** (Monday through Wednesday) \$230/per person

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**Oblate Double Three Nights** (Monday through Wednesday) \$160/per person

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**Oblate Single Sunday Night** \$70/per person

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**Oblate Double Sunday Night** \$55/per person

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Name of Roommate (if applicable):

*Double rooms consist of a room with two twin beds. If you do not list a preferred roommate, we will assign one for you.*

Do you require barrier-free accommodation?     Yes     No

Please indicate any dietary or accessibility needs:

**Full payment must be enclosed.** Please make checks payable to Texas Catholic Conference and mail to Becky Sierra, PO Box 13285, Austin TX 78711. Seminar CDs will not be available for order this year.

**Registration deadline is October 8, 2010.** A limited number of scholarships are available. Refunds will not be available after September 1, 2010. Registration is free for Assumption Seminarians, but you are still required to register (meals not included). For more information, contact Becky Sierra at (512) 339-9882, or via email at [Becky@txcatholic.org](mailto:Becky@txcatholic.org).



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