

PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 Teaching Young Children About the Wonders of God's Love (*) - **Adams**
- 7-02 All Things Catholic (*) - **Allen Jr.**
- 7-03 Exploring Castle of the Soul - **Alonso & Lawton**
- 7-04 Engaging Faith in the World: Fostering a Mission Spirituality in Young People (*) - **Awiaipo & Miles**
- 7-05 Unchaining Confirmation (*) - **Carotta**
- 7-06 Together as One, To Gather as One: Songs and Strategies for Celebrating with Children (*) - **Chinn**
- 7-07 The Spirituality of Darkness: Living Effectively in a Chaotic World (*) - **Coutinho**
- 7-08 An Adult Appreciation of the Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ (*) - **Cusick**
- 7-09 The Journey to First Eucharist: Helping Parents and Children to Feel at Home in the Assembly (*) - **Delaney & Mahon**
- 7-10 How to Rebuild the Engine While the Vehicle Is Operating – Preparing for the New English Translation of the Roman Missal (*) - **Ford**
- 7-11 “Do This in Memory of Me”: Do What, and Where, and How? (*) - **Gittins**
- 7-12 Remembering the Future (*) - **Hanvey**
- 7-13 Justice Rising: The Gospel Call to Solidarity (*) - **Heagle**
- 7-14 Music Motivating Mission: Promoting Justice, Peace and Evangelization Through Song (*) - **Mangan**
- 7-15 The Visitation for Today: Five Women Icons of Holy Wisdom (*) - **McGrath**
- 7-16 Biblical Prophets – Ancient Men with Modern Messages (*) - **Nicholas**
- 7-17 Shut Up and Just Listen: Jesus Has Something to Say! (*) - **Ricard**
- 7-18 Cultivating Kindness, Growing in Compassion (*) - **Rupp**
- 7-19 Learning about L.I.F.E: A Family-based Program on Relationships (*) - **Sawyer**
- 7-20 Bioethics and the Image of God: Reflections on Medical Technology (*) - **Shaw**
- 7-21 Room for All God's Children: Strategies for Inclusive Parish Catechesis and Sacramental Preparation (*) - **C. & M. Skinner**
- 7-22 The Parish: A Community for Discernment (*) - **Sweeney**
- 7-23 Living in a Time of Chaos: The Call to Contemplative Spirituality (*) - **Sylvester**
- 7-24 Faith, Life & Creed: A Complete Catechesis for Christian Life ... In Two-and-a-half Steps (*) - **Wagner**
- 7-25 Holy Habits for Catechists (*) - **Witter**
- 7-26 The Power to Forgive and Reconcile in Marriage (*) - **Yzaguirre**
- 7-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Van Ban**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 Gratitude as a Spiritual Pathway - **Au**
- 8-02 Fishing the River: Doing Ministry Your Way AND Doing It Well (*) - **Carotta**
- 8-03 Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist, in Spirit and in Truth (*) - **Cieslak**
- 8-04 Planning Adult Formation in Your Parish (*) - **Coster**
- 8-05 The View from the Pew: Parishioners Perceive Their Parishes (*) - **Davidson**
- 8-06 Heart, Head, Hands and Heaven: Connecting the Arts and Religion (*) - **Frawley-Mangan**
- 8-07 We Were Meant to Unfold: A Celebration of the New Cosmology of Father Thomas Berry (*) - **Gentry-Akin**
- 8-08 The Ancient and Ever-new Treasure of the Psalms (*) - **Haugen**
- 8-09 Eucharist: A Project of Solidarity for All Humanity (*) - **Kendzia**
- 8-10 A Church to Believe In: Satisfying Eight Human Needs (*) - **Langenbrunner & Hunt**
- 8-11 Choose Life! Christian Discernment Today - **Leonard**
- 8-12 Jesus, Mary and Joseph (*) - **J. Martin**
- 8-13 Jews and the Roman Catholic Church Since Vatican II (*) - **Mayersohn**
- 8-14 A Catechist's Secret for Classroom Management: T.E.A.C.H. (*) - **McCormack**
- 8-15 Job: The Strong Voice of the Weak Person (*) - **McGill**
- 8-16 Partnering with Parents in Children's Faith Formation: Connecting Parents, Schools and Parish (*) - **Mulhall & Rotunno**
- 8-17 Is the Church Behind the Times? (*) - **Paige**
- 8-18 Eat, Pray, Love: Sound Familiar? (*) - **Paradise**
- 8-19 Parish Renewal: Building an Evangelized and Evangelizing Faith Community (*) - **Quinlan**
- 8-20 Youth, Prayer and Sunday Mass: Exploring the Wisdom of the “Pyramid of Catholic Prayer” (*) - **Reynolds**
- 8-21 Sexuality and Adolescents (*) - **Sawyer**
- 8-22 Resurrection from the Dead (*) - **Schmiesek**
- 8-23 Anger at Jerusalem: The Critical Importance of the Prophet Micah (*) - **Smith-Christopher**
- 8-24 Catechesis in a Digital Age (*) - **Travers & Donlon**
- 8-25 Hold Firm ... Trust: Religious Belief Is Not Intellectual Suicide (*) - **Wells**
- 8-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Phong**

Assemblies

The Special Exhibit for last year's Congress was titled "Who's Under Your Carbon Footprint?" and sponsored by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change.



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Cardinal Mahony in an online chat from the Tech Center.

7-01 TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN ABOUT THE WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE 🎧

Dr. Shauna Adams

Young children make sense of their world in ways that are very different from older students and adults. In this session, participants will learn how to create lessons that lay the foundation for a strong relationship with God using child-centered and play-based strategies that entice young children. The importance of a well-staged environment and engaging materials will also be presented through real life examples in preschool and kindergarten classrooms.

7-02 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC 🎧

John L. Allen Jr.

Based on the title of John Allen's widely read weekly column, "All Things Catholic," this session offers a 360-degree review of news from inside and outside the Church that you need to know in order to understand the situation facing Catholicism in the early 21st century. In particular, this session locates American questions and concerns in the context of the global Church.

7-03 EXPLORING CASTLE OF THE SOUL

Tony Alonso & Liam Lawton

This workshop explores the background that led to the creation of the Castle of the Soul experience (subject of Session 5-02). How can we use this as a prototype within our parish setting to help people discover the beauty of meditation and reflection? How can we become contemplatives in the modern world? Drawing on such resources as early desert spirituality, the prayers and reflections of ancient and modern saints, and the use of contemporary music, join us as we examine the various possibilities that will draw our communities into a greater awareness of God's loving presence among us.

7-04 ENGAGING FAITH IN THE WORLD: FOSTERING A MISSION SPIRITUALITY IN YOUNG PEOPLE 🎧



In a world with such dramatic changes, it is essential we help young people develop a faith life that is rooted in the gospel and deepened in our celebration of Eucharist ... teaching us about human dignity, calling us to the right relationship with God, ourselves and others, inviting us to community and solidarity, and sending us on a mission to transform our communities, neighbors and world. Join staff from Catholic Relief Services for an interactive presentation that explores how we can invite young people to a faith life that is charged with a sense of mission. Meet and listen to Thomas Awiapo and his story of survival and success while growing up in Ghana, West Africa. Through his presence and personal story of hunger and hope that has inspired thousands, Thomas brings to fullness and life God's invitation to live as one human family.



Thomas Awiapo

Orphaned by the age of 10, Thomas Awiapo survived poverty and hunger in his small African village. His search for food led him to school at age 12 where he eventually won scholarships to attend college and later earned a master's degree from California State University, Hayward. Awiapo is currently the Global Solidarity Coordinator with Catholic Relief Services, Ghana, West Africa, where he participates in speaking tours and hosting delegations.



Ted Miles

After serving two years in Central America 20 years ago, Baltimore native Ted Miles worked in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development. Since 2005, he has worked for Catholic Relief Services as the Relationship Manager for Religious Education and coordinator of the agency's youth outreach in the United States. Miles has presented at numerous regional and national conferences.

7-05 UNCHAINING CONFIRMATION 🎧

Given what we now know about Catholic adolescents, effective catechesis and youth ministry, how can we enhance confirmation's potential to be a more formative influence in the spiritual lives of young people? This session will offer some concrete ideas and questions to consider based on our past approaches and our new possibilities.



Dr. Michael Carotta

Dr. Mike Carotta is currently the National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. His newest books include "Have Faith," a confirmation candidate/sponsor resource, and "Lincoln Park," a mystery series with spiritual insights for junior-highers, co-authored with theologian John Shea. Dr. Carotta's work has expanded into the area of vocational renewal, and he and his wife, Catherine, are authors of "Sustaining the Spirit: Calls, Commitments, and Vocational Challenges."

7-06 TOGETHER AS ONE, TO GATHER AS ONE: SONGS AND STRATEGIES FOR CELEBRATING WITH CHILDREN 🗣️

Andrew Chinn

In this workshop, Andrew Chinn will share songs and strategies to help catechists and teachers in celebrating liturgies for and with elementary-aged children. In addition to songs and movements for various parts of the liturgy, he will present some simple strategies for enhancing the Liturgy of the Word at children's liturgy. Drawing on the "Directory for Masses for Children," Andrew will help you come away with new ideas to involve children more fully in celebrations in the parish community as we go on a journey from the beginning to end of a liturgy with children.

7-07 THE SPIRITUALITY OF DARKNESS: LIVING EFFECTIVELY IN A CHAOTIC WORLD 🗣️

Paul Coutinho

When we reflect on life, we realize that it is in the dark moments and events of our lives that we more effectively find the truth that sets us free. This workshop will reflect on the powerful verse from the Prophet Isaiah: "I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name" (Is 45:3).

7-08 AN ADULT APPRECIATION OF THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST 🗣️

Rev. John C. Cusick

If someone asked you, "Please explain Jesus Christ to me," what would you tell them? As our country continues to grow in religious diversity, there is a good chance that question might be posed to you. The early church had a remarkable way of explaining Jesus Christ to others. They shared with others Jesus' life, ministry and mission and called it "the Good News." This workshop will lead us on a "walk" through those Good News Gospel stories in order to explain to others our appreciation of the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

7-09 THE JOURNEY TO FIRST EUCHARIST: HELPING PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO FEEL AT HOME IN THE ASSEMBLY 🗣️

This workshop will explore strategies for engaging parents, children and parish as all prepare for first Eucharist using the parish-based preparation program "Do This in Memory." Mindful of the current reality in which children are being presented for initiation, we will outline an approach to the preparation process that ensures families will feel at home at our Sunday Eucharist and have a sense of belonging to the faith community into which their children are being initiated. The Sunday Eucharist is the setting for this approach to preparation, and families are sent forth with resources to deepen their experience and understanding at home.



Martin Delaney

A priest of the Diocese of Ossory, Ireland, Fr. Martin Delaney is Associate Pastor at St. Canice's Parish in Kilkenny, Ireland. The former Diocesan Director of Religious Education (from 1992 to 2005) is co-author with Maeve Mahon of "Do This in Memory," a six-year-old program that has been used by more 150,000 families throughout Ireland, and recently in Britain and the United States. Fr. Delaney has presented workshops and retreats throughout Ireland, Britain, Italy, Canada and the United States.



Maeve Mahon

Maeve Mahon is Diocesan Director of Religious Education in Primary Schools for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland. She is co-author with Martin Delaney of "Do This in Memory" and with Julie Kavanagh of "A Welcome for Your Child." Her most recent publication is "You Shall Be My Witnesses," a parish-based preparation program for confirmation. Mahon is a frequently invited speaker in Ireland and a member of the National Steering Committee for Catholic Schools Week and of the Council of the Irish Catholic Schools Partnership.

7-10 HOW TO REBUILD THE ENGINE WHILE THE VEHICLE IS OPERATING – PREPARING FOR THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL 🗣️

The American Church will receive a new English translation of the Mass on November 27, 2011. Dr. Paul Ford will help parishes, schools and religious education programs experience this as an opportunity to learn how to pray the Mass as the baptized and confirmed, and to re-discover the unity of sacred Scripture and liturgy.



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. He has presented workshops on the new Roman Missal across the country. Dr. Ford was the first Roman Catholic in the doctoral program at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. In 1995 Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony honored him with the Laudatus Award "for excellence in the promotion of the liturgical life of the parishes and the people of the Archdiocese."

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Cyrus
 Comment:
 I love Congress 2010!!! The Liturgies were Incredible...(I'm just a kid so I can't go to the real Congress). I hope the theme song is good like 2010's theme song!!!! My mom told me if I get A's I can go to the Opening Rite. I'm gonna make plans and all that...
THANK YOU FOR HAVING CONGRESS. YOU GUYS INSPIRED ME TO BE A CATECHIST (since I go to Mass like 3 times to sing in choir and be an altar server)...I've been watching the Congress vids so much I know everything about Congress.... See you in 2011!!!!

You can read other's comments and share yours on our Web site at www.RECongress.org/comments.htm

7-11 “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME”: DO WHAT, AND WHERE, AND HOW? 🗣️

Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp

The Eucharist is central to our Christian identity, yet many people experience a eucharistic “famine,” others are excluded, and some treat it very casually. Was “Eucharist” only the end-point of Jesus’ life – or its very heart? And what could this mean? We explore the idea that the whole life of Jesus was “eucharistic” – and ours must be, too.

7-12 REMEMBERING THE FUTURE 🗣️

Rev. Dr. James Hanvey, SJ

This session will explore the significance of the Spirit’s gift of memory – remembering for the Church and Christian life. It will look at the implications of this, for the community of faith in terms of its own internal and external relations, and for the way in which we understand the mission of Christian life.

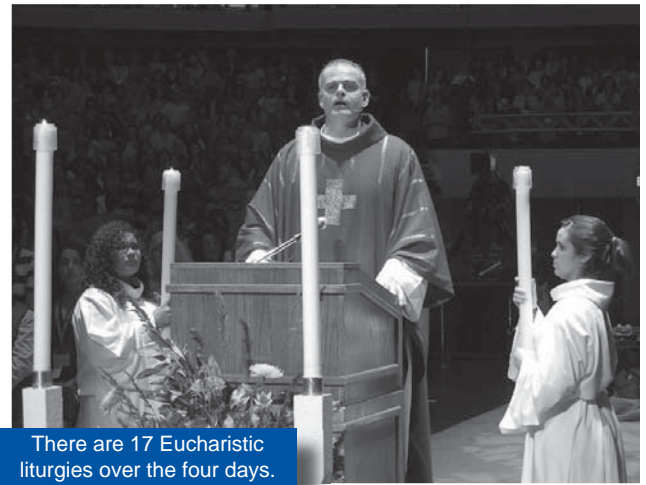
7-13 JUSTICE RISING: THE GOSPEL CALL TO SOLIDARITY 🗣️

Hungering and thirsting for justice is at the heart of the Gospel. But what is the justice we are pursuing? In our culture, justice is usually identified with the blindfolded woman holding the scales and a sword. But this is retributive justice, not biblical justice. This presentation maps out the remarkable evolution that leads from justice as retribution to justice as solidarity with the vulnerable. Justice is not the blindfolded woman. It is a surging river – a wellspring of God’s fierce love rising in human consciousness. What would happen if we took this vision seriously? How would it change us?



John Heagle, MA, JCL

John Heagle is a priest, counselor and author with more than 45 years of pastoral experience as a campus minister, college professor, pastor and retreat director. In 1976 he was appointed as the first Director of the Office of Justice and Peace for his diocese. Since 1985 he has served as a licensed psychotherapist and as Co-Director of Therapy & Renewal Associates in Oregon. Fr. Heagle is also an adjunct Professor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University, and is the author or co-author of eight books.



There are 17 Eucharistic liturgies over the four days.

7-14 MUSIC MOTIVATING MISSION: PROMOTING JUSTICE, PEACE AND EVANGELIZATION THROUGH SONG 🗣️

Michael Mangan

“Inspired by sung participation, [the church] goes forth to spread the Gospel with full force and compassion” (no. 9), states the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ document “Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship.” Like anthems and pep rallies, music and song can awaken, inspire and motivate us to “shine our light” and live the Gospel every day. Come ready to sing, learn new repertoire and explore the power of music to change our schools and parishes.

7-15 THE VISITATION FOR TODAY: FIVE WOMEN ICONS OF HOLY WISDOM 🗣️

Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath, OSFS

Using his own paintings and stories, Bro. Mickey McGrath will offer an inspiring and insightful look at five extraordinary women wisdom figures who span the generations of Church history, each of them in very troubled times. The lives of Mary and Elizabeth, Jane de Chantal, Thea Bowman and Dorothy Day offer renewed hope, joy and optimism in our own time of crisis and confusion.

7-16 BIBLICAL PROPHETS – ANCIENT MEN WITH MODERN MESSAGES 🗣️

Rev. William C. Nicholas

Beginning with a definition of the biblical role of the prophet, this workshop will touch upon the Christian interpretation of the Old Testament prophets, while also showing how they were men of their time, with messages for the people of Israel that addressed their present historical situation. We will conclude with a review of the themes and messages found in the books of the prophets and how these messages still resonate in both the work of the Church and the world in general.

Workshops

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Jeanette Poulin
 Comment:
 Good Morning, and thank you again for a wonderful RECongress. I have a wish...is it possible that Dr. Aurelie Hagstrom might come again to present at Congress? As a 65-year-old I find many of my contemporaries sadly lacking in the understanding of our baptismal call. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to write to you. Even though you reach to 35,000+ of us, you still manage this “hands on” chat of mine to happen! God Bless You!
 You can read other’s comments and share yours on our Web site at www.RECongress.org/comments.htm

7-17 SHUT UP AND JUST LISTEN: JESUS HAS SOMETHING TO SAY! 🎧

Alex Trebek, host of TV's "Jeopardy," once said, "It's very important in life to know when to shut up!" But, unfortunately, people don't know when that is! God indeed has a lot He wants to tell us. But first, we have to be willing to tune our ears to the voice of God. We have to be ready to listen because God has some really cool things He wants us to know. This fun-filled workshop will focus on what it means to discern the will of God in our everyday lives. It is designed to uplift your soul and increase your joy as a true disciple of the Lord. Sometimes the best disciples are the ones who know how to "shut up and just listen!"



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, serves as Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in New Orleans, as Director of KnightTime Ministries, and as Chief Editor for Two Knights Publishing Co. Fr. Ricard is author of "I Still Believe," "Don't Be Stupid! Lessons You Should Already Know" and "I Don't Make Them Up! Reflections Stories and Jokes from a Faithful Fool."

7-18 CULTIVATING KINDNESS, GROWING IN COMPASSION 🎧

Joyce Rupp, OSM

This workshop explores the many-layered landscape of kindness as it is lived within the hectic terrain of challenging life situations. No matter what kind of circumstances exist, kindness has the ability to alter one's perceptions of self and others and to engage in differences without losing a spirit of compassion. Various approaches to kindness will be presented using sources such as scripture, poetry, spiritual writings and music.

Dancers at last year's Friday Evening Concert.



7-19 LEARNING ABOUT L.I.F.E.: A FAMILY-BASED PROGRAM ON RELATIONSHIPS 🎧

The LIFE program enables parents to talk with their own children about healthy and unhealthy relationships, from early childhood through adolescence. It is based on the distinction between four kinds of human relationships that spell the acronym LIFE: Love (family love, commitment), Infatuation (falling in love, sexual attraction), Friendship (peer relationships), and various forms of Exploitation, including bullying and sexual abuse. The session will also introduce LIFE Plus, an online expansion of the program to include other concepts called for in the U.S. bishops' 2008 document, "Catechetical Formation for Chaste Living."



Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND

Sr. Kieran Sawyer, a School Sister of Notre Dame, is nationally known for her creative work in youth ministry and adolescent catechesis. She is Director Emeritus of the TYME OUT Youth Center in Wisconsin, which she founded in 1980. Author of youth ministry materials, a workshop presenter, and a catechetical trainer, Sr. Sawyer's current ministry is presenting workshops and training events for catechists and youth ministers at religious education conferences across the country.

7-20 BIOETHICS AND THE IMAGE OF GOD: REFLECTIONS ON MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY 🎧

Do advances in medicine pose challenges to living our faith? What does Church teaching have to say about technologies that "change" the human person? This workshop will engage questions around what it means to be made in the image of God in an age of rapid technological advancement. It will explore the ethical and theological issues that inform the way we might think about plastic surgery, stem cell research, cloning, genetic modification or transplantation.



Jennifer Shaw, PhD

Dr. Jennifer Shaw is currently Director of Theology and Ethics at the St. Joseph Health System (SJHS) in Orange, Calif. Prior to joining SJHS, she was the Regional Ethicist at Providence Health & Services of Southern California. Dr. Shaw has also taught in the Bioethics Institute at Loyola Marymount University and in the Religious Studies Department at Mount St. Mary's College, both in Los Angeles.

7-21 ROOM FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN: STRATEGIES FOR INCLUSIVE PARISH CATECHESIS AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 🎧

Christine & Michael Way Skinner

Rooted in parish experience and sound educational theory, this session focuses on practical strategies for meeting the needs of children with special needs in parish catechetical and sacramental preparation programs.

7-22 THE PARISH: A COMMUNITY FOR DISCERNMENT ☪

Rev. Michael Sweeney, OP

How can our Church truly serve the needs of our world today? By each one of us answering our baptismal call to witness God's love and mercy. Where do we discover this call? Within the Christian family of our parish. This workshop will look at the essential role of the parish in helping each person discern his or her own unique charisms given to serve God and neighbor. We will discover how our parishes can become communities that nurture and support the personal call each of us has in Christ.

7-23 LIVING IN A TIME OF CHAOS: THE CALL TO CONTEMPLATIVE SPIRITUALITY ☪

Nancy Sylvester, IHM

We live in a time of chaos when many of the structures and systems we take for granted are breaking down. The principles of Catholic social justice teaching provide us with insights as to how to live in this time. This workshop will reflect on how living out of these values and perspectives in this time of chaos calls us to a contemplative spirituality. It will provide ways of listening and speaking from a contemplative heart.

7-24 FAITH, LIFE AND CREED: A COMPLETE CATECHESIS FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE ... IN TWO-AND-A-HALF STEPS ☪

Nick Wagner

Come learn how to provide a comprehensive faith-formation process for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in two-and-a-half easy steps. This process will give you everything you need to help your RCIA catechumens and candidates grow in faith and prepare them for a life of discipleship and intimacy with Jesus Christ. The same principles can also be applied to any adult faith-formation process.

7-25 HOLY HABITS FOR CATECHISTS ☪

Jacquelyne M. Witter, EdD

Catechists are faithful disciples who are called to proclaim and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the name of the Church. In order to be faithful and effective, catechists need to practice some essential "holy habits" that are rooted in baptism and are at the heart of excellent ministry. This workshop will explore the habits that enable catechists to hold firm and trust the Word they proclaim and teach.

7-26 THE POWER TO FORGIVE AND RECONCILE IN MARRIAGE ☪

We need to restore unity throughout all the stages of our marital life because we are not able to love each other constantly and perfectly. Forgiveness is not simply an emergency response in times of marital crises but rather the ongoing practice of becoming compassionate lovers. When we forgive each other we are saying, "Who you are is more important to me than what you did." This session will describe the healing process of forgiving with our soul, mind, heart and will. True forgiveness and reconciliation have the power to sustain and promote the life of unity in Christian marriage.



Dr. John Yzaguirre

Dr. John Yzaguirre is a psychologist and author specializing in family life and Catholic spirituality. He co-directs the California Prosocial Institute in Irvine, Calif., with his wife Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored "Thriving Marriages." Yzaguirre has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. Besides his private practice, he offers numerous marriage and family formation seminars at churches throughout the country.

7-70 Thánh Thần Sẽ Dạy Các Môn Đệ Nhớ Lại Lời Chúa Giê-su ☪

Đức cha Nguyễn Văn Bàn

Trong bữa Tiệc Ly, Chúa Giê-su đề cập đến Thánh Thần, Đấng mà Chúa Cha sẽ gởi đến để dạy dỗ các môn đệ và làm cho họ nhớ lại mọi điều Chúa Giê-su đã nói (Jn 14,26). Sau khi sống lại, Chúa Giê-su ban cho các môn đệ Thánh Thần của Ngài. Thánh Thần không chỉ giúp các môn đệ nhớ lại những Lời của Chúa Giê-su, nhưng còn hệ thống hoá ý nghĩa những Lời đó trong nhiệm vụ cứu độ, nhờ đó các môn đệ có thể trình bày và làm chứng về Chúa Giê-su.



8-01 GRATITUDE AS A SPIRITUAL PATHWAY

The practice of gratitude offers a practical spiritual pathway for active people. Grateful hearts connect us to God and others with love and thankfulness for our many gifts and blessings. When made a part of our daily life, gratefulness enriches us by deepening our appreciation for our life and relationships, even in the midst of worries and struggles. Based on his latest book, co-authored with his wife Dr. Noreen Au, “The Grateful Heart,” this workshop will offer guidelines for growing in gratefulness and for dealing with common obstacles to grateful living.



Wilkie Au, PhD

Dr. Wilkie Au is Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he teaches in the area of Christian spirituality and spiritual direction. Author of several award-winning books, he gives workshops and retreats nationally and internationally. Dr. Au has served as a member of editorial boards for scholarly journals and is a leader in the field of spirituality and formation for spiritual direction and pastoral ministry.

8-02 FISHING THE RIVER: DOING MINISTRY YOUR WAY AND DOING IT WELL

Dr. Michael Carotta

With the help of a true story and some laughter, this session will help you stand up for the way you prefer to approach your ministry, while also remembering what is essential for effectiveness – and some real pitfalls to avoid. This workshop is geared for all those involved in the various ministries in the Church.

8-03 SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST, IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

Fr. Bill Cieslak, OFM Cap

God calls us into deep communion, speaking loving words that inspire, heal and challenge, inviting us into the great Prayer of Thanksgiving and communion sharing, so our lives will continue to be transformed and renewed. How do we enable this to happen at Sunday Eucharist – not just for the “saved,” but for the “seeker” as well.

8-04 PLANNING ADULT FORMATION IN YOUR PARISH

Pam Coster

Learn how to make the Church’s teaching on adult formation come alive in your parish! We will discuss each step of the process, from theological background to the use of technology to promote participation. You will come away with new ideas and practical tools. Join us!

8-05 THE VIEW FROM THE PEW: PARISHIONERS PERCEIVE THEIR PARISHES

James D. Davidson

Participants are asked to rate their parishes on four dimensions: structural (administration), human resources (clergy and laypeople), political (power and group relationships), and cultural (values and rituals). The results are compared to findings from a national study of American Catholics. Together, we will examine the implications for improving the quality of parish life.

8-06 HEART, HEAD, HANDS AND HEAVEN: CONNECTING THE ARTS AND RELIGION

Anne Frawley-Mangan

We, as Church, have a long and loving history of the arts enhancing religious knowing and celebration. Children especially love to be involved in creative experiences that help them connect their heart, head and hands with heaven. Come and join us as we look at practical ways that the arts, and drama in particular, can help children know more about God and themselves.

8-07 WE WERE MEANT TO UNFOLD: A CELEBRATION OF THE NEW COSMOLOGY OF FATHER THOMAS BERRY

David Gentry-Akin

Wise and deeply joyful, strong and yet very gentle, the great soul Fr. Thomas Berry, CP, died on June 1, 2009 at the age of 94, in the same place in which he was born, Greensboro, N.C., a place he deeply loved and one which nurtured his sense of nature mysticism from the time of his youth. Fr. Berry was a historian of world cultures and religions, who eventually developed into a historian of the Earth and its evolutionary processes, and thus came to describe himself as a “geologist.” This workshop will acquaint listeners with Fr. Berry’s wonderful work and its contribution toward the understanding of the “new scientific story” of the cosmos.



Mitch Albom was Keynote at RECongress 2010.

8-08 THE ANCIENT AND EVER-NEW TREASURE OF THE PSALMS 🗣️

The psalms were the songbook of Jesus. Since the beginning of the Church, Christians have prayed and carried these texts in their hearts. As the Church moves toward a new translation of the psalms for worship, how do we prepare our communities to faithfully continue this tradition?

**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.

8-09 EUCHARIST: A PROJECT OF SOLIDARITY FOR ALL HUMANITY 🗣️

It is John Paul II's encyclical letter on the Eucharist, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, that includes the bold statement of this workshop title. How is the Eucharist perceived as a "school" for all who gather, with the teaching that empowers specific work in the community? Specific ritual catechesis will be featured.

**Tom Kendzia**

Composer, author and performer, Tom Kendzia has been a professional liturgical musician and consultant since 1980. He spends his time working with diocesan, parish and national conferences throughout the United States and Ireland. Formerly serving as music director in six parishes in Connecticut and Arizona, Kendzia is presently Director of Music at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. He has over 100 songs published; his most recent collection of liturgical music is titled "Endless Is Your Love."

8-10 A CHURCH TO BELIEVE IN: SATISFYING EIGHT HUMAN NEEDS 🗣️

Fr. Norman Langenbrunner & Jeanne Hunt

Being Catholic means being passionate about the Kingdom of God. We are called to be full of hope, the beloved of God, and yet we are challenged to share the faith. How does one hold firm in our polarized world? Join a spirited discussion as we explore the genius of the amazing heritage that Jesus Christ has left us.

8-11 CHOOSE LIFE! CHRISTIAN DISCERNMENT TODAY

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Discernment is where theology, prayer and pastoral practice intersect. We need to understand the steps involved in making a good discernment in a modern context where very modern questions arise.

8-12 JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 🗣️

James Martin, SJ

The lives of Jesus, Mary and Joseph may seem inaccessible to us regular mortals. But they are not! Their lives, and their experiences, can speak to us in powerful ways, and give us practical wisdom for how to live our lives in the contemporary world. We will look at the members of the Holy Family and focus on a particular lesson from each to help us live happier lives.

8-13 JEWS AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SINCE VATICAN II 🗣️

Rabbi Michael Mayersohn

The issuance of *Nostra Eetate* as part of Vatican II in the 1960s has led to profound and significant changes in Jewish-Catholic relations. These changes were made possible by the courageous acts in subsequent years by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. We will see how relations have changed dramatically in the last two generations and the impact this has had on Jews and Catholics in our own times.

8-14 A CATECHIST'S SECRET FOR CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT: T.E.A.C.H. 🗣️

Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM

Catechists T.E.A.C.H. to establish and maintain a positive learning environment: TEACH more than proctor, ENGAGE students, APPLY developmental psychology, CREATE a sense of community, and HARVEST hope within students, particularly those most at risk. Catechists will benefit from the spiritual, theoretical, practical and motivational support available in this session.

8-15 JOB: THE STRONG VOICE OF THE WEAK PERSON 🗣️

James McGill

The Book of Job is the "greatest monument of wisdom literature in the Old Testament" and one of the classics of world literature. In this session, Jim McGill will show that the key to understanding its significance and greatness is to realize how it is structured. The prose folktale about Job that brackets the much longer poetic section in the middle is precisely what the Book of Job is not about. The greatness of Job is not that he is "patient" but that he is "impatient" and angry and honest. He responds to God in faith and trust but not through the traditional acceptance of evil as punishment for sin that wisdom tradition spoke of through the comments of his three friends.

8-16 PARTNERING WITH PARENTS IN CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION: CONNECTING PARENTS, SCHOOLS AND PARISH

Research shows parents are the most influential people when it comes to the faith practices and beliefs of their children. However, in recent years the role of parents in their children's faith formation has lessened, not increased. This workshop will examine the causes of this lack of parental participation and offer practical suggestions for creating a stronger partnership between parish, school and home.



Daniel S. Mulhall

Dan Mulhall is currently Director for Catechist and Professional Development for Texas-based RCL Benziger. He formerly served for almost 10 years as the Assistant Secretary for Catechesis and Inculturation at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. Mulhall is a regular speaker at national catechetical conferences and has presented keynotes or workshops at diocesan conferences around the country. He is also a columnist and book reviewer with Catholic News Service.



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8-17 IS THE CHURCH BEHIND THE TIMES?

Deacon Eric Paige

When we hear the most common critiques of the Church – “It’s corrupt, look at the sexual abuse crisis!” “It’s superstition that needs to be replaced by science!” “I don’t need a Church getting between me and God!” “They just want to make us feel guilty and control us!” – we may be tempted to feel ashamed or defensive. The good news is we have been here before. These critiques have been with us for years because they express fundamental human anxieties. By engaging these critiques in a constructive way, we can address those anxieties and draw new people into our faith when they hear the Good News in our response.

8-18 EAT, PRAY, LOVE: SOUND FAMILIAR?

Jo Ann Paradise

Catholics have been doing just that for 2000 years. We call it Mass! “The Secret,” “The Shack,” “40 Days to a Purpose Driven Life” – have you wondered how these books are shaping people’s understanding of God? Is there something distinctive about our Catholic spiritual journey that would include or exclude some of the major insights of these authors? This workshop will explore the basic themes of these works in light of a Catholic spirituality.

8-19 PARISH RENEWAL: BUILDING AN EVANGELIZED AND EVANGELIZING FAITH COMMUNITY

Tom Quinlan

This workshop invites us to consider the implications of ministering and evangelizing in a postmodern world. We will look at how to engage today’s culture and build parishes that are vibrant and effective in bringing people to (or back to) Christ and Catholic faith practice. Specific aspects of parish life will be named and explored. This workshop gets practical and will be interactive.

8-20 YOUTH, PRAYER AND SUNDAY MASS: EXPLORING THE WISDOM OF THE “PYRAMID OF CATHOLIC PRAYER”

Dr. Sean Reynolds

Recent powerful research tells us that young people who pray often and well are most likely to carry their faith on into their college years and beyond. In this session we’ll explore practical strategies for imparting the “skills” of personal, communal, ritual and liturgical prayer through the “Pyramid of Catholic Prayer,” the pinnacle of which is the Eucharist. We will work on ways to help young people practice prayer, fall in love with praying, and grow into adults who pray regularly, deeply and often, in church and outside it.

8-21 SEXUALITY AND ADOLESCENTS

Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND

Sr. Kieran Sawyer will present a program designed to help teens develop healthy, wholesome relationships and thus avoid problems like teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The program, called “Sex and the Teenager: Choices and Decisions,” offers high school teens a Catholic perspective on sexuality and relationships. Such “tough topics” as contraception, homosexuality and abortion will be included in the discussion. The session will include an introduction to the U.S. bishops’ 2008 document, “Catechetical Formation for Chaste Living.”

8-22 RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

Dr. Brian Schmisek

Though the New Testament speaks of “resurrection from the dead” and never “resurrection of the flesh,” the Catechism states: “We believe in the true resurrection of this flesh that we now possess” (no. 1017). We will explore this important distinction and its potential impact on theology and pastoral practice, such as addressing, “What happens when I die?” or “Will I be 7, 27 or 77 years old when I rise?” We will find that a New Testament understanding of resurrection from the dead may conform more closely to the presuppositions of our modern world than a belief in resurrection of flesh.



A stained glass demonstration in the exhibit hall.

8-25 HOLD FIRM ... TRUST: RELIGIOUS BELIEF IS NOT INTELLECTUAL SUICIDE 🗣️

David Wells

Polarized views of faith and science continue to confuse our culture and discourage the young from exploring the appeal of the sacred. Richard Dawkins' book, "The God Delusion," has garnered publicity and considerable sales. Similarly Stephen Hawkins has attracted media attention with his conclusion that creation does not need a creator. The impression that science makes religion redundant continues to present teachers with new challenges. In this session we will explore some contemporary attacks on religious belief and consider how to address them in catechesis and religious education sessions. "Hold firm ... trust," for science does not make a fool of belief.

8-70 THỬ CHIA SẺ VỚI GIỚI TRẺ VỀ THÁNH LỄ 🗣️

Frère Phong, FSC

"Tại sao lại phải đi lễ?" "Tại sao tôi phải cần linh mục để gặp được Chúa?" "Tôi có thờ phượng Chúa một mình trong phòng!..." Trong khoá này, Frère Phong sẽ cố gắng thử chia sẻ với giới trẻ về ý nghĩa của Thánh Lễ, mời gọi các bạn trẻ tham dự tích cực hơn trong Thánh Lễ, đặc biệt dành thân cho "Youth Mass," và mời gọi người trẻ sống Thánh Lễ trong đời.

8-23 ANGER AT JERUSALEM: THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPHET MICAH 🗣️

Dr. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher

In this session, we will explore why the Prophet Micah stands out as one of the most important of the prophetic voices in the Old Testament. Sometimes called a "populist," Micah was a fiery critic of Jerusalem, angry at the Judean king's foreign policies that brought down the Assyrian hammer on the villages of the Judean foothills where Micah's village of Moreshet was located. Anti-war and pro-justice, Micah is clearly one of the most powerful, and certainly controversial, little books in the Bible. Bring your Bible and your curiosity.

8-24 CATECHESIS IN A DIGITAL AGE 🗣️

This session will explore the phenomenon of social networking and examine the use of an online infrastructure to involve teens in the process of catechesis, by utilizing the skills they have established through social networking and using online applications. This will include the use of personal profiles, blogs and journals, as well as the use of digital video and audio as a means of expression and as a tool for faith formation



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