

“Powerful conversations”
Washington Post

“Given a standing ovation”
The New York Times

“Profound...captivating”
Times Square Chronicles

Conversations with My Molester: A Journey of Faith

As a boy, Michael Mack dreamed of becoming a Roman Catholic priest but that changed when his pastor first invited him to the rectory. Mack soon left the Church, but forty years later he landed on his former pastor’s doorstep for the conversations of a lifetime.

What is the cost
of forgiveness?

“Well-written, witty, insightful, engaging, and true. A powerful experience not to be missed.”

Fr. Michael McGarry, CSP
President, Paulist Fathers (2013)
Paulist Center of Boston

Spellbinding... An amazing journey of forgiveness.

Richard Griffin
Cambridge Chronicle

Mack’s presence is immediately captivating, as he inhabits “God’s proscenium stage” with wit, honesty and ease. The text is magnificent.

Jacquelyn Claire
New York Theatre Guide

Powerful... We all should have the courage of a Michael Mack to delve into our life story seeking the face of mercy and hope.

Barbara Thorpe
Director of the Office of
Pastoral Support &
Child Protection (ret.),
Archdiocese of Boston

Beautifully executed. Mack is a true poet, creating soaring and stunning imagery. His brilliant use of words transforms trauma into opera.

Amy Frateo
Outer Stage Journal

Mack’s prize-winning solo play is his spiritual autobiography, a true story of the trespass and grace that led him away from – and back to – the Catholic Church.

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St. Anthony Shrine

of downtown Boston
presents Michael Mack’s play
for 4 shows only:

Fri. 3/10 @ 6:00pm
Sun. 3/12 @ 1:45pm
Sun. 3/19 @ 1:45pm
Sat. 3/25 @ 7:00pm

Location

St. Anthony Shrine Auditorium
100 Arch Street
Boston, MA 02110
(at Downtown Crossing)

Admission

FREE

Audience Talkback

with Michael Mack & clergy
follow every performance.

For more information

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A Lenten Offering

Lent is a time of profound reflection – both for individuals and the wider church – in advance of Easter's renewal. In the Lenten spirit of reflection, St. Anthony Shrine of downtown Boston is sponsoring Michael Mack's remarkable one-man play *Conversations with My Molester: A Journey of Faith* as his testament to reconciliation.

About the Play

Conversations with My Molester: A Journey of Faith premiered at the Boston Playwright's Theatre in January 2012 on the 10-year anniversary of the clergy abuse crisis. With veteran Boston director Daniel Gidron at the helm, Michael Mack's 90-minute solo show netted rave reviews from clergy, parishioners, and even the Boston Archdiocese for its nuanced portrayal of a complex topic.

"I attended *Conversations with My Molester* and am very glad I did – it is well-written, witty, insightful, engaging, and true. The author does not stir the pot of his own victimhood and demonize his perpetrator. Rather, he admits the texture of their shared humanity while never compromising on the fundamental evil of the abuse. Without over-simplicity, he paints a canvas of his own healing, still in process.

There is hope, there is an understanding of "the other," and there is some reconciliation. Not in neat little knots, but in the complexity of growing more and more into a healed self. Finally, his generous availability for questions after the production (complemented by a priest's presence) allowed for a conversation that few such plays afford. This is a powerful experience not to be missed."

– Father Michael McGarry, CSP (President of the Paulist Fathers 2010-2014)

About Michael Mack

Prize-winning poet, playwright, and actor Michael Mack is a parishioner at St. Paul Parish in Cambridge. His lyric play chronicles the events that took him full circle away from – and back to – the Catholic Church, offering his personal witness to renewal.

Location

The Shrine is located at 100 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110 between Summer St. and Winthrop Lane.

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- Downtown Crossing (1 block away)
- Park Street Station (3 blocks away)

Parking

\$11 parking available at 33 Arch Street garage on weekends (Saturday & Sunday). Limited meter parking in area. Public transportation recommended.

Tickets

FREE
Open to the public.

Accessibility

The Shrine and Auditorium are wheelchair accessible.

More Information

Call St. Anthony Shrine at (617) 542-6440 weekdays from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm.

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