

## 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.



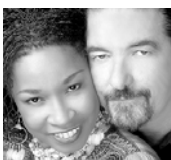
Appearing left to right: Dominic MacAller, Marie Hodgson, John Gilb, Barbara Bridge and Bob Hurd.

### 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 Thùy**

"Toái chà bieát tröøüc ñây toái bò muø mãø nay toái nhìn thaáy ñöøc." Buoãi hoãi thaüo seõ ñeà caáp ñeán nhöøng chöøng beänh "muø" cuäa theá kyü thöu 21. Nhöøng loaïi muø loøa laøm cho ngöøoi Kitoá höøu khoång nhaän ra Ñöüc Kitoá nöi tha nhaän, khoång bieát ñöøng ñeä veä nhaø thaät cuäa mình vaø khoång bieát ñâu tö cho möät töøng lai an toaøn vaø traøn ñây aän phuüc.



**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 Quadratos," 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.*

