



## **Combating the Opioid Crisis: What the Church Can Do!**

A Workshop Sponsored by

**The Recovery Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey**

Saturday, January 25, 2020, 9:30AM till 2:00 PM (lunch provided; workshop free of charge)

**To Register: Call 609-921-2420 from 9AM to 2PM or E-mail [ParishAdmin@allsaint.org](mailto:ParishAdmin@allsaint.org)**

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More than 2 Million Americans are abusing Opioid prescription pain medication such as Oxycontin, and Opioid streets drugs such as Heroin and Fentanyl. So far in 2019, the Center for Disease Control has tracked 115 opioid overdose deaths per day in the United States! In 2016 there were 63,000 opioid overdose deaths in our nation. This crisis touches so many!

This workshop will explore the history and some of the causes of the current "Opioid Crisis". The workshop will explore ways our religious congregations can respond to Opioid addiction, facilitate awareness, help to break stigma, foster appropriate intervention, and support families with loved ones living with addiction.

# **ARNOLD M. WASHTON, PHD | CO-FOUNDER | ADDICTION PSYCHOLOGIST**

A widely known clinician, researcher, and published book author, Dr. Arnold M. Washton has dedicated his professional career to developing flexible individualized approaches to treating substance abuse and related mental health problems.

He has directed both inpatient and outpatient addiction treatment programs in New York, New Jersey, and Florida.

He has served on the faculty of the NYU School of Medicine in the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and as substance abuse advisor to the White House Office of Drug Abuse Policy, the US Food and Drug Administration, special committees of the US Senate and House of Representatives, the NYC Mayor's Office, professional sports teams, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the New York State Senate.

A prolific writer, he has published over 50 articles in scientific journals and nine books including a self-help book "Willpower's Not Enough" (HarperCollins) and a professional textbook "Treating Alcohol and Drug Problems in Psychotherapy Practice" (Guilford Publications).

Dr. Washton is a licensed to practice psychology in the states of New Jersey, New York, and Florida and holds national proficiency certification in addiction psychology from the American Psychological Association.