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**Father Jonathan Morris, best-selling author, TV commentator & South Bronx Pastor will be the Featured Speaker at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Breakfast for Catholic Charities of Northern Fairfield County in Danbury**

***Celebrity Breakfast benefits homeless outreach, counseling, family loans, free breakfast program and other Catholic Charities services in the greater Danbury area***

*New York Times* best-selling author and nationally recognized television commentator Father Jonathan Morris will serve as the featured speaker at the 12th Annual Celebrity Breakfast for Catholic Charities of Northern Fairfield County on Thursday, November 12, at 7:30 a.m. at the Amber Room Colonnade, 1 Stacey Road, Danbury, CT. He will speak about "Serenity in Tough Times." Reservations are available for \$65 each and a table for ten is \$600. Reservations can be made via [www.2015celebritybreakfast.eventbrite.com](http://www.2015celebritybreakfast.eventbrite.com).

Father Morris serves as the Pastor of the South Bronx Church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He is an analyst for the Fox News Channel and former Program Director of Sirius XM's "The Catholic Channel."

Father Morris's latest book, *The Way of Serenity: Finding Peace and Happiness in the Serenity Prayer* (2014), focuses on a powerful meditation that is too often overlooked by those outside of the recovery community: *The Serenity Prayer: Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, The courage to change the things I can, And the wisdom to know the difference.*

Exploring the prayer phrase by phrase, he reveals the hope that can be found by gaining a deeper spiritual understanding of its words and by practicing its message.

The Celebrity Breakfast is a primary source of funding for the Catholic Charities programs in the greater Danbury area. Proceeds from the breakfast benefit the Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Clinic, the Morning Glory Breakfast Program, the Family Loan Program, the Homeless Outreach Team, the Community Support Program, Recovery Pathways, and New Heights.

Prior speakers include news reporter Ernie Anastos, former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani, TV personality Larry Kudlow, News Host Al Roker, and Pulitzer-prize winning author Frank McCourt.

**Background Catholic Charities of Fairfield County** is the largest private provider of social services in the county. Since 1916, CCFC has put faith in action by providing food, housing, behavioral health, adoption, immigration and family support services to the needy and vulnerable of all faiths and backgrounds. Our services are delivered from Greenwich to Danbury.

**Father Morris** is a native of Cleveland, Ohio (but a diehard Michigan Wolverine fan) Father Jonathan was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome on December 24th, 2002. His foray into mass media was as a theological advisor for Mel Gibson's epic religious film *The Passion of the Christ*. Most recently he served as a consultant for the NBC hit series, "A.D.: The Bible Continues."

His other books include:

- [The Promise: God's Purpose and Plan for When Life Hurts](#) (2009)
- [God Wants You Happy: from self-help to God's Help](#) (2012)
- [Light in the Darkness: The Teachings of Fr. James Keller and the Christophers](#) (2015)

2009-2013 Fr. Morris served at the historic Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, Manhattan, NYC

2012-2015 Program Director of "The Catholic Channel" on Sirius XM satellite radio, and as an advisor to Cardinal Timothy Dolan for communications.

2013 – 2015 Campus Ministry at Columbia University.

Since 2014, Father Jonathan has also been a spokesman for The Christophers.

Father Jonathan Morris studied Business Administration at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. He entered the seminary at the age of 21, and later went on to complete separate degrees in Classical Humanities, Philosophy, and Theology. In 2004, he graduated magna cum laude with a Licentiate graduate degree in Moral Theology from Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University in Rome, Italy.

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