

## NACPA 2026 EXHIBITOR PACKET

[NACPA 2026 FAITH AT WORK - THE LOEWS, NEW ORLEANS HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA](#)

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### PLANNING YOUR 2026 SHOW

We know you join us in our jubilation of holding convocation in the home of The Archdiocese of New Orleans! All sessions and evening events will be held at the **Loews Hotel**. This central location affords us the ability to walk to Bourbon Street, the Riverwalk Outlets, the Mighty Mississippi River, and the Canal Street Ferry with only a short

5-minute drive, or [15 minutes on the RTA](#), to Jackson Square and the [St. Louis Cathedral](#).

### **WHO YOU CAN CONNECT WITH AT NACPA 2026**

**\* ANY WHO WORK IN HR RELATED FIELDS FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, INCLUDING: \***

- Chancellors / CEOs
- Arch/Diocesan HR Directors & Associates, Business & Finance Managers
- Religious Community HR Directors & Associates, Business & Finance Managers
- Parish HR, Business Managers & Administrators
- Pastors
- Principals / Heads of School
- Catholic Cemetery Associates
- Risk Management

***LOOK FOR THE FIRST RELEASE OF THE ATTENDEE LIST THE FINAL WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2026***

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### EACH EXHIBITOR RECEIVES

One 6' skirted table, two chairs, full participation in program event offerings for two representatives; including Sunday: Opening Liturgy, followed by the Sunday Social and Opening Ceremony; Monday: Morning Prayer, Mass, Plenary and 5PM Happy Hour (Drink Ticket); Tuesday: Morning Prayer, Mass, Plenary and the Evening Social (Drink Ticket) and Closing Awards Banquet.

*\*Exhibitor Representatives are only allowed to attend breakout sessions of colleagues or partner clients with their approval.*

### 2026 ACCOMMODATIONS

All events and sessions (aside from Sunday Opening Liturgy and the morning Brunch Cruise) will be held at the beautiful [Loews Hotel in downtown NOLA](#), located in the heart of the city.



APRIL **19-21** 2026  
**LOEWS HOTEL** 300 POYDRAS ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA  
NACPA ROOM BLOCK RATE \$199/NIGHT

[Click to book your accommodations within the NACPA Block Rate of \\$199/night](#)

- Rooms available to book between, April 17 - Thursday, May 1, 2026
- **APR 4 - ROOM BLOCK CLOSURES** – Accommodations: All exhibitors must book their own rooms.



## 2026 SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Materials can be sent to the hotel to arrive Thursday, April 16.

Please address all materials as:

**Loews, New Orleans Hotel**  
Exhibitor: **Your Company Name**  
c/o NACPA  
**300 Poydras Street**  
**New Orleans, LA 70130**

**Up to 5 boxes are allowed gratis. After 5 a \$25/box will be invoiced by the hotel.**

- **Return Shipping:**
  - **PLEASE PACK YOUR TEAM'S OWN PACKING TAPE FOR RETURN SHIPPING**
  - **PLEASE PACK YOUR TEAM'S prepaid shipping labels for your return shipping.**
  - You will need to place a call on 4/21 to your shipping provider to schedule the pickup.
  - The Exhibit Hall will begin to break down officially at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, After the second breakout sessions of the day begin.
- Do not plan to print anything at the hotel - Jillian and Jessica will not have access to a printer.

### **EXHIBIT HALL CHECK IN:**

**SUN – APR 19, 12 PM – 2:00 PM**

- Check in at the NACPA Main Desk, in the Exhibit Hall
- Exhibit Booth assignments will be released upon check-in
- We will connect you with your shipped materials as they will be locked in our onsite office.
- Exhibitors are not allowed to procure a table without specific authorization from Jessica Randazzo or Jillian Green. If a booth is setup before this time, the booth will be dismantled and materials stowed in the locked NACPA office until the proper time. NACPA will not be held responsible or liable for any missing or damaged items due to this process.
- **All boxes need to be retrieved by 2:00 PM, the room will be locked an unavailable after this time.**
- You are welcome to continue to setup after this time, once your materials have been retrieved.

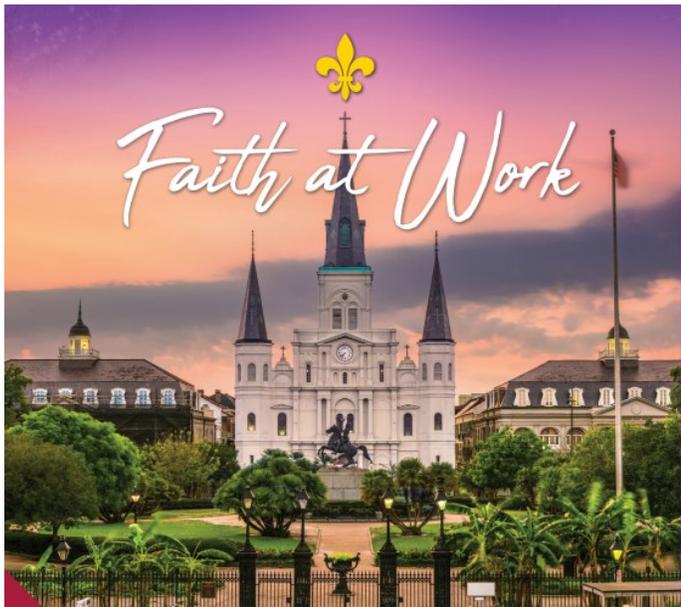
## **EXHIBIT HALL HOURS**

Exhibit Check In: Sun 12 - 2 PM All boxes need to be retrieved by 2 PM on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The staff will begin Attendee check in at 2:30 and will be unavailable until after the evening Social. The office will also be locked.

- Mon 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM (Exhibit Hall Social Mon Evening 5 - 5:30 PM)
  - FYI – The highest rate of traffic and some of the best quality interactions your team will have will be during the first morning breaks, following the Opening Plenary – 10:30 -11:30
- Tue 7:00 AM - 2:45 PM (Exhibit Hall Closes after second concurrent sessions begin after lunch, and pack up may begin for exhibitors)

**----- PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT EXHIBITOR TIMES IN RED -----**

**YOUR BOOTH MUST BE STAFFED BEGINNING AT 7 AM ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY AND REMAIN SO THROUGHOUT ALL TIMES ATTENDEES ARE NOT IN THEIR SESSIONS.** ATTENDEES COMPETE WITH AN *EXHIBITOR BINGO CARD* TO COLLECT SIGNATURES. COMPLETED CARDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR PRIZES RAFFLED AT THE TUES AWARDS BANQUET.




**FOLLOW YOUR NOLA**  
Network.  
Ongoing Learning.  
Achievement.  
APRIL 19, 20, 21  
NEW ORLEANS, LA



**SUNDAY                      MONDAY                      TUESDAY**

<p>10:30 - 12:30 Queen Creole River Boat, Jazz Brunch Cruise</p> <p><b>1 - 3 PM NEW SESSION!</b> <b>A Church HR Beginner's Guide</b></p> <p>3:15 (30) New Member Orien. 3:45 (30) HR Certificate Reunion</p> <p><b>5 PM Opening Liturgy</b> <i>Offsite, Transport Provided</i></p> <p><b>6:15 PM Social &amp; Opening Ceremonies</b></p>	<p>7:00 - 8:30 <i>Breakfast - Exhibit Hall</i></p> <p>7:00 - 7:30 Daily Liturgy</p> <p>7:30 - 8:00 BREAK</p> <p>8:00 - 8:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>8:30 - 8:45 BREAK</p> <p>8:45 - 10:30 <b>Opening Plenary</b></p> <p>10:30 - 11:30 BREAK/Exhibit Hall</p> <p>11:30 - 1:00 <b>3 Concurrent Breakouts</b></p> <p>1:00 - 2:30 Member Lunch/NACPA Meeting</p> <p>2:30 - 2:45 BREAK/Exhibit Hall</p> <p>2:45 - 4:15 <b>3 Concurrent Breakouts</b></p> <p>5:00 - 5:30 <i>Thank You New Orleans Happy Hour</i></p>	<p>7:00 - 8:30 <i>Breakfast - Exhibit Hall</i></p> <p>7:00 - 7:30 Daily Liturgy</p> <p>7:30 - 8:00 BREAK</p> <p>8:00 - 8:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>8:30 - 8:45 BREAK</p> <p>8:45 - 10:30 <b>Opening Plenary</b></p> <p>10:30 - 11:30 BREAK/Exhibit Hall</p> <p>11:30 - 1:00 <b>3 Concurrent Breakouts</b></p> <p>1:00 - 2:30 Free Time, Lunch not provided</p> <p>2:30 - 4:00 <b>3 Concurrent Breakouts</b></p> <p>4:00 - 4:15 BREAK/Exhibit Hall</p> <p>4:15 - 5:45 <b>3 Round Tables (Hot Topics)</b></p> <p>2:30 Exhibit Hall Closes</p> <p>5:45 Sessions Conclude</p> <p>5:45 - 6:30 Break</p> <p>6:30 - 7:00 Social</p> <p>7:00 - 9:00 Closing 2026 Awards Banquet</p> <p>9:30 - 11 PM Karaoke Party - Onsite</p>
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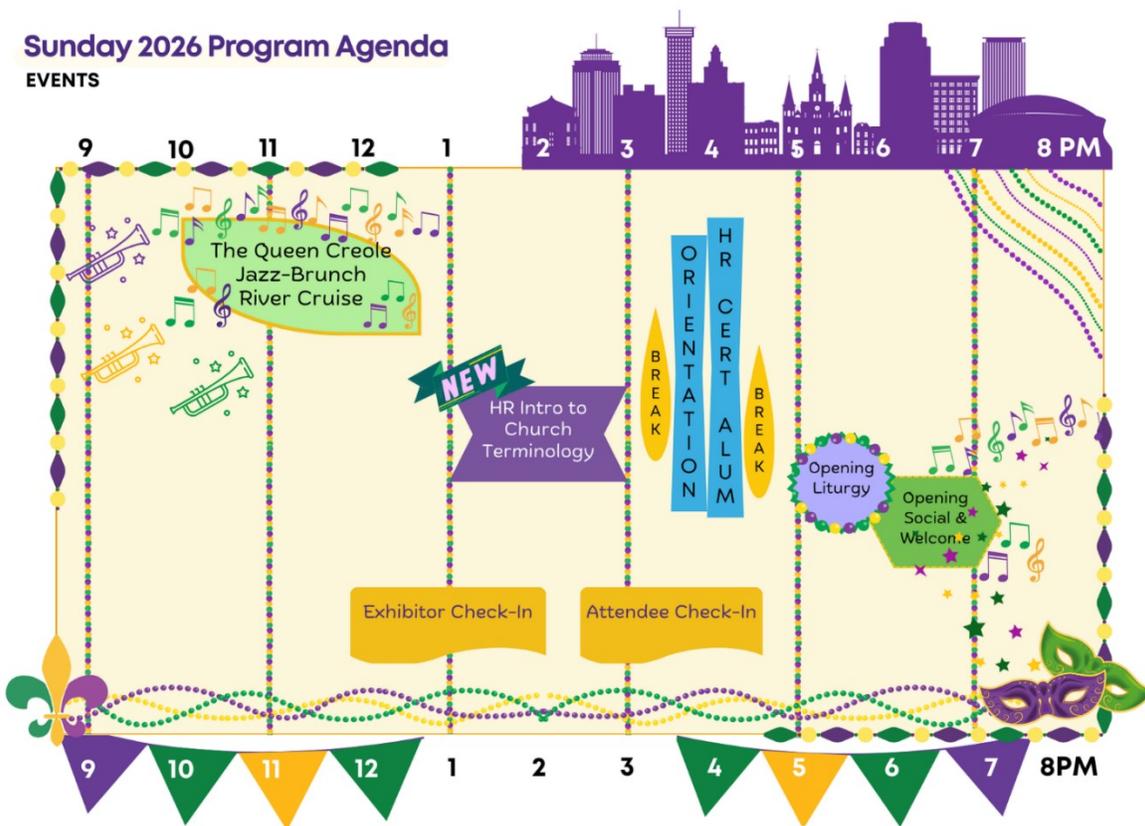


**19-21 APRIL 2026 LOEWS HOTEL**  
NACPA ROOM BLOCK RATE \$199/NIGHT  
300 POYDRAS ST, NEW ORLEANS  
[www.NACPA.org](http://www.NACPA.org)

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**SUN April 19**

- TOUR 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM - Queen Creole River Boat Jazz Brunch / Tour (\$80) (close walk to hotel)
  - **12 PM – 2 PM EXHIBITOR CHECK IN AT THE NACPA MAIN DESK ---- SETUP ALLOWED THROUGH 4**
- **NEW!** 1 PM – 3 PM *Sunday Stand-Alone Session* (Attendees of this session will receive Badges/Totes)  
**Beginners Guide to Church Terminology and Governance Structures**
- **BREAK 15 Min**
- **2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Attendee Check in at the NACPA Main Desk**
- 3:15 – 3:45 PM (30 Min) New Member Orientation - Open to New to NACPA and First-Time Attendees – Come meet the NACPA Board.
- 3:45 - 4:15 PM (30 Min) HR Certificate Program Alumni Reception (same room as orientation)
- **4:00 PM & 4:30 PM Meet in the Lobby for Buses to Opening Liturgy**
  - **Two separate departures at 4:15 and 4:45)**
- 5 PM Opening Liturgy at the [The Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception](#)
- 6 PM Meet transportation to return to Loews Hotel
- **6:30 PM OPENING CEREMONY/HAPPY HOUR & APPETIZERS, EXHIBIT HALL (1 HOUR)**



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**MON April 20**

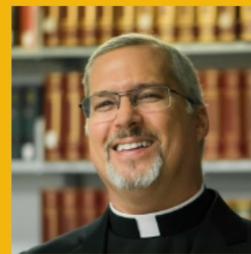
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- 7 – 7:30 AM Daily Liturgy
- **BREAK 7:30 – 8 AM EXHIBIT HALL/BREAKFAST**
- 8 – 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- **BREAK 15 Minutes EXHIBIT HALL/BREAKFAST**
- **8:45 – 10:30 AM Opening Plenary – Fr. Philip Larrey – AI and HR and the Catholic Workplace**
- **10:30 AM – 11:30 AM MORNING BREAK / EXHIBIT HALL / (BINGO SHEET TIME!)**
- 11:30 – 1:00 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions (three) (100/5)
- **BREAK 15 Minutes**
- 1:15 – 2:30 PM NACPA Member Business Lunch (off-site lunch options are walkable for Exhibitors)
- **BREAK 2:30 – 2:45 PM**
- 2:45 – 4:15 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions (three) (200/5)
- **BREAK 15 Minutes**
- **4:30 – 5 PM EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN**
- **5:00 – 5:30 PM THANK YOU SALT LAKE CITY HAPPY HOUR, IN EXHIBIT HALL (30 MIN)**

**Monday Opening Plenary Speaker ~ 8:45 - 10:30 AM**

**Leverage AI for Smarter Church HR Leadership**

**Rev. Prof. Philip Larrey, Ph.D.** Professor of the Practice, Department of Philosophy, Boston College

Father Phillip Larrey will provide an essential “survival guide” for the modern HR leader. Don’t just learn about technology, learn how to leverage AI to enhance human judgment and pastoral care. Attendees will take away practical strategies for smarter Church HR leadership without losing the mission-centered focus.



**Monday 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

<p><b>Having Difficult Conversations Through a Catholic Lens</b> <i>Giselle Gillis</i> Executive Director of HR Diocese of Saint Petersburg</p>	<p><b>Ethics in the World of HR and the Catholic Workplace</b> <i>Stephen Colella</i> Cabinet Secretary of Parish Life Archdiocese of Miami</p>	<p><b>Safe Environment &amp; HR: How the Process Helps Throughout your Department</b> <i>Molly Fara</i> Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection USCCB</p>
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**Monday 2:45 - 4:15 PM**

<p><b>Servant Leadership and Coaching: Catalysts for a Flourishing Catholic Workplace Culture</b> <i>Mary McGuinness</i> President and Chief Coaching Officer MMCG INC</p>	<p><b>The Importance of Educating Employees on Their Benefits</b> <i>Julie Cannaday</i> Principal and Financial Education Manager Milliman</p>	<p><b>360 REVIEWS DON'T WORK The Better Solution to Performance Reviews</b> <i>Michael King</i> Executive Coach Teams.Coach</p>
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**TUE April 21**

- **7 – 8:30 AM BREAKFAST IN THE EXHIBIT HALL / EXHIBIT HALL OPENS 7 AM**
- 7 – 7:30 AM Daily Liturgy
- **BREAK 7:30 – 8 AM EXHIBIT HALL/BREAKFAST**
- 8 – 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- **BREAK 15 Minutes**
- **8:45 – 10:30 AM Opening Plenary – Paul Jarzembowski, USCCB - Finding Hope and Being Hope – Discovering the Spiritual Side of Church HR Administration**
- **10:30 AM – 11:30 AM MORNING BREAK / EXHIBIT HALL / (BINGO SHEET TIME!)**
- 11:30 – 1:00 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions (three) (300/5)
- LUNCH 1:00 – 2:30 PM Free Time / Lunch (not provided, offsite options available)
  - Recommendation to be at your booth from 1-1:15 or until hall dies down
- **2:30 EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES (EXHIBITORS MAY BEGIN TO BREAK DOWN ONCE 400 SESSIONS BEGIN)**
- 2:30 – 4:00 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions (three) (400/5)
- BREAK 4:00 – 4:15 PM
- 4:15 – 5:45 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions/Roundtables/Live OnDemand Sessions (three) (500/5)
- BREAK 45 Minutes
- 6:30 PM Social (30 Min)
- 7 PM Closing Awards Banquet (2 Hrs) **-MUST RSVP BY APRIL 1-**
- 9:30 PM - 11PM Karaoke Afterparty (onsite)

**Tuesday Opening Plenary Speaker ~ 8:45 - 10:30 AM**

***Finding Hope and Being Hope Discovering the Spiritual Side of Church HR Administration***

**Paul Jarzembowski**, Associate Director for the Laity, Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Delegates will learn to recognize the spiritual dimensions of church HR administration and to live that spirituality in daily work. Lay people will understand how human resources, administrative duties and HR management can share hope and God's love, especially in the workplace. Drawing on St. Paul's "spiritual gift of administration," attendees will receive practical tools for finding hope — and embodying hope — at work.



**Tuesday 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Management and Conflict Resolution**  
*Linda Rava*  
Director of HR  
Saint John Vianney Center

**Protecting the Mission: Catholic Identity, HR Architecture, and Religious Liberty**  
*Jason Coon*  
Vice President  
Catholic Benefits Associations (CBA)

**HR & Safe Environment: Partnership Matters**  
*Nanette Lowe*  
Executive Director of HR  
Archdiocese of Washington

**Tuesday 2:30 - 4:00 PM**

**Employment Law Update**  
*Christian Antkowiak*  
Section Chair - Labor and Employment  
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney

**Making the Most of the 2025 Diocesan Salary Survey**  
*Thomas P. Gaunt, SJ, Ph.D.*  
CARA

**Maximizing your Retirement Benefit Program - Strategies to Help Your Workforce Financial Wellbeing**  
*Michael Levin*, Area Senior VP,  
Investment Advisor Representative,  
Gallagher

**Tuesday 4:15 - 5:45 PM - Live OnDemand Discussion/Roundtables**

**The Algorithmic Colleague:**

**Navigating the AI Revolution in Human Resources**

Now that we've had time to digest Fr. Larrey's AI Plenary, let's circle the wagons to identify the salient strategies needed to take this bull by the horns! This roundtable discussion will focus on innovation and the future of work rather than just the administrative side of HR.

Discussion Framework provided by  
*Nell Cline*, Director, Human Resources,  
Diocese of Salt Lake City

**Navigating the New Immigration Landscape:  
Strategy, Compassion, and Compliance**

We will discuss how to balance our Catholic identity with the "hard" requirements of federal law, focusing on the practicalities of workforce stability and the ethical management of employee transitions. We will discuss how to audit your files for compliance and how to manage the mandatory I-9 transitions.

Discussion Framework provided by  
*Paul Ballentine, MLA*, Senior Director,  
College Admissions & Strategic Partnerships  
VIISTA Program  
Villanova University

**Bridging Faith and Practice:**

**A Roundtable Discussion on Catholic Identity & Benefits**

Join us for a focused discussion on aligning our institutional mission with the practical benefits that sustain our community. We will examine how a robust Catholic Identity serves as the foundation for our values and mission, while also discussing the Catholic Benefits—both spiritual and practical—that sustain our community.

Discussion Framework provided by  
*Robert Smedley*,  
CEO  
The Matthias Group

Visit [www.nacpa.org/convocation](http://www.nacpa.org/convocation) for updated programming and full information.

## EVENTS

Please join us, as you are able, for the Sunday Liturgy, Opening Ceremonies, the Monday afternoon Happy Hour, **and the Tuesday Closing Awards Banquet**. *At our Closing Awards Banquet, we also take the time to reflect on the week, thank our exhibitors and sponsors and raffle prizes to attendees who have completed the famous Exhibitor Bingo Card (See 2024 Card). If your organization would like to contribute prizes, you can give them at the NACPA desk. Gift cards have been submitted in any denomination from \$50-\$500.*

### Exhibitor/Sponsorship Rules and Regulations

- Exhibitors are responsible for booking their own hotel rooms, even if you are also a presenting speaker.
- **While NACPA and its membership is thankful for support in any denomination, vendors wishing to attend NACPA Convocation must purchase an Exhibit Booth to gain admittance.**
- **Providing non-exhibiting sponsorship does not permit representatives of organizations to attend any part of NACPA Convocation, including events.**
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### CANCELLATION POLICY

NACPA 2026 Attendee Reservations may be canceled with a refund of fees paid less \$700 upon receipt of cancellation prior to March 1, 2026. Due to contractual and other commitments made by NACPA, no refund will be made for cancellations received after March 1, 2026.

**\*\*\*By registering as a NACPA 2026 Exhibitor and or Sponsor, you agree to these terms and conditions.**