



## KEYNOTES

### KEYNOTE 1: AIRES PATULOT

**Campus Ministry Director  
Bellarmine Preparatory High School**



Aires Patulot is a dynamic and charismatic professional Catholic speaker, retreat facilitator, writer, podcaster, workshop leader, musician, and singer. He is committed to training and inspiring the next generation of missionary disciples.

Aires has a Bachelor's Degree in Theology and a Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Seattle University. He is the Director of Campus Ministry at Bellarmine Prep. In his spare time, Aires loves spending time with his wife of thirteen years, playing with his four rambunctious sons, listening to 90's R&B music, djaying events and cycling. He loves Pope Francis and has a special affinity for Saint Pope John Paul II, who was instrumental in igniting his passion for the Catholic faith.



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**KEYNOTE 2:**  
**ABBOT MARION Q. NGUYEN, O.S.B.**  
**Abbot Chancellor**  
**Saint Martin's Abbey**



Abbot Marion was born in Vietnam in 1976 as the second of four children to Thien Nguyen and Thu-Trinh Pham. When he was four, his family escaped South Vietnam by boat, was raided by sea pirates and eventually arrived in Thailand, where they lived in a refugee camp for three years. In the mid-1980s, the family began a new life in Washington, where Abbot Marion attended Immaculate Conception Grade School in Everett and Bishop O'Dea High School in Seattle.

During a retreat at O'Dea, he reflected upon the experience of his family's escape, the intercession of Mary, and God's goodness, and he decided to become a priest. He was ordained in 2004, and later discerned a call to join the Benedictine order. He entered St. Martin's Abbey in 2012, where he took his solemn vows on the feast of St. Benedict on July 11, 2016. He was elected Abbot in 2020.

Abbot Marion reads and speaks Vietnamese, French, English, Spanish and Italian; his hobby is digital photography.



## YOUR EMCEE

### **CATHLEEN ITO**

**Middle School Youth Minister and Confirmation  
Coordinator  
Holy Family, Kirkland**



Cathleen Ito is the middle school youth minister and confirmation coordinator at Holy Family Kirkland Parish. She has been a youth minister for over 10 years, and knows that while sometimes 6th grade boys spontaneously fall out of chairs, they are also capable of deep prayer. Some of her favorite things are sparkles, knitting, a good cup of tea, adoration, and watching a middle schooler take ownership of their faith.