BEING GOOD SHEPHERDS AMIDST A PORNOGRAPHIC CULTURE:
Pastoral Responses to Parishioners Struggling with Pornography and Sexual Addiction
“Come back to me with all your heart: don’t let fear keep us apart.” (Hosea, Weston Priory)

Presented by The Program for Psychology & Religion at St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute
Hosted by Mercy Conference and Retreat Center

November 15, 2016 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Cost : $60, which includes lunch and handouts
Registration: 8:30 AM • Workshop Begins: 9:00 AM
Lunch: 12:00 PM
Workshop Ends: 3:00 PM
Registration Deadline: November 8, 2016

A workshop for clergy and ministers who encounter problems associated with internet pornography among those they serve. Pastors, and lay ministers working in the church, are often the first people to whom church members turn for help when problems arise in the individual’s marriage or family. Among the major challenges facing individuals and families in today’s society is the proliferation of internet pornography. Pastors and lay ministers will more and more frequently be asked to provide guidance, both spiritual and psychological, to members of their congregation who are struggling with pornography use. This workshop brings together professionals from the fields of psychology, theology, and pastoral care to provide attendees with practical information and sound interventions which will be helpful when problems associated with internet pornography are encountered in pastoral ministry. Participants will learn the psychological and biological underpinnings of internet pornography addiction; will learn how habits and addictions are formed and can be broken; will learn about the spiritual consequences of sexual addiction; and about a variety of resources helpful in countering pornography use and sexual addiction.

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•Fr. Michael Lydon was ordained as an Archdiocesan priest for St. Louis in 1984. He has served in school and parish settings and is currently President of Bishop Dubourg High School. He has a keen interest in theology and 12-step spirituality and great appreciation for those in recovery.
•Susanne Harvath, Ph.D., is the Director of Psychological Services at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and a Professor of Pastoral Counseling since 1990.

Who should attend?
This workshop is appropriate for clergy and other parish ministers (e.g., youth directors, parish nurses, pastoral counselors, spiritual directors, etc.) to whom those struggling with pornography might turn for help and guidance. Ministers from all Christian traditions and denominations are invited to attend, as well as ministers from other faiths. About the Program for Psychology and Religion: The Program for Psychology and Religion at St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute serves the psychological, medical, and spiritual needs of the clergy and religious from many parts of the world. The Program offers a full range of mental health, wellness and educational services for religious professionals, and psychotherapy and counseling for people of faith.

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