

# “The Healing of Families”

## Clergy-only Seminar

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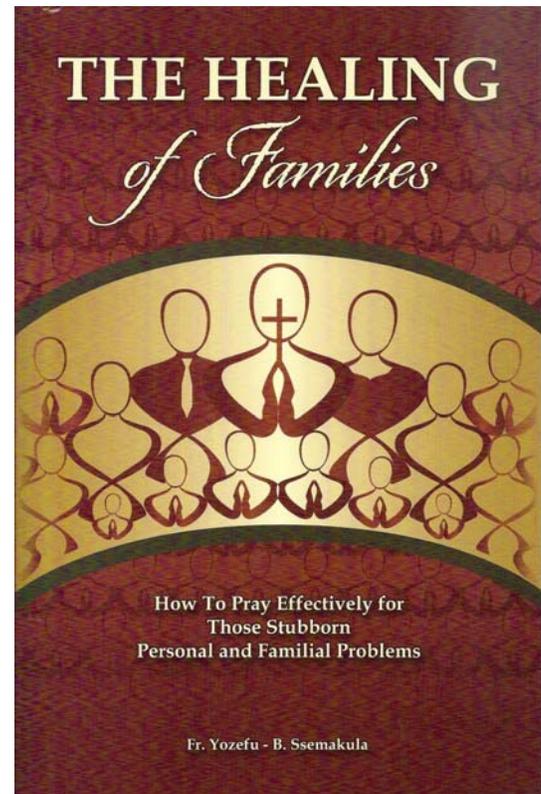
Venue: St. Joseph’s Seminary, 1200 Varnum St. NE, Washington DC 20017.

Please call: Tel. 202-529-2092 for your free registration. Cut off date: 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014.

### Why Attend

#### “The Healing of Families” Seminar?

- As a worker in the Lord’s vineyard, learn this simple but effective way of revitalizing the families under your pastoral charge.
- Have you or your parishioners prayed for years for healing of your family and nothing has happened?
- Learn this form of prayer that is effective for those stubborn personal and family problems.
- Through your participation, experience family-wide relief and healing of spiritual, physical, and emotional problems.
- “Redeem” your relationships and change the course of your family’s history.



### Plan of the Seminar

### “THE HEALING OF FAMILIES” SEMINAR

B Our Image of God

B Our Freewill

B The 5 Cardinal Points

B The 4 Access Points

B Scripture

B Christ Our Way Out

B Training

B The Prayer Process

#### What must I bring to the seminar?

1. Your notebook and Bible.
2. Purchase or be in possession of the book: The Healing of Families.
3. Cost of the seminar: \$300. Includes lodging and meals.
4. Other relevant materials will be available for purchase.

#### Schedule: 02/11-13/2014.

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Prayer + Mass
8:00 - 8:45	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:45 - 10:45	Session
10:45 - 11:15	Break
11:15-1:00 p.m.	Session
1:00 - 2:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
2:00 - 3:30	Session
3:30 - 4:00	Break
4:00 - 5:00	Session
5:00 - 5:30	Prayer
5:30 - 6:30	<b>Dinner</b>
6:45 - 8:00	Session

# **“THE HEALING OF FAMILIES” PRAYER SEMINAR**

## **What is “The Healing of Families” Seminar?**

In his book, *The Healing of Families: How to pray effectively for those stubborn personal and familial problems*, Fr. Yozefu-B. Ssemakula, a priest from Pensacola-Tallahassee diocese, Florida (USA), presents a simple, effective, and powerful prayer method for freeing you and your family from things you have prayed about for a long time without result, including health issues. This is what he calls the healing of the family. Explaining how we are our families and our families are us, he shows how what we usually think of as just our own personal problems in life are actually our family’s problems, only expressed in one or other member of the family. And therefore as long as we pray only for ‘units’ of the issue, cogs of the wheel, – individuals of the family, our prayer is inadequate, and therefore often ineffective. It should go for the whole wheel. In this book, Fr. Joseph shows you how God arranged our human life on a certain specific system, our family system, as both a physical and a spiritual reality. It is also because this prayer respects that system, going according to the ‘flow of nature’ as given to us by God, that it is very effective. This is where he bases his teaching and prayer for the healing of families seminar, so that families can receive the abundant life that Jesus offers us in this life (Jn 10:10).

## **What is the content of this seminar?**

The issue is about why many times we find ourselves and our families having to go through the same problems repeatedly, and without real lasting solutions, despite our constant prayer. You leave the seminar knowing that, thanks to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, this doesn’t have to be. The seminar equips you with how to pray effectively to end recurrent problems in your personal and family life.

## **We get there through seeing the following:**

- B** It all begins with the way we see God – our image of God controls our relationship with Him, and all that we do and are with Him.
- B** Then comes in our freewill and its utmost importance in all this.
- B** What are the foundations on which God has placed our human lives to run on? And why those foundations?
- B** Then we see how the evil one invades those foundations, to shake the building, i.e. us, from the core. We then get fundamental problems because

they are sown into our very foundation, which is why they are stubborn and recurrent.

- B** But Jesus knew this well beforehand, and that is why He came. He brought His salvation to us, right here to our earthly lives first, (that’s why he came here as opposed to just waiting for us up there), and then later, He will even take us to the fuller life in Heaven. He came to free captives and let the oppressed go free (Lk 4:18).
- B** We learn to distinguish between the true Cross of Christ that we have to carry for our salvation, Mt 16:24 (necessary suffering), and the false Cross which is a simple captivity and oppression of God’s children, Lk 4:18 (unnecessary suffering). Most of the suffering we see, and even go through, is of this latter kind.
- B** In Baptism He “pre-equipped” us with all the tools we need to deal effectively with the majority of these problems. You leave knowing how to effectively use the tools of your Baptism to end recurrent problems in your life.
- B** And then cleared up, you will begin to have a real fulfilling relationship with God your Heavenly Father. God will get very real for you, and fascinating! This is the real reason why God heals us that He may “reach” us as He intends.

## **Therefore you learn that:**

1. God never wills evil and pain for us at any point in our lives.
2. Evil and pain are interruptions of God’s plan for our lives (Jer 29:11), even if good can be pulled out of them, but only as a recuperation (Rm 8:28). Much, in fact most, of it therefore doesn’t have to be, and is avoidable.
3. There are things we can do, and a prayer approach we can take, to get rid of a lot of evil and pain from our lives. As participants listen to the teaching of the seminar, Fr. Joseph guides them in the preparation of their own relevant prayer for their particular families. The seminar ends with the liberation prayer process for the families represented. For more information please visit: [www.healingoffamilies.com](http://www.healingoffamilies.com)