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Popular Theologian, Fr. Robert Barron, offers Global Perspectives on Catholicism

Area Catholics and members of all faith traditions are invited to deepen their understanding of the gift of Eucharist and the Catholic faith at an all day event featuring Fr. Robert Barron. Mayslake Ministries, of Lombard, IL, is hosting its fall symposium, on October 1 from 9am to 3pm at the beautiful Drury Lane ballroom in Oakbrook Terrace, IL.

During this rare full-day session, Fr. Barron will present two topics: the Mystery of the Eucharist, and Catholicism — what Catholics believe and why — using the arts and beauty of Catholic tradition as a lens. The Catholicism presentation is an exclusive opportunity to hear Fr. Barron speak first-hand on his sweeping documentary “Catholicism” premiering on public television networks the following week.

Fr. Barron is a theologian, author, and a sought after speaker. He is the founder of Word on Fire ministries (www.wordonfire.org), and the creator and host of the highly anticipated documentary “Catholicism.” Locally and internationally, thousands tune in to hear his engaging homilies, radio broadcasts, view his YouTube videos, and read his books and blogs. Fr. Barron has a wonderful down-to-earth way of distilling complex theological concepts and bringing home difficult topics. His ministry has helped many people apply the Gospel message to their life. Mayslake Ministries, located in Lombard, IL, is a not-for-profit Catholic organization which for 20 years has fostered the spiritual growth of Chicagoland adults with retreats, spiritual direction, and formation programs such as the fall symposium.

This all day event includes a continental breakfast, lunch and is sure to be a day of inspiration and insight for all attendees. The Archdiocese of Chicago, Dioceses of Joliet and Rockford have each agreed to give certification credit to instructors of religious education who attend. The cost to attend is \$65 per person; \$55 catechist/clergy/religious; Groups of 6 pay \$50 each; Groups of 10 pay \$50 each and get VIP seating.

Register online today at www.mayslakeministries.org or by phone 630-268-9000. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

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