

### 1-01 GROWING IN FAITH THROUGH THE POWER OF SONG 🎧

From an early age children experience the joy of song. Song builds a rich foundation for learning. As religious educators, how can we use the power of song to enrich our children's journey in faith? This workshop will demonstrate how song and movement can be incorporated into religious education as effective teaching and learning tools. A variety of catechetical themes will be addressed during this session. Come ready to participate in songs and activities that will energize and engage your students as they journey in faith.



**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 20 years of experience in school and parish communities, and now is a regular speaker at conventions and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand and the United States.*

### 1-02 CREATING AN INTIMATE MARRIAGE 🎧

An intimate marriage does not come easy, but it is possible to refresh and improve your marriage. In this session, you will learn to set the mood, tone and atmosphere in your relationship to 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 Burns will speak frankly about romance and intimacy, communication and conflict, friendship, 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**

*Jim Burns is President of HomeWord and host of its national radio broadcasts. He speaks to thousands of people around the world every year. Burns is a three-time Gold Medallion Award-winning author and has written books for parents, students, youth ministry and church leaders, with over 1.5 million resources in print in over 20 languages. His most recent works include "The Purity Code, Teaching Your Children Healthy Sexuality" and "Creating an Intimate Marriage" book, audio resource and marriage kit.*

### 1-03 THE WORD BECAME FLESH: AN ADULT APPRECIATION OF THE INCARNATION 🎧

Take a scriptural walk through the earliest revelation of Emmanuel-God with us, as described in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John. Though we have heard these wonderful Scripture stories since we were the smallest of children, they are not children's stories. They are the powerful encounters of God intervening among the good and evil of humanity. You are invited to experience a new appreciation of something we have known all our lives.



**Rev. John Cusick**

*Ordained in 1970 for the Chicago Archdiocese, Fr. John Cusick began the archdiocesan ministry to those in their 20s and 30s in 1977 and has maintained that ministry ever since. He is presently Director of the Young Adult Ministry Office for the Chicago Archdiocese. He has been a part of the Theology-on-Tap program for the past 29 years. Fr. Cusick speaks nationally and internationally at diocesan conferences, parish missions and priest convocations.*

### 1-04 USING THE REMOTE TO CHANNEL JESUS 🎧

Recent surveys tell us that young people spend, on average, four hours a day in front of a television or computer screen. What would the faith of young people look like if we started using the remote control to spread the Gospel message? This workshop will share tips, ideas and practical suggestions for how to use the iPod, DVD, television and computer remote to spread the Good News. It is no longer a question of whether we should use modern media. The question is how? The answer is here.



**Patrick Donovan**

*Patrick Donovan is Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wilmington, Del. Prior to his current work, he served as parish youth minister then as Theology Department Chair at Sacred Heart Cathedral School in Knoxville, Tenn. Donovan was on the adjunct faculty at the Center for Ministry Development and at LaSalle University in Philadelphia. He has written a multi-volume publication, and his latest book is titled "Using the Remote to Channel Jesus."*

### 1-05 FROM PULLING HAIR TO QUIET PRAYER: TIPS FOR CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND DISCIPLINE 🎧

This lively and practical workshop will explore effective ways to handle classroom discipline situations and reveal successful classroom management strategies. Focus will be on preventative measures and positive solutions. If you've ever had "one of those days" in the classroom, then this workshop is for you!



**Steven Ellair**

*Steven Ellair has been involved in catechetical ministry for over 20 years – as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic school teacher, and for over eight years as the Consultant for Elementary Catechesis at the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Ellair is currently a Senior Editor with RCL Benziger and continues speaking nationally and writing on issues related to catechesis.*



Lunchtime concert with Josh Blakesley and Trevor Thomson

### I-06 THE LIVING EUCHARIST: OUR LOVE, JOY, NEED, FEAR, SORROW AND ANGER FIND A HOME

This interesting session will center on a Eucharistic spirituality of emotionality involving the experience we have of love, joy, need, fear, sorrow and anger finding a home in the Living Eucharist of Jesus. Fr. Bob Fabing will delve into this through the window of the very meaning of the Eucharistic dynamics of: 1) the Liturgy of the Word; and 2) the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This Eucharistic spirituality session will move into a practical and meaningful understanding of the sacrament of the Eucharist as a place to go with our emotional experience and as the “here and now” embodiment of the presence of God inviting us to come simply as we are.



**Fr. Bob Fabing, SJ**

Fr. Bob Fabing has founded 82 marriage counseling and family therapy centers – The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network – with locations on five continents. The Jesuit priest is also founder and Director of the 36-Day program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, Calif., where he lives. Fr. Fabing is author five books and composer of 10 CDs of liturgical music.

### I-07 CLAIMING THE POWER WITHIN: LIVING THE CHRISTIAN VISION

During our time together we will explore the often untapped sources of strength that lie deep within each one of us by virtue of our covenant and baptism into the vision of Christ Jesus. We will look at the power of the Resurrection as marking the defining moment of our faith and explore what this means for us, and what it calls us to. St. Paul surmised, “If Christ has not risen, our faith is in vain.” What if the reverse is true as well? If our faith is in vain, that is, if we do not live its mandates, then Christ has not been raised. We might still be able to claim that he has been exulted and sits at the right hand of God, but the depth meaning of Resurrection is lost.



**Barbara Fiand, SND de N**

In addition to teaching spirituality at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago, Sr. Barbara Fiand lectures and gives retreats throughout the country and abroad. Her primary area of interest is the transformation of consciousness happening at this time in history and the theological challenges that this invites. Sr. Fiand, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, has written nine books and currently lives in Cincinnati.

### I-08 SAYING YES TO LOVE AND INTIMACY: THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INTO MUTUAL LOVING



Most of us are familiar with the contemporary moral proverb: “Just say no.” While this ethical guideline may be helpful at certain times, it does not tell us what we are called to say “yes” to with our lives and our loving. Every Christian disciple – regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation or life circumstances – is called to a life of Gospel intimacy. In other words, we are summoned to learn the art and practice of loving self-disclosure in relationships of mutuality, trust and respect. This presentation explores five qualities that are the hallmarks of authentic Christian intimacy in today’s complex culture.



**Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD, DMin**

Fran Ferder, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, is Co-Director of TARA, a counseling and consultation resource located in the Pacific Northwest. Since 1985, she has served as a clinical psychologist in Washington and Oregon, and as an Adjunct Professor in the graduate School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. She maintains a busy speaking schedule nationally and internationally. Individually and together with Fr. John Heagle, she has written a number of books.



**John Heagle, JCL, MA**

Fr. John Heagle, a Catholic priest for the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis., is Co-Director of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA) and Adjunct Professor at Seattle University’s School of Theology and Ministry. He has more than 40 years of experience as a pastor, as founding Director of the Office of Justice and Peace for the La Crosse Diocese, and as Director of Campus Ministry at Viterbo University in Wisconsin. Fr. Heagle, an author and practicing psychotherapist, has speaking engagements internationally.

### I-09 CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST IN CHARITY AND TRUTH



Pope Benedict XVI’s recent encyclical, “*Caritas in Veritate*” (Charity and Truth), affirms that without God, man would not know where to go. Benedict invites us to see life as “interconnectedness to God.” Join Fr. Richard Fragomeni as he discusses the encyclical’s implications for liturgy and parish life.



**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

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



## I-10 HOW SHOULD CATHOLICS VOTE: REFLECTIONS ON OUR ELECTORAL OBLIGATIONS



During every election season there is a great deal of debate about the obligations of Catholic voters. This workshop will consider insight offered by our Catholic tradition and offer some practical guidelines into the process of “electoral discernment.”



**Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD**

*Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Margaret and Thomas Murray/James J. Bacik Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo, Ohio. He has published over 80 articles and seven books, and his work has been honored by the Catholic Press Association. A frequent conference speaker, Dr. Gaillardetz was an official delegate on the U.S. Methodist-Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue and served on the Board of Directors for the Catholic Theological Society of America.*

## I-11 RECHARGE THE RCIA PROCESS: LEARNING BY DOING



The vision for Christian formation that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) puts forward is rooted in the apprenticeship model. Discover ways to align your initiation ministry – and all catechetical formation – more closely to the Church’s originating vision for the RCIA: learning by doing.



**Dr. Jerry Galipeau**

*Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Associate Publisher at World Library Publications in Illinois. He is a past Chair of the Board of Directors of The North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has authored numerous publications and has presented keynotes and workshops. Galipeau has served as Adjunct Faculty member at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and has presented institutes throughout the United States and Canada for The North American Forum on the Catechumenate.*

## I-12 THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO TIVO: PLUGGING FAITH INTO A WIRELESS CULTURE



Culture is evolving. Lives grow busier. Attention spans (of both young and old) continue to shorten. Ironically, the more wireless we get, the more difficult it seems to “unplug.” How, then, do we evangelize a time-conscious culture with the timeless truth of the Gospel? How does catechesis “fit in” and tradition remain relevant to a culture with little time for the Timeless One? Come laugh and learn with Mark Hart as he shares both the opportunities and struggles of sharing and teaching the faith in a screen-based culture.



**Mark Hart**

*Affectionately known to millions simply as the “Bible Geek,” Mark Hart serves as Executive Vice President for Life Teen. He has keynoted dozens of congresses, and leads training conferences, retreats, camps and parish missions for both young and old. The award-winning author is also well-known in Catholic media circles through his weekly iTunes podcast as well as a regular on Catholic television and radio programs, and a guest columnist/writer for Catholic periodicals.*



Art Exhibit featuring the photography by Robert Radin

## I-13 LIVE WITHOUT FEAR: THE TRUTH ABOUT INTIMACY, LOVE, PASSION AND SEXUALITY



Most of us don’t want intimacy, we want security. Because intimacy is about openness, vulnerability and risk. And vulnerability can hurt. What does it mean to be real, to be honest or open? What do we desire in our relationships? Is it possible to love someone even with doubts, mystery and upheaval? Is it possible to find a relationship with someone who is afraid of intimacy? How do we find strength even when trust is betrayed? How do we practice a love built on kindness, appreciation and attention? How do we become at home with our sexuality? How do we learn the truth that intimacy has little to do with the other person: Intimacy begins with me.



**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 tenth book, “The Power of Pause: Becoming More by Doing Less.” Hershey is a popular and inspirational speaker, and has presented seminars and retreats throughout the country on the topics of relationships, spirituality ... and gardening.*

## I-14 COACH PARENTS TO FORM THEIR OWN KIDS!



The task of passing on the faith to children belongs undeniably to their parents. In fact, no matter how hard we try at the parish to substitute ourselves for them, if the parents aren’t involved, the child’s faith will always be lukewarm. In this workshop, we’ll learn how to engage the parents by coaching them to form their own kids. Parents love being coached. They become re-engaged with parish faith and life. And their children receive formation that lasts a lifetime! You’ll add this method to your entire parish religious education or Catholic school program. Participants will receive excellent free links to online support and follow-up.



**Bill Huebsch**

*Bill Huebsch is Director of the online Pastoral Center at Twenty-third Publications. He worked as diocesan administrator for many years in Minnesota, principally in the Diocese of New Ulm, where he served with Bishop Ray Lucker. Huebsch, author of “Growing Up Catholic,” has presented at diocesan and national events in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and around the world.*

### I-15 NEW WINESKINS FOR NEW WINE: A NEW VISION FOR PARISH LIFE THAT INTEGRATES SOCIAL MISSION

Most parishes struggle to live out and adequately embody the Church's social mission, as it is outlined by Catholic social teaching and the Gospels. And there is a simple reason for that: It is not part of the presumed structure of parish life. Happily, there is a solution and a structure that is proven to work. Come learn what the wisdom of Francis, Benedict and Maryknoll might teach us about a solution for the crisis of mission-less parishes.



**Jack Jezreel**

*Jack Jezreel is founder and Executive Director of JustFaith Ministries, based in Kentucky. He is a national speaker, and has presented keynotes at the national gatherings of Pax Christi USA, the National Association of Diaconate Directors, the National Association of Lay Ministry, and for St. Vincent de Paul.*

### I-16 THE CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRED LITURGY: STILL AN INCREDIBLE ABUNDANCE 47 YEARS LATER

Because the new translations of the Roman Missal will soon be upon us, we have an opportunity for further catechesis on what happens at Mass for us. There is no better place to start than with the "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy." There, are laid out principles that we must remember with power and passion, especially now – from the meaning of the Paschal Mystery (a phrase still little understood), to "actuosa parnaoatio" (participation with energy and vibrancy), to inculturation (not rigid uniformity, but a liturgy for and by real people with cultures, hopes and joys, fear and anxiety). Here is an opportunity for an incredible abundance of wisdom and insight!



**Rev. J-Glenn Murray, SJ**

*Fr. J-Glenn Murray is Parochial Vicar at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He formerly worked for the Diocese of Cleveland in the Office of Pastoral Liturgy, serving as its Director, and was principal drafter of the U.S. Bishops' document, "Plenty Good Room: The Spirit and Truth of African American Catholic Worship." Fr. Murray, a priest of the Maryland Province of Jesuits, lectures widely in the areas of liturgy and culture, as well as conducting parish missions and retreats.*

### I-17 IN VITRO FERTILIZATION AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

The basic techniques involved in *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) and related forms of assisted reproductive technologies will be considered in this session. We will look at the various risks and side effects, including multiple conceptions, birth defects, super-ovulatory drug usage, and the production and freezing of extracorporeal human embryos. We will analyze the moral difficulties of IVF and its impact on human procreation through restructuring it as production, and the ramifications for the marriage covenant through violations of exclusivity and surrogacy, as well as difficulties with cryopreservation and selective reductions.



**Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD**

*A priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., Fr. Tad Pacholczyk is Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. With his advanced work in dogmatic theology and in bioethics, he has testified on stem cell research before state legislatures, and has given presentations on contemporary bioethics throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Fr. Pacholczyk has numerous media appearances, including CNN, "ABC World News Tonight" and National Public Radio.*

### I-18 SENSING THE HOLY: TOUCHING THE EARTH, SOUNDING THE WORD, PRAYING THE BODY



Explore with Philip Roderick the consciousness shift and the access to grace provided by three of his delights: the simple and sometimes silent "isness" of nature as a vehicle for spiritual alignment; the power of sound and sacred text, from lament to glory with percussive rhythm; the felt wisdom of early Christian and contemporary body prayer, gesture, posture and procession.



**Rev. Philip D. Roderick**

*Philip Roderick is an Anglican priest, Celtic educator and percussionist, based in Aylesbury, Bucks, England. He has lectured and led workshops extensively in the United States and Europe over the past 15 years. Rev. Roderick is founder and Director of three interlinked projects: The Quiet Garden Movement; The Well Institute for Psychological and Spiritual Development; and Contemplative Fire: Journey in Presence. He has worked at the University of Wales, for the Oxford Diocese, and as a parish priest.*

### I-19 THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD AND PHILANTHROPY OF THE HEART

The God whom Jesus called "Father" is incredible, not just in terms of metaphysics but also in love, forgiveness, patience, generosity and indiscriminate embrace. But we tend to conceive of God in terms of scarcity and limit. The incredible abundance of God challenges us beyond a spirituality of scarcity to philanthropy of the heart.



**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, Texas. 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 35 years of his priesthood, he taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.*



## I-20 SUSTAIN US, LORD: A SPIRITUALITY FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND TEACHERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Through humor and anecdotes, this presentation explores the key elements for a sustaining spirituality. Attention is given to Church history, theology and sacramental life as a source for a spirituality that can be a well-spring of joy, and a deep sustaining well to prevent parent/caregiver/teacher burn-out.



**Michael & Christine Way Skinner**

*Michael Way Skinner is a Consultant for Faith Leadership & Student Engagement with the York Catholic District School Board in Aurora, Ontario, Canada. He had previously served as a religion and English teacher, as dean of religion, and as a chaplaincy team leader. He and Christine reside in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada, where she serves as a Catechist at St. John Chrysostom Parish.*

## I-21 THE CHURCH IN EXILE: A BIBLICAL THEME FOR MODERN CHRISTIANS

While many periods of the Old Testament have been suggested as providing spiritual and moral “guidance” for the modern Church, Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher has suggested that the most provocative and powerful biblical theme for contemporary Christian existence is the theme of “exile.” In this session, Dr. Smith-Christopher will explain why “exile” is an essential biblical concept of Old and New Testaments, and in what ways this theme can begin to provide theological guidance to modern Christian life.



**Prof. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher**

*Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher is Professor of Theological Studies (Old Testament) and Director of Peace Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he has taught for 20 years. Author of over two dozen scholarly articles and 12 books, Dr. Smith-Christopher is a speaker and teacher in both Catholic and Protestant churches, and has consulted on several television and film projects dealing with biblical themes. He has been a regular presenter at the L.A. Congress for the last 14 years.*

## I-22 THE PARISH AS A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES

This session will explore leadership for the two dimensions of parish – community and discipleship. We will address the primary elements of building strong, faith-filled communities. We will then look at methods for encouraging more parishioners to assume their role of disciples.



**Bro. Loughlan Sofield, ST**

*Bro. Loughlan Sofield, a member of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, is Senior Editor of Human Development magazine. He has taught and presented in over 200 dioceses on six continents. Bro. Sofield is co-author or author of a number of award-winning books on collaboration, community, forgiveness and other topics related to psychology and ministry; his most recent is “Facing Forgiveness.”*

## I-23 CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

While rewarding, care-giving requires tremendous emotional, physical and spiritual stamina, making burnout an everyday challenge. In “Chicken Soup for the Caregiver’s Soul,” LeAnn Thieman offers remedies by encouraging caregivers to care for themselves as devotedly as they do for others. By sharing stories from her book and her own life experiences she fills caregivers with hope, courage and strength and honors them for the difference they make in the world.



**LeAnn Thieman, CSP, CPAE**

*LeAnn Thieman was “accidentally” caught up in the 1975 Vietnam orphan airlift, and helped rescue 300 babies as Saigon fell to the Communists. She has shared her incredible story on numerous radio and TV programs. Now as co-author of “Chicken Soup for the Caregiver’s Soul” and nine other Chicken Soup titles, Thieman is a full-time professional speaker and member of the Speaker Hall of Fame.*

## I-24 THE ORDER OF MASS

The words we say at Mass will soon be changing. What will they become? Why are these changes being made? How can we prepare ourselves and our worshipping communities? This workshop will explore the changes to the Order of Mass – the words that are repeated at every Mass, every day.



**Paul Turner**

*Fr. Paul Turner, a priest of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., is Pastor of St. Munchin Catholic Church and its mission, St. Aloysius, in Cameron, Mo. He serves as a facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. Fr. Turner writes Bulletin Inserts for Ministry and Liturgy magazine and is the author of numerous books and articles. He has presented at the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and at several L.A. Religious Education Congresses.*

## I-25 WHY DO THEY ACT THAT WAY? A SURVIVAL GUIDE TO THE ADOLESCENT BRAIN

In this workshop, Dr. David Walsh explains exactly what happens to the brain on the path from childhood into adulthood. Revealing the latest scientific findings in easy-to-understand terms, Dr. Walsh explains why moodiness, quickness to anger, risk-taking, miscommunication and other familiar teenage behaviors are all linked to what is going on inside their brains. This workshop goes beyond hormones and peer pressure and shows everyone who works with pre-teens or teens how to use this information to understand, communicate, guide and stay connected to kids.



**David Walsh, PhD**

*Dr. David Walsh is founder and President of the National Institute on Media and the Family, and author of 10 books, many of which have been translated into eight different languages. He taught 10 years at the high school level, and 25 years in university and seminary settings. Dr. Walsh has presented more than 1,000 speeches and workshops in Europe, Asia and across the United States on parenting and the impact of media on children and youth.*

**I-26 LIVING AND WORKING IN A WORLD FULL OF ALCOHOLICS & ADDICTS: LEARNING HOW TO TEND TO OUR OWN ACRE** 🗣️

None of us lives on an isolated island. We are influenced by the illnesses and craziness of others, and we find ourselves exhausted, angry, guilty and unable to live our lives with serenity and dignity and peace. In this presentation we will look at the tools of recovery as members of dysfunctional families and systems, how to care for ourselves, how to choose to care for others, and how to be useful members of our society, our Church and our country. We believe that it is not God's will to have one more burned out, exhausted person on the face of this earth. We will look at the wisdom of Al-Anon Family Groups and the practicality of the 12-Step Programs.

**Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ**

*Fr. Thomas Weston has been the Superior of the Jesuit Community of Oakland, Calif., since 2003. A retreat director, speaker and facilitator, he has worked extensively with alcoholics and addicts in recovery and their families for over 30 years. Fr. Weston, a former high school teacher and associate pastor, is a frequent presenter at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and is a member of the National Catholic Counsel on Alcoholism.*

**I-27 WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN WAKING: DISCIPLINES OF AN EVERYDAY SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Most of us have talents and qualities that never find a proper outlet. This can lead to a sense of aimless adaptation, rather than a growing feeling of belonging. There are ways and means to build this sense of belonging. What we must look for is not untrammelled happiness, but an enlarging conversation that can encompass even the most harrowing losses. Not a Pollyanna search for happiness, but a profound ability to make ourselves brave enough for the triumphs and difficulties needed to live ordinary life. David Whyte will explore the conversational nature of reality and the disciplines that can create an identity robust enough to meet gifts and demands.

**David Whyte**

*David Whyte, a native of Yorkshire, England, is author of six volumes of poetry and three books of prose. He is one of the few poets to take his perspectives on creativity into the field of organizational development, where he works with American and international companies offering lectures and workshops. Whyte has traveled extensively, including working as a naturalist guide and leading anthropological expeditions. He now lives with his family in the Pacific Northwestern United States.*

**I-28 CHARISMATIC COMPULSION: ST. PAUL AS A MODEL FOR EVANGELIZATION TODAY** 🗣️

The Acts of the Apostles presents St. Paul as one of the most successful and ambitious evangelizers the Church has ever known. During the liturgical Year of Luke we will take a look at his special presentation of Paul in Acts, especially as it impacts the Easter season. What were the keys of his success? What were his challenges? How can he serve as a model for today's Catholics called to preach, teach and catechize in a modern, secular world?

**Very Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, SS**

*A priest of the Diocese of Erie, Penn., Sulpician Fr. Ronald Witherup is currently Superior General for the Society of St. Sulpice. For many years the Scripture scholar served as Dean and Professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif. Fr. Witherup is a frequent retreat master and lecturer on biblical and theological topics, and has written numerous articles, book reviews; among his many publications are "Scripture: Dei Verbum" and "St. Paul: Called to Conversion."*

**I-70 Sự Phong Phú Kinh Ngạc: Sự Hiện Diện Được An Bài của người Việt trên đất Mỹ** 🗣️

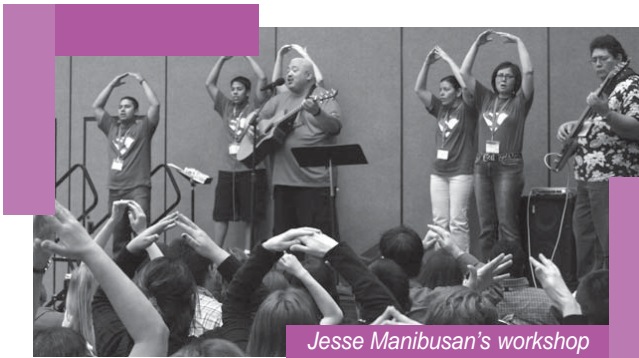
Dân tộc Việt Nam có một truyền thống và giá trị đạo đức phong phú. Nhưng những giá trị đó có trùng hợp hay nghịch lại với những luân lý Công Giáo? Những gì cần giữ lại, thay đổi, hội nhập, hay tẩy chay trong đời sống luân lý của người Công giáo Việt Nam hiện nay? Hội thảo sẽ bàn đến những ưu tư này.

**Linh mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, SS  
Rev. Nguyen Khắc Hy, SS**

*Linh Mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, SS, đến Hoa Kỳ năm 1987. Cha tốt nghiệp Cử Nhân Triết Học tại Đại Học San Diego, Cao học Thần Học (M.A. in Theology và M.Div.) tại Đại Chủng Viện St. Patrick (San Francisco) và Tiến Sĩ Thần Học tại Đại Học Gregorian, Roma. Hiện nay cha là giáo sư giảng dạy môn Thần Học Tín Lý tại Đại Chủng Viện St. Mary's, Baltimore. Cha Hy thuộc tu hội Xuân Bích, tỉnh dòng Hoa Kỳ.*







Jesse Manibusan's workshop at last year's Congress

## 2-01 MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER: OUR CALL TO SOLIDARITY AROUND THE WORLD

Muslim-Christian understanding is one of the keys to peace in our world at this time. Join Catholic Relief Services staff as they share stories of the work of Catholic agencies promoting education and development in partnership with Muslim communities in Pakistan and Afghanistan – work that builds on the Church's long tradition of serving the people of Asia. We will discuss the challenges and rewards of finding common ground and trust in such circumstances, and how we as Catholics are called to engage our communities in global solidarity.



### Maria G. Arroyo

Maria Arroyo is the Education and Formation Coordinator for Catholic Relief Services-West, based in San Diego. She has over 10 years of experience in ministry as a campus minister, community organizer and Catholic school teacher. Arroyo is a retreat facilitator and, since 2001, has served as an instructor for The Institute of Pastoral Ministry for the Diocese of Orange, Calif. She currently facilitates workshops on social justice/global solidarity in parishes, diocesan events and religious congresses.



### Kevin Hartigan

Kevin Hartigan, a veteran with Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is marking five years as their South Asia Regional Director. Presently based in Islamabad, Pakistan, he has worked for CRS for 20 years – in Asia, Central Africa and Haiti. Previously, Hartigan did several years of volunteer work in Central America, Brazil and Southeast Asia.

## 2-02 HUMAN SEXUALITY AND CATHOLIC MORAL TEACHING

In this workshop, Fr. Richard Benson will review the teachings of Catholic moral theology regarding human sexuality, as viewed through the lens of John Paul II's "theology of the body."



### 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. Fr. Benson speaks on moral topics to groups throughout California.

## 2-03 MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD WITH MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

This one is pretty simple and straight forward. If you like to sing, clap, move and even raise the roof a little, this is the workshop for you. Come join Grayson Warren Brown and a few of his friends for a joyful celebration of the gift of music. Come celebrate, and be sure to leave your inhibitions at the door.



### Grayson Warren Brown

Grayson Warren Brown is an internationally known author, speaker, liturgical composer and recording artist. His latest collection is titled, "Now That the Morning Has Broken the Darkness." Brown began his liturgical ministry in the late-1960s in a small inner-city parish in New York City and has many years of experience working in a multicultural setting. He now divides his time between writing, composing and traveling the country giving workshops, speaking at conventions and conducting parish missions.

## 2-04 LECTIO DIVINA: ANCIENT AND MODERN

In this workshop, Fr. Michael Casey will share guidelines for a more profound practice of the art of sacred reading, derived from an examination of the monastic origins of the practice in their historical context and in their modern application.



### Fr. Michael Casey, OCSO

Fr. Michael Casey, a Cistercian monk (Trappist), is Dean of Studies and Master of Juniors at Tarrawarra Abbey in Australia. The former prior is a well-known retreat master and lecturer on monastic spirituality, and has been leading retreats, workshops and conferences with monastic communities and other groups in 31 countries around the world. Fr. Casey is author of a dozen books and more than 100 articles. Since 1996 he has served as Editor of *Tjurunga: An Australasian Benedictine Review*.

## 2-05 THIS DAY: MUSIC AND DAILY PRAYER FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

Andrew Chinn draws on 25 years of experience as a teacher and musician to offer practical, easy-to-learn songs and movement to enhance the prayer life of children throughout the liturgical and school year. This session is geared for those who work with elementary school children and know the value of music and movement in moving the hearts of children.



### Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. Chinn has presented at Catholic education conferences in 20 dioceses across Australia and New Zealand as well as more than 700 Catholic elementary school. He has released six CDs, two DVDs and four picture books, which are widely used.

**2-06 BIOETHICAL QUESTIONS AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

This workshop will deal with critical bioethical issues raised in the 2008 document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, “The Dignity of a Person.” Specific ethical and pastoral issues will be discussed: the dignity of every person; the meaning of marriage and family; ethical and medical areas of concern, for instance, *in vitro* fertilization, freezing embryos, adopting frozen embryos, morning-after pills, RU-486, and the use of vaccines.



**Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, SS**

*Fr. Gerald Coleman has taught courses in moral theology and medical ethics for over 40 years to college, theology and university students. He has lectured widely in these areas and has authored two books. Fr. Coleman is on staff as Lecturer in Moral Theology at Santa Clara University in California and serves as Vice President for Corporate Ethics for the Daughters of Charity Health System.*

**2-07 NUMBERS 11: “KILL ME NOW”**

**Patrick Donovan**

If your prayer reflects that of Moses in Numbers 11, find hope in the rest of the passage. Youth ministry is tough enough. Why add more pressure by going it alone? This workshop will focus on proven practices on how to develop a youth ministry team to assist you in this important work. Learn how to recruit, train and maintain those called to “share the burden” that pours forth from our baptismal call.

**2-08 WHO WILL BE MAKING YOUR END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS?**

No matter where you stand on the sensitive issue of end-of-life decision-making, the reality is that decisions affecting a seriously ill or dying patient’s treatment and care are made every day. How can you best ensure that your wishes are followed? Do you understand the terms (i.e., euthanasia, assisted suicide, palliative care, artificial nutrition and hydration), the documents (i.e., living will, durable power of attorney, DNR), and the legal and medical implications? What do Church documents say about end-of-life care? Come get factual information so you can have intelligent discussions and learn how to protect yourselves and your loved ones.



**Amy Florian**

*Amy Florian is a Liturgy and Bereavement Consultant with over 30 years of experience in parish ministry. She has authored dozens of articles and two books. She also serves as CEO of Corgenius, teaching professionals to support grieving people, and is an adjunct faculty member at Loyola University Chicago. Florian has presented sessions and keynotes at parishes and over 20 diocesan conferences; her workshops, training sessions and retreats span the country.*

**2-09 DO WE NEED A VATICAN III?**

**Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD**

As we come to the close of the first decade of the 21st century we must ask ourselves: Is the principal challenge for the Catholic Church today to continue to implement the teachings of Vatican II or to begin work toward a new ecumenical council?

**2-10 CIRCLING THE WAGONS: MINISTERING TO JUNIOR-HIGH YOUTH**

An interactive workshop for people who minister to middle-school young people in youth ministry and catechetical settings. Participants will review some common developmental characteristics of this age group, consider discipline tricks and explore some practical strategies for this important ministry.



**Dr. Carole Goodwin**

*For nearly 30 years, Dr. Carole Goodwin has served in parish, teaching and diocesan ministry. She is presently Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky. For the past 25 years she has focused on ministry to teens and the adults who accompany young people on their journey. She has presented at the L.A. Congress (for 10 years), has presented at youth ministry conferences (for over 15 years), and has presented at National Youth Ministry Conferences (for over 10 years).*

**2-11 THE MISSION OF LITURGICAL MUSIC: TO CHANGE HEARTS**

While the “ministry” of liturgical music is to empower the people of God to pray in the service of the liturgy, the ultimate “mission” of this ministry (and all ministry) is to nurture conversion and provoke all to live in discipleship. In this session we will celebrate and deepen our understanding of the ultimate call of our sung prayer – to be born again, to sing a “new song,” and claim Jesus as the center of our ongoing conversion and to welcome in our lives a new heart, a new way to be children of God. Come ready to sing, pray, celebrate and reflect upon our conversion story, both individually and collectively as Church – the Body of Christ.



**David Haas**

*David Haas serves as Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, and as Campus Minister/Artist-In-Residence at Benilde-St. Margaret’s High School in St. Louis Park, Minn. A composer of over 45 collections of liturgical music and author of over 20 books on music, liturgy, prayer and spirituality, he has traveled the world as a workshop and conference speaker, retreat leader, pastoral musician, concert performer and recording artist.*



## 2-12 THOMAS MERTON AND DOROTHY DAY: PILGRIMS AND PROPHETS OF PEACE 🎧

This play, presented in “Readers’ Theater” style, brings to life two of the most important and inspiring spiritual teachers of our time. We learn of their deepest struggles and intuitions, about the meaning of death, prayer, mystical experience, war and peace – and the way of universal compassion and non-violent love, which flows from a life of union with God. We join them in their life journeys of living the Gospel into the forever embrace of the Love of God.



### Sharon Halsey-Hoover, MA

*Sharon Halsey-Hoover, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, storyteller, actor, retreat presenter and spiritual director, is the Assistant Director of Bethany, a transitional living program for women, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, Calif. She is also adjunct staff member at the Center for Spiritual Development. Her special interests include the spirituality of peace and justice, non-violence and empowering the poor and the homeless, especially women.*



### David Hoover, MTS

*David Hoover has degrees in philosophy, theology and spirituality and has a special interest in the contemplative and mystical traditions. He presents retreats and workshops, and is a Spiritual Director at the Center for Spiritual Development in Orange, Calif. Formerly Hoover served in adult faith formation at the parish level, in hospital chaplaincy, and as a member of a Catholic Worker community.*

## 2-13 SONGS OF JUSTICE AND PEACE

The music we use to sing the liturgy shapes the way we live and see the world. Join us as we explore the importance of the words we put on the lips of our communities and sing music from around the world that call us to lives rooted in Gospel justice and peace.



### Marty Haugen

*For over 30 years, liturgical composer and author Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. He serves as Composer-in-Residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ in Minneapolis. Haugen has over 35 recordings and 400 published editions. He has served as editor, consultant and contributor to hymnals for Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and several other Protestant denominations.*



### Tony Alonso

*Tony Alonso, one of the most prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music, has shared his musical gifts and knowledge of liturgy at conferences across the United States, Canada and Europe. His music appears in numerous hymnals throughout the world. In addition to several published collections of liturgical music, Alonso is author of many books for youth and youth ministers about liturgy. He currently serves as Director of Liturgical Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.*



Congress draws nearly 40,000 over the 4-day weekend.

## 2-14 “E ABUNDANCE”: FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FACEBOOK GENERATION (AGE 5 TO 105) 🎧

Given the rising popularity of the Internet as a means of communication in today’s society, how do we help our parishioners and families – the young and the young at heart – make educated choices about media that will enhance, not detract from, their spiritual formation? Learn more about how we – as parents, parish staff and educators – can make positive use of “new media” outlets such as MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, podcasts and other social networking devices. Lisa Hendey will review these and other web sites, podcasts and social media outlets, sharing tools for employing new media technologies in your curriculum and parish program planning.



### Lisa M. Hendey

*Lisa Hendey is founder and Editor of CatholicMom.com and host of the weekly “Catholic Moments” podcast and the “Catholic Mom” television show, produced by KNXT-TV and the Diocese of Fresno, Calif. She is author of “The Handbook for Catholic Moms,” and writes a column for the diocesan paper, Central California Catholic Life, and blogs on faith, family and Catholic new media topics.*

## 2-15 IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME 🎧

ValLimar and Frank Jansen will illustrate how to create an intergenerational, catechetical event for your parish, where people will “pack the pews” and the youth will share in leadership. Learn how to plan and execute this exciting kind of event. Then experience 45 minutes of a dynamic catechetical event, assisted by youth from both the San Bernardino Diocese and the Los Angeles Archdiocese.



### ValLimar & Frank Jansen

*ValLimar Jansen is a well-known singer, composer and recording artist. She is also an experienced college professor, a leader of worship and prayer and a workshop presenter at conferences across the United States and abroad. Frank Jansen has been a professional musician for over 30 years. He is a highly regarded pianist as well as composer/arranger in both live and studio settings. This award-winning couple has performed together at countless events and concerts, and has their own CDs.*

**2-16 JOB, MACK AND GETTING OUT OF THE BOAT: LEARNING TO TRUST** 🗨️

In this spiritual and theological reflection, the presenters will consider what it means to be a human being in our complex world, how they came to hear and to heed the call of God in their respective lives, and the challenges that they continue to encounter as they seek to be faithful in their discipleship. Drawing on the narratives of Job, Mack (from the novel “The Shack”) and the Gospels, we are invited to learn to trust more deeply the presence of God in our lives and the consequences of that presence for us in our lives and ministries.

**Fr. David Loftus**

*Irish-born Fr. David Loftus currently serves as Coordinator and Consultant of Adult Education and Catechist Formation at the Office of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He has facilitated the International Forum for Adult Faith Formation and presently serves as Vice President of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.*

**DJ Florian**

*DJ Florian is Director of Evangelization, Catechesis and Initiation for the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Mich., where he formerly served as Director of Children and Adult Catechesis. He has served the Church for the past 25 years in virtually every aspect of the catechetical enterprise and at every level – diocesan, parish and academic. He moved to Kalamazoo 17 years ago after receiving his master's degree from the John Paul II Institute in Washington, D.C.*

**2-17 CARITAS IN VERITATE: POPE BENEDICT ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE** 🗨️

Pope Benedict XVI continued the teaching of his predecessors by issuing a new encyclical letter on Catholic social teaching last summer. This session will examine the major themes of this latest letter on social justice, look at its similarities and differences from past papal teaching, and explore the challenges it gives to Catholics in the United States in the face of the greatest economic crisis to face us in our lifetime.

**Rev. Bryan Massingale, STD**

*Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is Professor of Theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee, where he has taught for the past six years. A noted expert on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, he has lectured extensively throughout the United States. Fr. Massingale has been a keynote speaker at most major Catholic gatherings, and is current President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.*

**2-18 THE JUDAISM JESUS BELIEVED AND PRACTICED** 🗨️

Jesus was born and grew up a Galilean Jew in the first century. This workshop will look at how each of those aspects of Jesus' background, especially his Jewish identity, helped to shape his ministry. We will look at the Jewish beliefs and practices that were prevalent during Jesus' life and see how they are reflected in New Testament writings. We will examine Jesus' attitude toward Jewish law, holiday observances and the temple, and his classically Jewish style of teaching. Rabbi Michael Mayersohn will bring in ritual objects similar to those used by first-century Jews so participants can better understand the Jewish context of Jesus' life and teachings.

**Rabbi Michael Mayersohn, DD**

*Rabbi Michael Mayersohn is a Reform rabbi who has served as spiritual leader in synagogues in Massachusetts and California. He is also founder and President of the Alliance for Christian and Jewish Studies. Rabbi Mayersohn is an author and teaches classes on the early history of Christianity and first-century Judaism. He also teaches Bible classes to Christian students, offering the Jewish interpretations of Scriptures, and performs Jewish and interfaith weddings.*

**2-19 THE STORY OF THE INCREDIBLE ABUNDANCE OF OUR GOD** 🗨️

Our God is about abundance: of life, of mercy and forgiveness, of truth and justice, of peace and hope. But we know our God in Jesus and are given a share in his power and presence in his life, death and Resurrection. The incredible story of the Paschal Mystery is our own story, singularly and with others, and each year we come together to relive and remember this story in our lives and world. We are close to Holy Week – let us prepare to make the story come true again. In the telling of the story the presence of the Crucified and Risen One is summoned to come among us! Be formed in the pattern of Jesus' death and know the power of his Resurrection!

**Dr. Megan McKenna**

*Dr. Megan McKenna is a theologian, storyteller and writer who works nationally and internationally with dioceses, parishes, religious communities and non-governmental organizations. Dr. McKenna is on the teaching staff at numerous universities and colleges in the United States, Bolivia and Manila. She is an international Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA, and travels extensively as workshop presenter, retreat director and preacher of parish missions.*



## 2-20 THE WORD FROM ON HIGH: THE CHURCH ON BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION 🗣️

Beginning with Popes Leo XIII and Pius XII, continuing with the Second Vatican Council and the establishment of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, the Church has offered practical guidance for interpreting the Bible. This session will examine these key sources in order to help catechists speak with confidence about the Catholic approach to interpreting the Scriptures. Among the documents that will be addressed in terms the layperson can understand and enjoy will be Pope Leo's "Providentissimus Deus," Pope Pius' "Divinu Afflante Spiritu," Vatican II's "Dei Verbum," and the Pontifical Biblical Commission's "The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church."



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

*Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. He is the author of "Dining with Pharisees," and is currently completing a high school introduction to the New Testament.*

*His current focus is the continuing education of priests in the Sacred Scriptures. He has been a presenter at diocesan conferences throughout the Southwest and has presented at the Texas Catholic Conference and the Little Rock Bible Institute.*

## 2-21 FAITH, FINANCES AND THE FUTURE: THE NOTRE DAME STUDY OF U.S. PASTORS

**Rev. Ronald J. Nuzzi**

A national survey of U.S. pastors with responsibility for parish schools was successfully undertaken recently to measure the needs of U.S. pastors and help provide a deeper understanding of the challenges they face in supporting parish schools. This session will report on the findings of the study and offer a series of recommendations for the future. Copies of the study will be provided to those in attendance.



**Rev. Ronald J. Nuzzi**

*Fr. Ron Nuzzi, a priest of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, currently serves as Senior Director of The Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He also serves as Editor of ACE Press, a publication wing of the university dedicated to research, curricular and spiritual resources for Catholic education. With teaching experience at every level in Catholic education, Fr. Nuzzi is an author and regular presenter at a number of national educational gatherings.*

## 2-22 DOES THE BODY HAVE A FUTURE? RECONSIDERING THE RESURRECTION 🗣️

Do we really believe we are our bodies? Have Christians fully understood and embraced the meaning of bodily resurrection? Especially in a culture that inclines us to treat our bodies as machines or commodities, Christians are called to exercise a prophetic role in affirming and redeeming the body. This workshop will explore the practical implications of this role by showing the relationship between four aspects of embodiment: the "i-body"; the "Social Body"; the "Cosmic Body"; and the "Body of Christ."



**Brian D. Robinette**

*Brian Robinette has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana and at Saint Louis University in Missouri, where he presently is Associate Professor of Theology in the Department of Theological Studies. He is author of "Grammars of Resurrection: A Christian Theology of Presence and Absence," and writes and teaches in the areas of Christology, anthropology and spirituality. Robinette has given many public lectures and has led several retreats and workshops with young adults.*

## 2-23 WHY YOU SO CRAZY? DEVELOPING THE FAITH OF A FOOL! 🗣️

More times than not, folks who love their God and love their Church have been called "crazy" by those who just don't understand. As Ministers of Christ, "Crazy Fools" are definitely who we should strive to be in the eyes of the world. For it is the foolish that God uses to shame the wise. This fun-filled workshop will focus on what it means to be a "fool for the Lord." From stories on finding true joy in the midst of life's great struggles to techniques for conveying that joy to the entire human family, this workshop is designed to uplift your soul and energize your evangelical spirit! Come and find the answers to the question, "Why you so crazy?"



**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv**

*Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, 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. Fr. Ricard is also Director of Knight Time Ministries and Chief Editor for Two Knights Publishing Co. He is author of "I Still Believe: A Testimony of Faith After The Storm" and "Don't Be Stupid! Lessons You Should Already Know."*

## 2-24 THE NAKED NOW: LEARNING TO SEE AS THE MYSTICS SEE 🗣️

Taken from the title of his latest book, "The Naked Now," Richard Rohr will try to communicate the essential and crucial nature of non-dual thinking for the reform of our politics, our church and our human relationships. He will share the theological, mystical and practical traditions of non-dual consciousness, how we had it, how we lost it, and how it is being rediscovered and re-taught in our times.



**Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM**

*Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province. He founded both the New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati and the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, N.M., where he currently lives. He divides his time between local work and preaching/teaching around the world. Fr. Rohr is best known for his writings and numerous audio and video recordings. Many of his books and conferences have been translated into German, Spanish and other languages.*

**2-25 RESTORING BALANCE TO OUR BODY, SPIRIT AND THE WORLD** ☺

We live in a toxic world that is causing our environment, health and wellness all to suffer. Links have been found between stress and disease, overconsumption and obesity, and illness related to the toxins we consume in our food, water and air. Our Christian faith calls us to care for God's creation – including our own bodies. One step to reaching our fullest potential is to begin to detoxify our lives. This session will provide lifestyle suggestions to help cultivate dietary awareness, proper exercise, and spiritual rejuvenation. Learn how to make choices that purify your body and the earth. Discover how optimal health can lead to greater spiritual awareness.

**Susan Searle**

*Susan Searle is Campus Minister for Western State College in the Diocese of Pueblo, Colo. She also is on the adjunct faculty for the Center for Ministry Development. Searle has 20 years of youth and young adult ministry experience in a variety of ministry settings and has been a speaker for various Youth Days (in Colorado and Las Vegas), and is a retreat leader.*

**2-26 IN THE YEAR OF LUKE'S GOSPEL: THEMES FOR SPIRITUALITY, TEACHING & PREACHING** ☺

During the Sundays and special feasts of this liturgical year, the global church will hear selections from the Gospel of Luke. This workshop will highlight the distinctive themes of this powerful and compelling Gospel, relating them to spirituality, teaching and preaching.

**Fr. Donald Senior, CP**

*Fr. Donald Senior is President of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a member of the faculty as Professor of New Testament. He is a frequent lecturer, serves on numerous boards and commissions, and is widely published. Fr. Senior is immediate past President of the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada and has served as President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America. In 2006 he was re-appointed to the Pontifical Biblical Commission by Pope Benedict.*

**2-27 COMMUNICATING CHASTITY EFFECTIVELY WITH YOUR STUDENTS** ☺

Today's teens have not been told the whole truth about the consequences of their choices when it comes to sex! The culture hands them a daily dose of sex through music, television, movies, the Internet, social sites, texts, while never showing the devastation that sex outside of marriage leaves behind. Pam Stenzel tells it like it is, yet speaks the truth in love and in a language students can easily understand. Learn how to effectively communicate the message of chastity with your teens.

**Pam Stenzel**

*For years, Pam Stenzel was on the "front lines" as Director of Alpha Women's Center, until becoming a full-time speaker. Since then, as founder of Enlighten Communications, she has presented abstinence assemblies to private, parochial and public schools around the world. Stenzel, with five videos in 11 languages, now travels both domestically and internationally.*

**2-28 THE PRIMARY EDUCATORS OF THE FAITH: PARENTS** ☺

As catechists, we have the privilege and honor of transmitting the faith by our vocation. This is a labor of love that we carry out with much effort and focus. Like all vocations it has its obstacles and difficulties. Incorporating parents is a way that helps us in our faith formation efforts. In this workshop, we will examine the importance that parents are to the process of catechesis. We will also look at possible strategies that can be used to integrate parents in our labor of love. The goal of our efforts are children that are formed in faith through a partnership between parents and catechists.

**Victor Valenzuela**

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

**2-70 MỘT THOÁNG NHÌN VÀO ĐỜI SỐNG ĐỨC TIN CỦA BẠN TRẺ VIỆT NAM Ở MỸ** ☺

Trong khóa này, Frère Phong sẽ chia sẻ với quý vị những kinh nghiệm thực tế đã học được về đời sống đức tin của các bạn trẻ ở Mỹ, lúc lên lúc xuống, khi hăng say, khi chán nản, ... và thử đề nghị một vài phương cách cụ thể để giúp trẻ sống đức tin và dần dần chia sẻ Tin Mừng với người khác, đặc biệt các xứ truyền giáo. Quý vị có thể mang theo "flash drive" để tải lại các "files" ngay sau khóa này.

**Frère Phong, FSC  
Brother Fortunat Phong, FSC**

*Frère Phong là một tu sĩ thuộc Dòng La San, một dòng chuyên lo phục vụ giáo dục, đặc biệt trẻ nghèo. Frère được gọi đến phục vụ ở L.A. Religious Education Congress trong nhiều năm qua, và thường được các nơi trong nước Mỹ và Châu Âu gọi đến phục vụ trong các khóa huấn luyện giáo lý viên, tinh tâm giới trẻ.*





**3-01 ABUNDANT PARISH LIFE: THE VALUE OF BELONGING** ☺

Belonging makes a difference, in our lives as individuals, and in the life of the parish community. Come, explore the value of belonging, and hear examples of the difference belonging is making in people’s lives and in parish communities; learn how “belonging leads to believing.”



**Leisa Anslinger**

*Leisa Anslinger brings extensive experience in parishes and schools to her ministry as an author and frequent presenter at conferences and in-service days on catechesis, pastoral leadership and stewardship. Based in Indianapolis, she is presently Director of Growing Up Catholic, a sacramental preparation source. Anslinger is a regular contributor to monthly publications and is also co-author of “Forming Generous Hearts: Stewardship Planning for Lifelong Faith Formation,” with Vikki Shepp.*

**3-02 YOUTH MINISTRY 101: BEYOND PIZZA AND PAINTBALL** ☺

An effective and life-changing youth ministry program is much more than lemonade and lock-ins. It is time to dig deep beyond the surface in taking a good, hard look at our efforts. Is our ministry focused, intentional and fruitful? Do our programs and activities fit into an overall vision or are they just randomly thrown together? As a former city planner turned youth director, Bruce Baumann will help you analyze your ministry and how you can help build the City of God.



**Bruce Baumann**

*Bruce Baumann is currently the Director of Children’s and Youth Ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in the Dallas suburb of Plano, Texas. He has been involved in professional faith formation ministry for 13 years. Baumann puts on presentations and workshops on a wide variety of topics with a special focus on training ministry leaders and retreats for youth, catechists, parents and youth commissions.*

**3-03 MOURNING INTO DANCING** ☺

The story of Lazarus is a powerful proclamation of Christ’s invitation to abundant life. Come release the wrappings that hold us in death, and break open this transformative scriptural story through the arts of drama and dance. Come forth!



**Betsey Beckman**

*Betsey Beckman is a 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 and also directs the dance ministry at her home parish, St. Patrick. Beckman’s 2010 releases include the book, “Awakening the Creative Spirit” and the DVD, “The Dancing Word: Mary Magdalene.”*

**3-04 A PARISH IN TRANSITION: THE JOURNEY OF INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE GRIEF** ☺

When a pastor or any significant leader leaves a parish, there is pain and disorientation. This workshop will explore what to do – and not to do – in the process of parish transition. Turning a painful process into a *kairos* process of new life will be explored.



**Fr. Patrick Brennan, DMin, PsyD**

*Fr. Patrick Brennan is a practicing psychotherapist and author of numerous books on spirituality, psychology and church renewal. He is currently Director of Mission Integration and Pastoral Care for The Clare at Water Tower Place in Chicago. Fr. Brennan also serves as President of the National Center for Evangelization and Parish Renewal, and a consultant and Sacramental Minister at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville, Ill. He travels extensively as a consultant to parishes and church organizations.*

**3-05 “I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS” – JESUS’ PROMISE FULFILLED** ☺

It is not enough to teach our children about God. Today, more than ever, we need to provide them with opportunities that draw them into the experience of God with them in their daily reality. In this workshop Monica Brown and Hilary Musgrave will demonstrate – through Scripture storytelling, ritual, meditation, music and sacred clowning – how to nurture in our children a meaningful and intimate relationship with God.



**Monica Brown**

*Monica Brown, Director of Emmaus Ministries International, is based in Sydney, Australia. The internationally acclaimed Christian composer and workshop facilitator makes frequent visits to the United States, the United Kingdom and Ireland. 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 Croi-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.*

**3-06 THE GOOD CATECHIST** ☺

People who teach youngsters are called and chosen. This presentation will explore that call and why it is important for catechists and youth ministers to understand and grow in their special vocation.



**Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ, EdD**

*Sr. Carol Cimino, a Sister of St. Joseph of Rochester, is a National Consultant with William Sadlier Co. She has been a teacher, catechist and school administrator for over 40 years. Also an author, Sr. Cimino has 22 years on the national circuit, speaking at events including the National Catholic Educational Association and the Religious Education Congress.*

**3-07 MODELS OF MASCULINITY IN THE SCRIPTURES** 🗣️

Can men in the Bible speak wisdom to the men and women of today? Come and discover what men like Elijah, John the Baptist and Peter have to teach through their joys and hardships, through their human gifts and limitations. This workshop desires to help raise up spiritually mature men – elders for the present and future generations!

**Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD**

*Fr. Jim Clarke is presently Director of Spiritual Formation and Chairman of the Spiritual Theology Department at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. He is also Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles. Fr. Clarke is a popular retreat director and conference speaker throughout the Southern California area and beyond.*

**Stephen Picha**

*Stephen Picha has served as Executive Director of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, N.M., for the past nine years. Building upon the work of the Center's founder, Fr. Richard Rohr, Picha "birthed" and is Coordinator of a program for men called M.A.L.E.s (Men as Learners and Elders). He serves as ritual elder and teacher in the Center's Rites of Passage programs, as MC/ritual leader at their major conferences and as instructor for their internship classes.*

**3-08 THE COMMON PRIESTHOOD: WHY WE NEED THE ORDAINED AND WHY THE ORDAINED NEED US** 🗣️

Pope Benedict has declared June 19, 2009-2010 as the "Year for Priests." Dr. Paul Ford will discuss how every baptized person is a priest (and prophet and royalty), how we exercise this priesthood in our everyday lives, and how our everyday lives get connected to what Jesus our Priest does for us at Mass.

**Paul F. Ford, PhD**

*Dr. Paul Ford is Professor of Systematic Theology and Liturgy at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., where he has taught since 1988. His areas of focus are ecclesiology, spirituality, and music and liturgy, and he is an internationally recognized authority on the life and writings of C.S. Lewis. In 1995 Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony honored Dr. Ford with the Laudatus Award "for excellence in the promotion of the liturgical life of the parishes and the people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles."*

**3-09 CELEBRATING THE SECOND BAPTISM: RECLAIMING THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** 🗣️**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

Fr. Richard Fragomeni will examine the history, theology and practice of the sacrament of penance. Does this sacrament still have a place of power in our lives? Or are the short lines to our confessionals an indication that it has become obsolete?

**3-10 A GOSPEL CALL AND RESPONSE TO THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC**

In this session, Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher will offer education and ways to integrate HIV information that will benefit teachers, students and parents to understand health perspectives as well as opportunities and ways to share this information with others. We all need to be aware of the global challenges that call for family involvement as a Gospel response to this pandemic.

**Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, RSM**

*Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher has worked in the HIV/AIDS field as author, program director, curriculum reviewer and workshop facilitator since 1985. She presently is a member of the Fordham Group Educational Consultants and Coordinator of BRIDGES, a grief care program for children. Sr. Gallagher's ministry for the past 25 years has included curriculums for elementary and secondary schools and parishes in many dioceses, articles, retreats and workshops for teacher/parent understanding of HIV.*

**3-11 THE CROSS AND THE ANESTHETIZED WORLD** 🗣️

Once upon a time being Christian meant that one was deeply committed to a theology of the cross. In a society that lives with a seeming fear of sobriety, the thought of embracing the cross is unfathomable. This session will address the believer's interior conflict in living the Christian mandate to take up the cross, and the societal mandate to avoid pain at all cost. A contemporary exploration of the meaning of discipleship, suffering and witness will be offered. This session is recommended for those involved in evangelization, catechesis and spirituality.

**Dr. Greer G. Gordon**

*Dr. Greer Gordon is the recently appointed Director for the Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, La. A Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer, she has been involved in university administration and has been on the faculty at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and at Regis College, both in Massachusetts. In 1995, Dr. Greer was the keynote speaker at the L.A. Religious Education Congress, and the first woman baccalaureate speaker at Boston University and Regis College.*

**3-12 HIGH SCHOOL-AGE CATECHESIS: WORKING WITH THE BISHOPS' CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK** 🗣️

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently issued "a curriculum framework for the development of catechetical materials for young people of high school age." What is this framework, and how might it be implemented in Catholic schools and parish programs with good religious education and effective catechesis?

**Dr. Thomas H. Groome**

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



### 3-13 SO WHAT ABOUT THE YOUNG ADULTS? 10 THINGS EVERY CHURCH WORKER SHOULD KNOW 🗣️

Young adults have a unique and diverse way of looking at the world. They are also incredibly absent from our pews that it is imperative to understand their lives and culture so we can minister and reach out to them effectively. This workshop will describe what makes the Millennials and Generation X-ers unique – and share 10 things every Catholic church worker today should know about them.



**Paul Jarzembowski**

*Paul Jarzembowski is Executive Director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. He also serves as the Director of Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill. Jarzembowski is an author, blogger and national speaker on issues related to the intersection of faith, film and popular culture today. He has presented at parish, diocesan, regional and national campus ministry/young adult conferences across the country, and has written articles for local and national ministry publications.*

### 3-14 WOMEN IN LUKE AND JOHN: INCREDIBLE ABUNDANCE OF SINNERS AND SAINTS 🗣️

Do you realize how many different women appear in the Gospels, especially in Luke and John, and how many different roles they play? There are not only some notable “sinners,” but also a wide variety of female relatives, friends and disciples of Jesus! Biblical women frequently function as exemplary role-models, especially Mary Magdalene (“the apostle to the Apostles”). This session will break down some common stereotypes, and help you to discover and appreciate the prominence and significance of the women characters in the Gospels.



**Felix Just, SJ, PhD**

*Fr. Felix Just is Director of Biblical Education at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif., and the Academic Coordinator of the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program and of the Deacon Formation Program for the Diocese of Las Vegas. Fr. Just has taught at Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. He gives many biblically based lectures, workshops and retreats throughout the country, and maintains a Web site of Catholic resources.*

### 3-15 SPORTS, HEROES, THE MEDIA AND FAITH

Most people enjoy sports, at least watching it. It is one of the biggest industries in the country. It unites and divides. It provides role models for our young, and can set the youth agenda. For some, it is a religion. It is a mixed bag of the good, the bad and the ugly, but we ignore it – and its power – at the Gospel’s peril. What is sports in the media putting on our agenda and what is our Catholic response to it?



**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & 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 the Jesuit Theological College in Australia.*

### 3-16 ONE DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

It is amazing what one dynamic Catholic can make happen. Twenty percent of the members of most parishes contribute 80 percent of the time, talent and treasure required to keep the parish alive. If we could engage just 10 percent more of our people in the same way it would be a game changer for our parishes. What do these dynamic Catholics have that others do not? How do they nurture their faith and community commitment? Can these things be taught to others? In this session Matthew Kelly will explore the five universal traits of dynamic Catholics and explain how we can nurture these traits in our own lives ... and encourage others to adopt them.



**Matthew Kelly**

*Matthew Kelly was born in Sydney, Australia, where he began his lay ministry in 1993. Since that time his speaking engagements have taken him to more than 50 countries. He has written 12 books which have appeared best-seller lists and have been published in 25 languages. The majority of Kelly’s work today is speaking in the United States to students from primary schools through college, lay adults, priests and seminarians. He also leads numerous retreats each year, both in the United States and abroad.*

### 3-17 THE JESUIT GUIDE TO LIFE 🗣️

What does the 500-year-old tradition of the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits have to say to you today? Plenty! Discover how the time-honored wisdom, practices and insights of Ignatian spirituality can help you answer your questions about your relationship with God, your connection to family and friends, your work and ministry, decision-making, not to mention love, dealing with hardships, and how to be happy. And how to keep a sense of humor about it all!



**James Martin, SJ**

*Fr. James Martin is the Culture Editor for America magazine and award-winning author of “Mi Vida con los Santos” and a new book, “The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything.” Fr. Martin, a Jesuit priest, is a frequent commentator on religious affairs in national and international media, has written for The New York Times and Wall Street Journal and has appeared on all major networks and CNN, BBC and Radio Vatican.*

### 3-18 FAITH DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE LIFE SPAN – AS EDUCATORS! 🗣️

As a teacher or catechist, how are you teaching like Jesus and being a lifelong learner? The heart of this workshop will be “The Art of Teaching the Faith” – no. 137 from the “General Directory for Catechesis.”



**Mariette Martineau**

*Mariette Martineau is both student and freelance writer/trainer. She formerly was Project Coordinator for Family and Intergenerational Ministry at the Center for Ministry Development. She has presented workshops and institutes on lifelong faith formation and intergenerational ministry across the United States and Canada. Currently completing an intensive Bachelor of Education program, Martineau would like to continue her service through the ministry of Catholic schools.*

### 3-19 CARE AND TREATMENT DECISIONS FOR COMPROMISED PATIENTS OR PATIENTS AT THE END OF LIFE

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

In this workshop we will take a frank look at end-of-life care that calls for ethical decision-making and the distinction between proportionate and disproportionate interventions. This will include the basic understanding and context for discussing pain and suffering. An analysis of Pope John Paul II's provision for artificial hydration and nutrition to persistent vegetative state patients will be provided as well as an explanation of the principle of "double effect," as it is found in the Catholic moral tradition and the American Medical Association Code of Ethics.

### 3-20 DEAD MAN WALKING – THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Sr. Helen Prejean, a Southern storyteller, will bring you along on a journey of working with the poor, which led her to prison ministry. She will share her many experiences over these 20 years, and tell of some of the people she has met along the way. Her travels have brought her all over the world, and her book, "Dead Man Walking," has been made into a movie, an opera and a play.



Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ

*Sr. Helen Prejean has lived and worked in Louisiana all her life. In 1991, while working with inner-city residents, she began counseling death-row inmates, and later wrote a book about the experience, "Dead Man Walking." Since 1984, Sr. Prejean divides her time between campaigning against the death penalty and counseling individual death-row prisoners. She was instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the issue and in shaping the Catholic Church's newly vigorous opposition to all state executions.*

### 3-21 PRAYING, PLAYING AND GROWING IN FAITH: CREATIVE IDEAS FOR WORKING WITH PRE-SCHOOLERS

This "hands-on" session will demonstrate strategies for engaging the interest and imagination of pre-K and kindergarten kids (ages 3, 4 and 5), and helping them to discover and celebrate God's love for them.



Kate Ristow

*Kate Ristow is National Catechetical Consultant for RCL Benziger and a frequent speaker at national and regional conferences. For the last 15 years she has also served as a contributing editor and feature writer for Catechist magazine. Ristow has written catechist and teacher guides and student text materials for every elementary grade level and has worked in religious education for over 30 years as a classroom teacher, catechist and an administrator.*

### 3-22 FOUR QUESTIONS, FOUR PATHS, ONE GREAT JOURNEY: THE HIDDEN POWER OF THE GOSPELS

This session will offer a fresh perspective that can fill the practice of your faith with "incredible abundance." Learn the hidden power behind the original selection of the Gospels and the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. Discover the fourfold journey of spiritual transformation locked deeply within the Gospels now opened through the groundbreaking work of Dr. Alexander Shaia. In our first, faltering steps, the Gospel of Matthew answers the question, "How do we face change?" Mark, Luke and John answer corresponding questions for the ensuing stages, as they guide us through the great spiritual odyssey we have awaited for so long.



Alexander J. Shaia, PhD

*Raised as a Maronite Catholic, Dr. Alexander Shaia is a spiritual director, international speaker and psychotherapist. He is the author of a number of books and parish study guides, including the newly released, "Hidden Power of the Gospels: Four Questions, Four Paths, One Journey." A former diocesan Director of Adult Catechesis, Dr. Shaia is also founder and Director of the Blue Door Retreat in Santa Fe, N.M., where he resides.*

### 3-23 DEFINING WHOLENESS IN DAILY LIFE

Carol Showalter and Maggie Davis will share the experience of groups across the country who are pursuing wholeness in body, mind and spirit through "Your Whole Life: The 3D Plan for Eating Right, Living Well and Loving God." They will demonstrate how we can make small but significant changes in our daily lives that will lead to long-term health and wholeness. You will come away with a new vision for what can happen when people come together to support each other on this journey!



Carol Showalter

*Carol Showalter is Senior Marketing Consultant at Paraclete Press and Director of Paraclete Media Outreach. For over 40 years she has been helping others on the journey to health and wholeness and is founder of the 3D program. She has been featured in Ladies Home Journal, Woman's Day, Prevention and other publications, and frequently leads retreats and workshops. Showalter is the co-author, with Maggie Davis, of "Your Whole Life: The 3D Plan for Eating Right, Living Well and Loving God."*



Maggie Davis, MS, RD, LDN, FADA, CDE

*Maggie Davis is founder and Director of Live Nutrition, based on Cape Cod, Mass. In 1975 she helped to develop the first computerized nutrient database used in this country. She continues to utilize technology in her practice, using a "high tech, high touch" approach. As a natural educator and motivator, Davis is a frequent speaker to both community groups as well as professional conferences, including the American Dietetic Association's annual meeting.*



**3-24 JOYFUL ABUNDANT BLESSINGS THAT GRACE** 🎧

“I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly.” What a precious gift we have been given in Christ and how blessed our lives are, filled with countless graced-moments that challenge us to live abundantly. How awesome the opportunities that heighten our awareness of all our blessings: people in our lives; places of beauty and moments of grandeur; and the profound joy that the intersection of person and place brings to our daily life, blessing us with happiness, laughter and delight. In this session, we will relax with each other and explore the daily blessings that abundantly grace our lives.



**Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD**

*Sr. Anne Smollin, a Sister of St. Joseph, is a psychologist, an author and a humorist. She is currently the Executive Director of Counseling for Laity, based in Albany, N.Y. A group facilitator, lecturer and consultant, she lectures extensively throughout the continental United States, Canada, Australia and Ireland speaking to religious, communities, conventions and businesses. Sr. Smollin is also author of four books.*

**3-25 AN ASTROPHYSICAL RESPONSE TO ATHEISM** 🎧

The 21st century presents us with more evidence for creation and a creator than perhaps any other. Yet, pop culture atheism seems to be thriving at the same time. Fr. Robert Spitzer will explain the evidence for a creation outside of universal space and time arising out of contemporary big bang cosmology. He will also explain the indications of design in that creation from the work of many contemporary physicists.



**Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD**

*In 11 years as President of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., Fr. Robert Spitzer is Director of two institutes he established: the Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership, and the Magis Institute of Faith and Reason. Fr. Spitzer is well known to many American Catholics as an author, a host of several popular series on EWTN and a public speaker. In addition to many scholarly articles and journal pieces, the Jesuit priest is author of “New Proofs for the Existence of God” and “Ten Universal Principles.”*

**3-26 A SONG OF COMFORT: MUSIC FOR FUNERALS** 🎧

Music is an important aid to the grieving process. Come for new ideas on how music can bring hope and renew faith at funeral celebrations.



**Christopher Walker**

*Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, speaker on liturgical music and choral conductor. Presently, he is Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker’s music is sung in churches worldwide, and he travels frequently, giving workshops and lectures on liturgy, music and children’s worship in countries around the globe. His latest music offerings include a rich variety of songs and Psalms.*

**3-27 WHAT DOES A HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY LOOK LIKE AND FEEL LIKE?** 🎧

We will explore some signs of a healthy spirituality, such as friendship, service, love for creation, the balancing of work and leisure, and the ability to live graciously with a certain amount of adversity and ambiguity. Through Scripture, stories and humor, Sr. Melannie Svoboda will lead us to appraise the health of our own spirituality and that of the communities to which we belong – family, parish and school.



**Melannie Svoboda, SND**

*Melannie Svoboda, a Sister of Notre Dame of Char-don, Ohio, has taught high school and college for over 20 years. She also has been novice director and provincial for her own congregation and has served on the formation team of the Jesuit novitiate in De-troit for six years. Sr. Svoboda is a prolific writer. Currently she writes and gives talks, retreats and parish missions nationally.*

**3-28 WHY OUR STUDENTS BEHAVE THE WAY THEY DO ... AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT!** 🎧

Do you feel exhausted from dealing with your students all day? Do you ask yourself, “Now what do I do?” If so, this high-energy presentation is for you. Char Wenc, a professor of child guidance and interpersonal communication, will energize and empower you with practical techniques for discipline and positive reinforcement in your classroom.



**Char Wenc, MEd**

*Char Wenc is a nationally recognized speaker, author and coach on parenting and creating cooperative environments. She is a Professor in the doctoral program at the Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago as well as in the undergraduate program at Loyola University Chicago. Wenc has 25 years of teaching experience and 20 years as a member of the National Speakers Association and the Illinois Speakers Association.*

**3-70 PHỤ NỮ CÔNG GIÁO VIỆT-NAM TRONG SỰ PHỤC VỤ GIÁO HỘI** 🎧

“Con đừng khóc, mẹ thấy hoa hồng đang nở đỏ con.” Đó là những lời cuối cùng của Thánh Agnes Lê Thị Thành trước khi bị chém đầu năm 1841. Qua bao thế hệ, phụ nữ Việt Nam đã và đang kiên trì dần thân trong Giáo Hội. Lịch sử, thơ văn, và âm nhạc nói gì về họ? Với những món quà Thiên Chúa ban, họ có thể đóng góp thế nào cho Giáo Hội để tình yêu và ân sủng dồi dào của Chúa được bày tỏ qua sự phục vụ?



**Mong-Hang Nguyen - Nguyễn Mộng Hằng**

*Bà Nguyễn Mộng Hằng làm linh hướng thuộc Giáo Phận Houston-Galveston, Texas. Bà hướng dẫn tinh tâm theo linh đạo Thánh I-Nhã và các chương trình Đào tạo Lãnh đạo cho phong trào Đồng Hành/CLC tại Hoa Kỳ. Bà cũng là diễn giả tại các Đại Hội Giáo lý và tại các Hội Nghị của phong trào Đồng Hành/CLC. Bà có bằng cao học về Mục Vụ tại Đại Học Thánh Thomas, Houston. Hiện nay, Bà là kỹ sư trưởng về hoá chất, làm việc cho một công ty năng lượng.*