



**Lift Your Gaze ... See Anew!**  
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Registration Guidebook

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## 2008 RECongress Theme Reflection

Our theme, “Lift Your Gaze ... See Anew,” nudges us to widen our horizons, bid farewell to whatever may cloud our vision or dim our spirits and glimpse again all the beauty within us and around us. Gazing with eyes of the heart we discover the divine spark at the center of all of creation and at the heart of all human experiences.

The poet William Blake reminds us, “Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.” Seeing anew, our eyes truly catch fire and we go forth to invite others to open up to the wisdom and liberation of “God’s sight” – to see beyond – to imagine a future filled with possibility.

– Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC  
Director, Office of Religious Education



## WHAT IS THE LOS ANGELES RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the United States. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 275 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You can use the Registration Form on the **inside back cover** or, with the added incentive of using your credit card, you can register online at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org).

## RECONGRESS LOCATION & COST

RECongress is held at the Anaheim Convention Center, located at 800 West Katella Avenue in Anaheim, Calif., directly south of Disneyland and Disney’s California Adventure.

**COST:** The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all events, workshops (tickets are required), exhibits, concerts and liturgies throughout the three days. Fees for the Congress days are:

**\$60 – by January 5, 2008 deadline**      **\$70 – after January 5, 2008**

**NOTE:** If you have not registered online or mailed in your Registration Form by February 15, 2008, please bring your completed card with you to register on site.

## WHAT IS YOUTH DAY?

Youth Day, held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, is designed for public and Catholic school students, grades 9 through 12. Youth Day has a separate registration and fee from the Congress days.

**COST:** Adult chaperones are required for each group of 10 students (maximum), all attending the same workshop choices. Fees for Youth Day 2008:

**\$20 – by January 5, 2008**

**\$25 – postmarked after January 5, 2008**

**NOTE:** Register for Youth Day with the form found on page 13 (photocopies accepted). There is no on-site registration for Youth Day.

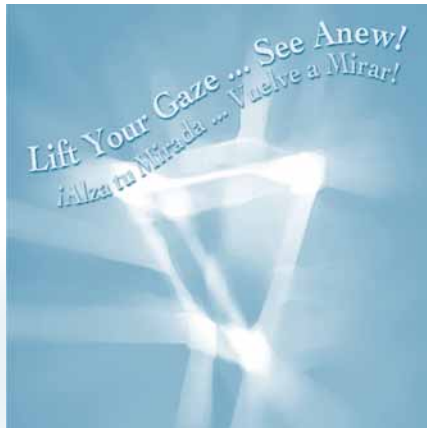
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TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT
8:00 am	On-site registration opens	8:00 am	On-site registration opens	8:00 am	On-site registration opens
8:30 - 9:30 am	Opening Rite & Welcome (Arena)	8:30 am	Morning Praise Keynote Address – Rev. Robert Barron	8:00 - 9:30 am	Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 1 Workshops	10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 4 Workshops	8:30 am	Morning Address English: Mike Patin Spanish: Rev. José Flecha
11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH	11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH	10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 7 Workshops
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Matt Maher & Nellie Cruz Music (Hall B) – Moreno & Rivera with Kolar	11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Angotti, Manibusan, Augustin, Stephan Music (Hall B) – Blakesley, Pixler & Bruno	11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 2 Workshops	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 5 Workshops	11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Rubalcava, Fernández and García
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5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies	5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 8 Workshops
8:00 pm	Concert (Arena) – Ceili Rain	8:00 pm	Concert (Arena)	3:30 pm	Closing Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)
	Filmmakers’ Showcase	9:30 pm	Filmmakers’ Showcase Lamentation Service Young Adult Dance (Marriott)		
9:30 pm	Peace Prayer				

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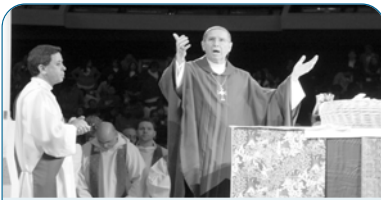
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You can check our site on the web at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) for updates – or sign up for our E-Mailing Updates filled with important information.

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Congress 2008 offers 14 different Eucharistic Liturgies of different character, from Contemplative to Jazz, from Spanish to Nigerian. (See page 20.)



## YOUTH DAY

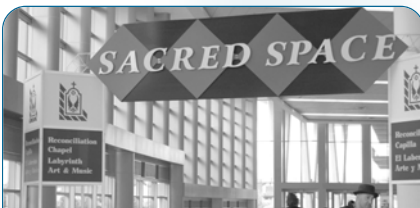
Youth Day, held on **Thursday, February 28**, starts off our Congress weekend with 15,000 coming together for a mix of workshops, liturgies, rallies and high energy. (See pages 6-13.)



## CARDINAL CHAT

Friday, 10am-Noon

On Friday of Congress, Cardinal Roger Mahony will conduct his 12th live, online chat – first with school students from the Archdiocese, and then in a nationwide open forum.



## "SACRED SPACE"

Friday through Sunday

Sacred Space returns to its home on the third level of the Convention Center. Take a respite from the day's events and enter a space dedicated to facilitating a sense of spiritual rejuvenation. Our Sacred Space will offer eucharistic adoration in the Chapel, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a labyrinth, and meditative music and art from the St. John's Bible.

# CONGRESS 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

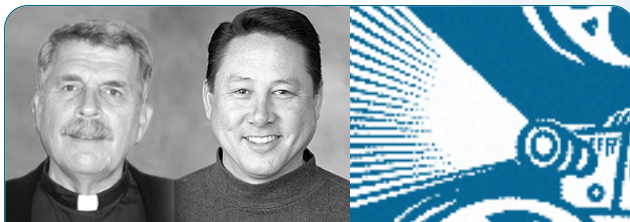
Keep the spirit of Congress alive with souvenir pins, pens, buttons and more!



## ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

Friday through Sunday

The next phase of the St. John Bible Project will be featured at Sacred Space. The St. John's Bible is the first handwritten, hand-illuminated Bible commissioned since the printing press.



## CATHOLIC FILMMAKERS' SHOWCASE

Friday & Saturday, 8-10:30 pm

Join Congress 2008 presents shorts and clips from a number of Catholic production companies in Hollywood, from short educational films to documentaries and feature films. Producers and directors will be on hand to meet with audience members after the screenings, shown on Friday and Saturday. Coordinated by **Ron Schmidt, SJ**, and **John Flaherty**. Fr. Ron Schmidt will be the Master of Ceremonies for the two nights of screenings.

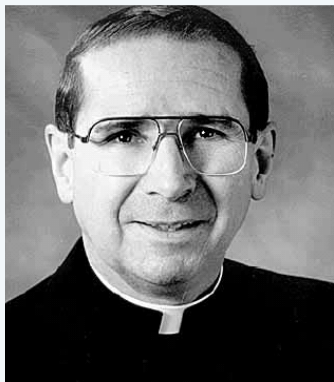


## ART EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday

Born in La Cieneguita, Michoacan, Mexico, celebrated artist **Lalo Garcia** has spent 25 years immersed in the world of art as design artist, production designer, stage director and choreographer. See art works on display from the designer whose work appears in numerous churches around the Southwest, including the Los Angeles Cathedral.

# WELCOME



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL

Dear Congress Participant:

I am delighted to take this opportunity to welcome you to Congress 2008. This annual event is always a wonderful opportunity for us to gather and renew our commitment to pass on the richness of our Catholic faith, our beliefs, our rituals and our spiritual traditions.

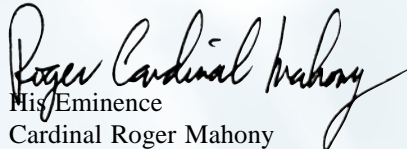
The theme chosen, "*Lift your Gaze, See Anew*," flows from the reading of the Fourth Sunday of Lent where we hear the story of sight restored to the one who struggled with blindness. Our theme nudges us to widen our horizons, and to bid farewell to whatever may cloud our vision or dim our spirits. Seeing anew, we open up to the wisdom of "God sight" – to see beyond and to imagine a future filled with possibility.

I am grateful that so many of you take time to be renewed and enriched by the excellent workshops, liturgical celebrations, resources and opportunities for community building offered throughout the weekend. Your leadership and participation are key to the ongoing development and well being of our local parish communities of faith.

Please be assured of my support and encouragement as you so generously dedicate your time and your energy to this most vital Catechetical Ministry.

Asking God's blessing upon you, your families and your parish communities of faith, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+   
His Eminence  
Cardinal Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to our wonderful annual Religious Education Congress where we find refreshment, renewal and are re-energized to keep on sharing Good News.


The selected theme for this year's event, "*Lift Your Gaze ... See Anew*," reminds us of the gift of sight and of seeing with fresh vision. Gazing with eyes of the heart, we discover the wisdom and beauty hidden in the stuff of life and in the human story with its hopes, its struggles and its blessings.

Again we are heartened by the quality and quantity of excellent workshops, keynotes and multicultural celebrations and entertainment offered throughout the weekend – they are sure to renew our spirits and lift our hearts.

In the midst of the activities offered, there are also moments provided for reflective prayer, opportunities to walk the labyrinth and time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you for your faithful commitment, your leadership and willingness to keep on *Lifting Your Gaze and Seeing Anew*. I look forward to greeting you at the event.

Sincerely,



Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC  
Archdiocesan Director  
Office of Religious Education





## A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Congress 2008 – “Lift Your Gaze ... See Anew!”

As Co-Coordinator, we once again invite you to join us for the 2008 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress held at the Anaheim Convention Center.

We invite you to participate in the abundant variety of opportunities available to you for enrichment, growth and renewal. The weekend, including our energetic and spirited Youth Day, will be filled with presentations by impressive local, national and international speakers who will both challenge and affirm you in your ministry.

Following in the rich tradition of Congress, there will be ample time to celebrate with others during liturgical prayer, lunchtime and evening concerts, art and multicultural exhibits, the film showcase, as well as quiet time in Sacred Space.

In Exhibit Hall A, you will find a variety of wonderful resources and be able to meet with representatives of more than 225 companies to discuss your particular needs.

Workshops, events, housing information, mail-in and online registration instructions are included in this Guidebook and updated regularly on our website at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org). Additional information can be obtained by calling the Congress office at **213-637-7346**, or by e-mail at [congress@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:congress@la-archdiocese.org).

We welcome you and look forward to your being with us at our 2008 Religious Education Congress.

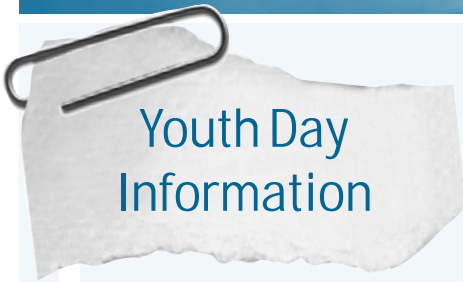
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Congress Program Coordinator





## Youth Day Information

### REFLECTION ON THE YOUTH DAY THEME

*“If today you hear God’s voice,  
harden not your hearts.” – Psalm 95*

Our theme for Youth Day 2008 is **“ABOUT FACE! Focused on God!”** This challenging theme comes from the readings of our day and encourages us to continually “turn our face to God” – in our words, our actions and all our decisions. It reminds us that God is constant in our lives – and we make the choice to remain facing God or to turn away. Our theme also emphasizes the fact that we can always make an “about face” and return to our loving Creator – even when we have chosen to move away. The invitation to remain in God’s love never disappears and this gives us strength to persevere even when we seem consumed by darkness. Our first reading from Youth Day proclaims, “Listen to my voice; then I will be your God and you shall be my people!” Youth Day is an opportunity for young people to hear God’s voice, to share in the joy of the larger church community, and to be renewed in their commitment to being God’s face for others. The young church of Youth Day 2008 definitely hears the voice of God and they choose to “harden not their hearts.”

The readings of the day for Youth Day 2008 are:  
Jeremiah 7:23-28  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Luke 11:14-23

### FROM THE COORDINATOR

Dear Friends,

Once again it is my pleasure to invite you to be part of our annual Spirit-filled Youth Day! This exciting event welcomes over 14,000 high school students and their chaperones each



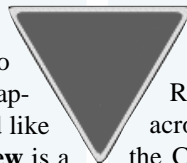
year to the Anaheim Convention Center for a day full of energy, friendship, music, Eucharistic celebrations, catechesis and much more. It serves as an incredible opportunity for young people to experience the love of God within a larger church community and to be enriched in their journey of faith. Because of the great work you do, along with other coordinators, Youth Day continues to grow and bless the lives of many people. Thank you for your dedication and en-

thusiasm. The Youth Day Coordinating Team is busy creating a day that will enhance the wonderful ministry of your parish or school. We look forward to celebrating God’s love with you and your young people at Youth Day 2008! See you in Anaheim!

Mike Norman  
Associate Director

### A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ADULTS

The Youth Day Coordinating Team would like to offer a special opportunity to any adult who is not chaperoning a group from a parish or school and would like to be part of our day. The Youth Day **Moving Crew** is a group of youth-friendly adults who join us and help guide groups with information and instructions throughout the day. To be part of the Moving Crew, an adult needs to have been fingerprinted by the Los Angeles Archdiocese and have taken part in a Protecting God’s Children adult training session (upcoming opportunities for these are available). To get more information about joining Youth Day’s Moving Crew, please visit [www.RECongress.org/YD](http://www.RECongress.org/YD) or contact Mike Norman at [mnorman@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:mnorman@la-archdiocese.org) or (213) 637-7674.



### SOMETHING NEW FOR YOUTH DAY

In an effort to enhance the work of the Office of Religious Education in developing youth leaders across the archdiocese and to support the outreach of the Catholic Youth Foundation USA, there will be a collection during liturgies this year at Youth Day. Catholic Youth Foundation USA serves the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry by providing financial resources at the local, diocesan, regional and national levels to promote effective and innovative ministry with adolescents in order to assure a faithful future. We ask that you share this information with young people and adults coming to Youth Day and emphasize how their contribution can continue the formation and education of others. Thank you in advance for your support!



# SCHEDULE



ABOUT FACE!  
FOCUSED ON GOD!

02.28.08

8:30 am

OPENING EVENT

Youth Day will begin FOCUSED ON GOD at our Opening Sessions as we listen to the wonderful music of **Steve Angrisano** in the Arena and **Jesse Manibusan** in Hall B. We will also be blessed with keynote messages by **Doug Brummel** and **Righteous B!** Young people from across the archdiocese and beyond will be on hand to lead us in prayer and guide us through our day.

LUNCH

12:15 pm

Following our Eucharistic celebrations we invite your group to enjoy lunch and make new friends – as well as spend time with old friends.

9:45 am

AM WORKSHOPS

Immediately following our Opening Sessions, participants will be able to attend one of the 13 Morning Workshops (listed on the following pages) that will inspire, challenge and catechize them in new ways! We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) which topics interest them.

PM WORKSHOPS

1:30 pm

The Afternoon Workshops are a second chance to hear some of the best speakers from across the nation. Remember that all morning sessions are repeated (except Session “E”).

11:00 am

LITURGIES

Our Eucharistic Liturgies are next with **Cardinal Roger Mahony** celebrating with us in the Arena, with music provided by youth from across the archdiocese and beyond, under the direction of Ed Archer of St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica. **Bishop Oscar Solis** will be celebrating Liturgy in Hall B along with music provided by youth of the Santa Barbara Region, led by John Vasellina of St. Raphael’s Parish in Goleta. The Grand Ballroom Liturgy welcomes **Fr. Darrin Merlino, CMF**, as presider along with music provided by Steve Angrisano.

RALLIES

2:45 pm

Youth Day 2008 ends with two energetic Closing Rallies – one in the Arena and the other in Hall B. These powerful events help us to close our day with music, inspirational stories and prayer – all offered by speakers and artists from our day, as well as the talents of young people from across the archdiocese and beyond! Come be renewed in your commitment to make an ABOUT FACE and STAY FOCUSED ON GOD! Our day will end at 3:30pm with dismissal!

DISMISSAL

3:30 pm



**ABOUT FACE!  
FOCUSED ON GOD!**

**02.28.08**



**ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS:**

**Order Your Official Youth Day T-Shirts**

Youth Day T-shirts are available for group pre-orders. Orders with payment must be received by February 15, 2008 and will be available for pick-up starting at 8 a.m. on Youth Day at a booth in the Grand Lobby (south side) of the Convention Center Arena.

T-shirts: \$15    Sweatshirts \$40  
Available in sizes: S, M, L, XL  
Special sizes available upon request.

**Place your order online: [www.Seraph7.com](http://www.Seraph7.com)**

NOTE: This year, your group can receive their T-shirts in advance of Youth Day! Or if you would like to customize your shirts, email us at [store@seraph7.com](mailto:store@seraph7.com)

**YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION:**

All high school students (9th-12th grades ONLY) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with an adult Chaperone who will be attending with them. Two adult Chaperones must accompany the first group of 1-10 youth and then one adult with each additional group of 10 youth. Chaperones must stay with their group throughout the entire day. Each group chooses which workshops they would like to attend. Make a first, second and third choice from the following 13 workshops. Please note that there are two workshops (clearly marked in bold) that take place in the Arena and are not repeated. All other workshops are offered twice – once in the morning and once in the afternoon. We try to accommodate first choices for workshops, but sometimes they fill up and we must move you to your second or third choice.

**NOTE: YOUTH DAY OFTEN FILLS UP BEFORE THE JANUARY FEE INCREASE!** There is a limit to the number of people we can register. If Youth Day fills to capacity before the February 1, 2008 deadline, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. There are no exceptions.

**A FAMILY LAUGHS!**

Join Catholic comedian and character-actor Doug Brummel as he transforms himself into some “never-to-be-forgotten” characters that help us treasure the gift of faith and family life! **WARNING:** This workshop may induce laughter, joy and gratitude! Expect the unexpected! **(Afternoon Arena session only.)**



**Doug Brummel**

*Doug Brummel is a nationally known Catholic comedic character-actor and storyteller. Since 1992, his “Lighten Up!” whole-community celebrations have been welcomed in over 700 church communities at parish family missions, renewals and retreats. He has performed in nearly every state in the country at theater events and keynote presentations at regional and national conferences. Brummel is also author of two children books series on the Sacraments.*

**B ROMANCE WITHOUT REGRET**

Some think that “chastity” simply means “not having sex.” But that’s mere abstinence. Chastity is more than that, it’s about what you can do and have right now: a chaste lifestyle that brings freedom, respect, peace and romance without regret. In an age when the media tell young people that they cannot – and need not – control themselves sexually, Crystalina and Jason Evert’s message to students is challenging, entertaining, encouraging and healing. Get the healthy and correct Catholic male and female perspectives on living chastely as you listen to their life-changing message.



**Crystalina & Jason Evert**

*Crystalina and Jason Evert are full-time apologists with Catholic Answers, a lay-run apostolate for which they have written books and work with its web site. After a year of speaking as an engaged couple, Crystalina and Jason married in June of 2003 and continue to share their inspirational testimonies with hundreds of thousands of teens and parents, providing compelling and uplifting reasons for embracing the virtue of chastity.*

## C WHAT DO YOU KNOW? LIVING OUT WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY SAYS

The Bible is not a “nice book.” Anyone who thinks that it is obviously hasn’t read it. Do you find yourself spending more time debating Scripture and faith and less time understanding it? Well it’s time to go beyond the confusing details and random names and just get down to the truth. It’s time to discover what God is really saying and how he is putting his Word into motion in your lives. It’s time to stop reading the Bible as fiction-filled entertainment value and, instead, learn about how God thinks and works, through his Word.

### Mark Hart



Affectionately known as the “Bible Geek,” Mark Hart serves as Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. A graduate from the University of Notre Dame, Hart is a popular speaker, award-winning author and weekly regular on Catholic radio programs. His 2006 book, “Blessed are the Bored in Spirit,” found its way onto the Catholic best-seller list, and he has created an interactive DVD Bible Study series, “T3,” and weekly Life Teen podcasts. Hart currently lives in Phoenix.



## My first experience of Congress...

My brother Joel and his friend invited me to Congress 2006, but at the last minute I decided not to go. This year I didn’t feel like going either because I thought it was going to be another “boring convention,” but we ended up going. The sessions and the speakers were great! My boyfriend and I really learned a lot! We were so excited that we even bought books and a lot of CDs so we could listen to the talks again! After Congress we returned home feeling great and told all of our friends about it. We decided to make it a new tradition to attend every year from now on!

– Marisol Espinoza

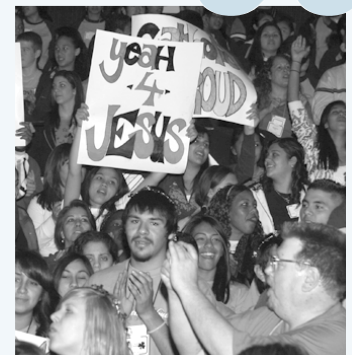
## D TAKE A STAND, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Are you wondering how to take a stand against the injustices going on today? In this workshop we will examine real issues, explore what people are saying about them, what our church teaches, and learn how to take a stand! Join us as we make our faith real in the world!

### Sean Lansing



Sean Lansing is a Project Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services at the Center for Ministry Development in Milwaukee. Previously, he was a parish youth minister for Milwaukee’s Central City Catholic Parishes. Lansing is author of the “Call to Faith” Session Leader’s Guide and was a contributing author of “Total Youth Ministry Resources for Justice and Service.” He also writes for the Web-based youth ministry resource, Youth Ministry Access.



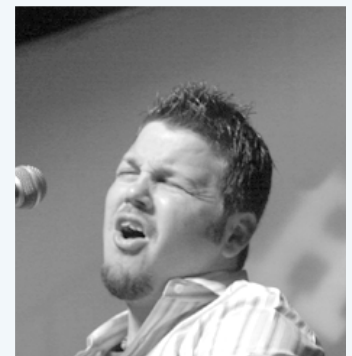
## E CELEBRATING LITURGY! REAL POWER

How might we more fully, consciously and passionately participate in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery? How does the Real Presence of Christ inspire and ignite our presence and participation in the life of Christ and the mission of the church? Celebrating liturgy is the real power of love. (Morning Arena session only.)

### Jesse Manibusan



Storyteller, speaker, composer and singer, Jesse Manibusan is Director of Two by Two Ministries. With experience as music minister, catechist and youth worker, he travels throughout the United States, Canada and beyond, appearing at the L.A. Congress, the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference of Catholic Youth Ministers, and several other major events. Manibusan has also recorded several CDs.



## H DON'T JUDGE

Let's face it, being Catholic is hard enough, but throw into the mix being nice to others and treating them the way Jesus calls us to ... well, that's just down right hard. Can it be done? Can a mere mortal really love their neighbor ALL the time? This workshop will make you laugh and think at the same time. So be warned: Don't judge!



**Judy McDonald**

*Judy McDonald has been a natural comedian all her life. Previously a Youth Minister and Campus Minister in San Diego, she has been performing stand-up for 13 years. Her professional comedic experience includes an appearance on the Dennis Miller Show and opening for comedians Paula Poundstone, Mark Curry and Dat Phan. For the past four years McDonald has been touring nationally and internationally. She is also a featured writer on lifeteen.com and contributor/pod jockey for SpiritandSong.com.*

## K YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?!

What do you want to be when you grow up? Join Shannon and Orin of Oddwalk as they help you explore what it means to have a vocation in the church – both the vocation you have right now and what God may call you to in the future. Fun music, humorous storytelling and heartfelt prayer will guide our way as we explore our purpose in God's Reign.



**Oddwalk**

*Orin Johnson and Shannon Cerneka officially founded Oddwalk Ministries in 2004 after many years of a more informal existence. Oddwalk has performed its fun, upbeat and interactive music and witnessing in*

*front of thousands in such venues as National Catholic Youth Conference comedy clubs, World Youth Day catechetical sessions and several diocesan youth rallies and conferences. Oddwalk has also performed in parish settings, helped lead retreats and prayer services, and has made countless other appearances.*

## L MOSES, MARY AND YOU?

God has called on some unlikely individuals to lead his church: Moses, Mary and, yes, even you! Being a Christian leader involves more than a youth group T-shirt, it involves action and sacrifice. Allow Jason Pastore to reveal how boldness, burdens and perseverance help build a strong Christian leader.



**Jason Pastore**

*Jason Pastore has been involved with Life Teen for years, beginning as a teen, then as a Core Member and a youth minister. He now serves the church by working for Life Teen International as their Western Regional Director, and has spoken at various Life Teen events, diocesan and archdiocesan events. He formerly served as Youth Minister at St. Timothy's and Christ the King in Mesa, Ariz.*

## M I LOVE THIS GAME!! (FOR ATHLETES)

The agony of defeat and the thrill of victory. The hours of practice and training. Striving for a championship. Teamwork. Discipline. Game plans. Coaches. Opponents. What does Jesus have to say to do with any of it? Dare to find out ... calling all those willing to go the extra mile.



**Mike Patin**

*Mike Patin has worked with teenagers and adults in a variety of settings: six years in high school ministry and 13 years in diocesan youth ministry (CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the Archdiocese of New Orleans). Since 2003 he has worked full time as a speaker and "faith horticulturist," speaking to more than 800 groups in over 80 dioceses across the country. Patin continues to lead youth and adult retreats, parish missions and leadership institutes.*

## P FOLLOWING JESUS JUST MIGHT RUIN YOUR LIFE

Jesus' call to die to self and follow him is the most challenging thing you can ever do with your life. If it doesn't seem hard, then you might not be following Christ as fully as he asks. We will be exploring the story of the rich young man in Mark Chapter 10.



**Righteous B**

*"Rapologist" Righteous B, a.k.a. Bob Lesnefsky, is really, really holy. He has worked as a youth minister for seven years and is currently recording music, performing and speaking nationally at parishes and conferences. Righteous B is committed to performing a portion of his concerts free for prisons and inner-city churches, and a portion of all bookings and sales go to fund inner-city churches and develop effective programming to reach urban youth.*

## S PRAYING WITH YOUR IPOD/HEADPHONES

Imagine putting on your headphones and having a great conversation with God! Songs speak about life and relationships. Living as a person of faith calls us to enter into honorable relationships. Jesus invites us to make a difference in the world. Learn how your music can help you grow spiritually.

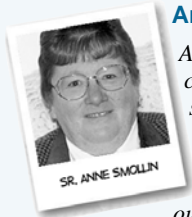


**Anna Scally**

*Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media, is a columnist for their Top Music Countdown online resource and host of their audio show, "Burning Issues." She has made over 2,200 public presentations at youth rallies, training events, retreats and adult education days. She has also been a presenter at all the major conferences for religious educators in North America. As Master of Ceremonies at World Youth days in Denver, Toronto and Germany, Scally earned the name, "The Pope's DJ."*

## X BEING CATHOLIC AND HAVING A SENSE OF HUMOR

We look serious. Our faces are tense and our eyes stare ahead blankly. Yet we are supposed to be Resurrection People! We are called to be people of joy. And if we believed that and lived it, we would be bearers of the Gospel message to whom we come in contact. Living each graced moment with the awareness that it contains all we need to be whole/holy and alive people. We will look for ways to be present to that moment and find the joy and humor that gives us the ability to see life, seize it, celebrate it and, in turn, tickle our hearts and souls.



**Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD**

*A Sister of St. Joseph, Anne Smollin is a licensed counselor and group facilitator, lecturer and consultant to businesses and religious communities. She is currently Executive Director of Counseling for Laity, based in Albany, N.Y. The former elementary teacher lectures extensively throughout the United States and Alaska, Ireland and Australia speaking to religious communities and at conventions and businesses. Sr. Smollin has authored four books.*

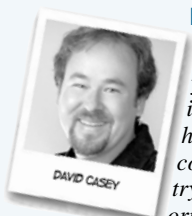
## Z CALL IT OUT THEN CLIMB IN A CAVE

When the Lord called the Disciples (Mark 3:13-14), he asked for three things: That they might be with him; that he might send them out to preach; and that they might have authority to cast out demons! Holy cow, bet you didn't think you had it in you! This workshop on Catholic identity will lay out the clear call from our Lord to be his servants. Through a brief walk with the prophet Elijah, we will begin to explore the dynamic modern role for today's Catholic believer. At the heart of it all is the willingness to profess and to pray.



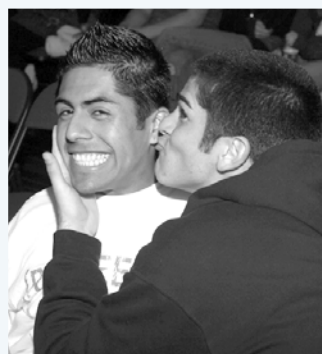
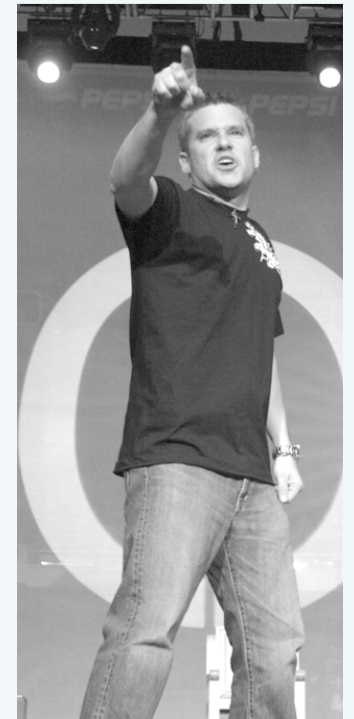
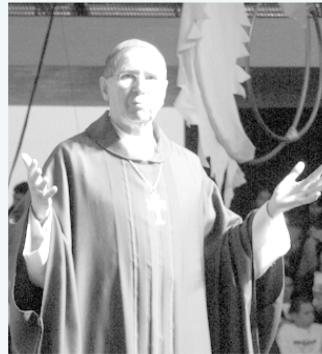
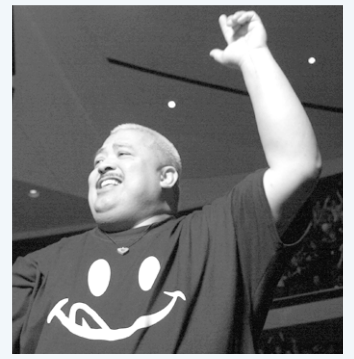
**Doug Tooke**

*With a treasure of experience in parish and diocesan youth ministry throughout the nation, Doug Tooke has taken traditional methods to new and inventive levels. He currently resides in Helena, Mont., where he works as Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Tooke has spoken across the country to various parishes, deaneries, vicariates and private Catholic high schools.*



**David Casey**

*David Casey is a professional musician and youth minister with 14 years of experience serving in the Diocese of Helena, Mont. He brings his ministry of worship leading and training to conventions, retreats and events across the country. Since 1999 Casey has recorded five albums of original music, including the CD "Best Day Ever," which features 13 songs that were written initially for his five children.*



## WHO MAY ATTEND?

All students from public and Catholic high schools, grades 9 through 12, are invited to our annual YOUTH DAY on Thursday of the Congress weekend. STUDENTS BELOW THE 9th GRADE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT AND WILL BE REFUSED ADMISSION.

## WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$20 per person. After fees increase January 5, 2008, the price is \$25 per person.

## CHAPERONES & CONTACT PERSON

For each group of up to 10 students there must be one Adult Chaperone. However, there must be two Chaperones listed in your first group registration. Groups must stay together throughout the day, all attending the same workshops. Students are not to be dropped off at the Convention Center without a Chaperone.

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and must stay with and supervise his or her group throughout all of Youth Day. Chaperones should participate in the events of the day – youth find it more difficult to participate if the adults are off to the side. Understanding that it is often difficult to sit together as a large group, we ask that Chaperones divide up and stay with those they brought.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing the Adult Chaperone with all the necessary forms and emergency information for each student in the group. All Youth Day tickets will be mailed to the Contact Person. The Contact Person may also be one of the group Chaperones or registrants.

It is the responsibility of the **Contact Person** to make sure that ALL Chaperones have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection Program and the appropriate diocesan required background check has been completed. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Team for fulfilling this requirement.

## HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be made by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form along with a check for the proper amount. A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. There must be two Chaperones listed in your first group registration.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE

We recommend that you register early. Once Youth Day fills to capacity it is CLOSED to further registrations. This sometimes happens BEFORE THE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE ON JANUARY 5, 2008. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.

## TICKETS AND NAME TAGS

Each ticket must be issued to a specific person. Registrations will NOT be processed if only one person's name is used in all the spaces on the form. In order to gain admission into the Convention Center, each person must have tickets and be wearing the official Youth Day name tag. If needed, you may substitute names. We will not be able to print out new name tags or workshop tickets.

Due to the large number of people who attend and unpredictable weather, we strongly encourage that **tickets and name tags be passed out before you leave your parish or school or before leaving the**

**bus.** Those who become separated from their group are not allowed entry to workshops or the Arena. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Tickets will be mailed after **January 31, 2008**, to the Contact Person. Please check your packet to verify that each Chaperone and each student has his or her own tickets.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. Please feel free to duplicate the form.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form, with the group attending all the same workshops. The first group must include two Chaperones. PLEASE do not register more people on the form than will be attending.
3. Once registration has been sent in, additional students CANNOT be added. To add students, a new form (with another paid Chaperone) must be filled out and sent in.
4. All youth need to remain with their Chaperones throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name of the Contact Person on each form used and indicate if he/she will attend. If the Contact Person plans to attend, his/her name **MUST appear again as a Chaperone or registrant.**
6. Indicate your choice of workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by January 5, 2008 to: LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO BOX 76955, LOS ANGELES, CA 90076-0955.  
Make checks payable to: Religious Education Congress.  
Total fees must accompany registration form. All incomplete registrations will be mailed back. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. After January 5, 2008 (postmarked), the Youth Day Registration fee will be \$25 per person.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 5, 2008. There are NO REFUNDS after that date. There will be a \$5 per person refund processing fee.
9. **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY.**
10. Questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION & ASSIGNMENT

Print the letter of your first-, second- and third-choice workshops plainly on the spaces provided. All workshops are repeated in the afternoon session, unless otherwise noted.

**WORKSHOP ASSIGNMENT:** Our registration computer will assign your first choice for the morning session and your second choice for the afternoon. If your first choice is full, then the computer will assign your second choice first and your first choice second. You are given your third choice only if your first and second choices are full.

## FOOD SERVICES

During the brief time we have scheduled for lunch, there will be food concessions at the Convention Center. Lines are always long, so you may prefer to have your group bring lunches. You can bring ice chests and other supplies in your vehicles (to be brought in at lunchtime only). We ask that no one go to the nearby restaurants.

# YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008 – 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

### ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered **with each paid Adult Chaperone** – all attending the same workshops.
2. Once the Registration Form has been mailed in, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new form AND another **paid Chaperone**.
3. YOUTH DAY FEE: \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only). After January 5, 2008 fee increases to \$25 per person.
4. NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE. Youth Day Registration deadline is February 1, 2008. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Mail checks payable to: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS**, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
6. Total payment **must accompany this form**.
7. Tickets will be mailed after **January 31, 2008**. Please check your packet when you receive it, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has his or her own tickets. Students must remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 5, 2008. Note: There is a \$5 **per person** refund processing fee.
9. REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

**PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.**

Diocese \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
 School/Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

– For Office Use Only –

Stamp Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Registrants \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON** (If attending, please also include your name below as Chaperone or Registrant, whichever is applicable)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Eve. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICES** • Will anyone in your group require special services?  Sign Interpreter  Oral Interpreter  Deaf-Blind Interpreter  
 Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) • Name of student/adult requiring assistance \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT CHAPERONE**

First Name	Last Name	\$20	\$25		
		By	After		
		Jan. 5	Jan. 5		
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**Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 5, 2008.**

**Workshop Choice for Group:**

1ST \_\_\_\_\_

2ND \_\_\_\_\_

3RD \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRANTS (print clearly; check if Adult)**

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## Events at Congress 2008

### FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**  
On-site registration begins  
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 8:30 - 9:30 am**  
Opening Rite / Welcome  
(Arena)
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
Period 1 Workshops
- 11:30am - 1:00 pm**  
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Music (Arena)**  
– Matt Maher & Nellie Cruz  
**Music (Hall B)**  
– Rafael Moreno & Jorge Rivera with Peter Kolar
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**  
Period 2 Workshops
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm**  
Period 3 Workshops
- 5:15 pm**  
Evening Prayer &  
Eucharistic Liturgies  
(see page 20)
- 8:00 pm**  
Concert (Arena)  
– Ceili Rain  
Catholic Filmmakers' Showcase
- 9:30 pm**  
Peace Prayer
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- Registration Hours**  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Convention 304)

### OPENING RITE & WELCOME

Arena – Friday, 8:30 am

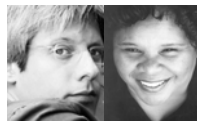
## “Lift Your Gaze ... See Anew” “Alza tu Mirada ... Vuelve a Mirar”

Imagine a future filled with possibility! Join in this spirit-filled celebration to mark the beginning of an awesome weekend filled with opportunities to worship, to grow in faith, to share wisdom. Our inspiring ritual will be graced by the presence and participation of:

Cardinal Roger Mahony	Richard Cheri	Frank Jansen
Edith Prendergast, RSC	Jaime Cortez	ValLimar Jansen
Paulette Smith	Harrison Crenshaw	Mary Janus
Jan Pedroza	Nellie Cruz	Tom Kendzia
John Flaherty	Elohim D'Leon	Peter Kolar
Meredith Augustin	Gary Daigle	Liam Lawton
Tony Alonso	Chris de Silva	Douglas Leal
Donna Anderle	Theresa Donohoo	Kenneth Louis
John Angotti	Santiago Fernández	Matt Maher
Ed Archer	Jim Gibson	Ginny McKinley-Temple
Matthew Baute	Laura Gibson	Rafael Moreno
Matt Bazar	Laura Gomez	Donna Peña
Betsey Beckman	David Haas	Clifford Petty
Anna Betancourt	Bob Halligan, Jr.	Michael John Poirier
Josh Blakesley	Marty Haugen	Pedro Rubalcava
Carol Browning	Eddie Hilley	Janèt Sullivan Whitaker
Helena Buscema	Dan Houze	John West ... <i>and many others</i>

### FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



#### MATT MAHER & NELLIE CRUZ

Don't miss the chance to see Matt Maher, one of the most popular and critically acclaimed Catholic musicians in the country, as he takes the stage with talented vocalist Nellie Cruz. They'll hold nothing back as they share their music and their faith with you. Be ready to stand up and sing praise!

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

#### RAFAEL MORENO & JORGE RIVERA WITH PETER KOLAR

##### “Youth Apostles” / “Apóstoles de la Juventud”



Two pillars of musical evangelization, Rafael Moreno and Jorge Rivera, are joined by composer Peter Kolar for a noontime experience which will nourish your soul and energize your faith.

*Dos artistas reconocidos por su evangelización musical, Rafael Moreno y Jorge Rivera, junto con el compositor Peter Kolar, presentarán un concierto que nutrirá a su alma y animará a su fe.*

### FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

#### BOB HALLIGAN, JR. & CEILI RAIN

Ceili (say: KAY-lee) is a Gaelic (Irish) word that means “party.” Thus, Ceili Rain is a Celtic-pop-rock downpour of heavenly partiness! This six-headed joy-monster for Jesus will delight kids from 3 to 93. Billboard Magazine raves: “This group deserves to be heard by the entire world!” Join the Celtic conga line in the Arena on Friday night!





PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 A Good Conscience: What Is It and How Do I Know if I Have One? (\*) - **Benson**
- 1-02 Holy Ground – Reverencing the Sacred Within Us (\*) - **Brown & Musgrave**
- 1-03 Keeping the Faith (\*) - **Cimino**
- 1-04 Spiritual Survival in a Polarized Church - **Cozzens**
- 1-05 The Heaven Before Us (\*) - **D’Arcy**
- 1-06 Raising Chaste Teens - **Evert**
- 1-07 A Spirituality of Communicating “Who I am” - **Fabing**
- 1-08 Blessed Be God Forever: A Mystagogical Reflection - **Foley**
- 1-09 Nuclear Fission: The Eucharistic Theology of Benedict XVI (\*) - **Fragomeni**
- 1-10 Sex in the Garden: Reflections on the Catholic Christian Vision of Sexuality (\*) - **Gaillardetz**
- 1-11 Causing Biblical “Heartburn”: Creating and Leading Effective Scripture Studies (\*) - **Hart**
- 1-12 The Sacred Present: Finding, Loving, Living (\*) - **Hershey**
- 1-13 Healing a Divided World (\*) - **Massingale**
- 1-14 How to Become a GREAT Parish! (\*) - **Huebsch**
- 1-15 The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, According to Matthew (\*) - **Just**
- 1-16 The Main Thing is to Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing: Creative Strategies for Celebrating Occasions and Seasons (\*) - **Kempf**
- 1-17 Moses in Pharaoh’s House: A Liberation Theology for Those of Us in the “First World” (\*) - **Markey**
- 1-18 Jesus A to Z: Art at Catechesis (\*) - **McGrath**
- 1-19 Leadership: Sacramental and Charismatic (\*) - **Osborne**
- 1-20 The Evangelizing and Social Justice Mission of the Church (\*) - **Phelps**
- 1-21 “Behold, I Make All Things New”: The Gospels as Tools of “Seeing Anew” (\*) - **Shea**
- 1-22 HIV & AIDS: Age of Unprecedented Funding for Global Response to Pandemic (\*) - **Stecker**
- 1-23 The Sacrament of Confirmation: What It Is and What It’s Not (\*) - **Turner**
- 1-24 Adult Faith Formation: If It IS Broke, Let’s Fix It (\*) - **Zanzig**
- 1-25 “No”: Why Kids of All Ages Need It and Ways Parents Can Say It - **Walsh**
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop (\*) - **Phan**

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 The Journey of Ministry: Exploring the Six Tasks of Catechesis (\*) - **Anderle & Friedman**
- 2-02 Discover and Live Your Strengths (\*) - **Anslinger & Schmidt**
- 2-03 Creating an Intimate Marriage (\*) - **Burns**
- 2-04 Enriching Children’s Catechesis Through Music and Movement (\*) - **Burland**
- 2-05 Physician-assisted Suicide - **Coleman**
- 2-06 The Challenge of St. Francis: 1209-2009 (\*) - **Cronin**
- 2-07 A Way of Power Modeled on God’s Power (\*) - **Crosby**
- 2-08 An Adult Appreciation of the Passion and Death of Christ (\*) - **Cusick**
- 2-09 Fire ’em Up for Jesus! - **Ellair**
- 2-10 Revisiting Our Story: Claiming Our Christian Heritage (\*) - **Fiand**
- 2-11 Our Life in Worship/Our Life in the World - **Haugen**
- 2-12 The Spirit of the World vs. the Spirit of God (\*) - **Kelly**
- 2-13 Preparing Pastoral Preaching that is Pointed, Prayerful and Purposeful (\*) - **Kemp**
- 2-14 Multicultural Church – Being Powerfully Catholic (\*) - **Manibusan**
- 2-15 Lift Your Gaze ... See Anew (\*) - **McKenna**
- 2-16 The Passions of Jesus (\*) - **Mullen**
- 2-17 Teens with Screens (\*) - **Patin**
- 2-18 Is Dialogue Possible in the Church Today? (\*) - **Radcliffe**
- 2-19 The Spirituality of Connectedness: Lifting Our Gaze (\*) - **Smollin**
- 2-20 “Into Great Silence”: Spirituality and Filmmaking for Catechists (\*) - **Schmidt & Pacatte**
- 2-21 Forming Young Disciples through Transforming Methods: A New Paradigm for Adolescent Catechesis (\*) - **Theisen**
- 2-22 An Update on the English Translation of the Roman Missal (\*) - **Turner**
- 2-23 Let There Be Light: Seeing New Ways to Dance the Good News (\*) - **VerEecke**
- 2-24 Wake Up the Assembly’s Voice (\*) - **Walker**
- 2-25 Savoring Our Heritage of Faith: Early Christian World Pilgrimage (\*) - **Welbers**
- 2-26 Everyone Is Called to God’s Table, Even the Ones Who Can’t Sit Still in Their Seats (\*) - **Wojtaszek-Healy**
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop - **Pham**

PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 Is the Catholic Church a Peace Church? (\*) - **Appleby**
- 3-02 Let the Spirit Play: Using InterPlay in Ministry (\*) - **Beckman & Ash**
- 3-03 Spirituality and Sexuality in College Student Life - **Beaudoin**
- 3-04 When Bad Things Happen to Good Parishes: Crisis Management in the 21st-Century Church (\*) - **Boudreau**
- 3-05 Good Ground Will Yield a Fruitful Harvest - **Cheri & Team**
- 3-06 Lourdes: 150 Years of Hope and Healing for a Hurting World (\*) - **Ficocelli**
- 3-07 Through the Threshold: An Approach to Religious Education for High School Students (\*) - **de Barra & Gunning**
- 3-08 Roman Catholicism: Global Religion or European Export? (\*) - **Gaillardetz**
- 3-09 Mystics, Mysticism and Myself - **Gateley**
- 3-10 The Church, Matrimony and Same-sex Marriage: A Catechetical Perspective (\*) - **Gordon**
- 3-11 “I Am Not the Messiah” (\*) - **Groome**
- 3-12 The Original Text Message: A Cradle Catholic’s “Dummy Guide” to the Bible (\*) - **Hart**
- 3-13 ABCs of Praise - **Hopkins & Maze**
- 3-14 Conversion, Faith-sharing and Catechesis: The Great Balancing Act (\*) - **Kleinlein**
- 3-15 From Doers of Service to People of Justice: Doing Youth Ministry that Inspires Youth to Live Catholic Social Teaching (\*) - **Lansing**
- 3-16 How Can We Sing a Song in an Alien Land? (\*) - **Lawton**
- 3-17 Be Who You Are! (\*) - **Martin**
- 3-18 Disneyland’s Million Dreams – A Consistent Life Ethic Reflects the Million Stories (\*) - **Ponnet**
- 3-19 Fostering the Next Generation of Faithful Believers (\*) - **Regan**
- 3-20 Deal or No Deal: Strategies for Moral Development (\*) - **Ristow**
- 3-21 Radical Faith – The Struggles with Faith and the Dark Night of the Spirit (\*) - **Rolheiser**
- 3-22 From Evangelization to Initiation (\*) - **Schellman**
- 3-23 Developing and Sustaining “Seeing Anew”: Spiritual Practices and Consciousness Change (\*) - **Shea**
- 3-24 “Farms Not Arms”: Reading the Prophet Micah (\*) - **Smith-Christopher**
- 3-25 New Proofs for the Existence of God: Contributions of Contemporary Physics to the Effort of Evangelization (\*) - **Spitzer**
- 3-26 Beyond Words: Teaching Faith and Values to Children and Families through Symbol and Action (\*) - **Vogt**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (\*) - **Ngo**

Assemblies

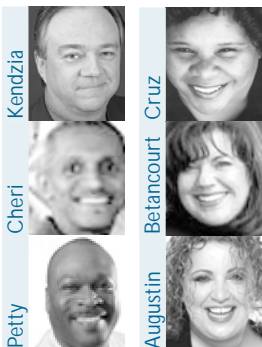
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## SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**  
On-site registration  
(Prefunction Lobby)  
Morning Praise (Arena)
- 8:30 am**  
Keynote Address  
– Rev. Robert Brown
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
Period 4 Workshops
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
*Soy Catequista*
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Music (Arena)**  
– Angotti, Manibusan,  
Augustin & Stephan  
**Music (Hall B)**  
– Blakesley, Pixler & Bruno
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**  
Period 5 Workshops
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm**  
Period 6 Workshops
- 5:15 pm**  
Evening Prayer & Liturgies
- 8:00 pm**  
Concert (Arena)  
– “Lift Your Gaze”  
Filmmakers’ Showcase
- 9:30 pm**  
Lamentation Service
- 9:30 pm - 12:30 am**  
Young Adult Dance (Marriott)

- Registration Hours**  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Convention 304)

## SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT



**“Lift Your Gaze ... Lift the Praise!”**

Come lift your hands, heart and spirit with a concert of Gospel music directed by ValLimar and Frank Jansen. “Lift the roof off the arena!” Experience some of our greatest gospel artists, “Catholic style.” Join Voices of Care, Harmonia and Richard Cheri, Jolanda Robertson, Clifford Petty, Kenneth Louis, Tom Kendzia, Eddie Hilley, Chris de Silva, Nellie Cruz, Harrison Crenshaw, Anna Betancourt, Meredith Augustin, John Angotti and more!

Arena – 8:00 pm



## MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 8:00 am

Our morning will begin with Nellie Cruz, Donna Peña, Richard Cheri and Clifford Petty leading us in song and praise celebrating our faith. Our presider will be Juliette Marsh-Williams. Together, we shall lift our gaze to the new day to see a new Light.

## SATURDAY KEYNOTE

Arena – 8:30 am



### REV. ROBERT BARRON

*“The Religious Educator as Evangelizer:  
A True Mission in Changing Times”*

The church’s primary mission is to proclaim Jesus as Lord. This call is rooted in a tradition going back to St. Paul for whom proclaiming Jesus as “Lord” was an absolute stand against the powers and authorities of the world – political, cultural, economic and military. When we look at Jesus we see him as gatherer of the lost, embodiment of the Kingdom, friend of sinners, victor over death. Those involved in the ministry of catechesis are challenged to see — and help others see – the world through the lens of Jesus, and to model their lives on the pattern of Christ’s own life. Their evangelizing mission is a bold proclamation that “Jesus is Lord!”

*Chicago-native Fr. Robert Barron is Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein Seminary, located outside of Chicago. His numerous articles on theology and spirituality have appeared in a variety of journals. He also gives frequent retreats, missions and workshops.*

## SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### ANGOTTI, MANIBUSAN, AUGUSTIN & STEPHAN



Spice up your lunch with a mixed medley of soothe and groove! Featured artists John Angotti, Jesse Manibusan, Meredith Augustin and Curtis Stephan will serve you up an eclectic array of food for your soul. Come and get it!

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



### JOSH BLAKESLEY, JENNY PIXLER & MANDY BRUNO

The freshest talents in contemporary Catholic music come together today at lunchtime to celebrate the glory of God. Come and share your noontime with Josh Blakesley, Jenny Pixler and Mandy Bruno as they light up the stage and rock out with their talents and love for the Lord!



## SPECIAL EVENT

10 am - 4 pm

*Soy Catequista* is an invitation-only event that emphasizes the dignity, vocation and mission of catechists. This gathering echoes the extraordinary event sponsored by William H. Sadlier in collaboration with diocesan and parish leaders and several faculty members of the University of Notre Dame in 2006. It is envisioned as a movement to uplift catechists throughout the nation and, through them, to impact parishes.

Several of the speakers of the original *Soy Catequista* including Dr. Timothy Matovina, Fr. Virgilio Elizondo, Dr. Michael Lee, Dr. Natalia Imperatori-Lee and Victor Valenzuela will play key roles in our *Soy Catequista* track at Congress 2008.

PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 What's Wrong with Assisted Suicide? Understanding the Evil of Euthanasia (\*) - **Benson**
- 4-02 From Anthropology to Cosmology: A New Look at the Message of Job (\*) - **Bergant**
- 4-03 Discipline and Punishment: Why One Works and the Other Only Appears To - **Coloroso**
- 4-04 Francis of Assisi: Model of Contemporary Discipleship (\*) - **Crosby**
- 4-05 What's Enough? (\*) - **D'Arcy**
- 4-06 Helping Children and Teens Develop an Ethical Foundation (\*) - **Dembrowsky**
- 4-07 Visions and Dreams: Seeing the Diaconate Anew (\*) - **Ditewig**
- 4-08 Eucharist: The Sacrament of Charity (\*) - **Driscoll**
- 4-09 God is in the Bits: Using New Media and the Internet in Parish Ministry (\*) - **Fosnacht**
- 4-10 Seven Steps to Praying Better: Or, Why Do I Feel that God is Far Away? (\*) - **Fragomeni**
- 4-11 A Shared Praxis Approach Revisited (\*) - **Groome**
- 4-12 Moral and Immoral Culture (\*) - **Heft**
- 4-13 Live Simply! (\*) - **Huebsch**
- 4-14 One with the Risen Lord: A Spirituality of Ministry - **Hurd**
- 4-15 Finding a Deeper Love: Tell Stories, Teach Lessons, Sing Songs – Now Dance (\*) - **Jansen & Jansen**
- 4-16 A Call to Joy (\*) - **Kelly**
- 4-17 The Book of Revelation and Popular Culture (\*) - **Koester**
- 4-18 Youth Ministry Leadership: The Dance of Passion and Professionalism! (\*) - **McCarty**
- 4-19 Catholic Teaching on Racism: Present State, Future Direction (\*) - **Massingale**
- 4-20 The Gaze that Saves: Eucharistic Worship Outside Mass (\*) - **Murray**
- 4-21 Putting on the Mind of Dawn: Toward a Spirituality of Awakening (\*) - **O'Donohue**
- 4-22 Ecumenical Eucharist Today (\*) - **Osborne**
- 4-23 Early Christian Writings that Didn't Make Canon: Should We Pay Attention to Them? (\*) - **Osiek**
- 4-24 Engaging the Total Parish in Catechesis: Gathering the Tools (\*) - **Regan**
- 4-25 Don't Touch Me! (But Try to Touch My Soul): Catechizing Kids with Asperger's Syndrome (\*) - **Wojtaszek-Healy**
- 4-26 Discipleship for Dummies: Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him (\*) - **Ricard**
- 4-27 The Art and Science of Parish Leadership (\*) - **Sweetser & Bishop**
- 4-28 The Church & the Gospel of God's Reign: An Asian Perspective (\*) - **Tagle**
- 4-29 Home is a Holy Place, Too! (\*) - **Wells**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (\*) - **Phan**

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 All Things Catholic (\*) - **Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 Seeing Stewardship with New Eyes: How Lifelong Learning and Forming Generous Hearts Fit Together (\*) - **Anslinger & Shepp**
- 5-03 Slavery: It Didn't End with the Civil War – Modern-Day Perspectives on Human Trafficking (\*) - **Atkinson**
- 5-04 Dancing in the Pews: An Experiential History of Worship and Dance (\*) - **Beckman & Ash**
- 5-05 Keeping Your Cool Without Putting Your Feelings on Ice - **Coloroso**
- 5-06 Spiritual Survival in a Polarized Church (repeat) - **Cozzens**
- 5-07 Wired for Love: The Compelling Energy of Human Sexuality (\*) - **Ferder & Heagle**
- 5-08 Life Is Changed, Not Taken Away: Nurturing the Seeds of Hope (\*) - **Fiand**
- 5-09 Where's Grandpa? The Challenges, Hurts and Blessings of Alzheimer's (\*) - **Gilbert**
- 5-10 Rebels and Prophets - **Gateley**
- 5-11 Discovering Discipleship by Discovering "the Least" (\*) - **Gittins**
- 5-12 The Ministry of Liturgical Music in the Journey of Life - **Haas**
- 5-13 Catholic Morality and Catholic Politicians (\*) - **Heft**
- 5-14 Searching Our Souls: Adults and Teens Make Sense Out of Faith - **Horan**
- 5-15 To Be God's Heart on Earth: A Fresh Interpretation of "Devotion to the Sacred Heart" - **Hughes**
- 5-16 An Alternative to Being "Left Behind": A Workshop on Apocalyptic Literature (\*) - **Jonaitis**
- 5-17 Forgiveness (\*) - **Kempf**
- 5-18 A House Divided Against Itself: When Families Don't Go to Mass (\*) - **Kleinlein**
- 5-19 Is Harry Potter Good News for Our Young People? - **Leonard**
- 5-20 Lift Your Voice, Sing Anew! Bringing New Life to School and Parish Liturgy (\*) - **Mangan**
- 5-21 Never Say Service Project Again (\*) - **Paradise**
- 5-22 The Challenge of Non-violence in the Church (\*) - **Radcliffe**
- 5-23 The Star Only Stops Here: Reflections of an Innkeeper (\*) - **Riechers**
- 5-24 Addressing the Crisis – Immigration and Working Poverty (\*) - **Salvatierra**
- 5-25 A Fresh Look at the Four Gospels: Beyond the biography of Jesus (\*) - **Shaia**
- 5-26 Is There Salvation Outside the Catholic Church? Are Other Churches "True"? - **Smith, Guibord & Bakas**
- 5-27 A Perennial Pro-Life Philosophy: A Convincing Curriculum for both Sacred and Secular Environments (\*) - **Spitzer**
- 5-28 Creating a Youth Ministry that Matters: The Keys to Success (\*) - **Theisen**
- 5-29 Drive-Time Prayer (\*) - **Walker**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (\*) - **Pham**

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Toward a Theology of a Just Peace (\*) - **Appleby**
- 6-02 Lift Your Gaze and Foster Hope in the Work for Justice (\*) - **Aquino**
- 6-03 Roundtable on Catholic Spirituality and Homosexuality - **Beaudoin**
- 6-04 Are Natural Disasters Really Punishment for Sin? (\*) - **Bergant**
- 6-05 Conscience Formation for the Adult Catholic - **Coleman**
- 6-06 Music and Words – A Marriage for Liturgical Prayer - **Cortez**
- 6-07 Getting the People Done (\*) - **Crosthwaite & Hoyt**
- 6-08 Two Practical Strategies to Renew Parish Life: "Within These Walls" & "The Third Moment of a Sacrament" (\*) - **Cusick**
- 6-09 Hispanic Catholics: A Blessing and a Challenge for the Church (\*) - **Dahm**
- 6-10 Helping Children with Special Needs Develop the Skills to Solve Their Own Problems (\*) - **Dembrowsky**
- 6-11 Much ado about Parents\*!!! (\*) - **Doran**
- 6-12 Lift Your Gaze: Evangelize Anew (\*) - **East**
- 6-13 Puppies, Butterflies and Rainbows - **Ellair**
- 6-14 Nouwen, Merton, and the Living Gospel: Reading Our Own Story in God's Story of Jesus (\*) - **Ellsberg**
- 6-15 Forgive and Be Free - **Florian**
- 6-16 Globalization, Spirituality and Justice (\*) - **Groody**
- 6-17 Renewing the Face of the Earth/Christian Worship and Earthkeeping - **Haugen**
- 6-18 A Gentle Plea for Chaos: Life as a Journey, Not a Destination (\*) - **Hershey**
- 6-19 On the Road Again: Transforming Families, Systems and Ourselves (\*) - **Jabro & DeBode**
- 6-20 The Gift of Friendship (\*) - **Levo**
- 6-21 The Book of Revelation and Worship in the Presence of God (\*) - **Koester**
- 6-22 Lift Your Gaze ... See a New Vision with a New Heart (\*) - **McKenna**
- 6-23 The Women in the New Testament (\*) - **Mullen**
- 6-24 Ecotheology from the Future: The Apocalypse as Basis for Environmental Responsibility (\*) - **Osiek**
- 6-25 Being Missionaries to Our Own Children – Today's Real Missionary Task (\*) - **Rolheiser**
- 6-26 Interaction in Multicultural Settings (\*) - **Schreiter**
- 6-27 The Great Awakening (\*) - **Wallis**
- 6-28 Modern Media: A Test for the Modern Church - **Walsh**
- 6-29 One-Minute Meditation: A Practical, Pastoral and Powerful New Way to Pray (\*) - **Zanzig**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (\*) - **Phong**

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**  
On-site registration  
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 8:00 - 9:30 am**  
Eucharistic Liturgy  
(Arena)
- 8:30 am**  
Morning Addresses  
**English:** Mike Patin  
**Spanish:** José-Román Flecha
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
Period 7 Workshops
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**  
Music (Arena)  
– Rubalcava, Fernández & Garcia
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**  
Music (Hall B)  
– Paul Melley & Oddwalk
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**  
Period 8 Workshops
- 3:30 pm**  
Closing Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)
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- Registration Hours**  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Convention 304)

## CLOSING LITURGY



Arena – 3:30 pm  
**CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY, PRESIDER**

As Congress 2008 draws to a close, we come together to pray, to celebrate and to go forth to a life renewed. We witness to our new life in Christ, and place our lives and ministry at the service of God’s people in the world. Our Closing Liturgy, led by Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony, will feature the 200-plus voice Congress Choir ’08, under the direction of John Flaherty.

## MORNING LITURGY



**BISHOP TOD BROWN, PRESIDER**

Arena – 8:00 am

As the start of the day brings light, we share an opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give thanks. Bishop Tod Brown of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will lead us in celebrating our nourishing Word and Sacrament as we lift our gaze to see the new day and go forth to see anew in the world.

## SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS



**MIKE PATIN**

8:30 am

*“The Passion Epidemic”*

Passion – is it a goal, by-product, or result of ministry? Pope Paul VI said the world listens to witnesses more than teachers. How fascinating is your Jesus? How passionate is your discipleship? What’s your passion temperature? We’ll discuss passion-robbers and passion-restorers. Warning: Possible side effects of being challenged.

*Since 2003 Mike Patin has worked full time as a speaker and “faith horticulturist,” speaking to youth, adult and family audiences in diocesan, regional, national and international settings. He has worked with teenagers and adults in a variety of settings since 1984, and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.*

## SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



**PEDRO RUBALCAVA, SANTIAGO FERNÁNDEZ AND STELLA GARCIA**

Feel the rhythm! Grammy-nominated artist Pedro Rubalcava and the brilliant Santiago Fernández share the stage with Stella Garcia, showcasing their festive and lively sounds for your enjoyment. Don’t pass up the chance to see the finest Latino composers in praise and worship today!

## SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



**PAUL MELLEY & ODDWALK**

*“Lift Your Gaze... And Lift Your Voices!”*

Three new first-rate composers and performers – Paul Melley and Oddwalk Ministries (Orin Johnson and Shannon Cerneka) – converge on Congress at lunchtime with sounds of Praise and Worship that will help you “see anew”!

## My first experience of Congress...

RE Congress 2007 was awesome. I’ve attended many years of Ministry Day in the Diocese of Stockton, Calif., which is almost the same format. It’s just that the L.A. Congress is so evolved! I came home and told my deacon that we all have to go to the L.A. Congress next year as a parish! My favorite part was the music at the Masses. The themes were fantastic. I attended the Hawaiian, African-American, and the Closing Masses. I was so filled with Holy Spirit that I cried like crazy during the Closing Mass. I also like that we (as Eucharistic Ministers from many different parishes) were allowed to sign up as EMs for the Masses. It was an honor to God! The music was so inspiring that I bought some CDs. I wear the T-shirt all the time, so it stays fresh in my mind throughout the year. I will definitely be back.

– Helen Guzman

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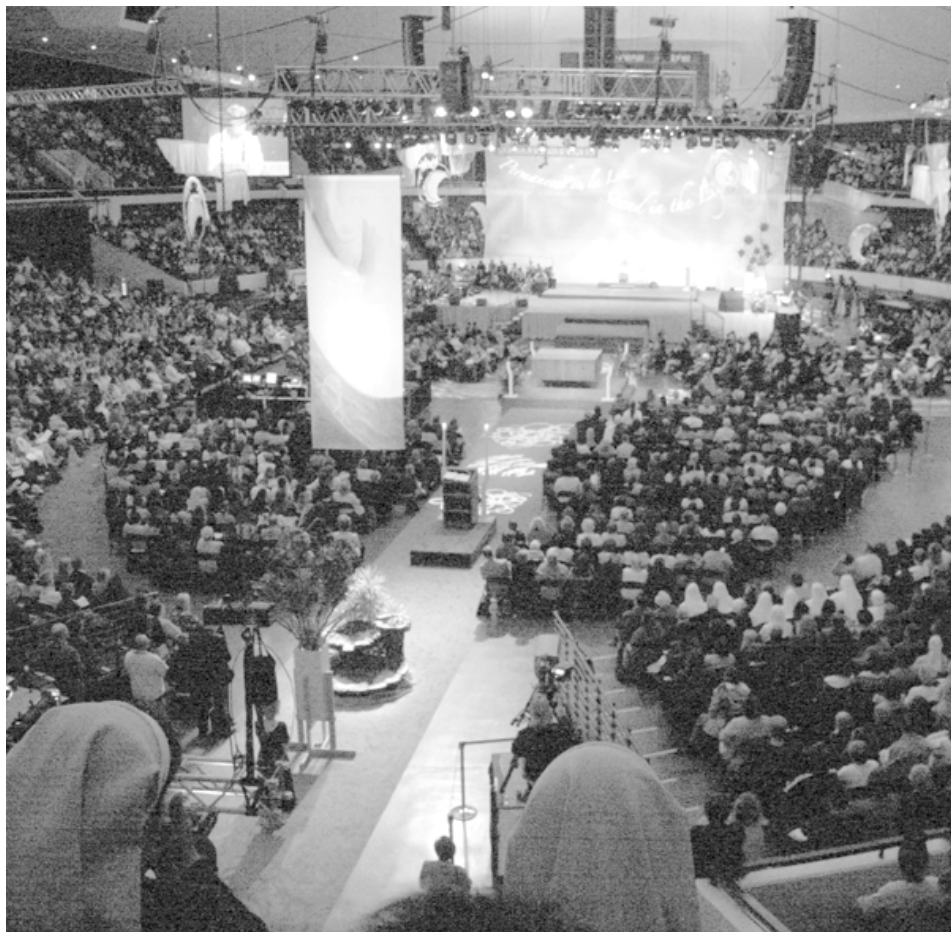
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- 7-02 Liturgical Movement for Children (\*) - **Anderle**
- 7-03 The Eucharist: Source and Summit (\*) - **Barron**
- 7-04 God Loves Me! Calling Children to Faith Through Song (\*) - **Burland**
- 7-05 Cultivating Spiritual Awareness with Young Adolescents (\*) - **Carotta**
- 7-06 The Call of the Catechist (\*) - **Cimino**
- 7-07 The Once and Future Diaconate: A New Vision for a Renewed Church (\*) - **Ditewig**
- 7-08 Holy Week at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels (\*) - **Driscoll**
- 7-09 Helping Kids Develop a Personal Relationship with Jesus (\*) - **Ficocelli**
- 7-10 “A Word in Your Ear”: Hearing the Word and Putting It Into Practice (\*) - **Gittins**
- 7-11 Grace Under Pressure: Living with Hope and Courage (\*) - **Gordon**
- 7-12 To Give You a Future with Hope: The Journey of Prayer & Spirituality for an Intergenerational Church - **Haas**
- 7-13 Inward, Outward, Upward: Henri Nouwen’s Integrated Journey - **Hernandez**
- 7-14 Exciting “New” Gospels? What Catholics Need to Know about the Gospel of Judas and Other Apocryphal Writings (\*) - **Just**
- 7-15 The Catechumenate and Conversion to Mission (\*) - **Kemp**
- 7-16 Leading in a Time of Uncertainty (\*) - **Levo**
- 7-17 Soy Catequista: The Dignity, Vocation and Mission of the Catechist - **Matovina, Imperatori-Lee, Lee & Valenzuela**
- 7-18 Pastoral Care of the Adolescent: A Church and Community Challenge (\*) - **McCarty**
- 7-19 “I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills”: Living a Contemporary Liturgical Spirituality (\*) - **Murray**
- 7-20 Life as Liturgy (Laundry Included) - **Norris**
- 7-21 Liberation for Communion (\*) - **Phelps**
- 7-22 When the Word Lives and Breathes: Reflections on Bibliodrama (\*) - **Riechers**
- 7-23 Interaction in Multicultural Settings (repeat) (\*) - **Schreiter**
- 7-24 Glocal: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally to Stop AIDS (\*) - **Stecker**
- 7-25 Clustering Parishes: Three Scenarios (\*) - **Sweetser & Bishop**
- 7-26 Seven Commitments to Change the World (\*) - **Wallis**
- 7-70 Vietnamese Workshop (\*) - **Chuong**

- 8-01 The Word is Made Flesh – Creatively Breaking Open the Word of God with Children and Youth (\*) - **Brown & Musgrave**
- 8-02 Unchaining Confirmation (\*) - **Carotta**
- 8-03 Prayers/Conversations with Jesus from the Gospels (\*) - **Cronin**
- 8-04 Living Relevance (\*) - **Crosthwaite**
- 8-05 Sent to Lead Afresh (\*) - **East**
- 8-06 Dorothy Day: A Saint for Today (\*) - **Ellsberg**
- 8-07 Created for Communion: Catholic Identity and the Challenge of Inclusion (\*) - **Ferder & Heagle**
- 8-08 The Tough Challenge: When People Mourn a Suicide (\*) - **Gilbert**
- 8-09 To Be God’s Heart on Earth: A Fresh Interpretation of “Devotion to the Sacred Heart” (repeat) - **Hughes**
- 8-10 From Palm Sunday to Easter: Passion/Resurrection Narratives of Matthew and John (\*) - **Jonaitis**
- 8-11 Is Jesus Just Another Super Hero? - **Leonard**
- 8-12 Music and Liturgy – Worship, Proclamation and Charity (\*) - **Manibusan**
- 8-13 Setting Hearts on Fire: Using Music for Evangelization, Mission, Peace and Justice (\*) - **Mangan**

- 8-14 A Pedagogy for the Oppressors: Training Ourselves to Train Our Children in Peace, Justice and Mercy (\*) - **Markey**
- 8-15 Catholic Laughter (\*) - **Martin**
- 8-16 Lifejackets, Parachutes and Armor (\*) - **Nagel**
- 8-17 The Twilight Wisdom of the Heart: The Art of Harvesting Your Inner Light (\*) - **O’Donohue**
- 8-18 Forming a Spiritual Child in a Secular World (\*) - **Paradise**
- 8-19 Discipleship and Mission Among Hispanic Young Adults (\*) - **Rivera**
- 8-20 Shepherds on the Edge (\*) - **Scally**
- 8-21 Content in the Catechumenate (\*) - **Schellman**
- 8-22 The Gospel of John: A Mystic Vision of Wholeness? (\*) - **Shaia**
- 8-23 Why the Old Testament Matters: Amos & Hosea (\*) - **Smith-Christopher**
- 8-24 Pope Benedict XVI’s Vision of the Church (\*) - **Tagle**
- 8-25 Seven Peacemaking Strategies for the Home and Classroom (\*) - **Vogt**
- 8-26 Happy are You? A Catechesis for Joy (\*) - **Wells**
- 8-70 Vietnamese Workshop (\*) - **Phong**

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# LITURGIES & PRAYER SERVICES

## Liturgies at Congress 2008



Back row (from left): Gary Daigle, Sr. Edith Prendergast, John Angotti, Rory Cooney, David Haas, Jesse Manibusan. Front row: Tom Kendzia, Donna Peña, Jaime Cortez, Peter Kolar, John Flaherty

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress continues to grow with each passing year. Last year, over 40,000 delegates attended. It remains the largest annual catechetical and liturgical gathering in the world ... and it happens every year in Anaheim.

Living in the gift, promise and spirit of the Second Vatican Council, our liturgies have also grown as they have embraced a wonderfully diverse church. We have worked diligently to inculcate the liturgy to authentically reflect the church of Los Angeles. Within the Los Angeles Archdiocese, liturgy is celebrated every Sunday in no fewer than 40 different languages.

Over the years, both the Congress choir and band have grown considerably in depth and membership. Today's Congress Band/Orchestra consists of approximately 40 instrumentalists and a choir of over 225 members representing six dioceses. Nearly 275 musicians comprise the Congress Choir that provided the music for the final liturgies at last year's Congress, with thousands in attendance!

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

#### FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
General	Rev. Richard Fragomeni	H. Buscema/E. Archer & St. Monica Youth
Contemplative	Rev. Bryan Massingale	Matthew Baute/Michael John Poirier
Jazz	Rev. R. Tony Ricard	V. Jansen/J. Angotti/M. Augustin
Nigerian	Rev. Ikechukwu Ikeocha	Nigerian Community
Spanish	Bishop Gabino Zavala	Anna Betancourt/Santiago Fernández
Vietnamese	Bishop Dominic Luong Bishop Anton Chuong, homilist	Vietnamese Community

#### FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICES (5:15 & 9:30 pm)

Vespers (Latin for "evening") is our evening prayer service. At the end of our day, come share in a prayer of peace.

Vespers (5:15 pm)	Yolanda Brown	Bob Hurd/Tom Booth
Peace Prayer (9:30 pm)	Michelle Youssef	Tony Alonso/Marty Haugen

### SATURDAY - MARCH 1

#### SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE (8:00 am)

Morning Praise	Juliette Marsh-Williams	Nellie Cruz/D. Peña/R. Cheri/C. Petty
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#### SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

General	Rev. Robert Scholla	Chris de Silva/Gary Daigle/Paul Melley
Black Culture	Rev. J-Glenn Murray	Eddie Hilley
Celtic	Rev. Brendan McGuire	Liam Lawton/Theresa Donohoo
Spanish	TBA	R. Moreno/J. Rivera/P. Rubalcava
Young Adult	Rev. Joe Kempf	Matt Maher/Josh Blakesley

#### SATURDAY PRAYER SERVICES (5:15 & 9:30 pm)

In addition to vespers, we also offer a lamentation service: those who experience suffering, illness, violence, loss and rejection – through the proclamation of Word, story, music and movement, we will raise the cries of lamentation to our Healer God.

Vespers (5:15 pm)	Douglas Leal	Carol Browning
Lamentation (9:30 pm)	Rev. Jim Clarke	Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

### SUNDAY - MARCH 2

Morning Liturgy	Bishop Tod Brown	Congress Choir 2008	8:00 am
Closing Liturgy	Cardinal Roger Mahony	Congress Choir 2008	3:30 pm

## Young Adults Celebrate Congress 2008

*Young Adults are singles and couples who are in their late-teens, 20s and 30s.*

The Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod calls us to build solid Young Adult Ministries in our parishes, our pastoral regions and our Archdiocese. The Religious Education Congress offers numerous opportunities for young adults to be engaged and empowered in vibrant ministry. This weekend is a chance for young adults to be renewed and energized in their spiritual life and in their commitment to our church.

We invite young adults, in a special way, to come share in the prayer, music, networking and joy of Congress. There are a variety of experiences geared specifically for young adults.

### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

*Young Adult Liturgy, Saturday, March 1 at 5:15 pm*

Fr. Joe Kempf will preside over our Young Adult Liturgy with music led by Matt Maher and Josh Blakesley. Come join in this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.

### WELCOME DANCE AND SOCIAL

*Saturday, March 1 from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am*

The annual Young Adult Dance and Social will take place at the Marriott Hotel. After a full day of Congress workshops, networking and celebrating liturgy, continue dancing into the night with new and old friends! The cost is only \$5 per person. All young adults are invited to share in this wonderful Congress event.

### YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

The following workshop sessions address the psychological and spiritual formation of young adults. We encourage young adults and those who serve young adults to consider the following workshops. We strongly encourage you to also review this Registration Guidebook for topics that meet your needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

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Events for  
Young Adults



Assemblies



# ASIAN-PACIFIC EVENTS

## Cultural Events at Congress 2008

### VIETNAMESE WORKSHOPS

#### Friday, February 29

- 1-70 Sr. Theresa Phan
- 2-70 Dr. Van Pham
- 3-70 Rev. Peter Ngo

#### Saturday, March 1

- 4-70 Sr. Theresa Phan
- 5-70 Dr. Van Pham
- 6-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong

#### Sunday, March 2

- 7-70 Bishop Anton Chuong
- 8-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong

### ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

#### Friday, February 29

- 2-14 Jesse Manibusan

#### Saturday, March 1

- 4-28 Bishop Luis Tagle
- 6-26 Rev. Robert Schreiter

#### Sunday, March 2

- 7-13 Dr. Wil Hernandez
- 7-23 Rev. Robert Schreiter
- 8-12 Jesse Manibusan
- 8-24 Bishop Luis Tagle

### ASIAN PERSPECTIVE EVENT

#### Friday, February 29, 5:15 pm

LITURGY: Vietnamese Language  
Bishop Dominic Luong, presider  
Bishop Anton Chuong, homilist

## Rejoicing in the Asian and Pacific Presence

Asian and Pacific communities rejoice that they are called to the house of the Lord. As the bishops of the church in the United States, we rejoice in their presence. Blessed be God for the peoples of Asia, so rich in their diversity yet one in their yearning for peace and fullness of life.

By being authentically Christian and truly Asian in the footsteps of Christ, they have brought to us a more profound understanding of what it means to be truly Catholic. They have taught the church in the United States the meaning of harmony; the necessity of dialogue with their cultures, with other religions, and with the poor; a renewed sense of family loyalty; the unity between diverse cultures and diverse Catholic church communities; and the closeness of all God's creation.

As bishops of the church, we acknowledge the contributions of all Asian and Pacific persons, especially their many creative initiatives that assist our ministries in our dioceses and parishes.

— Asian and Pacific Presence, Harmony in Faith  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2001

# MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday  
Convention Center, 2nd Floor  
Prefunction Lobby

The Multicultural Exhibits are presented by the many ethnic groups in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. This is a collaborative work of the Archdiocesan Offices of Religious Education and Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry.





Congress 2008 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry and areas of interest, has been compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

Check our [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) website for updates as well as other category listings of speakers by topic. **Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.**

### Adult Catechesis

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### Asian-Pacific Perspective

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### Catechesis

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### Christian Initiation

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### Detention Ministry

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### Early Adolescent

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### Early Childhood

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### Ecclesiology /Church

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### Evangelization

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### Family/Parenting

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### Human Sexuality

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### Human Growth & Development

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### Junior High

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### Justice & Peace

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### Media

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### Morality

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### Scripture

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### Spirituality

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### Stewardship

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### Teachers

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### Theology

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### Ministry

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Workshops

## 1-01 A GOOD CONSCIENCE: WHAT IS IT AND HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE ONE? ☪

This workshop will discuss two main topics: We will examine the church's understanding of what "conscience" is; and then we will examine ways that ensure a conscience is well formed.



**Richard Benson, CM**

Since 1993 Fr. Richard Benson has served full time at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., where he is currently Academic Dean and Chair of the Moral Theology Department. The Vincentian priest is a member of the Congregation of the Mission, Province of the West, and teaches fundamental moral theology, Catholic social teaching (social justice) and Catholic bioethics. He speaks on moral topics to groups throughout California.

## 1-02 HOLY GROUND – REVERENCING THE SACRED WITHIN US ☪

Through the integration of music, Scripture storytelling, imagery and ritual, participants will be guided and supported in reflecting upon their journey, drawing them into a deeper appreciation of their own being as the holy ground in which the Sacred is most beautifully at home.



**Monica Brown**

Monica Brown, from Sydney, Australia, is Director of Emmaus Ministries International. The internationally acclaimed Christian composer and workshop facilitator makes frequent visits to the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland as well as Australia. Brown has composed and recorded 16 collections of songs for children, youth and adults, and has written and produced videos and other resources in the areas of liturgy and ritual.



**Hilary Musgrave, RSC**

Hilary Musgrave, a Religious Sister of Charity from Dublin, Ireland, is Director of the Croí-Ruah, Creative Spirituality Centre in Dublin. She formerly worked as a teacher, principal and Religious Education Advisor in the Dublin Diocese. Sr. Musgrave works throughout Ireland and many other parts of the world in the area of spirituality through facilitation, storytelling and sacred clowning.

## 1-03 KEEPING THE FAITH ☪

This presentation will explore what we know about how young people learn, and what kinds of experiences we need to provide so that, after they have completed their Catholic school or parish religious education program, they will take away the permanent impressions of what it is to "keep the faith."



**Carol Cimino, SSJ, EdD**

Sr. Carol Cimino, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Rochester, N.Y., has been professionally involved since 1965 at all levels of Catholic education as a teacher, catechist, administrator and development director. She was the Executive Director of the Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State for 16 years, and since 2003 has served as a National Reunion Consultant for the William H. Sadlier.

## 1-04 SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL IN A POLARIZED CHURCH

The Catholic "cultural wars" between conservatives and progressives have discouraged and disillusioned countless members of the church. In this workshop, Donald Cozzens first examines the fears and anxieties at the center of the present polarization and then offers practical steps to achieve the adult, Gospel-based discipleship that is vital to authentic spirituality and to the church's future and mission. (This will be repeated in Session 5-06.)



**Rev. Donald Cozzens**

Fr. Donald Cozzens is an internationally acclaimed author and speaker. His experiences as Vicar for Priests and Rector of Saint Mary Seminary in Cleveland led to his award-winning and best-selling book, "The Changing Face of the Priesthood." He currently is Writer in Residence at Cleveland's John Carroll University.

## 1-05 THE HEAVEN BEFORE US ☪

Scripture points to Here. This. Now. To heaven as a new way of seeing. But we've taken the story of "heaven" in a different direction and made that direction our truth. What would it mean to see the heaven before us? And what would change if we could?



**Paula D'Arcy**

Paula D'Arcy is a writer, retreat leader and speaker. A former psychotherapist, she survived a drunk driving accident in 1975 that took the lives of her daughter and husband. She is author of several books, including the Lenten/Advent guides, "Daybreaks." In 2007 D'Arcy sponsored WomenSpeak, an international gathering of women to help effect worldwide change.

## 1-06 RAISING CHASTE TEENS

How is a parent to compete with MTV, Abercrombie and Fitch, Internet porn and all the other influences that allure teenagers away from a pure life? In this seminar Jason Evert offers communication techniques, resources, statistics and a wealth of information to assist parents in their task as the primary sex educators of their children.



**Jason Evert**

Jason Evert is a full-time apologist with Catholic Answers, the nation's largest lay-run apostolate for apologetics and evangelization. He speaks at seminars, participates in debates and responds to thousands of questions about Catholicism from people around the world. Evert is author of "Theology of the Body for Teens," "Pure Faith" and "Pure Manhood." Jason and his wife Crystalina often travel together sharing their testimonies on the virtue of chastity.

**1-07 A SPIRITUALITY OF COMMUNICATING “WHO I AM”**

Who am I today? Am I used to asking that question of myself? Am I able to know “who I am today,” and am I able to share that daily with those people whom I live with, those people whom I care about, and those who care about me? Does God have anything to do with this? Can I share “who I am” with God? Does God have any interest in these questions? All of this is real food for our daily living. Fr. Bob Fabing will explore a way of praying about these questions. He will use music from his new CD, “Let Me Follow,” to bring to light these themes.

**Bob Fabing, SJ**

*Fr. Bob Fabing has founded 61 marriage counseling, family and individual therapy centers called “The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network,” with locations in the United States, Europe, Africa, Asia and Central America. He is also*

*Director of the 36-Day Program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat House in Los Altos, Calif., where he lives. Fr. Fabing is also author of five books and composer of nine compilation of liturgical music.*

**1-08 BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER: A MYSTAGOGICAL REFLECTION**

This presentation weaves together music, liturgical texts and poetic reflections on the Eucharistic Liturgy’s preparation of the gifts. While a transitional moment between Word and the Table, the preparation rites are both the culmination of all that went before and the foundation on which the Eucharistic Liturgy may soar. In particular, they chart a necessary journey from petition to praise, from consumerism to stewardship, from fear to freedom, and finally from generosity to justice. We will plumb the depths of these rites in mystagogical mode, as a model for reflecting on the whole of the Eucharistic Liturgy.

**Edward Foley**

*Capuchin Edward Foley is Professor of Liturgy and Music and founding Director of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. With 18 books and over 300*

*pastoral and scholarly articles to his credit, he is a widely sought-after lecturer on liturgy. He has 25 years of teaching at the graduate level, over 1,000 presentations in more than 50 diocese around the world and in 30 pastoral and academic institutions.*

**1-09 NUCLEAR FISSION: THE EUCHARISTIC THEOLOGY OF BENEDICT XVI**

This workshop will assist participants in understanding the Eucharistic Mystery by taking a look at the post-synodal exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI. The document, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, published in February 2007, is full of rich insights into the mysteries we celebrate and the mysteries we are called to be as disciples of Christ. Wondering how the Eucharist is like nuclear fission? Attend this workshop and find out ... and much more.

**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

*Since 1990, Fr. Richard Fragomeni has taught at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he now is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship. He has been active in parish renewals and diocesan workshops and has been keynote speaker or presenter at many national events. Fr. Fragomeni is author of numerous articles that have appeared in a variety of publications.*

**1-10 SEX IN THE GARDEN: REFLECTIONS ON THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VISION OF SEXUALITY**

Catholic Christianity has been famously ambiguous in its treatment of sexuality. There are certainly strands in our tradition that have viewed sex and sexual pleasure with profound suspicion. Yet there have been other voices, often not as well heard, who have offered a surprisingly positive, even liberating view of Christian sexuality. In this workshop we will explore the various strands from our tradition and then offer a positive and compelling Catholic Christian vision of sexual relationship.

**Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD**

*Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Thomas and Margaret Murray/James J. Bacik (pronounced “basic”) Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo, Ohio. He has published numerous articles and has authored seven books. A frequent conference speaker, Dr. Gaillardetz has served on the U.S. Methodist-Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue and is currently on the Board of Directors for the Catholic Theological Society of America.*

**My first experience of Congress...**

As I prepared for my first L.A. Congress, I was not sure what to expect. I was extremely excited to be attending one of the biggest Catholic events in the United States, yet unsure of what the “biggest” meant. I soon found out that over 40,000 colleagues were in attendance. I am still in awe of the speakers who enlightened and refreshed my ministry for another year. This was without a doubt the “cream of the crop” of conferences and I am very pleased to have attended. I applaud the organizers; what a wonderful job they have done. I also commend the organizers of the Closing Mass. It was simply “divine” and the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament was the smoothest experience I have ever been a part of in my life! Well done!

– Marcy Fessler

## 1-11 CAUSING BIBLICAL “HEARTBURN”: CREATING AND LEADING EFFECTIVE SCRIPTURE STUDIES

It’s a typical Tuesday afternoon and in a few hours hungry adults or starving teens will file into a room at the parish, Bibles in hand, searching for truth. You rush to your bookshelf, grab the Bible and a concordance and pray that God will quickly bless you with the exact passage you need to salvage the night. Any of this sound familiar? Leading a Scripture study does not have to be as difficult as we make it. If the idea of leading a Bible Study leaves you with “heartburn,” come and allow God’s Word to burn in your own heart, once again, while learning practical tools and resources that are sure to make even the novice Bible Study leaders live much easier.



**Mark Hart**

Known as the “Bible Geek,” Mark Hart serves as Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. He is a popular speaker, award-winning author and weekly regular on Catholic radio programs. His book, “Blessed are the Bored in Spirit,” is on the Catholic best-seller list. Hart has created an interactive DVD Bible Study series, “T3,” and records a weekly Life Teen podcast.

## 1-12 THE SACRED PRESENT: FINDING, LOVING, LIVING

In our rush to avoid the mundane, we miss the miracles in the ordinary. In our eagerness to please and join the crowd, we trade the life we have for the life we think we should have. This workshop is about the permission to see anew, and to hear, to touch, to smell and to taste life. However, we live in a world out of breath and out of time. We over-accumulate, leaving us overindulged, overextended, over-committed and over-medicated. What is the alternative? Terry Hershey invites us to see anew each experience – regardless of how mundane or spiritual – as a container of divine presence. We are invited to live in the reality that there are no unsacred moments.



**Terry Hershey**

Terry Hershey is a Protestant minister and a landscape designer on Washington’s Vashon Island, near Seattle. He lives, writes and teaches the subject of his eighth book, “Sacred Necessities: Gifts for Living with Passion, Purpose and Grace.” Hershey, as founder of “A Few Things That Matter” Seminars and as a national speaker, has presented throughout the country on the topics of relationships, spirituality ... and gardening.

## 1-13 HEALING A DIVIDED WORLD

How can estranged groups live together in justice? This is one of the most pressing challenges facing us today. This session looks at the contribution of Christian faith in creating more just communities marked by Christ’s compassion for the least among us.



**Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD**

A priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, Fr. Bryan Massingale is a Professor of Moral Theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee. He is a frequent presenter at conferences throughout the country on social justice and Catholic social teaching.

## 1-14 HOW TO BECOME A GREAT PARISH!

The church is filled with “good” parishes: Liturgies are planned. Some of the people take an active role in parish leadership and ministry. The collections pay the bills (for the most part). People can get their children baptized without too much hassle. Second-graders receive their First Communion. Lent comes and Easter follows, and sometime around Pentecost things slow down for summer. It’s a “good” parish. But can we really afford to be only good? This workshop explores what constitutes a truly great parish and how to become one.



**Bill Huebsch**

Bill Huebsch, based in Minnesota, is a pastoral planner and catechetical leader. He serves as a university teacher, an advisor to Catholic publishers, and a coach for parish leaders. Also an author, Huebsch’s most recent work is “Dreams and Visions: Pastoral Planning for Lifelong Faith Formation.”

## 1-15 THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS, ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

This year, the entire Passion narrative from Matthew’s Gospel will be proclaimed on Palm Sunday, while the Easter Vigil will include Matthew’s account of the Resurrection (since 2008 uses Cycle A of the Lectionary). This talk will explore how Matthew’s version of Jesus’ death and Resurrection differs from the other Gospels, and how the Matthean themes and emphases can deepen our understanding of these central mysteries of our Catholic Christian faith.



**Felix Just, SJ, PhD**

Fr. Felix Just (pronounced yoost) has taught at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, the University of San Francisco, and at Santa Clara University. He is currently Associate Director of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif., and regularly offers courses through LMU Extension and Mount St. Mary’s “Ecclesia” Program. He also maintains a large, internationally recognized website: [www.catholic-resources.org](http://www.catholic-resources.org).

## 1-16 THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING: CREATIVE STRATEGIES FOR CELEBRATING OCCASIONS AND SEASONS

Baptism, Lent, Mother’s Day, Halloween, Christmas and all seasons and special occasions provide a unique opportunity for each of us in religious education. In this presentation, Fr. Joe Kempf (and his blue, furry helper, “Big Al”) will demonstrate a few principals – and some wonderful ideas – for utilizing seasons and special occasions to deepen all that is good in those we serve.



**Fr. Joe Kempf**

Winner of the “Great Preacher Award” from the Aquinas Institute of Theology, Fr. Joe Kempf is Pastor of Assumption Parish in O’Fallon, Mo., and author of the book “No One Cries the Wrong Way.” Fr. Kempf is perhaps best-known for his video works. He recently completed a series of DVDs for children called “Big Al LIVE.” The former Associate Pastor, who served in various roles at several parishes, has spoken at numerous religious education gatherings around the United States and in Canada.

**1-17 MOSES IN PHARAOH'S HOUSE: A LIBERATION THEOLOGY FOR THOSE OF US IN THE "FIRST WORLD"** 🗨️

Throughout the "Third World" many liberation theologies have emerged focused on breaking the cycle of poverty, political oppression, violence and chaos that characterize life for the materially poor. But what about those of us who live in the so-called "First World," who are not materially poor at all? What does the Gospel need to "liberate" us from? John Markey proposes that those of us in the "First World" need a theology of conversion to free us from the moral blindness and ethical irresponsibility that material wealth enables. A true Christian conversion frees us to enter into genuine solidarity with the poor, thereby bringing redemption to both "worlds."

**John J. Markey, PhD**

*Dr. John Markey has taught theology and philosophy for the last 10 years at both the graduate and undergraduate level. He is now dedicating his life to the cause of peace education, conflict resolution and violence prevention through the Peace Education Foundation, based in Miami, Fla., where he serves as Vice President and Director of Development.*

**1-18 JESUS A TO Z: ART AS CATECHESIS** 🗨️

When art is involved, catechesis can be a delightful experience for children and teachers alike. Drawing largely on the paintings and stories from his most recent book, a fun collection of catechetical ABCs, Bro. Mickey McGrath will show how the stories and symbols of Jesus and the Sacraments can be made relevant to kids' lives in ways that are creative, memorable and fun.

**Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS**

*Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is a nationally recognized artist, speaker and leader of retreats and workshops. He has been a teacher and Director at the Grunewald Guild in Leavenworth, Wash., and has spoken at conferences of Catholic religious educators around the country. Bro. McGrath is presently Artist-in-Residence at Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C.*

**1-19 LEADERSHIP: SACRAMENTAL AND CHARISMATIC** 🗨️

Leadership in today's church has become a major issue. Lay people in ministry, women in ministry, cultural leaders in ministry and deacons in ministry have created new boundaries and areas of authority. The church's sacramental life both helps and hinders our present church structures. How can a religious educator present both sacramental theology and practice on the one hand, and on the other be open to changes in church leadership?

**Kenan B. Osborne, OFM**

*Fr. Kenan Osborne, a Franciscan theologian, is entering his 40th year at the Franciscan School of Theology/Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. He has written numerous books on church ministry and Sacraments. Fr. Osborne is a past President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and recipient of its John Courtney Murray Award.*

**My first experience of Congress...**

Attending RE Congress was a very uplifting experience that afforded me the opportunity to see our church in a much broader scope. So many wonderful seminars/speakers and exhibits that one could really get into. I specifically enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people. From Fr. J-Glenn Murray's seminar, I really got it that we are to be active participants in Mass on Sunday. Fr. Tony Ricard was indeed an inspiration. Yes, I still believe! The African-American Liturgy surely lit a fire in my heart. It's a joy to see "my" black Catholics praising the Lord with their whole soul and body. I almost could not believe the order in which the Mass was held in the Arena – Holy Communion to 8,000-plus people? Wow! Our church is one of joy!

I left the convention truly re-energized and on fire to be a better Christian and to serve. Yes, I plan to attend 2008 and invite my niece from Colorado. She is very active in her church there, but says she has never heard of the RE Congress.

– Juniel Butler, California

**1-20 THE EVANGELIZING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MISSION OF THE CHURCH** 🗨️

This workshop will discuss the mission of the church as a continuance of Jesus' mission by reviewing some of the major church documents on evangelization, social and economic justice, racism and women. Participants will be led in a reflection-discussion on how their current ministry reflects aspects of Jesus' ministries of prophetic teaching, healing and the exorcism of demons.

**Sr. Jamie T. Phelps, OP, PhD**

*Sr. Jamie Phelps, a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian, Mich., is currently the Katharine Drexel Professor of Systematic Theology and Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in Louisiana. Since 1961 she has served as an educator, social worker, pastoral minister, consultant, lecturer, liturgist, spiritual director, preacher, retreat director, administrator, scholar, theologian and author. She has published over 50 articles in the field of theology and edited two books.*

**1-21 "BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW": THE GOSPELS AS TOOLS OF "SEEING ANEW"** 🗨️

In the Gospels there are five contrasting images of consciousness change: from asleep to awake; from blind to seeing; from deaf to hearing; from lost to found; and from dead to risen. But what do these images mean? What is the awareness they are encouraging us to make our own? How are they trying to make all things new without making any new things?

**John Shea**

*Author, theologian and storyteller, John (Jack) Shea is Director of Program and Process Development at the Sacramento-based Ministry Leadership Center, established by five health-care systems to ensure that Catholic values would be part of management's decision-making process. He has published 19 books of theology and spirituality and two books of poetry. Shea lectures nationally and internationally on storytelling in world religions, faith-based health care, contemporary spirituality, and the spirit at work movement.*

## 1-22 HIV & AIDS: AGE OF UNPRECEDENTED FUNDING FOR GLOBAL RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC 🗣️

Billions of dollars have been committed and spent through the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (\$15 billion from 2003-08); the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (\$8.4 billion since 2003); and the World Bank’s Multi-Country AIDS Program (\$1.3 billion since 2000). What impact has this unprecedented funding had on the global HIV pandemic? What is the ongoing role of the church in response to the global pandemic where 39.5 million people worldwide are living with HIV, 4.3 million new infections are reported annually, and 3 million people die from AIDS each year? Are we doing enough? Can we do more?



**Carl C. Stecker**

*Dr. Carl Stecker has nearly 30 years of international health experience in Africa and over 20 years of experience in international HIV and AIDS. Based in Baltimore with Catholic Relief Services since 2002, Stecker is a Senior Technical Advisor for HIV and AIDS helping to provide technical assistance to the agency’s 250-plus HIV projects in 52 countries. The bulk of his time is spent on policy, advocacy and resource development for faith-based organizations working in HIV and AIDS.*

## 1-23 THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT’S NOT 🗣️

The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the initiation rites of the Catholic Church, but people hear different explanations of its meaning. Learn about the history and theology of Confirmation. Hear practical advice for what to include and what to avoid in Confirmation catechesis.



**Paul Turner**

*Paul Turner, a priest of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., is Pastor of St. Munchin Church and St. Aloysius Church in northwest Missouri. He is a volunteer at Western Missouri Corrections Center, and he writes “Bulletin Inserts” for Ministry and Liturgy magazine. Fr. Turner has served as President of the North American Academy of Liturgy, and is a facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy.*

## 1-24 ADULT FAITH FORMATION: IF IT IS BROKE, LET’S FIX IT 🗣️

At a previous Religious Education Congress, Tom Zanzig challenged those in adult faith formation to change their focus from “adult education courses” to “modified spiritual direction.” In this presentation, he summarizes his theory of adult faith formation and offers concrete strategies for making that vision real in the parish setting.



**Tom Zanzig**

*After devoting over 25 years to the development of youth ministry and adolescent religious education materials, Tom Zanzig now represents RCL-Benziger as their National Consultant for Adult Faith Formation. Also a freelance writer, trainer and retreat director, Zanzig travels worldwide speaking in the areas of adult faith formation and spirituality. He recently founded his own consulting and publishing company, Zanzig & Associates.*

## 1-25 “NO”: WHY KIDS OF ALL AGES NEED IT AND WAYS PARENTS CAN SAY IT

Self-discipline is twice as strong a predictor of school and career success as intelligence. And it’s eroding in our kids. “No” is not just a one word answer; it’s a parenting strategy. By saying *no* when they need to, parents help their children learn skills of self-discipline including self-reliance, respect, integrity, the ability to delay gratification, and a host of other crucial character traits. Although the importance of *no* should be obvious, too many children are not learning it because of powerful cultural messages that scream “more, fast, easy and fun.”



**David Walsh, PhD**

*Dr. David Walsh, a highly sought-after speaker in America, is founder and President of the National Institute on Media and the Family, based in Minneapolis. An award-winning psychologist, Dr. Walsh has taught seminary students for over 20 years. His numerous articles have appeared in both professional and general publications, and he is a frequent guest on national media. He has written nine books including his recent best-seller, “No. Why Kids of All Ages Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It.”*

## 1-70 “Người phạm chỉ thấy điều mắt thấy, còn Đức Chúa thì thấy tận đáy lòng” 🗣️

Buổi hội thảo sẽ dựa vào những giáo huấn của Chúa Kitô để thảo luận về những phương thế cụ thể giúp chúng ta nhìn những sự kiện trong cuộc đời với con mắt của Thiên Chúa, hầu tăng trưởng tình liên đới với nhau và xây dựng một gia đình/cộng đoàn Kitô trong tin yêu, thông cảm và hiệp nhất.



**Nữ tu Phan Thanh Thủy**

*Nữ tu Theresa Phan Thanh Thủy thuộc Hội Dòng Mến Thánh Giá Los Angeles, gốc Phát Diệm, một Hội Dòng nữ do Đức Cha người Pháp Lambert de la Motte thành lập tại Việt Nam năm 1670. Sơ đã từng phục vụ trong chức vụ Giám Đốc Tập Viện, hiện nay, Sơ là thành viên trong ban điều hành của Hội Dòng và giữ chức vụ Giám Đốc Mục Vụ Á Châu Thái-Bình-Dương tại giáo phận San Bernadino, Calif.*



**2-01 THE JOURNEY OF MINISTRY: EXPLORING THE SIX TASKS OF CATECHESIS** 🕊

Catechesis is a “handing on of the faith.” Handing on the faith should begin in love and proceed from love, so that in love we have no other choice but to hand on the faith. In this unique and engaging session, Mark Friedman and Donna Anderle explore our role as catechists and ministers through music, storytelling and prayer woven in and out of the six tasks of catechesis, helping us to work, walk and talk hand in hand and face to face with the person of Jesus in a more intimate way.

**Donna Anderle**

*An accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer, Donna Anderle has performed movement for prayer and celebration at major liturgical conventions across the country. She has four books of choreography and a CD-ROM on liturgical dance. She gives workshops, concerts and keynote presentations, often partnering with composers Mark Friedman and Janet Vogt. Anderle is on the teaching faculty of The Cincinnati Ballet Company and is involved in various outreach dance programs for Cincinnati inner-city schools.*

**Mark Friedman**

*Mark Friedman is a liturgist, cantor, music director and religious educator. He has been active in religious education, teaching in Catholic schools for more than 20 years, and has presented workshops, concerts and keynote presentations at major gatherings around the country. The published composer serves on the Music Education Board for the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and is currently a music minister and liturgist at St. John Fisher Parish in Cincinnati.*

**2-02 DISCOVER AND LIVE YOUR STRENGTHS** 🕊

Learn how to set your community on fire by helping parishioners identify and develop their God-given talents. StrengthsFinder, a process originally developed by The Gallup Organization for teachers, counselors and those in corporate leadership, can now be of benefit to your parishioners as they discover how uniquely they are created, and how they can apply their gifts in service within your parish and beyond it.

**Leisa Anslinger**

*Leisa Anslinger is Pastoral Associate for Evangelization, Catechesis and Stewardship at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Parish in Cincinnati. She contributes regularly to ministerial publications, and has written a new book, “Forming Generous Hearts,” co-authored with Vikki Shepp. Anslinger has presented workshops, in-services and retreats in 45 dioceses in the last four years on topics of catechesis, pastoral leadership and stewardship.*

**Rev. Jan Kevin Schmidt**

*Fr. Jan Schmidt is a priest of the Cincinnati Archdiocese, where he serves as Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Ordained in 1990, Fr. Schmidt has served as chaplain, faculty member and interim President of Archbishop McNicholas High School in Cincinnati. He has presented workshops at local and national gatherings on topics including stewardship, pastoral planning and catechesis.*

**2-03 CREATING AN INTIMATE MARRIAGE** 🕊

Jim Burns is first to tell you that an intimate marriage does not come easy. But it is very possible to refresh and improve your marriage. In this session, you will learn to set the mood, tone and atmosphere in your relationship, make your marriage your top priority, learn that your circumstances might not always be able to change but your attitude can change and that makes all the difference. Jim will speak frankly about romance and intimacy, communication and conflict, friendship and fun, and growing toward spiritual intimacy with your spouse. You will receive practical help and be encouraged with an exciting strategy of having a healthy marriage.

**Jim Burns**

*Dr. Jim Burns is President of HomeWord and host of their 30-minute daily radio broadcast, 30-minute weekly broadcast, and the one-minute daily broadcast, reaching over 1 million people through his radio ministry to families. Burns is a three-time Gold Medallion Award-winning author and has written books for parents, youth workers and students. His resources include “Confident Parenting” and “Creating an Intimate Marriage.”*

**2-04 ENRICHING CHILDREN’S CATECHESIS THROUGH MUSIC AND MOVEMENT** 🕊

Ever noticed that children respond with added enthusiasm whenever music and movement are incorporated into religious education? Are you looking for creative, practical and energizing activities that nurture knowledge and faith formation? Then this is the workshop for you! We will explore a variety of songs and activities suitable for children at the elementary level. Areas such as Scripture, doctrine, church seasons, Mary and Sacraments will be addressed during this session. Come ready to sing, move and celebrate!

**John Burland**

*John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults. He is the Project Officer-Liturgy/Music for the Catholic Education Office in Sydney, Australia, where he conducts workshops, celebrations and reflection days for children, families and teachers. Burland has worked for over 20 years in school and parish communities. He is a regular speaker at conventions and gatherings across Australia and the United States.*

**2-05 PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE**

This workshop will deal with one of the most controversial moral issues of our time. The presentation will include the meaning of physician-assisted suicide, the distinction between allowing one to die and killing, autonomy, pain and suffering, and physician-assisted suicide and the elderly.

**Gerald D. Coleman, SS**

*Fr. Gerald Coleman is Vice-President for Corporate Ethics for the Daughters of Charity Health System, based in Northern California. He has published widely on moral topics of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. He is presently completing a book on contemporary moral questions facing the church.*

## 2-06 THE CHALLENGE OF ST. FRANCIS: 1209-2009 ☪

The Franciscan Order began 800 years ago, in 1209, with the founding of The Order of Friars Minor. As St. Francis says: “The Lord gave me brothers.” Come explore with Franciscan Fr. Kevin Cronin the enduring life, words, spirit and challenge of St. Francis of Assisi, who continues to attract followers all around the world after these 800 years. “Lord, what do you want me to do?” There are more Franciscan friars, sisters and lay followers than any other order in the Catholic Church. What is it about this little poor man and his message that continues to attract and challenge?



**Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM**

*Fr. Kevin Cronin is a preacher with the Franciscan Ministry of the Word Team of the Holy Name Province. The native New Yorker has pastoral and preaching experience at various conferences, adult education and faith-formation programs across the East Coast. Fr. Cronin has served as a parish priest and vocation director, and is founder of Young Adult Catholic in Boston. He is also editor of “A Friar’s Joy: Magic Moments from Real Life.”*

## 2-07 A WAY OF POWER MODELED ON GOD’S POWER ☪

Everything in the universe is relational, involving power or energy. This holds especially true for our own relationships. When we influence people for good we empower and energize them; when we become negative forces in our families, groups and organizations, we dis-empower and de-energize others. Michael Crosby will suggest that when we “lift our gaze” and “see anew” Jesus’ notion of the Reign (power or energy) of God, we are invited to a new way of relating at all levels of life: the way of compassion.



**Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap**

*Capuchin Franciscan Michael Crosby lives in a downtown Milwaukee parish that serves the poor. He has been a leader in the ministry of socially responsible investing, advising Catholic investors on how they can bring their moral principles into the marketplace. The majority of his time is writing and lecturing on contemporary biblical spirituality. His latest works are “Finding Francis, Following Christ” and “The Paradox of Power: From Control to Compassion in a World of Violence,” due out in 2008.*

### My first experience of Congress...

Last March 2007 was my first time to attend the Religious Education Congress, since I am new here in the United States. I was amazed with the huge number of participants and I even told my co-sisters that my vocation became alive again with all the sessions that I had chosen to attend. Great speakers and a well-organized program. Our community will surely attend next year’s Congress for they go yearly and I am looking forward for that big event.

– Sr. Delia Obenza, O.P.

## 2-08 AN ADULT APPRECIATION OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF CHRIST ☪

Holy Week and Easter are upon us very soon this year. This workshop will walk us through an adult appreciation of the Scripture texts that are a part of our Holy Week. This material will be very valuable for parish-wide catechesis as well as personal spiritual formation. We will see old things anew.



**Rev. John C. Cusick**

*Fr. John Cusick is Director of Young Adult Ministry for the Chicago Archdiocese. His office and residence are at Old St. Patrick’s Church in downtown Chicago. His full-time ministry is with those in their 20s and 30s, and he speaks nationally on young adult issues. His work and thoughts on young adults was highlighted in the October 2006 issue of U.S. Catholic. Also, Fr. Cusick does extensive speaking and preaching at parish missions several times a year throughout the United States and in parts of Europe.*

## 2-09 FIRE ‘EM UP FOR JESUS!

Have you ever wondered how you might more effectively get others excited about their faith and following Jesus? In this energetic workshop we will look at the heart of religious education and explore five secrets that will be sure to set your ministry on fire. Whether you are a Catholic schoolteacher or a parish catechist, and whether you work with children, youth or adults, don’t miss this one!



**Steven Ellair**

*Steven Ellair has been involved in catechetical ministry for over 18 years. A former parish catechist, youth minister and Catholic schoolteacher, he served as the Consultant for Elementary Catechesis in the Los Angeles Archdiocese for over eight years. Ellair is currently a Senior Editor with RCL Benziger and continues speaking and writing nationally on issues related to catechesis.*

## 2-10 REVISITING OUR STORY: CLAIMING OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE ☪

For many of us, the “well” has run dry and we are longing for a deep encounter with the faith of our tradition. Our time together will allow for this opportunity. We will revisit the charter moments of our faith, opened up in our ancient stories and thoughtfully, in the context of today (what we know now and out of the worldview that presents itself to us today), question into them for their power and relevance. Our hope is to reconnect with the energy and with the dream, to re-envision and recommit ourselves.



**Barbara Fiand, SND de N**

*Barbara Fiand, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, is Professor of Spirituality at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University in Chicago. She lectures, teaches and gives retreats throughout the United States, Canada and abroad on issues related to holistic spirituality, prayer, religious life and the psychology and spirituality of human maturation. She is the author of eight books and a variety of articles as well as cassette tapes.*



**2-11 OUR LIFE IN WORSHIP/OUR LIFE IN THE WORLD**

This workshop will explore the deep connections between the Eucharist and how Christians have lived in the world since the time of Jesus. We will use music and the visual arts to reflect upon how our worship can continue to be faithful to the living tradition and simultaneously be relevant to today's world.

**Marty Haugen**

*For the past 30 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. His range of musical compositions continues to appear in hymnals for U.S., Canadian and Australian Catholics, U.S. Evangelical Lutherans, and several other Protestant denominations. His most recently published works include songs of peacemaking ("In the Days to Come") and simple songs for worship ("Only You, O God").*

**2-12 THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD VS. THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

About 20 percent of people contribute 80 percent of the time, talent and treasure it takes to run a parish. What makes this 20 percent different? How can we encourage the 80 percent to become more like the 20 percent? Are the 20 percent doing things that repel others? In this presentation, internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly will explore the challenges we face as we seek to engage the *actively disengaged* members of our communities.

**Matthew Kelly**

*Matthew Kelly is a New York Times best-selling author; his latest release is "Dream Manager." Collectively his titles have been published in over a dozen languages. Born in Sydney, Australia, Kelly began his Catholic ministry in 1993 at the age of 19. Since then, he has given talks, seminars and retreats in his travels to 50 countries, and has also made numerous appearances on radio and television.*

**2-13 PREPARING PASTORAL PREACHING THAT IS POINTED, PRAYERFUL AND PURPOSEFUL**

How does the prayer of the preacher become the preaching of a parish in communion with the mission of the Trinity in the life of the world? Can we outline the steps in the process, analogous to the steps of discernment in the Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola and in the phases of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, that lead to Spirit-filled preaching?

**Rev. Raymond B. Kemp**

*Rev. Raymond Kemp, a senior Fellow of the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, is Director of Preaching the Just Word. The former pastor has served as Secretary for Parish Life and Worship and Director of Renew for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. With interests in pastoral theology, liturgy, preaching, Christian initiation, community organizing, urban development and urban politics, Fr. Kemp has written articles appearing in U.S. Catholic newspapers and magazines.*

**2-14 MULTICULTURAL CHURCH – BEING POWERFULLY CATHOLIC**

We are many – we are one. We are different – we are one. We are a variety – we are one. Really?! Living in Christ, in the mission of the church, and welcoming all to the table of plenty is a recipe for trouble. Are we in trouble or are we safe and comfortable? Come and be stretched! We'll be uncomfortable and in trouble together!

**Jesse Manibusan**

*Storyteller, speaker, composer and singer, Jesse Manibusan is Director of Two by Two Ministries. With experience as music minister, catechist and youth worker, he travels the country appearing at major gatherings, including the National Catholic Youth Conference and Regional Conventions of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He has composed several collections and has numerous CDs.*

**2-15 LIFT YOUR GAZE ... SEE ANEW**

Do we see as God sees? Seeing with the eye of God is the Spirit's gift of Wisdom and Grace. How do we perceive history, politics and economics, those in leadership positions (like choosing the king in the Book of Samuel), and what is happening in our church and in our own lives? Lift your gaze – what are we supposed to be looking at? What are we to see? Come look, lift your gaze. Meister Eckhart, the mystic preacher, said: "The eye with which I see God is the eye that God sees me with!" Come see God (our eyes are connected to our ears so we will listen to stories of God too).

**Dr. Megan McKenna**

*Megan McKenna is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., but resides in Albuquerque, N.M., and travels extensively in Southeast Asia, South America, Europe, Canada and the United States. She lectures and gives parish missions and works on interreligious dialogue and issues of justice, peace and Scripture, storytelling and cross-cultural mission. She is the author of more than 30 books and nearly 100 tapes/CDs.*

**2-16 THE PASSIONS OF JESUS**

This session will be a comparison of the four Passion stories of Jesus to help us approach his death in a variety of ways – pastorally and homiletically. This is intended for preachers, Bible study leaders, those preparing catechumens to enter into Holy Week with profound appreciation for Jesus' saving ministry, and for all believers, demonstrating to participants how differences between the Gospels encourage us to use the different presentations to respond to varying pastoral needs. Bring your Bibles!

**Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD, STL**

*Fr. Pat Mullen, author of "Dining With Pharisees," is Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, New Testament at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. A priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, he is a member of both the Catholic Biblical Association and the Society of Biblical Literature. He is a regular speaker at the Religious Education Congress and at annual diocesan conferences of Reno, Nev.; Boise, Idaho; Las Vegas; and San Diego.*

## 2-17 TEENS WITH SCREENS ☪

MySpace, Facebook, YouTube, texting, iPods, DVD players, Nintendo Wii ... the list goes on. The teens we serve are techno-savvy and media conscious. Like missionaries to a foreign culture, we have to respect their culture while bringing the message of Jesus and using their culture to appropriate it. This workshop will examine current trends and suggest strategies for our ministry.



**Mike Patin**

*Since 2003 Mike Patin has worked full time as a speaker and “faith horticulturist,” speaking to youth, adult and family audiences in diocesan, regional, national and international settings. He has worked with teenagers and adults in a variety of settings since 1984: Patin has taught at the high school level, has served as an adjunct faculty member at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Theology in New Orleans, and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.*

## 2-18 IS DIALOGUE POSSIBLE IN THE CHURCH TODAY? ☪

The urgent challenge in the church in many countries is to overcome a polarization that is undermining our witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How can we find words that heal division? That is today’s prophetic challenge.



**Timothy Radcliffe, OP**

*Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, a member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, England, has taught theology at the University of Oxford, and was involved in the peace movement. He is past President of the Conference of Major Religious Superiors, and from 1992-2001 he served as the Master of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). Since then, as an itinerant preacher and teacher, he has given innumerable lectures. An award-winning author, Fr. Radcliffe has authored four books.*

## 2-19 THE SPIRITUALITY OF CONNECTEDNESS: LIFTING OUR GAZE ☪

We need to take time to smell the flowers; take time to savor special moments; lift our gaze to see anew! When we begin to fully live each moment, we relax and become more creative and happier people. A smile and a joyful spirit trigger others to have good thoughts. Nothing connects us and builds community faster than humor. We improve our mental health and increase trust and hope. As we “lift our gaze,” we begin to see the face of God in each other’s eyes, in a smile, a kind word, an expression of gratitude. This spirituality of connectedness brings us closer to each other and deepens our relationship with each other and with our God.



**Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD**

*A Sister of St. Joseph, Anne Smollin is a licensed counselor and group facilitator, lecturer and consultant to businesses and religious communities. She is currently Executive Director of Counseling for Laity, based in Albany, N.Y. The former elementary teacher lectures extensively throughout the United States, Ireland and Australia speaking to religious communities and at conventions and businesses. Sr. Smollin has authored four books.*

## 2-20 “INTO GREAT SILENCE”: SPIRITUALITY AND FILMMAKING FOR CATECHISTS ☪

Philip Gröning’s 2006 film, “Into Great Silence,” is an invitation to explore silence within the context of the monastic life of faith; it is a roadmap for a journey most of us would not travel by ourselves. This workshop will consider the grace and mystery of silence, the poetry of cinema and their relevance for catechists in a busy, noisy world.



**Ron Schmidt, SJ**

*Fr. Ron Schmidt is a Jesuit priest and documentary filmmaker. He has produced “Instructions to the Cook: A Zen Master’s Recipe for Living a Life that Matters” and the feature-length documentary, “An Auschwitz Retreat: Spirituality in a Wounded World.” The former Vice President of Loyola Productions now serves on the Board of Directors of the San Damiano Foundation, based in Burbank, Calif. Fr. Schmidt is also co-producer of our Religious Education Congress Catholic Filmmakers’ Showcase.*



**Rose Pacatte, FSP**

*Sr. Rose Pacatte is Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Culver City, Calif. She is a media literacy education specialist and award-winning co-author of the “Lights, Camera ... Faith! A Movie Lectionary” series; she regularly contributes film essays to The Tidings, newspaper of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Her newest book, with Sr. Gretchen Hailer, RSHM, is “Media Mindfulness: Educating Teens about Media and Faith” and “Into Great Silence: A Film Study Guide,” with Ron Schmidt, SJ.*

## 2-21 FORMING YOUNG DISCIPLES THROUGH TRANSFORMING METHODS: A NEW PARADIGM FOR ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS ☪

Are teens today well formed in their Catholic faith? What needs to happen in the home and classroom to transform faith formation methods and processes into empowering opportunities toward faith ownership by teens? This workshop will present the strategies by which formers of faith can empower young people to become “catechetical apprentices” in passing on their faith to others through supervised teaching, directed faith sharing and intentional leadership in the parish/school community.



**Michael Theisen**

*Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and adolescent catechesis for 25 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. His experience extends from parish Director of Religious Education to Youth Ministry Director at the parish, diocesan and national levels. Theisen is a frequent speaker at the Religious Education Congress and a trainer throughout the United States and Canada. He is presently Director of Membership Services for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.*

**2-22 AN UPDATE ON THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL** 🗣️**Paul Turner**

The International Commission on English in the Liturgy is preparing a revised translation of the prayers we use at Mass. Hear about how the project came to be, what it entails, and where it stands. This session will help you prepare others for the forthcoming replacement of the Sacramentary.

**2-23 LET THERE BE LIGHT: SEEING NEW WAYS TO DANCE THE GOOD NEWS**

Using the music of Paul Melley, this workshop invites participants to movement and dance that celebrates the “light” of the Good News. Movement to Melley’s “Faith, Hope and Love,” “Let There Be Light” and “Take Lord and Receive” will be taught. These simple dances can be used for a variety of liturgical celebrations.

**Robert VerEecke, SJ**

*Fr. Bob VerEecke has been Pastor of St. Ignatius Church in Boston for the past 18 years. In addition to his parish administration, he is a noted liturgist. He has offered workshops on movement and prayer in the United States, Jamaica, Canada, Australia, France and England. Fr. VerEecke is also known for his works in sacred and liturgical dance, especially the Boston holiday performance of “A Dancer’s Christmas.”*

**2-24 WAKE UP THE ASSEMBLY’S VOICE** 🗣️

Some people are reluctant to add their voice to the praying community. Come learn the secrets of helping the assembly find its voice – from the heart. New music, cantor and choir techniques will be explored. Come ready to sing!

**Christopher Walker**

*Christopher Walker is an internationally known speaker and musician. His music, especially his children’s music, is sung throughout the United States, the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world, including Australia. The former Director of Music for the Clifton Cathedral in England is presently Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Los Angeles.*

**2-25 SAVORING OUR HERITAGE OF FAITH: EARLY CHRISTIAN WORLD PILGRIMAGE** 🗣️

There’s more to our faith than just the Bible. In this session, we will reflect on the significance of four very different pilgrimage sites in modern Turkey: Hagia Sophia, Çatalhöyük, Cappadocia and Ephesus. Through image, music and word we will explore how these ancient sacred places continue to speak to our faith today.

**Msgr. Thomas Welbers**

*Msgr. Thomas Welbers is a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, where over the years he has served as Associate Pastor, as a member of the Liturgical Commission, and as instructor in many educational programs. He is currently Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont, Calif. Since 2005 Msgr. Welbers has led two early Christian world pilgrimages and is preparing another 40 pilgrims the week after Easter, 2008.*

**2-26 EVERYONE IS CALLED TO GOD’S TABLE, EVEN THE ONES WHO CAN’T SIT STILL IN THEIR SEATS** 🗣️

Adults responsible for educating children with Attention-Deficit Disorder (ADD) often have erroneous information about the condition. This can lead to negative judgments of these children and their families. Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy will address these myths and give insights on how to evangelize these children and their parents.

**Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, PhD**

*Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy is a Catholic school-teacher at St. Mary Immaculate School in Plainfield, Ill., and Consultant for Special Needs for the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois. As the mother of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Asperger’s Syndrome, she has presented at the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and at the National Catholic Educational Association, as well as the NCEA Principals Forum and the NCEA Special Needs Forum.*

**2-70 Quan Hệ Gia Đình và Vai Trò Giới Tính trong Cộng Đồng Công Giáo Việt Nam** 🗣️

Cuộc định cư tương đối mới mẽ của người di dân gốc Việt tại Hoa Kỳ đã ảnh hưởng đến, và có lẽ làm đảo lộn, xáo trộn các vai trò của phái tính cũng như cần phải xem xét lại việc sử dụng quyền bính có tính cách tôn ti phẩm trật. Những mạng lưới liên hệ của giới phụ nữ đóng một vai trò quan trọng trong việc thiết lập sự ổn định về mặt xã hội và kinh tế, đã trở thành vấn đề trung tâm trong việc tranh luận (về vai trò) giữa nam giới và nữ giới trong gia đình. Phụ nữ có toan liệu được hay không những cách thức của riêng họ trong việc gìn giữ gia đình? Và nếu có thì bằng cách nào? Giáo Hội đóng vai trò gì trong cấu trúc gia đình kiểu mới này?

**Giáo Sư Phạm Thanh Vân**

*Sinh trưởng tại Việt Nam, Phạm Thanh Vân đến Hoa Kỳ lúc được 6 tuổi. Cô có bằng Tiến Sĩ về Tôn Giáo và Văn Hóa tại Đại Học Công Giáo Hoa Kỳ (Catholic University of America) và hiện nay là giáo sư thỉnh giảng về Nữ Giới và Tôn Giáo tại Đại Học Xavier, Cincinnati. Cô đang tiếp tục chương trình Tiến Sĩ Tâm Lý Trị Liệu đồng thời giảng dạy tại Đại Học Xavier. Các bài viết của cô về Giáo Hội Công Giáo Việt Nam và phụ nữ Việt Nam đăng trên Bách Khoa Công Giáo Bộ Mới (Ấn Bản Lần Thứ Nhì) và Bách Khoa Công Giáo Hiện Đại.*



### 3-01 IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH A PEACE CHURCH?



This workshop will assess the state of Catholic mission and ministry in the arenas of peace-building and work for justice. The impact of recent papal and episcopal teachings on non-violence and reconciliation will be considered alongside a survey of global and local movements to build peace and transform conflict.



**R. Scott Appleby**

*Scott Appleby is Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he teaches courses in American religious history and comparative religious movements. He is also the John M. Regan Jr. Director at the University's Joan B. Kroc*

*Institute for International Peace Studies. Appleby authored "Church and Age Unite! The Modernist Impulse in American Catholicism," and was General Editor of the Cornell University Press series "Catholicism in Twentieth Century America."*

### 3-02 LET THE SPIRIT PLAY: USING INTERPLAY IN MINISTRY



The challenges of life can be hard to bear, and yet the Spirit calls us to lift our gaze and see anew! In this workshop, learn the joyful tools of InterPlay – a philosophy and practice that fosters play, creativity, affirmation and community-building. Developed by artful theologians, InterPlay invites light-hearted discovery through spontaneous expressions of song, story, movement and stillness. Come play with Spirit and be refreshed for ministry and life!



**Betsey Beckman**

*Betsey Beckman is a freelance liturgical dancer, storyteller, spiritual director and retreat leader based in Seattle. With her extensive background in performance, movement therapy, ministry and InterPlay, she regularly appears as artist/presenter*

*at national conventions as well as at her home parish, St. Patrick. Beckman's publications include books, audiocassettes and videos, and she is co-teacher of "Awakening the Creative Spirit: Experiential Education for Spiritual Directors in the Arts and Imagination."*



**Laura Ash**

*Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Parish in Seattle where, with Betsey Beckman, she has been involved in the ministry of dance for over 15 years.*

*Laura, with her husband, David, has composed and published three albums of liturgical music and has created music for numerous liturgical dance and InterPlay offerings, including the video, "The Dancing Word: Miriam and Mary."*

### My first experience of Congress...

This was my first experience attending the Congress and I will do it again. It was very rewarding and educational, but more than anything – it was awesome, exhilarating and a spiritual awakening. I needed that boost for my music ministry. I recommend the Congress to all lay ministers – it was a vitamin shot for the soul.

– Pilar

### 3-03 SPIRITUALITY AND SEXUALITY IN COLLEGE STUDENT LIFE

This session will look at recent research regarding sexuality and spirituality in the lives of college students, and will consider some of the implications for Catholic life on campus. What might the Catholic tradition and Catholic college students have to say to each other on these matters today?



**Dr. Tom Beaudoin**

*Tom Beaudoin is Assistant Professor in the Religious Studies Department at Santa Clara University in California, and a Fellow in the American Psychoanalytic Association. He lectures nationally and internationally on practical theology, and is author of the book "Consuming Faith," as well as many published articles and essays. Dr. Beaudoin is a frequent and popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress.*

### 3-04 WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PARISHES: CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN THE 21ST-CENTURY CHURCH

The school gets closed. The bishop merges the parish. The pastor quits. Worse still: he remodels the sanctuary. Immigration! Yikes! There are a thousand issues that can put a congregation in crisis. Noted parish-life commentator and award-winning author Fr. Paul Boudreau will lead this discussion of how to deal with change when it suddenly descends on an unsuspecting parish.



**Rev. Paul Boudreau**

*Fr. Paul Boudreau is a pastor, noted speaker, and award-winning author. His articles appear regularly in Catholic Digest, U.S. Catholic, and Today's Parish Minister, and he is author of "Between Sundays: Weekday Gospel Reflections and Prayers." His new book, "The Forgiveness Book," co-authored with Alice Camille, is due out in May. Before becoming a priest, Fr. Boudreau was a professional motorcycle racer. He is presently Priest Minister at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Beaumont, Calif.*

**3-05 GOOD GROUND WILL YIELD A FRUITFUL HARVEST**

A worshipping community starves for ways to grow spiritually. The experience of this workshop is an attempt to plant a seed on the hearts of participants, the Good Ground, to yield the musical fruit worthy of giving honor and glory to God.



Appearing left to right: Richard Cheri, Jalonda Robertson, Kenneth Louis, W. Clifford Petty, Jennifer Broyard Bonam and Timothy Jones Jr.

**Richard Cheri**

Richard Cheri is Director of Liturgy and Music at Our Lady of the Sea Catholic Church in New Orleans. He formerly served on the faculties at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana and at Loyola University of New Orleans. Cheri has published several musical compositions and has made numerous presentations at liturgical and catechetical conferences throughout the country with his team of liturgical musicians.

**The Team**

Richard Cheri has been the principal director of the New Orleans Archdiocese Mass Gospel Choir, which sang in 1992 for the National Black Catholic Congress in New Orleans. In the ensuing years, Cheri has worked alongside Jalonda Robertson, Timothy Jones Jr. and Jennifer Broyard Bonam. With the musical contributions of Kenneth Louis, W. Clifford Petty, and Cheri's young son, Richie, this team of liturgical music ministers has given workshops and provided music at conferences throughout the United States.

**3-06 LOURDES: 150 YEARS OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR A HURTING WORLD**

The year 2008 marks the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes to French peasant Bernadette Soubirous. Seemingly undaunted by an increasing attitude of secularism and advances in modern medicine, Lourdes continues to attract more than 6 million pilgrims a year as an important center for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Discover why this popular Marian shrine – with its call to prayer, penance and service to others – offers valuable life lessons and teaching opportunities, and why it remains a vital expression of Catholicity and the Gospel message today.

**Elizabeth Ficocelli**

Elizabeth Ficocelli is a best-selling and award-winning Catholic author of books for children and adults. She has written numerous books and magazine articles for children and adults. Her recent book, "The Imitation of Christ for Children," is a Catholic Press Association winner. A convert and mother of four sons, Ficocelli has presented to students in school settings and to Catholic educators at national and regional conferences.

**3-07 THROUGH THE THRESHOLD: AN APPROACH TO RELIGIOUS ED FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Is it possible to challenge and engage youth today in the context of Catholic religious education? In this workshop, Mícheál de Barra and Tom Gunning will share an approach to religious education for high school students that they have recently developed for the Irish education system. Their program presents the spiritual riches of Catholic tradition as an answer to the many questions posed by today's youth culture. This tactic has transformed the landscape of religious education for senior students in Ireland.

**Mícheál de Barra**

Mícheál de Barra has been working as Editor/Coordinator for the past four years on the "Faith Seeking Understanding" series, a resource for the religious education examination syllabus that was introduced in 2003 in Ireland. Prior to that he was Diocesan Advisor for Post Primary Religious Education (the DRE equivalent in the Irish church) for three years in the Diocese of Cork and Ross in southern Ireland.

**Tom Gunning**

Tom Gunning is a catechist at Loreto Secondary School Wexford, Ireland. He has spent the last few years writing catechetical materials for Veritas Publications in Ireland. In all, he has written four senior level textbooks. He has researched and written on the area of sacramental theology and is currently developing his own retreat center in Ireland.

**My first experience of RECongress...**

Hi! I loved your RECongress! I stayed within walking distance ... the weather was perfect (and that's just for starters)! I was impressed with the number of people in attendance at the workshops. The speakers kept me writing note after note on their "special topics" (90% of the time)! I did actually walk out of one, but not because the speaker wasn't "good," I just realized after 5 minutes that this just wasn't for me and went and took a much needed rest in the hallway and browsed through the exhibits. And speaking of those exhibits, I met up with Katrina Rae after 10 years and ended up arranging for her "Mission" to come to our parish in September! Thank you, RECongress!

I expected to attend a very conservative, ordinary Mass because I am a very conservative, ordinary DRE!! (smile) Instead I found myself at the Native-American Mass ... absolutely beautiful, reverent!! ... and a Jazz Mass ... beautiful!! I really liked your keynote speakers – especially the line that I just came across a couple of days ago as I was looking through some notes: "Imagine if we believed what we are teaching?!" That sums it up, folks!

And yes, by the Grace of God, I and my parish catechists and anyone else I can get to come will return next year. It took me 15 years and one very determined new pastor to get there. We need to keep going. We need to keep growing!

– Shirley Roberts

### 3-08 ROMAN CATHOLICISM: GLOBAL RELIGION OR EUROPEAN EXPORT? 🎧

**Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD**

Roman Catholicism is often conceived as a largely Western religion that was profoundly shaped by European cultural forms. Yet Catholic Christianity is at heart, as was revealed at Pentecost, a “translated religion,” trusting that the Gospel message can be translated into any cultural context. In this workshop we will explore the possibilities for Catholicism’s moving beyond a largely Western European and North American framework to recover its status as a true global church.

### 3-09 MYSTICS, MYSTICISM AND MYSELF

This workshop will explore our call to become mystics in our time. As we look at some of the mystics who have gone before us, we will open ourselves to how grace invites each one of us to enter into a deeper awareness of our own potential to sink into God.



**Edwina Gateley**

*Edwina Gateley is founder of the international Volunteer Missionary Movement, which has sent over 2,000 lay missionaries to 26 countries. She is an international public speaker and author of 11 books; her work and ministry have been publicly commended by numerous groups and individuals. Gateley is currently writing, leading retreats for abused and marginalized women, and serving as “Mother Spirit” for Exodus, a program in Chicago for women in recovery from prostitution.*

### 3-10 THE CHURCH, MATRIMONY AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE: A CATECHETICAL PERSPECTIVE 🎧

The church’s position on same-sex marriage is a point of delight for some and consternation for others. However, for all members of the church, it is a point that needs to be discussed publicly in a clear and concise manner. This session will look at the church’s theology of matrimony in relation to the recent civil anomaly of same-sex marriage. The session is directed to those who are interested in a serious theological conversation, e.g., pastoral, catechetical and theological personnel, and members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender ministries and their families.



**Dr. Greer G. Gordon**

*Greer Gordon, a native of Baton Rouge, La., is a Roman Catholic theologian, lecturer and author. She was formerly the Director of Adult Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.; Director of the Office for Black Catholics in the Boston Archdiocese; Consultant for Catechist Formation in the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.; and on the theology faculty at Regis College in Weston, Mass. Dr. Gordon is also a former keynoter for the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.*

### 3-11 “I AM NOT THE MESSIAH” 🎧

How can good people in ministry sustain their own spiritual journey, be of real service to other people, and yet not fall into the devastating trap of feeling that they must “save the world”? Perhaps the struggle and confession of John the Baptist may have something to teach us.



**Thomas Groome, PhD**

*Dr. Tom Groome is Director of Boston College’s Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. The award-winning author has written more than a half dozen books and over 100 published articles and essays. He has made over 500 public presentations in the past 25 years, including keynote addresses at all the major North American conferences of religious educators, both Catholic and Protestant.*

### 3-12 THE ORIGINAL TEXT MESSAGE: A CRADLE CATHOLIC’S “DUMMY GUIDE” TO THE BIBLE 🎧

**Mark Hart**

Have you ever said to yourself, “I need to start reading the Bible more,” but wondered where to start? Do you desire a stronger foundational understanding of the Bible and how to pray with it? In this workshop we will discuss the “basics of the Bible” and encounter the authentic God of Sacred Scripture, not the academic. And while 90 minutes won’t make you a Scripture scholar, it can give you enough practical insights and tools to “get more out of” your Bible. Bring a blank sheet and an open heart for a walk through the Bible that is sure to leave you joyful, thankful and hungry for more!

## My first experience of Congress...

RE Congress 2007 was my first time. I have to say I found it a most uplifting experience. I was in awe of the American Church at the way they can so openly express their true faith. Probably the highlight for me were the liturgies, in particular were Fr. Liam Lawton’s Mass held in the Hilton Hotel and the Closing Liturgy which took place in the Arena. (I found these so prayerful that I attended both morning and afternoon!)

Sr. Edith Prendergast and Rev. Bryan Massingale’s keynote addresses both left me challenged and wanting to explore theology and religious education in greater depth and take it to a new level for me personally. As for the workshops that I attended, two of them were David Hass and Marty Haugen. I have been using their music in my parish for years, so was delighted to finally meet them in person!

Over the few days I found great peace (even with the thousands of people in attendance)! I was filled with a real sense of prayerfulness and joy. I returned home invigorated, enthused, refreshed and a phrase of Msgr. Ray East’s that stuck with me, we were truly “blessed beyond belief” to have been present.

– Catherine Daly, Co. Kildare, Ireland

**3-13 ABCs OF PRAISE**

There are so many ways to praise you, Lord, I don't know where to start. But with these ABCs of praise, I can express my heart ... from A-Z! Are you having trouble getting your kids to sing? Are you looking for ways to include the little ones? Are you in need of new object lessons to reinforce your main point or Bible story? Do you want to incorporate music into your lesson theme? With simple hand motions, performance ideas and more, you can be musical even if you are not musical. You don't have to be a singer to attend; however, knowing how to operate a CD/cassette player will help!

**Mary Rice Hopkins**

Recording artist, author and speaker Mary Rice Hopkins is celebrating 30 years in family music ministry. She is also known for keynote speaking as well as leading worship at events such as MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), Moms in Touch, Women's Retreats, The Association of Christian Schools International, and more. She has a number of works available, and more recently has teamed up with Darcie Maze, who makes and designs puppets; together they combine music and puppetry.

**Darcie Maze**

Darcie Maze has been in children's ministry for over 30 years. She creates and designs puppets, conducts teacher training workshops and seminars nationally that cross many denominational lines. Her puppet designs are used on the Cartoon Network and throughout the world. She studied Child Evangelism at Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas, and Life Bible College in Los Angeles. Her vision is to train teachers for children's ministry and to supply puppets and resources.

**3-14 CONVERSION, FAITH-SHARING AND CATECHESIS: THE GREAT BALANCING ACT** ☪

"Evangelization is what we are all about," the U.S. bishops unequivocally proclaimed in their 1992 document "Go and Make Disciples, A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States." Since then catechists have been struggling to balance providing opportunities for conversion with teaching the basics of the Catholic faith. This workshop will provide practical ideas for creating an environment that enables learners to grow in communion and intimacy with Christ while developing a solid theological understanding of their faith.

**Dr. Kathy Kleinlein**

Dr. Kathy Kleinlein is Diocesan Director of Catechetical Ministry for the Diocese of Venice, Fla., and an elected member and Chair of the Sarasota County School Board. She was previously Chair of the Florida Catholic Conference of Diocesan Directors and a Representative Council member of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. Dr. Kleinlein conducts retreats, seminars and catechetical formation workshops on a variety of topics.

**3-15 FROM DOERS OF SERVICE TO PEOPLE OF JUSTICE: DOING YOUTH MINISTRY THAT INSPIRES YOUTH TO LIVE CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** ☪

Tired of the same old service project? Looking for ways to make youth ministry in your parish something that transforms young people into people of justice? Join Sean Lansing in this workshop as he talks about the foundations engaging youth in Catholic social teaching and describes four strategies to help you infuse justice and service into your entire youth ministry.

**Sean Lansing**

Sean Lansing is a Project Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services at the Center for Ministry Development in Milwaukee, where he was previously a parish youth minister for the Central City Catholic Parishes. Lansing is author of the "Call to Faith" Session Leader's Guide and was a contributing author of "Total Youth Ministry Resources for Justice and Service."

**3-16 HOW CAN WE SING A SONG IN AN ALIEN LAND?**

We live in a world where practicing our Christian faith can be countercultural. We search for hope and courage in a world of fear and revenge. Our liturgies can be places of comfort and consolation offering hope to sustain us when life becomes difficult. In this workshop, Liam Lawton examines how music and worship can transcend barriers and boundaries and offer God's healing presence to a hurting world.

**Rev. Liam Lawton**

Liam Lawton is Director of Music for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin in Ireland. He has recorded 12 collections of music and is currently writing his second book. He has appeared on numerous TV broadcasts and radio shows, and is presently touring in the United States with a new PBS Television show that was recorded live in Dublin.

**3-17 BE WHO YOU ARE!** ☪

For many people the road to self-acceptance – and the realization that God loves you as you are – is a long journey. We will look at what the Old and New Testaments, the church's great spiritual masters, the saints and the Catechism of the Catholic Church have to say about the path to self-acceptance. We will especially focus on those who might feel marginalized in society today – those in minority groups, those in the gay and lesbian communities, the unemployed and underemployed, and people with disabilities. Practical resources for prayer and spiritual nourishment will be offered.

**James Martin, SJ**

Jesuit priest James Martin is Associate Editor of America magazine. His book, "My Life with the Saints," received a 2006 Christopher Award and was named as one of the Top 100 Books of the Year by Publishers Weekly. He is also author of "Becoming Who You Are," and, most recently, "A Jesuit Off-Broadway: Center Stage with Jesus, Judas and Life's Big Questions."

### 3-18 DISNEYLAND'S MILLION DREAMS – A CONSISTENT LIFE ETHIC REFLECTS THE MILLION STORIES ☺

Disneyland is currently celebrating a “year of a million dreams.” We are challenged as believers to live by a consistent life ethic as we listen to the million stories in our own lives and those connected by the news media, 24/7 Internet connections and our Catholic belief in the “millions of witnesses” beyond this present life. The Congress theme will be used as an integration process for persons to reflect on the Bible parables, the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and the millions of stories that challenge us to integration and justice actions. This workshop will help us to know ourselves and find out how we are called to be “Gospel creators of dreams.”



**Fr. Chris Ponnet**

*Born and raised in St. Luke's Church in Temple City, Calif., Fr. Chris Ponnet served in parish ministry until he was appointed as Pastor of St. Camillus Church in Los Angeles in 1995. He also serves as Chaplain at Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center, the Norris Cancer Hospital and the USC University Hospital. He has spoken at national conferences on death and dying, consistent life ethic, AIDS, the death penalty, interfaith working and chaplaincy.*

### 3-19 FOSTERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAITHFUL BELIEVERS ☺

How do we contribute to the formation and nurturing of the next generation of faithful believers? Aware of the cultural realities and social dynamics that can work against being faith-filled Christians and faithful Catholics, what strategies can we use to enhance the faith of our daughters and sons? This workshop explores what it means to be faithful in the church today and the ways that we can foster that in all the daughters and sons in our lives.



**Dr. Jane Regan**

*Dr. Jane Regan is Associate Professor of Religious Education and Theology at the Institute for Religious and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College. Her research and teaching focus primarily on adult faith formation. In addition to her scholarly work, Dr. Regan serves as an adult faith-formation consultant on the local and national level. She has extensive university teaching experience and is a workshop leader/speaker at major conferences.*

## My first experience of Congress...

The Congress was full of information and ideas. I had two primary interests: Speakers whose essays and books I had read, such as Frs. Ronald Rolheiser and Richard Rohr; and help, guidance for the Bible study group I have lead for several years. I was certainly not disappointed in what I heard.

– Mary Starrs

### 3-20 DEAL OR NO DEAL: STRATEGIES FOR MORAL DEVELOPMENT

This session will provide practical ideas for teaching the principles of Catholic morality, including the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. We will share ways to help students learn how to make moral choices in their daily lives.



**Kate Ristow**

*Kate Ristow has been involved in the religious education of children and catechists for over 30 years. She is the author of student texts and catechists guides at all grade levels and is a Contributing Editor for Catechist Magazine. A former Director of Religious Education and Catholic schoolteacher, Ristow has been a frequent speaker at national, regional and diocesan conferences. She is presently National Catechetical Consultant for RCL Benziger.*

### 3-21 RADICAL FAITH – THE STRUGGLES WITH FAITH AND THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SPIRIT ☺

On the basis of her journals, many feel that Mother Teresa lived in doubt rather than in faith. Is this true? Was this a crisis of faith? What constitutes real faith and what constitutes real doubt? Insights from Scripture and the classical Christian mystics will be brought forth to show the difference between a crisis of faith and a dark night of the spirit, namely, a purification of the soul that was experienced by Jesus and often experienced by spiritual athletes such as Mother Teresa, which isn't the opposite of faith, but is genuine faith.



**Ronald Rolheiser, OMI**

*Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than 60 newspapers worldwide. For most of the 28 years of his priesthood, Fr. Rolheiser taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.*

### 3-22 FROM EVANGELIZATION TO INITIATION ☺

In this session participants will explore together how the church's vision of evangelization takes flesh in our communities' ministries of initiation. The workshop format will use presentation and facilitated conversation.



**Jim Schellman**

*Jim Schellman has served in church ministry for over 20 years at the parish, diocesan, national and international level. He is an occasional speaker and writer on liturgical matters and serves as Executive Director of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, a network of church ministers devoted to implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and its implications for reconciliation.*



**3-23 DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING “SEEING ANEW”: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND CONSCIOUSNESS CHANGE** ☺**John Shea**

Talking to flowers. Receiving Communion. Contemplating the ocean. Saying the rosary. Walking the labyrinth. Counting my blessings. Reading the Bible. Centering prayer. Examining my faults: People have named these activities and many more as spiritual practices. But how are spiritual practices meant to help us see anew? Should we change spiritual practices? How do we know when a spiritual practice is working? What is the value of a spiritual practice in a life dedicated to social change?

**3-24 “FARMS NOT ARMS”: READING THE PROPHET MICAH** ☺

In this session we will consider the biblical prophet Micah as the Bible’s true “radical farmer” who questioned Ancient Israel’s build-up of weapons. Do we need a new Micah for 2008?

**Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**

*Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher served from 1986-88 in peace work/research in Israel/Palestine and maintains an active interest in the modern Middle East. He is Professor of Old Testament at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he has taught for 18 years. He also serves as Director of Peace Studies at LMU. Dr. Christopher has published dozens of scholarly articles, reviews and 10 books. He appears regularly on television documentaries as a consultant and scholarly commentator.*

**3-25 NEW PROOFS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD: CONTRIBUTIONS OF CONTEMPORARY PHYSICS TO THE EFFORT OF EVANGELIZATION** ☺

Contemporary physics (particularly contemporary big-bang cosmology) shows the virtual inevitability of a singularity in inflationary model universes. This reveals the high likelihood of a creation event arising out of a “power transcending universal space-time asymmetry,” which resembles Christianity’s *creatio ex nihilo*. Fr. Robert Spitzer will help decipher the implications of creation and supernatural design in these very current models of astrophysics.

**Robert J. Spitzer, SJ**

*Professor, writer and speaker, Jesuit Fr. Robert Spitzer has been President of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., since 1998 and founder of the Gonzaga Institute of Ethics. He has authored many scholarly articles, journal entries and three books. Fr. Spitzer, who presents widely to national and international audiences, has started seven academic centers and is involved in a variety of educational, philosophical and scientific organizations.*

**3-26 BEYOND WORDS: TEACHING FAITH AND VALUES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGH SYMBOL AND ACTION** ☺

Ever wonder what a hammer, a grocery bag, and a TV remote can teach about Christian values? Learn how to: dispense 1-A-Day verbal vitamins; influence children by “talking behind their back”; and let your walls, CD player, and oven speak. Based on the values covered in her book, “Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference,” Susan Vogt will help parents and educators deal with the issues of self-esteem, time, materialism, ecology, the media, morality, peace-making, diversity and service as dimensions of a living faith.

**Susan V. Vogt**

*Susan Vogt is a freelance speaker and writer who conducts workshops on faith, marriage and parenting across the country and internationally. She has been a lay advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Marriage and Family and is Editor of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers Journal. Vogt, a vowed lay Marianist, formerly served as Diocesan Director of Family Ministry for over 25 years, and has taught university marriage and family spirituality courses.*

**3-70 Hôn Nhân, Ly Hôn, Tiêu Hôn, Tái Hôn theo Giáo Huấn của Giáo Hội** ☺

Buổi hội thảo này sẽ đề cập đến hôn nhân, ly hôn, tiêu hôn, tái hôn theo giáo huấn của Giáo Hội Công Giáo và cũng đề cập đến hồng ân Thánh Phê-rô và Thánh Phao-lô.

**Linh mục Phê-rô Ngô Công Thắng**

*Linh mục Phê-rô Ngô Công Thắng là Phó Đại Diện Tư Pháp của Tòa Án Hôn Phối Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles. Cha Thắng cũng là Chánh Án và Thẩm Phán của Tòa Án Hôn Phối. Cha Thắng tốt nghiệp bằng Cao Học Giáo Luật tại Đại Học Giáo Hoàng Thánh Phao-lô, Cao Học Giáo Luật Học tại Đại Học Ottawa, và Tiến Sĩ Thần Học tại Học Viện Thần Học Indiana.*



## 4-01 WHAT'S WRONG WITH ASSISTED SUICIDE? UNDERSTANDING THE EVIL OF EUTHANASIA



**Richard Benson, CM**

This workshop will enable participants to understand the church's clear teachings about assisted suicide and euthanasia. Similarly, this workshop will help participants know how to respond to secular arguments that try to justify and legalize assisted suicide.

## 4-02 FROM ANTHROPOLOGY TO COSMOLOGY: A NEW LOOK AT THE MESSAGE OF JOB



A careful reading of the Book of Job can lead us away from anthropocentric concentration on human suffering to theocentric reverence for God. A consideration of cosmology is the avenue for such a move.



**Dianne Bergant, CSA**

*Dianne Bergant is Professor of Biblical Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. A past President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, she has been an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue for the past 20 years. Sr. Bergant has served on the editorial board of The Bible Today, and now is on the editorial boards of Biblical Theology Bulletin, and Chicago Studies.*

## 4-03 DISCIPLINE AND PUNISHMENT: WHY ONE WORKS AND THE OTHER ONLY APPEARS TO

Discipline that gives life to students' learning can be a path to self-discipline. Punishment and its cousin, zero-tolerance, are roadblocks on that path. This session will cover ways to help our students become self-disciplined, compassionate, responsible, resourceful, resilient human beings who can act in their own best interest, stand up for themselves and exercise their own rights, while respecting the rights and legitimate needs of others.



**Barbara Coloroso**

*Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized speaker and author in the areas of parenting, teaching, school discipline, non-violent conflict resolution and reconciliatory justice. The former classroom teacher, laboratory school instructor and university lecturer is now an educational consultant for school districts, the medical and business communities, the criminal justice system and educational associations throughout the world.*

## 4-04 FRANCIS OF ASSISI: MODEL OF CONTEMPORARY DISCIPLESHIP

**Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap**

St. Francis of Assisi began his movement to "see anew" in a way that made the Gospel come alive in the world exactly 800 years ago, in 1208. Since then he has become one of the world's most revered and emulated saints. While much of popular piety around St. Francis involves bird feeders, Michael Crosby will show how the saint is an exemplar for all, offering a positive, creative and joyful alternative to the violence in the world around us and the problems in the institutional church.

## 4-05 WHAT'S ENOUGH?



**Paula D'Arcy**

In an age of excess and consumerism we are easily caught up in a system of "more" – having more, doing more, expecting more, needing more. When does the wanting end? Something within knows that there is a truer way to live. What's enough? Instead of acquiring "things," what if we embraced the practice of love, the practice of "enough"?

## 4-06 HELPING CHILDREN AND TEENS DEVELOP AN ETHICAL FOUNDATION



Discover the keys to getting children and especially teens to act in ways that maintain dignity and respect for themselves and others by: 1) resisting the use of unethical means to reach a desired end; 2) defending others whose dignity and rights are being violated; and 3) doing the "right thing" even at personal inconvenience or cost.



**Constance Dembrowsky**

*Constance Dembrowsky is an internationally recognized speaker and educational consultant for school districts, juvenile justice programs, special education associations and parent groups. A former teacher in elementary, junior high, high school, university and juvenile prison, Dembrowsky is author of curriculum programs in the areas of self-esteem, personal and social responsibility, and mastering anger/resolving conflict.*

## 4-07 VISIONS AND DREAMS: SEEING THE DIACONATE ANEW



It has been 40 years since Pope Paul VI reinstated a permanent diaconate in the Latin Church. While there has been considerable growth and success in making use of this renewed ordained ministry, serious questions remain. This workshop proposes a new vision for the diaconate, a vision that not only responds to the emerging needs of the church but also takes more complete advantage of the as-yet-untapped potential of the diaconate.



**Deacon William T. Ditewig, PhD**

*Dr. Bill Ditewig has had a diverse professional career: Hebrew and Russian linguist, Naval officer, diocesan official, member of the senior staff of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and college teacher. He is presently Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at St. Leo University in Florida. Deacon Ditewig has been keynote or speaker on theology and the diaconate at several national conventions and more than 125 diocesan events. He is author of numerous books, chapters and articles.*

### My first experience of Congress...

We had a wonderful experience at the Congress. We are looking forward to the '08 Congress.

– Ginger Tamborello, Texas

**4-08 EUCHARIST: THE SACRAMENT OF CHARITY** 🗣️

Stemming from the 2005 Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist, Pope Benedict XVI published in February 2007 an apostolic exhortation entitled *Sacramentum Caritatis* (the Sacrament of Charity). The pope lays out three major dimensions for consideration: the Eucharist as a mystery to be believed; the Eucharist as a mystery to be celebrated; and the Eucharist as a mystery to be lived. This workshop will explore many of the themes that this post-synod document raises particularly focusing on the liturgical dimension.

**Rev. Michael S. Driscoll**

*Michael Driscoll is Associate Professor of Sacramental Theology and Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame. In addition to a theoretical appreciation of the liturgy, he is actively involved in pastoral practice, having worked as choir director and liturgical consultant. He is currently Director of the Graduate Program in Sacred Music and the undergraduate minor in Liturgical Music Ministry. He is an active member in the North American Academy of Liturgy, serving as President in 2002.*

**4-09 GOD IS IN THE BITS! USING NEW MEDIA AND THE INTERNET IN PARISH MINISTRY** 🗣️

A wonderful way to imagine the merits and consequences of being digital is to reflect on the difference between bits and atoms. In one world, information is delivered to us in the form of atoms: newspapers, magazines, books. In the other world, weightless information bits travel globally at the speed of light. Different rules apply! This talk explores the uses and possibilities for youth and adult leaders wishing to understand “new media” and the Internet for catechetics, evangelization and community connections. The implications of social networking, video publishing, blogging and other Web 2.0 capabilities will be examined via real-life examples on the Internet.

**Fred Fosnacht**

*Fred Fosnacht began his career in youth ministry and adult religious education. Later, as a senior partner of Andersen Consulting/Accenture, he became the lead of the Communications Industry Group Wireless Internet Practice. Fosnacht also serves as CEO of Catholic Content, LLC, a global initiative to “capture, index and share the oral tradition of the church for the next millennium,” found on the Internet as MyCatholicVoice.com.*

**4-10 SEVEN STEPS TO PRAYING BETTER: OR, WHY DO I FEEL THAT GOD IS FAR AWAY?** 🗣️**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

This workshop is designed for participants who want to pray better, and just don’t know how. Examine the prayer styles of saints and of those who struggle to be holy. Learn about the blocks to prayer and the need to pray simply as Jesus did. Think about what it means to pray even when God seems far away. This will be a time for reflection and in-search during a busy life ... and a busy Congress schedule!

**My first experience of Congress...**

I found the 2007 Congress to be very professional. The key-notes, workshops and liturgies were of the highest quality. No matter what your ministry, there was something for you. I left there energized and excited about my ministry. I plan to attend the 2008 Congress and bring another staff member with me.

– Connie Davis

**4-11 A SHARED PRAXIS APPROACH REVISITED** 🗣️**Thomas Groome, PhD**

It is over 25 years since Tom Groome proposed his “shared Christian praxis approach” to religious education and catechesis. Since then, this approach has been embraced throughout the world – in cultures from Korea to Sweden, Australia to Lithuania, being widely praised and criticized, with its principles and dynamics reflected in many religion curriculum series, both Catholic and Protestant, liberal and conservative. After these many instances of a shared praxis approach, he will reflect with participants on what he has learned from the past 25 years and the assets/adjustments of this approach to serve the church’s catechetical ministry today.

**4-12 MORAL AND IMMORAL CULTURE** 🗣️

How moral is American culture? For some, it is the world’s best hope for personal, economic and religious freedom; for others, it is materialistic, pornographic and secular. How should Catholics evaluate their culture? What positive elements can be built upon?

**James L. Heft, SM**

*Fr. James Heft, a Marianist priest, is currently the Alton Brooks Professor of Religion at the University of Southern California, where he is also Founding Director and President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies. He has taught for 30 years at the university level, and formerly served as provost and chancellor at the University of Dayton, Ohio. He has written and edited seven books and published over 150 articles and reviews.*

**4-13 LIVE SIMPLY!** 🗣️**Bill Huebsch**

“God calls us to look hard at our lifestyles and to choose to live simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with people who are poor,” states the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD). This requires us to create a daily lifestyle that embraces such values. It calls us to teach our children about it. This workshop will explore practical ways to live simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the poor – living it in your life as well as teaching it in your parish as a key part of lifelong faith formation. Using materials developed in Great Britain by CAFOD, you will be offered access to powerful personal and parish resources, all rooted deeply in Catholic social teaching.

## 4-14 ONE WITH THE RISEN LORD: A SPIRITUALITY OF MINISTRY

The Lenten journey finds its completion in Easter – a season that proposes a spirituality of ministry for the church, newly born from Christ on the cross. Beginning with the proclamation of Christ’s Resurrection, we learn about seeing the Risen Lord but also believing without seeing. We learn what it means to know and heed the Shepherd’s voice. By way of reflection and a new collection of songs, Bob Hurd and Anawim will explore this spirituality of ministry opened up by the season’s readings. This workshop will help catechists, liturgists, musicians, lectors, those working with Christian Initiation, and all worshipers prepare for the Easter Season.



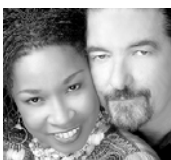
Appearing left to right: Dominic MacAller, Marie Hodgson, John Gilb, Barbara Bridge and Bob Hurd.

### Bob Hurd and Anawim

Bob Hurd has served as a teacher, composer, and liturgist in various pastoral and academic settings. He currently teaches in the Graduate Pastoral Ministries Program at Santa Clara University in California. His music appears in a number of hymnals in this country as well as abroad. Over a 10 year period, Hurd and Anawim recorded some of this country’s most popular and widely used worship music. The members of Anawim include Dominic and Kathleen MacAller, Marie Hodgson, John Gilb, Barbara Bridge, Jim Drollinger, all of whom serve as music ministers in the archdioceses of Los Angeles and Portland, Ore.

## 4-15 FINDING A DEEPER LOVE: TELL STORIES, TEACH LESSONS, SING SONGS – NOW DANCE

Many of life’s greatest moments and our most profound memories contain elements of music and story. Come and experience how music and story can shape a spirituality that will lead to a deeper love of Jesus. He calls us to “love your neighbor as you love yourself.” Experience how music and story can lead us closer to this greatest kind of “spirituality.”



### Vallimar & Frank Jansen

Vallimar Jansen is a highly regarded singer, cantor, recording artist, college professor, leader of worship and prayer, and a workshop presenter at major conferences. She has toured throughout the United States, Europe, Israel, Jamaica, Japan and recently sang in Italy for the Pope. Frank Jansen has been a professional musician for over 30 years. He is a well-respected composer, arranger, teacher and performer. Often, this husband-and-wife team performs nationally.

## 4-16 A CALL TO JOY

Matthew Kelly

Do you feel stressed? Overwhelmed? Do you feel your world is in a delicate balance that would fall apart if you didn’t keep going at breakneck speed? Slow it down ... pace yourself ... take a deep breath ... you are not alone ... and the life God has dreamt for you is waiting ... all you have to do is show up. In this session, Matthew Kelly will share about a time in his life when he experienced this common and often unspoken struggle. He will reveal what he has learned and how he overcame this battle that we all find ourselves immersed in at one time or another. Most of all, he will share with us the deep, lasting joy he has found and show us the way.

## 4-17 THE BOOK OF REVELATION AND POPULAR CULTURE

The Book of Revelation generates enormous interest in the church and wider society. People wonder whether the book offers coded predictions about the future and whether it relates to current events in the Middle East and other parts of the world. These questions create an opportunity to explore it for ourselves. We will look at some of the current popular ideas about Revelation and the future of the world, and then take a look at the Book of Revelation itself. What we find in this last book of the Bible is an engaging encounter with God, the Lamb, and ourselves. It is a book that can be meaningful to Christians everywhere.



### Craig R. Koester

Craig Koester is Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., where he has taught since 1986. His many writings have focused on Revelation, John’s Gospel, and Hebrews. He has lectured widely for students, clergy and lay audiences. Koester is a pastor in the Lutheran church as well as an Associate Editor of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.

## 4-18 YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP: THE DANCE OF PASSION AND PROFESSIONALISM!

Servant, steward, coordinator, animator: As our understanding of youth ministry evolves, our image of the leader must change as well. This session will identify foundational understandings of ministry and the various images of the youth ministry leader operative in our faith communities. We will also identify the fundamental competencies and dimensions of the youth ministry leader – blending passion and professionalism!



### Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has 34 years in professional youth ministry in parish, school and diocesan roles. Author of several books and resources, McCarty presents on ministry issues internationally and serves in his home parish, St. Francis of Assisi, as a catechist and youth ministry leader.

**4-19 CATHOLIC TEACHING ON RACISM: PRESENT STATE, FUTURE DIRECTION** ☪**Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD**

The United States is becoming a more multiracial society. This forces us to confront the legacy of past injustice and continuing discrimination. This session looks at recent developments in Catholic reflection on racial injustice, and the directions needed to address this social evil.

**4-20 THE GAZE THAT SAVES: EUCHARISTIC WORSHIP OUTSIDE MASS** ☪

In our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is made present. He saves and sets us free. It is the Father's relentless love for us made real in that meal where we keep memory of Christ's sacrificial death and salvific Resurrection. It is a love that endures in the Blessed Sacrament and our worship of Christ, who is waiting, wanting and willing to be present to us in good times and bad.

**J-Glenn Murray, SJ**

*Fr. J-Glenn Murray, a member of the Maryland Province of Jesuits, is Director of the Cleveland Diocese's Office of Pastoral Liturgy. He was the principal drafter of "Plenty Good Room: The Spirit and Truth of African American Catholic Worship," a document from the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Liturgy and the Black Catholic Secretariat. In addition to his other duties, Fr. Murray maintains a busy national speaking schedule.*

**4-21 PUTTING ON THE MIND OF DAWN: TOWARD A SPIRITUALITY OF AWAKENING** ☪

The most wondrous gift of God is the miracle of the human mind. When the mind awakens, it is like a new dawn breaking forth within us. All the energy that nourished our fears, anxiety and negativity now works for our healing and transformation. Jesus is the new priest of awakening light. Through allowing himself to fall into the dark abyss of crucifixion, he awoke and released the perpetual light of resurrection. The awakening mind fills with the youthful resurrecting light. To inherit the Paschal Mystery is to put on the mind of dawn – to open the secret door to freedom, renewal and creativity.

**John O'Donohue, PhD**

*John O'Donohue is a poet, priest, philosopher and prolific author of works which include his best-seller, "Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom." He lives in the West of Ireland and speaks Gaelic as his native language. O'Donohue is a popular seminar lecturer and speaker at major conferences throughout the United States and Europe, and he holds two annual retreats, one in Ireland and one in the United States. He is currently working on a book about the teachings of 14th-century mystic Meister Eckhart.*

**4-22 ECUMENICAL EUCHARIST TODAY** ☪**Kenan B. Osborne, OFM**

Can Anglicans and Protestants receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass? Can Catholics receive the Eucharist in Anglican and Protestant services? Can Catholics receive Eucharist in the Orthodox, non-Uniate churches and vice versa? On these issues what is the legitimate practice and theology in the Catholic Church today? How can we explain the Catholic position to our students?

**4-23 EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITINGS THAT DIDN'T MAKE CANON: SHOULD WE PAY ATTENTION TO THEM?** ☪

There has been much hype about some of the apocryphal writings and archaeological discoveries, the Gospel of Mary, the Gospel of Judas, and many others – not to mention "the tomb of Jesus," as if there had been a great conspiracy to conceal "the truth." Let's see where they came from and assess their usefulness for the life of faith.

**Sr. Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ**

*Sr. Carolyn Osiek is the Charles Fischer Catholic Professor of New Testament at Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University. She is a Past President of the Catholic Biblical Association and the Society of Biblical Literature. Sr. Osiek is a former Associate Editor of The Bible Today and New Testament Book Review Editor of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly. She has lectured and taught in many countries as well as across the United States.*

**4-24 ENGAGING THE TOTAL PARISH IN CATECHESIS: GATHERING THE TOOLS** ☪**Dr. Jane Regan**

We have heard the terms or have used them ourselves: whole community catechesis, parish-wide programs, lifelong learning, total community catechesis, intergenerational formation. Perhaps you have made some significant changes in your parish setting in order to bring these ideas to life. This workshop explores the questions: What are the planks that form the foundation for parish-wide, lifelong catechesis? What tools do we need to bring these together? Whether you have the foundation laid or are still studying the blueprints, this workshop with its mix of theory and practice could be helpful for you.

**4-25 DON'T TOUCH ME! (BUT TRY TO TOUCH MY SOUL): CATECHIZING KIDS WITH ASPERGER'S SYNDROME** ☪**Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, PhD**

Current estimates are that one of every 166 children the United States has a condition that falls on the autism spectrum. Kids with the highest functioning form of autism, Asperger's Syndrome, pose difficulties in social interactions during school or religious education sessions. Knowledge of the condition and ways to improve one's ability to evangelize these children and their parents will be addressed.

## 4-26 DISCIPLESHIP FOR DUMMIES: KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, SERVE HIM ☺

All of us search for the answers to life. It is only natural to want to know how we can find true fulfillment in our often hectic lives. If only there was a simple way to achieving true happiness. If only there was a simple way to answer life's most difficult questions. Well, there is! The answer to all of life's questions is just Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him! This interactive and fun workshop will explore the meaning of life and how we can live out that meaning as true disciples of Jesus Christ.



**Rev. R. Tony Ricard**

*Fr. Tony Ricard is a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese. He currently serves as Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in New Orleans and as one of the Core Instructors for Church Doctrine at Xavier University's Institute for Black Catholic Studies. He also serves as the Director of Knight Time Ministries and as one of the Chief Editors for Two Knights Publishing Co. Fr. Ricard is author of "I Still Believe: A Testimony of Faith After The Storm," about how his life and ministry were forever changed by the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.*

## 4-27 THE ART AND SCIENCE OF PARISH LEADERSHIP ☺

There is both an art to and a science in leading a parish. The art is the intuitive, sensitive side of sizing up a situation and knowing what is the right course of action to follow, what are the good decisions to make. It is the art of leading that gently challenges people to change and grow when they are out of synch with Gospel imperatives. There is also a science to parish leadership. This includes the aspects of management, structure and organization. This side of leading takes place in the head more than in the heart. This presentation investigates both of these aspects, suggesting that a blend of both offers the best approach to parish leadership.



**Thomas P. Sweetser, SJ**

*Thomas Sweetser, a Jesuit priest of the Wisconsin province, is founder and current Director of the Parish Evaluation Project, based in Milwaukee. He has taught at the Institute of Pastoral Studies, a department of Loyola University of Chicago, at the University of Dayton, Boston College, the University of Seattle, Retreats International and Loyola University in New Orleans. His articles have appeared in numerous Catholic publications and latest book is called "Keeping the Covenant: Taking Parish to the Next Level."*



**Peg Bishop, OSF**

*Peg Bishop is Co-Director of the Parish Evaluation Project, based in Milwaukee. She joined the PEP Team in 1997. Before that she worked for three years with Honeywell, where she taught Team College and offered communication skills to manufacturing employees. She served seven years as a diocesan Director of Religious Education, five years as a regional DRE, six years as parish DRE, and 10 years as an elementary teacher in Ohio. She is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis from Tiffin, Ohio.*

## 4-28 THE CHURCH AND THE GOSPELS OF GOD'S REIGN: AN ASIAN PERSPECTIVE ☺

The core of Jesus' Gospel was the Reign of God. The church's mission is centered on Jesus as the fulfillment of the Reign of God. This workshop will explore this theme amidst the hungers and dreams of Asian peoples.



**Bishop Luis Antonio G. Tagle, STD**

*Most Rev. Luis Antonio Tagle is Bishop of the Diocese of Imus, Philippines. He is Rector of the diocesan major seminary and teaches in various schools of theology in Manila, Philippines. Bishop Tagle is a former member of the International Theological Commission in Rome. He is a member of the Council of the Synod of Bishops, and is also Chair of the Office of Theological Concerns of the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences.*

## 4-29 HOME IS A HOLY PLACE TOO! ☺

We know how to improve the real estate value of our properties and how to decorate our homes. But how about giving our homes a spiritual spring cleaning? Are our homes happy as well as busy places? In this session we will look at the health of the domestic church and consider ways in which we can help ourselves and others to reinvigorate our homes as holy places. We will draw upon the inspiration of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to consider the joy and struggles of the church in the home. Let us consider how to open the doors and windows of our homes to the Redeemer! An informative, practical and moving experience!



**David Wells**

*David Wells is Director of Formation for the Diocese of Plymouth, England, where he is responsible for adult education and training. He has served on many national and regional committees in the United Kingdom. Wells, a nationally recognized raconteur and storyteller, has appeared on TV in several countries.*

## 4-70 NHŌNG BEÄNH "MUØ" CUÄA THEÁ KYÜ THŌU 21 ☺

**Nữ tu Phan Thanh Thủy**

"Toái chà bieát tröøüc ñây toái bò muø maø nay toái nhìn thaáy ñöïc." Buoãi hoãi thaüo seõ ñeà caáp ñeán nhöøng chöùng beänh "muø" cuäa theá kyü thöu 21. Nhöøng loaïi muø loäa laøm cho ngöøi Kitoá hööu khoäng nhaän ra Ñöïc Kitoá nöi tha nhaän, khoäng bieát ñöøng ñeä veä nhaø thaät cuäa mình vaø khoäng bieát ñâu tö cho möät töng lai an toaøn vaø traøn ñây aän phuïc.



**5-01 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC** 🗣️

In this session, John Allen gives a 360-degree review of the latest news from the global Catholic Church and analysis about what it all means, with a special eye to implications for the church in the United States.

**John L. Allen Jr.**

*John Allen is the prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter; he is also CNN's Senior Vatican Analyst and a frequent commentator for other media outlets. He is author of five books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, and writes the weekly Internet column, "All Things Catholic." Allen has given hundreds of lectures in various parts of the world. Though he lives in New York, he also maintains a residence in Rome.*

**5-02 SEEING STEWARDSHIP WITH NEW EYES: HOW LIFELONG LEARNING AND FORMING GENEROUS HEARTS FIT TOGETHER** 🗣️

Embracing the life of discipleship takes courage, conversion and commitment. Living the life of discipleship results in generous giving and a grateful heart. Lifelong faith-formation is the key to forming such disciples. Explore principles that will establish conversion, discipleship and stewardship in individuals and the parish community.

**Leisa Anslinger**

*Leisa Anslinger is Pastoral Associate for Evangelization, Catechesis and Stewardship at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Parish in Cincinnati. She contributes regularly to ministerial publications, and has written a new book, "Forming Generous Hearts," co-authored with Vikki Shepp. Anslinger has presented workshops, in-services and retreats in 45 dioceses in the last four years on topics of catechesis, pastoral leadership and stewardship.*

**Vikki Shepp**

*Vikki Shepp, a consultant for ministry, previously served as the L.A. Congress Coordinator and, before that, as the Consultant for Youth Ministry and Confirmation for the Office of Religious Education in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Along with Leisa Anslinger, she authored "Forming Generous Hearts," and has individually authored "Letting Go of the Chaos" and "Coyote Meets Jesus," which was a Benjamin Franklin Award finalist.*

**5-03 SLAVERY: IT DIDN'T END WITH THE CIVIL WAR – MODERN-DAY PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING** 🗣️**Patrick Atkinson**

"Slavery: It Didn't End with the Civil War" is a powerful, fact- and human interest-filled multimedia presentation that explains contemporary human trafficking. The presentation starts out quick and hard by placing a human face on historical slavery. From there, it uses a fast-paced presentation style built upon everyday news reports, academic theory, government reports, statistics and first-hand stories from the streets to bring the audience to a state of learned awareness of what must be done to prevent modern-day slavery. Some original slave documents and relics will also be on hand.

**5-04 DANCING IN THE PEWS: AN EXPERIENTIAL HISTORY OF WORSHIP AND DANCE** 🗣️**Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**

Throughout time, humanity has responded to the sacred through rhythm, song, movement and dance. Journey through the sweep of centuries experiencing how our ancestors in Western culture have expressed their relationship to the divine through indigenous rhythms, ecstatic dance, sacred gestures, circle dances, mystery dramas, processions, repressions and resurgences of Spirit! Explore how our heritage as humans and as Christians continues to call us to embodied prayer.

**5-05 KEEPING YOUR COOL WITHOUT PUTTING YOUR FEELINGS ON ICE****Barbara Coloroso**

Keeping your cool in tense situations doesn't mean freezing yourself out of opportunities to express emotions. Educators have many opportunities to model appropriate ways of expressing all kinds of feelings and teach their students conflict-resolution skills. Discussed will be techniques to help students calm their rage and handle conflicts constructively and non-violently.

**5-06 SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL IN A POLARIZED CHURCH****Rev. Donald Cozzens**

The Catholic "cultural wars" between conservatives and progressives have discouraged and disillusioned countless members of the church. In this workshop, Donald Cozzens first examines the fears and anxieties at the center of the present polarization and then offers practical steps to achieve the adult, Gospel-based discipleship that is vital to authentic spirituality and to the church's future and mission. (This is a repeat of Session 1-04.)

**My first experience of Congress...**

What a wonderful experience! I attended my first RECongress in 2007 and loved it. I am in my mid-80s, but am still active enough in parish affairs that our pastor invited me to attend along with others involved in parish ministries. At first I was overwhelmed – the number of people there, the exhibitors, the choices we had. I soon felt very comfortable, however, because of the organization of the events, the people who were always there to answer questions and head me in the right direction, even the blue tape on the floor of the main exhibit gallery that helped to keep me oriented. I loved following that blue line!

There wasn't enough time to do all I wanted to do – I attended seven workshops as well as the evening prayer and Liturgies on Friday and Saturday, and bought tapes of several events that I have been able to share with friends. My main regret is that I didn't start coming

– Marcy Fessler

## 5-07 WIRED FOR LOVE: THE COMPELLING ENERGY OF HUMAN SEXUALITY 🗨️

At its best, our spiritual tradition celebrates embodied love and the sacredness of human passion. The rich wisdom found in our Judeo-Christian writings continually reminds us that we are made for love and service. This presentation explores the ways in which the emerging studies of “social intelligence” are affirming what the Gospel has long known: that we are “wired for love” – for self-giving, joyful, faithful, mutual relationships. From the perspective of faith, the findings of behavioral science seem to be saying that our brains are encoded with a “DNA” that urges us beyond superficial physical pleasure to deep and engaging human love.



**John Heagle, JCL & Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD**

*Fr. John Heagle, a psychotherapist, and Sr. Fran Ferder, a clinical psychologist, are Co-Directors of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA), a Catholic psychotherapy center near Seattle. Both also serve as Adjunct Professors at Seattle University in the School of Theology and Ministry. They are internationally recognized authors and workshop leaders. Individually and together, they have written books; their latest book is entitled, “Tender Fires: The Spiritual Promise of Sexuality.”*

## 5-08 LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT TAKEN AWAY: NURTURING THE SEEDS OF HOPE 🗨️

**Barbara Fiand, SND de N**

Exploring the universe story connects us deeply to our Christian convictions. The extraordinary possibilities science opens up for us concerning matters of life, death and human interconnectedness with all of creation, gives us much to hope for. During our time together we will explore the vision offered us in our time, claim its power, try to listen with our hearts, and accept with gratitude the awe-filled place in creation that our time in history presents to us.

## 5-09 WHERE’S GRANDPA? THE CHALLENGES, HURTS AND BLESSINGS OF ALZHEIMER’S 🗨️

Alzheimer’s disease, especially with the need for earlier diagnosis and response, is a challenge that touches all of us. This session will provide information, direction and comfort with special thoughts for mobilizing the churches.



**Fr. Richard B. Gilbert, PhD, CT**

*Serving 25 years as a hospital chaplain, bereavement counselor and educator, Dick Gilbert, an Anglican priest, has a long record of advocacy for the bereaved, healthy clergy and spirituality. He has presented throughout the United States and internationally. His resource network now reaches 1,400 in five countries. Fr. Gilbert is a Diplomat of The American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, and is an active leader in The Association for Death Education and Counseling.*

## 5-10 REBELS AND PROPHETS

**Edwina Gateley**

In this workshop we will look at some past and contemporary rebels and prophets who have made, and continue to make, a difference in our world. We will see how we, in small or big ways, can change the world – one miracle at a time.

## 5-11 DISCOVERING DISCIPLESHIP BY DISCOVERING “THE LEAST” 🗨️

“Whatever you did to the least ... you did to me” (Mt 25:40). Not only does Jesus identify himself with “the least,” he says that he is one of them! To care for those who are hungry, thirsty or strangers then, is only part of our Christian vocation; we must become like Jesus, who was hungry and thirsty, and indeed a stranger from his birth as a homeless child to his death as a condemned criminal. We will explore the double call to discipleship by listening to homeless women’s stories.



**Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp**

*British by birth, Fr. Anthony Gittins is a “resident alien” in the United States and a religious member of the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans). He is an author, speaker and teacher of graduate theology, and is currently the Bishop F.X. Ford Professor of Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Fr. Gittins travels widely giving retreats and teaching. The former missionary who served in Sierra Leone, West Africa, now also works with homeless women in a Chicago shelter.*

## 5-12 THE MINISTRY OF LITURGICAL MUSIC IN THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

The ministry of liturgical music is a powerful path for the people of God to celebrate and amplify key moments in their spiritual life: initiation, reconciliation, marriage, celebrations of transition, anointing, ministry, and the rituals and movements of the dying process. Music truly touches our lives and enables us to celebrate, honor, cope and survive the process of being alive and seeing how God is present in the midst of the journey. Come ready to sing, ponder and enter into a musical process of celebrating all that God is, and some of what we are called to become as disciples, not just mere believers.



**David Haas**

*David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, and is also Campus Minister/Artist-In-Residence at Benilde-St. Margaret’s High School in St. Louis Park, Minn. A composer of over 45 original collections of liturgical music and author of over 20 books in the areas of music, liturgy, prayer, spirituality, religious education and youth ministry, Haas has traveled all over the world as a workshop and conference speaker, retreat leader, composer and recording artist.*



**5-13 CATHOLIC MORALITY AND CATHOLIC POLITICIANS** ☪**James L. Heft, SM**

Many Protestants doubted in 1960 that John F. Kennedy could be Catholic; some bishops doubted in 2004 that John F. Kerry was Catholic. How “Catholic” must Catholic politicians be to be real Catholics? How should bishops deal with Catholic politicians?

**5-14 SEARCHING OUR SOULS: ADULTS AND TEENS MAKE SENSE OUT OF FAITH**

Recent studies show that Catholic teens trail their peers from other churches and religions in being able to express what they believe and to find adults who will help them in their religious search. What are we to make of these claims? On the other hand, there are many “Good News stories” and “best practices” that tell us teens are both eager and able to live their faith. What are these best practices, and what factors either support or block real faith sharing between teens and adults? This workshop considers these questions.

**Dr. Michael P. Horan**

*Dr. Michael Horan is Professor of Religious Education and Pastoral Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He has ministered to youth and young adults on high school and college campuses in New York and Washington, D.C., and is a well-known presenter. Dr. Horan is an author of two works on the General Directory for Catechesis and is a contributing author of *Blest Are We*, a parish and school religious education series.*

**5-15 TO BE GOD’S HEART ON EARTH: A FRESH INTERPRETATION OF “DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART”**

Inspid art, flaming hearts, devotional practices verging on the superstitious: all of these virtually guaranteed that devotion to the Sacred Heart would rapidly wane in light of Vatican II’s emphasis on the liturgy. This presentation of word and image will attempt to reinterpret the core mystery – the love of Christ – and will challenge 21st-century Christians who, by our vocations, are also meant to be God’s Heart on Earth. (This will be repeated as Session 8-09.)

**Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ**

*Sr. Kathleen Hughes is Mission Consultant with the Society of the Sacred Heart. She formerly had taught liturgy, Sacraments, and preaching for 19 years at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Sr. Hughes is author of “Saying Amen: A Mystagogy of Sacrament” and “Finding Voice to Give God Praise.”*

**5-16 ALTERNATIVE TO BEING “LEFT BEHIND”: A WORKSHOP ON APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE** ☪

This workshop will investigate the meaning of liturgical texts that speak of famine, wars and other disasters and why they are proclaimed at the liturgy before Christmas. It will highlight the importance of understanding apocalyptic literature as a literature of hope and not a literature of God’s wrath. An important piece will be what Catholics believe about the rapture: Is it biblical or not?

**Sr. Dorothy Jonaitis, OP**

*A Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., Sr. Dorothy Jonaitis is Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Dallas School of Ministry. For 24 years she has taught adult education in parishes and has given numerous workshops at parishes and diocesan conferences. Sr. Jonaitis is currently working with three others at the School of Ministry on a four-year project to revise the *The Catholic Biblical School Program*.*

**5-17 FORGIVENESS** ☪**Fr. Joe Kempf**

To be freely forgiven is one of the most grace-filled experiences there is; to offer that same forgiveness, one of the most difficult. In this presentation, using down-to-earth wisdom and stories, Fr. Joe Kempf offers a glimpse of what forgiveness is and what it isn’t; explores the experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; and offers some ideas about how we might invite children to enter more deeply into this great mystery.

**5-18 A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF: WHEN FAMILIES DON’T GO TO MASS** ☪**Dr. Kathy Kleinlein**

One can’t attend a meeting of catechists where a discussion doesn’t ensue about families who come to faith formation but don’t attend Mass. This workshop will explore where catechesis is failing to make connections between formation and the Sunday liturgy for both children and adults, and what we can do to lead families to conversion and faith-sharing through evangelization.

**5-19 IS HARRY POTTER GOOD NEWS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?**

Whether we like it or not, the Harry Potter books and films have been a phenomena among our children and teenagers. Are we flirting with the occult? Is author J.K. Rowling’s take on the struggle between good and evil helpful in our religious education and youth ministry? How can we use Harry’s message for the Reign of God?

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

*Fr. Richard Leonard, a Jesuit priest, directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, based in Melbourne, Australia. As a visiting professor, he has taught at the Gregorian University; at the University of California, Los Angeles; and at both the University of Melbourne and at the Jesuit Theological College in Australia. Fr. Leonard is author of the book “*Movies That Matter: Reading Film Through the Lens of Faith.*”*

## 5-20 LIFT YOUR VOICE, SING ANEW! BRINGING NEW LIFE TO SCHOOL AND PARISH LITURGY

Music and song are recognized as crucial elements of vibrant, meaningful and inclusive liturgy. But when and what should we sing, and how can we use music to promote full, conscious and active participation in school and parish celebrations? This session will tackle the topics: Why do we sing in liturgy? What parts do we sing? How do we choose repertoire? How do we encourage participation? Come along ready to sing, move and have fun as vibrant Australian presenter Michael Mangan leads us on a quick tour of the church's liturgy documents and introduces us to a new repertoire from his musical compositions.



**Michael Mangan**

*Composer, teacher and music liturgist, Michael Mangan is one of Australia's most popular contemporary Catholic composers. His 130 songs, psalms and acclamations are sung in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and parts of North America. Since 1990 Mangan has served as Music Director for All Saints Parish in Albany Creek, Brisbane, Australia. He regularly presents concerts and workshops at conferences throughout Australia, New Zealand and North America.*

## 5-21 NEVER SAY SERVICE PROJECT AGAIN

If the word "project" implies an act that has a beginning and an end, why would we ever connect that word to discipleship? Join us as we explore how discovering our gifts, talents and passions are the beginning of a lifelong commitment to discipleship. Service is something we do. Servant is someone we are. We will discuss the practical implications of this understanding especially as it pertains to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Take the pledge to never say "service project" again!



**Jo Ann Paradise**

*Dr. Jo Ann Paradise is Director of Parish Ministerial Life and Spiritual Formation at St. Sebastian Parish in Pittsburgh. She has been an elementary and high school teacher as well as an adjunct faculty member at Duquesne University, La Roche College and Carlow University in Pittsburgh. Dr. Paradise is a popular retreat director and provides spiritual direction. She is also a national consultant and textbook collaborator for William H. Sadlier.*

## 5-22 THE CHALLENGE OF NON-VIOLENCE IN THE CHURCH

**Timothy Radcliffe, OP**

Much of contemporary Catholicism is marked by violent language and postures. How can we make peace, not only within the church but within ourselves?

## My first experience of Congress...

The 2007 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress was a first for me and my friend, Marylyn. We flew in a day early so we could go to Disneyland, which is a rare treat for someone from Connecticut. The weather was perfect the whole time we were there. The Congress itself was amazing. There were so many terrific workshops listed it was hard to choose which we wanted to attend. I think whether you're interested in teaching children, as I am, or just hoping for a bit of personal growth, like she was, you could find something at the Congress.

– Pam Hardiman, Connecticut

## 5-23 THE STAR ONLY STOPS HERE: REFLECTIONS OF AN INNKEEPER

Throughout the world, the ancient practice of pilgrimage is enjoying a remarkable resurgence. For various reasons people set out in search of a meaningful encounter with God and themselves. At the same time, the old reverence for pilgrims can open to us new avenues for shaping the experience of Church on the local level. Using the customs of the Camino of St. Jacob as a springboard, this session will look at a spirituality of pilgrimage that can offer a transforming vision of the way we welcome seekers into the heart of faith community.



**Fr. Erik Riechers, SAC**

*A member of the Pallottine Fathers, Fr. Erik Riechers' public speaking and teaching engagements on issues of Catholic education and spirituality have taken him worldwide. He served 12 years on the Pallottine General Secretariat for Apostolate in Rome. Fr. Riechers works extensively with bibliodrama, a holistic approach to biblical texts and personal spiritual experience, and is Director at the Pallottine Centre of Pilgrimage in Vallendar, Germany.*

## 5-24 ADDRESSING THE CRISIS – IMMIGRATION AND WORKING POVERTY

Over 40 percent of the families in our community are working poor – employed and working hard but struggling to meet basic expenses. Over 70 percent of these families are immigrants. How can people of faith respond effectively to these crises? CLUE-CA (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice of California) brings religious leaders together from all faith traditions to contribute our unique gifts as people of faith to the movements for economic justice and fair immigration policy. We will discuss the current situation of immigrant and working-poor families and effective opportunities for a faithful response to their needs.



**Rev. Alexia Salvatierra**

*Rev. Alexia Salvatierra is an ordained Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with over 30 years of experience in interfaith and community ministry, community organizing and legislative advocacy. She is also Executive Director of CLUE-CA (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice of California), a statewide alliance of interfaith organization of religious leaders that seeks to build a faith-based movement for economic justice for low-wage workers.*

**5-25 A FRESH LOOK AT THE FOUR GOSPELS: BEYOND THE BIOGRAPHY OF JESUS** 🕒

What was the deeply inspired purpose in the selection of Matthew, Mark, John and Luke. Do they hold far more than the life story and words of Jesus? What are the real reasons for the discrepancies within the texts? Discover an invaluable and potentially revolutionary view of the Gospels. Explore the four Gospels in the sequence of the Sunday Lectionary cycle as the fourfold process of spiritual awakening and transformation. A grace-filled journey awaits as you restore relevance and maturity to your individual study and that of your parish community.

**Alexander Shaia, PhD**

*Raised as a Maronite Catholic and graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Alexander Shaia is a spiritual director, international speaker and psychotherapist. He is also author of two volumes of "Beyond the Biography of Jesus: The Journey of Oquadratos," plus parish study guides. A former diocesan Director of Adult Catechesis, Shaia is also founder and Director of the Blue Door Retreat in Santa Fe, N.M., where he resides.*

**5-26 IS THERE SALVATION OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? ARE OTHER CHURCHES "TRUE"?**

What does the recent document, "Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine of the Church," issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, really say? How is it being interpreted by our ecumenical partners? A panel consisting of ecumenical officers from the Greek Orthodox, Episcopal and Catholic Churches will discuss this in detail.

**Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith**

*In 1987, Rev. Alexei Smith, a Greek Catholic priest and Los Angeles native, was assigned to serve two small Eastern Catholic communities in El Segundo, Calif.: St. Andrew Russian Greek Catholic Church and St. Paul Melkite Greek Catholic Mission. In 2000, Rev. Smith was appointed Director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, making him the first Greek Catholic priest to head an archdiocesan office.*

**Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord**

*Rev. Gwynne Guibord is the Officer of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. She is immediate Past President for the California Council of Churches and Past President of Progressive Christians Uniting. Dr. Guibord serves as Vice President of the Southern California Ecumenical Council, Chair of the National Board of The Interfaith Alliance, and is on the Los Angeles Interreligious Council.*

**Very Rev. John S. Bakas**

*Since 1995, Fr. John Bakas has been Dean of St. Sophia Cathedral and Greek Orthodox Community of Los Angeles. He, with the church leadership, spearheaded the major renovation of the Cathedral grounds and adjacent buildings, which spawned the redevelopment of the surrounding Byzantine-Latino Quarter of Los Angeles. Fr. Bakas is also the founder of Camp Axios, a camping program for at-risk youth from inner-city Los Angeles.*

**5-27 A PERENNIAL PRO-LIFE PHILOSOPHY: A CONVINCING CURRICULUM FOR BOTH SACRED AND SECULAR ENVIRONMENTS** 🕒**Robert J. Spitzer, SJ**

The Catholic Church has been the champion of the notions of personhood and rights, which found their way into John Locke's Second Treatise on Government and Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence. Fr. Robert Spitzer will show that these concepts not only protect the weak and defenseless from slavery and genocide, but also unborn life from abortion. He will explain the radical inconsistency between these fundamental notions (which have now made their way into the U.N. Charter on human rights) and the reasoning in the Dred Scott decision (justifying slavery in America), and the Roe v. Wade decision (sanctioning abortion).

**5-28 CREATING A YOUTH MINISTRY THAT MATTERS: THE KEYS TO SUCCESS** 🕒**Michael Theisen**

What unlocks the door to a comprehensive youth ministry program that makes a difference not only in the lives of the young people, but of the whole parish as well? Come discover a full understanding of the three interrelated keys – vision, leadership and structure – and how each can be utilized to "see anew" a model of youth ministry that matters.

**5-29 DRIVE-TIME PRAYER** 🕒**Christopher Walker**

As busy catechists we help others to pray and relate to God – but how do we find time for our own spirituality? This workshop will help teachers, catechists and all in ministry to pray with music and God's Word as they go to and from work as well as in times of reflection.

**5-70 Hôn Nhân Người Mỹ Gốc Việt****Gáo Sư Phạm Thanh Vân**

Đâu là những vấn đề có tính cách nguyên tắc phát xuất từ tác vụ hôn phối người Mỹ gốc Á châu? Xã hội và văn hoá đóng vai trò gì trong việc hình thành các cuộc hôn nhân của người Mỹ gốc Việt với hai nền văn hoá khác biệt? Cuộc hội thảo này cố gắng thăm dò những vấn đề liên quan và xem xét những cách thức đáp ứng về phương diện mục vụ đối với những thách đố trong công tác mục vụ hôn nhân nơi người Mỹ gốc Á, cũng như thử đưa ra 5 sách lược để đáp ứng lại những thách đố này.



## My first experience of Congress...

We came home with renewed energy for our ministries, our heads spinning with many new ideas ... especially with music. One rarely gets to be exposed to so much talent at once. Being able to order the workshops on CD was a huge help. We ordered both those we had attended and some we wish we could have attended. We joked with our co-ministers at home that we had been filled with the spirit day and evening. We have one piece of advice for newcomers: Pick an area of interest and do most of your workshops in that area. Then pick one or two for your own soul needs.

– Patti and Bill Pollitt

### 6-01 TOWARD A THEOLOGY OF A JUST PEACE ☪

**R. Scott Appleby**

Catholic ethicists and theologians are rethinking just-war theory even as they are understanding better the sacramental, liturgical and formative dimensions of the church's work for peace in conflict settings from inner-city America to the Philippines. This workshop provides an overview and assessment of this cutting edge of Catholic thought and practice.

### 6-02 LIFT YOUR GAZE AND FOSTER HOPE IN THE WORK FOR JUSTICE ☪

Seeing the circumstances of today's world, the Christian vision of social justice summons us to lift our gaze toward a reconciled new creation. Facing the current reality of social conflict, we are called to unite in transformative action and to foster hope in the work for justice.



**Maria Pilar Aquino**

*Dr. Maria Pilar Aquino is Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of San Diego, where she has been teaching since 1993. A founding member of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, she has been a member of the board of directors of various national and international theological societies.*

### 6-03 ROUNDTABLE ON CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND HOMOSEXUALITY

**Dr. Tom Beaudoin**

This session will feature a panel conversation, moderated by Dr. Tom Beaudoin, about what being Catholic means for the lives of lesbian and gay Catholics today.

### 6-04 ARE NATURAL DISASTERS REALLY PUNISHMENT FOR SIN? ☪

**Dianne Bergant, CSA**

Despite the fact that we have accepted the findings of contemporary science, many people still maintain that natural disasters are punishment for sin and point to passages in Scripture to support their claim. A few such passages will be examined in order to discover whether or not such claims can be justified.

### 6-05 CONSCIENCE FORMATION FOR THE ADULT CATHOLIC

**Gerald D. Coleman, SS**

This workshop will address various pertinent concerns about adult formation of conscience, including: the meaning of conscience; how one makes an informed decision in conscience; the role of the magisterium (the teaching church); dissent and disagreement; and reception of the Eucharist when one's personal conscience is in direct conflict with church teaching, for instance, on abortion or physician-assisted suicide.

### 6-06 MUSIC AND WORDS – A MARRIAGE FOR LITURGICAL PRAYER

Come to see an example of how to weave music with the ritual texts for Mass. The right song will heighten the prayer experience and give us a deeper encounter with Christ. Be prepared to sing!



**Jaime Cortez**

*Jaime Cortez is a pastoral musician, composer, recording artist, music teacher and clinician. He lives in Mesa, Ariz., where he is Music Director at St. Bridget Church and music teacher at Queen of Peace Catholic School. Over the past 25 years he has specialized in music and liturgy for Catholic schools and bilingual music. His latest collection is entitled "Adviento."*

### 6-07 GETTING THE PEOPLE DONE ☪

We used to say that the people were here to get the work of the church done, but might we not also say that the church exists to in order that people get "done"? At the heart of successful ministry – whether it be catechesis, pastoral care, liturgy or administration – lies the ability to develop people. This workshop offers a "theology of volunteers" and practical suggestions on how to make a meaningful match between the gifts of the faithful and the opportunities in our ministries.



**Mia Crosthwaite**

*Mia Crosthwaite is a lecturer, catechist, minister and author of "Go and Do Likewise, Catholic Social Teaching in Action." She serves as Coordinator of Parish Life & Faith Formation for the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, where she formerly served as Director of Adult Catholic Education and as Legislative Liaison for the Idaho Catholic Conference. Crosthwaite has presented at numerous parish adult catechesis, catechist formations and retreats.*



**Tricia Hoyt**

*Tricia Hoyt is Director for the Office of Peace and Justice at Catholic Charities in the Phoenix Diocese. She is also a leader and instructor on the Phoenix-based Survival School: Church Leadership Training, a national lay leadership training event. Hoyt is co-author of the "MOMS - Ministry of Mothers Sharing" books and a Spanish-language version of the ministry, *De Madre a Madre*.*

**6-08 TWO PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO RENEW PARISH LIFE: “WITHIN THESE WALLS” & “THE THIRD MOMENT OF A SACRAMENT”** 🗨️**Rev. John C. Cusick**

“Within These Walls” is a unique catechetical strategy that allows any parish to use the signs and symbols within the walls of their church building as an amazing tool to teach the faith and pass it on generation after generation. “The Third Moment of a Sacrament” is a very engaging strategy to stay connected with many of the “loosely connected” people who approach our parishes at sacramental moments. If this strategy is implemented, there is a high degree of probability that parish attendance will increase and parish life will be more alive.

**6-09 HISPANIC CATHOLICS: A BLESSING AND A CHALLENGE FOR THE CHURCH** 🗨️

Based on 21 years of successful Hispanic ministry in a predominantly Mexican parish in Chicago, discussion will focus on the blessings of faith and culture and the system of values Hispanic Catholics bring to a parish. We will also look at the challenges of many needs requiring a pastoral response, such as internal family conflict, domestic violence, discrimination, preservation as well as integration of cultural traditions with those of the United States, financial support for their parish, and action for justice.

**Charles W. Dahm, OP**

*Dominican priest Charles Dahm served for five years as a missionary in Bolivia. After returning to the United States, he founded and was staff at 8th Day Center for Justice in Chicago. Between 1986-2007, he served as Pastor of St. Pius V Church in Chicago. An occasional lecturer, Fr. Dahm is serving as an independent pastoral consultant and Co-Coordinator of Justice and Peace for Dominicans in North America.*

**6-10 HELPING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS DEVELOP THE SKILLS TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS** 🗨️**Constance Dembrowsky**

Break the Cycle of Learned Helplessness by empowering children and teens to work through difficulties and solve problems. Learn to use a four-step process to teach your students or your own children to develop personal responsibility by clarifying problems, identifying possible solutions, evaluating consequences, and then making sound choices for resolving the problems.

**6-11 MUCH ADO ABOUT PARENTS\*!!!** 🗨️

If there is one thing you hear catechists frequently talking about, it is the involvement of parents\* in their child’s catechetical formation. Whether it is in traditional classroom settings or whole community events, the numbers of parents\* “missing in action” frustrates the efforts of even the most seasoned catechist/catechetical leader. We will address a whole range of issues from non-involved parents\* to the overly involved. We’ll even look at comments from parents\* and how they square off on this issue! Come spend an invigorating hour plus. Perhaps you’ll leave seeing this “parent\*” issue “anew”!

\* Of course, today “parents” could mean grandparents, guardians, foster parents, etc. This too will be addressed.

**Ken Doran**

*Ken Doran’s 30 years in catechetical ministry reflect broad experience on diocesan, school and parish levels. He is currently National Religion Consultant for William H. Sadlier and has been a workshop presenter at numerous national and diocesan catechetical events. Doran is also Master Catechist for the Diocese of Camden, N.J., as well as fifth-grade and Communion catechist at Holy Saviour Parish in Westmont, N.J.*

**6-12 LIFT YOUR GAZE: EVANGELIZE ANEW** 🗨️

The church exists in order to evangelize, that is carrying forth the Good News into every strata of persons, people and society. What do we need to be and do to evangelize? What areas do we need to touch, to heal with the transforming power of the Gospel?

**Msgr. Ray East**

*Msgr. Ray East is presently Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Washington, D.C., where he is also Director for the Office of Black Catholics and the Vicar for Evangelization for the archdiocese. Msgr. East works in the areas of youth ministry and has a passion for evangelization.*

**My first experience of Congress...**

Attending my first Congress this year was definitely more than I could ever imagine! I knew the presenters/speakers were top notch. I have read many of their works. Nothing could compare to standing beside and talking to the authors that ignite the fire of the Spirit of Holiness in my life and my ministry. I asked if anyone from our staff at Seven Dolors Church in Manhattan, Kan., would want to come with me to California to the largest gathering of this type. I brought with me Fr. George, our Associate Pastor from India. We were in the main Arena for the opening of the conference when I explained to him that there were more people in this space right now than lived in Manhattan. To watch his face as it dawned on him was priceless! His next unforgettable experience was that of the African American celebration of the Eucharist. As the deacon processed with the Gospel book, Fr. George’s eyes opened wide and his mouth dropped open. *Never* had he seen the Word celebrated with such spirit! It, too, was a priceless experience to see his face.

– Rosie Rundell, Kansas

## 6-13 PUPPIES, BUTTERFLIES AND RAINBOWS

Steven Ellair

The world of the preschool child is filled with such wonder and awe. If we can see the world with those same eyes, we can unlock the secrets to helping the preschool child prepare for a life of faith. Come to this workshop to explore the essentials of an effective ministry with preschool children. And be ready to sing and dance!

## 6-14 NOUWEN, MERTON, AND THE LIVING GOSPEL: READING OUR OWN STORY IN GOD'S STORY OF JESUS

The task of the spiritual life is learning to see our own story in relation to the story of Jesus. This is not just a story of glorious mysteries, but of sorrows and joys, suffering, and the ongoing call to conversion. Drawing on the example of spiritual writers Henri Nouwen and Thomas Merton and the lives of the saints, this session will show how we can learn to read our own life story as a Gospel text.



Robert Ellsberg

Robert Ellsberg is Publisher and Editor in Chief of Orbis Books, based in Maryknoll, N.Y. A former editor of *The Catholic Worker*, he worked with Dorothy Day for the last five years of her life and is currently editing her diaries and letters. He has written many award-winning books on saints including the popular *All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets and Witnesses for Our Time*.

## 6-15 FORGIVE AND BE FREE

“You can’t hit your brother! Apologize right now!” Does that sound familiar? Most of us have been taught many things about forgiveness, from the time our parents first forced us to say “I’m sorry.” But what if most of what we’ve been taught is not true? What if continuing in your same patterns means you cannot fully heal, and you remain blinded by anger, grudges and hate from the past? Come challenge old notions of forgiveness and reconciliation, and open yourself to the freedom and new vision that come from true forgiveness.



Amy Florian

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant with over 30 years of experience in parish ministry. She has published numerous articles and two books, *Sign & Symbol, Word and Song* and *The Mass: An Invitation to Enjoy It*. Florian also serves as Executive Director of *Stauros U.S.A.*, an organization dedicated to exploring the mystery of suffering. Her workshops, training sessions, missions and retreats span the country.

## 6-16 GLOBALIZATION, SPIRITUALITY AND JUSTICE



This session will look at the challenge of living out our relationships with God, others, ourselves and creation, particularly with the complex challenges posed by globalization. After offering an overview of globalization, Fr. Daniel Groody will then explore an “underview” of globalization (the problem of poverty) and an “innerview” (the terrain of the human heart). Particular attention will be given to Catholic social teaching and contemporary spiritual practices that can help us as we explore what it means to be human amidst the contemporary world’s challenges. This session will explore a spiritual reading of globalization and a global reading of spirituality.



Rev. Daniel G. Groody, CSC

Fr. Daniel Groody is Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He has worked many years in Latin America, particularly along the U.S.-Mexico border, and has authored a book and is Executive Producer of a video about migrants. A member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, he has given talks worldwide and has numerous published articles.

## 6-17 RENEWING THE FACE OF THE EARTH/CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND EARTHKEEPING

Marty Haugen

From the beginning of creation, God has covenanted in love with humans, calling us to be partners in treasuring the sacredness of all life and creation. In the 21st century, when we have the power to preserve or destroy this planet, when North Americans consume so much of the world’s resources, what does the Eucharist have to say to us about our role in the web of life?

## 6-18 A GENTLE PLEA FOR CHAOS: LIFE AS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION

Terry Hershey

Insight, love, surprise, discovery and joy all come from places of uncertainty, even chaos. This goes against the grain of a culture afraid of mystery, questions and doubt. These shadowy places are too easily dismissed as darkness. But what if hope is really about God (literally) with us? In the midst? In these shadows. Jesus invites us to let our “light shine.” We are invited to see prayer as living *this* moment with open hands and heart. Open and awake to the wealth of life’s quirky offerings, without the need to tidy up. In that space my heart can expand to receive those parts of my life ... the messy, the uncertain, the doubts, the shadows. And my light will shine.

**6-19 ON THE ROAD AGAIN: TRANSFORMING FAMILIES, SYSTEMS AND OURSELVES** 🗨️

“Get on the Bus” and the “Chowchilla Family Express” are two California programs that unite families with their loved ones in prison. Come and learn how you can be a part of an evolving new paradigm, a new movement, a new mission, and a new future. This presentation will feature real stories, real people and real possibilities for getting on the road with reunification of families.

**Suzanne Jabro, CSJ**

*Sr. Suzanne Jabro has served as a leader in the correctional justice movement for more than 30 years. As a Catholic Chaplain, she ministered to men, women and children in various detention facilities throughout California and Washington states. In the 1990s, she served as Director of the Los Angeles Roman Catholic Detention Ministry Department, the largest in the United States. Sr. Jabro is currently Executive Director of the Center for Restorative Justice Works, and founded the Get On The Bus program.*

**Eric DeBode**

*Eric DeBode is Program Director for the Chowchilla Family Express, referring to the Central California Women's Facility and Valley State Prison for Women that are located near the central California city. After nine years in the Jesuits, DeBode has run a drop-in center for the homeless in Tacoma, Wash., spent several years working at the Los Angeles Catholic Worker and was Director at California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty.*

**6-20 THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP** 🗨️

Friends shape who we are and who we are yet to be. Friends help us live better, counteract stress and are a very important part of how we attain maturity and wisdom. For couples, the first friend is the life partner. For celibate women and men and clergy, friends are the characteristic way to experience intimacy. This workshop will explore the characteristics of healthy friendships, the skills needed to develop these critical relationships, how women and men approach friendships, and the obstacles that prevent healthy relating with both men and women. Growth in friendship with God will also be addressed.

**Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD**

*Lynn Levo, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a licensed psychologist, consultant, author and lecturer. She consults with religious congregations of women and men, and has presented nationally and internationally on fostering healthy integrated sexuality, celibacy, relationships, intimacy and mutuality in community. Currently, Sr. Levo is the Director of Education and Editor of Lukenotes at Saint Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Md.*

**6-21 THE BOOK OF REVELATION AND WORSHIP IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD** 🗨️**Craig R. Koester**

The Book of Revelation invites people to encounter God and the Lamb. Although many people assume that Revelation is about the future, it profoundly shapes the way we worship. Its opening chapters offer glimpses into the life of congregations. Then it takes us into the presence of God and scenes of heavenly worship. Much of the church's music has been inspired by Revelation. Well-known compositions like Handel's "Messiah" and many newer songs are based on passages from Revelation. Knowing the music makes Revelation a more accessible and meaningful part of Scripture. And knowing Revelation gives new dimensions to our own worship life.

**6-22 LIFT YOUR GAZE ... SEE A NEW VISION WITH A NEW HEART** 🗨️**Megan McKenna**

Do we see or are we blind? Are we hard-hearted or are our hearts softening and growing more courageous with risk and standing up for our faith? Do we know that we were born blind but now we can see? Or do we think we can see just fine and we judge the problem to lie in others' seeing (our eyes are connected to our ears and our tongues)? Do we tell the stories of truth and stand up for our God in Jesus preaching the gospel of justice and peace for all? This gaze of God is the look of courage, fortitude and enduring grace in the face of violence and untruth. Come lift your gaze and draw others to the cross in hope.

**6-23 THE WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT** 🗨️**Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD, STL**

Beginning with Mary (Jesus' mother), Mary Magdalene, Martha and Mary, and others, will will examine both how Jesus' life and ministry were encouraged and assisted by holy women. In addition in this session, we will look at how, particularly from Luke's perspective, Jesus responded to their needs and concerns.

**6-24 ECOTHEOLOGY FROM THE FUTURE: THE APOCALYPSE AS BASIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY** 🗨️**Sr. Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ**

Most inquiries into what the Bible has to say about environmental responsibility begin with Genesis 1-2 and our God-given charge to fill, subdue and seemingly take care of the Earth. Here we will start not at the beginning but rather where most think is the end: the Book of Revelation.

## 6-25 BEING MISSIONARIES TO OUR OWN CHILDREN – TODAY’S REAL MISSIONARY TASK ☪

**Ronald Rolheiser, OMI**

The toughest missionary task in the world today is communicating the faith to our own children. Secular culture, with its many distractions, has some particular resistances to the Gospel even as it contains much that is moral. Is secular culture post-Christian? Are we living in a tyranny of relativity? Or is secular culture merely the grandiose adolescent child of Christianity, not bad but just not finished? How do we become missionaries inside of secularity, inside of our home cities, inside of our own homes?

## 6-26 INTERACTION IN MULTICULTURAL SETTINGS ☪

Where are we in understanding the interaction of people in multicultural settings? This workshop will review some of the major approaches and look at some emerging models and their implication for ministry. (This will be repeated in Session 7-23.)



**Robert Schreiter, CPPS**

*Fr. Robert Schreiter, a member of the Society of the Precious Blood, is Professor of Theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He lectures worldwide on themes of intercultural, reconciliation and mission of the church today, and has published 17 books on these themes. Fr. Schreiter is Past President of the American Society of Missiology and of the Catholic Theological Society of America.*

## 6-27 THE GREAT AWAKENING ☪

We won’t get to social justice without a revival of faith. Something is happening around the country and it’s felt everywhere. Faith is being applied to social justice more now than at any other time in several decades, and spiritual power is being harnessed for social change. We may be poised on the edge of a new “great awakening” – a time like times before in American and world history when faith really changes things ... big things. In this workshop, Jim Wallis will explore the promise and possibility of revival today.



**Jim Wallis**

*Jim Wallis is a best-selling author, public theologian, speaker and international commentator on ethics and public life. As President and Executive Director of Sojourners/Call to Renewal, he convenes a national network of churches, faith-based organizations, and individuals working to overcome poverty in America. In addition, Wallis is Editor in Chief of Sojourners magazine. His columns appear in major national newspapers, and he regularly appears on radio and television.*

## 6-28 MODERN MEDIA: A TEST FOR THE MODERN CHURCH

**David Walsh, PhD**

This workshop will break new ground on the impact of mass media on children, families and communities. Dr. David Walsh will combine the latest discoveries in the field of brain research with empirical data to show how and why mass media are so powerful in shaping attitudes, values and behavior. Particular attention will be paid to the impact of media on the “culture of disrespect.” Dr. Walsh will present compelling evidence that the influence of media is one of the greatest challenges facing religious educators today. He will also offer a concrete plan for change and explain why it is imperative to address the role of media in the lives of believers.

## 6-29 ONE-MINUTE MEDITATION: A PRACTICAL, PASTORAL AND POWERFUL NEW WAY TO PRAY ☪

**Tom Zanzig**

Sometimes in our ministry and in our personal spiritual life we think too big, developing visions and expectations of others and ourselves that overwhelm and frustrate us. In this workshop, Tom Zanzig encourages us to think small, to imagine what might happen – in our own lives, in our ministries, in our parishes – if we could just get enough people to do a little. You might just leave this workshop asking, “Can it really be this simple?!”

## 6-70 THỬ DẠY CÁC EM LỚP RƯỚC LỄ LẦN ĐẦU VỀ THÁNH LỄ ☪

**Frère Trần An-Phong, F.S.C.**

Trong khoá này, Frère Phong sẽ cố gắng thử dạy một lớp mẫu về Thánh Lễ cho lứa tuổi “rước lễ lần đầu,” dùng cách kể chuyện, múa hát, băng reo, tô màu, “PowerPoint,” câu nguyện để dẫn các em đến với Chuyện Chúa Giê-su, ngồi chung bàn với nhau và với Chúa Giê-su, cùng nhớ đến những ai nghèo đói. *Quý vị có thể mang theo “flash drive” để tải lại các “files” ngay sau khoá này.*





**7-01 THE FUTURE OF LIBERAL CATHOLICISM** 🔊**John L. Allen Jr.**

Liberal Catholicism has been described as bankrupt, finished, and all but pronounced dead. But is it really? Or will the 21st century create a surprising renewal for the liberal instinct in the church?

**7-02 LITURGICAL MOVEMENT FOR CHILDREN** 🔊

Learn creative and effective ways to engage children K-8 in liturgical celebrations, prayer services and classroom activities. Simple gestures, liturgical dance, ritual and the acting out of Scripture is a wonderful way to involve our young students in the richness of our faith! This workshop is about “doing,” so come prepared to move!

**Donna Anderle**

*An accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer, Donna Anderle has performed movement for prayer and celebration at major liturgical conventions across the country, including the L.A. Congress. She has four books of choreography and a CD-ROM on liturgical dance. Anderle is on the teaching faculty of The Cincinnati Ballet Company and is involved in various outreach dance programs for Cincinnati inner-city schools.*

**7-03 THE EUCHARIST: SOURCE AND SUMMIT** 🔊

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, according to the Second Vatican Council. In this session, Fr. Robert Barron will explore this central mystery of the faith under the rubrics of sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence.

**Rev. Robert Barron**

*Chicago-native Fr. Robert Barron first served the Chicago Archdiocese as Associate Pastor at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge, Ill. Since then, he has served as Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein Seminary, located outside of Chicago. His numerous articles on theology and spirituality have appeared in a variety of journals. He also gives frequent retreats, missions and workshops.*

**7-04 GOD LOVES ME! CALLING CHILDREN TO FAITH THROUGH SONG** 🔊**John Burland**

How can we share the great news *that God loves us* with the children in our care? What are some creative and practical ideas for passing on the riches of our Catholic faith tradition? Incorporating song, movement and meditative prayer, this workshop will offer a variety of age-appropriate activities suitable for children at the elementary level. Catechetical themes such as revelation, Trinity, Jesus Christ, church, morality, God’s Kingdom, Sacraments and justice will be addressed during this session.

**7-05 CULTIVATING SPIRITUAL AWARENESS WITH YOUNG ADOLESCENTS** 🔊

This session will explore concrete principles and processes for helping junior-highers develop spiritual sensitivities and moral imagination. Examples from the young adolescent paperback series, “Lincoln Park,” will be used to illustrate these specific dynamics, including the unique function of adults as spiritual teachers.

**Michael Carotta**

*For over 30 years Michael Carotta has worked with young people in educational, pastoral, clinical and athletic settings. His recent books include “Have Faith: A Candidate-Sponsor Resource for Confirmation and Beyond” and “Lincoln Park,” a junior-high mystery series co-authored with John Shea. Currently, Carotta serves as the Consultant for Adolescent Catechesis for Harcourt Religion and teaches graduate courses at several Catholic universities nationwide.*

**7-06 THE CALL OF THE CATECHIST** 🔊**Carol Cimino, SSJ, EdD**

This presentation will explore the special ministry and vocation of those who teach youngsters about their faith. It will offer some thoughts about what the ministry demands of our personal and spiritual lives, and how catechists can exemplify what the Acts of the Apostles calls them to be: “of one mind and one heart.”

**7-07 THE ONCE AND FUTURE DIACONATE: A NEW VISION FOR A RENEWED CHURCH** 🔊**William T. Ditewig**

While many people are still discovering the diaconate renewed by the Second Vatican Council, and while the progress of this renewed order has sometimes been uneven at best and problematic at worst, the fact remains that the diaconate is the fastest-growing ministry in the church today. What is required today, now that we have had four decades of experience upon which to build, is a renewed vision of the diaconate based on a renewed vision of the servant-nature of the church herself. This workshop examines the theological, spiritual and pastoral dimensions of such a vision for the future.

**7-08 HOLY WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS** 🔊**Michael S. Driscoll**

The cathedral stands out as the Mother Church of each diocese and it should model good liturgical practice for the diocese. The Constitution on the Liturgy (par. 41) states, “Therefore all should hold in great esteem the liturgical life of the diocese centered around the bishop, especially in his cathedral church.” This workshop will use the Los Angeles Cathedral as a case study to determine whether what happens at Our Lady of the Angels is the model for what can happen throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. How is this principle applicable in other (arch)dioceses?

## 7-09 HELPING KIDS DEVELOP A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS ☪

**Elizabeth Ficocelli**

Children today are constantly bombarded with messages, distractions and temptations that lure them away from the spiritual and create an over-emphasis on the worldly. Here are some practical ideas and activities to encourage children to consciously choose Jesus Christ as their true leader and, in the process, become happier and more fulfilled followers. Drawing from the wisdom of Thomas a Kempis' "The Imitation of Christ," this talk is geared to teachers and parents who nurture the spiritual development of children ages 8-13.

## 7-10 "A WORD IN YOUR EAR": HEARING THE WORD AND PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE ☪

**Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp**

Attentive listening does not come easily, as the first disciples discovered. But because they failed to listen, they frequently failed to learn from Jesus. We will explore the significance of "having ears" in Jewish culture and will identify some of the "deaf spots" that cause us to be less than we are called to be. Emphasizing some of Jesus' concerns, we strive to be more faithful disciples ourselves.

## 7-11 GRACE UNDER PRESSURE: LIVING WITH HOPE AND COURAGE ☪

**Dr. Greer G. Gordon**

As modern-day believers, we live in a society that is filled with suffering. For many, that suffering brings with it a kind of immobilizing pressure that fills them with fear and doubt. From a spiritual perspective, that doubt and fear must be replaced with hope and courage, which only come through grace. In this session, a contemporary theology of grace will be explored, with a particular emphasis on what it means to live with hope and courage in a society of pressure and despair. This session is directed toward those working in evangelization, catechetical and pastoral ministries and spiritual development.

## 7-12 TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE WITH HOPE: THE JOURNEY OF PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY FOR AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH

**David Haas**

Far too often our tradition and prayer forms seem to isolate rather than unite. In our prayer and liturgical life, we tend to get "sectioned off" into different generational and other types of groupings, usually according to "stereotypes" of style, piety and approach. This session will be a musical, biblical and prayerful celebration of the many approaches, genres and resources of prayer that can help all of us – children, youth and adults together – to become active and engaged participants in the prayer-filled liturgical, catechetical and sacramental life. Together we will sing, pray and share stories that hopefully bring us together and form us to become a community centered in the mission of Christ.

## 7-13 INWARD, OUTWARD, UPWARD: HENRI NOUWEN'S INTEGRATED JOURNEY

In his book "Reaching Out," Henri Nouwen presents his own schema of the spiritual life in a threefold movement reaching out to our innermost being, to other fellow human beings, and to God. This represents the inward, outward and upward journey that we all embark upon – weaving psychology, ministry and theology with spirituality into a seamless whole. In this session we take a closer look at the integrated dynamics of such a journey.



**Wil Hernandez, PhD**

*Dr. Wil Hernandez works as the Southern California Spiritual Formation Partners Coordinator for The Leadership Institute, in partnership with the Denver-based Spiritual Formation Alliance. Hernandez is author of "Henri Nouwen: A Spirituality of Imperfection," and he regularly teaches on the spirituality of Henri Nouwen as an Adjunct Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.*

## 7-14 EXCITING "NEW" GOSPELS? WHAT CATHOLICS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF JUDAS AND OTHER APOCRYPHAL WRITINGS ☪

**Felix Just, SJ, PhD**

Some astounding claims have recently been made about newly discovered "Gospels," such as the Gospel of Judas, the Gospel of Mary Magdalene, etc. But what value do these works really have? Do they teach us anything new about Jesus? Why are they so controversial? This talk will explore what we, as Catholic Christians, should know about these "non-canonical Gospels," and what we should teach our children about them.

## 7-15 THE CATECHUMENATE AND CONVERSION TO MISSION ☪

**Rev. Raymond B. Kemp**

Have we slipped backward in our adult initiation to just giving instructions, and missed the challenge of conversion catechesis for engaging all the initiated in the mission of the church? Can the Lectionary and the coming synod on the power of the Word bring us back to the wonders of initiation processes that lead to vocation, mystagogia and mission? Let's outline why the young adult generation values this authentic approach.

## 7-16 LEADING IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY ☪

**Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD**

Leading in a transitional time such as ours is both challenging and opportune. Leaders today are invited to embrace their full humanity, as they focus on the global reality and their current reality, guided by principles, values and a clear identity. This workshop will explore how leaders need to value and utilize the three types of human intelligence – rational, emotional, and spiritual – and will conclude with how trust is critical for any group/community to be mutual and healthy.

**7-17 SOY CATEQUISTA: THE DIGNITY, VOCATION AND MISSION OF THE CATECHIST**

The calling of the catechist is one of the most ancient and venerable vocations in the church. But today the complexity of faith communities is a challenge to the catechist in his or her concrete situation. This workshop will focus on what Scripture and Catholic tradition teach us about the dignity and vocation of the catechist. The workshop is based on a 2006 national consultation on catechesis in Hispanic communities and is intended to animate participants to convene *Soy Catequista* (I am a Catechist) events in their own parishes and dioceses.

**Timothy Matovina**

*Timothy Matovina is an Associate Professor of Theology and the William and Anna Jean Cushwa Director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. In addition to his scholarly work, Matovina offers presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and on ministry and theology. His publications include the recent, co-edited book, "The Treasure of Guadalupe."*

**Natalia M. Imperatori-Lee, PhD**

*Dr. Natalia Imperatori-Lee grew up in Miami, the child of Cuban immigrants. She is currently Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Manhattan College in Riverdale, N.Y. Her interests include Vatican II and U.S. Latino/a theology. The former co-coordinator of Spanish-language RCIA, has spoken at the Detroit Archdiocese Pastoral Ministry Conference and at the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, and was keynote at the Miami Archdiocese Youth Ministry Conference.*

**Michael E. Lee, PhD**

*Dr. Michael Lee combines academic theological work with years of experience in catechesis, ministry to the poor and music ministry in various church settings. He is Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at Fordham University, where he also serves at their Latin American & Latino/a Studies Institute. Dr. Lee writes on Christology, soteriology (study of salvation), Hispanic and Latin American theology.*

**Victor Valenzuela**

*Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent, Victor Valenzuela is fully bilingual and bicultural. He has been in ministry for 20 years, including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training and writing and development of new materials. He has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. Valenzuela currently is a National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources at William H. Sadlier.*

**7-18 PASTORAL CARE OF THE ADOLESCENT: A CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CHALLENGE****Robert J. McCarty, DMIn**

At the core of effective youth ministry is fostering the positive development of young people, even as they deal with a variety of risk issues and behaviors. This session provides a framework for comprehensive pastoral care and explores the principles and methods of caring for young people and their families. Practical strategies for developing life skills, crisis intervention, prevention programs and building youths' assets will be explored.

**7-19 "I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS": LIVING A CONTEMPORARY LITURGICAL SPIRITUALITY****J-Glenn Murray, SJ**

We have so often heard that by virtue of our Baptism each of us has a right and duty to participate fully, consciously and actively in the church's liturgy. But what does that mean? How do we enter daily into this dying and rising of Christ that we celebrate Sunday after Sunday? Having looked to the hills, having been to the summit, how do we enter into a celebration that leads us day by day to a union of hearts and minds, that leads us day after day to answer the burning question: If we worship this way, how can we act any other way except in justice and in peace?

**7-20 LIFE AS LITURGY (LAUNDRY INCLUDED)**

Is it possible to have a contemplative life when there are so many demands on our time and energy, and we grow weary of juggling? This presentation will examine ways of seeing that can help us regain a sense of balance and renew our faith in the essential holiness of life.

**Kathleen Norris**

*Award-winning poet and New York Times best-selling author, Kathleen Norris has published seven books of poetry and four non-fiction books on her spiritual life. A Benedictine oblate since the late-'60s, she also has several published essays on monasticism. Norris resides in Hawaii, where she volunteers at her mother's retirement home and her local Episcopal church. She travels regularly to the mainland speaking to hospital staff, social workers and medical professionals.*

**7-21 LIBERATION FOR COMMUNION****Sr. Jamie T. Phelps, OP, PhD**

This workshop will explore the primary ecclesiology of the Second Vatican Council, i.e., the church as communion. Participants will be lead in a reflection-discussion of their ministry as it contributes to the embodiment of Jesus' vision of liberating humanity from sin and all that oppresses to make salvation – communion with God, other human beings and all creation a reality referred to biblically as the Reign of God or the Kingdom of Heaven.

## 7-22 WHEN THE WORD LIVES AND BREATHES: REFLECTIONS ON BIBLIODRAMA 🗣️

**Fr. Erik Riechers, SAC**

Bibliodrama is a holistic method of delving into a biblical text. By laying the text out in a room, the participants have the opportunity of touching their personal lives to the text and letting the text come in contact with their personal lives. This session will offer an overview of this unique and invigorating approach of working with the biblical texts, and offer several short practical examples of how it is done.

## 7-23 INTERACTION IN MULTICULTURAL SETTINGS 🗣️

**Robert Schreiter, CPPS**

Where are we in understanding the interaction of people in multicultural settings? This workshop will review some of the major approaches and look at some emerging models and their implication for ministry. (This is a repeat of Session 6-26.)

## 7-24 GLOCAL: THINKING GLOBALLY, ACTING LOCALLY TO STOP AIDS 🗣️

**Carl C. Stecker**

Sure, 39 million people worldwide are living with HIV. But they're all "over there," so, what can I do about it? The compassionate and comprehensive response of the church means *both* thinking and acting, *both* globally and locally – a "glocal" response. Know your epidemic (educate yourself and others), know your HIV status, act responsibly (both personally and corporately), advocate (governments and global community), give (time and resources), reach out (local and global), and remove stigma and discrimination. The brief presentation will be followed by stimulating discussion about what the body of Christ is doing and can do.

## 7-25 CLUSTERING PARISHES: THREE SCENARIOS 🗣️

**Thomas P. Sweetser, SJ & Peg Bishop, OSF**

No longer can Catholic parishes remain in isolation from one another. Today, two out of five parishes must share an ordained priest. Other parishes are being closed or combined with others close by. Still others must share staff, ministries and programs because of limited funds and resources. This presentation will offer three ways to cope with the shortages and draw out positive results: 1) clustering parishes that includes the parishioners in the deliberation; 2) providing a way in which priests who minister in more than one parish can find relief; and 3) sharing best practices and areas of need among groups of parishes so that all can learn from one another.

## 7-26 SEVEN COMMITMENTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD 🗣️

**Jim Wallis**

Some of the most important moral challenges we face today – global poverty, climate change, human trafficking and genocide – often feel like huge mountains to move. It's often not the information, knowledge, technology and resources that we lack to change the big issues, but rather, the lack of moral and political will. It's really a matter of our commitments. This workshop will explore seven basic commitments that could literally change the world by providing a "tipping point" on the greatest challenges we face.

## 7-70 ĐỨC TIN TRONG CUỘC SỐNG NGƯỜI KITÔ HỮU HỒM NAY 🗣️

Thực tế cho thấy chúng ta đang sống trong một xã hội đầy những văn hóa sự chết phẫn với đức tin và luân lý Kitô giáo, đến nỗi đã làm cho nhiều người bị khủng hoảng đức tin. Bởi vậy, trước một bối cảnh như thế làm sao Kitô hữu chúng ta có thể giữ vững đức tin cho chính bản thân mình mà còn thực hiện việc truyền giáo rất khẩn thiết cho thế giới hôm nay.



**Bishop Vu Huy Chương**

*Đức cha An-tôn Vũ Huy Chương sinh quán tại Sơn Tây, Việt Nam. Vào chủng viện khi còn trẻ, theo học tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Pi-ô X và thụ phong linh mục lúc 27 tuổi tại Saigon, dưới sự đặt tay của Giám Mục Phan-xi-cô Xa-vi-ê Nguyễn Văn Thuận. Sau đó, phục vụ gần 30 năm tại Chủng Viện Cần Thơ trong vai trò linh hướng và giáo sư thần học; đồng thời giúp một xứ đạo. Năm 2003, được bổ nhiệm làm Giám Mục Hưng Hoá, một giáo phận vùng núi Đông Bắc bao gồm 10 vùng đất rộng. Giáo phận này có khoảng 200 ngàn người Công Giáo, 75 giáo xứ và 498 khu truyền giáo. Từ năm 2005, đức cha là chủ tịch Ủy Ban Đào Tạo chủng sinh và linh mục của Hội Đồng Giám Mục Việt Nam.*



## My first experience of Congress...

I came back very inspired from my first RECongress! The workshops were mostly well-prepared, but especially Jesse Manibusan, who is not only able to miraculously connect with today's youth and old people alike, but his entire 90-minute workshop kept steadily with the theme. And if that wasn't enough, it was very motivational and compelling.

– Tom Guenther

### 8-01 THE WORD IS MADE FLESH – CREATIVELY BREAKING OPEN THE WORD OF GOD WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Monica Brown & Hilary Musgrave

This workshop will be a practical exploration of the use of creative process in breaking open the Word of God with children and youth. Through the integration of Scripture storytelling, music, mime, sacred clowning and ritual, participants will be actively involved in developing creative ways to support and nurture the spirituality and faith development of their students. This will be a down-to-earth, hands-on workshop that will enthuse and inspire a new approach to faith formation and, at the same time, affirm and enrich participants in their own journey.

### 8-02 UNCHAINING CONFIRMATION

Michael Carotta

Confirmation now seems to serve a functional purpose. But given all we know about adolescent spirituality, youth culture, good adolescent catechesis and youth ministry, how might we enhance Confirmation prep's potential to be a more transformative experience for young people? What might it look like? What might be the tasks, and what are the challenges?

### 8-03 PRAYERS/CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS FROM THE GOSPELS

Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM

Prayer has often been defined as conversation with God. Did you ever have questions you'd like to ask Jesus, now or when you meet him face to face? "What must I do?" "What are we going to get out of it?" or just want to say things about your life: "Lord, if you were only here, then..."; "The one whom you love is sick"; or even, "There's no more wine." Come explore with Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM, some interactions with Jesus from real people like us in the Gospels. Maybe you'll find yourself again, your answers, or *him!* Maybe you'll find in the Scriptures some new ways to prayer!

### 8-04 LIVING RELEVANCE

We are the People of God, the leaven in the bread, called to transform the world, to live a life that makes a real difference. The church has provided social teachings to show the way, but many find these teachings overwhelming that they feel paralyzed. The truth is that Catholic social teaching is for all people in every walk of life. It is meant to be lived, not adored. Come be inspired in how to saturate your own life and ministry with relevance.



Mia Crosthwaite

Mia Crosthwaite is a lecturer, catechist, minister and author of "Go and Do Likewise, Catholic Social Teaching in Action." She serves as Coordinator of Parish Life & Faith Formation for the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, where she formerly served as Director of Adult Catholic Education and as Legislative Liaison for the Idaho Catholic Conference. Crosthwaite has presented at numerous parish adult catechesis, catechist formations and retreats.

### 8-05 SENT TO LEAD AFRESH

Msgr. Ray East

Our human vocation is to imitate God in being givers of life and leaders who can motivate, inspire and sustain growth. What are the challenges for leaders in our parish communities today? How do we envision the future, engage and sustain the whole community and send them out to make a difference?

### 8-06 DOROTHY DAY: A SAINT FOR TODAY

Robert Ellsberg

In this session, Robert Ellsberg outlines the life and spirituality of Dorothy Day and shows why she is a particularly relevant saint for today. As a lay person, a single mother and a convert, Day launched a movement to live out the radical social implications of the Gospel. She embodied the option for the poor and the spirit of gospel non-violence. But her activism was deeply rooted in prayer, the Sacraments and reflection on Scripture. Drawing on his work as editor of Day's diaries, Ellsberg shows how her spirituality responded both to the challenges of history and the demands of the every day.

### 8-07 CREATED FOR COMMUNION: CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND THE CHALLENGE OF INCLUSION

John Heagle, JCL & Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD

What makes us Catholic? This question has become a crucial concern for our church, both as an institution and for each of us as members of the Body of Christ. This presentation seeks to re-ground Catholic identity in the rich soil of Gospel relationships. In his preaching and ministry, Jesus focused on the "Reign of God" as the all-embracing compassion of God and the call to human communion. This vision of relationships is both an invitation and a challenge. What insight can it give us in facing the creative tension between Jesus' practice of inclusion and contemporary church teaching?

## My first experience of Congress...

We are from Philadelphia and had a wonderful experience and came in touch with a Church alive.

God bless you all.

– Ann Menna, Pennsylvania

## 8-12 MUSIC AND LITURGY – WORSHIP, PROCLAMATION AND CHARITY 🎧

**Jesse Manibusan**

Full, conscious, active, passionate participation of the People of God in the work of God: How does our music flesh this out in our practice and celebration? How does it not?

## 8-13 SETTING HEARTS ON FIRE: USING MUSIC FOR EVANGELIZATION, MISSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE 🎧

**Michael Mangan**

Michael Mangan, one of Australia’s foremost liturgical composers, will focus on using the power of music to build up the Body of Christ through vibrant and meaningful celebrations in parishes and schools. The shared musical experience and the messages carried in the lyrical content of song can help build communion with Christ and each other and to “set hearts on fire” for mission in the world. Come along ready to sing, move and have fun as this energetic presenter introduces us to repertoire from his catalog of over 130 compositions including music for First Communion, Confirmation, peace, justice and our mission in the world.

## 8-14 A PEDAGOGY FOR THE OPPRESSORS: TRAINING OURSELVES TO TRAIN OUR CHILDREN IN PEACE, JUSTICE AND MERCY 🎧

**John J. Markey, PhD**

All knowing comes through imitation: Aristotle’s profound observation implies that if we want to change our children’s behavior then we have to change our own. To accomplish this, first we need to be freed from the false value system that material wealth creates, which keeps us from adequately seeing and hearing the cry of the poor. In this session, John Markey will develop a concrete and practical process of training ourselves in empathy, non-violence, conflict-resolution and compassion. We need to train ourselves so that we can train our children to live differently, to act justly, to seek peace and to genuinely hope for the coming of the Reign of God.

## 8-15 CATHOLIC LAUGHTER 🎧

**James Martin, SJ**

Come have a laugh for an hour or so! Too often joy, humor and laughter are forgotten as an important part of the Catholic spiritual tradition. We will look at how the saints and the great spiritual masters understood humor, and how they used it to move toward greater wholeness and holiness in life. Practical ways of incorporating these insights into your daily life, as well as some great jokes, will be included.

## 8-08 THE TOUGH CHALLENGE: WHEN PEOPLE MOURN A SUICIDE 🎧

**Fr. Richard B. Gilbert, PhD, CT**

This session will offer a frank discussion, with comfort and resources, to help those grieving a suicidal death (including children) and equipping the church to be more empathetic responders to this walk through sorrow.

## 8-09 TO BE GOD’S HEART ON EARTH: A FRESH INTERPRETATION OF “DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART”

**Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ**

Inspired art, flaming hearts, devotional practices verging on the superstitious: all of these virtually guaranteed that devotion to the Sacred Heart would rapidly wane in light of Vatican II’s emphasis on the liturgy. This presentation of word and image will attempt to reinterpret the core mystery – the love of Christ – and will challenge 21st-century Christians who, by our vocations, are also meant to be God’s Heart on Earth. (This is a repeat of Session 5-15).

## 8-10 FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER: PASSION/ RESURRECTION NARRATIVES OF MATTHEW AND JOHN 🎧

**Sr. Dorothy Jonaitis, OP**

The journey through Holy Week has its own rhythms when one looks carefully at the Scriptures used for the week. Particular attention needs to be paid to the proclamation of the Passion narratives on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. This year, you will hear the Passion accounts of Matthew and John. How do they differ in their structure and message intended for different audiences, and how do we apply this message to today?

## 8-11 IS JESUS JUST ANOTHER SUPER HERO?

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

Six of the highest grossing films in 2007 are science fantasies, many with “super heroes” in the lead. What does this, now, long-standing trend have to say to our belief in Jesus as the savior of the world, to our mystical tradition, and to the value formation the people of God are receiving at the multiplex?

**8-16 LIFE JACKETS, PARACHUTES AND ARMOR** ☺

Every catechist knows the feeling of sinking in the middle of a lesson or wanting to jump when a class is on a nosedive or to retreat when bombarded with questions. Participants will not only review survival basics but discover a variety of tactics that lead to the mission successfully accomplished.

**Leland D. Nagel**

*Lee Nagel has held a variety of positions on both the diocesan and university level. Currently, he is the Executive Director of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. A faith-filled storyteller, he is an educator by profession and a catechist by vocations, a teacher by trade and an evangelist by Baptism. He has taught at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., and has presented at several national conferences and diocesan conferences.*

**8-17 THE TWILIGHT WISDOM OF THE HEART: THE ART OF HARVESTING YOUR INNER LIGHT** ☺**John O'Donohue, PhD**

After its creative voyage of light, the day slows down at twilight to recall and illuminate all of its hidden color and investment. We need to learn to trust the wisdom of the heart, to take twilight-time so that the hidden color of our becoming might illuminate for us. Experience is squandered if it is not savored and integrated. The Holy Spirit, mother of the soul, harvests each day's light so that when night overtakes us, we can rely on its hidden, inner twilight-heart. Everything we need for the journey has already been secretly given to us. It awaits us there on the twilight-altar of the heart.

**My first experience of Congress...**

This past year we heard about the Congress for the first time from a new parishioner who used to live in California and had attended many times. We were extremely interested and went online to research it. I could not imagine that anything that big and wonderful had escaped us. We are both very active in the Catholic Church both in the parish and diocese and have traveled to retreats, etc., in different parts of the country.

Our experience was wonderful. We went with three other people, two of whom also had never been before. We needed the paper Registration Guidebook as the amount of workshops was a bit overwhelming at first to do online ... can't put sticky notes and highlighter on the computer! Picking workshops was probably the hardest part of the Congress. There were just too many that we wanted to attend, and too many prominent speakers we wanted to hear. Out of the 16 workshops between us, we were only disappointed in three ... an amazing record.

– Patti and Bill Pollitt

**8-18 FORMING A SPIRITUAL CHILD IN A SECULAR WORLD** ☺**Jo Ann Paradise**

How can parents and religious educators engage a child's religious imagination in a way that enables them to develop as spiritual people in a world that is often toxic to spirituality? We will explore practical ideas for making room for the Spirit in both family life and classroom experiences.

**8-19 DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION AMONG HISPANIC YOUNG ADULTS** ☺

Young adult ministry (pastoral juvenil for young adult Hispanic ministry) is for the evangelization of the young people. This evangelization should immerse them into the fundamental experience of their faith, the historical discipleship of Jesus and to the continuing of their project for the here and now. According to the Gospel of Mark, "And Jesus appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach" (Mk 3:14). This double experience of call of discipleship and the mission today for Hispanic young adults continues to be the central core of the Christian experience and it should also be for the young adult/pastoral juvenil as well.

**Jorge Rivera**

*Jorge Rivera has worked for over 10 years with the Hispanic/Latino community in the Chicago area. Presently, he is Coordinator for Hispanic Young Adults for the Chicago Archdiocese. He previously served as Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry in the archdiocese. His speaking engagements have taken him to more than 15 states and dioceses in the nation. Rivera also developed, in conjunction with Chicago's DePaul University, a formation program for training youth leaders.*

**8-20 SHEPHERDS ON THE EDGE** ☺

Tending to the needs of our flock is a blessing and our responsibility. Being a spiritual guide in the lives of our young teens can be ministry at its best. Walk away from this workshop with a new confidence and effective ways to minister to young people. Shepherding on the edge requires openness, awareness and true love to tune into young people where they are in their lives.

**Anna Scally**

*Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media, is a columnist for their Top Music Countdown online resource and host of their audio show, "Burning Issues." She is recipient of the National Youth Ministry Performer/Artist/Author of the Year Award from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. She has made over 2,200 public presentations, and has been a presenter at all the major conferences for religious educators in North America.*

## My first experience of Congress...

This was the first year I attended RECongress and I am still on fire!! I look forward to not only attending but participating. I would like to be notified of the scheduled choir rehearsals in advance so that I may express my gratitude for God's blessings through song and possibly liturgical dance!

– Alfredia Johnson, RN

## 8-25 SEVEN PEACEMAKING STRATEGIES FOR THE HOME AND CLASSROOM

Susan V. Vogt

Learn how to start an argument and how to end it. Use the Pledge of Nonviolence to change the culture of your school, class or family. Learn how to stop nagging by “running a race” and to cure gripes by taking plenty of vitamins B and C. It’s not magic; it just takes planning, know how, and courageous parents and educators.

## 8-26 HAPPY ARE YOU? A CATECHESIS FOR JOY

David Wells

When we gather in Anaheim – opposite “the happiest place on Earth” – will we find happiness there? Many of us don’t know what happiness is until we experience it, then we want it for everyone! So where is happiness to be found, and how do we lead people there? Can we help the world find the happiness? By taking a look at Jesus’ preaching, together with some contemporary spiritual writers and our rich tradition, we will consider how to find a deeper joy – a joy Pope Paul VI spoke of in *Gaudete in Domino*. Together, let us look at some good news. Are you ready to help others find that happiness too? An informative, practical and moving experience!

## 8-70 DÁM YÊU NHƯ CHÚA GIÊ-SU YÊU

Trong khóa này, Frère Phong sẽ chia sẻ với quý vị những kinh nghiệm thực tế đã học được từ giới trẻ, những người trẻ dám yêu như Chúa Giê-su yêu, để công hiến một cái nhìn mới về giới trẻ công giáo Việt Nam ở Mỹ, và thử đề nghị một vài phương cách cụ thể để giúp trẻ hiểu và sống Tin Mừng, đặc biệt giáo huấn về công bằng xã hội của Hội Thánh. “Sáng tạo trong bác ái, bền chí trong dẫn thân, can trường trong sáng kiến, và các con sẽ góp phần xây dựng nền văn minh tinh yêu.” (ĐTC Bênêdictô XVI). *Quý vị có thể mang theo “flash drive” để tải lại các “files” ngay sau khóa này.*

## 8-21 CONTENT IN THE CATECHUMENATE

Jim Schellman

In this session participants will explore together the church’s understanding of how doctrinal content in the catechumenate is derived, developed and delivered. The workshop format will use presentation and facilitated conversation.

## 8-22 THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: A MYSTIC VISION OF WHOLENESS?

Alexander Shaia, PhD

Over the centuries, parts of St. John’s complex Gospel have been used for some of the greatest abuses of Christian evangelism, leading to exclusionism, murder and even war. Yet his text also contains some of the most exquisite mystical poetry available in any holy book – and a message of peace and unity. We will examine this Gospel thoroughly to discover what accounts for this apparent dichotomy, and what an appropriate study and prayer of the Gospel can be. Recapture the ancient view of wholeness and mystery imbedded in John, and deepen your reflection on Lent, the Triduum and the Easter Season.

## 8-23 WHY THE OLD TESTAMENT MATTERS: AMOS & HOSEA

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher

Using some ideas from the two contemporary prophets Amos and Hosea, this session will show how reading prophetic texts sheds light on the otherwise somewhat difficult aspects of the teachings of Jesus. Recommended for religious education teachers!

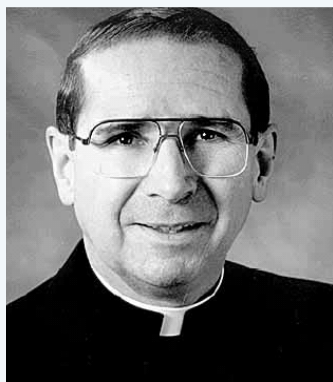
## 8-24 POPE BENEDICT XVI’S VISION OF THE CHURCH

Bishop Luis Antonio G. Tagle, STD

Using some of the theological and pastoral writings of Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger), this workshop will highlight his vision for the church and its mission in our contemporary time.







## UN MENSAJE DEL CARDINAL

Queridos Participantes del Congreso:

Con alegría les doy la bienvenida a nuestro Congreso 2008. Este evento anual representa siempre una maravillosa oportunidad para reunirnos y renovar nuestro compromiso de transmitir la riqueza de nuestra fe católica: nuestras creencias, nuestros rituales y nuestras tradiciones espirituales.

El tema seleccionado, “**Alza tu Mirada, vuelve a mirar,**” fluye a partir de la lectura del cuarto domingo de Cuaresma donde escuchamos el relato de la vista restaurada a un ciego. Nuestro lema nos incita a ampliar nuestros horizontes y a olvidarnos de lo que nubla nuestra mirada o empaña nuestros espíritus. Viéndonos renovados, estamos abiertos a la sabiduría de la “mirada de Dios” para ver más allá e imaginar el futuro lleno de posibilidades.

Me alienta saber que muchos de ustedes aprovecharán la oportunidad para enriquecerse en los excelentes talleres, celebraciones litúrgicas, experiencias multiculturales y en las diversas oportunidades de inter-comunicación que se les ofrecerá durante todo el fin de semana. Su liderazgo y participación son puntos clave para la constante renovación espiritual de nuestras comunidades parroquiales de fe.

Estén seguros de mi apoyo continuo a su generosa dedicación de tiempo y energía hacia este importantísimo Ministerio catequético.

Pidiéndole a Dios, abundantes bendiciones sobre cada uno de ustedes, sus familias y sus comunidades parroquiales, quedo de ustedes

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Su Eminencia  
Cardenal Rogelio Mahony  
Arzobispo de Los Angeles

## UN MENSAJE DE LA DIRECTORA

Queridos amigos y amigas:

Es un placer para mí darles la bienvenida a nuestro extraordinario Congreso de Educación Religiosa anual, en donde tenemos la oportunidad de reunirnos, renovarnos y reafirmar nuestro compromiso de compartir la “Buena Noticia.”

El tema, “**Alza tu Mirada ... Vuelve a Mirar,**” elegido para este evento anual nos recuerda el inmenso don de la vista y del mirar con una visión renovada de amor. Contemplando con los ojos del corazón descubrimos la sabiduría y la belleza escondida en las pequeñas cosas cotidianas y en la historia humana con sus esperanzas, sus dificultades y sus logros.

Estamos muy entusiasmados por la calidad y cantidad de nuestros conferencistas de los talleres, temas y recursos ofrecidos durante todo el fin de semana que seguramente renuevan nuestros espíritus y elevan nuestros corazones.

En medio de todas estas actividades, habrá también espacios para disfrutar momentos de silenciosa contemplación, tiempo para recorrer los laberintos y oportunidades para celebrar el sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Agradezco enormemente su fiel liderazgo y compromiso de “**Alzar nuestra Mirada.**”

Espero verlos y saludarlos personalmente en este gran evento.

Sinceramente,

Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC  
Directora de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa



# BIENVENIDO

## VIERNES – 29 DE FEBRERO

8:00 am	Inscripción abierta (Prefunción Lobby)
8:30 - 9:30 am	Oración & Bienvenida (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Primera Sesión de Talleres
11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Música (Arena) – Matt Maher y Nellie Cruz Música (Hall B) – Moreno y Rivera con Kolar
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Segunda Sesión de Talleres
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Tercera Sesión de Talleres
5:15 pm	Servicio de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas
8:00 pm	Concierto (Arena) – Ceili Rain Filmmakers' Showcase
9:30 pm	Oración de paz

## SÁBADO – 1 DE MARZO

8:00 am	Inscripción abierta Alabanza matutina (Arena)
8:30 am	Asamblea General (Arena, sin traducción) – Rev. Robert Barron
10:00 - 11:30 am	Cuarta Sesión de Talleres
10:00 - 4:00 pm	<i>Soy catequista</i>
11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Música (Arena) – Angotti, Manibusan, Augustin Música (Hall B) – Blakesley, Pixler y Bruno
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Quinta Sesión de Talleres
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Sexta Sesión de Talleres
5:15 pm	Servicio de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas
8:00 pm	Concierto (Arena) – "Lift Your Gaze" Filmmakers' Showcase
9:30 pm	Lamentación Baile (Marriott)

## DOMINGO – 2 DE MARZO

8:00 am	Inscripción abierta
8:00 - 9:30 am	Liturgias Eucarísticas (Arena)
8:30 am	Asamblea de la mañana Español: Rev. José Flecha Inglés: Mike Patin
10:00 - 11:30 am	Séptima Sesión de talleres
11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Música (Arena) – Rubalcava, Fernández y García Música (Hall B) – Paul Melley y Oddwalk
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Octava Sesión de Talleres
3:30 pm	Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)

## MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL CONGRESO

Queridos amigos y amigas:

Una vez más queremos invitarlos al Congreso de Educación Religiosa que se llevará a cabo nuevamente en el Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim.

Este fin de semana, que incluye también el Día de la Juventud con toda su energía y vibración espiritual, comprenderá presentaciones de numerosos conferencistas reconocidos a nivel local, nacional e internacional, quienes los desafiarán y consolidarán en sus ministerios. Será una ocasión irrepetible que los enriquecerá y renovará.

Siguiendo la tradición del Congreso, habrá momentos de quietud en los Espacios Sagrados, como así también, momentos de participación juntos en las celebraciones litúrgicas, los conciertos, las exhibiciones multi-culturales, las presentaciones cinematográficas, etc.

Una vez más, diferentes representantes de más de 225 compañías editoriales y otras, estarán presentes en la Sala A para recibir todas sus inquietudes y necesidades particulares.

Los talleres, eventos, información de hospedaje, instrucciones para la registración están incluidos todos en esta guía de información. A su vez, ustedes podrán encontrarlos al día en nuestro sitio [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org)

Para cualquier otra información, comunicarse a la Oficina del Congreso al **213-637-7346**, o por e-mail al [congress@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:congress@la-archdiocese.org)

Desde ya les damos una calurosa bienvenida y contamos con la presencia de ustedes con nosotros.



*Paulette Smith*  
Paulette Smith  
Coordinadora de  
Eventos

*Jan Pedroza*  
Jan Pedroza  
Coordinadora de  
Programación



## MENSAJE DE LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Muy queridas compañeras y compañeros en el ministerio catequético:

El tiempo no pasa en vano y se acercan ya los días en que volveremos a reunirnos para vivir, para celebrar, otro Congreso de Educación Religiosa.

¡Alza tu mirada, vuelve a mirar! Es el lema para nuestro Congreso 2008. Alzar, levantar, elevar, son acciones todas que nos invitan a encontrarnos con lo trascendente, con Dios; "A ti, Señor, elevo mi alma, a ti que eres mi Dios" (salmo 25.1) y con nuestra interioridad, aposento de Dios.

Les invito a que nos reunamos del 29 de febrero al 2 de marzo para darnos la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre este tema y que en esos días podamos verdaderamente sentir que alzando nuestra mirada podemos volver a mirar nuestras vidas y al mundo que nos rodea para lograr que sean mejor.

Este año al igual que los anteriores, tendremos lugares con ventas de libros y toda clase de materiales para nuestros ministerios, como también toda clase de artículos para embellecer y alegrar la vida.

Serán, como siempre, unos días del paraíso acá en la tierra.

Hasta nuestro encuentro en el Congreso, les abrazo con mi gran cariño.

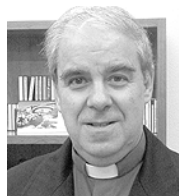


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Lourdes González-Rubio  
Coordinadora de ministerios Catequéticos

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## ASAMBLEA GENERAL



### REV. JOSÉ-ROMÁN FLECHA ANDRÉS

*“Alza tu mirada hacia Dios y vuelve a mirar a tus hermanos”*

La fe no aleja a los cristianos del mundo en el que viven. El alzar la mirada hacia Dios necesariamente nos debe llevar a solidarizarnos con los problemas que afectan a nuestros hermanos/hermanas. Esta conferencia pretende exhortar a los seguidores de Jesús a tomar en serio la responsabilidad social de los creyentes en el mundo actual.

Domingo, 8:30 am

## MISAS ESPAÑOL

Viernes y Sábado – 5:15 pm

Combinando la música, el ritual y el espíritu de los participantes que hablan dos idiomas – español e inglés. Estas Misas honrará la riqueza y los talentos de nuestras culturas y afirmará nuestra llamada a celebrar la unidad en la diversidad.

## CATEGORIAS

### Adolescentes

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### Apostolado hispano

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### Catequesis para Adultos

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### Doctrina social

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### Iniciación Cristiana

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### Jóvenes Adultos

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### Música

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### Teología

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# TALLERES

## Viernes, 29 de febrero

### SESIÓN 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-51 Transmitir la fe en familia (\*)  
- **P. Alvaro Ginel Vielva**
- 1-52 Tu luz nos dirige, las raíces y tradiciones de la vida cristiana (\*)  
- **Dra. Cecilia González-Andrieu**
- 1-53 La catequesis a través del cuerpo (\*)  
- **Siro López Gutierrez**
- 1-54 Mirando con ojos nuevos (\*)  
- **Maruja Sedano**
- 1-55 Elementos esenciales de la pedagogía de Jesús (\*)  
- **Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**
- 1-56 Alimentados con Cristo, nos convertimos en Cristo (\*)  
- **Victor Valenzuela**

### SESIÓN 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-51 Reforma Migratoria – ¿Qué pasa? (\*)  
- **Su Excelencia Gerald Barnes**
- 2-52 Señor que vea (\*) - **Ricardo Grzona**
- 2-53 Celebrando el Sacramento de la Confirmación - **Pedro Rubalcava y Petra Alexander**
- 2-54 Hacia una catequesis formadora de discípulas y discípulos (\*)  
- **Marcelo Murúa**
- 2-55 La humanidad migrante en la Biblia (\*) - **Clodomiro Siller Acuña**
- 2-56 Las alegrías y las lágrimas en la catequesis de los adultos (\*)  
- **María Guadalupe Vital Cruz**

### SESIÓN 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-51 La esclavitud: no se terminó con la Guerra Civil – perspectivas sobre el tráfico de seres humanos (\*)  
- **Patrick Atkinson**
- 3-52 Ministerio parroquial en una comunidad hispana (\*) - **P. C. Dahm**
- 3-53 La educación emocional en la familia (\*) - **Ana García-Mina Freire**
- 3-54 Muriendo para vivir: Jesús de los indocumentados (\*)  
- **P. Daniel Groody**
- 3-55 Aprender a ser discípulos y misioneros de Jesucristo (\*)  
- **P. Armando Noguez Alcantara**
- 3-56 Qué nos dice Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (\*) - **Mons. José Luis Guerrero Rosado**
- 3-57 ¿Católicos sin Iglesia? Sobre la dimensión eclesial de la fe (\*)  
- **Gonzalo Tejerina Arias**

## Sábado, 1 de marzo

### SESIÓN 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-51 Alza la mirada y fomenta la esperanza en el trabajo por la justicia (\*)  
- **Dra. Maria Pilar Aquino**
- 4-52 Acompañar el matrimonio, cuidar la familia, construir la Iglesia (\*)  
- **P. Angel de la Parte París**
- 4-53 Defensa de la vida humana (\*)  
- **P. José-Román Flecha Andrés**
- 4-54 ¿Cómo poder reconciliarnos con nosotros mismos? (\*)  
- **Ana García-Mina Freire**
- 4-55 Educar con y contra la publicidad (\*)  
- **Siro López Gutierrez**
- 4-56 ¡Joven, Atrévete! (\*) - **Jorge Rivera**
- 4-57 Salmos y antifonas: Un tesoro musical litúrgico - **Pedro Rubalcava y Santiago Fernández**

### SESIÓN 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-51 Miramos y gozamos con la luz, el viento, el agua y la tierra (\*) - **Gioconda Hawkins, Sarina Fry y Luz Elena Frias**
- 5-52 Dimensión política y económica en la bioética (\*) - **Ángel Galindo García**
- 5-53 Iniciar en la oración de la “Lectio Divina” (\*) - **P. Alvaro Ginel Vielva**
- 5-54 ¡Dios mío, qué será de California! (\*)  
- **Dr. David Hayes-Bautista**
- 5-55 La revelación es para muchos pueblos (\*) - **Clodomiro Siller Acuña**
- 5-56 ¿Por qué se rompe la relación de pareja? (\*) - **Julia Villa García**
- 5-57 Catequizando desde la Liturgia Dominical (\*)  
- **María Guadalupe Vital Cruz**

### SESIÓN 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-51 Inteligencia emocional (\*)  
- **Gloria Cecilia Grimaldo**
- 6-52 ¿Y ahora qué? Estrategias para sobrevivir en el mundo saturado de hoy (\*) - **Dra. Cecilia González-Andrieu**
- 6-53 Una nueva lectura del Pentateuco (\*)  
- **P. Armando Noguez Alcantara**
- 6-54 Perspectivas cristianas sobre la dignidad del trabajo humano (\*)  
- **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 6-55 Espiritualidad ignaciana: Un camino de esperanza en el diario vivir  
- **Hna. Leticia Salazar**
- 6-56 La pareja feliz: Taller de preparación al noviazgo (\*)  
- **Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**
- 6-57 Pascua: Las huellas del “paso de Dios” en la comunidad hispana (\*)  
- **P. Luigi Zanotto**

## Domingo, 2 de marzo

### SESIÓN 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-51 Animar a padres y catequistas en tiempos difíciles (\*)  
- **P. Angel de la Parte París**
- 7-52 Discípulos y misioneros (\*)  
- **Ricardo Grzona**
- 7-53 El Apostolado Hispano como fuente de reflexión teológica y espiritual para la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos (\*)  
- **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 7-54 Colaboradores en la viña del Señor (\*)  
- **Maruja Sedano**
- 7-55 Educar para convivir (\*)  
- **Julia Villa García**
- 7-56 Navidad: Dios sigue “encarnándose” (\*) - **P. Luigi Zanotto**

### SESIÓN 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-51 Multiculturalidad, globalización y choque de civilizaciones (\*)  
- **Ángel Galindo García**
- 8-52 Sexualidad humana (\*)  
- **Gloria Cecilia Grimaldo**
- 8-53 Qué nos dice Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con su imagen (\*)  
- **Mons. José Luis Guerrero Rosado**
- 8-54 El desierto nuestro de cada día, clave de espiritualidad (\*) - **Marcelo Murúa**
- 8-55 Confrontando la crisis inmigratoria y la pobreza de los trabajadores que no pueden vivir de su salario (\*)  
- **P. Alexia Salvatierra**
- 8-56 Las relaciones de la fe cristiana con otras religiones: Dinámica del diálogo interreligioso (\*)  
- **Gonzalo Tejerina Arias**



🎧 y (\*) grabación de talleres

**1-51 TRANSMITIR LA FE EN FAMILIA** ↻

Los documentos eclesiales hablan de la responsabilidad de los padres en la educación de la fe. Son definidos como “primeros educadores de la fe.” Muchos padres se preguntan: ¿cómo transmitir la fe? Se trata de un problema práctico: cómo hacer esta transmisión. En la conferencia se reflexionará y se darán pistas muy concretas de la vida ordinaria para facilitar a los padres la transmisión de la fe en familia.

**Álvaro Ginel Vielva**

*Álvaro Ginel, sacerdote salesiano, es profesor de catequética en Madrid, España. Se dedica a impartir clases en el Instituto Superior de Madrid y también cursos para la formación de catequistas en diócesis y parroquias. Es responsable de las publicaciones de pastoral en la Editorial Central Catequística Salesiana (CCS) de Madrid, y también director de la revista “Catequistas” y colaborador habitual de la revista de pastoral juvenil “Misión Joven.” Tiene publicadas alrededor de 30 obras sobre catequesis.*

**1-52 TU LUZ NOS DIRIGE, LAS RAÍCES Y TRADICIONES DE LA VIDA CRISTIANA** ↻

La fe cristiana es una tradición religiosa viva que requiere un compromiso constante. Como tradición, el cristianismo es algo con raíces profundas en el pasado que se interpretan y encarnan de nuevo en nuevas generaciones. Tenemos la obligación de enseñar la fe y mantenerla viva. ¿De dónde nos vienen las verdades que anunciamos y afirmamos? Echaremos una mirada atrás hacia la Biblia y los escritos de los primeros cristianos para descubrir los cimientos sobre los cuales está construida nuestra fe.

**Cecilia González-Andrieu, PhD**

*Dra. Cecilia González-Andrieu es profesora de teología en Loyola Marymount University en Los Ángeles. Sus ensayos en el periódico The Tidings han recibido el premio nacional de la prensa católica. Sus colaboraciones incluyen “Camino a Emaús,” “Reflexiones Bíblicas sobre el Ministerio” y “The Treasure of Guadalupe.”*

**1-53 LA CATEQUESIS A TRAVÉS DEL CUERPO** ↻

Nuestro ser corporal es el máximo exponente de la creación de Dios. El placer de amar, el placer de jugar, el placer de creer. Anunciar la Buena Nueva de sentir al otro. No se puede amar sin el cuerpo. Descubrir al Dios de la piel, al Dios de la ternura.

**Siro López Gutiérrez**

*Siro López Gutiérrez, de Madrid, España, especializado en expresión corporal, mimo, danza, teatro y en dinámicas comunicativas. Licenciado en Estudios Eclesiásticos y en Teología Práctica. Cuerpo y Teatro en la Escola Municipal d'Expressió i Psicomotricitat de Barcelona, 1991. Anteriormente cursó estudios de Diafreoterapia, Tai Ji Quan, Sensopercepción, Arte del movimiento Método Laban, Cuerpo y Teatro en la Escola Municipal d'Expressió i Psicomotricitat de Barcelona, 1991. Es autor de dos libros, “Cuerpo y Sangre” y “Cara y Cruz.”*

**1-54 MIRANDO CON OJOS NUEVOS** ↻

Vivimos en un mundo pluralista que nos presenta muchas y diversas maneras de entender y vivir la fe cristiana. Con frecuencia vemos a los adultos y padres de familia inseguros acerca de su fe y nos preguntan acerca de cómo ayudar a sus hijos. Nuestros obispos nos han dado una gran ayuda cuando publicaron el “Catecismo Católico para Adultos.” Veremos con ojos nuevos las verdades antiguas y nuevas del contenido de nuestra fe, la estructura y los destinatarios del nuevo catecismo. Cómo podemos usarlo en nuestras catequesis con adultos y jóvenes adultos.

**Maruja Sedano**

*Maruja Sedano es Directora de la Oficina para la Catequesis y el Ministerio Juvenil en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Previamente fue directora asociada en la Oficina de Educación Religiosa en la Arquidiócesis de los Ángeles donde trabajó por 26 años. Es autora del “Libro de Formación del Catequista” y consejera en material catequético, y participó en asociaciones que trabajan con personas de habla Hispana.*

**1-55 ELEMENTOS ESENCIALES DE LA PEDAGOGÍA DE JESÚS** ↻

El taller tiene fundamentalmente dos objetivos: 1) identificar los elementos característicos de la Pedagogía de Jesús que lo hacen el Maestro por excelencia y el Parámetro de toda actividad formativa y pastoral de la Iglesia; 2) reflexionar sobre las actitudes y características que debemos tener al anunciar hoy el mensaje de Jesús.

**Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**

*Desde hace más de 17 años, Dora Tobar es profesora de antropología teológica y del programa de liderazgo hispano en Catholic University en Washington D.C. También es profesora del Diaconado Permanente de la Arquidiócesis de Washington. Ha dedicado su vida ministerial a la formación en la fe tanto a nivel popular como universitario y al acompañamiento espiritual de la juventud y de los líderes de la comunidad hispana.*

**1-56 ALIMENTADOS CON CRISTO, NOS CONVERTIMOS EN CRISTO** ↻

Nuestros primeros sacramentos son muy importantes para nuestra vida espiritual como católicos. La primera comunión y nuestra primera reconciliación son la base donde empezamos a crecer como cristianos. Preparando a los niños para recibir los sacramentos es una labor de amor. Los niños y sus familias vienen a nuestras parroquias en diferentes situaciones, a diferentes edades y con diferentes conocimientos de nuestra fe. Cómo podemos preparar a estos niños y sus familias en un modo creativo incluyendo la enseñanza de la doctrina en un modo dinámico. Este taller explorará los diversos caminos que tomamos para llegar a la mesa del Señor.

**Víctor Valenzuela**

*Víctor Valenzuela es consultor bilingüe a nivel nacional de William H. Sadler. Por más de 20 años ha estado trabajando en el ministerio hispano. Ha sido maestro de secundaria y ha colaborado en pastoral juvenil y educación religiosa.*

## 2-51 REFORMA MIGRATORIA – ¿QUÉ PASA? 🗣️

Con el fracaso del congreso por no pasar una reforma migratoria – ¿adónde vamos de aquí?



### Su Excelencia Gerald R. Barnes

*En 1992, Gerald Barnes, sacerdote de la arquidiócesis de San Antonio, fue designado Obispo Auxiliar de la Diócesis de San Bernardino. Tres años más tarde, es nombrado Obispo de la misma. Es el encargado del Comité en Servicios de Migración y Refugiados en la Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Además forma parte del Comité administrativo de la USCCB, del comité de Comunicación y del comité de ayuda a la Iglesia en África.*

## 2-52 SEÑOR, QUE VEA 🗣️

Ver el mundo con ojos de catequista. Ver la Iglesia con los ojos de Dios. El catequista que soñamos para las necesidades del mundo de hoy. Una espiritualidad encarnada como respuesta a los hambrientos de Dios



### Ricardo Grzona

*Ricardo Grzona nació en Mendoza, Argentina. Fue profesor de catequesis y de catequética en varios seminarios, universidades e institutos. Fue Secretario de Catequesis y Educación del CELAM. También fue Rector de la Universidad Champagnat en Mendoza, Argentina. Es Presidente de la Fundación Ramón Pané y Consultor Católico de las Sociedades Bíblicas Unidas para las Américas.*

## 2-53 CELEBRANDO EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACIÓN

La Confirmación es el broche de oro de los Sacramentos de Iniciación. Todos esperamos que la celebración sea una cumbre donde termina el proceso de laicización cristiana y a la vez una fuente que inspire, anime y dinamice una fe adulta. Los catequistas, responsables de liturgia, músicos, y demás ministros deben profundizar en el rito, en la teología del sacramento y en la comunidad que se congrega al preparar esta celebración. En este taller se ofrecerán reflexiones y se sugerirán los cantos para esta celebración.



### Petra Alexander

*Petra Alexander es coordinadora de la oficina de Asuntos Hispánicos en la Diócesis de San Bernardino, Calif. Tiene licenciatura en Ciencias de la Comunicación por la Universidad Iberoamericana. Es miembro del Instituto de Liturgia Hispano y es activa en los temas de crecimiento humano y espiritual del pueblo hispano. Escribe sobre espiritualidad y liturgia.*



### Pedro Rubalcava

*Pedro Rubalcava es orador, músico y canta-autor, ha grabado y editado cinco colecciones de cantos para el culto, una de las cuales fue nominada para el premio Grammy en 1990. Durante los últimos 20 años ha trabajado en la pastoral en varias áreas de liturgia y música, catequesis, evangelización, RICA, jóvenes y el ministerio hispano. Sirve como Director de Ministerios Hispánicos de Oregon Catholic Press. Es miembro del Consejo Ejecutivo del Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia así como miembro de la mesa directiva de la Oficina Regional para Asuntos Hispánicos del Noroeste.*

## 2-54 HACIA UNA CATEQUESIS FORMADORA DE DISCÍPULAS Y DISCÍPULOS 🗣️

Vivimos grandes cambios antropológicos y sociales que configuran un auténtico cambio de época. Como Iglesia, esta nueva situación, nos interpela y desafía, creando una verdadera oportunidad de revisar, mejorar, cambiar y actualizar nuestra Catequesis. A partir de la Palabra del Señor, la pedagogía de Jesús Maestro y la experiencia de muchas comunidades de América, queremos ofrecer algunas claves para pensar juntos los desafíos de la Catequesis de nuestro tiempo.



### Marcelo A. Murúa

*Marcelo Murúa es catequista y formador. Vive con su familia en Bariloche, Argentina. Trabaja en la formación de Catequistas, Educadores y Agentes de Pastoral en comunidades hispanas de muchos países de América. Miembro del Departamento Nacional de Pastoral Bíblica de Argentina. Profesor del Instituto de Teología Pastoral del CELAM. Dirige el sitio de recursos pastorales en Internet BuenasNuevas.com. Ha diseñado cursos de formación bíblica y catequística a distancia, y publicado libros de Biblia, Espiritualidad y Catequesis.*

## 2-55 LA HUMANIDAD EMIGRANTE EN LA BIBLIA 🗣️

El cuerpo que Dios nos dio está hecho para migrar. La migración en la Biblia comenzó cuando salimos del paraíso. Dios le da a Caín un itinerario migrante. Los descendientes de Israel y de Jacob son migrantes. Dios invita a Abraham a lo mismo. Jesús realiza su misión migrando por Galilea, Judea, Tiro, Sidón. De pequeño fue migrante en Egipto. La misión de los apóstoles y de la iglesia tiene como destino todas las naciones del mundo y toda la creación.



### Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña

*Clodomiro Siller, nació en Saltillo, Coahuila, México; ha servido durante 32 años con procesos pastorales en culturas diferentes. Hasta 1989 sirvió en el Vaticano como Secretario Ejecutivo de la Comisión Episcopal para Indígenas y fue Director del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas. Actualmente es coordinador del área de investigación y asesor. Asesor en varios procesos de pastoral hispana.*

## 2-56 LAS ALEGRÍAS Y LAS LÁGRIMAS EN LA CATEQUESIS DE LOS ADULTOS 🗣️

Este taller se enfocará en varias formas para catequizar a los adultos de acuerdo a su crecimiento de fe y desarrollo humano en la Iglesia católica en los Estados Unidos, para así lograr paso a paso que su espiritualidad crezca y estas personas sean evangelizadoras en sus comunidades.



### María Guadalupe Vital Cruz

*Lupita Vital es de Guadalajara, Jalisco, México. Tiene una gran experiencia en la catequesis, ha trabajado en este ministerio por los últimos 30 años. Las diócesis en las que ha servido son las de Tabasco, Guadalajara y San José en California. Desde el año 2000, sirve en la Diócesis de San José como Asociada para la Catequesis de los Hispánicos. En junio de 2007 recibió de la Santa Sede el reconocimiento de la Cruz "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice."*

### 3-51 LA ESCLAVITUD: NO SE TERMINÓ CON LA GUERRA CIVIL – PERSPECTIVAS SOBRE EL TRÁFICO DE SERES HUMANOS

“La esclavitud: no se terminó con la Guerra Civil” es una poderosa presentación de multi-media llena de hechos reales y historias humanas las cuales explican el tráfico moderno en seres humanos. La presentación comienza en forma rápida e impactante para darle una cara humana a la historia de la esclavitud. De allí, la presentación usa reportes de la prensa diaria, teoría académica, reportes gubernamentales, estadísticas, y experiencias directas de la calle para llevarle a la audiencia a un estado de entendimiento profundo sobre lo que es la esclavitud y cómo podemos combatirla. Acompañado por documentos originales y reliquias históricas.



**Patricio J. Atkinson**

*Patricio Atkinson ha trabajado con ganado en Dakota del Norte, vivido con la Tribu de Mossai en Kenia, fue atacado a disparos en Guatemala, ha dado lecturas en seis campus de “Ivy League,” ha llevado ropa y medicina de contrabando a pueblos aislados por guerra y bloqueo en El Salvador, ha desarrollado cursos a nivel graduado mientras que sacaba su Maestría en la Universidad de Regis en Denver, cargaba bebés muriéndose en zonas de guerra, y temblaba con la malaria en los lugares más aislados de África. Por un cuarto de siglo ha sido el fundador de programas de salud, educación, desarrollo de comunidades y de derechos humanos en 37 países diferentes. En 2005 recibió la Medalla de Honor del Congreso del Gobierno de Guatemala.*

### 3-52 MINISTERIO PARROQUIAL EN UNA COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Basado por 21 años en el ministerio hispano en una comunidad predominantemente mexicana de Chicago, en este taller se tratará de las bendiciones que el pueblo hispano trae a una parroquia y los retos que también presenta a la comunidad parroquial. Así que, se hablará de los valores que la cultura hispana ofrece a una parroquia y también las necesidades que requieren una respuesta, como el conflicto familiar, violencia doméstica, preservación e integración de tradiciones culturales, recaudación de fondos para ampliar el ministerio y la colaboración con otras instituciones para realizar cambios sociales.



**Charles W. Dahm, OP**

*El Padre Carlos Dahm sirvió cinco años como misionero en Bolivia, trabajando con universitarios y organizando un centro de formación de adultos. Después de haber regresado a los Estados Unidos, ayuda a fundar un Centro de Justicia y Paz en Chicago donde trabajó por 12 años. Después de ser nombrado párroco de San Pió V en Chicago, sirvió al pueblo inmigrante por 21 años, desarrollando una comunidad fuerte y predominantemente mexicana. Es un consultor pastoral y co-coordinador de Justicia y Paz para los Dominicos de América del Norte.*

### 3-53 LA EDUCACIÓN EMOCIONAL EN LA FAMILIA

La familia es esa escuela en la que nos preparamos para desarrollar toda nuestra potencialidad. En ella, balbuceamos las primeras palabras, damos nuestros primeros pasos y aprendemos lo que está bien y lo que está mal. A través de la familia, descubrimos el mundo, formulamos nuestras primeras preguntas, vamos conociendo quiénes somos y vamos decidiendo quién queremos ser. En este proceso es fundamental una educación de nuestra afectividad, de nuestras emociones. El propósito de este taller es comprender el lenguaje del corazón: conocer nuestro mundo emocional, sus manifestaciones, su sentido; aprender a escuchar nuestras emociones, a identificar y saber encauzarlas, y aprender estrategias para poder acompañar y educar las emociones en los demás.



**Ana García-Mina Freire**

*Ana García-Mina Freire, una doctora en psicología, es profesora en la Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid, España. Autora de diversas obras sobre temas relacionados con los ámbitos psicológicos y sociales. Investigadora en programas de investigación y desarrollo del Ministerio de Trabajo y Asuntos Sociales. Miembro del consejo de redacción de la revista de Teología Pastoral “Sal Terrae” y colaboradora de la revista “Catequistas.” Desde 1988, año en que acabó la carrera, ha dedicado parte del trabajo en ser docente y compartir con otras personas todo aquello que ha aprendido a través de su formación académica y humana.*

### 3-54 MURIENDO PARA VIVIR: JESÚS DE LOS INDOCUMENTADOS

Esta taller estará enfocada en la Teología de las Migraciones y la Espiritualidad de los inmigrantes en la frontera entre los Estados Unidos y México. A través de películas y relatos se ayudara al reconocimiento de la parte tanto humana como cristiana de los inmigrantes. Cuenta, además, con entrevistas realizadas a los agentes de control de frontera, a los llamados *coyotes* y a personas que cruzan los bordes en busca de una vida más digna. Se hablara, también, de la experiencia migratoria de personas en otras partes del mundo.



**P. Daniel Groody, CSC**

*El. P. Daniel Groody es Profesor de Teología y Director del Centro Latino de Espiritualidad y Cultura del Institute for Latino Studies en la Universidad de Notre Dame, Ind. Miembro de la Congregación de la Santa Cruz, ha trabajado varios años en Latinoamérica, en particular, en la frontera de Estados Unidos y México. El Padre Groody es el autor de cuatro libros y de un vídeo en que se describe la vida espiritual de los inmigrantes indocumentados. También ha dado pláticas importantes en numerosas partes del mundo y tiene artículos publicados en varios diarios.*

## SESIÓN 3

3:00 - 4:30 PM – VIERNES, 29 DE FEBRERO

### 3-55 APRENDER A SER DISCÍPULOS Y MISIONEROS DE JESUCRISTO 🗨️

En línea con el Documento de Aparecida, en este taller podrás profundizar el tema del discipulado cristiano. Con la ayuda de los nuevos métodos de la exégesis y de ejemplos sencillos, podrás constatar cómo el evangelio de Mateo construye el personaje de los discípulos y cómo, a través de su relato, propone a su comunidad un modo válido y atrayente para seguir a Jesús y serle fieles.



#### P. Armando Noguez Alcántara

Armando Noguez, un religioso y presbítero mexicano, es ayudante de párroco en una parroquia y actualmente Profesor de Exégesis Bíblica, con 27 años de docencia en escuelas de teología. Colabora periódicamente con las Oficinas de Educación Religiosa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y de otras Diócesis de California. Es autor de un manual para estudiar los Evangelios y colaborador de la edición de la Biblia Católica para Jóvenes.

### 3-56 QUÉ NOS DICE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE 🗨️

El Padre José Luís Guerrero es uno de los más reconocidos expertos en los temas guadalupanos. Con la ayuda del Nican Mopohua, nos ayudará a reconocer las huellas de las culturas indígenas y de la cultura española que se mezclan en el acontecimiento guadalupano. De esta manera entenderemos la importancia de la Virgen de Guadalupe en la evangelización del continente y aprenderemos a evangelizar a las generaciones de hoy a partir de lo que ella hizo hace 500 años.



#### Mons. José Luís Guerrero Rosado

Mons. José Luís Guerrero es sacerdote mexicano y autor de numerosos libros. Actualmente es Canónigo Magistral de la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y Director del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos. Trabaja en el Tribunal Eclesiástico de México como Defensor del Vínculo en casos matrimoniales y como Promotor de Justicia en el Tribunal para las Causas de los Santos. Como tal, ha intervenido en los procesos de Beatificación y Canonización de San Juan Diego Cuatlatotzin.

### 3-57 ¿CATÓLICOS SIN IGLESIA? SOBRE LA DIMENSIÓN ECLESIAL DE LA FE 🗨️

En todas las sociedades o países hay un porcentaje importante de bautizados sin relación concreta con la vida de la Iglesia y que sin embargo se consideran creyentes. ¿Es posible un cristianismo perfectamente individual, sin verdadera dimensión eclesial? ¿Es válida la actual sensibilidad post-moderna de religiosidad privada? ¿Hasta dónde la persona puede decidir en los contenidos de la fe y en materia moral sin contar con la enseñanza eclesial?



#### Gonzalo Tejerina Arias

Gonzalo Tejerina Arias, español, sacerdote agustino. Licenciado en filosofía, doctor en Teología, profesor titular de Teología Fundamental en la Facultad de Teología y Decano de la misma. Autor de numerosos escritos en el ámbito de la teología de la revelación, de la fe, de la antropología cristiana, del diálogo con la cultura y las religiones.

## SESIÓN 4

10:00 - 11:30 AM – SÁBADO, 1 DE MARZO

### 4-51 ALZA LA MIRADA Y FOMENTA LA ESPERANZA EN EL TRABAJO POR LA JUSTICIA 🗨️

Mirando las circunstancias del mundo de hoy, la visión cristiana de la justicia social nos convoca a levantar la mirada hacia una nueva creación reconciliada. Para enfrentar la presente realidad de conflicto social, tenemos el llamado a unirnos en la acción transformadora y a fomentar la esperanza en el trabajo por la justicia.



#### María Pilar Aquino

La Dra. María Pilar Aquino es Profesora de Teología y Estudios Religiosos en la Universidad de San Diego, donde ha impartido clases desde 1993. Pertenece al grupo fundador de la academia de teólogo/as hispano/as de los Estados Unidos y ha sido parte de la mesa directiva de varias sociedades teológicas nacionales e internacionales.

### 4-52 ACOMPAÑAR EL MATRIMONIO, CUIDAR LA FAMILIA, CONSTRUIR LA IGLESIA 🗨️

El matrimonio es relación de amor entre un hombre y una mujer. Este amor constituye un símbolo que representa y comunica la Alianza de Dios con nosotros. La preparación para el matrimonio tiene que ser preparación para vivir en alianza. La Iglesia tiene que cuidar la familia pues tiene una misión insustituible: en la familia se aprende a vivir la relación de amor, la comunicación y el diálogo. La familia se especifica cada vez más como educadora fundamental de la vida afectiva de los hijos. La familia (Iglesia doméstica) está llamada a dar un rostro más familiar a la Iglesia grande.



#### Rev. Ángel de la Parte París

Ángel de la Parte París, un misionero claretiano, trabaja como formador en el seminario y trabaja en pastoral con niños, adolescentes y jóvenes. Fue un profesor en high school y la universidad. Actualmente sirviendo como párroco y es director de la Escuela de Teología "Regina Apostolorum" en España, compartiendo esta tarea con diversas actividades misioneras y pastorales en España y en Estados Unidos.



**4-53 DEFENSA DE LA VIDA HUMANA** 🗣️

En una cultura de la muerte, como decía el papa Juan Pablo II, este taller analiza el valor de la vida humana, como don de Dios y responsabilidad ética para todo ser humano y especialmente para los cristianos.

**José-Román Flecha**

*José-Román Flecha es sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, en la que ha sido párroco. Es Profesor de Teología Moral en la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca y decano de la facultad de teología. Muchos años de profesor universitario, conferencista en numerosos países, invitado por el Instituto de Pastoral de Los Ángeles y por el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles. José-Román Flecha es también un miembro de un Comité de la Santa Sede.*

**4-54 ¿CÓMO PODER RECONCILIARNOS CON NOSOTROS MISMOS?** 🗣️**Ana García-Mina Freire**

Vivir en paz con una, con uno mismo, es una de las experiencias psicológicas y espirituales más complejas y difíciles. No se consigue ni por imperativo moral ni es una cuestión de voluntarismo. Son muchas las personas que con ahínco e interés intentan sin éxito, perdonarse y pasar página a historias del pasado. Intentan olvidar, mirar con optimismo el futuro, no hacer caso a sus neuras, tranquilizarse, pero cuando hacen silencio o cuando más están disfrutando de su vida, nuevamente aparece el recuerdo, el sentimiento de culpabilidad, esa amarga experiencia ... ¿por qué? ¿por qué nos enredamos en el pasado? ¿por qué seguimos recriminándonos? ¿Es que no es posible que podamos de verdad perdonarnos y perdonar? El propósito de este taller es comprender el proceso de la reconciliación, conocer sus pasos, y aprender aquellas estrategias psicológicas y espirituales inherentes en él.

**4-55 EDUCAR CON Y CONTRA LA PUBLICIDAD** 🗣️**Siro López Gutiérrez**

La creatividad como herramienta evangelizadora. Ideas que mueven montañas. Sintetizar nuestros contenidos catequéticos en formato publicitario. Las marcas, nuestros grandes dioses. El anuncio y la denuncia como compromiso en un mundo globalizado. Del consumo alienante y destructivo al consumo responsable. Una nueva herramienta catequética: la contrapublicidad.

**4-56 ¡JOVEN, ATRÉVETE!** 🗣️

Pastoral juvenil y Proyecto de Vida: Cuando un Cristiano descubre la misión que el Señor le confía en servicio de sus hermanos, y responde a ella, ha iniciado la vivencia de su vocación específica, su proyecto de vida

**Jorge Rivera**

*Jorge Rivera tiene más de 10 años trabajando con la comunidad hispana en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, donde es el coordinador de la Pastoral Juvenil. Ha tenido presentaciones como orador principal en más de 15 estados y diócesis de la nación. Ha desarrollado el programa de formación en colaboración con la Universidad de DePaul de Chicago para la capacitación en pastoral juvenil.*

**4-57 SALMOS Y ANTÍFONAS: UN TESORO MUSICAL LITÚRGICO**

Los Salmos y Antífonas son un tesoro musical y litúrgico que no todos hemos descubierto, ya que existe una gran variedad de posibilidades para su uso dentro de la liturgia, más allá del Salmo Responsorial. Presentaremos diferentes opciones para acompañar las procesiones de entrada y comunión con sus ricos y variados temas. Además, hablaremos acerca del uso de Salmos y Antífonas en los diferentes ritos de la Misa a lo largo del año litúrgico. ¡Vengan listos para ampliar su repertorio parroquial mientras aprenden y cantan!

**Pedro Rubalcava**

*Pedro Rubalcava es orador, músico y canta-autor, ha grabado y editado cinco colecciones de cantos para el culto, una de las cuales fue nominada para el premio Grammy en 1990. Durante los últimos 20 años ha trabajado en la pastoral en varias áreas de liturgia y música, catequesis, evangelización, RICA, jóvenes y el ministerio hispano. Actualmente sirve como Director de Ministerios Hispanos de Oregon Catholic Press. También es miembro del Consejo Ejecutivo del Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia así como miembro de la mesa directiva de la Oficina Regional para Asuntos Hispanos del Noroeste.*

**Santiago Fernández**

*Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por 20 años. El trabaja actualmente en la parroquia de San Miguel en Pontiac, Mich., como director de música y también como consultor de Ministerios Hispanos para la Arquidiócesis de Detroit. Santiago es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, director musical del National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, instructor del Instituto Fe y Vida y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro Nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana 2006.*

## 5-51 MIRAMOS Y GOZAMOS CON LA LUZ, EL VIENTO, EL AGUA Y LA TIERRA 🎧

Juntos descubriremos los elementos de la naturaleza y su importancia en nuestra vidas. ¡Gracias a Dios por ellos! Los participantes tendrán unas ideas que podrán aplicar en sus lecciones y en sus hogares.



**Gioconda G-R. Hawkins**

*Gioconda “Gio” Hawkins es experta en Alfabetismo en el Distrito Escolar de Los Ángeles. Por más de 28 años enseñó en las escuelas de Los Ángeles y actualmente integra el equipo de Maestros para el Desarrollo Profesional del Instituto de Lectura con sede en Sacramento, Calif. Forma parte del Equipo de Coordinación de Educación Religiosa Preescolar en Los Ángeles.*



**Sarina Fry**

*Retirada como Encargada de la vigilancia de los jóvenes en libertad condicional para el Sector Juvenil del Condado de Ventura, tiene su Certificado en Educación Preescolar, además de su numerosa experiencia en la Catequesis de Educación Preescolar. Fue docente en Escuelas Católicas y voluntaria para el Programa Preescolar Dominical. Forma parte del Equipo de Coordinación de Educación Religiosa Preescolar en Los Ángeles.*



**Luz Elena Frías**

*Estuvo comprometida en el ámbito de la Educación Religiosa ya que a los 13 años comenzó a ser asistente de catequista. Frías comenzó a trabajar como Coordinadora del Preescolar y como catequista en Elemental. Numerosas presentaciones en los Congresos de Educación Religiosa como en los Congresos Regionales de Los Ángeles.*

## 5-52 DIMENSIÓN POLÍTICA Y ECONÓMICA EN LA BIOÉTICA 🎧

Cómo los problemas ocasionados por la bioética tienen una razón económica y política. Los grandes negocios farmacéuticos están detrás de las cuestiones que se debaten en el aborto, la eutanasia, el control de la natalidad. La bioeconomía es el contexto en que se deben analizar: la ecología, la emigración, la atención a los ancianos...



**Ángel Galindo García**

*En 1972 Ángel Galindo García fue ordenado presbítero de la Diócesis de Segovia, España, donde sirvió como párroco, capellán y profesor de Escuela Media. Tiene publicados más de 180 títulos: 22 son libros y el resto colaboraciones en revistas de investigación de Salamanca. Es miembro de la asociación internacional EBEN. También miembro asesor de fondos éticos del Banco Santander y director de la revista Corintios XIII de Caritas nacional española; asesor de Ética en la Conferencia Episcopal española y coordinador del grupo de pastoral sobre globalización de la Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Social.*

## 5-53 INICIAR EN LA ORACIÓN DE LA LECTIO DIVINA 🎧

**Álvaro Ginel Vielva**

La Biblia no es sólo para saber, la Biblia es para rezar. Sin oración no hay vida cristiana fuerte. La conferencia intentará dar unos principios generales sobre la *Lectio Divina* y se hará un sencillo ejercicio de *Lectio Divina* en la misma conferencia

## 5-54 ¡DIOS MÍO, QUÉ SERÁ DE CALIFORNIA! 🎧

Los obispos de los Estados Unidos declararon hace años que los hispanos somos una bendición. El incremento de hispanos en California ha causado pánico para algunas personas porque estamos cambiando la propia identidad Anglo-Protestante con una identidad Latino-Católica. El Dr. David Hayes-Bautista presentará su más reciente estudio publicado en su libro “La Nueva California.” La realidad de California se ve con mucho optimismo, confirmando la voz profética de nuestros obispos.



**Dr. David E. Hayes-Bautista**

*Dr. David Hayes-Bautista es actualmente Profesor de Medicina y Director del Centro para el Estudio de la Salud y la Cultura Latinos y Director, UCLA/ Drew Centro de la Excelencia para la Educación Médica Minoritaria en la Escuela de David Geffen de Medicina en la Universidad de California, Los Ángeles. Sus publicaciones aparecen en Family Medicine, American Journal of Public Health, Family Practice, Medical Care and Salud Pública de México.*

## 5-55 LA REVELACIÓN ES PARA MUCHOS PUEBLOS 🎧

**Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña**

Adán y Eva son los padres de toda la humanidad. Abraham es el padre de muchos pueblos. Israel está constituido por 12 pueblos. Jesús realiza su misión principalmente en Galilea y quiere que sus apóstoles vayan a todas las naciones.

## 5-56 ¿POR QUÉ SE ROMPE LA RELACIÓN DE PAREJA? 🎧

En una sociedad de la prisa y el estrés es necesario cultivar las relaciones. Se ofrecen algunos estilos de comunicación entre las parejas y los tipos de mensajes que pueden deteriorar las relaciones. ¿Por qué pierden la confianza los esposos?, ¿por qué cada vez hay menos cosas de las que hablar?, ¿cuáles son las claves para una buena relación de pareja?



**Julia Villa García**

*Su dedicación a la enseñanza le ha permitido entrar en contacto con el maravilloso mundo de la educación, la infancia, la juventud y la familia en contextos habituales y en situaciones de desestructuración familiar. Profesora y directora de colegios y responsable de un hogar en la ONG “Aldeas Infantiles SOS.” Es profesora de Escuela de Magisterio de la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca en España. Ha dado conferencias sobre la familia en parroquias y comisiones diocesanas, ha sido invitada por el Instituto de Pastoral de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles en verano de 2006.*

## 5-57 CATEQUIZANDO DESDE LA LITURGIA DOMINICAL 🎧

**María Guadalupe Vital Cruz**

Exploraremos los elementos de la liturgia y de la palabra, por medio de la catequesis, para así ayudar a los padres de familia a ser los catequistas de sus hijos/as, llegando por medio de un proceso al descubrimiento de Jesús vivo a través de los sacramentos.

**6-51 INTELIGENCIA EMOCIONAL** 🗣️

Complejidad del ser humano en el mundo de los deseos, los sentimientos y las emociones. Aspectos biológicos y fisiológicos de la conducta humana. Neutralidad de los sentimientos. Desarrollo de habilidades para el logro de una inteligencia emocional. Aplicación de la inteligencia emocional en diferentes ámbitos del quehacer humano.

**Gloria Cecilia Grimaldo**

*Gloria Grimaldo, trabajadora de la viña en aspectos de salud mental desde hace ocho años. Actualmente es Médica funcionaria de Caja Seguro Social de Panamá, Médica psiquiatra. Sirvió como Jefa del Programa de Salud Mental a nivel nacional, C.Ss., y Presidenta de la Asociación Centroamericana de Psiquiatría. Facilitadora de Seminarios sobre Afectividad-Sexualidad (Órdenes Religiosas). Ponente en Encuentro Anual De Fe, Cire, Colombia. Es autor de numerosos artículos.*

**6-52 ¿Y AHORA QUÉ? ESTRATEGIAS PARA SOBREVIVIR EN EL MUNDO SATURADO DE HOY** 🗣️**Cecilia González-Andrieu, PhD**

El tiempo en que podíamos analizar las influencias de los medios de comunicación ha terminado; estamos en una nueva realidad donde el crecimiento de maneras de comunicarnos y de maneras de controlarnos es abrumador. En este taller atacaremos el problema desde el lado del “consumidor.” ¿Cómo poder criticar, resistir, utilizar e interpretar el diluvio de “medios” de comunicación a nuestro alrededor?

**6-53 UNA NUEVA LECTURA DEL PENTATEUCO** 🗣️**Armando Noguez Alcantara**

Si la lectura del Pentateuco, te parece ya un cuento para niños...; si la interpretación crítica de los exegetas te resulta complicada y discutible ... entonces aprovecha este taller para descubrir otras formas de leer el Pentateuco, que son serias, sencillas y provechosas para conocer este texto básico de la fe de Israel, tan importante para la memoria cristiana y para nuestra catequesis.

**6-54 PERSPECTIVAS CRISTIANAS SOBRE LA DIGNIDAD DEL TRABAJO HUMANO** 🗣️

Examinaremos las ideas centrales sobre la dignidad del trabajo humano propuestas en distintos documentos de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia y entraremos en una conversación crítica sobre las actitudes que desafían la dimensión cristiana del trabajo y de los trabajadores en nuestra sociedad.

**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

*Dr. Hosffman Ospino es profesor de teología pastoral y catequética en Boston College, donde también dirige los programas de postgrado en Pastoral Hispana. Tiene la experiencia de años de trabajo en escuelas católicas, parroquias, diócesis y el ambiente universitario. Ha tenido presentaciones a nivel nacional e internacional ante audiencias académicas, pastorales y catequéticas. Sus escritos se enfocan en el dialogo entre fe y cultura en ambientes culturalmente diversos.*

**6-55 ESPIRITUALIDAD IGNACIANA: UN CAMINO DE ESPERANZA EN EL DIARIO VIVIR**

¿Qué difícil es mirar profundamente! Experimentamos el paso a toda velocidad de lo vivido. Vivimos un ritmo, que tiende a deshumanizarnos y como personas de fe, nos preguntamos ¿cómo podemos vivir una vida profunda, comprometida y con sentido? San Ignacio de Loyola ofrece un modo de proceder válido para nuestros días; nos invita a vivir una vida apostólica “Contemplativos en la Acción”: viviendo desde el orar con los pies: ¡Encontrando a Dios en el caminar!

**Hna. Leticia Salazar, ODN**

*Leticia Salazar es una Religiosa de la Orden La Compañía de María Nuestra Señora por 21 años. Es Directora del Instituto de Formación Diocesana para la Diócesis de Orange, Calif. Cuenta con más de 25 años de experiencia en la Pastoral Hispana en sus diversos ministerios. Acompaña los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio de Loyola con grupos juveniles, grupos de la renovación carismática a nivel local, regional e internacional.*

**6-56 LA PAREJA FELIZ: TALLER DE PREPARACIÓN AL NOVIAZGO** 🗣️**Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**

Un buen noviazgo es garantía de un buen matrimonio. Este taller busca dar a los formadores de jóvenes y jóvenes en general, elementos científicos y sociológicos que apoyan la vivencia de los valores cristianos en la relación de noviazgo. Entre los temas se abordarán: Las etapas del amor, cómo escoger la pareja ideal; claves de un noviazgo feliz y las condiciones para disfrutar la sexualidad.

**6-57 PASCUA: LAS HUELLAS DEL “PASO DE DIOS” EN LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA** 🗣️

En la Pascua celebramos el paso de Dios. En el Antiguo Testamento el pueblo de Israel presenta el Éxodo como prototipo de su experiencia del paso de Dios en su historia. La comunidad cristiana, con los lentes del Espíritu, reconoce en Jesús el paso de Dios. Dios sigue pasando y construyendo historia y la comunidad hispana reconoce hoy su paso por las huellas que deja. Está llamada a celebrarlo y comunicarlo.

**Luigi Zanotto**

*P. Luigi Zanotto es misionero comboniano con profunda experiencia latinoamericana. Doctorado por la Universidad de Salamanca, ha sido encargado nacional de catequesis y secretario ejecutivo del departamento de Biblia de la Conferencia de los Obispos de México. Ha colaborado con las universidades de la Conferencia de los Obispos de México. Colabora con la arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y con las diócesis del Nordeste de Estados Unidos en la formación de los agentes de pastoral hispanos. Es representante en las Naciones Unidas de los Misioneros Combonianos y del ONG Africa Faith and Justice Network. Su última publicación, “Vayan y creen comunidad.”*

## 7-51 ANIMAR A PADRES Y CATEQUISTAS EN TIEMPOS DIFÍCILES ☪

**P. Ángel de la Parte París**

Siglo XXI: un siglo fragmentado, un tiempo de rupturas. Tiempo de sembrar, tiempo de crecer, tiempo de esperar. Tenemos que seguir caminando con una dosis especial de fe y esperanza. Hemos de anunciar el Evangelio en tiempo de increencia y consumismo. Cristo nos dice hoy: “Id y enseñad.” Y nosotros sabemos que contamos con Él y con su mensaje, el más humano, el que mejor puede llegar al corazón del ser humano. Padres y catequistas hemos de hacer juntos el camino en el proyecto de educar en la fe cristiana. Hay motivos para la esperanza.

## 7-52 DISCIPULOS Y MISIONEROS ☪

**Ricardo Grzona**

Desde la V Conferencia General del Episcopado Latinoamericano en Brasil en mayo de 2007, ¿qué es Aparecida para el mundo de la Catequesis? ¿Cuál será el rumbo en toda América de una lectura orante de la Palabra de Dios? ¿Cómo debemos trabajar los catequistas para ser fieles en nuestro ministerio de discípulos y misioneros?

## 7-53 EL APOSTOLADO HISPANO COMO FUENTE DE REFLEXIÓN TEOLÓGICA Y ESPIRITUAL PARA LA IGLESIA EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS ☪

**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

Una reflexión sobre el lugar privilegiado del apostolado hispano en la vida de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos y su potencial para la reflexión teológica. Este taller hará énfasis en la relación entre teología y apostolado, fe y cultura, comunidad y espiritualidad.

## 7-54 COLABORADORES EN LA VIÑA DEL SEÑOR ☪

**Maruja Sedano**

El concilio Vaticano II abrió las puertas a todos los fieles cristianos para que se insertan más activamente en la misión evangelizadora de la iglesia, y en nuestro país, durante estos últimos años se han dado grandes pasos en reconocer el papel de los laicos en el ministerio eclesial y en la promoción de su formación para los ministerios. Hoy veremos que nos dice el documento “colaboradores en la viña del señor” y reflexionaremos sobre las aplicaciones prácticas que nos servirán para reclutar, formar y reconocer la llamada que todos tenemos a ser santos y a servir en la viña del señor: nuestro mundo y nuestra iglesia.

## 7-55 EDUCAR PARA CONVIVIR ☪

**Julia Villa García**

Con frecuencia la educación de los hijos se convierte en una tarea difícil para los padres. Los hijos reciben la influencia de la televisión, de los compañeros y de las pandillas a las que pertenecen. ¿Qué tipo de persona queremos que sea nuestro hijo? ¿Qué estilo educativo forma personas responsables y seguras? Este taller ofrecerá recursos para la educación de los niños, adolescentes y jóvenes.

## 7-56 NAVIDAD: DIOS SIGUE “ENCARNÁNDOSE” ☪

**Luigi Zanotto**

No podemos ver a Dios con los ojos de nuestro cuerpo o tocarlo con las manos. Pero él se deja alcanzar y se nos da a través de muchas realidades. Tomando como prototipo su encarnación en Jesús de Nazaret examinamos el tiempo presente para descubrir su encarnación en el hoy (= signos de los tiempos) aún en lo más absurdo de las guerras, de la enfermedad y de la muerte de tantas personas inocentes.



**8-51 MULTICULTURALIDAD, GLOBALIZACIÓN Y CHOQUE DE CIVILIZACIONES** 🗣️**Ángel Galindo García**

El ecumenismo actual se desarrolla tanto en el ámbito de las relaciones interreligiosas como en el de las interculturales. El Concilio Vaticano II lo puso de manifiesto en *Gaudium et Spes*. Cuestiones sociales como la emigración y la globalización han puesto de manifiesto la necesidad de acercarse a esta realidad para encontrar modos pacíficos de convivencia. Los acontecimientos del 11 de septiembre y 11 de marzo muestran la complejidad en la solución de estos problemas.

**8-52 SEXUALIDAD HUMANA** 🗣️**Gloria Cecilia Grimaldo**

Sexualidad humana como totalidad, como energía de comunicación con Dios, con nosotros y con los demás. Se ofrece un marco amplio de la sexualidad humana en su función de relación, con sus dimensiones psico-biológica, psico-social y racional espiritual, con énfasis en la capacidad de elección del ser humano en función de sus valores y la coherencia de vida.

**8-53 QUÉ NOS DICE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE CON SU IMAGEN** 🗣️**Mons. José Luís Guerrero**

En nuestra cultura actual llena de imágenes, el P. José Luis Guerrero, reconocido experto en el tema, nos ayudará a entender los signos y símbolos que aparecen en la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el significado que tuvieron para los primeros testigos tanto europeos como indígenas y las posibles reinterpretaciones que podemos ofrecer a las nuevas generaciones.

**8-54 EL DESIERTO NUESTRO DE CADA DÍA, CLAVE DE ESPIRITUALIDAD** 🗣️**Marcelo A. Murúa**

Como agentes de pastoral, catequistas, animadores bíblicos o de comunidades, nuestra vida es un camino de discipulado tras los pasos de Jesús. Para comenzar, continuar o profundizar en esta huella es clave vivir una actitud personal y comunitaria de “desierto” cotidiana. ¿Qué significa el “desierto” en la Espiritualidad Bíblica? ¿Cómo hacer desierto hoy? En el taller ofreceremos una presentación bíblica sobre el tema y propuestas para aprender a hacer desierto y oración en la vida de todos los días.

**8-55 CONFRONTANDO LA CRISIS INMIGRATORIA Y LA POBREZA DE LOS TRABAJADORES QUE NO PUEDEN VIVIR DE SU SALARIO** 🗣️

Más del 40% de las familias de nuestra comunidad son trabajadores que desempeñan un trabajo muy duro y con responsabilidad para poder cubrir sus necesidades básicas. Más del 70% de esas familias son inmigrantes. ¿Cómo los cristianos pueden dar una respuesta efectiva a esta situación? CLUE-California (Clero y Laicos unidos por una economía justa de California) integra líderes de diferentes tradiciones religiosas con el objetivo de favorecer una economía digna y lograr una política migratoria más justa. Hablaremos de la actual situación de los inmigrantes y de sus familias en necesidad, y de cómo responder cristianamente a sus necesidades.

**Rvda. Alexia Salvatierra**

*Rvda. Alexia Salvatierra es una Pastora ordenada en la Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América, con más de 30 años de experiencia en ministerios interreligiosos y comunitarios, organización de la comunidad y abogacía con los legisladores. Es la Directora Ejecutiva de CLUE-California (Clérigos y Laicos Unidos por la Justicia Económica), una alianza estatal de organizaciones interreligiosas quienes organizan a los líderes religiosos de todas las religiones para responder a la crisis comunitaria de la pobreza de los trabajadores. Estos líderes religiosos unen a los trabajadores pobres en su lucha para un sueldo digno, seguridad médica, condiciones laborales justas, y una voz en las decisiones que afectan a sus vidas.*

**8-56 LAS RELACIONES DE LA FE CRISTIANA CON OTRAS RELIGIONES: DINÁMICA DEL DIÁLOGO INTERRELIGIOSO** 🗣️**Gonzalo Tejerina Arias**

En nuestra sociedad planetaria y globalizada la convivencia entre gentes de distintos credos es cada día más estrecha. ¿Cuál es la actitud del cristiano ante las convicciones religiosas de otros creyentes? ¿Qué papel juegan otras religiones en el proyecto salvador de Dios? ¿Tienen algún valor salvífico? ¿Sigue siendo el diálogo con los no cristianos una actitud válida? ¿Es realmente posible un diálogo constructivo? ¿Y de qué hablar? ¿Podrían juntas las religiones contribuir de manera determinante a la paz y la justicia?

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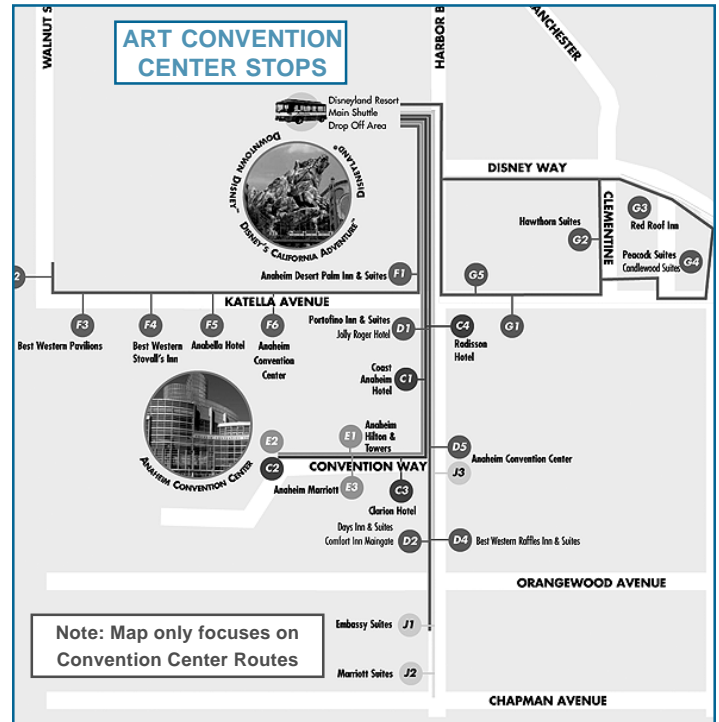
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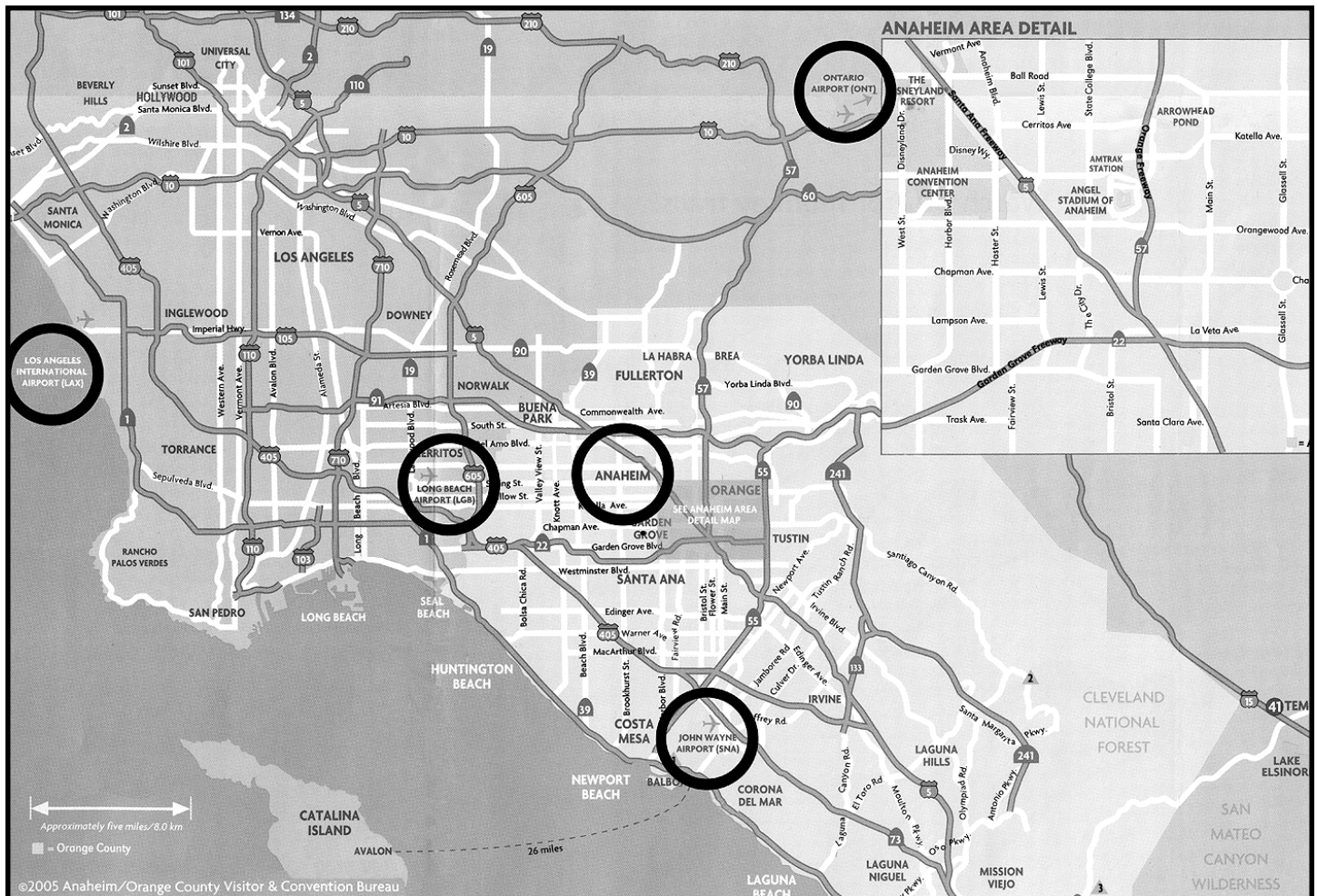
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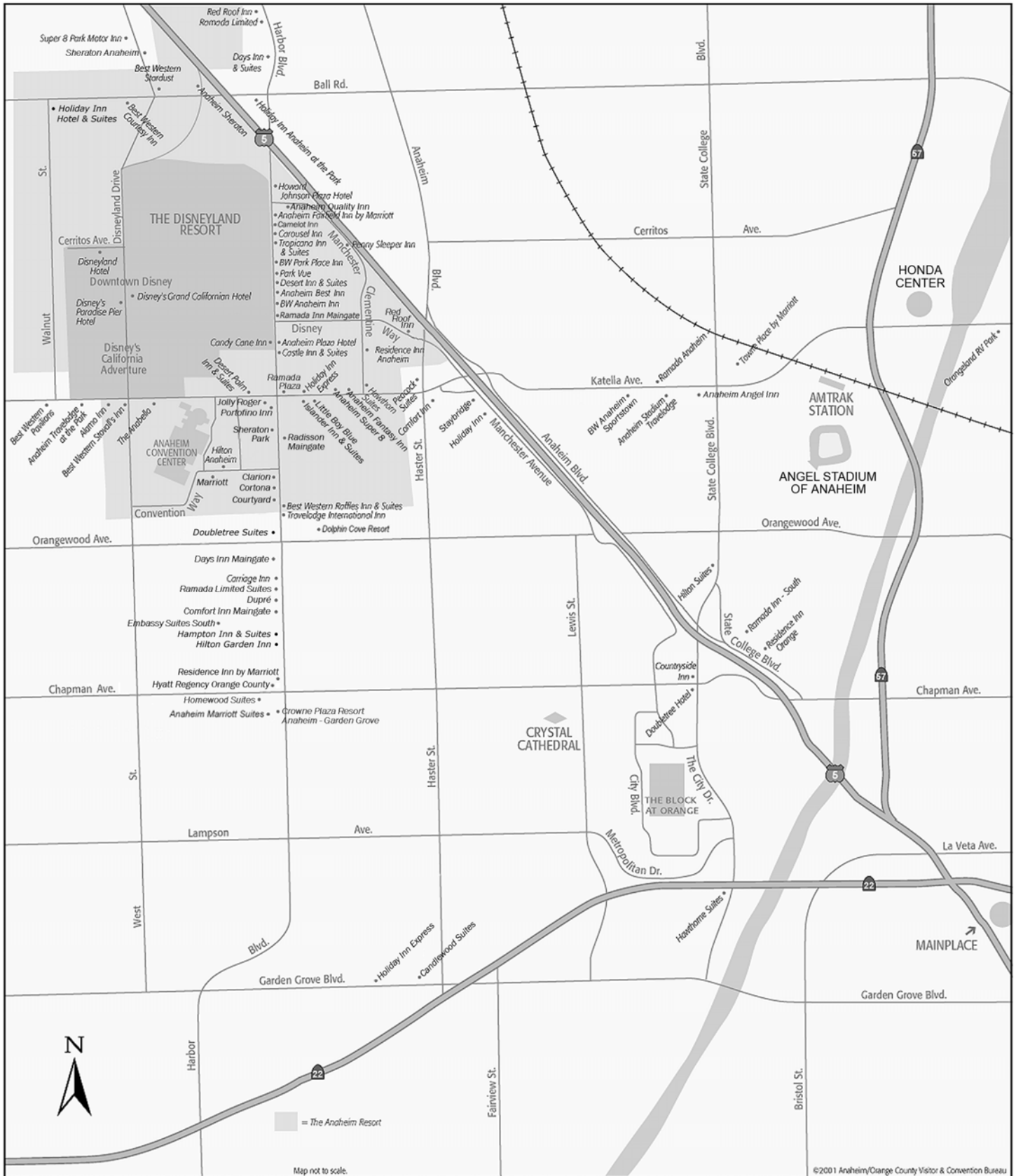
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Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all major hotels, and they have agreed to work very closely with us in providing a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms as well. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at each of these facilities.

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<b>CLARION:</b>	Glenda Thomas	(714) 750-3131 x3023
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<b>SHERATON:</b>	Kirsten Garcia	(714) 740-4174

**CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES**

The following regulations have been given to the Congress Office regarding policies. PLEASE, PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES, AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

- No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center Parking lots.
- No free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

This is a violation of the Convention Center's contract giving exclusive rights to Aramark Food Service, Inc. and Orange County Board of Health regulations.

**PARKING**

The parking fee at the Anaheim Convention Center is **\$10 each time you drive in.** NO PARKING PASSES will be available, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted. Camping and picnicking are NOT allowed.

NOTE: Cars will be ticketed if backed into designated head-in spaces. CARS WILL BE TOWED FROM RESTRICTED AREAS.

**MESSAGE CENTER**

If family or friends need to contact you during Congress, they may do so from **9 am to 6 pm** by phoning **(714) 765-8883 or (714) 765-8884** and leaving a message. You may also leave a message for friends you wish to contact.

**WORKSHOP RECORDING**

Many of the Congress workshops will be recorded by Convention Seminar Cassettes/CSC Digital Media. **Individual audio/video taping is not allowed.** Further information about cassette tapes and audio CDs can be found online at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org); an order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

**SERVICES FOR THE DEAF/HARD OF HEARING**

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2008 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you have need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices.

The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, please request an interpreter upon your arrival. We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by February 2, 2008, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask Interpreting Services, located in Congress Headquarters (AR-1). While we can accommodate most requests for last-minute changes, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Religious Education Congress Committee wants you to enjoy your Congress experience and offers the following options:

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other Congress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant's – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by January 5, 2008.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large. However, the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.
- NOTE: The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Alpha Drugs Pharmacy at either of their two locations in Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; or 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

**NEED MORE INFORMATION?**

**Web:** [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org)  
**E-mail:** [congress@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:congress@la-archdiocese.org)  
**Phone:** (213) 637-7346

## REGISTRATION FORM

### DO . . .

1. Affix address label in designated area on Registration Form (inside back cover). If address label is not correct, fill out registration card completely. Please be sure to PRINT your Name, Address, ZIP Code and Phone Number.
2. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
3. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress.**
4. Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.
5. Register by credit card online at **www.RECongress.org.**
6. Register on site during the Congress weekend if you have not registered by February 15, 2008.

1. **DO NOT** make copies of the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after February 15, 2008.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.
5. **DO NOT** expect the Congress Office to make changes in workshops after you have registered. (You may exchange tickets for any available sessions beginning at noon on Friday of Congress.)

## REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$60. Postmarked after January 5, 2008: \$70.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by January 5, 2008. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. Registrations received after **February 15** will be processed and must be picked up through Advance Pick-Up or at the Registration Booth. Tickets will only be given to the registered individual with ID.
4. **TICKETS will be mailed after JANUARY 31, 2008. Please allow two weeks for delivery. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.**
5. Replacement tickets cost: \$25.

## ADVANCE TICKET/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a "jump start" on Congress and avoid the Program Book lines! Pick up your Congress Program Book and badge holder beginning Thursday, February 28, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm, in the Convention Center Hall A Prefunction Lobby. Please bring your program card with you!

**REMINDER: Congress is an adult/young adult-ONLY religious education event. All workshops are directed to these age groups. If you must bring your child(ren), they MUST be registered and they must accompany you. We ask that they be your sole responsibility so they do not disturb the other delegates.**

## LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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1. Pegue la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su Nombre, Dirección, Zona Postal y número de teléfono.
2. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
3. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress.**
4. **FIRME SU CHEQUE.**
5. Se aceptan tarjetas de crédito en línea en **www.RECongress.org**
6. Si para el 15 de febrero de 2008 no ha enviado su registro, puede hacerlo personalmente durante el fin de semana del Congreso.

1. **NO** reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. **NO** inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. **NO** envíe su inscripción después del 15 de febrero, 2008.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.
5. **NO** espere que la Oficina del Congreso le cambie los talleres después de inscribirse. (Podrá cambiar sus boletos por otra sesión con cupo, el viernes del Congreso.)

## RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$60 (U.S.). Después del 5 de enero, 2008 será \$70.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 5 de enero, 2008. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del **15 de febrero**, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se le entregaran solamente a la persona que se registró y necesitará presentar identificación en el Centro de Convenciones.
4. **LOS BOLETOS se enviarán por correo después del 31 de enero, 2008. Por favor espere 2 semanas para recibirlos. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.**
5. El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$25.

## RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Evite las largas líneas y recoja su libro a partir del día jueves, 28 de febrero, por la noche desde las 6:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm en el Prefunciones área del Salón A del Centro de Convenciones.

**El Congreso es un evento de educación religiosa para adultos/jóvenes adultos SOLAMENTE. Todos los talleres son dirigidos a estos grupos. Si usted debe traer a su niño/s, ellos deben ser registrados y deben estar acompañados. Le pedimos hacerse responsable de ellos para evitar distracciones a otros delegados.**

## REQUEST FORM FOR SERVICES FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING PERSONS

The Religious Education Congress staff will make every effort to assure that Congress 2008 is accessible to the Deaf or Hard of Hearing person. For those who would like to request an interpreter or use of Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs).

**Please fill out and include this form along with your registration.**

### SERVICES

What services do you need?  Sign Interpreter  Oral Interpreter  Deaf/Blind Interpreter  ALD

### WORKSHOPS

I plan on attending the following periods (circle all that apply): FRI: 1 2 3 SAT: 4 5 6 SUN: 7 8

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHANGING REQUESTS

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