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OVERVIEW

THURSDAY - MARCH 22, 2012

See pages 8-9 for new Youth Day schedule.

FRIDAY - MARCH 23

7:30 am - 3:00 pm	On-site registration
8:30 - 9:30 am	Opening Rite & Welcome (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 1 Workshops
11:30 am	Ticket exchange begins
11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – John Burland, Andrew Chinn & Michael Mangan Music (Hall B) – John Bell
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 2 Workshops
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Period 3 Workshops
5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies
8:00 pm	Concert (Arena) – “Celebrate Cultures!” Film Showcase 2012
9:00 pm	Taizé

SATURDAY - MARCH 24

7:30 am - 3:00 pm	On-site registration
8:00 - 8:30 am	Morning Praise
8:30 am	Keynote Address
10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 4 Workshops
11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Peter Kolar & The Holy Cross Marimba Ensemble Music (Hall B) – Steve Angrisano & Pedro Rubalcava
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 5 Workshops
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Period 6 Workshops
5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies
8:00 pm	Concert (Arena) – “God - Soundtrack of Life”
8:30 pm	Sacred Illuminations 2012
9:00 pm	Iona Prayer
9:00 pm - 12 mid	Young Adult Dance (Marriott)
9:30 - 11:30 pm	Young Adult Lounge

SUNDAY - MARCH 25

8:00 - 11:00 am	On-site registration
8:00 - 9:30 am	Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)
8:30 am	Morning Address: English: Sr. Smollin Spanish: Card. Rodriguez
10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 7 Workshops
11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Jacob & Matthew with Danielle Rose Music (Hall B) – Santiago Fernández, Donna Peña & Rafael Moreno
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 8 Workshops
3:30 pm	Closing Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)



2012 THEME REFLECTION

“Earth, with her thousand voices, praises God” (Samuel Taylor Coleridge) ... and so it was from the beginning, the Voice of God rang out, infusing all of creation with abundant life. At other times, this “still small voice” calms troubled spirits, enabling all to reach for new horizons.

A familiar voice stirring with the harmonies of care and reassurance awakened Lazarus and returned him to life, energy and renewed vitality.

Ours is a God whose voice resounds in the depth of our being, calling us away from old habits, inviting us to embrace more wholesome ones. And today ... the voice reverberates and we echo God’s voice infusing life – giving hope, refreshing spirits.

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

WHAT IS THE RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the United States. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 280 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

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

RECONGRESS LOCATION & COST

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

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

\$60 – by February 4, 2012 deadline **\$70 – after February 4, 2012**

NOTE: If you have not registered online or mailed in your Registration Form by March 2, 2012, please bring your completed form with you to register on site.

**CONGRESS DAYS:
MARCH 22, 2012 (YOUTH DAY)
MARCH 23-25, 2012**



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- Maps to the Anaheim Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, hotel workshops and Anaheim-area restaurants
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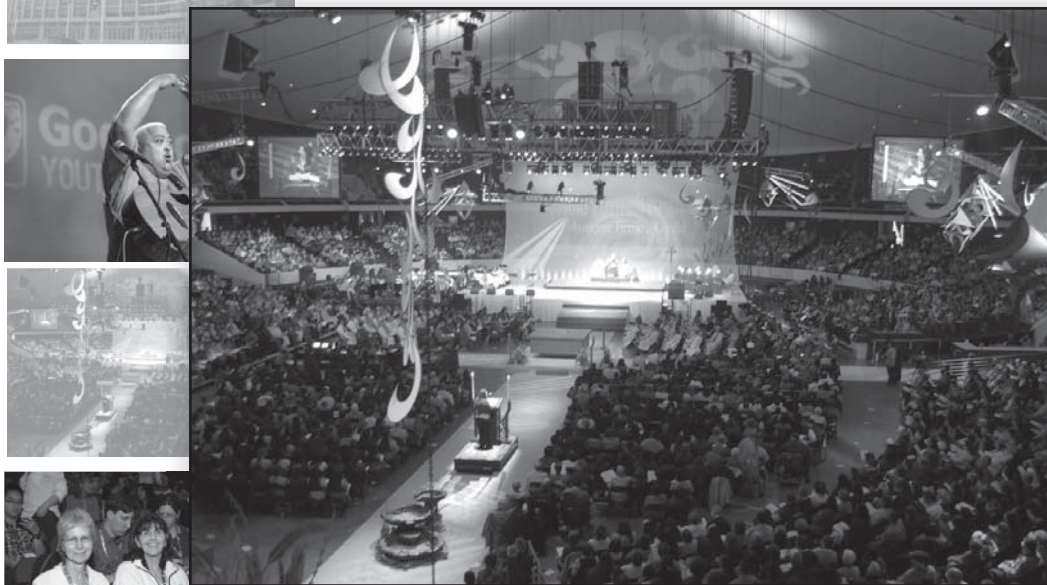
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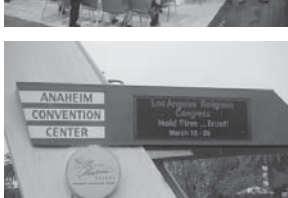
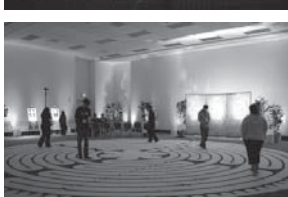
YOUTH DAY Held on Thursday, this day-long event for high school youth is an opportunity for students – from throughout the western states – to come together and share in a mix of workshops, liturgies, rallies and high energy. (See pages 6-13.)

LITURGIES Congress annually offers a number of liturgies of different character. Congress 2012 offers 15 Eucharistic Liturgies of different character, including Armenian, Black Culture, Celtic, Contemplative, Hawaiian, Jazz, Native American, Spanish, Vietnamese, Young Adult – as well as evening prayer, Iona prayer and a Taizé service. (See page 22.)

SPEAKERS Over the four days, Congress 2012 offers 305 workshops presented by over 185 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – offered in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And our featured Keynote (in English) is on Saturday with our Sunday Addresses in English and Spanish.

ENTERTAINMENT Admission to Congress includes both free lunchtime and evening concerts – ranging from contemporary Christian music to the leading Latino composers and artists, in addition to our Friday evening Film Showcase and our Young Adult events on Saturday.

HALL EVENTS One of the liveliest locations of Congress is our Exhibit Hall, with numerous simultaneous events. Be sure to check out what is going on in the **ORE Booth** throughout the weekend. The Office of Religious Education Staff Booth has contacts you can make, resources you can use, and prizes you can win! Again this year, Hall A is the location for Friday's **Archbishop Chat**, where Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez conducts an online chat session. Also, Sirius/XM Radio's "**Busted Halo**" Catholic program returns to broadcast live from Congress with host Fr. Dave Dwyer on Saturday and Sunday.



Photos (counterclockwise from top left): Anaheim Convention Center, Jesse Manibusan at Youth Day, the Anaheim Arena liturgy, Congress attendees, 2011 Keynote Jack Jezreel, Hall B lunchtime entertainment, the Labyrinth at Sacred Space, Tech Center in Hall A, welcoming Congress, Exhibit Hall A, Ceili rain dancers, Ceili Rain Saturday evening concert, concert crowd in the Arena, Young Adult Liturgy, Eastern Rite Liturgy, Young Adult Liturgy, and workshop presentation.

Congress is all about

RECONGRESS The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, sponsored by the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Office of Religious Education, is the largest annual gathering of Roman Catholics! First held as an "institute" in 1956, then renamed as the "Southern California Fraternity Congress" in 1967, it moved to its present location at the Anaheim Convention Center in 1970. The event was retitled to the now-familiar "Religious Education Congress" in 1973, and bilingual themes were adopted in 1979. And you can see some of our RECongress Milestones of history throughout this Guidebook.

RECONGRESS.ORG/LIVE

In only its third year, our Live Internet streaming from Congress has grown with even more expanded coverage. Know someone who can't make it to Congress? Invite them to experience the outpouring of grace and enthusiasm on www.RECongress.org/LIVE. We begin our live streaming from the Anaheim Convention Center Arena on Youth Day, Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 8:30 am PST.

ART EXHIBIT "The St. John Bible: Letters and Revelation": After more than 12 years, the project to create The Saint John's Bible has reached its conclusion. Letters and Revelation, the final volume of this monumental project, contains more than 30 illuminations and special text treatments, many of which are included in this exhibition. *(Arena Lobby)*

SACRED SPACE In addition to the chapel, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a labyrinth, Sacred Space will feature "Healing Petals Photography." For centuries, stained-glass windows, icons, statues and paintings were created by artists to raise the "mind and heart" of the viewer to the Divine. "Healing Petals" is a collection of unique photographs to stimulate meditation, reflection and prayer.

FILM SHOWCASE This year's Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University, presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. Filmmakers will be present to meet with audience members. *(Friday evening)*

SACRED ILLUMINATIONS A recent perennial feature at Congress is Sacred Illuminations, a mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND will bring us deeper in surrender to the care, to the heart, of God. Come reflect and pray. *(Saturday evening.)*

EXHIBIT HALL One of the perks of registering for Congress is the Exhibit Hall – showcasing over 250 companies as exhibitors and ranging from religious art to music, and from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to our own represented archdiocesan ministries.



Allen Jr., John	2-01*, 5-01*
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Clarke, Rev. Jim	2-06*
Coutinho, Fr. Paul	3-03*, 7-05*
Crosby, Rev. Michael	6-04*, 8-05*
Cusick, Rev. John	6-05*, 7-06*
Dahm, Fr. Charles	3-52*, 5-05*
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DeLeon, Roy	3-04*, 8-07*
Dell'Oro, Dr. Roberto	7-07*
Downey, Dr. Michael	1-07*
East, Tom	5-06*, 7-08*
East, Msgr. Ray	4-06*
Ebener, Dr. Dan	5-07*, 8-08*
Echavarría, Jorge Ivan	5-52*, 8-51*
Eckert, Ann Marie	5-08*, 8-09*
Eisenbeiss, Mike	3-05*, 8-10*
Ellair, Steven	1-08*, 6-06*
Espin, Dr. Orlando	5-53*, 7-51*
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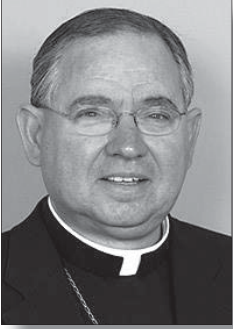
Workshops are designated by two numbers separated by a dash. The first number indicates the period; the number after the dash is the workshop number. Workshop numbers -01 to -30 are in English; -50 to -58 are in Spanish; and -70 is in Vietnamese.

You can check our site on the web at **www.RECongress.org** for updates – or sign up for our E-Mailing Updates filled with important information.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Congress Participant,

It gives me great joy to welcome you to our annual Religious Education Congress!

This Congress is a part of our Church's commitment to the new evangelization. This weekend gives all of us a beautiful opportunity to renew our commitment to the mission that Jesus Christ entrusted to his Church – the mission of preaching his Gospel and making disciples; of baptizing and proclaiming forgiveness of sins; of teaching people to live by all that Jesus commanded.

The theme for this year's Congress, "Voice Infusing Life," is inspired by the fifth Sunday of our Lenten journey. This theme challenges us to listen for God's voice and to allow his Word to take root in our hearts and in our ministries. Strengthened by God's Word of Life, we renew our discipleship in Jesus Christ, as we go forth to proclaim his Good News and to serve as God's voice in our world today.

I am heartened that so many of you take time out of your busy ministries to gather with us. Your leadership and your spirit of service to his Church are vital to the ongoing spiritual renewal of our parishes and the new evangelization of our society and culture. I pray that you will be enriched by the contacts you make with others and by the workshops, liturgies, and other events we share together throughout the weekend.

With the promise of my prayers for you and your family, I ask that the blessings of Our Lady of the Angels, our Blessed Mother, be upon you all.

+ José H. Gomez
 The Most Rev. José H. Gomez
 Archbishop of Los Angeles

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I am honored to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of you. Each year you grace us with your presence at our inspiring Religious Education Congress. This extraordinary weekend provides many wonderful opportunities for enriching our ministries and renewing our spirits.

Our theme "*Voice Infusing Life*" beckons us to attend to the voice of God, which echoes through the ages. It is a voice that fills us with hope, calls us to renewed vitality, and sends us to discern and resound God's voice among all the voices claiming our attention.

We are very excited about the quality and quantity of our insightful workshops, keynotes and valuable resources provided throughout the weekend. The opportunity to be enriched by the many national and international presenters is grace and blessing. Always attentive to the multicultural reality of Southern California, the event offers many opportunities to experience and celebrate the richness of our diverse communities of faith.

The well-prepared liturgical celebrations and entertainment provided are sure to lift hearts and spirits in a chorus of praise and worship. At the heart of the array of activities there is space for quiet moments of contemplation, time to walk the labyrinth and ample opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

Again, I thank you for your leadership and your faithful commitment to being the "Voice of God" committed to echoing Good News.

I look forward to greeting you at this great event!

Sincerely,

Sister Edith Prendergast, RSC

Sister Edith Prendergast, RSC
 Director, Office of REducation



A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends,

We welcome you to this exceptional annual event: The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2012, with the theme, "Voice Infusing Life."

Our weekend promises to be infused with grace and life, beginning with our invigorating Youth Day, and continuing with a generous variety of workshops, thrilling lunchtime and evening concert entertainment, inspiring art and multicultural exhibits. The variety of liturgies offered will provide opportunity for prayer and reflection and Sacred Space will be available for time of quiet and renewal. Enjoy time renewing friendships and meeting people from all over the world at this international gathering.

Make sure to spend time in our expansive Exhibit Hall, where companies and organizations present a wide variety of resources. Company representatives will be available to offer you personalized service in response to your inquiries.

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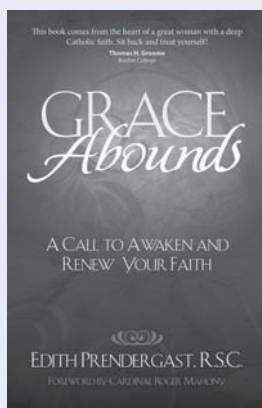
We look forward with anticipation to you being with us during our Religious Education Congress.



Paulette Smith
Paulette Smith
Event Coordinator



Jan Pedroza
Jan Pedroza
Program Coordinator



"Grace Abounds: A Call to Awaken and Renew Your Faith" by Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC with a foreword by Cardinal Roger Mahony.

For over 25 years Sr. Edith Prendergast has directed the annual Religious Education Congress as Director for the Office of Religious Education in the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Each year she welcomes attendees with her inspiring and spirit-filled keynotes. Now, a majority of those those have been collected in this new book – released last year at Congress.

In this collection of inspiring keynotes from the annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, Sr. Edith Prendergast issues a clarion call to both conversion and renewal, inviting readers to enter more deeply into the mind and heart of Christ and to live as his messengers in the Church and the world. Sr. Prendergast's compelling spiritual vision is enriched by her skilled use of Scripture, the saints and mystics, and contemporary writers and poets. She also draws from the little epiphanies of ordinary, everyday life -- be they the words of a child or the insights of a homeless man. With a spirit of reverence and delight, each reflection harmonizes a host of voices that both inspire and energize her readers. Proceeds from the book will benefit the Office of Religious Education Endowment Fund.

Download the order form at www.RECongress.org/2011/pdf/Prendergast-book-flyer.pdf, or order through Ave Maria Press at www.avemariapress.com.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

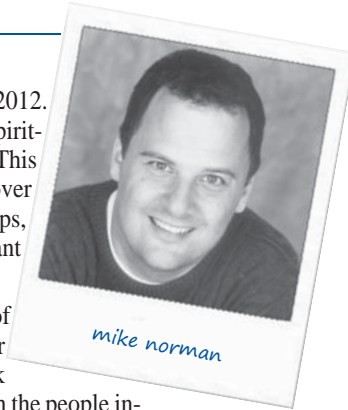
It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to register for Youth Day 2012. The Youth Day Coordinating Team is busy planning an exciting and Spirit-filled event for you and the young people involved in your ministry. This day begins our annual Religious Education Congress and engages over 14,000 high school students and their chaperones through workshops, rallies, Eucharist celebrations and an experience of the larger vibrant young Church.

Youth Day is an opportunity for young people to experience the love of our great God along with new and old friends. It is also a great way for everyone involved to be empowered for our journey of faith. We thank you very much for your willingness to share this great opportunity with the people involved in your ministry. We invite you to take a look at the readings for our day – which give us our great theme of “Called Out – Challenge Accepted.” There is also a theme reflection that has been developed by our team. We hope these will be tools to assist you in preparing your group for this great event.

Please note on the following pages that the structure for our day has changed and this impacts the way that you register. We look forward to celebrating God’s abundant love at Youth Day 2012!

Mike Norman

Mike Norman
Associate Director
Office of Religious Education



CALLED OUT – CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

A NEW YOUTH DAY FORMAT

We are very excited to unveil for 2012 a new format for the schedule of Youth Day. The new structure consists of two separate Tracks (1 & 2) that will allow all participants of the day to experience specific events in the excitement-filled Arena. Every participant of Youth Day 2012 will get the chance to celebrate liturgy with Archbishop José Gomez, hear our featured speaker Mike Patin, and experience a rousing rally in the largest space at the Anaheim Convention Center. Track 1 participants will be in the Arena from 8 am until 11:45 am and Track 2 participants will be in the Arena from 12:15 pm until 3:45 pm. This is a wonderful way for everyone to participate in this part of the Youth Day fun.

Please note that when you register (using the form from this Guidebook or online), you will be asked to name the specific track you would like to attend. Make sure you review the schedules listed on the following pages and pick the outline that best serves your particular group. **It is important that participants realize that no one now will be able to stay in the Arena for the entire day.** If you choose Track 1 you will be asked to clear out of the Arena after the morning liturgy and if you choose Track 2 you will not be allowed into the Arena until after lunch. This new schedule is very exciting because it allows everyone to participate in the Arena activities. Each group will still choose a second workshop (along with a back-up choice) to attend in the Convention Center. Those workshops will still be repeated in the morning and afternoon. Please check out the following pages for details about the workshops. Thank you very much in advance for your patience as we try out this new format for the first time.

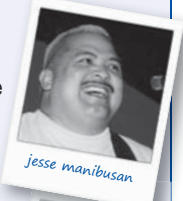


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TRACK 1

8:00 AM – Arena Rally

For those registered for Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2012 begins in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **Jesse Manibusan** and **Cooper Ray** will be on hand to get the day started with music, followed by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.



jesse manibusan



cooper ray

ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the rally, Track 1 participants will remain in the Arena and will be inspired by our featured speaker, **Mike Patin**. Mike will be sharing his thoughts on how we might live out the day's theme in our daily lives. Mike comes to us from Louisiana and will be sharing lots of his Cajun humor! (This workshop will be repeated in the afternoon for Track 2 participants).



mike patin

ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The last Arena event for participants registered for Track 1 will be a Spirit-filled liturgy with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica.



archbishop gomez

11:45 AM – Lunch

Following the Eucharistic celebration, Track 1 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There will be many places throughout the Convention Center for purchasing food and you can pre-order meals.

1:00 PM – Convention Workshops

Track 1 participants will be able to attend one of the 12 workshops that will inspire and challenge them in new ways. These workshops are all offered in the meeting rooms of the Convention Center. We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them. Please see the listings on the following pages.

2:30 PM – Closing Rallies

Youth Day 2012 ends for Track 1 participants with energetic Rallies in either the Convention Center Ballroom or Hall B. Musical artists **Josh Blakesley**, **The Jacob and Matthew Band**, and others will be performing for the events. Young people from across the Archdiocese and beyond will be helping us to close out our day with much excitement.



josh blakesley



jacob & matthew

3:45 PM – Dismissal

After being **Called Out** at Youth Day 2012, the **Challenge Accepted** will be to go out and share the Good News with others – in our parishes, our school, our homes, and the entire world.

TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE DAY

Youth Day 2012 Readings of the Day

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Gospel: John 5:31-47

THEME REFLECTION

“CALLED OUT – CHALLENGE ACCEPTED”

The readings for Youth Day are about people being called to greater things. In the Exodus reading God calls the people of Israel to turn away from their evil ways – even threatening to consume them in a blazing wrath. Moses, however, calls out to God, reminding of the promise made to these people. God hears Moses and relents from punishing.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls out to the Jews to remind them of God's promise – still alive for them, but they have forgotten. It's almost as if the people of Israel are a drum line and someone's challenging them to “play off” for first chair. Every day of our lives God calls us to “step it up” in some way. We are **CALLED OUT** to be people of hope – even when there seems to only be darkness. We are **CALLED OUT** to serve others – even when the world says we should only focus on satisfying ourselves. We are **CALLED OUT** to share the Good News – even when it seems no one is listening. And then, miraculously, we are empowered by God to say yes in little ways and in big ways – we say **CHALLENGE ACCEPTED** when we are God for others, when we share our faith expecting nothing in return, and when we become the light that leads others out of the darkness.

We, the people of today, continue to say “yes” to the call of our loving God. It can be difficult or embarrassing when we are “**CALLED OUT**” by others, but with the assurance of our God's love we can face even the toughest obstacles. We come as people of faith, steadfast in the knowledge that the promise of God stretches throughout all time to include us at this specific place and time.

CALLED OUT --

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Youth Day staff would like to invite any adult who is not chaperoning a group from a parish or school to be a volunteer for our event. Youth Day volunteers are assigned to a variety of positions throughout the day. To volunteer for Youth Day 2012 an adult needs to have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection policies and have had the appropriate diocesan required background check. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to find out more details about your required programs. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our team, please contact Erin Avila at emavila@sbcglobal.net or at (559) 259-8232. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone. Come join the fun! We need you.

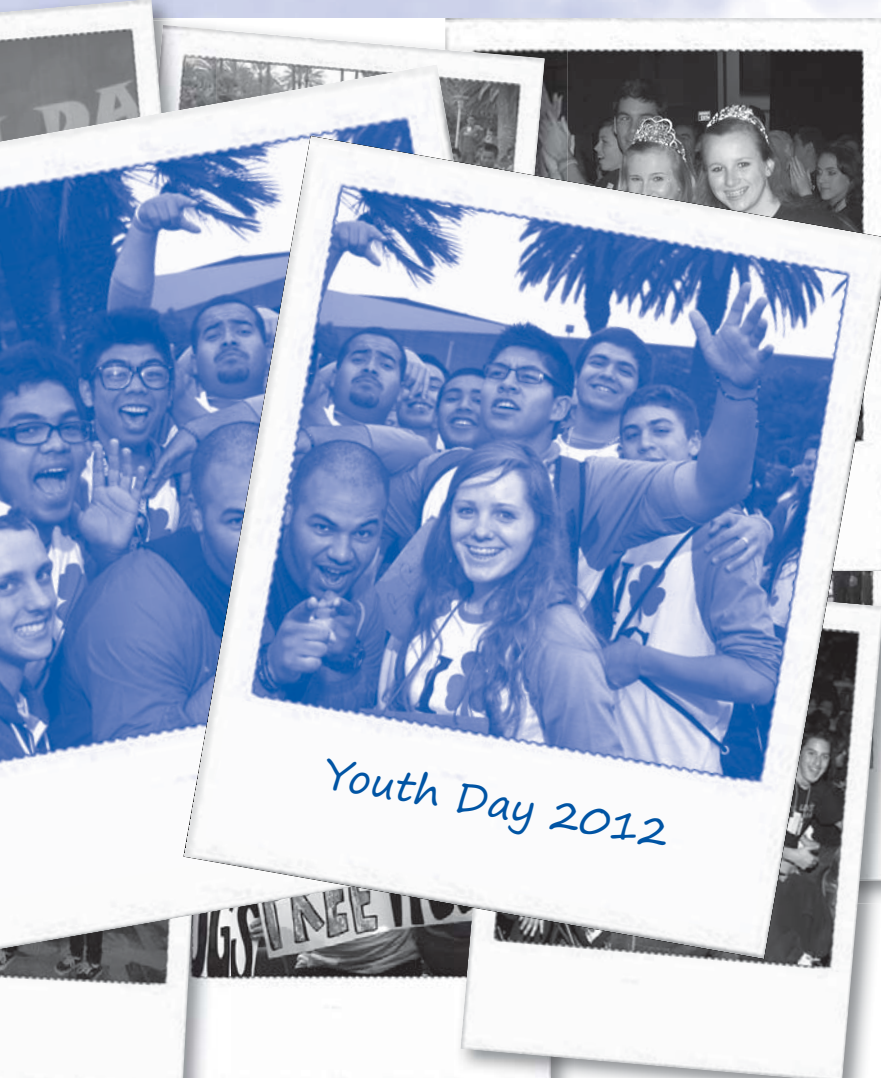
YOUTH DAY COLLECTION

In an effort to enhance the work of the Office of Religious Education in developing youth leaders across the Archdiocese and to support the work of key organizations, there will be a collection during liturgies at Youth Day. We will use some of this money to help young people who need assistance to attend programs at the local, regional and national levels. We will also share part of the collection with a different organization each year that does specific outreach to young people. We ask that you share this information with participants coming to Youth Day and emphasize how their contributions can continue the formation, education and quality of life for others. Thank you in advance.



“CALLED OUT – CHALLENGE ACCEPTED”

YOUTH DAY



Youth Day 2012

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

All high school students (9th -12th grades ONLY) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with an adult Chaperone who will be attending with them. Two adult Chaperones must accompany the first group of 1-10 youth and then one additional adult must be added with each additional group of 1-10 youth. Chaperones are required to stay with their group of youth throughout the entire day. Each group selects the Convention Center workshop of their choice. Please note that every group will be asked to choose Track 1 or Track 2 and will only be allowed into the Arena during their assigned time. Convention Center Workshops will be offered twice – once in the morning and once in the afternoon – so everyone gets a chance to participate. We try to accommodate first choices for workshops, but sometimes they fill up and we must move you to your second choice.

NOTE: YOUTH DAY OFTEN FILLS UP PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY DATE FOR THE FEE INCREASE. Please understand that there is a limit to the number of people that we can allow into the event. If Youth Day fills to capacity prior to the February deadline, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but please understand that there are no exceptions.

Youth Day

TRACK 2

8:00 AM – Convention Sessions

For those registered for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2012 begins with the opportunity to experience one of two energetic Opening Sessions offered in the Convention Center. Hall B will welcome **Joshua Blakesley**, while the Grand Ballroom will host **The Jacob and Matthew Band**. Young people from across the Archdiocese will also be part of these great events.



josh blakesley



jacob & matthew

9:30 AM – Convention Workshops

After the Opening Sessions, Track 2 participants will be able to attend one of the 12 workshops that will inspire and challenge them in new ways. These workshops are all offered in the meeting rooms of the Convention Center. We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them. Please see the listing on the following pages.

11:00 AM – Lunch

Following the workshops, Track 2 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There will be many places throughout the Convention Center for purchasing food and you can also pre-order meals. The Arena will open for Track 2 participants at 11:45 am.



jesse manibusan

12:15 PM – Arena Rally

For those registered for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2012 continues in the Arena with an energetic rally. **Jesse Manibusan** and **Cooper Ray** will be on hand to get everyone energized with music, followed by young people from the Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.



cooper ray

ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the rally, Track 2 participants will remain in the Arena and will be inspired by our featured speaker, **Mike Patin**. Mike will be sharing his thoughts on how we might live out the day's theme in our daily lives. Mike comes to us from Louisiana and will be sharing lots of his Cajun humor!



mike patin

ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The ending of Youth Day for Track 2 participants will be a Spirit-filled liturgy with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica.



archbishop gomez

3:45 PM – Dismissal

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ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS:

Order Your Official Youth Day T-Shirts

T-shirts for Youth Day 2012 are available for pre-order. Orders with payment must be received by February 26, 2012 and will be shipped directly to the customer's home or business location.

Customize your Youth Day shirt with your youth group or parish name on the back for as low as \$2.50 per shirt.

Special Discount Pricing for Pre-Orders:

T-shirts: \$12.50, Sweatshirts: \$35

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL

On Youth Day, T-shirts: \$15, Sweatshirts: \$40 and available at the Seraph7 booth in the main Arena Lobby (south side) of the Convention Center Arena.

Youth sizes, 3X, and sweatshirts are also available in limited supply.

Please pre-order to ensure you get yours!

Place your order online at www.Seraph7.com.

ARENA WORKSHOP

Everyone will see our Arena speaker. You can choose your Convention Workshop from the remain 12 speakers.

"SYNC-TIFICATION"

Phones and MP3 players rock! Texts, voice mail, music, apps: You can "trip out" your device ... but unless it's charged and sync-ed ... it doesn't do a lotta good. Be ready to be "called out" to charge yourself up and then to share and blare your playlist to the world!



Mike Patin

"Faith horticulturist" Mike Patin has worked in youth ministry since 1984, spending six years as a high school teacher and coach before working for the CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He was also on the adjunct faculty at the Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans for two years. Since 2003, the Lafayette, La., resident has been speaking full time to young people and adults on issues of Catholic faith. His many book titles include "A Standing Invitation."

BE A WITNESS! SHARING CHRIST WITH OTHERS

Sharing your faith does *not* mean you need to stand in the hall of your school handing out pamphlets about Jesus! It means letting God be a part of your life in everyday ways. It means being comfortable with your faith and letting your actions speak louder than your words. Hey ... light travels faster than sound! Come learn the answers to the questions we are most often asked about our faith and come see how we are *all* called to be disciples in how we live, so that Christ can be seen ... in us!



Steve Angrisano

Steve Angrisano is a musician, inspirational speaker and workshop presenter. He has been featured at major youth events nationally and internationally, including four World Youth Days, five National Catholic Youth Conferences and numerous L.A. Congress Youth Days. Angrisano lives in Coppell, Texas. His works include a CD called "Inescapable Love" and a book titled "Live: Essential Songs for Youth Ministry."

KEEPIN' UR HUSTLE HOLY

In this workshop participants will look at who God made them to be and how the world does its best to deter us from reaching our God-given purpose. We will look at why we have problems and what we are supposed to learn from them. Come and get a blessing!



Ansel J. Augustine, MPS

Ansel Augustine is Associate Director and Coordinator of Black Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Catholic Youth Organization Office of the New Orleans Archdiocese. He also serves on the faculty for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in Louisiana and with their Campus Ministry, where he previously worked. Augustine has also published several articles related to ministry and has keynoted and presented workshops at various youth rallies and conferences around the country. He was MC and hosted the 2010 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry in New Orleans.

HOLDING ON TO REAL HOPE

The definition of the word “hope” is to “cherish a desire with deep anticipation.” Because Renée Bondi has been a quadriplegic for over 20 years, imagine how she would love to have full use of her body again! Renée shares her mental battle of fully accepting her paralysis and how she has come to trust the God that allowed her injury to occur.



Renée Bondi

Recording artist and inspirational speaker, Renée Bondi travels throughout the United States singing and speaking for conferences, churches, retreats, youth rallies and corporate events. She has appeared as a guest on EWTN’s “Life on the Rock” and on St. Joseph Radio. Bondi has been keynote at the National Catholic Youth Conference and special guest for many adult formation programs, sharing her life story before and after her accident.

ROMANCE WITHOUT REGRET

Looking for straight answers to tough questions on dating, sexuality and relationships? Jason and Crystalina Evert offer a blunt, humorous and powerful case for the virtue of chastity. While abstinence is merely the absence of sex, chastity frees a couple to love, bringing them closer to one another and offering them romance without the regrets. Through their captivating testimonies, Jason and Crystalina show that purity is possible, regardless of the past.



Crystalina & Jason Evert

After years of giving chastity presentations solo, Jason Evert teamed up with Crystalina Padilla. After their year of speaking as an engaged couple, they married in 2003. Since then, they have spoken to more than 1 million teens in Catholic, Christian and public high schools and universities around the world. Together, the Everts have authored over 12 books, including “How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul.” They have made numerous radio and TV appearances, have hosted a pair of TV series for teens on EWTN, and have been awarded for their work with teens in America.

“I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM WONDERFULLY MADE”

If you’ve ever thought you’re not good enough, pretty enough, smart enough, or (blank) enough, this workshop is for you! God does not make junk but has created you with every gift and talent you need to serve Him and others! Dubbing herself the original “Ugly Betty,” Noelle Garcia will share her own self-esteem struggles as a teen, through depression, cutting and thoughts of suicide. She will share how she came to know the Lord loved her just the way she is, and to praise Him for she is “wonderfully made!”



Noelle Garcia

Noelle Garcia is a Catholic recording artist with World Library Publications. She was featured on CNN’s “Latino in America” and EWTN’s “Life on the Rock” programs sharing her inspirational testimony and Gospel message of love and hope for teens and young adults. Garcia currently works in the Diocese of Lansing, Mich., as a Director of Music, and travels throughout the country speaking and performing “wherever God calls”! She lives in Michigan with her husband, fellow youth and music minister, David McHugh.



Youth Day

arriving groups

in the Arena



Hall B rally

Arena gathering

PRAYER ISN'T BORING, YOU ARE ... HAHA!

So many people complain about how boring church is, Mass is, and praying is ... when in reality those people haven't experienced the goodness of the One they pray to: God! In this workshop, Paul Kim uses his captivating speaking abilities, humor and music (beatboxing), to show that prayer isn't just for the elderly, but for anyone with a heart that longs for more!



Paul J. Kim

Paul Kim formerly served as youth minister, missionary and counselor. Today, he is a nationally known youth speaker and musician who presents regularly at Catholic youth and young adult events throughout the country, including the Steubenville Youth Conferences in Ohio; Catholic Underground events; and the Sacramento Young Adult Conference and San Jose Diocesan Youth Retreat in California. In 2010, Kim released his first CD entitled "Run Fly Fall."

FORGIVENESS: DISARMING THE HEART

Forgive and forget – not likely! Forgive 7 x 70 times (Jesus) – are you kidding? Forgiveness sounds great until we have been hurt by someone – and we have all been hurt by someone in some way. But unless we learn to disarm our hearts, we will be trapped by past pains. This workshop will describe a way to disarm, forgive and move on in a healthy way.



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. Bob is an author with several books, and provides training in ministry skills and issues internationally. He also serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.



Maggie McCarty, DMin

Based in Maryland, Dr. Maggie McCarty is Executive Director for the USA-Toronto Region of the Christian Brothers Conference. She has worked with youth and youth ministry for three decades and has experience at the parish, diocesan and national levels. Maggie teaches courses in youth ministry at several universities and does training and retreat work internationally. She also is a youth ministry volunteer at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.

MY CATHOLIC LIFE

What does a day in the life of a Catholic teen look like? How does a young person live their Catholic faith in the world today? Come learn and laugh!



Judy McDonald

Judy McDonald has been a professional comedienne for 17 years; for the past seven years her full-time traveling ministry has included shows for military bases in Germany, Italy, Belgium and parishes in Ireland, Croatia, Scotland and across the United States. McDonald is a former youth minister in the San Diego Diocese and former residential minister at the University of San Diego.

FOOD IS LOVE: WHAT ALL TEENS ARE HUNGERING FOR

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the popular host of the international Grace Before Meals movement, offers deep spiritual guidance and encouragement for people of all ages as he invites families back to the dinner table ... with good food! In our modern world, families are being pulled apart from the Lord’s Table and from their dining room table. Jesus shows us the way to win this “food fight” is to feed our families with love – what we all crave! Join this inspiring, funny and theologically profound talk with the winner of the “Steak Fajita Throwdown with Bobby Flay” on Food Network to learn more about Fr. Leo’s movement.



Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, a priest of the Baltimore Archdiocese, is a professor at Mount St. Mary’s University and Seminary in Maryland, where he is also Chair of Pastoral Theology. Fr. Patalinghug is an internationally known conference speaker and popular TV and radio personality has appeared on ABC, EWTN, CBS and even The Food Network, as he hosts the movement, “Grace Before Meals.” He is author of the book “Grace Before Meals: Recipes and Inspirations for Family Meals and Family Life.”

SOCIAL JUSTICE: RESPECTING ALL LIFE

In this workshop, we will link the Gospel parables of Jesus with today’s “parables” that reflect a respect for life: abortion, health care, immigration, the environment, and war. Fr. Chris Ponnet will use the Bible, the Catechism, social justice teaching, music, media and resources from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Pax Christi USA. The Pax Christi group from Bishop Alemany High School in Mission Hills, Calif., will help illustrate these life justice issues through today’s “parable” stories. You’ll walk away with concrete action plans and resources to implement in your school or parish to link all respect life issues.



Fr. Chris Ponnet

For over 25 years, Fr. Chris Ponnet, ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, has been involved in AIDS ministry and has spoken about consistent life ethics and the death penalty at Pax Christi Peace and Justice Conferences and at the L.A. Congress and at the regional congresses. Fr. Ponnet is Director for the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry and Pastor at St. Camillus Center for Pastoral Care in Los Angeles. He is a board-certified Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Care at LAC+USC Medical Center in Los Angeles.



Marymount dancers

arriving by bus

Youth Day

IGNORANCE IS NOT BLISS

“Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere *ignorance* and conscientious stupidity,” said Martin Luther King, Jr. Was Jesus kidding when he said, “Love your neighbor as yourself”? We think *not!* Based on Greg Walton’s Top 20 Christian radio single, “Tune of Ignorance,” this workshop takes Jesus’ second greatest commandment seriously. Come dive into the wisdom of the seven points of Catholic social teaching and find tools to answer the tricky questions surrounding injustice. Explore the corporal works of mercy and learn their integral role in every Christian’s personal mission!



Greg Walton

Greg Walton is a seasoned catechist, retreat and workshop leader, pastoral musician and performer. He is founder and Director of Jesus Glue Ministries, based in Nashville, Tenn., and Youth Minister for Church of the Nativity Catholic Parish in Spring Hill, Tenn. As a recording artist, Walton has released four CDs and has received numerous industry awards, including Male Vocalist of the Year. He is also a composer and artist with OCP/spiritandsong.com.

X SAFETY IN CYBERSPACE

This interactive workshop for youth covers a range of topics including Internet safety and the perils of video games, social networking sites, “sexting,” geo-tagging and cyber bullying. Today, youth can connect with almost anyone from almost anywhere – from a home computer, a friend’s computer, libraries, schools, PDAs, BlackBerrys, iPhones and cell phones. Internet-enabled video game systems allow them to contact and compete against and chat with players around the world. This workshop will help youth better understand and navigate this strange new world with strategies to help them benefit from web resources while avoiding the many risks.



Tracy Webb

Tracy Webb is a Senior Trial Attorney and heads the Cyber Crime and Child Abuse Prevention Division at the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office. She has spent a large part of her career prosecuting physical, sexual, exploitation and technologically facilitated crimes against children. Webb is currently an active member of the Federal Internet Crimes against Children Task Force and co-chair of the Los Angeles County Cyber Crime Task Force. She is a frequent speaker locally and nationally, and is an Emmy award-winning producer of a documentary film on gang violence.

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Youth Day is open to students from parishes and high schools (public and Catholic) that are in grades 9 through 12. Students below the 9th Grade are not allowed to participate in this event and will be refused admission. We appreciate your adherence to this guideline.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$20 per person. After February 4, 2012, fees increase to \$25 per person. Everyone in your group **MUST** be registered for Youth Day, **including all priests** who will be accompanying your group.

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

For the initial group of one to ten youth there must be two adult chaperones. An additional chaperone must be included with every consecutive group of up to ten youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day, with at least one chaperone attending each activity with each group of up to ten youth. **Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without a Chaperone.**

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and should supervise his or her group throughout all of Youth Day. Chaperones must participate in the events of the day – youth find it more difficult to participate if adults are not engaged. Please know that the format of Youth Day enables everyone to have a seat in the Arena, but that large groups may be unable to sit together. We ask that Chaperones divide up and stay with their group of no more than 10 youth.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing the Adult Chaperones with all the necessary forms and emergency information gathered for each student. All Youth Day name badges are mailed to the Contact Person. The Contact Person may also be included as one of the group Chaperones or registrants.

It is the responsibility of the Contact Person to make sure ALL Chaperones have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection Policies and the appropriate diocesan-required background check has been completed. Please contact your parish or school for more information on these guidelines for your diocese.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early since Youth Day often fills up prior to deadline dates. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. This is due to a limited number of seats. Please note that this sometimes happens **BEFORE THE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE ON February 4, 2012**. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. **SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.**

NAME BADGES

Each registered person is given a name badge and that serves as their admission to Youth Day. Registrations will **NOT** be processed if only one person's name is used in all the spaces on the form or if the names are obviously made up. In order to gain and maintain admission into the Convention Center, each person must be wearing the official Youth Day name badge for the entire day. If needed, you may substitute people. We will not be able to print out new name badges on site.

PLEASE distribute name badges to all participants prior to leaving your parish or school or before exiting the bus. Those who become separated from their group and do not have name badges will not be allowed entry into the Convention Center or Arena. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Youth Day Packets will be mailed after February 10, 2012, to the Contact Person. Please check your packet **IMMEDIATELY** upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and each participant received his or her name badge.

NOTE: There is a \$50 free for reprinting of name badges on Youth Day.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be made by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form (next page) along with a check for the proper amount. Please remember that everyone must register for the day (including Chaperones and priests). A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. There must be two Chaperones listed in your first group of registrants. **Forms, information and online registration by credit card are available at www.RECongress.org/YD.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. Please feel free to duplicate this form.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form, with the group attending the same workshop. The first group must include two Chaperones. Please do not register more people on the form than will be attending, since space is limited.
3. Once registration has been sent in, additional registrations **CANNOT** be added to the group. To add registrants, a new form (with another paid Chaperone) must be filled out and sent in. **PLEASE** remember to register priests who accompany your group as well.
4. All youth must remain with their Chaperone throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name and information of the Contact Person on each form used and indicate if he/she will attend. If the Contact Person plans to attend, his/her name **MUST** appear again as a Chaperone or registrant.
6. Indicate your choices of track and workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by February 4, 2012 to : Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, PO BOX 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress**. Total fees must accompany registration form. All incomplete registrations will be mailed back for correcting. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. See www.RECongress.org/YD for online registration info.
8. After February 4, 2012 (postmarked), the Youth Day Registration fee will be increased to \$25 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by February 4, 2012. There are **NO REFUNDS** after that date. There will be a \$10 per registration refund processing fee.
10. **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY!**
11. Questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT

MAKE SURE to mark on the registration whether your group will attend **TRACK 1** or **TRACK 2** (see the previous pages for explanation about tracks). Also, print the letter of your first and second choice workshops plainly on the spaces provided. The featured Arena speaker workshop is attended by all participants and groups can choose a second workshop from the listing on the previous pages. All workshops are offered for both tracks.

Workshop Assignment: Our registration computer will assign your first choice for the workshop. If your first choice is full, then the computer will assign your second choice.

FOOD SERVICES

Track 1 and Track 2 have staggered lunch times. There are food concessions at various places in the Convention Center, Arena Lobby, and outside. Lines can be long, so please be patient. **PLEASE NOTE** that it is unacceptable to cater lunches for your group. Participants are allowed to bring individual lunch bags, but large ice chests and group catering is not permitted. We also suggest that you do not use nearby restaurants, since time is limited.



YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, March 22, 2012 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ONLY PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED – NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered **with each paid Adult Chaperone**. All must attend the same workshops. The first registration form for every group should have two Chaperones listed.
2. Once the Registration Form has been mailed in, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new form AND another **paid Chaperone**. Please be sure to **register all priests who will accompany your group**.
3. YOUTH DAY FEE: \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only). After February 4, 2012 the fee increases to \$25 per person.
4. NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE. Youth Day Registration deadline is February 25, 2012. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Mail checks payable to: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS**, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
6. Total payment must accompany this form.
7. Name badges will be mailed after **February 10, 2012**. Please check your packet when it arrives, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has his or her own name badge. Students **MUST** remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before February 4, 2012. Note: There is a **\$10 per registration** refund processing fee.
9. REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

Diocese _____
 Parish _____
 School/Org. _____
 City _____ State _____

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Stamp Number _____
 Date Received _____
 Total Registrants _____
 Check Number _____
 Total Amount _____

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

Name _____ Day Phone (_____) _____
 Address _____ Eve. Phone (_____) _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
 E-mail _____

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

ADULT CHAPERONE

First Name	Last Name	\$20	\$25
		By Feb. 4	After Feb. 4
REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Adult)			
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Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after February 4, 2012.

Choice for Group:
Track 1 or Track 2

Workshop choice:
 1ST _____
 2ND _____

If track or workshop is not indicated, we reserve the right to make the assignments for your group.

Please note: It is unacceptable to cater lunch at Youth Day due to a liability issue for the Convention Center. There are many places through the Center to purchase food. People are invited to bring individual lunches, but catered meals (by restaurants or individuals) will not be allowed. Convention Center staff will ask these groups to leave the premises.

Mail to: RECONGRESS, PO BOX 76955, LOS ANGELES CA 90076-0955

– YOU MAY DUPLICATE THIS FORM –

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 7:30 am**
On-site registration begins
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 8:30 - 9:30 am**
Opening Rite & Welcome
(Arena)
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 1 Workshops
- 11:30 am**
Ticket exchange opens
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– John Burland, Andrew Chinn
and Michael Mangan
- Music (Hall B)**
– John Bell
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 2 Workshops
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm**
Period 3 Workshops
- 5:15 pm**
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Evening Prayer
(see page 22)
- 8:00 pm**
Concert (Arena)
– “Celebrate Cultures”
Film Showcase 2012
(Convention 201)
- 9:00 pm**
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(see page 22)
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- Registration Hours**
7:30 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Convention 304)
- Massage**
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)
- A.A. Meeting**
(Noon - Location: TBA)

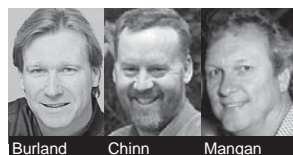
OPENING RITE & WELCOME

VOICE INFUSING LIFE

“Earth, with her thousand voices, praises God.” Come join in this spirit-filled gathering, to lift hearts and voices in a chorus of praise and gratitude. Our inspiring opening and ritual will be blessed by the presence and gift of:

Archbishop José Gomez	Josh Blakesley	Marty Haugen	Rafael Moreno
Edith Prendergast, RSC	Ed Bolduc	Jacob Israel	Donna Peña
Paulette Smith	Helena Buscema	Frank Jansen	Fortunat Phong
Jan Pedroza	Joe Camacho	Valimar Jansen	Jorge Rivera
John Flaherty	Karla Carrillo	Mary Janus	Danielle Rose
Tony Alonso	Harrison Crenshaw	Tom Kendzia	Pedro Rubalcava
Donna Anderle	Elohim D’Leon	Peter Kolar	Brenda Smith
John Angotti	Gary Daigle	Gaile Krause	Nicole Smith
Steve Angrisano	Chris de Silva	Liam Lawton	Lori True
Ed Archer	Santiago Fernández	Matthew Leon	John West & the
Meredith Augustin	Clare Flaherty	Michael Paul Leon	Valyermo Dancers
Betsy Beckman	Estela García-López	Rudy López	... and many others
John Bell	Laura Gomez	Jesse Manibusan	
Anna Betancourt	David Haas	Monica Miller Luther	

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT



Burland Chinn Mangan

JOHN BURLAND, ANDREW CHINN AND MICHAEL MANGAN

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

“Celebrating with Voices, Hearts and Hands”

Join these three dynamic and spirited Australians for lunch as they raise their powerful voices in songs of faith and joy. Experience a vibrant inter-generational celebration. Come sing and let the Spirit infuse life.



Bell

JOHN BELL

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

“Sing Out the World”

Join John Bell from the Iona Community in Scotland as we sing songs and hear stories of faith and transformation. Celebrate the wisdom drawn from the world Church and its peoples.

FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00

“Celebrate Cultures! A Gala Festival”

Building on the energy and success of last year’s Friday evening “Festival of Cultures” concert, we come together to experience more diverse sounds and rhythms from communities whose roots are in cultures across the globe. Come and enjoy the richness of this unique and spirit-filled gala!



FILM SHOWCASE 2012

Convention 201 – 8:00 - 10:00 pm



The Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University, presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. Filmmakers will be on hand to meet with audience members.

PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 Teaching Youth to Follow Christ ... “The Way” of Discipleship (*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 1-02 The Word of God in the New Evangelization (*) - **Stephen Binz**
- 1-03 Time for Passion (*) - **Renée Bondi**
- 1-04 The Need for Pastoral Leadership (*) - **Rev. Patrick Brennan**
- 1-05 CaTECHchesis with TECH Tools (*) - **Sr. Caroline Cerveny**
- 1-06 Blessed Are You - **Dr. Kathleen Chesto**
- 1-07 The Suffering That Speaks Justice (*) - **Dr. Michael Downey**
- 1-08 Teaching and Reaching Junior High Youth (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 1-09 Love and the Eucharist of Jesus - **Fr. Robert Fabing**
- 1-10 Beyond Belief: Reclaiming Biblical Faith (*) - **Sr. Fran Ferder & Fr. John Heagle**
- 1-11 How to Prepare Children – and Their Parents – for the Sacraments (*) - **Elizabeth Ficocelli**
- 1-12 The Art of Grieving: Learning to Die Well, Learning to Live Well (*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 1-13 Behind the Scenes at Vatican II: The Council that Almost Failed (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 1-14 A Child Asks: Why Did Jesus Take Grandpa/Grandma Away? (*) - **Rev. Richard Gilbert**
- 1-15 Live from a Burning Fire: Three Practices of the Abundant Life (*) - **Sr. Bridget Haase**
- 1-16 Soft Hearts from Hard Places (*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 1-17 Heralds of the Good News: Becoming the Best You Can Be (*) - **Dr. Sandra Kennedy**
- 1-18 Glimpsing Eternity: Film, Faith and the Last Things - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 1-19 Whatever Happened to the Common Good? (*) - **Rev. Bryan Massingale**
- 1-20 Helping Young People Work Through Difficult Times: Pastoral Care! (*) - **Bob McCarty**
- 1-21 A Head-on Collision: American Culture and the Bible (*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 1-22 Food Is Love: A Eucharistic Theology for the Family - **Fr. Leo Patalinghug**
- 1-23 Faith Formation for Every Adult in Your Church – It’s Possible Today! (*) - **John Roberto**
- 1-24 Recognizing God’s Voice: The Cadence and Tone of the Voice of the Good Shepherd (*) - **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 1-25 Liberated from the Literal: Genesis 1-11 as Theological Challenge (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 1-26 Global Events/Local Events: Religious Perspectives of a Jew, a Catholic and a Muslim (*) - **Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith**
- 1-27 Celebrating the Way of the Cross and Other Prayers with Children (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 1-28 Lean Back: The Art of Regaining a Healthy Spiritual and Psychological Perspective - **Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop: (The Spirituality of Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan) (*) - **Rev. Bao Nguyen**

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 The Global War on Christians: Dispatches from the Front Lines (*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 2-02 Liturgical Dance for Children: Just Imagine! (*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 2-03 A Culture of Discipline for Contagious Faith (*) - **Rev. Patrick Brennan**
- 2-04 Children Are Crying: Who Is Listening? (*) - **Sr. Kathy Bryant**
- 2-05 Connect, Awaken and Share: Practical Ways to Engage Parents in the Faith Formation of Their Children (*) - **Joellyn Cicciarelli & Tom McGrath**
- 2-06 A Spirituality for Busy Persons (*) - **Rev. Jim Clarke**
- 2-07 Discernment: Using the Internet Skillfully (*) - **Sr. Mary Margaret Funk**
- 2-08 The Resurrection and the Glory of the Cross (*) - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 2-09 The New Order of Mass: Celebrating & Deepening Our Understanding of the Liturgy - **David Haas**
- 2-10 The Psalms: Songbook of Faith - **Marty Haugen & Tony Alonso**
- 2-11 Social Media Strategies for Today’s Church (*) - **Lisa Hendey**
- 2-12 Character Counts: Formation and Education - **Michael Josephson**
- 2-13 The Prologue of John (1:1-18): Proclaiming the Good News of Life! (*) - **Fr. Felix Just**
- 2-14 “Sometimes Life Is Just Not Fair?” (*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 2-15 What I Wish Parents Understood (*) - **Keri Krout**
- 2-16 The New Evangelization (*) - **Fr. James Mallon**
- 2-17 National Lay Ecclesial Ministry Standards and Certification: Can They Make a Difference? (*) - **Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 2-18 The Word of God Brings Us Back to Life! (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 2-19 Restoring Hope, Restoring Lives, Restoring Justice (*) - **Suzanne Neuhaus**
- 2-20 “Extreme Makeover”: Foundations and Blueprints for Youth Ministry Teams (*) - **Michael Patin**
- 2-21 “I’m Not a Chicken! I’m an Eagle!” Re-kindling the Fire of Jeremiah! (*) - **Rev. R. Tony Ricard**
- 2-22 Christian Morality 2012: Relationships Trump Rules - **Fr. Dick Sparks**
- 2-23 Identity and Inclusiveness: A Tug-of-War in Today’s Church? (*) - **Peter Steinfelds**
- 2-24 Can You Tell Me What a Parish Is? (*) - **Michael Sweeney**
- 2-25 New Evangelization: Some Perspectives from Asia (*) - **Archbishop Luis Tagle**
- 2-26 Five Things Teachers Need to Know to Help Students Develop Self-discipline (*) - **Char Wenc**
- 2-27 So You Love an Alcoholic (or Addict)? And Everything Is Getting Worse? (*) - **Fr. Thomas Weston**
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Teaching Chastity to Youth) (*) - **Bro. Fortunat Phong**

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PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 Being “Spiritual” vs. Being “Faithful” (*) - **Ansel Augustine**
- 3-02 Music for Celebrating the Mass with Children (*) - **John Burland**
- 3-03 The Music and Magic of Ignatian Mysticism (*) - **Fr. Paul Coutinho**
- 3-04 Praying Psalm 23 with the Body (*) - **Roy DeLeon**
- 3-05 Celebrate Recovery: A Catholic Approach (*) - **Mike Eisenbeiss**
- 3-06 Stay Here, Keep Watch with Me, Watch and Pray (*) - **Sr. Barbara Fiand**
- 3-07 Symphony of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI Exhortation on the Word of God in Our Lives (*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 3-08 Mark My Words: Giving Voice to Mark’s Gospel Through Drama (*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 3-09 Four Paths to Wisdom in the Christian Tradition (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 3-10 RCIA: Back to the Basics (*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 3-11 Implementing the Bishops’ Framework on High School Catechesis (*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 3-12 Walking With Mary Through Media (*) - **Beth Mahoney & Fr. David Guffey**
- 3-13 Good News People: An Affirming Approach to Parish Social Ministry (*) - **Jack Jezreel**
- 3-14 Finding Catholic Game Changers - **Matthew Kelly**
- 3-15 Saved By Beauty (*) - **Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath**
- 3-16 Creating a Partnership with Parents Toward Discipleship (*) - **Daniel Mulhall**
- 3-17 “This Generation Shall Not Pass”: Christ’s End-time Discourses (*) - **Rev. William Nicholas**
- 3-18 Practice Makes Catholic: Moving from a Learned Faith to a Lived Faith (*) - **Joe Paprocki**
- 3-19 Living the Call – The Lay Vocation at Work (*) - **William Simon Jr. & Cambria Smith**
- 3-20 Making Each Moment Count (*) - **Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin**
- 3-21 Giftedness: The Secret to Full Parish Involvement (*) - **Bro. Loughlan Sofield**
- 3-22 AIDS and Our Global Catholic Compassion (*) - **Carl Stecker**
- 3-23 Fun Formation: Essential Elements of an Engaging Youth Ministry Program (*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 3-24 Theology and Technology – Making It Work for High Schools (*) - **Ailis Travers & Elaine Mahon**
- 3-25 Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday (*) - **Rev. Paul Turner**
- 3-26 Pastoring & the New Evangelization: Issues and Strategies Pastors and Pastoral Leaders Ask for Most (*) - **Fr. Freddy Washington**
- 3-27 I Just Wanna Praise: African-American Spirituality for Today (*) - **C. Vanessa White**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop: (Liturgical Catechesis) (*) - **Rev. Thinh Duc Pham**

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 7:30 am**
On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 8:00 am**
Morning Praise (Arena)
- 8:30 am**
Keynote Address (Arena)
– Rev. Anthony Gittins
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 4 Workshops
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– Peter Kolar & The Holy Cross
Marimba Ensemble
- Music (Hall B)**
– Steve Angrisano &
Pedro Rubalcava
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 5 Workshops
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm**
Period 6 Workshops
- 5:15 pm**
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Prayer Service
(see page 22)
- 8:00 pm**
Concert (Arena)
– “God – Soundtrack of Life”
- 8:30 pm**
Sacred Illuminations 2012
(Convention 213)
- 9:00 pm - midnight**
Young Adult Dance
- 9:30 - 11:30 pm**
Young Adult Lounge
- 9:30 pm**
Iona Prayer
(see page 22)
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- Registration Hours**
7:30 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**
10:00 am - 9:00 pm
(Convention 304)
- Massage**
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)
- A.A. Meeting**
(Noon - Location: TBA)

MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 8:00 am

Let us arise today and join voices, hearts and spirits as we sing out in praise to the God of Wonder, the God of Surprises, the God of Life who walks with us. Donna Peña, Meredith Augustin, John Angotti and Gary Daigle will lead us in song. Our presider will be Diana Macalintal. Together we will celebrate our common journey of faith.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE

Arena – 8:30 am



REV. ANTHONY GITTINS, CSSP

“The Urgency of Discipleship and Evangelization in Today’s World”

Many people do not realize how deeply God invests in humankind. Jesus’ call is personal, urgent and revolutionary; he promises rest for our souls and fulfillment for our lives. The keynote will address the urgency of discipleship and evangelization in the way Jesus did it – a continuation of God’s mission and required by all the baptized.

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Holy Cross Marimba Ensemble

PETER KOLAR & THE HOLY CROSS MARIMBA ENSEMBLE

The acclaimed Holy Cross Marimba Ensemble returns to Congress for a special lunchtime appearance with guest director Peter Kolar. This amazing group of young Latino performers from inner-city Chicago has delighted audiences nationwide with its unique sound and inspiring story. From popular favorites to classical masterpieces, these talented youth will captivate your soul and senses as you dance the lunch hour away!



Kolar



Angrisano Rubalcava

STEVE ANGRISANO & PEDRO RUBALCAVA

Sing, rejoice, pray and celebrate with this gifted duo of veteran composers. Their rich blend of music, prayer, humor and inspiration is sure to lift your spirits!

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

“God – The Soundtrack of Life”

Come discover the many voices of God in the songs, lyrics, dance and images of our contemporary world. Join us for this amazing, uplifting evening. You will be entertained by a host of Congress musicians and artists. Be surprised by the hidden gift of these gifted women and men.

SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2012

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm



Sacred Illuminations 2012

Returning to the Religious Education Congress is Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND will bring us deeper in surrender to the voice and echoes of God’s unconditional love. (Note the later time this year, beginning at 8:30 pm)

PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 Mary as Woman of the Word and Exemplar of *Lectio Divina* (*) - **Stephen Binz**
- 4-02 Barking to the Choir: Finding the Kinship of God (*) - **Rev. Gregory Boyle**
- 4-03 Sharing Your Faith via Digital Storytelling (*) - **Sr. Caroline Cerveny**
- 4-04 Journeying in Silence - **Dr. Kathleen Chesto**
- 4-05 Singing with God's Children: Songs New and Old for Celebrating Liturgies with Children (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 4-06 Social Justice and the New Evangelization: Shotgun Wedding or Married Bliss (*) - **Msgr. Ray East**
- 4-07 Creating Ritual in Music and Liturgy (*) - **Tom Kendzia & Santiago Fernandez**
- 4-08 Will There Be Faith? (*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-09 Shall We Dance? (*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-10 Visual Arts and the Sacraments - **Jan Michael Joncas**
- 4-11 An Invitation to Love: Creating Service Opportunities that Work (*) - **Sean Lansing**
- 4-12 Screening the Sacred: Jesus on the Silver Screen - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 4-13 Surprise: We All Employ Undocumented Workers! (*) - **Cardinal Roger Mahony**
- 4-14 Going to the Dogs (*) - **Fr. James Mallon**
- 4-15 Setting Hearts on Fire: Choosing and Using Music to Enliven Parish and School Liturgy (*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 4-16 Are We Fishers of Men or Keepers of the Aquarium? Reclaiming Our Call to Reach Out to the Unchurched (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 4-17 Voice Infusing Life: The Prophetic Voices of Mary, Elizabeth and Anna (*) - **Sr. Barbara Reid**
- 4-18 From Marriage to Parenting: Faith Formation with "Next Generation" Adults (*) - **John Roberto**
- 4-19 Living the Mission of Jesus in Our World Today (*) - **Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez**
- 4-20 Teaching Stories: Tools for Spiritual Development (*) - **John Shea**
- 4-21 Building a Parish as a Dynamic Community of Service (*) - **Bro. Loughlan Sofield**
- 4-22 The Church in and for the 21st Century: Conversations Among the Generations - **Fr. Dick Sparks**
- 4-23 Is "Secular" a Four-letter Word? (*) - **Peter Steinfeld**
- 4-24 Let This Be the Time! - **Lori True**
- 4-25 Evangelizing Today's Young Adults (*) - **Joan Weber**
- 4-26 Infusing Movement into Prayer in Response to God's Word (*) - **John West**
- 4-27 Don't Be Weary: Self-care in the Midst of Busy Ministry (*) - **C. Vanessa White**
- 4-28 Streams of Contentment: Spiritual and Psychological Renewal in a Troubled World - **Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Faith of the Vietnamese Catholic: Formation) (*) - **Bishop Thomas Hieu Vu Dinh**

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 All Things Catholic: A 360-degree Review of What's Hot and What's Not in the Church (*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 Liturgical Dance: Inspirations in Movement (*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 5-03 Christ the Teacher, Christ the Student (*) - **Meredith Dean Augustin & Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath**
- 5-04 Take This All of You and Eat of It: Helping Children with Special Needs Prepare to Receive the Sacraments (*) - **Joelyn Ciciarelli & David Rizzo**
- 5-05 Creating Parish Ministry to Victims of Domestic Violence (*) - **Fr. Charles Dahm**
- 5-06 Sharing Faith Messages with Youth that Stick (*) - **Tom East**
- 5-07 Stewardship and Servant Leadership (*) - **Dr. Dan Ebener**
- 5-08 Recruiting and Sustaining Volunteers (*) - **Ann Marie Eckert**
- 5-09 Do This in Memory of Me (*) - **Sr. Barbara Fiand**
- 5-10 Helping Kids Develop a Personal Relationship with Jesus (*) - **Elizabeth Ficocelli**
- 5-11 Hearing Mary's Voice in My Martha World - **Amy Florian**
- 5-12 Dying to Live: A Theology of Immigration (*) - **Fr. Daniel Groody**
- 5-13 Holy Worship, Holy Living - **Marty Haugen & Tony Alonso**
- 5-14 Labyrinth Within: Women Seeking the Heart of God (*) - **ValLimar Jansen**
- 5-15 Living Single with Faith, Purpose and Passion (*) - **Beth Knobbe**
- 5-16 What I Know for Sure: Gifts to Give Children (*) - **Keri Krout**
- 5-17 Models of African-American Sanctity (*) - **Rev. Bryan Massingale**
- 5-18 Infusions and Voices of Life! (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 5-19 "Slay Them All": The Scriptures on War, Violence and Anger (*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 5-20 Christian Discipleship Today: Challenges and Possibilities (*) - **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 5-21 Swamp People (of God) (*) - **Michael Patin**
- 5-22 The Death Penalty is a Pro-life Issue (*) - **Sr. Helen Prejean**
- 5-23 God in the Light of New Atheism (*) - **Rev. Michael Raschko**
- 5-24 "Have You Met My Baby Boy?" Celebrating the Love of the Blessed Mother (*) - **Rev. R. Tony Ricard**
- 5-25 Living the Eucharist in Asia (*) - **Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle**
- 5-26 Technology at the Service of Catechesis (*) - **Ailis Travers & Elaine Mahon**
- 5-27 Put Your Whole Parish on the RCIA Team: Engage Everyone in Lifelong Faith Formation (*) - **Nick Wagner**
- 5-28 I Love You and the Answer is "No!" (*) - **Char Wenc**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop: (The Significance of the *Exultet* in the Easter Triduum) (*) - **Rev. Thinh Duc Pham**

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PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Spirit Inspiring the Dance (*) - **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 6-02 Proclaiming the Word of God with Children Through Song and Celebration (*) - **John Burland**
- 6-03 Unchaining Confirmation (*) - **Dr. Michael Carotta**
- 6-04 Becoming a "Kin-dom" Catholic (*) - **Rev. Michael Crosby**
- 6-05 Why Should I Go to Church? (*) - **Rev. John Cusick**
- 6-06 Fostering Family Involvement in Religious Education (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 6-07 Who Do You Say I Am? Imagining God Through the Arts (*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 6-08 Prayer of the Heart (*) - **Sr. Mary Margaret Funk**
- 6-09 Dem Bones, Dem Bones: Faithful Living in the Dry Desert (*) - **Rev. Richard Gilbert**
- 6-10 Catholic Identity and Homosexuality (*) - **Dr. Greer Gordon & Panel**
- 6-11 The Media Pilgrimage: Spiritual Formation in the 21st Century (*) - **Mary Byrne Hoffman**
- 6-12 The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic - **Matthew Kelly**
- 6-13 What No One Can Take from You (*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 6-14 Changing Voices and Hungry Hearts (*) - **Fr. David Loftus**
- 6-15 What Every Serious Christian Should Know About Judaism (*) - **Rabbi Michael Lotker**
- 6-16 Heaven and Mirth: Joy, Humor and Laughter in the Spiritual Life (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 6-17 Sojourners in Faith - **Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin**
- 6-18 The Formation of the Gospels (*) - **Dr. Timothy Matovina**
- 6-19 Keys to Successfully Using Social Media and Online Technologies for Ministry Leadership Development (*) - **Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 6-20 Faith Formation Among Asian and Pacific Catholics (*) - **Cecile Motus & Bishop Oscar Solis**
- 6-21 Recovering Paul's Voice for the 21st Century (*) - **Maria Pascuzzi**
- 6-22 The Future of the Catholic Church - **Thomas Reese**
- 6-23 Voice Infusing Life: Mary Magdalene, Voice of Hope Reborn (*) - **Sr. Barbara Reid**
- 6-24 Compassion: Is There Any Other Way? (*) - **John Shea**
- 6-25 Get Ready to Partner with Parents (*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 6-26 Infusing Life Through the Rite of Christian Initiation (*) - **Rev. Richard Vega**
- 6-27 All Things New? Waking Up the Assembly's Voice (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 6-28 The Future of Catechesis in the Digital Age (*) - **Sr. Angela Zukowski**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Bilingual Cheers, Songs and Dances for Catechetical and Youth Ministry) (*) - **Bro. Fortunat Phong**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am

On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:00 - 9:30 am

Eucharistic Liturgy
(Arena)

8:30 am

Morning Addresses
English: Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin,
Spanish: Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– Jacob & Matthew
with Danielle Rose

Music (Hall B)
– Santiago Fernández,
Donna Peña & Rafael Moreno

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm

Closing Eucharistic
Liturgy (Arena)

Registration Hours

8:00 - 11:00 am
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Hall A)

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Convention 304)

Massage

(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)

A.A. Meeting

(Noon - Location: TBA)



Brown

MORNING LITURGY

BISHOP TOD BROWN, PRESIDER

Arena – 8:00 am

As we awaken to a new day, we share an opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give thanks. Bishop Tod Brown of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will preside at morning Eucharistic liturgy. Nourished by word and sacrament, we will go forth to be his voice for the New Evangelization!

SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS



Smollin

ANNE BRYAN SMOLLIN, CSJ, PhD

8:30 am

“Live, Laugh and Be Happy”

To be truly human means to be fully alive, to seize life and the possibility of each moment, reaching out and connecting with those who need our presence. We are touched with graced moments. Research shows that happy people are more altruistic, more productive, more helpful, more likable, more creative, more resilient, more interested in others, friendlier and healthier. These holy moments offer us the opportunity to live, laugh and be happy.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

JACOB & MATTHEW WITH DANIELLE ROSE

The Jacob and Matthew Band with Danielle Rose are sure to lift you off your seats. You will sing with reckless abandon the prayer song of your heart, rejoice in the Lord, and dance for joy with their up-beat songs and high-energy sound. Come, listen to the music and lyrics that inspire self-reflection while bringing a cutting-edge style that will surely move you to sing, dance and pray!



The Jacob & Matthew Band

Rose

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Fernandez Peña Moreno

SANTIAGO FERNÁNDEZ, DONNA PEÑA & RAFAEL MORENO

“Cantando, Alabando y Celebrando”

Come join this energetic trio for a festive and uplifting lunchtime celebration of song and praise! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of the Lord through music!

¡Únanse a este entusiasta trío para celebrar alegremente con canto y alabanza durante su almuerzo! ¡No se pierdan esta maravillosa oportunidad de vivir la alegría del Señor con la música!

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm



Gomez

ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDER

As Congress 2012 draws to a close, we come together to pray, to celebrate and go forth to be his voice! We witness to our new life in Christ, and place our lives and ministry at the service of God's people in the world. Our Closing Liturgy, led by Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2012, under the direction of John Flaherty.



Flaherty

PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 Human Trafficking: Going Under the Belly of the Beast (*) - **Patrick Atkinson**
- 7-02 The Dancing Word: Miriam's Gift (*) - **Betsy Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 7-03 Gangs 101: A Lethal Absence of Hope and a Christian Communal Response (*) - **Rev. Gregory Boyle**
- 7-04 Songs and Blessings for the Parent, Catechist, Teacher and the "Child Within" (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 7-05 Heart of Darkness: The Space to Experience God and Self (*) - **Fr. Paul Coutinho**
- 7-06 A Strategy and Plan to "Break Open" a Gospel Text (*) - **Rev. John Cusick**
- 7-07 In Good Conscience: A Theological Reflection on Conscience Formation (*) - **Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro**
- 7-08 Living the Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry – Celebrating 15 Years of "Renewing the Vision" (*) - **Tom East**
- 7-09 Help! What Do I Say? - **Amy Florian**
- 7-10 "Are There Any Christian Disciples Today?" (*) - **Fr. Anthony Gittins**
- 7-11 New Apologetics and the Defense of God (*) - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 7-12 Pray at All Times: Celebrating the Power of Sung Prayer - **David Haas**
- 7-13 Immersed, Enkindled and Anointed: Living Our Baptism in Everyday Life (*) - **Sr. Bridget Haase**
- 7-14 "I Call You Friends": Adult Formation for Authentic Discipleship (*) - **Michael Horan**
- 7-15 Living Water (*) - **ValLimar Jansen & Mary Janus**
- 7-16 Engaged Spirituality: Prayer and Action in Conversation (*) - **Jack Jezreel**
- 7-17 More Than Just Service: Engaging Young Adolescents in Social Justice (*) - **Sean Lansing**
- 7-18 Praying in Color (*) - **Sybill MacBeth**
- 7-19 What Got Us Here Won't Get Us There! The New Skills Needed for the New Evangelization (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 7-20 Discovering Jesus on Death Row: My Faith Journey (*) - **Sr. Helen Prejean**
- 7-21 Religion and Politics - **Thomas Reese**
- 7-22 Feeling God's Voice through Physical and Mystical Touch: Some Sacramental and Mystical Images (*) - **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 7-23 Integration vs. Separation: Connecting Young Adults with the Faith Community (*) - **Joan Weber**
- 7-24 It is the End of the World! It is the Age of the Holy Spirit (*) - **Fr. Thomas Weston**
- 7-25 Is Unity Possible When We Are So Different? (*) - **Dr. John Yzaguirre**
- 7-26 Re-visiting the Symbolic Way (*) - **Sr. Angela Zukowski**
- 7-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Faith of the Vietnamese Catholic: Daily Life) (*) - **Bishop Thomas Hieu Vu Dinh**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 Real People, Real Faith (*) - **Leisa Anslinger**
- 8-02 Preparing Families to Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (*) - **Miguel Arias**
- 8-03 10 Things You Didn't Know About Jesus - **John Bell**
- 8-04 Sustaining Your Passion for Serving Young People - **Dr. Michael Carotta**
- 8-05 The Shepherds Speak: Who Hears Their Voice? (*) - **Rev. Michael Crosby**
- 8-06 Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (*) - **Fr. Allan Deck**
- 8-07 Praying with the Body for Lent (*) - **Roy DeLeon**
- 8-08 Servant Leadership: How and Why It Works (*) - **Dr. Dan Ebener**
- 8-09 Remember to Keep Holy the Sabbath (*) - **Ann Marie Eckert**
- 8-10 Pornography and the Catholic Christian (*) - **Mike Eisenbeiss**
- 8-11 No Greater Love: The Path Toward True Intimacy (*) - **Sr. Fran Ferder & Fr. John Heagle**
- 8-12 The Roman Missal and the RCIA: A Catechetical Method (*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 8-13 The Media Ministry: Catechesis in the 21st Century (*) - **Mary Byrne Hoffman**
- 8-14 Music and the Sacraments of Healing - **Jan Michael Joncas**
- 8-15 Keys to Proclaiming the Word: The Task of Catechesis (*) - **Dr. Sandra Kennedy**
- 8-16 Mentoring Young Adults into Ministry (*) - **Beth Knobbe**
- 8-17 Praying in Color (*) - **Sybill MacBeth**
- 8-18 We Believe: Songs for Sacraments of Initiation (*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 8-19 Meeting Jesus by the Sea (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 8-20 The Psalms – Prayer and Poetry Direct from God (*) - **Rev. William Nicholas**
- 8-21 Living Within the Trinity - **Rev. Michael Raschko**
- 8-22 Discipleship for the 21st Century: The Global Dimensions of Serving Our Neighbor (*) - **Joan Rosenhauer**
- 8-23 Speaking at Her, or Listening to Her: Lady Zion in Prophetic Books (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 8-24 Why Lay Ecclesial Ministry? (*) - **Michael Sweeney**
- 8-25 Good Friday and the Easter Vigil (*) - **Rev. Paul Turner**
- 8-26 Pastoral Planning: From Multicultural to Intercultural (*) - **Fr. Freddy Washington**

Assemblies



🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions

LITURGIES/PRAYER SERVICES



THE LOS ANGELES Religious Education Congress continues to grow, and last year approximately 40,000 delegates attended. It remains the largest annual catechetical and liturgical gathering in the world.

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

Over the years, both the Congress choir and band have grown considerably in depth and membership. The Congress band today consists of approximately 40 instrumentalists and a choir of over 200 members representing six dioceses.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
General	Rev. Richard Leonard	Garcia / Daigle / Angotti
Contemplative	Rev. Joe Brennan	Chris DeSilva / Danielle Rose
Hawaiian	Rev. Alapaki Kim	Jesse Manibusan / Joe Camacho
Jazz	Rev. Ray East	Meredith Augustin / Nick Calzada
Native American	Rev. Paul Ojibway	John Flaherty / Donna Peña
Spanish	Archbishop José Gomez	Betancourt / Moreno / Rubalcava

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

In addition to our liturgies, we offer non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers) and a later evening Taizé service. Taizé, named after the monastic order and city in France, uses silence and music that draws upon simple phrases from the psalms.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Tricia Hoyt	Tony Alonso
Taizé (9:00 pm)	David Anderson	David Anderson

SATURDAY – MARCH 24

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE (8:00 am)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Praise	Diana Macalintal	Peña / Augustin / Angotti / Daigle

SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

General	Rev. Joe LaBrie	Haas / True / Haugen
Armenian	Rev. Krikor Chahinian	Armenian Community
Black Culture	Rev. R. Tony Ricard	ValLimar & Frank Jansen
Celtic	Rev. Joe McDermott	Liam Lawton
Spanish	Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez	Fernández / Lopez / García-López
Vietnamese	Bishop Thomas Hieu Vu	Vietnamese Community
Young Adult	Rev. Ken Deasy	Josh Blakesley / Steve Angrisano

SATURDAY PRAYER SERVICE (5:15 pm)

In addition to our evening prayer (vespers) service, there will be a service of night prayer by the Iona Community. It will draw on the faith resources from the lay Celtic tradition in Ireland and Scotland, which stretches back to at least the 13th century. Poems, night prayers and songs set to traditional tunes will allow participants to sense both the beauty and relevance of these ancient wells of spirituality.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Kristin Firestone	Ed Bolduc
Iona Prayer (9:00 pm)	John Bell	John Bell

SUNDAY – MARCH 25

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Liturgy (8:00 am)	Bishop Tod Brown	Congress Choir 2012
Closing Liturgy (3:30 pm)	Archbishop José Gomez	Congress Choir 2012

ASIAN-PACIFIC EVENTS

VIETNAMESE WORKSHOPS

Friday, March 23

- 1-70 Fr. Bao Nguyen
- 2-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong
- 3-70 Fr. Thinh Duc Pham

Saturday, March 24

- 4-70 Bishop Thomas Hieu Vu
- 5-70 Fr. Thinh Duc Pham
- 6-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong

Sunday, March 25

- 7-70 Bishop Thomas Hieu Vu

ENGLISH WORKSHOPS

Friday, March 23

- 1-22 Fr. Leo Patalinghug
- 2-25 Archbishop Luis Tagle

Saturday, March 24

- 5-25 Archbishop Luis Tagle
- 6-20 Bishop Oscar Solis & Cecile Motus

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE

Friday, March 23, 5:15 pm

LITURGY: Hawaiian
Rev. Alapaki Kim, presider

Saturday, March 24, 5:15 pm

LITURGY: Vietnamese
Bishop Thomas Hieu Vu, presider

Asian and Pacific Presence: A Teaching Moment

Today the Asian and Pacific communities in the United States – both those born in the United States, and immigrants who came to the United States – span several generations. This tremendous increase in Asian and Pacific Catholics across the United States at the beginning of the third millennium is a teaching moment. It is also a teaching moment because of the welcoming spirit to which we are called in “The Church in America (Ecclesia in America)” and in the recent pastoral statement “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity”: The Church in the United States is enjoined “to offer a genuine and suitable welcome [to newcomers], to share together as brothers and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve the quality of life for society’s marginalized members.”

The Church is blessed with Asian and Pacific pastors, social workers, educators, diocesan directors and lay leaders who are actively and selflessly contributing to building the Kingdom of God in this country. The number of Asian and Pacific Catholics who have been given responsibility in church structures or are well-known in their fields of endeavor is growing.

Besides these living role models, Asian and Pacific Catholics come to the United States with a long heritage of extraordinary witness of life and martyrdom. The Church recently recognized many Asian saints and martyrs; however, the total number of saints and martyrs could fill an entire Asian and Pacific Litany of Saints.

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

Assemblies

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Congress annually presents a Multicultural Exhibit, a collaborative effort with the Archdiocesan Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry, to expose attendees to the diverse ethnic communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. You will find a variety of cultural and religious artifacts, expressions of faith or religious piety practices,

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Convention Center, 2nd Floor, Prefunction Lobby

stories of saints and martyrs, and a plethora of items from the cultures of Native America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa/African-American, and Asia. It’s a wonderful resource for catechists and all involved in faith formation processes. The exhibit is available throughout the weekend.



YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Young Adult Ministry at Congress 2012

A ministry to and with adults, ages 18 through 39, married and single

The Religious Education Congress welcomes young adults and those in ministry to young adults with a number of events on Saturday that are intentionally designed for this community. Establishing strong and vibrant ministries for young adults is one of the priorities of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod. This weekend is a chance for young adults to be renewed and energized in their spiritual life and in their commitment to our church.



YOUNG ADULT LITURGY

Saturday, March 24 at 5:15 pm

Fr. Ken Deasy will preside at our Young Adult Liturgy with music led by Josh Blakesley and Steve Angrisano! Come and worship with other young adults from around the world at this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.



YOUNG ADULT DANCE

Saturday, March 24, 9:00 pm - midnight

Cost: \$7 per person / \$15 with Lounge admission

This annual Congress tradition is a chance to meet new friends and reconnect with old. After a full day of workshops, networking and celebrating liturgy, our DJ will mix the beats to keep the party going into the night! All young adults 18 to 39 are welcome. ID required for admission.



YOUNG ADULT LOUNGE

Saturday, March 24, 9:30 - 11:30 pm

Cost: \$10 per person / \$15 with Dance admission

Relax and enjoy the cool vibe of The Lounge – a gathering place for conversation, live jazz, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar (21 and over). The Lounge is open to young adults 18 to 39. ID required for admission.

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

The following workshops focus on young adult issues. We have also noted other workshops that may be of interest to young adults and those in ministry to young adults. Review this Registration Guidebook and on our web site for topics that meet your needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

Ansel Augustine

3-01*: Being "Spiritual" vs. Being "Faithful"

Rev. Jim Clarke

2-06*: A Spirituality for Busy Persons

Greer Gordon

6-10*: Catholic Identity and Homosexuality

Beth Knobbe

8-16*: Mentoring Young Adults into Ministry

5-15*: Living Single with Faith, Purpose and Passion

Matthew Kelly

6-12: The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic

3-14: Finding Catholic Game Changers

Jorge Rivera (in Spanish)

5-57*: El Señor cambió mi lamento en danzas y canticos de alegría (Salmo 30)

8-55*: Los llamó para que estuvieran con El, y para enviarlos en misión (Mc 3, 14)

Richard Sparks

4-22: The Church in and for the 21st Century: Conversations Among the Generations

Joan Weber

4-25*: Evangelizing Today's Young Adults

7-23*: Integration vs. Separation: Connecting Young Adults with the Faith Community

Congress 2012 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry and areas of interest, has been compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

Check our www.RECongress.org website for updates as well as the category listings of speakers by topics. **Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.**

Adult Faith Formation

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Art & Social Justice

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Asian-Pacific Perspective

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Black Perspective

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Catechesis

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Christian Initiation

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Confirmation

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Early Childhood

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Ecclesiology

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Elementary

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Sexuality

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Growth

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Junior High

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High School

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Justice & Peace

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Morality

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Multicultural

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Music

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Prayers

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Restorative Justice

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Sacraments

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Scripture

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Technology

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Theology

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Women's Issues

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I-01 TEACHING YOUTH TO FOLLOW CHRIST ... "THE WAY" OF DISCIPLESHIP

It's not enough to teach our young people about God, we need to provide them with opportunities that draw them into an experience with God that they can share with the world. The youth that we encounter in our parishes as part of catechesis, youth ministry and sacramental preparation are ready for this challenge. Participants will explore ways to engage youth to live the Word, share the Word, and *be* the next generation of faith-filled disciples.



Steve Angrisano

Steve Angrisano is a musician, inspirational speaker and workshop presenter. He has been featured at major youth events nationally and internationally, including four World Youth Days, five National Catholic Youth Conferences and numerous L.A. Congress Youth Days. Angrisano lives in Coppell, Texas. His works include a CD called "Inescapable Love" and a book titled "Live: Essential Songs for Youth Ministry."

I-02 THE WORD OF GOD IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

It is not enough to discover Jesus Christ; we must bring him to others. The New Evangelization, initiated by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, is now taking concrete form in the Church's ministry. All of us are called to be a part of this renewed missionary energy – invigorating the baptized, attracting new disciples of Jesus, and renewing culture with the splendor of the Gospel. This New Evangelization is enkindled by the Word of God. Explore how Scriptures can lead Christ's Church to become a more vital community of faith and prepare us to fulfill our Christian mission for the work of Christ.



Stephen J. Binz

Stephen Binz is a Catholic biblical scholar, popular speaker and award-winning author of more than two dozen books on the Bible. Following graduate biblical studies in Rome and Jerusalem, he has developed Bible studies in the church for over 25 years. Binz is author of "Lectio Divina Bible Study," "Ancient-Future Bible Study" and the series, "Conversing with God in Scripture."

I-03 TIME FOR PASSION

When we get right down to it ... just what are we passionate about? What do we live for? What drives us? As Christians our response should be, "We are passionate about living our lives for Christ." But where do we start? In this sometimes challenging and always encouraging talk, Renée Bondi will take you through the necessary steps of defining what it means to be passionate and how to become close to and passionate about Jesus Christ.



Renée Bondi

Recording artist and speaker, Renée Bondi travels throughout the United States singing and speaking for conferences, churches, retreats, youth rallies and corporate events. She has appeared as a guest on EWTN's "Life on the Rock" and on St. Joseph Radio. Bondi has been special guest for many adult formation programs, sharing her life story before and after her accident.

I-04 THE NEED FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Some feel that leadership is a unique ability that only a few possess. The fact is that most people can become leaders. However, they must be given the proper training and formation if their leadership is to emerge. True leaders help with the challenge of adaptive change. They develop new knowledge to address emerging needs and challenges. The relationship between leadership and authority will be discussed as well as the development of systems thinking, learning from failure, the importance of learning conflict management skills, and the need for community as a context to grow in leadership. This session will also study some of the areas of need in parishes and in the Church crying out for the development of leadership.



Fr. Patrick Brennan, MDiv, STL, DMin, PsyD

Chicago native Fr. Patrick Brennan founded the Office for Chicago Catholic Evangelization as well as the National Council for Catholic Evangelization. He is currently President of the National Center for Evangelization and Parish Renewal. Through this organization, he travels and resources parishes and dioceses in evangelization and parish renewal. Fr. Brennan also serves as the Director of Mission Integration and Pastoral Care at The Clare, a Franciscan retirement community in Chicago while still sacramental minister/minister of formation at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Naperville, Ill.

I-05 CA"TECH"CHESIS WITH TECH TOOLS

In this session, Sr. Caroline Cerveny will present some creative tools to engage your students in sharing the Gospel with their families, friends and parish family. You will learn how to apply Web 2.0 tools to your catechetical ministry with or without technology in your classroom. Come learn about 10 tools that are mostly free and students love to use.



Caroline Cerveny, SSJ-TOSF, DMin

Dr. Caroline Cerveny, a sister of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, is founder and President of Interactive Connections, a faith-based educational technology ministry. She has been involved in educational technology since 1984 with experience in teaching at Catholic high school and college levels, involvement in parish religious education and in educational technology in the publishing industry. Sr. Cerveny is author of several articles for ministry magazines, and she regularly blogs and tweets.

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RECongress Milestones

In 1956, the first Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine (CCD) "institute" was held at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. Some 500 teachers and catechists attended the two-day conference, listened to speakers and gained experience from other teachers.

In 1957, the event at Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School saw attendance double in size. In subsequent years attendance continued to increase at Loyola University; and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College.

I-06 BLESSED ARE YOU

Blessed are you poor ... you meek ... you who mourn. Was Jesus challenging us to act differently, or was he telling us the blessings, the gifts, we already possess? Come take a gentler look at the Beatitudes, the people of Scripture and history and everyday life who embodied them. Recognize the blessing in yourself and how it is an essential part of the voice that is infusing life.

**Dr. Kathleen O. Chesto**

Dr. Kathleen Chesto is a retired consultant in religious education and family spirituality – topics on which she has produced many books, videos and articles and has received many awards. The former parish and diocesan Director of Religious Education has taught kindergarten through graduate school. Although Dr. Chesto no longer travels to do so, for over 20 years she led workshops at conferences in the United States, Canada, England and Ireland for parents, catechists, clergy and care-givers.

I-07 THE SUFFERING THAT SPEAKS JUSTICE 🗣️

The Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the source of all the other mysteries of Christian faith, the light that enlightens them (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 234). In its treatment of social justice (CCC 2419-49), in the section on the moral life, the Catechism is rather sparse. In this workshop Dr. Michael Downey will provide clues for an integrated and integrating approach to the whole of the Christian life in the Spirit, inclusive of an ethic of social justice springing from the contemplation of the Divine Trinity.

**Dr. Michael Downey**

Dr. Michael Downey has served as professor of theology and spirituality at U.S. universities and seminaries for 30 years, in addition to guiding retreats, giving conferences and lecturing in developing countries throughout the world. From 1997-2011, he served as the Cardinal's Theologian for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is now Diocesan Theologian and Director of Continuing Formation of Priests for the Diocese of San Bernardino, Calif.

I-08 TEACHING AND REACHING JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH 🗣️

Today's youth are connected to the world in ways never imagined before, and they have much competing for their attention. Where does faith fit into this picture, and how do we celebrate and teach our faith in ways that engage junior high youth? Come to this workshop to explore these questions, and leave with some ideas that can enliven your ministry!

**Steven Ellair**

Steven Ellair is a Senior Editor and National Presenter with Minnesota-based Saint Mary's Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 20 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic school teacher, and catechetical consultant for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for nearly 10 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for 17 years.

I-09 LOVE AND THE EUCHARIST OF JESUS

This eucharistic spirituality session will move into a practical and meaningful understanding of the sacrament of Eucharist as a place to go with our “here and now” experience embodying the presence of God inviting us to come simply as we are. We will explore how Christ gifts us in the Eucharist with a home for our need for love. Materials will be used from Fr. Bob Fabing's new liturgical music collections and “new Mass” as well as from his previously published books to enliven and develop this session.

**Bob Fabing, SJ**

Fr. Bob Fabing has founded 89 marriage counseling and family therapy centers – The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network – with locations in Europe, Africa, Asia, Central America and the United States. The Jesuit priest also founded and has served for over 30 years as 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 the author of five books and a composer of 12 CDs of liturgical music.

I-10 BEYOND BELIEF: RECLAIMING BIBLICAL FAITH 🗣️

What does it mean to “keep faith”? What does it mean to believe? In Scripture, faith is a verb before it is a noun. The Latin word *credo* originally meant “I give my heart to.” It implies a radical act of commitment to the person of the Risen Christ. Over the centuries this earlier meaning of faith gradually evolved into belief – the assent to formal doctrines. This shift has contributed to a growing chasm between spirituality and religion, and a “crisis of faith” for many people. This presentation explores practical ways in which we can reclaim a more personal, biblical way of believing.

**Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD**

Franciscan Sister Fran Ferder is a clinical psychologist, university teacher, author and international speaker. Since 1985 she has been Co-Director of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA) in the Pacific Northwest. She is also an adjunct instructor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. Sr. Ferder has authored several books, including “Words Made Flesh” and, with John Heagle, “Tender Fires: The Spiritual Promise of Sexuality.”

**John Heagle, MA, JCL**

John Heagle is a priest, counselor and author with more than 46 years of pastoral experience as a campus minister, college professor, pastor and retreat director. Since 1985 he has served as a licensed psychotherapist and Co-Director of Therapy and Renewal Associates. He is also an adjunct instructor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. Fr. Heagle is the author of eight books, including “Justice Rising: The Emerging Biblical Vision.”

I-11 HOW TO PREPARE CHILDREN – AND THEIR PARENTS – FOR THE SACRAMENTS ☪

The sacraments are the special and intimate ways God becomes present in our daily lives. This workshop is unique in that it takes a family approach in making all seven of these important connections to God come alive in our young children and their parents, instilling in all of us a deeper appreciation of our Catholic faith.



Elizabeth Ficocelli

Elizabeth Ficocelli is an award-winning and best-selling Catholic author of 14 books for adults and young people, writing on the sacraments, Marian topics, vocations awareness and family issues. Her latest book is "Seven From Heaven: How the Sacraments Can Heal, Nurture, and Protect Your Family Today." A Catholic convert and mother of four, Ficocelli is a frequent guest on Catholic radio and television, and is a popular speaker at conferences, parishes, schools and events.

I-12 THE ART OF GRIEVING: LEARNING TO DIE WELL, LEARNING TO LIVE WELL ☪

This session will examine the importance of grieving as a Christian act of a spiritual life. It will offer participants the opportunity to examine the losses in their lives as moments of grace and to honor death as a way of learning to live well.



Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni

Fr. Richard Fragomeni, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics, and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Fr. Fragomeni has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children among other subjects. In addition to his teaching and preaching duties, he serves as spiritual director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian-American parish in Chicago's Little Italy.

I-13 BEHIND THE SCENES AT VATICAN II: THE COUNCIL THAT ALMOST FAILED ☪

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II. Many are familiar with the Council's key reforms and basic teachings, but not many appreciate how close Vatican II came to being a complete disaster. This workshop will tell the behind-the-scenes story of the key factors and events that forestalled disaster and profoundly reshaped our Church.



Richard Gaillardetz

Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph McCarthy Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College. He previously served as Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo, Ohio, and as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the Graduate School of Theology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. Gaillardetz is a popular public speaker and has published numerous articles and eight books including, "Keys to the Council," co-authored with Catherine Clifford.

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RECongress Milestones

In 1973, Msgr. John Barry began what became his 10-year term as the new Director. The CCD office was renamed the Office of Religious Education and the Congress event became the "Religious Education Congress." Scores of workshops in Spanish were offered for the first time that year. Each year the number of workshops escalates as do the crowds swarming to hear the speakers and engage in the various outreaches.

I-14 A CHILD ASKS: WHY DID JESUS TAKE GRAND-PA/GRANDMA AWAY? ☪

Children grieve. We all do, in different ways and with unique meanings. As a church dedicated to the religious education and care of our children we must set the standard for bereavement care for children. Children will ask you about the death of their grandparent: "Why?" Don't run and hide. Stay. Listen. Bless. Be blessed.



Rev. Richard B. Gilbert, PhD, DMin, CT

Dr. Richard Gilbert, an Anglican priest, is the John D. Morgan Chair for Pastoral Psychology and Counseling at The Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana. He has made several presentations at the Religious Education Congress and his speaking, lecturing and keynoting have taken him to several national and international conferences. A review editor for the journal, "Illness, Crisis, and Loss," Dr. Gilbert is a prolific writer, whose books include "HeartPeace: Healing Help for Grieving Folks."

I-15 LIVE FROM A BURNING FIRE: THREE PRACTICES OF THE ABUNDANT LIFE ☪

What do we do when we discover that, instead of living from a burning fire, we are trying to fan our life's flame from cold, smoldering ashes? In this session we will find kindling in three practices of the abundant life: to live in the moment; to trust in divine care; to see God everywhere. From personal experience, Sr. Bridget Haase knows these practices can set life ablaze: be it ministry to the paralyzed and dying; journeying with her mother with Alzheimer's disease; or struggling to accept her father's suicide. Faithful to these practices and our own graced story, we will live with fiery passion and keep Jesus' dream for our world alive. Come, join us!



Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU

Ursuline Sister Bridget Haase, a former missionary to Africa, Mexico and Appalachia, is currently Spirituality Coordinator at The Boston Home, a care facility for adults in Massachusetts. She also leads days of prayer, parish missions, retreats and presents throughout the United States. Sr. Haase is author of "Generous Faith: Stories to Inspire Abundant Living" and co-author of "Enkindled: Holy Spirit, Holy Gifts." She has been featured on the TV program "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams" and co-hosts Relevant Radio Network's weekly show, "Spirit and Life."

I-16 SOFT HEARTS FROM HARD PLACES ☺

We know that we should love one another. But love can only spill from a heart that has been softened. When faced with tragedy or uncertainty or misfortune, we want to have a “handle” on it, or fix it, or make it go away. Terry Hershey teaches us how to live and love from a soft heart. This is not about a way to figure life out. It’s about the permission to see the world – this day – through the eyes of our heart. It happens when: we allow ourselves to feel, fully and wholly; we allow ourselves to receive love, compassion and kindness without suspicion; we are free to embrace an extraordinary core of strength that resides inside of us ... and let it spill to those around us.

**Rev. Terry Hershey**

Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author and landscape designer on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound, near Seattle. His gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest, and his work has been featured on CNN, PBS, and NPR, and he is a regular contributor to The Hallmark Channel’s “New Morning” show. Hershey speaks throughout the United States and Canada.

I-17 HERALDS OF THE GOOD NEWS: BECOMING THE BEST YOU CAN BE ☺

The word “catechist” comes from a word meaning “to echo” and, in our role as catechists, in whatever way we carry out that role, our ministry is to echo the person of Jesus. Whether we are catechists in a parish or Catholic school setting, we are called to be the messengers or heralds of the Good News of Jesus. This presentation will examine the various qualities of a good catechist and what it takes to become the very best that we can be.

**Dr. Saundra Kennedy**

After many years as a Catholic schoolteacher at the elementary through high school levels, Dr. Saundra Kennedy became a representative for William H. Sadlier publishers. Based in New Orleans, she now serves as Sadlier’s National Religion Consultant and has been a contributor for many of their catechetical materials. Dr. Kennedy has been keynote for diocesan Catholic school events and religious education conferences across the country.

I-18 GLIMPING ETERNITY: FILM, FAITH AND THE LAST THINGS

For the last 20 years the most successful box office films have been science fantasies. There is great interest in other worlds and other modes of existence. How can these elements of popular culture be reconciled with Catholic theology, and what contemporary things can we preach and teach in regard to heaven, hell and purgatory?

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, based in Melbourne, Australia. As a visiting professor, he has taught at the Gregorian University in Rome; at the University of California, Los Angeles; and at the University of Melbourne and the Jesuit Theological College in Australia. Fr. Leonard is author of several books.

I-19 WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE COMMON GOOD? ☺

Political and social discussions in the United States have become divisive and contentious. Yet Catholic social teaching calls us to promote the “common good” of society. This session examines our belief in the common good, and the challenges of living this conviction in a fragmented and divided society.

**Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD**

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, has taught at the seminary and university levels for 20 years and is currently Professor of Theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, he has lectured extensively on social and racial justice issues throughout the United States. A former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Fr. Massingale has addressed most national Catholic conferences and is a past Religious Education Congress keynoter.

I-20 HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE WORK THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES: PASTORAL CARE! ☺

It is easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless when our young people are hurting and in crisis. Peer relationships, family, school and neighborhood – young people can experience difficulties in any aspect of their lives. Yet our relationship with young people is our best resource! During this session we will describe the crisis signs and causes among young people, identify distress signals, and consider possible responses to youth in crisis. We will also look at the three “Rs”: recognition, response and referral.

**Robert J. McCarty, DMin**

Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. McCarty is an author with several books, and provides training in ministry skills and issues internationally. He also serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.

I-21 A HEAD-ON COLLISION: AMERICAN CULTURE AND THE BIBLE ☺

Even though parts of American culture are remarkably biblical, there are elements that are not. This workshop, based on the principle that “every human culture needs to be evangelized, including mine,” will probe some of the Scripture passages that challenge us as Americans to new ways of living out our lives more faithfully.

**Rev. J. Patrick Mullen**

Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of Los Angeles, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John’s Seminary and Parish Administrator of Junipero Serra, both in Camarillo, Calif. He is author of “Dining with Pharisees” and “Sacred Scripture,” a high school introduction to the Scriptures due out in 2011. He has been a presenter at diocesan and regional conferences throughout the Southwest and speaks annually at the L.A. Religious Education Congress.

I-22 FOOD IS LOVE: A EUCHARISTIC THEOLOGY FOR THE FAMILY

Based on the Grace Before Meals movement, Fr. Leo Patalinghug shares practical eucharistic theology around the communion of the family's dinner table, knowing that food is what brings the family together. In our modern world, families are being pulled apart from the Lord's Table and from their dining room table. Jesus shows the way to win this "food fight" is to feed our families with love – what we all crave! Join this inspiring, funny and theologically profound talk with the winner of the "Steak Fajita Throwdown with Bobby Flay" on Food Network to learn more about Fr. Leo's movement.



Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, a priest of the Baltimore Archdiocese, is a professor at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary in Maryland, where he is also Chair of Pastoral Theology. Fr. Patalinghug is an internationally known conference speaker and popular TV and radio personality who has appeared on ABC, EWTN, CBS and even the Food Network, as he hosts the movement, "Grace Before Meals." He is author of the book "Grace Before Meals: Recipes and Inspirations for Family Meals and Family Life."

I-23 FAITH FORMATION FOR EVERY ADULT IN YOUR CHURCH – IT'S POSSIBLE TODAY!

What would it be like if your church really believed that you could provide faith formation for every adult in your faith community? What new insights and assumptions about adult faith formation would you need to adopt? What would a "faith formation for every adult" plan look like? What would it be like if you conceptualized adult faith formation, not as a series of program offerings, but as a faith formation network – in online and physical settings – with a diversity of ways to learn and grow in faith? This session will present a 21st-century model of adult faith formation and a variety of strategies, resources and technologies to bring the model to life.



John Roberto

John Roberto is President of LifelongFaith Associates, editor of their journal and coordinator of the Faith Formation 2020 Initiative and the Faith Formation Learning Exchange (with Vibrant Faith Ministries). Roberto works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, and gives presentations and workshops in lifelong faith formation across the United States. His latest publications include "Faith Formation 2020: Designing the Future of Faith" and "The Spirit and Culture of Youth Ministry," which he co-authored.

I-24 RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE: THE CADENCE AND TONE OF THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus assures us that his disciples will recognize his voice. But we are surrounded by many voices which beckon us and promise life. How do we recognize which is the voice of the Good Shepherd? How do we distinguish voices which infuse life from voices which lead away from life? What is the cadence and tone of God's voice in this world? In this session we will look to discerning the voice that infuses life.



Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. He is a community builder, lecturer and writer. Fr. Rolheiser's books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than 80 newspapers worldwide. For most of the 38 years of his priesthood, he has taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

I-25 LIBERATED FROM THE LITERAL: GENESIS 1-11 AS THEOLOGICAL CHALLENGE

Serious Christians are tired of arguing about taking Genesis literally – but beyond this debate are fascinating issues of theological importance when reading Genesis as "inspired," but not necessarily "literal history." We will discover that not only is fundamentalist literalism not the best way to read Genesis, it actually misses the central and compelling points! In this session, we will explore some of those profound theological issues.



Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher

Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher has taught at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles for 21 years, where he is currently Professor of Old Testament Studies and Director of Peace Studies. He has been honored with numerous teaching awards and has published dozens of scholarly articles and numerous books. Dr. Christopher maintains particular interest in theological issues related to African- and Native-American history and experience. He has presented at the RECongress for the past 16 years in addition to Catholic conferences in Las Vegas and Salt Lake City, Utah.

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RECongress Milestones

In 1967, with the cooperation of the dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego, the agenda for the first three-day "Congress" was set. The purpose, as stated by officials, was "to provide an atmosphere of Christian unity ... for the benefit of each and the common good of all mankind." It was on January 13-15, 1967 that the first "Southern California Confraternity Congress" was held at LAX-area International Hotel (the property located at Sepulveda and Century boulevards) with a registration fee of \$5. An estimated 3,000 teachers were expected, but more than 7,000 were in attendance, causing major problems with services and programming. Then-Tidings writer (later Editor) Al Antczak from the Los Angeles Archdiocesan newspaper recalled waiting 10 minutes to get on a crowded elevator that still stopped at every floor.

I-26 GLOBAL EVENTS/LOCAL EVENTS: RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES OF A JEW, A CATHOLIC AND A MUSLIM 🗣️

From the perspectives of their religious traditions, Father Alexei Smith (Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Los Angeles Archdiocese), Rabbi Randy Brown (American Jewish Committee), and Professor Najeeba Syeed-Miller (faculty at Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, Calif.) will discuss the changing impact of global events on the ability of Jews, Catholics and Muslims to live together peacefully here.

**Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith**

In 1987, Fr. Alexei Smith, a Greek Catholic priest and Los Angeles native, was assigned to two Eastern Catholic communities in El Segundo, Calif.: St. Andrew Russian Greek Church and St. Paul Melkite Greek Mission. He has served as the Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer for the Los Angeles Archdiocese since 2000, and as Vice President of the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers. Fr. Smith is a frequent speaker at the L.A. Congress and at local interfaith venues.

I-27 CELEBRATING THE WAY OF THE CROSS AND OTHER PRAYERS WITH CHILDREN 🗣️

The Way of the Cross and daily prayer help form our children in their life of faith. Using music, word and image, we will explore different ways of helping our children talk with God.

**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.

I-28 LEAN BACK: THE ART OF REGAINING A HEALTHY SPIRITUAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Our faith teaches us, it is not the amount of darkness in the world or ourselves that matters, it is how we stand in that darkness. Sound psychology supports this in many practical and exciting ways. In this lively presentation, Dr. Robert Wicks will offer insights and approaches he normally shares with professional helpers and healers (priests, Catholic vowed religious, physicians, nurses, therapists, relief workers and others) ways in which all of us can appreciate and enjoy in our intense lives.

**Dr. Robert J. Wicks**

Psychologist, speaker and author, Dr. Robert Wicks is a Professor at Loyola University Maryland and has taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, social work, nursing and theology. In his clinical practice, Dr. Wicks focuses on working with psychotherapists, physicians, nurses, educators, relief workers and persons in full-time ministry. He has served as General Editor of three series of books, and has published over 40 books, including his latest book, "Streams of Contentment."

I-70 Linh Đạo của Đức Hồng Y Nguyễn Văn Thuận 🗣️

Sau ngày Sài Gòn thất thủ năm 1975, Đức Cha Nguyễn Văn Thuận bị cộng sản Việt Nam bỏ tù 13 năm, trong đó có 9 năm biệt giam. Nhà cầm quyền không tuyên hay kết án ngài. Ở tù ngài dâng Thánh Lễ với ba giọt rượu và một giọt nước trong lòng bàn tay. Ngài cảm hóa các cai tù và cán bộ. Năm 1991, ngài bị trục xuất khỏi Việt Nam. Được tấn phong hồng y năm 2001, tên của ngài lọt vào trong danh sách của giới chuyên môn phỏng đoán các vị có cơ hội cao đắc cử giáo hoàng khi Đức Gioan Phaolô II băng hà. Ngày 17 tháng 9 năm 2007, Giáo Hội mở án phong thánh cho ngài. Trong thông tri Spe Salvi, Đức Thánh Cha Bênêđictô XVI tán dương ngài là một mẫu gương hy vọng sáng ngời. Buổi hội thảo này đào sâu về những nhân đức tạo nên nền tảng linh đạo hy vọng của ngài.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF CARDINAL NGUYEN VAN THUAN 🗣️

After the fall of Saigon in 1975, the late Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan, neither tried nor convicted of any offense, was imprisoned by communist Vietnam for 13 years. In prison, he celebrated Mass with three drops of wine and one drop of water in his palms. He converted prison guards and government officials. In 1991, the regime forced him into exile. Elevated to cardinal in 2001, he died in Rome on September 16, 2002. On September 17, 2007, the Catholic Church began the process for his canonization. This workshop discusses the principal dimensions of Cardinal Thuan's spirituality that together formed the foundation of his indomitable hope.

**Rev. Nguyễn Huy Bảo**

Cha Nguyễn Huy Bảo là linh mục triều thuộc Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles. Cha thành công đệ trình luận án Cao Học Thần Học về linh đạo của Đức Hồng Y Nguyễn Văn Thuận. Các tài liệu và văn bản gốc được khảo cứu ở Việt Nam. Năm 2011, cha được mời bởi Bộ Tuyên Án Phong Thánh cho Đức Hồng Y Thuận làm chứng về vị Tôi Tớ Chúa. Cha Bảo từng là giảng viên tại Đại Hội Giáo Lý Việt Nam Toàn Quốc. Cha hiện phục vụ tại Giáo Xứ Thánh Margaret Mary Alacoque, Lomita, California.

Rev. Bao Huy Nguyen

A priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Fr. Bao Nguyen successfully completed a thesis on the spirituality of Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan, with original research done in Vietnam. He was invited by Rome's Postulation for the Cause of Cardinal Thuan's Canonization to give formal testimony regarding the candidate for sainthood. Fr. Nguyen currently serves as Associate Pastor at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in Lomita, Calif.



2-01 THE GLOBAL WAR ON CHRISTIANS: DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT LINES

Seventy-five percent of all acts of religious persecution in the world today are directed against Christians, but in the West it is often difficult to conceive of Christianity as a persecuted minority. Yet in the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and parts of sub-Saharan Africa, Christians are paying in blood every day for their faith. Right now, there's a real possibility that the Holy Land could turn into a "spiritual Disneyland," full of glittering attractions but empty of living Christian communities. This session will sketch the global war against Christians and highlight what we can do about it.



John L. Allen, Jr.

John Allen is the prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He is author of seven best-selling books and writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications.

His weekly internet column, "All Things Catholic," is widely read as a source of insight on the global Catholic Church. Allen divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver, Colo.

2-02 LITURGICAL DANCE FOR CHILDREN: JUST IMAGINE!

Learn how to tap into the imaginations of your young students and expand their knowledge of biblical characters by using dance and simple movement to recreate and "experience" the stories of our faith. Oh, yes – we will kick off our shoes and dance in this session. Just imagine!



Donna Anderle

An accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer, Donna Anderle is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet Company and the Midwest Theatre Ballet and is involved in Cincy Dance, an outreach program for Cincinnati inner-city schools.

Anderle has choreographed for major conferences including the National Catholic Youth Conferences and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Her work is compiled in books of choreography and a video. She continues to give workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concert.

2-03 A CULTURE OF DISCIPLINE FOR CONTAGIOUS FAITH

Fr. Patrick Brennan

If we become truly evangelizing parishes, we are creating environments where faith becomes contagious and caught. This workshop will explore the culture of discipline that is needed for such an evangelizing dynamic. Issues explored will be the discernment of gifts in parish life, training of parishioners in parish-based schools of ministry, the empowerment of the laity to develop and minister in their own parishes, the importance of relational evangelization that takes place in small communities, and parish ministries that operate out of a family perspective. It is the development of a culture of discipline that can help good parishes become great parishes.

2-04 CHILDREN ARE CRYING: WHO IS LISTENING?

Child slavery exists hidden in our neighborhoods in this "land of the free" as well as in the rest of the world. Your voice can give visibility and life to those children, women and men who are suffering. Your voice could release someone from being enslaved through human trafficking. Learn how to recognize the signs through listening and paying attention, and respond as an advocate through action. How can this assault on humanity find a place in our catechesis and parish ministry so that more voices are heard?



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathy Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. Her special interests are in spirituality, formation, women's spiritual development, and the abolition of human trafficking. Sr. Bryant has authored numerous articles and books and has presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States.

2-05 CONNECT, AWAKEN AND SHARE: PRACTICAL WAYS TO ENGAGE PARENTS IN THE FAITH FORMATION OF THEIR CHILDREN

Through activities, stories, reflection and prayer, Joellyn Cicciarelli and Tom McGrath will lead participants through more than a dozen practical, useful tips and practices that can be put to use immediately in religious formation programs. This workshop will show how to invite parents into a deeper appreciation of their own spiritual lives so that they can more effectively nurture the faith of the children in their care.



Joellyn Cicciarelli

Joellyn Cicciarelli is Director of Curriculum Development for Loyola Press in Chicago. She has taught in pre-school and elementary schools and is a national workshop presenter. Cicciarelli has authored, co-authored or served as editor on numerous projects, programs and books and worked closely with Fred Rogers ("Mr. Rogers") as editor on 12 of his books for children and adults. She and her family are members of St. Francis Xavier Parish in La Grange, Ill.



Tom McGrath

Tom McGrath is Vice President for Product Development at Loyola Press, based in Chicago. He previously served as Executive Editor at U.S. Catholic magazine. He is an avid writer and speaker on family-life issues and spirituality. McGrath is author of several books, including "Raising Faith-Filled Kids, Ordinary Opportunities to Nurture Spirituality at Home and Together" and "Preparing at Home for First Eucharist." He and his wife, Kathleen, are members of St. Viator Parish community.

2-06 A SPIRITUALITY FOR BUSY PERSONS 🗣️

With our busy lives and so many diverse commitments, how is a person able to infuse their life with healthy spiritual practices? In this workshop, Fr Jim Clarke will offer 12 cross-cultural, interfaith practices that can help sustain a person over the long haul. Each practice will also include different prayer forms.

**Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD**

Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of Spiritual Formation and Assistant Professor of Spiritual Theology at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. With a background in spirituality, adult education, counseling and psychology, Fr. Clarke currently serves as Chair of the Spirituality Commission for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles. He has presented at national events and has given retreats for more than 30 years.

2-07 DISCERNMENT: USING THE INTERNET SKILLFULLY 🗣️

The Internet requires new skills and training in judgment. The Internet can be a skillful means for growing in prayer and discipline. It can also contribute to addictions and afflictions that harm the individual soul. This session will provide guidelines for schools, students, pastors, spiritual directors and parents for healthy Internet usage.

**Sr. Meg Funk, OSB**

Sr. Mary Margaret "Meg" Funk, a Benedictine nun from Beech Grove, Ind., is currently teaching and writing on the early monastic practices. With experience in East-West dialogue, she has served as Executive Director of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, as Prioress of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, Ind., and as Director of Religious Education for the Indianapolis Archdiocese. Sr. Funk has speaking engagements globally and has authored several books, including "Lectio Matters."

2-08 THE RESURRECTION AND THE GLORY OF THE CROSS 🗣️

Having become accustomed to suffering and distress, many of us have forgotten that the cross is not the *end*, or primary focus of Christian life. The reality is that, in and through Christ Jesus, we are called to be people of the resurrection, who reflect a spirit of peace, hope and joy! As such, we are called to be witnesses to the resurrected Christ's transformation of the cross into an instrument of salvation. This session will address, from a catechetical perspective, the relationship between the cross and the resurrection, and it will present a contemporary theology with practical implications for the lives of believers.

**Dr. Greer G. Gordon**

Dr. Greer Gordon, a Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer. She has taught at the University of Massachusetts and at Regis College in Massachusetts, and has served as a diocesan director in Boston; Washington, D.C.; Oakland, Calif.; and Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Gordon was one of eight American women invited by the Vatican to respond to Pope John Paul II's Encyclical on Women, and was the first woman Baccalaureate speaker at Boston University and at Regis College.

2-09 THE NEW ORDER OF MASS: CELEBRATING AND DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LITURGY

This session will be a time to reflect on the experience of celebrating the New Roman Missal since its beginning this past Advent – a time to examine how the new translation is being received, a time to deepen our understanding and our catechetical and formational efforts to help our communities truly pray, sing and celebrate the liturgy, a time to deepen our liturgical literacy ritually and musically, and most importantly, a time to probe our hearts to celebrate how the liturgy is a call to transformation and conversion. Come ready to share stories, sing and plot a course for the future.

**David Haas**

David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, and Campus Minister/Artist-in-Residence at Cretin-Derham Hall High School, both in St. Paul, Minn. He has authored over 25 books and is composer of over 40 original collections of liturgical music. Haas has traveled around the world giving concerts and presenting workshops. He authors the monthly column "Sung Prayer" for Ministry and Liturgy magazine, and is founder and Executive Director for "Music Ministry Alive," a liturgical music formation program for high school youth.

2-10 THE PSALMS: SONGBOOK OF FAITH

The introduction of a new translation of psalms for the Roman Catholic liturgy provides an opportunity to reflect upon the importance of these rich, beautiful and faithful songs that have been a bedrock for both private and corporate prayer for both Jews and Christians. Join us as we explore new resources which enable Christian assemblies to sing the psalms in liturgical worship.

**Marty Haugen**

For over 30 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. With over 35 recordings and 400 published editions, his range of musical compositions continues to appear in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and other Protestant denominations. Haugen's latest music offerings include "In the Days to Come: Songs of Peacemaking" and "Only You, O God: Simple Songs for Worship."

**Tony Alonso**

Tony Alonso serves as Director of Liturgical Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. As one of the most prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music, he 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.

2-11 SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIES FOR TODAY'S CHURCH 🗣️

Returning from the Vatican-hosted bloggers meeting, Lisa Hendey will lead an overview of the latest in social media technology and tactics for parishes, schools and ministries. From policies and best practices to streamlining your use of the latest tools and techniques, learn to harness the power of these tools for catechesis, youth ministry, community building and evangelization.



Lisa M. Hendey

Lisa Hendey is founder and Editor of CatholicMom.com and best-selling author of "The Handbook for Catholic Moms." She is a technology contributor for EWTN's "Son Rise Morning Show" and a regular guest on Relevant Radio's "On Call" show. Hendey is a columnist for Faith & Family, Catholic News Agency, and Catholic Exchange, and her articles have appeared in the National Catholic Register and Our Sunday Visitor. She gives frequent workshops at parishes, diocesan events and women's conferences.

2-12 CHARACTER COUNTS: FORMATION AND EDUCATION

This session will address the "Character Counts" approach to character formation and education. To enable young people and adults to understand the pillars of character, several ethical values such as trustworthiness, respect and responsibility will be developed.



Michael Josephson

Michael Josephson is a highly sought-after speaker and consultant in the field of ethics and character. His award-winning "Character Counts!" radio commentaries play daily on stations across the country and around the world. After a distinguished 20-year career teaching law and as the CEO of a prominent legal education company, he resigned his professorship and sold his business to found the Joseph and Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics, a non-profit organization in honor of his parents. Josephson is author or co-author of over 20 books.

2-13 THE PROLOGUE OF JOHN (1:1-18): PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF LIFE! 🗣️

The fourth Gospel's Prologue is a wonderful summary of the entire biblical message, and an important key to appreciating the richness of Christian theology overall. This workshop will give you a deep and clear understanding of the content, structure and meaning of John's Prologue (1:1-18), and its foundational influence on the Nicene Creed. The more clearly we hear God's voice speaking to us through the Scriptures, the more easily we will appreciate God's gift of life to those who believe!



Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD

Fr. Felix Just is Director of Biblical Education at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif. He has been a member of the faculties at all three Jesuit universities in California. Fr. Just conducts many adult faith-formation programs for parishes and dioceses, and leads biblically based days of prayer, parish missions and retreats across the country. He also has three audio-lecture programs, including "The New Testament: A Guided Tour."

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RECongress Milestones

At the 1972 Congress, Los Angeles Archbishop Cardinal



Timothy Manning presided at a jubilee Mass commemorating the 50th anniversary

of the beginnings of a formal religious education program in the Diocese of Monterey-Los Angeles by Bishop John J. Cantwell.

2-14 "SOMETIMES LIFE IS JUST NOT FAIR?" 🗣️

Sufferings can come in so many ways for us – and for the children in our lives. This insightful and moving presentation addresses the tears in the heart of a child – whatever our ages. It includes a special focus on the grief that comes through the death of a loved one. By way of brief teachings, prayers, stories and demonstrations, Fr. Joe Kempf will give us a hope-filled perspective and practical ideas to help us love well the children entrusted to our care – and the child inside each of us.



Fr. Joe Kempf

Fr. Joe Kempf is Pastor of Assumption Church in O'Fallon, Mo., and founder and President of Gospel Values, a non-profit company dedicated to proclaiming the message of Jesus to children of all ages. Fr. Kempf is a well-known invited speaker at religious education gatherings across Canada and the United States, including repeat appearances at the L.A. Congress. He is author of numerous books and videos for children of all ages, which includes his most recent book, "Sometimes Life Is Just Not Fair," and the four DVDs of "Big Al LIVE."

2-15 WHAT I WISH PARENTS UNDERSTOOD 🗣️

This session is created for those who work with parents and families and discusses what recent research indicates children and their parents need most. The answers may surprise you! With all the challenges families face today, here are some concrete answers and resources to share. This is an interactive workshop with time set aside for questions and concerns to be voiced.



Keri Krout

Keri Krout was a preschool teacher presenting parenting classes when she began to see the need for new models of childhood education. For the past 20 years, she has traveled throughout the country as a national consultant and certified parent coach providing keynotes, workshops and consulting to educators and parents. Krout has presented at local, regional, state and national gatherings of educators conventions, including the National Association for the Education of Young Children, New Horizons and KinderCare.

2-16 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🗣️

This workshop will look at the mission of the Church *ad gentes* beginning with Matthew 28 and the Great Commission. It will provide an overview of the call to evangelization in the Church over the last 50 years from Vatican II, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, to the writings of John Paul II and Pope Benedict. It will also look closely at the Lineamenta for the 2012 Synod. Particular attention will be given to how catechesis relates to, and is different from, evangelization as presented in these documents. Attention will also be given to the particular challenges that face us as Catholics to respond to this call, and possible responses to these challenges will be discussed.

**Fr. James Mallon**

Fr. James Mallon is a priest of the Archdiocese of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, where he currently serves as Pastor of St. Benedict Church. He is founder and Director of the John Paul II Media Institute in Halifax. Fr. Mallon is the creator of an eight-week catechetical video series entitled "Catholicism 201," which currently runs in 24 countries and has been translated into Russian, Chinese and Spanish. His love for his dog inspired him to create the new video-based theology course entitled "Dogmatic Theology," which was released in 2011.

2-17 NATIONAL LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION: CAN THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE? 🗣️

With the approval of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in September 2011, national certification for lay ecclesial ministers (LEMs) serving in key pastoral ministry roles is now a reality for catechetical, liturgical, pastoral and youth ministry leaders. What difference will this new national certification and accompanying national standards make to individual ministers and the communities they serve? This workshop will answer this question, as well as introduce participants to the new national standards and how LEMs can obtain national certification.

**Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD**

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale has served in parish, school and diocesan ministry settings for 30 years. She is past chair of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry's Board of Directors and served as a lay consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. In 2000, Dr. McCorquodale co-founded the non-profit organization, Ministry Training Source, and is currently President of their Board of Directors, and serves as an international educator, researcher and consultant for the fields of lay ecclesial ministry, youth ministry and e-learning.

2-18 THE WORD OF GOD BRINGS US BACK TO LIFE! 🗣️

The Scriptures are filled with stories of the power of the Word of God – to heal, to confront with the truth, to encourage and give hope, to comfort and instill awe. But the Word of the Lord (in Jesus) in the Scriptures and in the Body of Christ (the community) seizes us from the power of death and grasps us drawing us back into life, instilling us with the grace and Spirit of God. With Lazarus we are summoned forth from the tombs of our lives and world and together we are the people of resurrection life that begins now in our baptisms. Come forth from your tomb and stand in the light of the Word!

**Megan McKenna**

Megan McKenna, a native of New York City currently living in Albuquerque, N.M., travels internationally working with indigenous peoples, base communities, parishes, dioceses and religious orders. She is the author of 48 books; her latest book, "This Will Be Remembered of Her," won a Catholic Press Association award, and her book, "Like A Hammer Shattering Rock," is due to be released around Congress time. She teaches at a number of universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world.

2-19 RESTORING HOPE, RESTORING LIVES, RESTORING JUSTICE 🗣️

Our Catholic Christian responsibility is to bring all people into right relationship with God and one another. This workshop will examine the tremendous impact of violent crime on those harmed including victims, offenders and communities, and consider how our response to each can bring hope and healing in its aftermath.

**Suzanne E. Neuhaus, MACP**

Suzanne Neuhaus has been involved in youth and adult ministries, RCIA, parish council, music ministry, Eucharist formation and catechesis. She currently serves on both the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee to the California Catholic Conference and the Restorative Justice Advisory for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Neuhaus has been employed with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for 23 years, including victim services and delinquency prevention.

2-20 "EXTREME MAKEOVER": FOUNDATIONS AND BLUEPRINTS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAMS 🗣️

It's amazing how those TV "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" crews get not only the best experts but a lot of local help to take something that was in need of repair and turn it into a state-of-the-art dwelling. Now ... what if we applied some of their principles to our parish youth ministry teams?

**Mike Patin**

Mike Patin has worked in youth ministry since 1984, spending six years as a high school teacher and coach before working for the CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He was also on the adjunct faculty at the Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans. Since 2003, he has been speaking full time to young people and adults on issues of Catholic faith. Among his many book titles is "A Standing Invitation."

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RECongress Milestones

In 1962, one of the early religious education “Institutes” was held on the 13-acre campus of Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles, near Los Feliz Blvd and Western Ave. It was designed to serve religious and lay catechists teaching in the archdiocese. The cramped workshops met in small classrooms on the campus. Today, workshops are held in conference rooms and the ballrooms of surrounding hotels holding thousands.

(Immaculate Heart College finally closed in 1981 due to financial difficulties. Its successor, named the Immaculate Heart College Center, lasted a number of years, but it too closed its doors in 2000. The property is presently the home of the American Film Institute).



2-21 “I’M NOT A CHICKEN! I’M AN EAGLE!” REKINDLING THE FIRE OF JEREMIAH! 🎧

“I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart” (Jeremiah 20:9). From the dawn of time, God has been lighting the fire of evangelization in our hearts. Sometimes, we can grow weary with all of the “stuff” that comes along with being the modern day teachers and preachers of God’s Word. Yet we still feel compelled to bring that Word to all of God’s children. This energizing workshop will help renew your commitment to evangelization and rekindle the fire that burns within you. By workshop’s end, you’ll be ready to declare to the world, “I’m not a chicken! I’m an eagle!”



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, as Director of KnightTime Ministries, and Chief Editor for Two Knights Publishing Co. Fr. Ricard is also author of “I Still Believe: A Testimony of Faith After The Storm,” “Don’t Be Stupid!: Lessons You Should Already Know” and “I Don’t Make Them Up! Reflections Stories and Jokes from a Faithful Fool.”

2-22 CHRISTIAN MORALITY 2012: RELATIONSHIPS TRUMP RULES

The Gospel story really is about *love*, more than obedience. We live in a web of relationships – God, neighbors, and self – and we try to “do the loving thing.” Oh, you mean “obey the rules”? Not exactly! Laws and rules are guidelines. They can help us. They can also stifle the Spirit. This session focuses on how to be a healthy, happy, holy and wholesome follower of Jesus, a vibrant member of his family the church – infused and infusing life all along the way.



Richard C. Sparks, CSP

Paulist priest Fr. Dick Sparks serves on the parish staff at Old St. Mary’s Church in the “South Loop” of Chicago. He has served as Pastor of the Newman Center at University of California, Berkeley and as Director of the Paulist Center in Boston. In addition to local parish work, Fr. Sparks is an author and a popular teacher and speaker on the ethics/morality workshop and retreat circuit around the United States and Canada. He is frequently sought to consult with health-care systems and ethics committees because of his biomedical ethics expertise.

2-23 IDENTITY AND INCLUSIVENESS: A TUG-OF-WAR IN TODAY’S CHURCH? 🎧

Among the divisions afflicting the church today is that between Catholics primarily concerned about strengthening Catholic identity and Catholics primarily concerned about embracing groups or individuals who have been excluded or marginalized. The first feels the need for clearly defined boundaries, the other feels the need to reach beyond them. This is a genuine conflict. How can it be overcome?



Peter Steinfels

Peter Steinfels is author of “A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America.” He has taught and lectured at many Catholic campuses and is founding Co-Director of the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University in New York, where he is a professor and journalist-in-residence. Steinfels was a religion reporter and columnist for The New York Times, former editor-in-chief of Commonweal magazine, and editor of American Catholics in the Public Square.

2-24 CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT A PARISH IS? 🎧

The parish is an altogether unique community and all of us belong to one, but, because it is unique, it is extremely difficult to define exactly what a parish is. We will look at the parish as a legal reality (canonically and civilly) and as an ecclesial reality to attempt a definition, and what this implies for parish leadership.



Rev. Michael Sweeney, OP

Fr. Michael Sweeney is President of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., where he also teaches. He is co-founder and former Co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado. Fr. Sweeney has developed and offers retreats and talks in over 50 U.S. dioceses and in Canada and Indonesia on the theology of the laity, vocation and pastoral governance.

2-25 NEW EVANGELIZATION: SOME PERSPECTIVES FROM ASIA 🗣️

The call to a “New Evangelization” is addressed to the whole Church. What is the New Evangelization? What are its challenges for the Churches of Asia?

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

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

2-26 FIVE THINGS TEACHERS NEED TO KNOW TO HELP STUDENTS DEVELOP SELF-DISCIPLINE 🗣️

Teachers are not given much assistance in developing sound disciplinary skills. With God’s grace this needs to change. Teaching efficiency is reduced whenever disciplinary disruptions occur and continue to occur. Teachers today need a caring helping hand. Char Wenc has been an educator for 30 years from the primary to the graduate school level. Her realistic, humorous session will energize and empower you with practical techniques for discipline and positive reinforcement in your classrooms.

**Char Wenc, MEd**

Internationally known author and speaker Char Wenc is a Professor at Loyola University and at the Adler School of Professional Psychology, both located in Chicago. She is author of “Parenting: Are We Having Fun Yet?” and “Cooperation Learning through Laughter.” Wenc is winner of a “Those Who Excel in Education” award, and has 30 years teaching experience, 20 years in public speaking and 10 years as a Member of the National Speakers Association.

2-27 SO YOU LOVE AN ALCOHOLIC (OR ADDICT)? AND EVERYTHING IS GETTING WORSE? 🗣️

This will be a presentation on the wisdom, hope and healing from families and friends who have been through it. Many of us find ourselves exhausted, angry and alone because of active addiction in a friend or family member. Here are some better ideas and practical suggestions drawn from Al-Anon family groups, adult children of alcoholics groups, and the power of the 12 Steps.

**Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ**

Fr. Thomas Weston is Retreat Director for the Jesuit Ministries in Oakland, Calif. A speaker and facilitator, he has worked extensively with alcoholics and addicts in recovery and their families since 1976. Fr. Weston, a former high school teacher and associate pastor, has been a conference and education speaker for over 30 years and is a frequent presenter at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

2-70 Thử dạy một lớp về ĐỜI SỐNG TRONG SẠCH - “CHASTITY” cho giới trẻ 🗣️

Trong khóa này Frère Phong xin cố gắng trả lời một số câu hỏi, vấn đề mà giới trẻ Công giáo Việt Nam ở Mỹ đang đặt ra: “Nó cứ đòi hoài! I dunno what I’m gonna do, Frère?”, “Làm sao thấy được sự thánh thiêng của tình yêu và tình dục?”, “Làm sao giải quyết những áp lực của dục tình?”, “Làm sao nói ‘Không’ một cách tích cực khi xác thịt của mình cứ nói ‘Vâng’?”, “Lỡ con đã làm lỡ, bây giờ phải làm sao?”, “Làm sao sống TRONG SẠCH, KHIẾT TỊNH trong xã hội ngày nay?”...

TEACHING CHASTITY TO YOUTH

With candor and humor, Frere Phong will try to answer some tough questions and issues that young Vietnamese-Americans are facing: How to step on the holy ground of love and sexuality? How to unplug from the sexual pressure cooker? How to say “no” in a positive way when my body says “yes”? What about the sexual purity challenge? What if I’ve already blown it?, etc.

**Frère 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, tình tâm giới trẻ ...

Brother Fortunat Phong, FSC

Bro. Fortunat Phong, a De La Salle Christian Brother, has been spoken at many L.A. Congresses, youth conventions and retreats around the country as well as internationally. A humble, dark “old man” with a smile that bespeaks a loving heart, he’ll definitely touch your heart with his many tales and recollections. Funny, energetic, and down to earth, he will surely make you laugh, learn, think and pray as he takes you on a road where spirituality intersects with true life experiences.



3-01 BEING “SPIRITUAL” VS. BEING “FAITHFUL” ☞

Many young adults are choosing a life of being “spiritual,” taking faith into their own hands, versus being part of the faith community. This workshop will look at the dangers of this mentality and how the church can use its gifts to help young adults navigate the waters of life to a better communion with Christ.



Ansel J. Augustine, MPS

Ansel Augustine is Associate Director and Coordinator of Black Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Catholic Youth Organization Office of the New Orleans Archdiocese. He also serves on the faculty for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in Louisiana and with their Campus Ministry, where he previously worked. Augustine has also published several articles related to ministry and has keynoted and presented workshops at various youth rallies and conferences around the country. He was MC and hosted the 2010 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry in New Orleans.

3-04 PRAYING PSALM 23 WITH THE BODY ☞

Bring your prayer to the next level. Pray with more than the mind and spirit – learn to pray with your body as well. This prayer session is for anyone who wants a more integrated, holistic and fresh approach to prayer. This innovative way of praying can transform both your interior and daily life. We will pray Psalm 23 with gentle movements harmonious to its essence. You will also learn gentle movements to accompany the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, and the Glory Be.



Roy Espiritu DeLeon, ObISB

Roy DeLeon, an Oblate of St. Benedict, is a spiritual director and certified yoga instructor. He wrote and illustrated “Praying with the Body: Bringing the Psalms to Life.” Mr. DeLeon has presented at conferences, colleges and churches about the practice of praying with the body, heart and soul, and conducts workshops at churches, monasteries and retreat centers. Professionally, he works as a graphic designer with a consulting engineering firm and resides in the Pacific Northwest with his wife, Annie.

3-02 MUSIC FOR CELEBRATING THE MASS WITH CHILDREN ☞

As religious educators, the introduction of the new translation of the Roman Missal has called us to ensure that children and families continue to grow in their knowledge, understanding and celebration of the Mass. In this workshop, John Burland will share a collection of catechetical songs for deepening children’s understanding of the Mass and a variety of liturgical music that can be used in Masses with children. Come ready to raise your voice as we celebrate together in song!



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. Burland has worked as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and religious education coordinator for over 20 years in school and parish communities. He is a regular speaker at conventions and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

3-05 CELEBRATE RECOVERY: A CATHOLIC APPROACH ☞

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a Jesus-centered program based on the Beatitudes and the Twelve Steps of Alcohol Anonymous. It reaches out to parishioners with addictions, life’s hurts, negative habits, codependency and other addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. The door is opened to share our experiences, strengths and hopes with others. We become willing to accept God’s grace in solving our lives’ problems. As we grow spiritually, we shed dysfunctional behavior and we experience the freedom of peace, serenity, joy and most importantly, a stronger relationship with God and others. Learn how to set up a CR program in your parish.



Michael J. Eisenbeiss, PhD

Dr. Mike Eisenbeiss was ordained a permanent deacon in 1980, and served three others communities before arriving at Sacred Heart Church in Boise, Idaho. For six years, he served as Parish Life Director at Sacred Heart Church, where he has been instrumental in launching a number of parish-related programs, including Celebrate Recovery. Deacon Eisenbeiss is also a licensed psychologist and has been in private practice for 27 years. He serves as co-chair for the Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Review Board.

3-03 THE MUSIC AND MAGIC OF IGNATIAN MYSTICISM ☞

This workshop will explore in practical ways the mystical diary and journey of St. Ignatius. Participants will be helped to understand and embrace the richness of the mystical tradition. They in turn will be encouraged to be “a mystic” in their daily lives.



Paul Coutinho

Paul Coutinho, a native of India and a Jesuit of the Bombay province, is an internationally recognized Ignatian scholar, author and speaker. Fr. Coutinho formerly served as Editor of Ignis: South Asian Journal of Ignatian Spirituality, and taught Pastoral Theology at the Pontifical Atheneum Jnana Deepa Vidyapeetha in Pune, India. He received his doctorate from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., where he is now on the faculty for the School for Professional Studies.

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RECongress Milestones

The origins of the Religious Education Congress spring from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD, a ministry that actually began in Los Angeles in 1922 under Bishop John Cantwell to teach refugees of the Mexican Revolution. Bishop Cantwell had appointed Fr. Leroy Callahan, pastor of San Antonio de Padua in East Los Angeles, to work in this ministry.

3-06 STAY HERE, KEEP WATCH WITH ME, WATCH AND PRAY 🗣️

Each liturgical year and every time we celebrate the Eucharist, our faith asks us to encounter our human reality of dying, even as we embrace the conviction of eternal life. This is our heritage in Christ Jesus. During our time together we will reflect on his story into which we entered at our baptism; on his life of which we are a part; on the radical demands it makes on us, and the transformation it promises in turn. Our commitment to the Christian covenant and the vision and courage it offers can be a major factor in helping us be witnesses to hope, to the opportunity that love always provides, and to the new dawn that is ever ready to grace us.

**Barbara Fiand, SND**

Sr. Barbara Fiand, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, is a consultant, author and lecturer who gives retreats throughout the country and abroad. Sr. Fiand has written nine books and lives in Cincinnati. She formerly taught as adjunct Professor of Spirituality at Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies in Chicago and as Professor of Spirituality at The Athenaeum of Ohio.

3-07 SYMPHONY OF THE WORD: POPE BENEDICT XVI EXHORTATION ON THE WORD OF GOD IN OUR LIVES 🗣️

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni

In November 2010, Pope Benedict published the document *Verbum Domini*, which was a summary of the Synod of the Word, which took place in Rome in 2008. This workshop hopes to infuse the hearts of the participants with the power of God's Word while exploring the insights of our Holy Father.

3-08 MARK MY WORDS: GIVING VOICE TO MARK'S GOSPEL THROUGH DRAMA 🗣️

In this year of Mark's Gospel, come and join Anne Frawley-Mangan in an interactive and fun workshop! You will discover practical ways to help children engage with this Scripture by involving their mind, body and spirit through the creative process of drama.

**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

For over 20 years, Anne Frawley-Mangan has been Creative Director of Litmus Productions in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, where she writes and publishes drama and music resources for use in liturgy and education. She teaches Speech and Proclamation at Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, and presents workshops and keynote addresses in Australia, New Zealand and North America. Her latest book is "Let Your Light Shine: Dramas from Matthew's Gospel" and three others co-written with Michael Mangan.

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RECongress Milestones

At the 1972 Congress, Los Angeles Archbishop Cardinal Timothy Manning presided at a jubilee Mass commemorating the 50th anniversary of the beginnings of a formal religious education program in the Diocese of Monterey-Los Angeles by Bishop John J. Cantwell.

3-09 FOUR PATHS TO WISDOM IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION 🗣️

Richard Gaillardetz

Any authentic spirituality today will have to acknowledge the challenges raised by individualism, technology and pluralism. This workshop will briefly consider those cultural challenges and then map out four "paths to wisdom" drawn from Scripture, literature and contemporary theological insights.

3-10 RCIA: BACK TO THE BASICS 🗣️

This workshop will explore the basic principles of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Newcomers to initiation ministry, as well as seasoned RCIA ministers will discover or re-discover the originating vision for the RCIA articulated by the Second Vatican Council.

**Dr. Jerry Galipeau**

Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Associate Publisher at World Library Publications in Franklin Park, Ill. He is past Chair for the Board of Directors of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has authored numerous publications. Dr. Galipeau has presented keynotes and workshops throughout the United States and Canada. His popular blog (gottasinggottapray.blogspot.com) provides an arena for those interested in liturgy, music and initiation.

3-11 IMPLEMENTING THE BISHOPS' FRAMEWORK ON HIGH SCHOOL CATECHESIS 🗣️

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has mandated a curriculum framework for high school age catechesis, in both Catholic schools and parish programs. This workshop will make proposals on how to implement the framework effectively, highlighting the approach of the new Credo religion curriculum.

**Dr. Thomas Groome**

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education and Chair of the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry Department at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. The award-winning author has written more than half a dozen books and numerous articles and essays. Dr. Groome has made over 500 public presentations throughout the last 25 years, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators, both Catholic and Protestant.

3-12 WALKING WITH MARY THROUGH MEDIA 🎧

This workshop will give participants the opportunity to see what takes place behind the scenes of film production and will provide various ways that films can be used in the classroom with your catechists and with families. Opportunity will be given for questions and answers. Each participant will receive classroom materials for use in the classroom.



Beth Mahoney

Beth Mahoney is the Mission Director for Holy Cross Family Ministries, based in North Easton, Mass. She has years of experience in retreat ministry, 10 years as a pastoral associate, and experience teaching in elementary and high schools. Mahoney has presented at numerous national and diocesan religious education events. She is author of "Grant Us Peace: Rosary Meditations for Those Who Mourn" and "Pray with Me Still." She has extensive experience teaching the rosary and on family prayer.



Rev. David L. Guffey, CSC

Holy Cross Father David Guffey is Director of the Film, Television and Video Department at Family Theater Productions, the Hollywood media company founded in 1948 by Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC. He has presented pastoral care courses at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana and film studies courses at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles. Fr. Guffey gives frequent talks and retreats nationally and internationally using art and film to explore and deepen the spiritual life. He lives in residence and serves at St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica, Calif.

3-13 GOOD NEWS PEOPLE: AN AFFIRMING APPROACH TO PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY 🎧

A common portrayal of the Church's social mission is that it is a response to desperation and suffering, that it is unpleasant and a burden, and that it interrupts what we'd rather be doing. In contrast, the Gospels, the witness of the saints and the vision of Catholic social teaching suggest something very different, something very exciting and even miraculous. The work of compassion and justice is a profoundly satisfying spiritual adventure and a tried-and-true way to discover God! The happiness of the saints is rooted not in wealth and power but in compassion. Come hear a Good News way to talk about, preach about, and live the "Good News to the poor"!



Jack Jezreel

Jack Jezreel spent six years in a Catholic Worker community before turning his attention to transformative education. For the last dozen years he has given 40-50 presentations annually, including continuing education opportunities for priests, deacons, religious communities as well as keynote addresses for Pax Christi, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities USA, and the National Association of Diaconate Directors. Jezreel is the original author of "JustFaith" and serves as founder and Executive Director of JustFaith Ministries, based in Kentucky.

3-14 FINDING CATHOLIC GAME CHANGERS

Even the most casual observer is aware that the tide is going out on Catholicism. Do we just sit here and watch? Or is there something we can do? In this session, Matthew Kelly will explore what it will take to regenerate interest and engagement among Catholics today. He will also discuss the essence of a game-changer and teach you how to find them both in your life and in your parish.



Matthew Kelly

Born in Sydney, Australia, Matthew Kelly is a business consultant and speaker who has presented to more than 4 million people in over 50 countries in business forums, high schools and churches. Raised Catholic, Kelly founded and is President of The Dynamic Catholic Institute to research what it takes to establish vibrant Catholic communities in the 21st century. His books have been published in 25 languages and have appeared on best-seller lists; his latest title is "Rediscover Catholicism."

3-15 SAVED BY BEAUTY 🎧

Using his own paintings and stories inspired by the life of Dorothy Day, Bro. Mickey McGrath will share the healing power of beauty and the joy that comes from discovering beauty in unexpected places. With humor, insight and creativity, he will show us how to welcome the stranger, both within our own hearts as well as the church at large.



Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS

Brother Mickey McGrath is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales who paints pictures, tells stories and speaks as keynote or presenter at retreats and conferences around the country. He has been Artist-in-Residence at the Washington Theological Union for 20 years, and has taught at the Grunewald Guild in Leavenworth, Wash. Bro. McGrath has produced 10 books and creates art for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and many Catholic publishers, including America magazine, Crossroads Press, Harcourt Religion and Saint Mary's Press.

3-16 CREATING A PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS TOWARD DISCIPLESHIP 🎧

The National Study of Youth and Religion project makes clear that parents truly are the primary educators of their children when it comes to faith, but for many of our programs it is difficult, if not impossible, to get parents to engage at all in their children's faith formation. This presentation will look at some of the reasons parents are reluctant to get involved with their children's faith formation and at a few simple steps that parishes can take to get the parents fully engaged.



Daniel S. Mulhall

Daniel Mulhall is the Director for Catechist and Professional Development for RCL Benziger. He served for nearly 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 major gatherings and diocesan conferences nationwide. He is a columnist and book reviewer with Catholic News Service and co-author of "The Catechism and the Ecumenical Dialogues" with Bro. Jeff Gros.

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In 2005, Vikki Shepp, co-coordinator of Youth Day, was appointed as Congress Coordinator. RECongress 2005 totaled 36,331 registrants, 210 speakers, 379 volunteers, 214 exhibitors with 1,553 representatives, and 14,586 in attendance for Youth Day.

**3-17 “THIS GENERATION SHALL NOT PASS”: CHRIST’S END-TIME DISCOURSES** 🗣️

Jesus speaks of the events surrounding his Second Coming in the Gospels’ Eschatological Discourses. This workshop will examine and comment on the various and often extreme interpretations of Jesus’ words. The primary focus, however, will be on how we, as Catholics, can understand these words in light of the historical experience from which they emerged, the Scriptural context in which they are found and, most importantly, the expectation of our Catholic faith that “Christ will come again.”

**Rev. William C. Nicholas, Jr.**

Since his ordination for the San Francisco Archdiocese, Southern California native Fr. William Nicholas has had three parish assignments. He has also written Scripture reflections and guest commentaries for the Catholic San Francisco, newspaper of the San Francisco Archdiocese. He has also participated in programs for continuing education of Catholic school teachers and has been a guest speaker at high school functions.

3-18 PRACTICE MAKES CATHOLIC: MOVING FROM A LEARNED FAITH TO A LIVED FAITH 🗣️

If being a Catholic doesn’t make a bit of difference in your everyday living, why bother? Catholic identity means much more than going to Mass on Sunday. Catholicism is a vision for life that can be characterized by five distinct characteristics: a sacramental sensibility; a commitment to community; a respect for the dignity of human life and a commitment to social justice; a reverence for tradition; and a disposition of faith and hope and not despair. In this presentation, Joe Paprocki will identify and describe 21 tried-and-true practices that both flow from and shape the Catholic way of seeing – a way that can and will make a difference in how you live and act.

**Joseph S. Paprocki, DMin**

Joe Paprocki, National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press in Chicago, has over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He has served as a Consultant for Catechist Formation for the Chicago Archdiocese and as a parish pastoral associate and DRE. Paprocki has presented in over 60 dioceses across North America, including Alaska, Hawaii and Canada. He is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis, and he serves as a catechist and blogs about the experience.

3-19 LIVING THE CALL – THE LAY VOCATION AT WORK 🗣️

Since 1965 the number of U.S. priests has fallen by some 30,000, while the number of Catholics has risen by about 20 million. And over that same period, more than 30,000 laypeople have come into the employ of parishes and other Church institutions. Laypeople have stepped up to serve in a variety of new ministries – as marriage counselors, financial advisors, liturgical directors as well as pastoral associates and parish life directors. As laypeople seek to live out their baptismal call to the universal priesthood within the Church, they need new knowledge and a new kind of nurturing. This workshop will explore the opportunities for laypeople as they step forward to help the Church face the challenges of the coming years.

**William E. Simon Jr.**

Businessman, lawyer and philanthropist, William Simon Jr. presently serves as Co-Chair of William E. Simon & Sons and the William E. Simon Foundation, based in California. The former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York was on staff at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he served as a Visiting Professor School of Law and a Senior Fellow in their School of Public Affairs. Simon was also Professor of the Practice of Political Science in the College of Letters and Sciences at the University of Southern California. His book is titled “Living the Call.”

**Cambria Smith**

Cambria Smith is the Parish Life Director at Holy Family Church in South Pasadena, Calif., part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. She is the Moderator of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, serves on the San Gabriel Regional Pastoral Council and chairs the Ministerial Formation Committee of St. John’s Seminary Board. Smith has presented numerous workshops for regional congresses, regional pastoral councils, parishes and other groups on social justice, pastoral and pastoral councils, as well as retreats.

3-20 MAKING EACH MOMENT COUNT 🗣️

Let us discover who we truly are and foster an awareness of all the blessings that surround us. Within the ordinariness of daily life we can find graces clothed in the surprise and wonder of the beauty of blessings around us. The 13th-century poet Rumi grounds us in the moment: “Be a light, a ladder, a lifeboat. Help someone’s soul heal.” All of these moments touch our own souls with joy and our bodies with smiles and laughter.

**Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD**

A Sister of St. Joseph, Anne Smollin is a therapist and group facilitator, lecturer and consultant. She is presently Executive Director of Counseling for Laity, based in Albany, N.Y. A former elementary teacher and member of the adjunct faculty at several colleges, she lectures internationally speaking to religious communities, conventions and businesses. Sr. Smollin has authored five books; her latest is “Making Each Moment Count.”

3-21 GIFTEDNESS: THE SECRET TO FULL PARISH INVOLVEMENT ☪

Every baptized person has been gifted and called by God to live their Christianity in very unique ways. There are two major problems: 1) many, if not most, Christians do not know their gifts; and 2) parishes, and other Christian communities and organizations, do not provide opportunities for their members to discern their gifts. This session will provide a practical way to help all discover the gifts that God has given them. The concept of gift presented will be a very broad one, exploring how some of our most painful and shameful experiences are potentially gifts if we are willing to explore and embrace the gift offered through the experience.



Bro. Loughlan Sofield, ST

Brother Loughlan Sofield, a Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity, is Senior Editor of Human Development magazine. In addition to publishing numerous articles on ministry, he is author or co-author of a number of prize-winning books. Bro.

Sofield has lectured or served on the faculty of many colleges and universities, both in the United States and in other countries, working in almost 300 dioceses on six continents. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Lumen Gentium award and the Gaudium et Spes award for fostering an enhanced role of the laity.

3-22 AIDS AND OUR GLOBAL CATHOLIC COMPASSION ☪

Thirty years ago few could have predicted the emerging AIDS pandemic. AIDS has become a global concern and a worldwide Catholic ministry of care, presence and advocacy. From Los Angeles to Lagos, Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals and social services are reaching out to help prevent the spread of AIDS, treat and feed people with AIDS and their children, and organize and train caregivers. The AIDS pandemic unites Catholics committed to life, human dignity, social justice and service to the poor. Join staff from Catholic Relief Services-Haiti in this workshop that will send you forth informed about AIDS and how to engage your community in solidarity with the Church's people and worldwide response.



Carl Stecker

Dr. Carl Stecker is Catholic Relief Services' Senior Technical Advisor for HIV and AIDS. Based at CRS headquarters in Baltimore, Dr. Stecker has more than 30 years of international health and HIV experience. In February 2010, Dr. Stecker was sent to

Haiti after the devastating earthquake the month before. His duties have called on his expertise to advise on the AIDS Relief/Haiti program, help with temporary relocation, reconstruction and operations of Hospital St. Francois de Sales in Port-au-Prince. In August, 2011, he was asked to become head of the new Program Quality and Support Unit for CRS Haiti.

3-23 FUN FORMATION: ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF AN ENGAGING YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM ☪

Tired of the same old "youth group" gathering that occupies the time but not the hearts and minds of the teens who are present? How can we echo the Catholic faith and lead teens down the road of discipleship while making sure that we actively engage and apprentice them in the process? Let's put some intentional fun back into youth ministry as we seek out the essential elements that comprise a comprehensive youth ministry program. Warning: This workshop is very hands-on – you will not leave empty-handed or empty-headed!



Michael Theisen

Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and adolescent catechesis for over 25 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. He currently works at the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C. His experience extends from parish to diocesan and national levels, and is a frequent speaker and trainer throughout the United States. Theisen serves as the convenor for the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis, a collaborative group of national organizations that oversee the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis.

3-24 THEOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY – MAKING IT WORK FOR HIGH SCHOOLS ☪

This workshop will explore the use of technology to enhance processes and pedagogies for those working with the new "Curriculum Framework for Young People of High School Age," approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. The speakers will demonstrate a number of digital resources available and will help teachers have the confidence to use the various tools effectively in class.



Ailís Travers

Ailís Travers is the Catechetical Specialist for Veritas publications in Ireland, where she previously served as writer and researcher in the Department of Catechetics. She now develops textbooks, supplemental resources and online materials for religious education. Travers has taught religion in high schools in Ireland and as a catechist at her parish, and previously taught theology at Loreto College in Dublin, and has presented numerous talks, in-services and workshops throughout Ireland.



Elaine Mahon

Elaine Mahon works as a Catechetical Specialist for Veritas in Ireland. She had previously worked as a primary schoolteacher, a parish catechist, and a Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland, where she developed digital resources to supplement the national catechetical program. Mahon also lectures in the area of religious education methodologies at the post-graduate level at St. Patrick's College in Dublin.

3-25 PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY THURSDAY 🗣️

The third edition of the Roman Missal has introduced some changes to the celebrations of Holy Week. How can we celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday with renewed fervor? What changes are there to the music, words and rubrics of these important days?

**Fr. Paul Turner**

Fr. Paul Turner, a priest of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, is currently Pastor of St. Munchin Church in Cameron, Mo., and of its mission, St. Aloysius Church, in Maysville. He has served as a facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and has spoken at the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and at the L.A. Religious Education Congress. Fr. Turner has authored several books and writes "Bulletin Inserts" for Ministry and Liturgy magazine.

3-26 PASTORING & THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: ISSUES AND STRATEGIES PASTORS AND PASTORAL LEADERS ASK FOR MOST 🗣️

This workshop welcomes cross-cultural and indigenous priests as well as other pastoral leaders wanting to explore the theological and practical pastoral issues that arise in the dynamics of the pastoring role in black and multicultural Catholic parishes. We will explore the historical and cultural realities of Catholic parishes in the United States including pastoring multi-parishes and pluri-cultural parishes, and to plan effective pastoral strategies.

**Fr. Freddy Washington, CSSp, DMin**

Fr. Freddy Washington, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans), is Pastor of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Ambrose Parishes in Chicago. The Charleston, S.C., native is an Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Xavier University in New Orleans and an adjunct instructor of Pastoral Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Fr. Washington has presented at conferences, revivals and retreats, and was Formation and Spiritual Director for his religious community.

3-27 I JUST WANNA PRAISE: AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY**C. Vanessa White**

This workshop will focus on the characteristics and gifts of African-American spirituality. Through the history and religious context of African-Americans and with the use of storytelling, song, art and prayer, participants will gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the spiritual life of African-Americans and the importance of sharing these gifts within today's church community.

3-70 Giáo Lý Phụng Vụ 🗣️

Bài hội thảo sẽ tập trung vào tầm quan trọng của giáo lý phụng vụ nhằm chuẩn bị người tín hữu hiểu rõ hơn những mẫu nhiệm bí tích trong Phụng Vụ Thánh. Qua năm khía cạnh của Phụng vụ, chúng ta sẽ suy niệm về mẫu nhiệm Chúa Ki-tô được "dẫn từ hữu hình tới vô hình, từ dấu chỉ tới thực tại, từ các bí tích tới các mẫu nhiệm" (Giáo Lý Công Giáo # 1075)

LITURGICAL CATECHESIS 🗣️

This workshop will focus on the importance of liturgical catechesis as a means to prepare the faithful to encounter fully the sacramental mysteries in the liturgy. Reflecting on five aspects of the liturgy, participants will be initiated into the mystery of Christ by "proceeding from the visible to in the invisible, from the sign to the thing signified and from the sacraments to the 'mysteries'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1075).

**Rev. Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh**

Thụ phong linh mục cho Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles vào năm 2002, Cha Phạm Đức Thịnh đã phục vụ tại Giáo xứ Thánh Gioan Thiên Chúa ở Norwalk. Sau bốn năm phục vụ tại giáo xứ, cha đã được gửi sang Roma để theo học chuyên ngành phụng vụ tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Sant'Anselmo. Cha đã hoàn tất chương trình cao học của Phụng Vụ vào năm 2010 và hiện đang tiếp tục chương trình tiến sĩ chuyên về Giáo Lý Phụng Vụ.

Rev. Thinh Duc Pham

Ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2002, Fr. Thinh Pham served for four years as Associate Pastor at St. John of God Parish in Norwalk. Upon completing his first assignment, he was sent to pursue graduate studies at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy in Rome. He has completed his License of Sacred Liturgy in 2010 and is currently working on his doctoral degree specializing in liturgical catechesis.



4-01 MARY AS WOMAN OF THE WORD AND EXEMPLAR OF *LECTIO DIVINA*

Stephen J. Binz

The life of Mary, mother of the Word of God, can show us the way to read the Bible in a manner that is personal, prayerful and transforming. This way of listening to God's Word in Scripture is traditionally called *lectio divina*, an ancient practice in which prayerful listening leads to a transforming encounter with God through the text. Because this ancient approach to Scripture is rooted in the Judaism of Mary's time, she can show us how to open ourselves to the presence of God in Scripture and let the Holy Spirit guide our contemplative response.

4-02 BARKING TO THE CHOIR: FINDING THE KINSHIP OF GOD

This workshop will seek to challenge the "illusion of separateness" that impedes us from "entering the Kingdom of God" here and now.



Gregory J. Boyle, SJ

Fr. Greg Boyle is founder and Executive Director of Los Angeles-based Jobs For a Future/Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention and employment referral program for gang-involved youth in the United States. Fr. Boyle is an acknowledged expert on gangs and intervention approaches and is a nationally renowned speaker. He is also a consultant to youth service and governmental agencies, policy makers and employers.

4-03 SHARING YOUR FAITH VIA DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Caroline Cerveny, SSJ-TOSF, DMin

Digital storytelling has become commonplace! How do we become 21st-century digital storytellers in order to enrich our faith stories and evangelize our families and friends? Numerous digital tools, often free and easy to use, can help us create and publish our everyday stories of faith. We'll talk about finding, creating and publishing our stories.

4-04 JOURNEYING IN SILENCE

Dr. Kathleen O. Chesto

What happens when the voice infusing life becomes silent? All of us pass through frightening times when there is no voice. It is more than spiritual darkness. It is emptiness. Faith that has been "practiced" with great commitment appears to melt away. What do we do in the void? How do we remain faithful to the voice? How do we grow in the silence, and how does it become "graced"?

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RECongress Milestones

In 1971, the first Youth Rally was held for students, and set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually attracts over 15,000 on the Thursday opening of the Congress event.

4-05 SINGING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN: SONGS NEW AND OLD FOR CELEBRATING LITURGIES WITH CHILDREN

Andrew Chinn presents a workshop aimed at helping those who organize, assist and join in the celebration of liturgies for children. Not only can songs lift our hearts in praise of our God but they can also be used to instruct our children in the various parts of the liturgy. Included in the workshop is Chinn's new Mass setting, "Mass for God's Children," approved by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and written with families and children in mind, as well as songs for all parts of the liturgy: entrances, recessionals, offertory, communion, and songs for reflection.



Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before turning to full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has visited more than 800 Catholic elementary schools across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released eight CDs, four DVDs and five picture books, which are used widely by teachers and catechists in faith development.

4-06 SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: SHOTGUN WEDDING OR MARRIED BLISS

God's "Voice Infusing Life" is the very essence of the Gospel. Sometimes it calms troubled spirits, but it also troubles calm spirits! Can there be any "New Evangelization" without preaching Gospel justice? Can the new methods, fervor and intensity of the New Evangelization be wed to the themes of Catholic social teaching? Catechists, preachers, evangelists, peacemakers – all invited to the wedding. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) and you decide!



Rev. Msgr. Raymond G. East

The grandson of Baptist Missionaries to South Africa, Msgr. Ray East, was born in Newark, N.J., and raised in San Diego. Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., he served in six local parishes before being named Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. Msgr. East is former Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He is a regular and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and he continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynote addresses at major national events.

4-07 CREATING RITUAL IN MUSIC AND LITURGY 🗣️

How do we truly connect sacred music to the liturgical action so as to allow the rite to unfold with the full participation of the assembly? How do we give music its proper prominence in the Liturgy without overshadowing its words and actions? This session will give you an in-depth understanding of how words, music and actions can be intertwined to effectively create sacred worship.

**Tom Kendzia**

Tom Kendzia has been a professional liturgical musician for over 30 years and has 20 collections of liturgical and instrumental music. He has appeared in concert and as a speaker throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and the Far East, and he is regularly featured at national conferences. Kendzia is the National Music and Liturgy Consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers, and since 2002, has been the Music and Worship Director of the East Coast Conference for Religious Education.

**Santiago Fernandez**

Santiago Fernandez has been active in parish ministry for the past 25 years and is currently Director of Music Ministry at St. Damien of Molokai Church in Pontiac, Mich. Fernandez is also a clinician and composer for Oregon Catholic Press and a frequent speaker and workshop presenter at events and conferences around the country. He has been a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Advisory Council, music director for the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, and he was music and liturgy coordinator for the First National Encuentro for Hispanic Youth in 2006.

4-08 WILL THERE BE FAITH? 🗣️**Dr. Thomas Groome**

Toward the end of his public ministry, Jesus asked, "When the Son of Man [himself] comes again, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8). This question seems all the more urgent in our day. This workshop proposes that "it all depends" on what Christian faith we teach, why, where and how we teach it.

4-09 SHALL WE DANCE? 🗣️**Rev. Terry Hershey**

We've been told that life is about achievement, appearance and accomplishment. We live hectically, looking over our shoulders to see who is watching and who is judging. We put life and God in a box we hope we can control. We are image-conscious and tense. And on the dance floor of life, we become easily afraid. In this workshop, Terry Hershey invites us all to dance as if "nobody is watching." What does it mean when God takes the box we've created for control, flattens it, and makes a dance floor for us to celebrate the risk and gift of life? And what does it mean when the passion of our dance spills over to those around us? So, shall we dance?

4-10 VISUAL ARTS AND THE SACRAMENTS

In this workshop, Fr. Michael Joncas will explore the use of visual arts as a source for catechesis and mystagogy on the sacraments.

**Fr. Jan Michael Joncas**

*Composer, author and speaker Fr. Michael Joncas is Associate Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He has served as a parochial vicar, a campus minister, and a pastor. Fr. Joncas, ordained in 1980 as a priest for the St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese, is author of four books and over 200 articles and reviews in journals including *Worship*, *Ecclesia Orans*, and *Questions Liturgiques*. He is also composer and arranger of over 300 pieces of liturgical music.*

4-11 AN INVITATION TO LOVE: CREATING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WORK 🗣️

The good news is that our adolescents now do more service than ever. But how do we know if the service that they do is creating a deeper connection with their Catholic faith? Join us in this workshop as we explore practical strategies to create service opportunities that engage our adolescents in the challenge and the joy of living as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Sean Lansing**

Sean Lansing is Director of Youth Leadership Development for the Leadership Center at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, where he designs and teaches research-based leadership and peace-making skills training for both younger and older adolescents. Lansing brings over 16 years of experience teaching youth and adults the skills to create positive change in their communities. He previously directed Young Neighbors in Action, a service learning program of the Center for Ministry Development.

4-12 SCREENING THE SACRED: JESUS ON THE SILVER SCREEN**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

Some of the images of Jesus in films stay with people for a lifetime, especially when it comes to his Passion and death. Some are helpful, others are not. How can we use these portrayals in our own spiritual journey, and how can they assist us in our preaching and teaching?

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3**RECongress Milestones**

In 1983, Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson became Director of the Office of Religious Education. On his staff was Sr. Edith Prendergast, the first woman Associate Director for the office. In 1985, Msgr. Torgerson hired Adrian Whitaker as full-time coordinator of the event. Msgr. Torgerson is currently pastor at St. Monica Church in Santa Monica, Calif.



4-13 SURPRISE: WE ALL EMPLOY UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS! 🗣️

Each wave of immigrants has contributed to the building up of our country. That remains very true today. All of us benefit from the work and labor of immigrants, and yes, we all employ undocumented workers in one way or the other. Come meet some of these men and women; hear their stories.



Cardinal Roger Mahony

Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Fresno, Calif. In 1975 he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Fresno, and in 1980 he was named Bishop of Stockton, Calif. From 1985-2011, Bishop Mahony served as the fourth archbishop of Los Angeles, and was elevated to Cardinal in 1991. Today, Cardinal Mahony continues to work for comprehensive immigration reform. In 2012, he will celebrate his golden jubilee (50 years) as priest.

4-14 GOING TO THE DOGS 🗣️

Fr. James Mallon

Fr. James Mallon, creator of the “Dogmatic Theology” series, will present an overview of this innovative method of adult evangelization and catechesis, which presents lessons about Christian theology and spirituality that he has learned from his dog, Monsi. He will explore the necessity to be innovative and connect with the popular culture, yet without compromising the basic truths of our faith. This workshop will focus on how this, and other similar programs, can be run to maximum effect in a parish setting. This workshop will challenge you, inspire you and make you laugh.

4-15 SETTING HEARTS ON FIRE: CHOOSING AND USING MUSIC TO ENLIVEN PARISH AND SCHOOL LITURGY 🗣️

Music and song are crucial elements of vibrant, meaningful and inclusive liturgy, but when and what should we sing, and how can we use music to promote full, conscious and active participation in school and parish liturgical celebrations? Come, be ready to sing, move and have fun as this vibrant Australian presenter leads us on a quick tour of the Church’s liturgy documents and introduces us to new repertoire from his own catalogue of over 160 compositions.



Michael Mangan

Composer, presenter and music liturgist, Michael Mangan has 160 songs, psalms and Mass settings used in school and parish liturgy and catechesis in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and across the United States. A former Catholic elementary specialist music teacher, Mangan has toured widely during the last 15 years visiting schools presenting his interactive concerts to students. The Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Albany Creek, Brisbane, Australia, is also in demand at conferences as a presenter and music director.

4-16 ARE WE FISHERS OF MEN OR KEEPERS OF THE AQUARIUM? RECLAIMING OUR CALL TO REACH OUT TO THE UNCHURCHED 🗣️

Jesus calls us to “put out into the deep” waters of faith and “fish” for souls of others. Yet our human tendency toward complacency and fear pull us back into keeping up the aquarium. In this humorous and dynamic workshop you will learn the prevalent reasons people are sprinting out of the Church and the reasons most evangelization programs fail to reach them, much less welcome them back.



Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

For 20 years Roy Petitfils has ministered among youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings as a teacher, high school campus minister, administrator and school counselor. Today he is a counselor in private practice. Petitfils has spoken in over 20 U.S. dioceses to youth, young adults and adults, from local parish missions to at numerous regional and national conferences. He has authored a few books; his latest is “What Teens Want You to Know (But Won’t Tell You).”

4-17 VOICE INFUSING LIFE: THE PROPHETIC VOICES OF MARY, ELIZABETH AND ANNA 🗣️

In this session, Sr. Barbara Reid will present a biblical reflection on Luke 1-2, featuring the prophetic voices of Jesus’ mother, and of Elizabeth and Anna, as they articulate God’s vision for the full flourishing of all. It will reflect on how these counter-voices to Roman imperial systems can encourage us to give voice today to God’s dream for the well-being of all people and of the whole cosmos.



Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP

Barbara Reid, a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a Vice President and Academic Dean at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she been a Professor of New Testament Studies since 1988. Sr. Reid has approximately 25 speaking engagements a year throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Bolivia, Peru and Brazil. She is author of “Abiding Word: Sunday Reflections for Year B,” and for the past three years has written the weekly column “Word” in America magazine.

4-18 FROM MARRIAGE TO PARENTING: FAITH FORMATION WITH “NEXT GENERATION” ADULTS 🗣️

John Roberto

How can churches address the diverse spiritual and religious needs of adults preparing for marriage, of married couples, and of parents today? How can churches use 21st-century approaches, resources and technologies to reach and engage the “next generation” of adults in their spiritual and faith growth? We know from research the single most important social influence on the religious and spiritual lives of children, adolescents and emerging adults is their parents. This workshop will explore a variety of practical strategies, ideas, innovations and resources to enrich the faith life of adults from preparing for marriage through parenting children.

4-19 LIVING THE MISSION OF JESUS IN OUR WORLD TODAY 🗣️

As people of faith, we are sent to participate in the evangelizing mission of the Church, to proclaim Good News, act justly, love tenderly and witness to our relationship with Jesus Christ. This session will examine the hopes and challenges involved in living out this vision and mission in our world today.

**Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, SDB**

Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez was born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and entered the Salesian order. In 1978, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Tegucigalpa. In 1993 he was named Archbishop, and in 2001 he became his country's first cardinal. Cardinal Rodriguez formerly served as President of the Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM) from 1995 to 1999. He has also been a member of several Pontifical Councils, including the Council for Social Communications, the Council for Justice and Peace and the Commission for Latin America. He is currently President of the Episcopal Conference of Honduras and President of Caritas Internationalis.

4-20 TEACHING STORIES: TOOLS FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT 🗣️

Spiritual traditions contain crafted stories meant to evoke the Spirit and introduce people into the subtle dynamics of the spiritual life. Although the stories are historically conditioned, rife with the assumptions and conflicts of the times in which they were written, they are still able to illumine our minds and inspire our wills. In this workshop, we will tell some of these stories and explore how they can be integrated into preaching and teaching.

**John Shea, STD**

Based in Chicago, John Shea is Director of Program and Processes Development for the Ministry Leadership Center. Besides his work in faith-based health care, he is a theologian who lectures nationally and internationally on storytelling in world religions, contemporary spirituality, faith-based health care, and the spirit at work movement. Shea has published 20 books of theology and spirituality, two books of poetry, three works of fiction, and over 60 articles.

4-21 BUILDING A PARISH AS A DYNAMIC COMMUNITY OF SERVICE 🗣️**Bro. Loughlan Sofield, ST**

Based on working with parishes in over 300 dioceses on six continents, Bro. Loughlan Sofield will share some of the secrets he has discovered in developing an alive parish. This session will be based on the belief stated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: The parish is “to feed and nurture people to be a leaven in society.” This session will offer practical ways of helping parishioners to live their Christian vocation in bringing the Good News to wherever they live their lives.

4-22 THE CHURCH IN AND FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: CONVERSATIONS AMONG THE GENERATIONS**Richard C. Sparks, CSP**

Too often baby boomers, Generation Xers, millennials and post-millennials scratch their heads and wonder, “What’s wrong with *that other generation*?” “What is this world coming to?” “Where will the Church be in this new century?” There’s no crystal ball. The Holy Spirit seems not to be whispering direct answers. Let’s listen as the generations speak to/with one another. What do our grandparents, parents, we, our children, and our grandchildren have to say? Let’s see what the generational conversation brings. It’s all in God’s hands, but we’d like a healthy glimpse.

4-23 IS “SECULAR” A FOUR-LETTER WORD? 🗣️**Peter Steinfelds**

Secular, secularization, secularism – words with different meanings. Secularism is an antireligious worldview. Secularization is a process that has religious roots and often religious benefits. But it also poses serious religious challenges. What important distinctions should we be making in understanding the opportunities and perils for believers in a secular world?

4-24 LET THIS BE THE TIME!

Now is the time to choose a new way when viewing difference, when settling conflict, when encountering our neighbor, and when working for peace. Come join Lori True and friends for an experience of prayer, word and music. Come discover (or uncover) the beauty of how our Catholic social teaching principals can inform our worship and music, our judgment and our lives.

**Lori True**

Lori True is Campus Minister for Music and Liturgy at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn. She is also Associate Director for Music Ministry Alive!, a national liturgical formation program for youth and youth leaders. True is active as a cantor, workshop and conference speaker, composer, concert performer and recording artist. She has presented workshops and performed at conventions and conferences throughout the United States, Canada and Ireland. She has four collections of music for liturgy.

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In 2007, Paulette Smith and Jan Pedroza were appointed as Co-coordinators of the Religious Education Congress. As Event Coordinator, Paulette handles facilities and contracted hotels; as Program Coordinator, Jan works with speakers and volunteers and coordinates Congress registration. Jan first started performing program duties in 2003, under then-Director Adrian Whitaker.

4-25 EVANGELIZING TODAY'S YOUNG ADULTS ☪

This workshop will provide concrete strategies for bringing the Good News of Jesus into the lives of today's young adults. Ideas for gathered sessions, one-on-one outreach, and utilizing technology to connect faith to everyday life will be included. We will also address how to engage young adults as peer evangelizers.



Joan C. Weber

Joan Weber is Project Coordinator for Young Adult Ministry Services and Lifelong Faith Formation with the Center for Ministry Development, where she is also Co-Coordinator for Young Neighbors in Action. She teaches the Justice and Service Course in the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. Weber has also worked in diocesan youth and young adult ministry and is former president of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association.

4-26 INFUSING MOVEMENT INTO PRAYER IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD ☪

Speech is one-third or less of the process of communication. Gesture completes the meaning of our words. Similarly, the infusion of gesture and movement into our prayerful dialogue with God can help us stretch into becoming the people that the Gospels call us to be. God's words and our prayers can become the fleshed out realities of our lives. Come experience and learn the power of prayerful movement in this interactive workshop led by John West, Director of the Valyermo Dancers.



John West, ObIOSB, MEd, MA

An oblate of St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., John West is Artistic Director for the Valyermo Dancers, a dance-theatre company. He also serves as Headmaster at the Mirman School for the Gifted in Los Angeles. Mr. West's experience with the Religious Education Congress began in the early 1970s, and since 1991, he has served on the Congress Liturgy Committee. A lecturer and frequent workshop leader, he has been a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy since 1996.

4-27 DON'T BE WEARY: SELF-CARE IN THE MIDST OF BUSY MINISTRY ☪

In the midst of the busyness, how often have you thought "I don't have time" or "What has happened to my spiritual life?" This workshop will focus on how to take care of one's spiritual life in the midst of our busy lives. Dr. Vanessa White has over 25 years of experience journeying with ministers and promoting holistic ways of living. Resources and practices – spiritual as well as physical well-being – will be provided as well as discussion of ways to incorporate these practices into our busy lives.



Dr. C. Vanessa White

Dr. C. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Formation Program at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is also on the faculty and Coordinator of Spiritual Formation at Xavier University's Institute for Black Catholic Studies in Louisiana. A contributing writer for the periodical "Give Us This Day," she has spoken at conferences across the country.

4-28 STREAMS OF CONTENTMENT: SPIRITUAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RENEWAL IN A TROUBLED WORLD

Dr. Robert J. Wicks

Dr. Robert Wicks, who normally works with professional healers and helpers (priests, Catholic vowed religious, physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers and others), will offer simple prescriptions for finding contentment and greater resilience in an intense, challenging world. Topics will include the importance of prayerful alone time, taking "the Second Risk," recognizing and answering the "three essential calls" for a rich spiritual life, and becoming aware of the five levels of critical.

4-70 Đào tạo đức tin cho người Công Giáo Việt Nam

Chương trình đào tạo đức tin cho người trưởng thành tại Việt nam. Tầm quan trọng của việc giảng dạy giáo lý; đào tạo hướng dẫn viên Kinh Thánh và các phong trào, đoàn thể Công giáo.

THE FAITH OF THE VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC: FORMATION

A presentation of faith formation for adults in Vietnam. The importance of catechesis and the Bible, along with parish leadership and Catholic movements.



Đức Cha Thomas d'Aquinas Vũ Đình Hiệu

Năm 1954, sinh ra và lớn lên tại Ninh Mỹ, Bùi Chu, học Thần Học tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Đà Lạt. Trong quá trình khó khăn của đất nước, Thầy Hiệu giúp xứ Thiên Phước 11 năm, và thêm 11 năm Thầy làm Bí thư cho Đức Giám Mục Nguyễn Minh Nhật. Sau những năm kiên trì Thầy Vũ Đình Hiệu đã lãnh thiên chức Linh mục năm 1999 cho Giáo Phận Xuân Lộc. Lấy Cao học Thần Học Luân Lý tại Toulouse, Pháp. Hiện Đức Cha là Ủy ban Giáo Dục Công Giáo. Năm 2009 Tòa Thánh bổ nhiệm làm Giám Mục Phụ Tá Xuân Lộc.

Bishop Thomas d'Aquinas Hieu Dinh Vu

Bishop Thomas Hieu, born in 1954 in Ninh My, Bui Chu, Vietnam. He received his Bachelors in Giao Hoang Hoc Vi en in Da Lat. During the hard time struggles of the Vietnam war, Brother Hieu ministered for 11 years at Thien Phuoc Parish. He also served for 11 years as the secretary to the Bishop. Brother Hieu Dinh Vu was ordained a priest in 1999. He received a Masters in Moral Theology in Toulouse, France, and began his role as a committee member for Religious Education in Vietnam. In 2009, he was ordained the Auxiliary Bishop of Diocese of Xuan Loc, Vietnam.



5-01 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC: A 360-DEGREE REVIEW OF WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE CHURCH 🗣️

John Allen Jr.

This session will be devoted to a bird's eye view of current events in the Church, focusing on the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI, as well as broad global trends that shape the lives of more than 1.2 billion Catholics around the world. For Catholics with enquiring minds, it's a chance to catch up on today's headlines ... and to get an early preview of what tomorrow might bring.

5-02 LITURGICAL DANCE: INSPIRATIONS IN MOVEMENT 🗣️

Donna Anderle

Dance to the music of some of your favorite composers and feel the joy of being so personally connected to the Word. Let this be an opportunity to discover how the mind, body and spirit come together in this beautiful expression of prayer.

5-03 CHRIST THE TEACHER, CHRIST THE STUDENT 🗣️

Join Bro. Mickey McGrath and pastoral musician Meredith Augustin in a stirring exploration of the many images and faces of Christ. Examine more deeply how these images transform and transfigure our faith and reveal ways we can reflect his love in lives of service. Be inspired through rich artistic expression and storytelling to follow Christ – and come away with new motivation to be the way, the truth, and the life to those you encounter each day.

**Meredith Dean Augustin**

Meredith Dean Augustin, a native of Morgantown, W.V., is a national speaker and musician at parish and conference retreats. She is currently Director of Music at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan, N.Y., and resides in Brooklyn.

Augustin formerly served as Director of Worship at St. Joseph's Parish in New Jersey. With her association in published liturgical music since 1995, she has performed with some of the best-known songwriters and musicians in Catholic music in the country. Her first self-produced CD, "What's Goin On!" received rave reviews.

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

Brother Mickey McGrath is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales who paints pictures, tells stories and speaks as keynote or presenter at retreats and conferences around the country. He has been Artist-in-Residence at the Washington Theological Union for 20 years, and has taught at the Grunewald Guild in Leavenworth, Wash. Bro. McGrath has produced 10 books and creates art for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and many Catholic publishers, including America magazine, Crossroads Press, Harcourt Religion and Saint Mary's Press.

5-04 TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND EAT OF IT: HELPING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS 🗣️

This workshop session will introduce innovative ideas that help children with autism and special needs prepare to celebrate their first Communion and reconciliation. An adaptive first Eucharist preparation kit will be described and attendees will come away with effective, practical ideas and handouts to help them prepare children with special needs to enter more fully into their faith through the celebration of two important sacraments.

**Joellyn Cicciarelli**

Joellyn Cicciarelli is Director of Curriculum Development for Loyola Press in Chicago. She has taught in pre-school and elementary schools and is a national workshop presenter. Cicciarelli has authored, co-authored or served as editor on numerous projects, programs and books and worked closely with Fred Rogers ("Mr. Rogers") as editor on 12 of his books for children and adults. She and her family are members of St. Francis Xavier Parish in La Grange, Ill.

**David Rizzo, MS, PT**

Based in New Jersey, David Rizzo is father of four children, including his daughter Danielle who has autism. He and his wife Mercedes developed The Adaptive Eucharist Preparation Kit to help parents and catechists prepare children with special needs for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. He has written a book on the spirituality of parents of children with special needs called "Faith, Family, and Kids with Special Needs," anticipated for release in 2012. Rizzo has presented at national and regional conferences and has made an appearance on "The Catholic Corner" television show for the Diocese of Trenton, N.J.

5-05 CREATING PARISH MINISTRY TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 🗣️

Domestic violence is pervasive in our society and parishes, and yet few parishes address the pain and suffering of its victims. Parishes should reflect the compassion of Jesus by responding to victims of domestic violence and their children as well as to abusers in order to help them free themselves from the violence. Learn about the dynamics of domestic violence and the practical steps for developing a parish ministry to its victims.

**Charles W. Dahm, OP**

After serving five years as campus minister and as co-director of a center for adult formation in Bolivia, Dominican priest Charles Dahm co-founded a peace and justice center in Chicago. He then served 21 years as Pastor of St. Pius V, a large inner-city Hispanic immigrant parish in Chicago, where he still serves as an Associate Pastor. In addition to his role as Coordinator of Domestic Violence for the Chicago Archdiocese, Fr. Dahm is presently Chicago Archdiocesan Director of Domestic Violence Outreach and co-coordinator of Justice and Peace for Dominicans in North America.

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From 1967: Cover of the Program Book from the first "Southern California Confraternity Congress," held at the LAX airport-area International Hotel. With the cooperation of the dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego, the agenda for the first three-day "Congress" was set. The purpose, as stated by officials, was "to provide an atmosphere of Christian unity...for the benefit of each and the common good of all mankind."



5-08 RECRUITING AND SUSTAINING VOLUNTEERS



This workshop will help participants understand their role in helping parishioners answer their baptismal call to use their gifts and time in service to their parish community. Participants will explore the ways that parishes can do a better job of recruiting volunteers so they are asking volunteers to use their gifts in service to others, and strategies for sustaining them in their volunteer service so that it is life-giving for all.



Ann Marie Eckert

Ann Marie Eckert, based in New York, is Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services at the Center for Ministry Development. She previously worked as Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Milwaukee Archdiocese and as Assistant Director of the Youth Department for the Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. Eckert has spoken at several national events, including the L.A. Congress, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, and the National Catholic Youth Conference. She is also contributor to the "Catholic Faith and Family Bible" and to "Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry."

5-06 SHARING FAITH MESSAGES WITH YOUTH THAT STICK

How can we make faith "sticky" or *pegajosa* in the lives on our young people? How can we share faith with them in a way that the beliefs and practices become a way of life? This practical workshop shares research about what helps messages to be believed, understood and acted upon. This will also include sharing practices of parishes, dynamic resources and easy-to-use ideas.



Tom East

In addition to his position as Director of the Center for Ministry Development, Tom East is their Project Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services and Coordinator of the Certificate Program in Youth Ministry Studies. He served as editor or author on titles including "Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry," "Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry," and "Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worship." East previously served as Director of Youth Ministry and the Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

5-09 DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

Barbara Fiand, SND

Lent is a time of deep remembering, of asking ourselves how and where we belong in the story of our redemption; how it speaks to us in our time, and what precisely we are to do "in memory of him." The vision of Jesus was that of a transformed humanity; for this he lived and was willing to die. He asked his disciples to do the same, to covenant themselves with him and embrace this vision. He asks us to do so also. What does that mean for us today? We will want to reflect on these questions during our time together.

5-07 STEWARDSHIP AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP

This interactive workshop will describe two leadership programs: the Stewardship Institute, and the Servant Leadership Institute. They are 16-week programs to train parish leaders using face-to-face sessions, one-on-one coaching and with online teaching methods. After a brief presentation, this workshop will demonstrate what the leadership programs are like by actually holding a session, including prayer, scriptural reflection and interactive dialogue. We will conclude with a discussion about the ways that any parish or diocese can use these two models for leadership development.



Dr. Dan R. Ebener

Dr. Dan Ebener has worked in ministry for 30 years and has presented at hundreds of conferences since starting in church work in 1976. He now teaches full time as Professor of Organizational Leadership in the College of Business at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. Dr. Ebener is author of several published articles and the book, "Servant Leadership Models for Your Parish." He is currently writing a second book on servant leadership.

5-10 HELPING KIDS DEVELOP A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Elizabeth Ficocelli

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

5-11 HEARING MARY'S VOICE IN MY MARTHA WORLD

Could you set your stress aside for an hour and feed your soul? In the midst of your overly busy life (and busy conference!), where there is always so very much to do, regain some balance. This inspirational talk and Scripture re-enactment helps you sit at the feet of Jesus so you can keep life, prayer and duties in perspective. Don't worry – you won't leave your Martha behind, nor should you. But perhaps you can remember to choose Mary's "better portion" while still getting all your Martha things done.

**Amy Florian**

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant who has 30 years of parish and conference experience at the local, region and national levels. As CEO of Corgenius, she consults with businesses, professionals and individuals across the country. Florian is on the adjunct faculties at Loyola University of Chicago, at Dominican University and at St. Xavier University, all in Illinois. Florian is a regular columnist for the Journal of Financial Planning and is author of over 90 articles and two books.

5-12 DYING TO LIVE: A THEOLOGY OF IMMIGRATION

This session will look at both the spirituality of immigrants along the U.S./Mexico border and a theology of migration. It seeks to bring out the human face of the immigrant and the face of Christ in the immigrant, especially through film and story. As it examines the foundational, conceptual and theological territory of migration, it draws on interviews with Border Patrol Agents, coyote smugglers and the struggle of people coming across the borders in search of more dignified lives. It will also bring the experience of these immigrants into conversation with what is happening with areas of immigration in other parts of the world.

**Fr. Daniel G. Groody, CSC, PhD**

Fr. Daniel Groody, a Holy Cross religious, is a scholar, teacher, award-winning author and film producer. He is currently Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Fr. Groody has authored various books and articles which have been translated into five languages, and has worked with the U.S. Congress, the U.S. bishops, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican on issues of theology, globalization and immigration.

5-13 HOLY WORSHIP, HOLY LIVING**Marty Haugen & Tony Alonso**

Christian worship (like the Jewish worship of Jesus) evolved from the holy practices of ordinary life – hospitality, singing, storytelling, meal sharing and commitment to those less fortunate. How can ministers today come to understand and help our communities to recognize the deep connections between our sacramental celebrations and our life as Christians in the world?

5-14 LABYRINTH WITHIN: WOMEN SEEKING THE HEART OF GOD

Valuing and telling the extraordinary stories of our faith and stories of the ordinary rhythms of our daily lives moves us closer to reaching the destinations of wholeness, holiness and balance. Singing our songs and dancing our dances of creativity, empathy and diversity helps us to mark each step of our faith-journey with *joie de vivre!* This workshop will celebrate the work of women theologians, authors, composers, visual artists, choreographers and female laity, in general. Come examine and enjoy some key concepts to consider when focusing on spirituality from a female perspective.

**ValLimar Jansen**

ValLimar Jansen is a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer, who travels to over 80 events annually. She has served as a college/university professor, a leader of worship and prayer and workshop presenter at conferences across the United States and abroad. Jansen received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing." She was MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis, with over 24,000 Catholic youth in attendance.

5-15 LIVING SINGLE WITH FAITH, PURPOSE AND PASSION

Being single is more than waiting to get married. The single life can be a place of abundance and joy when it is filled with faith, purpose and passion. This candid and hopeful workshop explores the fears singles face, the assumptions people make, and the questions singles ask themselves. Using insights from Scripture and ordinary people, it also includes practical and spiritual advice for finding happiness and contentment as a single person.

**Beth M. Knobbe**

Beth Knobbe serves as a Campus Minister at the Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where she coordinates spirituality programs for undergraduate students and leads an annual mission trip to Nicaragua. She has spoken extensively on topics related to spirituality and young adult ministry. Knobbe is author of "Party of One: Living Single with Faith, Purpose, and Passion" and "Finding My Voice: A Young Woman's Perspective."

5-16 WHAT I KNOW FOR SURE: GIFTS TO GIVE CHILDREN**Keri Krout**

In this workshop, Keri Krout will reveal the eight gifts that those who love children absolutely must share with them.

5-17 MODELS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN SANCTITY

Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD

The universal call to holiness is conditioned and affected by the social and cultural situations in which people live. This workshop examines the lives of African-American “saints” who are models of holy and inspired lives. Some examples may include Martin Luther King, Harriet Tubman, Sr. Thea Bowman, and Fr. Augustus Tolton. Their lives reveal some of the unique features that shape the call to holiness lived by black people.

5-18 INFUSIONS AND VOICES OF LIFE!

Megan McKenna

God raised Jesus from the dead in the power of the Spirit and this is our faith in the resurrection – that God raises us from the dead by the power of the Spirit. We live now in Christ. The Spirit of God dwells within us and we live because of justice. We are called to be those who bring others back from death, from despair and isolation and to be the presence of life – with our voices, in story, in Scripture, in poetry and music – even in our silences! God is listening! The World is listening! What are we saying? Come, set your voice free and cry out with others God’s passion and grace for all.

5-19 “SLAY THEM ALL”: THE SCRIPTURES ON WAR, VIOLENCE AND ANGER

Rev. J. Patrick Mullen

There are some surprisingly, disturbingly violent passages in the Bible, calling for destruction of enemies, including women, children and animals (see Joshua 11:6-23). This workshop will take a serious look at these passages, in their original context, seeking to develop a deeper understanding of how these passages need to be interpreted and counter-balanced by the teachings of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

5-20 CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP TODAY: CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES

Every baptized person has the responsibility of being a witness of Jesus Christ in the specific context where he/she lives. For us, that context is the particularity of U.S. culture at the beginning of the 21st century and its challenges and possibilities. In this workshop we will reflect upon what it means to be a Christian disciple today in light of the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

Dr. Hosffman Ospino is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at Boston College’s School of Theology and Ministry, where he is also Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. Dr. Ospino has lectured and presented to academic, pastoral and catechetical audiences in the United States, Europe and Latin America. His most recent book is entitled, “Peter’s Catechism: Who Do You Say That I Am? Why Did You Doubt? Do You Love Me?”

5-21 SWAMP PEOPLE (OF GOD)

Mike Patin

What in the world do the bayou people (on the History Channel) have to say to parish leaders about the work of faith formation? At its core, Swamp People (and parish leadership) is a unique story of a proud and skillful people fighting to maintain a tradition-rich way of life in a rapidly modernizing world, despite the many perils and trials that stand in their way. So what can we learn from Swamp People? Y’all come see.

5-22 THE DEATH PENALTY IS A PRO-LIFE ISSUE

As a Catholic steeped in the dignity of life, Sr. Helen Prejean has gradually awakened to the dignity of all, even those guilty of terrible crimes. Accompanying six human beings to execution, hearing them say as they were lead out to be killed, “Please pray God holds up my legs,” has catapulted her into the public square to raise her voice on this issue, and to dialogue for 25 years with the Church, culminating with her direct dialogue with Pope John Paul II – all recounted in her book, “The Death of Innocents.”



Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ

Sr. Helen Prejean, a native of Louisiana and a Sister of St. Joseph, is an author and lecturer and community organizer. Since the execution of Patrick Sonnier in 1984, she has spoken to groups throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America, Australia and Asia, and is presently Director of Ministry to Abolish the Death Penalty for her order. Sr. Prejean is author of “Dead Man Walking” and is presently working on another book, “River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey.”

5-23 GOD IN THE LIGHT OF NEW ATHEISM

How are we to think of God in the light of the questions raised by the new atheism? They appeal to science, to the tragedies we see in the world in earthquakes, tsunamis and hurricanes, and to the evil we see in religion when it leads to terrorism and sexual abuse. Can one believe in the face of all that? This session will explore how we think about God in the light of these contemporary questions. It will also discuss how we understand how God works in creation and human history in ways that are compatible with contemporary science.



Rev. Michael B. Raschko, PhD

Fr. Michael Raschko on the faculty of the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University since its founding in 1985. He teaches systematic theology and courses in the history of Christianity. Fr. Raschko has helped with priestly ministry on a regular basis in the Washington state parishes of St. Anthony Church in Renton and Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Sammamish. He has published various articles and a book, “A Companion to the Gospel of Mark.”

5-24 “HAVE YOU MET MY BABY BOY?” CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER 🗣️**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv**

God’s love for us is truly unconditional and more often than not truly undeserved. Through the Incarnation, our Father in Heaven showed us the depth of His love and chose a very special lady to be the instrument through whom the Savior would be born. Mary the Mother of God is indeed a true gift. This fun-filled and faith-filled workshop will explore the relationship between Mary and her Baby Boy. Together, we will explore the blessings that Mary has shared with us from the very moment she said, “May it be done to me according to your word.” Come share the love of our Blessed Mother as she says to us, “Have you met my Baby Boy?”

5-25 LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN ASIA 🗣️**Archbishop Luis Antonio G. Tagle, STD**

The Eucharist is not only to be celebrated but also lived as the source and summit of Christian existence. This workshop will describe four ways of ecclesial living of the Eucharist in the context of Asia.

5-26 TECHNOLOGY AT THE SERVICE OF CATECHESIS 🗣️**Ailís Travers & Elaine Mahon**

The phenomenon of social networking services and increased access to Information Technology and the Internet has contributed to heightened levels of digital literacy for the students of today. This presents teachers and catechists with opportunities to make greater use of digital technologies (particularly online services) for student learning and engagement. During our workshop we will explore and demonstrate a number of digital resources that can be used for religious education and catechesis.

5-27 PUT YOUR WHOLE PARISH ON THE RCIA TEAM: ENGAGE EVERYONE IN LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION 🗣️

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an effective initiation process for seekers. But did you know it is also a powerful method for engaging your whole parish in lifelong faith formation? In this workshop you will learn how to develop creative, practical methods that involve the entire community in an ongoing, lifelong journey of faith. Even if you are not on the RCIA team, you will want to know about these compelling techniques.

**Nick Wagner**

Author and trainer, Nick Wagner is co-founder and Director of TeamRCIA.com, an online resource for Catholic parishes. He has more than 25 years of experience as a leader and trainer in liturgical and catechetical ministries, speaking at national, diocesan and parish training events. For over 20 years Wagner was an active team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. He is author of “The Heart of Faith.”

5-28 I LOVE YOU AND THE ANSWER IS “NO!” 🗣️**Char Wenc, MEd**

Our job as parent is indeed challenging at times. It is difficult to be consistent in our decisions. However, it is one of the greatest gifts we can give to our children. If we are wishy-washy we give our children no foundation upon which to help make their own decisions. Limits help give our children the security and boundaries that they so need in this world! Char Wenc will give a wide range of techniques and skills to say “no” with respect and love. It takes courage, with God’s grace. This session is high-energy, humorous and practical. Its goal is to empower and to encourage parents on their parenting journey.

5-70 Ý nghĩa của thánh thi Exultet trong Tam Nhật Thánh 🗣️**Rev. Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh**

Bài hội thảo sẽ dẫn giải về ý nghĩa, cấu trúc và tầm quan trọng của bài thánh thi Exultet trong Đêm Vọng Phục Sinh, đặc biệt trong vai trò kết hợp ba ý nghĩa quan trọng của Tam Nhật Phục Sinh.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EXULTET IN THE EASTER TRIDUUM 🗣️**Rev. Thinh Duc Pham**

This workshop will focus on the structure, significance and important of the hymn Exultet of the Easter Vigil, especially its role in unifying the threefold structure of the Easter Triduum.



6-01 SPIRIT INSPIRING THE DANCE ☪

When the disciples huddled in the upper room to pray in Jesus' absence, they were completely surprised and utterly infused with the gift of the Holy Spirit – inspiring them to creatively proclaim Good News! Learn how the gifts of Spirit can inspire us to embody dynamic proclamations in our own church gatherings. Explore the beauty of processions, the gestures of American Sign Language, the embodiment of Scripture, and the embrace of ritual actions as multiple languages for catechesis, worship, prayer and play. Celebrate the gifts of Pentecost in the ongoing dance of Spirit!



Betsey Beckman, MM

Betsey Beckman, based in Seattle, is a liturgical movement artist, storyteller, spiritual director and retreat leader. With an extensive background in performance, movement therapy, ministry and Inter-Play, she regularly appears as artist/presenter at national conventions and also directs the movement ministry at her home parish of St. Patrick in Seattle. Beckman's recent releases include the DVD, "The Dancing Word: Woman at the Well."



Laura Ash

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Parish in Seattle, where she, with Betsey Beckman, has supported the ministry of movement for over 20 years. Laura and her husband, David, have composed and published three albums of liturgical music and have created music for numerous liturgical dance offerings, including "The Dancing Word" DVD series.

6-02 PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD WITH CHILDREN THROUGH SONG AND CELEBRATION ☪

John Burland

Music is a rich and formative teaching and learning resource that can be effectively woven into religious education to enhance knowledge, understanding and celebration. Through the use of song and movement, John Burland will share practical and engaging strategies for creatively teaching Scripture, doctrine, sacraments and other catechetical themes. Come ready to raise your voice in song as we journey in faith!

6-03 UNCHAINING CONFIRMATION ☪

Given what we now know about adolescent spirituality, effective catechesis and good youth ministry, how can we enhance confirmation's potential to be a more formative experience in the lives of young people? This session will *not* provide ideas that are practical, but will weigh the merits of eight enhancements that are possible.



Dr. Michael Carotta

Dr. Michael Carotta is a religious educator who has worked with the spirituality of adolescents for over 35 years. He is a national consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum. Dr. Carotta's newest books include two confirmation resources and "Lincoln Park," a junior-high mystery series that he co-authored with theologian John Shea. Over the last 10 years, his work has expanded into the area of vocational renewal, and both he and his wife, Catherine, facilitate renewal seminars nationwide.



RECongress Milestones

In 1970, outgrowing the facilities of the Los Angeles Airport-area hotel, CCD Director Msgr. Leland Boyer took the chance on moving the event to a much larger facility in Anaheim (the cities of Orange County were then still a part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese), in spite of some fears it would not draw a large enough attendance. Thus, the annual Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress was moved to the Anaheim Convention Center. The happy result was over 10,000 in attendance and use of the surrounding hotels.

Msgr. John Barry carried on the great ministry as Director of Religious Education with vision and enthusiasm until 1983. He subsequently became pastor of American Martyrs Parish in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

6-04 BECOMING A "KIN-DOM" CATHOLIC ☪

When Jesus proclaimed the "kingdom of God," his calling of the disciples envisioned a new "kin-dom" of justice or family of brothers and sisters, equally one under "the heavenly Father." Where Jesus' Gospel was the "kingdom of God" (and God's way of justice) and the early church's Gospel became Jesus as Lord, too often today the "gospel" for many Catholics revolves around the "church." This compromises effective evangelization. Michael Crosby will address this phenomenon and show how the way to "rebuild" the church involves becoming a "kin-dom" Catholic.



Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap

Fr. Michael Crosby, a Capuchin Franciscan, lives in Milwaukee's downtown area where the Capuchins oversee ministry to street people and the city's poor. When not there, he gives retreats, workshops and talks on contemporary biblical spirituality. He also advises on socially responsible investing. Fr. Crosby's latest endeavor addresses the positive and negative dynamics around power in our varied relationships. His most recent book is "Repair My House."

6-05 WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH? ☪

This is easily the most often asked and least responded to question in our religious tradition these days. It is not just a question asked by kids or teens. We have all heard it asked, even by ourselves. How have you responded? There is a real hunger to know and a deep desire to appreciate the value of regular worship and participation in Catholic Mass. This six-word question will be answered with a seven-word definitive response.



Rev. John C. 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 as Director of Young Adult Ministry for the 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.

6-06 FOSTERING FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 🗣️**Steven Ellair**

Come to this workshop to learn how to inspire, invigorate and involve parents and families in the process of faith formation. If you have ever caught yourself asking, “Why aren’t they more interested?” then this workshop is for you! Focus will be on creative ideas and practical suggestions you can immediately apply.

6-07 WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? IMAGINING GOD THROUGH THE ARTS 🗣️**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

God’s self-revelation in Scripture has inspired creative souls throughout the centuries. Join Anne Frawley-Mangan as we look at the many images of God in Scripture. We will discover how the arts, with a particular emphasis on drama, excite our religious imaginations and enable us to experience our God, in whose image we are created. This is a workshop for those who love to teach creatively!

6-08 PRAYER OF THE HEART 🗣️**Sr. Meg Funk, OSB**

When the Jesus Prayer (“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner”) becomes ceaseless it becomes a Prayer of the Heart. The Jesus Prayer is a way to take the long journey from the head to the heart. It is education of the heart that leads to compassion – a teaching about discernment that groups and individuals learn to take action from the heart.

6-09 DEM BONES, DEM BONES: FAITHFUL LIVING IN THE DRY DESERT 🗣️**Rev. Richard B. Gilbert, PhD, DMin, CT**

As God’s children wander aimlessly in the hot desert – health care, jobs, violence, trauma, war, weather ... dem bones, dem bones – Ezekiel reminds us that God continues to breathe life into our weary bones and has issued us a wake-up call. This session will provide strategies for living and serving and give an overview with special attention to our veterans.

6-10 CATHOLIC IDENTITY & HOMOSEXUALITY 🗣️**Dr. Greer Gordon & Panel**

Remembering that our God is a God of love who embraces all, this session will feature a panel conversation, moderated by Dr. Greer Gordon. The discussion will focus around Catholic identity, with an emphasis on what being Catholic means for the lives of gay and lesbian Catholics today.

6-11 THE MEDIA PILGRIMAGE: SPIRITUAL FORMATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY 🗣️

Is the media culture a moral wasteland or have we been invited into a new way of experiencing the sacred? This workshop leads participants on a pilgrimage through the media landscape with unexpected leaps into the holy. Through viewing excerpts from television and film as well as surfing the Internet, anyone involved in spiritual formation will discover how image – the language of the soul – speaks to us and gives renewed voice to the transformative power of the Word in the 21st century. This session will allow time for reflection and journaling.

**Mary Byrne Hoffman, MDiv**

Mary Byrne Hoffman integrates her perspective as a media professional, teacher of religious studies and spiritual director into 21st-century spiritual formation for the digital culture. She has spent 23 years teaching, 18 years as a workshop facilitator to professional audiences on media and faith issues, and 15 years of retreat facilitation experience on various faith formation topics. Hoffman is author of “Catechesis in a Multimedia World” and has created a media-based curriculum for high school students.

6-12 THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC**Matthew Kelly**

Did you know that highly engaged Catholics have four things in common? Based on more than three years of research by The Dynamic Catholic Institute, Matthew Kelly will speak about the four signs, how they were derived, what they mean to your spiritual life and to the life of a parish, and how they will change the way we minister to people.

6-13 WHAT NO ONE CAN TAKE FROM YOU 🗣️**Fr. Joe Kempf**

Do you know that no one can take away your dignity, that no one can take away your joy? There is a beauty in each human person that is not diminished by loss, by illness, or even by death. How, then, do we best keep hope alive in light of the challenges we each face? During this insightful and moving presentation you will hear: the top things *not* to say to someone who is ill; prayers, demonstrations and practical suggestions for loving each other through illness; and the debut performance of the new song, “Beyond What You Can See.”

6-14 CHANGING VOICES AND HUNGRY HEARTS ☪

Shifting generations of men and women in our congregations provoke interesting dynamics in our parishes. What we know for certain is that it's not business as usual, and what worked in the past is limited in its success today. Looking at the evolving faces of our parish experience we will consider recent data which offers us insights into how we can more effectively reach out to and nourish the faith-lives of young-, middle- and senior-adults in our communities of faith. We will see that effectively sustaining our adults is key to excellence in nurturing the faith with children and youth.



Fr. David Loftus

David Loftus, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is a graduate of both All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland, and Boston College. He has been a coordinator/consultant in the Office of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in catechist formation and adult education. Fr. Loftus currently serves as Administrator at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge, Calif. He maintains membership in the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, in which he has served as Vice President.

6-15 WHAT EVERY SERIOUS CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT JUDAISM ☪

Did you know that Judaism is much more than the religion of the Hebrew Bible? Did you know that Jews have sacred literature beyond the Hebrew Bible (a Jewish "New Testament")? Did you know that Jews mean something completely different than Christians when we speak of the Messiah, sin, redemption, salvation, repentance and forgiveness? Come and question, learn and explore with Rabbi Michael Lotker, author of "A Christian's Guide to Judaism."



Rabbi Michael Lotker

Michael Lotker was a physicist in his first career in the alternative energy business, working in wind power, solar and geothermal energy, and is widely published in that field. As a rabbinic student, he served congregations in Arizona, Montana and California, where he is currently congregational rabbi at Temple Ner Ami in Camarillo. His interest and participation in interfaith dialogue makes him a sought-after speaker at synagogues, churches and campuses. Rabbi Lotker is currently a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and is author of a book entitled, "A Christian's Guide to Judaism."

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RECongress Milestones

In the 1970s, the focus of Congress was on the catechist – referred to then as "CCD worker or teacher" – and his or her skills in the classroom. Workshop topics included themes relevant to what was going on in society, like "The Theology of Ecology" and "The 'Switched-On' Generation: God, Love and Rock and Roll." The latest in audio and visual media tools were showcased in workshops such as "Super 8 Movies and the CCD Student." Issues of race and culture began to be addressed in the mid-'70s with a few workshops offered in Spanish and topics such as "The Black Experience."

6-16 HEAVEN AND MIRTH: JOY, HUMOR AND LAUGHTER IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE ☪

Who says that being Catholic means being deadly serious all the time? Let Fr. James Martin show you how true faith leads to joy, how the saints and spiritual masters used humor in their everyday lives to keep them humble, and how laughter is an essential element of a healthy spiritual life. And learn what it means to smile with God in prayer. All that, and some fun jokes, too!



James Martin, SJ

James Martin is a Jesuit priest and Culture Editor of America, the Catholic magazine. He is author of several award-winning books including, most recently, "Between Heaven and Mirth," "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything" and "My Life with the Saints." A popular speaker, Fr. Martin has given presentations at the Religious Education Congress each year for the past eight years and is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups.

6-17 SOJOURNERS IN FAITH

In this session we will look at the biblical text of John 4:1-30, the story of the Woman at the Well, to illustrate a faith journey that leads us to eternal life. Even our everyday circumstances can become a means of evangelization as God encounters us. When thirsty, can you put your bucket down? W-E-L-L!



Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin

Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin is a workshop presenter, revivalist and charismatic healer, who has taught youth for over 20 years. She is founder and CEO of Oracle Religious Association, based in Washington, D.C., and founder of their National Summer Institute for Youth. Sr. Martin previously served as a consultant for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, where she founded the African-American Catholic Catechetical Conference. She travels extensively giving revivals, retreats and keynote addresses.

6-18 THE FORMATION OF THE GOSPELS ☪

Knowing how early Christians' experience and memory of Jesus came to comprise the four Gospels enhances our capacity to understand, believe, cherish and pray with the Sacred Scriptures. This workshop examines the formation of the Gospel Tradition from historical events in the life of Jesus to the Church's acceptance of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as the official canonical Gospels some four centuries later. It is recommended that participants bring their Bibles to the workshop.



Dr. Timothy Matovina

Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology and the William and Anna Jean Cushwa Director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He has offered presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and various theological topics for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the United States. Matovina is a frequent and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

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9**RECongress Milestones**

The 1969 "Southern California Confraternity Congress" was the last event held at the International Hotel, near the Los Angeles International Airport. With attendance growing each year, the event was outgrowing the facility. Meeting space was at such a premium that some workshops were actually held in hotel rooms. Beds and TV sets were moved aside to make room for the portable chalkboards, the speakers and the catechists. The next year the Congress was moved to much larger quarters at the Anaheim Convention Center, then still a part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

KEYS TO SUCCESSFULLY USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE TECHNOLOGIES FOR MINISTRY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ☪**Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale**

How can online technologies and social media address your leadership training challenges? Should there be e-learning (electronic), o-learning (online), or m-learning (mobile) in training your leaders? What technologies are free, affordable or worth the money *plus* easy to use? How can I start using online technologies *today* to educate and form ministry leaders? This workshop will answer these questions as well as share practical tools and resources to help you start using online technologies in educating people in your ministry setting.

6-20 FAITH FORMATION AMONG ASIAN AND PACIFIC CATHOLICS ☪

This session will highlight factors which facilitate as well as hinder continued faith formation among some Asian and Pacific young and adult Catholics. It will provide examples of successful catechetical programs currently practiced in the Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese, Koran and Tongan communities.

**Cecile L. Motus**

Cecile Motus has more than 30 years of teaching and training experience in cross-cultural relations, immigration issues, Philippine and Asian Studies and intercultural communications. She has served the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for 12 years as Ethnic Ministries Coordinator, as Director of the Office for the Pastoral Care of Immigrants and Refugees, and currently as Assistant Director of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church. She also was the Asia Region Liaison Officer for the International Catholic Migration Commission.

**Bishop Oscar A. Solis**

Originally ordained a priest in the Philippines, Oscar Solis came to the United States in 1984 and worked in the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. In 1988 he moved to the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, where he served as associate pastor, a member of the priests council, vocation council, personnel board and as dean. He was ordained bishop in 2004 in Los Angeles – the first Filipino bishop in the United States – and worked as Director of Ethnic Ministries and the Office of Justice and Peace for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He currently is Auxiliary Bishop for the San Pedro Pastoral Region.

6-21 RECOVERING PAUL'S VOICE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ☪

Everything St. Paul did and said was about infusing Christ's life into people's hearts. But negative characterizations and misunderstanding have obscured Paul's message. This workshop offers insights for recovering Paul's life-giving voice for our own day. This presentation will include a brief pastoral reflection and time for questions.

**Prof. Maria Pascuzzi, CSJ, SSL, STD**

Maria Pascuzzi is Associate Professor of New Testament at the University of San Diego, where she has taught since 2000. She also serves as Director of the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture. Prof. Pascuzzi previously taught at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, N.J., at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, N.Y., and at Saint Joseph Seminary in Dunwoodie, N.Y. The author has lectured nationwide for parishes, clergy renewal days, lay ministers and congregations of religious women.

6-22 THE FUTURE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

This workshop will examine the reason for being pessimistic – and optimistic – about the future of the Catholic Church.

**Thomas J. Reese, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Reese is a Senior Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University. The former Editor in Chief (1998 to 2005) at America magazine is a widely recognized expert on the U.S. Catholic Church and has spoken at several universities and parishes. Fr. Reese has numerous published articles and is author of a trilogy of books examining church organization and politics on the local, national and international levels: "Archbishop," "A Flock of Shepherds" and "Inside the Vatican."

6-23 VOICE INFUSING LIFE: MARY MAGDALENE, VOICE OF HOPE REBORN ☪**Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP**

Sr. Barbara Reid will present a biblical reflection on Mary Magdalene's encounter with the Risen Christ at the empty tomb (John 20:1-2, 11-18), and her journey from grief to being able to give voice to the Good News. This session will reflect on how Mary Magdalene, as one who witnessed the death of Jesus (John 19:25-34) as the birthpangs of new life (John 16:20-24), can help communities of believers today give voice to hope reborn.

6-24 COMPASSION: IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY? ☪**John Shea, STD**

Recently, Karen Armstrong, a historian and philosopher of religion, issued a call to sign a Charter for Compassion. Her reason: We live in a world divided by religious, political, cultural and interpersonal strife and the only way forward is compassion. How do we evaluate and respond to this call?

6-25 GET READY TO PARTNER WITH PARENTS ☺

Michael Theisen

Recent research on youth and faith is both compelling and clear: Parents matter... a lot! We know this in our head and feel it in our heart, but many seem to have difficulty translating it to our parish practices. Come and shift your paradigm while we explore some models and strategies for effectively partnering with parents in order to lead young people (and parents!) toward a vibrant faith that embraces discipleship.

6-26 INFUSING LIFE THROUGH THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ☺

Pastoral experience has shown a number of adults and children come to church seeking the sacraments of marriage and confirmation. Upon further conversation with them we slowly recognize that they are unbaptized, perhaps uncatechized, and needing not one sacrament but sometimes two or three sacraments for life in the Church. What is the catechetical plan for their formation? This workshop will explore the Rite of Christian Initiation as a solid, wholistic and age-appropriate catechetical plan for infusing new life not only in catechumens and candidates but also for the worshipping assembly who journeys with them.



Rev. Richard Vega

Fr. Richard Vega, a priest of Los Angeles Archdiocese, is currently President of the National Federation of Priests Councils, based in Chicago. Prior to his service there, he was pastor of La Purisima Concepcion Church in Lompoc, Calif. The former parochial vicar for the Los Angeles Archdiocese has been a presenter for the Offices of Worship in Los Angeles and Chicago. Fr. Vega is a member of The Society of Mexican Liturgists, currently serving as Board Member to the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

6-27 ALL THINGS NEW? WAKING UP THE ASSEMBLY'S VOICE ☺

Christopher Walker

As we are getting used to the texts of the new missal, the ministry of the musician is key in helping the assembly sing with heart as well as voice. Come and experience ways in which we can enliven our Sunday Mass.

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RECongress Milestones

RECongress 2011 had over 39,500 in attendance, with 193 speakers presenting 305 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese), and with 22,158 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 15,834. Our Exhibit Hall had 1,731 representatives from 248 different companies and organizations.

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In 1962, Los Angeles Cardinal James Francis McIntyre celebrates Mass for one of the early religious education institutes.

The Closing liturgy was held in the auditorium of Immaculate Heart College for religious and lay catechists of the archdiocese.



6-28 THE FUTURE OF CATECHESIS IN THE DIGITAL AGE ☺

The digital landscape is an expanding new frontier requiring catechists to re-think catechetical methodologies in the 21st century. This is not an option! This landscape is fluid, dynamic and growing every minute of the day. It is informing, forming and transforming how our children process information and learn. What does this landscape look like? How is it influencing learning? What does this mean for catechists today? These questions are explored in this workshop.



Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, MSHS, DMin

Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski is Director of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton in Ohio. She is a professor in the Department of Religious Studies and teaches online for the School of Education. She serves as an international consultant for incorporating digital resources for faith formation and designing diocesan, parish and school pastoral communication plans. Her research is in pioneering alternative approaches to online faith formation.

6-70 Điệu vũ, băng reo, bài hát song ngữ cho giờ giáo lý, và mục vụ giới trẻ ☺

Bro. Fortunat Phong, F.S.C.

Đây là một khóa thực tập. Chúng ta sẽ cùng nhau tập ngay tại chỗ một số bài hát ngắn, điệu vũ, băng reo Mỹ-Việt được giới trẻ Công giáo Việt Nam ở Mỹ ưa thích, và đã được áp dụng trong các giờ giáo lý, sinh hoạt thiếu nhi, và mục vụ giới trẻ trong những năm qua, rồi từ đó rút tía ra một vài kinh nghiệm giúp mình sáng tác một số động tác, cử điệu cho băng reo, điệu vũ, bài ca trong mục vụ giáo lý và giới trẻ.

BILINGUAL CHEERS, SONGS AND DANCES FOR CATECHETICAL AND YOUTH MINISTRY ☺

Bro. Fortunat Phong, F.S.C.

This is hands-on workshop. We will learn to sing, cheer and dance using the bilingual songs, cheers and dances that young Vietnamese-American Catholics love and have been used at recent catechetical sessions and youth rallies.

7-01 HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GOING UNDER THE BELLY OF THE BEAST 🗣️

What is human trafficking and what does it mean for you? Are you at risk? Are your children? Join international human rights leader Patrick Atkinson, drawing from his 30 years fighting war, poverty and prostitution around the world, as he explores the historical and contemporary dynamics of human trafficking. Learn what you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones, as well as to help bring an end to modern-day slavery.

**Patrick Atkinson**

Educator, human rights defender and missionary, Patrick Atkinson is best known as founder and international Executive Director of The God's Child Project, a non-profit charity he began in 1991 that cares for and educates nearly 14,000 children and women on three continents. Along with several schools and clinics, Atkinson founded the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited and Missing Persons in 2001. He has given presentations to hundreds of universities, churches, schools from Nairobi, Kenya, to Okinawa, Japan, and from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C.

7-02 THE DANCING WORD: MIRIAM'S GIFT 🗣️**Betsey Beckman, MM & Laura Ash**

In the story of Exodus, God's voice rises out of the burning bush, infusing Moses with a new mission in life. Later, his sister Miriam takes up the tambourine and brings the song of freedom to life through the dance. Explore the story of Exodus as an embodied journey of faith. Begin with the chains of slavery, encounter the fire of justice, journey through the waters of the Red Sea and celebrate God's liberating miracle in our midst. As you prepare for the celebration of Easter Vigil – let Miriam lead you in the dance!

7-03 GANGS 101: A LETHAL ABSENCE OF HOPE AND A CHRISTIAN COMMUNAL RESPONSE 🗣️**Gregory J. Boyle, SJ**

In this workshop, Fr. Greg Boyle will explore the roots of gang violence, offer an appropriate diagnosis, and help us consider what our parish communities can do.

7-04 SONGS & BLESSINGS FOR THE PARENT, CATECHIST, TEACHER & THE "CHILD WITHIN" 🗣️**Andrew Chinn**

Andrew Chinn shares songs – some new, some old – stories and strategies for use throughout the year gathered from his experience as a teacher for 20 years, 10 years in his current music ministry, and 20 years as a parent. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a range of musical ideas to assist in the passing on of our faith from one generation to the next: songs for the Sacraments, for Scripture, for beginnings and endings, for Holy Week and Christmas, for throughout the year.

**RECongress Milestones**

In 1970, the "Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Congress," or more popularly referred to as the "CCD Congress," relocated from Los Angeles to the Anaheim Convention Center. The Confraternity Congress took place on February 20-22 and was one of the last to have no theme.

7-05 HEART OF DARKNESS: THE SPACE TO EXPERIENCE GOD AND SELF 🗣️**Paul Coutinho**

It is in the darkness of our lives that we experience God, and our true selves, in the most authentic way. This session will explore the gift of darkness encountered at times in the spiritual life. Implications for our journey of faith will be addressed.

7-06 A STRATEGY AND PLAN TO "BREAK OPEN" A GOSPEL TEXT 🗣️**Fr. John Cusick**

The Gospel stories are experiences of the presence of Christ. They are not journalistic reports or merely historical data. They are, in fact, stories of "Good News." They are loaded with meaning, symbolic language and moments when ordinary people encountered what Jesus was all about: "I have come that you may have life and life in abundance." If you are a preacher, a teacher, a small group leader or participant, a lover of Scripture and/or spiritually hungry to learn more, this workshop will lay out a step-by-step strategy and plan to "break open" those time-honored Gospel texts in order to encounter Christ in your very midst.

7-07 IN GOOD CONSCIENCE: A THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION ON CONSCIENCE FORMATION 🗣️

This workshop addresses the question of moral conscience and conscience formation. In a world that is becoming increasingly complex, it becomes ever more important to find a ground for our moral decision-making. To be a moral agent is to act responsibly and "in good conscience." Yet, how do we define the conditions for such acting? We will analyze the sources of conscience formation in the Christian tradition and look at some applications in areas like sexuality, bioethics and social ethics.

**Roberto Dell'Oro, PhD**

Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro is Professor of Theological Ethics and Bioethics in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He teaches in the areas of bioethics, fundamental moral theology and ethical theories. Dr. Dell'Oro has been published in national and international journals. He has translated two books from German, has authored three books and is currently working on a fourth book tentatively titled, "Method and Meaning: Hermeneutical Reflections in Bioethics."

7-08 LIVING THE VISION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY – CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF RENEWING THE VISION

Tom East

“Renewing the Vision – A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry” was published 15 years ago by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. How are communities living this vision? What is the response? What have we learned? Where are we growing? This workshop will explore the research and practice of ministry with adolescents in this important vision document. This will include stories from parishes and challenges for leaders in planning for the continued growth of youth ministry.

7-09 HELP! WHAT DO I SAY?

Amy Florian

Face it: We live in a death-denying society, and few are taught how to companion friends, family or parishioners in grief. For instance, what six things should you *not* say at a wake, and what do you say instead? What do you say and do a week later, or a month? Is it a good idea to bring up the name or does that open old wounds? What do grieving people see as effective means of support? Come learn the words and actions that make a difference.

7-10 “ARE THERE ANY CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES TODAY?”

This question was put to me by a Muslim woman and scholar, and the answer is perhaps not as obvious as it should be. We will look at how disciples are formed, and whose initiative is involved. Called to be sent, all baptized are potential disciples, wherever and whoever they may be. What does this mean for us in today’s world?



Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp

Fr. Anthony Gittins, a member of the Spiritan community, is a native of England. He worked in Sierra Leone, West Africa, through the 1970s, was Faith Formation Director in London in the early '80s and has taught theology since 1984 in Chicago, where he is currently Professor of Theology and Culture at the Catholic Theological Union. He spends half the year giving workshops and retreats nationally and internationally.

7-11 NEW APOLOGETICS AND THE DEFENSE OF GOD

Dr. Greer G. Gordon

While many Christians are busy assassinating one another’s character and faith, other people are busy assassinating God. As members of the *Body of Christ*, we are called to be Christ’s presence in a godless world. We are called to make the God of Jesus – the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) – known to the people of our time. This session will present a primary catechesis on how to develop a *faith-filled but reasoned* defense of God, and a secondary catechesis on how to present a *faith-filled but reasoned defense* of Catholic Christianity, in relation to *Independent/Reformed* Christianity.

7-12 PRAY AT ALL TIMES: CELEBRATING THE POWER OF SUNG PRAYER

David Haas

Come ready to sing and celebrate in song and explore the movements of our faith through “hymns, psalms and inspired songs.” Music has the power to help us find the language to accompany our lifelong journey with Christ, in a way that words by themselves are powerfully inadequate. In this session we will explore sung prayers that help us to rejoice, lament, celebrate hope and challenge us in our universal call to holiness – and together we will discover practical resources for both our liturgical prayer and our own personal spiritual journey. Come ready to sing, cry out, rejoice and commit ourselves in becoming more deeply a “singing” Church!

7-13 IMMersed, ENKINDLED AND ANOINTED: LIVING OUR BAPTISM IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU

When we affirm our baptism, is it with a sense of awe and wonder at what the Spirit infuses in our lives or simply something we routinely, and perhaps halfheartedly, mention? Using the three symbols of baptism, we will reflect on how we are immersed in the sacred of everyday life (water); enkindled with the fire of love (candle); and anointed for service to the world (chrism). Encouraged by real-life human interest stories of people from Africa to Appalachia to our own backyard, we will claim and proclaim the Spirit’s power, presence and providence in our own lives. And then meet the challenge to pass it on!

7-14 “I CALL YOU FRIENDS”: ADULT FORMATION FOR AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP

Disciples are not servants. They are not passive followers either. What attitudes and practices encourage authentic discipleship in the adults who animate faith communities? In this workshop we consider the call to mature discipleship as real friendship with God in Christ, probing that meaning of discipleship itself. Then we examine the ways that a spirituality of discipleship transforms and moves us forward toward more authentic living, more meaningful ministry, more vibrant communities.



Dr. Michael Horan

Dr. Michael Horan is Chair of the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he teaches Pastoral Theology and Ministry and is Director of the Graduate Program. Dr. Horan has taught across the country, including Iona College in New York, Boston College, the School of Theology at St. John’s University in Minnesota, the School of Theology at the University of St. Thomas in Texas, and The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Dr. Horan is author of many essays on religious education and pastoral ministry. His most recent publication is “Catechesis as an Evangelizing Moment.”

7-15 LIVING WATER ☪

The Lenten season is a period of time marked by intense preparations for the full initiation of the Elect into the Roman Catholic Church. Parish communities offer up special prayers for the Elect, and the Church waits in joyful anticipation for the moment the Elect will experience full initiation, at the Easter Vigil, through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. This workshop will serve as an excellent opportunity to continue the process of purification, enlightenment and conversion for the Elect and for all who stand with them. Those seeking to have a deeper understanding of our faith and God's plan for salvation are also encouraged to attend.

**ValLimar Jansen**

ValLimar Jansen is a composer, singer, storyteller and evangelizer, who travels to over 80 events annually. She has served as a college/university professor, a leader of worship and prayer and a workshop presenter at conferences across the United States and abroad. Jansen received UNITY Awards in 2008 and 2010 for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing." She was MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis, with over 24,000 Catholic youth in attendance.

**Mary Janus**

Mary Janus is currently Director of Liturgy at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Northridge, Calif. Twenty-one years ago she formed "Harmonia," a contemporary group of numerous vocalists and instrumentalists that has performed at local and regional events. Janus also serves as the musician contractor for the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and is blessed with the opportunity to work with many dedicated and talented musicians.

7-16 ENGAGED SPIRITUALITY: PRAYER & ACTION IN CONVERSATION ☪**Jack Jezreel**

It is all too common for the vocabulary and exercise of spiritual practice to be divorced from the vocabulary and exercise of mission. People who pray don't act, and people who act don't pray! Contemplatives and activists so often seem to have so little in common, and at great cost to both. But the great saints of the Church call us to integration – to interpret prayer through love-in-action, and to inform their action through love-in-prayer. The connections between prayer and action are so potent that it is just about impossible to do either one well without the other. The implications for personal integrity, liturgy, social action and spiritual direction are enormous!

7-17 MORE THAN JUST SERVICE: ENGAGING YOUNG ADOLESCENTS IN SOCIAL JUSTICE ☪**Sean Lansing**

War, poverty, racism, and the environment are important, yet complicated issues of our faith. But, are they too complicated for young adolescents? In this workshop we will explore concrete methods for engaging our young disciples in important issues of social justice without forgetting about their unique developmental needs.

7-18 PRAYING IN COLOR ☪

"Praying in Color" is an active and meditative prayer practice for adults and children. The process uses pen, paper and markers to create a time of stillness and listening. The product is a prayer drawing – a visual reminder to continue to pray throughout the day. If you have a short attention span and a restless body or would like to talk to God without words or are just looking for a new way to pray, come learn about "Praying in Color." Absolutely no artistic ability is necessary! The workshop is based on Sybil MacBeth's book of the same title. (This workshop is limited in size and will be repeated as Session 8-17.)

**Sybil MacBeth**

Sybil MacBeth is a dancer, doodler and a community college mathematics professor in Virginia and Memphis, Tenn. She has been a ballet and pre-ballet teacher and liturgical dance workshop leader. As the author of "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God," MacBeth combines her experience in the classroom with her lifelong love of prayer and has lead over 100-plus workshops and retreats that engage differing learning styles.

7-19 WHAT GOT US HERE WON'T GET US THERE! THE NEW SKILLS NEEDED FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION ☪**Roy Petitfils**

For decades Christians were able to be effective by "being right." "Father said," "Sister said," "Mom and Dad said" or "The Pope said" were enough to motivate others to change. Not so in today's world. As Christians, we no longer inherit the right "to be heard" by others – we must earn that right. In this humorous, practical workshop you will learn real-world strategies and tools needed to reach the increasing number of marginal, uninvolved and unchurched in your parish.

7-20 DISCOVERING JESUS ON DEATH ROW: MY FAITH JOURNEY ☪**Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ**

Before she raised her voice in the public square, Sr. Helen Prejean first heard the voice of the Spirit of Jesus calling her to minister to the condemned and to the families of their victims. She is presently writing "River of Fire," a book about the unfurling of her faith, from childhood to the present – how she came to ministry and how contemplation and prayer continually open her to Christ's call to service. It is grace – all of it God's grace – that impassions.

7-21 RELIGION AND POLITICS**Thomas J. Reese, SJ**

The hotly debated role of religion in politics will be examined in this workshop.

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RECongress Milestones

From 1967: workshop from the first Confraternity "Congress."



7-22 FEELING GOD'S VOICE THROUGH PHYSICAL AND MYSTICAL TOUCH: SOME SACRAMENTAL AND MYSTICAL IMAGES

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

As human beings we need to be touched. Without touch, God becomes a monologue. Sometimes the voice that infuses life must be felt in our bodies, through physical touch, in sacrament, and in mystical touch. How does the greatest life-giving voice of all infuse life in ways deeper than words? This session will provide some sacramental and mystical images to help us become less sacramentally and mystically tone-deaf.

7-23 INTEGRATION VS. SEPARATION: CONNECTING YOUNG ADULTS WITH THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Joan C. Weber

This workshop will engage participants in developing strategies to make their parishes more young adult responsive. We will explore ways of inviting young adults into leadership in parish life, liturgy, justice and service, and youth ministry. We will also examine methods of reaching out to young adults, learning what the parish can do to meet their needs, and making adult faith formation more relevant to their everyday lives.

7-24 IT IS THE END OF THE WORLD! IT IS THE AGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Fr. Thomas Weston

This session will present the world of Joachim of Flore, one of the most singular and fascinating figures of the medieval Church. We will look at some of the chaos, strife and struggles of the Latin Church in the 12th and 13th centuries. We will look into this distant mirror to get some perspective and insight in the struggles and strains of our own day – popes, Franciscans, monks, crusades, prophecies, the Trinity, and the Apocalypse.

7-25 IS UNITY POSSIBLE WHEN WE ARE SO DIFFERENT?

How couples deal with their differences can often make or break a marriage. Gender differences are at the root of many marital conflicts and make intimate communication a challenging process. In this session, Dr. John Yzaguirre will examine the most common differences between men and women as they pertain to marriage life. The couples who understand, honor and integrate their differences are the ones who know how to build a fulfilling marriage that celebrates unity in diversity.



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 with his wife, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, with whom he has co-authored "Thriving Marriages." Dr. Yzaguirre has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. Besides his active private practice in Irvine, Calif., he offers his family life formation programs at many dioceses throughout the United States.

7-26 RE-VISITING THE SYMBOLIC WAY

Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, MSHS, DMin

The Symbolic Way is an approach for communicating faith in an audio-visual culture. Originally imagined by Fr. Pierre Babin, OMI, an internationally renowned catechetical leader of the media age, Babin believed that only a faith built up from an awakened interiority could survive the expanding media culture. This session explores Babin's insights adapting them for the digital age. This session explores how elements of The Symbolic Way strengthen the challenges we face in 21st-century catechesis.

7-70 Sống đức tin của người Công Giáo Việt Nam

Đức Cha Thomas d'Aquinas Vũ Đình Hiệu

Những thách đố đức tin trong xã hội hiện đại. Kế hoạch mục vụ cho giới trẻ; mối quan tâm sâu xa của các mục tử.

THE FAITH OF THE VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC: DAILY LIFE

Bishop Thomas d'Aquinas Hieu Dinh Vu

The challenges of faith in modern society. A pastoral plan for youth, with great concerns from the pastors.



8-01 REAL PEOPLE, REAL FAITH 🗣️

We know there are many among the unaffiliated – those who no longer belong to a parish community or actively live their faith within the Church. An even greater number come to Mass somewhat regularly but do not connect their faith with their lives in any real way. How do we lead these people to hear the voice of Christ, the one who gives us life? How do we help real people find real faith in a living relationship with Jesus through the Body of Christ – the Church? Explore effective strategies and practices to engage people in lasting faith.

**Leisa Anslinger**

Based in Indianapolis, Leisa Anslinger is Director of Catholic Life and Faith, and a founding team member of the Catholic Strengths and Engagement Community network. She is author of "Turning Hearts to Christ," and author and editor of "Grace in Action." Anslinger is a former member of the adjunct faculty at The Athenaeum of Ohio and has presented at national, regional and diocesan conferences and in-service days.

8-02 PREPARING FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 🗣️

The sacramental celebration requires us to experience reconciliation in daily life, dealing with violence and its effects, facing the truth, and within the spirituality of reconciliation.

**Miguel Arias**

Miguel Arias is Editorial Director at Liturgy Training Publications in Chicago. Previously he served as Consultant for Hispanic Ministry at Loyola Press. Arias was also on the faculty at the Hispanic Institute of Liturgy in Chicago, a guest instructor at the Tepeyac Institute in Texas, and a faculty member at the Cultural Institute of the Midwest. Author, editor and translator of books, articles and book references, Arias is known for his pastoral work on reconciliation.

8-03 10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT JESUS

Not another workshop about what we already know, but one about what we overlook. In his book, "10 Things They Never Told Me About Jesus," John Bell explores facets of the personal life, relationships and ministry of Jesus, which are seldom the stuff of preaching or conversation, but are all rooted in the Gospels and are necessary if we are to be freed from the passive stereotypes that still dominate thinking about Christ. In this session John will share the stories of encounters with people on the periphery of religious life and in situations where politeness was not a prerequisite for discussing faith.

**Rev. Dr. John L. Bell**

With his colleague, Graham Maule, John Bell began the Wild Goose Resource Group and is Liturgical Resource Worker with The Iona Community, based in Glasgow, Scotland. He has worked for more than 20 years with churches and Christian organizations. Bell lectures on spirituality, liturgical music and Scripture and has been on broadcasts on BBC national radio, and has authored two books and the DVD series, "Living the Questions."

8-04 SUSTAINING YOUR PASSION FOR SERVING YOUNG PEOPLE**Dr. Michael Carotta**

This is a personal renewal session specifically intended for those who feel they have responded to a vocational calling to serve young people as a volunteer or professional. Through the use of audio visuals, personal examples, research and concrete suggestions, you will be able to privately reflect on the personal challenges you face and be offered specific practices that enable you adapt to those challenges in order sustain the Spirit fueling your commitment.

8-05 THE SHEPHERDS SPEAK: WHO HEARS THEIR VOICE? 🗣️**Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap**

Data shows that the U.S. Catholic Church has had more losses than any other mainline denomination; many of these are joining Protestant "evangelical" communities. While individualism, secularism and relativism have had their influence, data shows that the message of our church leaders isn't being heard or, if it is being heard, it is not being received, especially by more and more young people. Why? Michael Crosby will address the dynamics involved and suggest the issue of "meaning" is at stake.

8-06 FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP 🗣️

The U.S. bishops have issued a rich resource for Catholic voters for local, state and national elections in 2012. Fr. Allan Deck will: 1) discuss political participation of Catholics within the framework of Catholic social doctrine and the Church's identity and mission to evangelize; 2) outline the U.S. Catholic Bishops' document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," including issues of religious liberty, immigration reform and economic justice; and 3) highlight challenges facing the Catholic voter today. The focus will be on public policy concerns, formation of conscience and how to share the bishops' vision with your parish, school or organization.

**Fr. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ, PhD, STD**

Jesuit priest Fr. Allan Deck holds the Charles Casassa Chair of Social Values at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is Professor of Catholic and Latino Studies. He served from 2007-2011 as the first Executive Director of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. In addition to research, writing and teaching, Fr. Deck has served in pastoral work as parish administrator, diocesan director of Hispanic ministry, and as Executive Director of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif.

8-07 PRAYING WITH THE BODY FOR LENT 🗣️

Roy Espiritu DeLeon, ObISB

Refresh and deepen your prayer life. Moving the body gently in harmony with mindful prayer could bring new life in our love for our God, our neighbors, and all of creation. In this Lenten prayer session, we will pray with the body, heart and soul the scriptural Stations of the Cross all the way to Resurrection. You will also learn how to move your body with the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, and the Glory Be. As the Word became flesh, with God's kindness, so too our prayer can be.

8-08 SERVANT LEADERSHIP: HOW AND WHY IT WORKS 🗣️

Dr. Dan R. Ebener

This interactive workshop will explain the practice of servant leadership, which answers the question, "How would Jesus lead?" Beginning with prayer, scriptural reflection and a brief presentation, participants will dialogue about the leadership style of Jesus and draw conclusions about what this means for the practice of leadership. Specific examples will be presented and discussed to illustrate the potential that servant leadership holds for today's church and society.

8-09 REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH 🗣️

Ann Marie Eckert

It is probable that "Keep Holy the Sabbath" is the Commandment that is most often broken by Church ministers! Sabbath is essential and life-giving. It is an opportunity to find balance and be restored. This workshop will provide participants an opportunity to look at their own practice of Sabbath (more than going to church on Sunday) and find ways to honor the rest and restoration that they need.

8-10 PORNOGRAPHY AND THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN 🗣️

Michael J. Eisenbeiss, PhD

Forty-seven percent of Christians – including Catholics – have said pornography is a major problem in their home. One in three visitors to adult web sites are women. Eight years old is the average age of children first exposed to an adult web site. In the United States, revenue for pornography exceeds \$6.2 billion. This workshop will help you to look for the signs of pornography in members of your family and with students and youth. Learn the steps for helping people get over the attraction to pornography. There is hope! Where sin abounds, grace abounds more. The root of all sins of impurity is a desire for true love, true intimacy and acceptance.

8-11 NO GREATER LOVE: THE PATH TOWARD TRUE INTIMACY 🗣️

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

"No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Jesus' words are so familiar that we can easily miss their deeper implications. This presentation explores what it means to choose love as a transformative way of life. Human intimacy has many different faces – including romantic love, the bonds of family, faithful friendship and other circles of caring. It also has different ages – from young love to the quiet commitments of our maturing years. We invite you to reflect on the profound challenge of "laying down your life" in everyday loving.

8-12 THE ROMAN MISSAL AND THE RCIA: A CATECHETICAL METHOD 🗣️

Dr. Jerry Galipeau

With the advent of the new translation of The Roman Missal, opportunities for liturgical catechesis in the parish abound. Discover ways that the newly translated Mass texts themselves can become foundational for initiation ministry.

8-13 THE MEDIA MINISTRY: CATECHESIS IN THE 21ST CENTURY 🗣️

Mary Byrne Hoffman

This is a practical, hands-on workshop on the emerging new ministry for catechists – reaching the "plugged in/tuned out" youth of today. Learn how to meet the needs and speak the language of the *digital natives* of the media culture through a sampling of media-based lesson plans. Participants will discover a hybrid approach to religious education that integrates 21st-century learning tools – blogs, social networking (e.g., Facebook), Google Docs, etc. – with traditional spiritual practices. The workshop will allow time for an "open space" exchange of ideas and resources.

8-14 MUSIC AND THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Fr. Jan Michael Joncas

This workshop will explore the various stages of illness and healing, connect them to the church's rites, and propose music in a diversity of styles from a variety of publishers to assist sufferers and ministers to encounter the healing power of God.

8-15 KEYS TO PROCLAIMING THE WORD: THE TASK OF CATECHESIS 🗣️

Dr. Sandra Kennedy

Our key objective as catechists is to proclaim the Word of God to the people to whom we minister. Thus, we embrace the mission to which Jesus called us: “Go ... make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I have told you” (Mt. 28:19-20). As catechists, how do we go about doing this? What might we do to ensure that the disciples of Jesus today come to know and understand God’s Word and their own mission? This presentation will discuss the goal of catechesis, proclaiming the Word, and making new disciples, in light of “The Six Tasks of Catechesis,” outlined in both the General and the National Directories for Catechesis.

8-16 MENTORING YOUNG ADULTS INTO MINISTRY 🗣️

Beth M. Knobbe

Do you ever wonder how to get young adults involved and keep them engaged? Young adults need good mentors who will believe in them, challenge them and support them. Mentoring relationships give young adults the confidence they need to become the leaders and disciples that they are! This workshop will explore ways to a mentor 20- and 30-somethings into leadership roles at your parish or ministry site.

8-17 PRAYING IN COLOR 🗣️

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8-18 WE BELIEVE: SONGS FOR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 🗣️

Michael Mangan

So much of our Catholic story is carried in the songs that we sing. In preparing and celebrating sacraments of initiation, deeper understanding can be enhanced through the use of appropriate music. Join Michael Mangan as he presents a range of songs for baptism, confirmation, Eucharist and reconciliation, which will help candidates and their families unlock their sacramental imagination and make vital head/heart connections.

8-19 MEETING JESUS BY THE SEA 🗣️

James Martin, SJ

Would you like to meet Jesus as if for the first time? Join Fr. James Martin as he invites you to encounter Jesus in his time by the Sea of Galilee. Can you feel called like the disciples? Can you step out of the boat like Peter did? Can you let him feed and forgive you as he did after his Resurrection? Reflections on these New Testament passages, stories from his own life and recommendations for prayer will help you to hear him say, “Follow Me.”

8-20 THE PSALMS – PRAYER AND POETRY DIRECT FROM GOD 🗣️

Fr. William C. Nicholas

Songs and poetry are an integral part of prayer throughout the Scriptures. Likewise the Psalms have been an integral part of prayer throughout the history of the Church. This workshop will examine the different themes found in the psalms and their importance as expressions of divinely inspired prayer, which for centuries God’s holy people have uttered “from the depths of the heart.” A few of the 150 Old Testament psalms will be examined to illustrate how they reflected a wide range of prayer, emerging from deep emotion and experience, all centered on the faith in the centrality of God’s presence and action in the life of the nation, the community and the individual.

8-21 LIVING WITHIN THE TRINITY

Rev. Michael B. Raschko, PhD

This session is rooted in the formula: When the Holy Spirit moves at the will of the Father, the Word becomes incarnate. It will begin by exploring this Trinitarian dynamic at work at key moments in salvation history (the Incarnation, Pentecost, creation) and in the sacramental life of the Church. It will trace how in the Eucharist we enter into this dynamic in the movement of the prayers from epiclesis, to consecration, to communion, and how it carries over from the Eucharist into the lives of Christians. Quite simply we will explore the thesis that we live and pray within the dynamics of the Trinity.

REC 63 RECongress Milestones

In 1963 and in subsequent years attendance continued to increase at Loyola University, and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College.



8-22 DISCIPLESHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: THE GLOBAL DIMENSIONS OF SERVING OUR NEIGHBOR

Who is our neighbor in a world of instant, global communication? How do we respond in faith to the reality of suffering around the world? Can we be true disciples without responding to those needs? In this workshop, we will reflect upon these questions, share stories of the great work the U.S. Catholic community is doing to serve our brothers and sisters around the world, and identify ways individuals, parishes and schools can participate in our call to global discipleship.



Joan Rosenhauer

Joan Rosenhauer serves as Executive Vice President for U.S. Operations for Catholic Relief Services, based in Baltimore. She is responsible for leadership of the agency's mission to help Catholics in the U.S. live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world. She has spoken in dozens of dioceses across the country on topics related to the Catholic social mission. Rosenhauer was formerly with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as Associate Director for the Department of Justice Peace and Human Development.

8-23 SPEAKING AT HER, OR LISTENING TO HER: LADY ZION IN PROPHETIC BOOKS

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher

The feminine voice of Scripture appears in many places, but one of the most interesting is the voice of "Lady Zion," or "Lady Jerusalem," about whom prophets speak (Hosea, Jeremiah, Ezekiel) before she quite strikingly speaks for herself in Lamentations, and is heard and replied to in Second Isaiah. What is the nature of this dialogue? Why is it so important that we learn to listen to her voice in Scripture?

8-24 WHY LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY?

Rev. Michael Sweeney, OP

We often hear that lay ministers are necessary to the Church because there are too few priests – the implication being that a lay minister is a sort of inadequate priest. We will explore why lay ecclesial ministry has an essential role to play in the Christian community in its own right, and why the Church's mission would be improbable without lay women and men in ministry.

8-25 GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER VIGIL

Fr. Paul Turner

The third edition of the Roman Missal has introduced some changes to the celebrations of Holy Week. How can we celebrate Good Friday and the Easter Vigil with renewed fervor? What changes are there to the music, words and rubrics of these important days?

8-26 PASTORAL PLANNING: FROM MULTICULTURAL TO INTERCULTURAL

Fr. Freddy Washington, CSSp, DMin

This workshop will look at the elements of witness, proclamation, dialogue and reconciliation as Jesus' model of planning. Participants will explore this model in evaluating the effectiveness of ministry in their present location or ministry site. Participants will also develop a new pastoral plan based on this model.



REC Milestones

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In 2008, RECongress hosted a dinner in honor of Sr. Edith Prendergast's 20 years of leading the Religious Education Congress. Among the 500 in attendance were a gathering of recent Congress Coordinators, including (left to right) Congress Event Coordinator Paulette Smith (2007 - present) and Congress Program Coordinator Jan Pedroza (2003 - present), Sr. Edith Prendergast, and former Congress Coordinators Vikki Shepp (2005-06), Mary Lou McGee (2004), and Adrian Whitaker (1985-2003).





BIENVENIDO

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VIERNES – 23 DE MARZO

7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Inscripción (Prefuncion Lobby)
8:30 - 9:30 am	Oración & Bienvenida (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Primera Sesión de Talleres
11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
11:30 am	Intercambio de entradas
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Música (Arena) – John Burland, Andrew Chinn y Michael Mangan Music (Hall B) – John Bell
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Segunda Sesión de Talleres
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Tercera Sesión de Talleres
5:15 pm	Servicio de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas
8:00 pm	Concierto (Arena) – “Celebrate Cultures” Film Showcase 2012
9:00 pm	Taizé

SÁBADO – 24 DE MARZO

7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Inscripción
8:00 am	Alabanza matutina (Arena)
8:30 am	Asamblea General (Arena, sin traducción)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Cuarta Sesión de Talleres
11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Música (Arena) – Peter Kolar y The Holy Cross Marimba Ensemble Música (Hall B) – Steve Angrisano y Pedro Rubalcava
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Quinta Sesión de Talleres
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Sexta Sesión de Talleres
5:15 pm	Servicio de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas
8:00 pm	Concierto (Arena) – “God: Soundtrack of Life”
8:30 pm	Iluminaciones Sagrado
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9:00 pm - 12:00	Baile (Marriott)
9:30 - 11:30 pm	“Reunión Social” (Marriott)

DOMINGO – 25 DE MARZO

8:00 - 11 am	Inscripción
8:00 - 9:30 am	Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)
8:30 am	Asamblea de la mañana Español: Cardenal Oscar Rodríguez Inglés: Hna. Anne Bryan Smollin
10:00 - 11:30 am	Séptima Sesión de talleres
11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Música (Arena) – Jacob & Matthew con Danielle Rose Música (Hall B) – Santiago Fernández, Donna Peña y Rafael Moreno
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Octava Sesión de Talleres
3:30 pm	Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)



¿QUÉ ES EL RECONGRESO?

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es el evento más grande de este tipo en los Estados Unidos. Su objetivo original continúa siendo el de ofrecer capacitación y formación espiritual a aquellas personas involucradas en el ministerio catequético y otros ministerios relacionados con la catequesis. No obstante, el Congreso de Educación Religiosa continúa sirviendo a los educadores religiosos, hoy en día es mucho más! El Congreso actualmente, atrae a más de 40,000 participantes durante los cuatro días de duración y ofrece más de 280 talleres que abarcan una amplia gama de temas de espiritualidad, música y desarrollo personal en los estudios bíblicos y la catequesis.

Regístrese ya en este enriquecedor y vital fin de semana. Complete el formulario de inscripción que se encuentra en la última hoja de este libro o vaya a www.RECongress.org para poder usar su tarjeta de crédito.

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\$60 – recibido antes del 4 de febrero 2012 (\$70 – después del 4 de febrero 2012)

NOTA: Si no se ha registrado en internet o por correo antes del 2 de marzo de 2012, usted podrá registrarse en el Centro de Convenciones, trayendo su formulario completo.

TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

“Tierra que con sus miles de voces, alaba a Dios” (Samuel Taylor Coleridge) ... y así fue desde el principio, la Voz de Dios resonó, Infundiendo a toda la creación con vida abundante. En otros momentos, esta “aún pequeña voz” calma espíritus perturbados, habilitando a todos para alcanzar horizontes nuevos.

Una voz familiar, de armonioso timbre despertó a Lázaro y lo devolvió a la vida de renovada energía y vitalidad.

De nosotros es un Dios cuya voz resuena en las profundidades de nuestro ser llamándonos a partir de nuestros viejos hábitos para abrazar otros más sanos, provechosos. Y hoy... la voz reverbera y hace eco de la voz de Dios infundiendo vida – dando esperanza, refrescando almas

– Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC
Directora, Oficina de Educación Religiosa



UN MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO

Queridos participantes del Congreso de Educación Religiosa,

¡Es para mí un gran placer darles la bienvenida al Congreso anual de Educación Religiosa!

Este Congreso es parte del compromiso de la Iglesia con la nueva evangelización. Este fin de semana nos brinda a todos una hermosa oportunidad para renovar nuestro compromiso con la misión que Jesús ha confiado a su Iglesia – la misión de predicar su Evangelio y hacer discípulos, bautizando y proclamando el perdón de los pecados; enseñando a la gente a vivir de acuerdo a los mandatos de Jesús.

El tema del congreso de este año, “Voz Que Infunde Vida,” está inspirado en el quinto Domingo de Cuaresma. Este tema nos desafía a escuchar la Voz de Dios y a permitir que su voz eche raíces en nuestros corazones y ministerios. Fortalecidos por la Palabra de Dios, Palabra de vida, renovamos nuestro discipulado en Jesucristo, al ir adelante a proclamar su Buena Nueva y a servir como la voz de Dios en nuestro mundo de hoy.

Me emociona que muchos de ustedes se tomen este tiempo de sus muy ocupados ministerios para reunirse. Su liderazgo y espíritu de servicio a nuestra Iglesia son vitales para la continua renovación espiritual de nuestras parroquias y de la nueva evangelización de nuestra sociedad y cultura. Rezo para que todos ustedes se enriquezcan por medio de los contactos que harán con otras personas, así como por los talleres, liturgias y otros eventos que compartiremos juntos durante este fin de semana.

Con la promesa de mis oraciones por ustedes y sus familias, pido que las bendiciones de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles, nuestra Bendita Madre, descienda sobre todos ustedes.

+ José H. Gómez
Mons. Jose H. Gómez
Arzobispo de Los Angeles

SALUDO DE LA DIRECTORA

Queridas amigas y amigos:

Es un honor para mí el extenderles mi más cordial bienvenida. Cada año ustedes nos bendicen con su presencia a nuestro inspirador Congreso de Educación Religiosa. Este extraordinario fin de semana provee de muchas maravillosas oportunidades para el enriquecimiento de nuestros ministerios y para renovar nuestros espíritus.

Nuestro lema de este año “**Voz que Infunde Vida**” nos llama a poner atención a la voz de Dios que hace eco a través de los tiempos. Es una voz que nos llena de esperanza, nos invita a una renovada vitalidad y nos envía a discernir y escuchar la voz de Dios de en medio de todas las voces que reclaman nuestra atención.

Nuestro entusiasmo acerca de la calidad y cantidad de los profundos talleres y de los oradores magistrales y los muchos valorables recursos ofrecidos durante este fin de semana es inmenso.

La oportunidad de ser enriquecidas, enriquecidos con las presentaciones de tantos, tantas conferencistas de fama nacional e internacional, es gracia y bendición. Oportunidades siempre atentas a la realidad multicultural del sur de California todos los eventos ofrecen motivos para experimentar y celebrar la riqueza de nuestra muy diversa comunidad de fe.

Las celebraciones liturgias tan bien planificadas y los diferentes momentos de distracción proveídos en estos días son, con seguridad, especiales para levantar los espíritus en coros de alabanza y adoración.

En el centro de las múltiples actividades habrá espacios para la quieta contemplación, tiempo para caminar en el laberinto y amplia oportunidad para celebrar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Nuevamente, les agradezco por su liderazgo y su fiel compromiso a ser “La voz de Dios” comprometida para hacer eco de la Buena Nueva.

Espero con ilusión el momento de darles la bienvenida en este gran evento.

Sinceramente,

Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC
Hermana Edith Prendergast, RSC
Directora de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa



MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL CONGRESO



Queridos amigos:

Les damos la bienvenida a nuestro excepcional Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2012, nuestro evento anual – “Voz que Infunde Vida.”

Nuestro fin de semana nuevamente promete estar prenotado de gracia y vida, iniciando con nuestro revitalizante Día de la Juventud, donde alrededor de 16,000 adolescentes participan en talleres, experiencias de oración y convivencia. Continuaremos nuestro fin de semana participando con una generosa variedad de talleres, conciertos y entretenimientos sorprendentes durante el almuerzo, exhibiciones multiculturales y de arte sacro. La variedad de liturgias que ofreceremos les dará la ocasión de orar y reflexionar. Además, el Espacio Sagrado estará, una vez más, a su disposición para momentos de quietud y de renovación espiritual. Disfruten, también, el tiempo para renovar sus amistades y conocer personas provenientes de todo el mundo que participan en este encuentro internacional.

Pasen por nuestra enorme Sala de Exhibición donde compañías y organizaciones muestran una diversidad de recursos y ofrecen un servicio personal como respuesta a sus inquietudes.

Toda información relacionada con talleres, lista de eventos, información de hospedaje, instrucciones para la registración por correo regular o por internet, están incluidas en este Libro-Guía o en nuestro sitio www.RECongress.org, puesto al día regularmente. Para mayor información comunicarse con nuestra oficina al (213) 637-7346 o por correo electrónico a congress@la-archdiocese.org. Nuestro evento puede ser apreciado a través de “live stream” a www.RECongress.org/Live.

Esperamos con anticipación para estar con nosotros durante nuestro Congreso de Educación Religiosa.



Paulette Smith
Coordinadora de Eventos

Jan Pedroza
Coordinadora de Programación

MENSAJE DE LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Queridos, queridas compañeras, compañeros en el ministerio catequético:

Saludos cariñosos

“Que el tiempo es corto” (1 Cor7,29) Si, todos los años nos pasa lo mismo, tenemos todavía en nuestros labios el dulce sabor que nos dejaron las experiencias del Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2011 y ya nos toca hacer los planes para el Congreso 2012.

El tema del Congreso de este año 2012 “Voz que infunde vida,” es poderoso, nos impele y desafía a la misma vez, no solamente nos recuerda la atención a la voz de Dios, presente en todo lo que vive, sino también nos manda a ser eco de esa voz para animar y dar vida en todos los círculos en que nos desenvolvemos: en la comunidad parroquial, en el mundo del trabajo, en nuestras familias, en la sociedad.

Si, el tiempo se me hace corto para invitarles a que nos encontremos en el Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim del 23 al 25 de marzo como una gran familia para escuchar, aprender, participar. Para orar, compartir y celebrar, los grandes momentos con los que durante esos días de una manera muy especial saldrá Dios a nuestro encuentro.

Igual que todos los años tendremos para nuestro crecimiento una gran selección de talleres presentados por Maestras y Maestros afamados nacional e internacionalmente. Liturgias en las que disfrutaremos de sus rituales y escucharemos la voz de Dios. Habrá por supuesto, muchos lugares para surtirnos de libros y materiales tan necesarios para cumplir a satisfacción con nuestros ministerios.

Hasta verles y abrazarles en el Congreso les saluda con gran cariño,

Lourdes González-Rubio
Coordinadora de Ministerios Catequéticos



Jóvenes Adultos en el Congreso 2012!

Un ministerio para y desde los jóvenes de 18 a 39 años.

El Sínodo Arquidiocesano de Los Ángeles nos llama a construir sólidos “grupos juveniles” en nuestras parroquias, en nuestras regiones pastorales y en nuestra arquidiócesis. El Congreso de Educación Religiosa ofrece numerosas oportunidades para promover y capacitar a los jóvenes adultos en este vibrante ministerio. Este fin de semana es una excelente ocasión para que los jóvenes adultos renueven y revigoricen su vida espiritual y su compromiso en nuestra iglesia.



Los jóvenes adultos están especialmente invitados a participar y compartir los diferentes momentos de oración, música, ambiente y alegría durante el congreso. Acompáñanos en la variedad de experiencias orientadas principalmente a los jóvenes adultos.

EVENTOS ORIENTADOS A LOS JOVENES ADULTOS



LITURGIA DE JOVENES ADULTOS

Sábado, 24 de marzo a las 5:15 pm

P. Ken Deasy presidirá nuestra liturgia adultos jóvenes con la música dirigida por Josh Blakesley y Steve Angrisano! Ven y adora con otros jóvenes de todo el mundo en esta celebración que destaca los dones de los adultos jóvenes.



BAILE PARA JOVENES ADULTOS

Sábado, 24 de marzo, 9:00 pm - media noche

Costo: \$7 por persona / Oferta: Baile y Reunión Social por \$15

Esta tradición anual del Congreso es una oportunidad para reencontrarse con amigos y hacer algunos más. Después de un día completo de talleres, convivir con otras personas y haber celebrado la liturgia, nuestro DJ mezclará una variedad de ritmos musicales para continuar la fiesta por la noche! Todos los jóvenes adultos de 18 a 39 años son bienvenidos. Se requiere identificación para el ingreso.



“REUNIÓN SOCIAL”

Sábado, 24 de marzo, 9:30 pm - 11:30 pm

Costo: \$10 / Oferta: Baile y Reunión Social por \$15

Relájese y disfrute un ambiente fresco en nuestra sala de reunión social para jóvenes adultos – un lugar de encuentro para conversar, música en vivo (jazz), aperitivos y un bar donde puedes comprar tus bebidas (mayores de 21 años). El salón está abierto a jóvenes adultos de 18 a 39 años. Se requiere identificación para el ingreso.

TALLERES ORIENTADOS AL MINISTERIO CON JOVENES ADULTOS

Los siguientes talleres abarcarán los temas de formación psicológica y espiritual de los jóvenes adultos. Extendemos una invitación particular a todos los jóvenes adultos y a quienes sirven en este ministerio. Sugerimos también la lectura de esta guía para una selección de talleres que respondan a sus necesidades e intereses. (Los talleres con un asterisco serán grabados.)

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ASAMBLEA GENERAL

Domingo, 8:30 am

CARDENAL OSCAR RODRIGUEZ



Rodríguez

“Viviendo la misión de Jesús en el mundo de hoy” 🎧

Como personas de fe somos enviadas a participar en la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia. A proclamar la Buena Nueva; actuar con justicia, amar tiernamente y dar testimonio de nuestra relación con Jesucristo. Esta sesión examinará las esperanzas y desafíos envueltos en vivir esta visión y misión en nuestro mundo de hoy.

MISAS ESPAÑOL

Viernes y Sábado – 5:15 pm

Combinando la música, el ritual y el espíritu de los participantes que hablan dos idiomas – español e inglés. Estas Misas honrará la riqueza y los talentos de nuestras culturas y afirmará nuestra llamada a celebrar la unidad en la diversidad.

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- 1-56 Si quieres llegar a Dios ... ¡Emigra! (El éxodo) (*) - **Abundio Parra Sanchez**

SESIÓN 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-51 El canto en la Misa y la solemnidad progresiva - **Santiago Fernandez**
- 2-52 ¿Por qué el pecado es pecado? (*) - **José-Román Flecha**
- 2-53 La voz está dentro de ti (*) - **P. Alvaro Ginel Vielva**
- 2-54 Fuerza de la raíz: Infundiendo vida con el canto y el cuento (*) - **Francisco Javier Herrera Brambila**
- 2-55 Creando jóvenes líderes (*) - **Juan Carlos Montenegro**
- 2-56 Catequesis familiar (Familias evangelizadas de la sociedad) (*) - **Enedina Saucedo**
- 2-57 Antropología bíblica: La reconciliación y la paz en el plan de Dios (*) - **Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña**

SESIÓN 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-51 Dios habita en la ciudad (*) - **Benjamin Bravo Perez**
- 3-52 Como la parroquia puede responder a víctimas de violencia domestica (*) - **P. Charles Dahm**
- 3-53 *Verbum Domini*: Una vuelta en "U" para la catequesis de la iglesia (*) - **Ricardo Grzona**
- 3-54 La música al servicio de la liturgia - **Peter Kolar**
- 3-55 ¿Cómo aplicar la pedagogía de Jesús en la catequesis? (*) - **Marcelo Murua**
- 3-56 Entregando la fe (*) - **Obisop Ricardo Ramirez**
- 3-57 ¿Qué veces evangelizan a la sociedad actualmente? (*) - **Lupita Vital Cruz**

Sábado, 24 de marzo

SESIÓN 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-51 Las distintas voces que se "hablan" hoy y la voz de la Iglesia (*) - **Benjamin Bravo Perez**
- 4-52 Educar en la virtud y la virtud de educar (*) - **José-Román Flecha**
- 4-53 Latinos y la Transformación de la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos (*) - **Dr. Timothy Matovina**
- 4-54 ¡Lo importante es la persona! (Tras las huellas de Jesús) (*) - **Abundio Parra Sanchez**
- 4-55 Sentido de la historia (*) - **Hernán Pereda Bullrich**
- 4-56 La catequesis familiar: La comunicación de la fe entre generaciones (*) - **Obispo Ricardo Ramirez**
- 4-57 Saber perdonar y sanación matrimonial (*) - **Dr. John Yzaguirre**

SESIÓN 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-51 Trata de Personas: Pasando por debajo del vientre de la bestia (*) - **Patrick Atkinson**
- 5-52 En cuento con Dios: Narración oral al servicio de la evangelización (*) - **Jorge Ivan Echavarria**
- 5-53 Haciendo teología latina (*) - **Dr. Orlando Espin**
- 5-54 Ser Catequista: Llamados a interpelar (*) - **P. Alvaro Ginel Vielva**
- 5-55 ¿Qué liderazgo aplicar en mi grupo y mi familia? - **Hna. Glenda Hernandez**
- 5-56 María nos invita a ser mensajeros del Amor de Dios - **Rafael Moreno**
- 5-57 El Señor cambió mi lamento en danzas y canticos de alegría (Salmo 30) (*) - **Jorge Rivera**

SESIÓN 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-51 Preparando la familia para celebrar el sacramento de la reconciliación (*) - **Miguel Arias**
- 6-52 Cómo educar en valores y poner límites adecuados a los niños (*) - **Luis Benavides**
- 6-53 ¿En qué se distinguen las catequesis con inteligencia emocional? (*) - **Ana García-Mina Freire**
- 6-54 Tiempos nuevos, rumbos nuevos - **Hna. Rosa Monique Peña**
- 6-55 Orando cantando y caminando con Jesús "el migrante" (*) - **Francisco Javier Herrera Brambila**
- 6-56 Diversidad natural y pluralismo social, político, cultural y religioso (*) - **Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña**
- 6-57 ¡Ponte en honda compadre! (*) - **P. Luigi Zanotto**

Domingo, 25 de marzo

SESIÓN 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-51 Gracia y cultura (*) - **Dr. Orlando Espin**
- 7-52 Jonás conviértete: La misión del catequista, desde la figura del profeta Jonás (*) - **Ricardo Grzona**
- 7-53 Catequistas discípulos para descubrir la voz que da sentido a la vida (*) - **Marcelo Murua**
- 7-54 La Eucaristía: Nuestro punto de convergencia - **Hna. Rosa Monique Peña**
- 7-55 Cantos para acompañar las celebraciones de 15 años en la parroquia - **Pedro Rubalcava**
- 7-56 10 maneras de como la tecnología puede mejorar tu sesión de educación religiosa - **Victor Valenzuela**
- 7-57 El Vaticano II tiene 50 años ¿y qué? (*) - **P. Luigi Zanotto**

SESIÓN 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-51 Dios te quiere un imaginador: La lúdica el arma secreta del catequista (*) - **Jorge Ivan Echavarria**
- 8-52 Orar y cantar los Salmos - **Hna. Glenda Hernandez**
- 8-53 Jesucristo, corazón del mundo y salvador de la historia (*) - **Hernán Pereda Bullrich**
- 8-54 Justicia Restauradora (*) - **William Portillo**
- 8-55 Los llamó para que estuvieran con El, y para enviarlos en misión (Mc 3, 14) (*) - **Jorge Rivera**
- 8-56 Viviendo nuestro bautismo a través de la solidaridad (*) - **Diácono Guillermo Torres**
- 8-57 ¿Y ahora qué? El plan de catequesis para el catecumenado (*) - **P. Richard Vega**
- 8-58 ¡Todos para uno y uno para todos! (*) - **Lupita Vital Cruz**



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I-51 CÓMO ENTUSIASMAR A LOS NIÑOS CON LAS COSAS DE DIOS ☺

Recuperar el sentido de lo sagrado en los niños. El arte de celebrar la Eucaristía o Misa con niños. Cómo preparar una buena Misa con niños. La participación de los niños en la Misa.



Luis M. Benavides

Luis Benavides, catequista y maestro, es Director del Colegio San Jose y Asociado al Carisma de la Salle en Buenos Aires, Argentina. Es miembro del equipo directivo y formador del Instituto Superior de Catequesis de Argentina y de la Asociación Española de Catequistas. Benavides ha dictado cursos en distintas instituciones religiosas y diócesis de Hispanoamérica. Sus libros han sido publicados en Argentina, México, España y Brasil.

I-52 APRENDER LOS FRACASOS ☺

Los éxitos y fracasos entretujan nuestra existencia, son inherentes en la naturaleza humana. Hablamos de fracaso cuando nuestras expectativas, proyectos y aspiraciones no llegan a realizarse o a cumplirse como esperábamos. Hablamos de éxito cuando llegamos a cumplir nuestros proyectos según las expectativas que nos planteamos. ¿Cómo podemos afrontar los fracasos? ¿Cómo podemos extraer de ellos una sabiduría válida para la vida? El propósito de este taller es poder responder a estas preguntas y encontrar claves de comprensión y de actuación tanto para la vida en familia como en las catequesis.



Ana García-Mina

Ana García-Mina es Doctora en psicología y profesora en la Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid, España. Autora de diversas obras sobre temas relacionados con los ámbitos psicológicos y sociales. Investigadora en programas de investigación y desarrollo del Ministerio de Trabajo y Asuntos Sociales. Miembro del Consejo de Redacción de la revista de Teología Pastoral "Sal Terrae" y colaboradora de la revista "Catequistas."

I-53 MURIENDO PARA VIVIR: UNA TEOLOGÍA DE MIGRACIÓN ☺

Inmigración es un tema global, complejo y controversial. Este taller ofrecerá una perspectiva teológica relacionada con la migración teniendo en cuenta: 1) el fundamento territorial; 2) el territorio geográfico; y 3) el área espiritual y teológico de migración. Daremos una perspectiva global y personal al tema y exploraremos los modos en los cuales la migración menciona el significado del ser humano ante Dios en Jesucristo y cómo abre el camino de la solidaridad a aquellos en necesidad.



P. Daniel G. Groody, CSC, PhD

Daniel Groody, sacerdote católico de la Congregación de la Santa Cruz, es profesor, reconocido autor y cineasta. Actualmente es profesor de Teología y director del Centro de Cultura y Espiritualidad en el Instituto de Estudios Latinos de la Universidad de Notre Dame en South Bend, Indiana. Es autor de numerosos libros y artículos. Ha colaborado con el Congreso de los Estados Unidos, la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos, el Consejo Mundial de Iglesias y el Vaticano en temas de teología, globalización e inmigración.

I-54 LA PASTORAL JUVENIL EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS: SU HISTORIA, SUS RETOS Y SUS ESPERANZAS ☺

En este taller conoceremos fechas, documentos y algunos detalles importantes en la historia contemporánea de la pastoral juvenil. También conversaremos sobre sus metodologías y visiones que se están implementados en el país. Conoceremos el rol e importancia de la National Catholic Network de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana. Cada participante se llevara consigo una visión, consejos pastorales y la esperanza de construir juntos una pastoral juvenil viva y eficaz.



Walter Francisco Mena

Nacido en La República de El Salvador, en Centroamérica, Walter Francisco Mena es Director del Departamento de Programas de Formación y Liderazgo en el Instituto Fe y Vida. Tiene más de 30 años de experiencia en la pastoral juvenil, de los cuales 15 de ellos ha trabajado en la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana de los Estados Unidos. Mena es el Vice Presidente de la Mesa directiva de la Catholic Network of Pastoral Juvenil Hispana: LA RED.

I-55 EL DISCIPULADO CRISTIANO EN EL MUNDO DE HOY: RETOS Y POSIBILIDADES ☺

Todo bautizado tiene la responsabilidad de ser testigo de Jesucristo en el contexto específico en el que vive. Para nosotros ese contexto es la realidad estadounidense a comienzos del siglo XXI con sus retos y posibilidades. En este taller reflexionaremos sobre lo que significa ser discípulo cristiano hoy en día a la luz de las virtudes teológicas de la fe, la esperanza y la caridad.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

El Dr. Hosffman Ospino es Profesor de Teología Pastoral y Catequética en Boston College, donde dirige los programas de postgrado en Pastoral Hispana de la universidad. Su trabajo académico y pastoral le ha llevado a hacer presentaciones en Europa, Norteamérica y Latinoamérica. La investigación del Dr. Ospino se enfoca en el diálogo entre fe y cultura, y el impacto de esta conversación en los procesos de educación cristiana.

I-56 SI QUIERES LLEGAR A DIOS ... ¡EMIGRA! (EL ÉXODO) ☺

“Salir del lugar en que estoy” no es sólo tema del éxodo, sino de la vida, de la fe, del cambio, de la novedad. Emigrar no es sólo tema político ni social, sino coyuntura religiosa. Abraham salió; el pueblo salió ... y hasta Jesús volvió al padre. La misión es salir. Lo contrario no es la quietud ... sino la muerte.



Abundio Parra Sánchez

Abundio (Tomás) Parra Sánchez es escritor, conferencista y catedrático. Ha sido profesor en diversas universidades de México y Centros de Estudios Teológicos. Como Licenciado en Ciencias Bíblicas, ha desarrollado su experiencia como escritor de más de 30 libros y numerosos artículos en el área bíblica. Viaja a Tierra Santa y da asesoría bíblica en parroquias. Es autor de varios libros, incluyendo "Celebrar y vivir la Palabra" y "Diccionario de Catequesis."

2-51 EL CANTO EN LA MISA Y LA SOLEMNIDAD PROGRESIVA

De acuerdo a nuestros obispos norteamericanos, la solemnidad progresiva significa que “entre la forma solemne y la más completa de la celebración litúrgica pueden haber varios grados intermedios de acuerdo al mayor o menor peso que se le asigne al canto.” ¿Cómo apoyamos la acción litúrgica siguiendo este importante principio? ¿Cómo podemos por medio de la música ayudar a la asamblea reunida a que entienda claramente la progresión entre lo más solemne y lo más completo? En esta sesión hablaremos de esta cuidadosa elección de las partes cantadas de la Misa y estudiaremos varios ejemplos musicales.



Santiago Fernández

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por 20 años. El trabaja actualmente en la parroquia de San Damián de Molokai en Pontiac, Michigan, como director de música y también como presentador de talleres para OCP. Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, director musical del NCCMH (National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry), Instituto Fe y Vida y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006. Ha presentado charlas y talleres en eventos nacionales, regionales, diocesanos y parroquiales durante los últimos ocho años.

2-52 ¿POR QUÉ EL PECADO ES PECADO? 🗣️

El profeta Isaías decía que algunos al mal lo llaman bien y al bien lo llaman mal. El taller reflexiona sobre esta tentación, siempre actual. Se trata de explicar la naturaleza del pecado, sus causas y sus efectos. Y de recordar que la gracia es más fuerte que el pecado. El cristiano ha sido llamado a la responsabilidad, al perdón y a la alegría del triunfo de Jesús sobre el mal.



P. José-Román Flecha

José-Román Flecha es sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, en la que ha sido párroco. También es autor y Profesor de teología moral, Director del Instituto de Estudios Europeos y Derechos Humanos, y Director del Centro de Orientación Familiar en la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca, España. Pbo. Flecha es miembro de una Comisión de Estudios en la Congregación para la Educación Católica de Santa Sede. Ha sido profesor universitario, conferencista en numerosos países e invitado por muchos años al Instituto de Pastoral de Los Ángeles y al Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Angeles en varias ocasiones.

2-53 LA VOZ ESTÁ DENTRO DE TI 🗣️

La tarea de los catequistas consiste en ayudar a cada hombre y mujer a reconocer que dentro de sí mismo está gritando una voz secreta que es la voz de Dios: ¿Dónde estás? (Gén 3,9). A nuestro lado, hay voces que quieren apagar la voz interior ... y hay voces que ayudan a escuchar la voz interior. Una de estas voces es la acción que los catequistas y anunciadores de la Palabra pronuncian. La voz de Dios unas veces es susurro (1Reyes 19,9.11-13), otras es tormenta (Mateo 14,22-33), otra es súplica (Mateo 15,21-28).



Alvaro Ginel Vielva

Alvaro Ginel Vielva es un sacerdote Salesiano de Don Bosco que comienza la enseñanza de la Catequética en el Seminario Mayor Salesiano de Salamanca, España, y después en los Institutos Superiores de Catequética de Madrid de la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca. Fundador de la revista “Catequistas” (desde el 1985, es su director) y es miembro del consejo de Redacción de la revista “Mision Joven.” Participa como profesor, conferencista en muchos cursos y congresos, en reuniones de padres y de catequistas en las parroquias y diócesis de España.

2-54 FUERZA DE LA RAÍZ: INFUNDIENDO VIDA CON EL CANTO Y EL CUENTO 🗣️

La fuerza con que la comunidad migrante evangeliza y enriquece la nación. Este taller con tres capacitaciones: 1) reflexión sobre el papel evangelizador que nace desde la comunidad migrante, como ha dicho el Obispo Gilberto Chávez de la Diócesis de San Diego, “Dios ha traído al migrante a evangelizar”; 2) la fuerza de la música y la canción tanto popular como religiosa para evangelizar y fortalecer el sentido de comunidad; y 3) la importancia de grupos pequeños para la pastoral para el desarrollo de la intimidad – donde entendemos la fidelidad de Dios y como esa comunidad, basada en el amor de Dios puede transformar la sociedad, a base de oración y participación cívica.



Francisco Javier Herrera Brambila

Francisco Herrera Brambila, un canta-actor de música religiosa con seis CDs de música, lleva 40 años participando en coros y liturgia en los Estados Unidos. Participó como agente de pastoral en Panamá y México y en Guatemala. Es Formador de trabajadores de la cultura, con talleres de formación a parroquias, universidades e institutos comunitarios. Es fundador y Co-Director de Trabajo Cultural Caminante, Inc., co-fundador de Fundación Caminante, y miembro activo de la Comisión Litúrgica de la Arquidiócesis de San Francisco. También es Co-Director del coro Arquidiocesano de San Francisco asociado de la Cruzada Guadalupana de San Francisco. Es DRE y Director de Catequesis en la parroquia San Pedro en San Francisco, California.

2-55 CREANDO JÓVENES LÍDERES 🗣️

Últimamente se escucha que la sociedad carece de líderes. Como catequistas tenemos la oportunidad de crear un ambiente en donde se promueve el liderazgo juvenil. Tenemos la oportunidad de motivar a que nuestros jóvenes se conviertan en agentes de cambio en la sociedad. En este taller se hablará de cómo podemos lograr este sueño y cuáles son las ventajas que obtendremos como Iglesia en un futuro muy cercano.



Juan Carlos Montenegro

Juan Carlos Montenegro ha entregado toda su vida a trabajar con los jóvenes y ha tenido la oportunidad de participar en varios congresos internacionales. “JC,” como le conocen los jóvenes, tiene dentro 15 años en la Pastoral Juvenil y ha escrito tres libros. Actualmente es Coordinador de la Pastoral Juvenil y Coordinador del Voluntariado Salesiano. Ha conferencista a internacionales, nacional (NCCYM) y de regional congresos en Los Angeles y el Congreso de Educación Religiosa.

SESIÓN 2

1:00 - 2:30 PM • VIERNES, 23 DE MARZO

2-56 CATEQUESIS FAMILIAR (FAMILIAS EVANGELIZADORAS DE LA SOCIEDAD) 🗣️

Este modelo de evangelización y catequesis para la familia tiene sus raíces en Chile y se ha expandido por varios países latinoamericanos. Este método de evangelización se enfoca en los padres de familia como principales responsables de la educación religiosa de sus hijos (DNC #54, 10C). El papel de la Iglesia Católica en este modelo de evangelización es facilitar medios catequísticos a través de parejas guías que trabajan con los padres de familia y animadores para los jóvenes que a su vez evangelizan a los niños elementales.



Enedina Saucedo, MA

Enedina Saucedo ha dedicado los últimos 20 años de su vida para investigar métodos y recursos para la evangelización y catequesis de adultos, jóvenes y niños. Es Directora Asociada de la Oficina para el Ministerio de Evangelización y Catequesis en la Diócesis de San Diego, California. Ha dado presentaciones en NCCL (National Conference for Catechetical Leadership) y NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association), imprte cursos de Historia de la Iglesia, Métodos para la Catequesis y Talentos para los padres de familia en la Diócesis de San Diego, California. Es experta en RICA (Ritos de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) y música litúrgica.

2-57 ANTROPOLOGÍA BÍBLICA: LA RECONCILIACIÓN Y LA PAZ EN EL PLAN DE DIOS 🗣️

Análisis de la grave crisis global por la que actualmente pasamos en nuestra civilización. Sentido original, profundo y variado que tiene la paz (*shalóm* y *eiréne*) en las Sagradas Escrituras: para la liberación, para la convivencia, como la salud y seguridad, para habitar en la Tierra Prometida, para armonizar las diferencias, para preparar y fortalecer nuestros caminos en la fe, para tener y llevar la reconciliación necesaria, para evitar que sobre la reconciliación que buscamos se nos imponga la falsa reconciliación del sistema que vivimos, para alegrar a los pobres y desvalidos, para encontrar el saber y la sabiduría de nuestros compromisos de fe, para encontrar la paz en el camino de Jesús y en la fuerza del Espíritu. Compromisos de paz y reconciliación.



Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña

Clodomiro Siller Acuña es coordinador del área de investigación y consultoría del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas en la Ciudad de México. Nació en Saltillo, Coahuila, México. Fue secretario ejecutivo de la comisión episcopal de pastoral indígena del episcopado mexicano y director del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas. Inició su educación en una escuela para indígenas. Asesora a varias diócesis de México, América Latina y los Estados Unidos en planificación pastoral, evaluaciones, magisterio de la iglesia, inculturación, teología, mensaje guadalupano, religión del pueblo y metodologías.

SESIÓN 3

3:00 - 4:30 PM • VIERNES, 23 DE MARZO

3-51 DIOS HABITA EN LA CIUDAD 🗣️

Esta frase del título del taller es una de las más notables afirmaciones del libro del Apocalipsis. La forma en que el autor interpreta las ciudades de entonces en su relación con Dios y Jesucristo, nos ayudan a interpretar las urbes actuales. Preguntarnos, entre otras cuestiones: ¿por qué este libro sagrado afirma que la ciudad no necesita templos y sin embargo Dios habita en ella?; ¿por qué llena a la ciudad de joyas esplendorosas? Además, nos ayuda a comprender el papel de la Iglesia en una gran ciudad.



Benjamín Bravo

Nacido en Michoacán, Mexico, Benjamín Bravo es sacerdote de la arquidiócesis de México y párroco de San Sebastián en Ciudad de México. Especialista en formas prácticas pastorales que respondan a desafíos de las ciudades, especialmente de las grandes urbes. Ha podido entrelazar esta práctica en la elaboración de una teología de la ciudad.

3-52 COMO LA PARROQUIA PUEDE RESPONDER A VÍCTIMAS DE VIOLENCIA DOMESTICA 🗣️

La violencia doméstica es demasiado común en nuestra sociedad y en nuestras parroquias. Pero pocas parroquias responden al dolor y sufrimiento de las víctimas de la violencia. Sin embargo, nuestras parroquias deben reflejar la compasión de Jesús por responder a las víctimas de violencia doméstica y sus hijos, con comprensión y apoyo para que se liberen de la violencia. Este taller enseñara sobre la dinámica de la violencia doméstica y los pasos prácticos para desarrollar un ministerio parroquial a las víctimas.



Carlos W. Dahm, OP

El Padre Carlos Dahm sirvió como misionero en Bolivia (1965-1970). Después de regresar a Estados Unidos, ayudo a fundar un centro de justicia y paz en Chicago donde trabajo por 12 años (1974-1986). Después, sirvió al pueblo hispano inmigrante como Párroco de la parroquia de San Pio V en Chicago por 21 años. Ahora sigue como vicario en esta parroquia, también como el Co-Coordenador de Justicia y Paz para los Dominicos de América del Norte y como el Abogado Arquidiocesano para Víctimas de Violencia Doméstica en Chicago.

3-53 VERBUM DOMINI: UNA VUELTA EN “U” PARA LA CATEQUESIS DE LA IGLESIA 🗣️

La catequesis durante muchos siglos la hemos basado en formulas, sin embargo en estos días, el Papa Benedicto XVI nos pide revisar la catequesis desde las Sagradas Escrituras. Haremos una síntesis de los grandes contenidos de la Exhortación Apostólica *Verbum Domini*, y una aplicación directa para nuestro servicio como catequistas.



Ricardo Grzona

Ricardo Grzona fue rector de la Universidad Champagnat de Mendoza, Argentina, la ciudad donde nació. Dirigió Departamentos de Educación y Catequesis del CELAM. Actualmente es presidente de la Fundación Ramón Pané en Miami, Florida, y consultor SBU programas Católicos en las Américas. Ha dedicado su vida a formar en la espiritualidad bíblica a catequistas y jóvenes. Dirige el programa de “Lectioautas” con miles de seguidores en América.

3-54 LA MÚSICA AL SERVICIO DE LA LITURGIA

¿Qué tan ponderosa es la música en moldear nuestra experiencia del culto? ¿Qué tan importante es el papel del coro en la Misa? Tiene que ver, principalmente, con la participación de la asamblea. Los coros buenos están atentos más que todo, al cantar del pueblo reunido; los coros no atentos ni se fijan en la asamblea y la tratan como si fuera un concierto. Exploraremos cantos apropiados y no apropiados para las varias partes de la Misa, y cómo la música litúrgica puede y debe elevar nuestras voces al cielo. ¡Para los músicos y todos feligreses que quieren ser mejores participantes en la Misa!



Peter Kolar

Peter Kolar es redactor de música hispana y Publicaciones de World Library Publications en Chicago. Fue director de almizcle de Santa Cruz Parroquia de Chicago durante 12 años, donde dirigió su aclamado conjunto de marimba. Actualmente es el director del Coro Diocesano de El Paso y un instructor en el Instituto Tepeyac.

3-55 ¿CÓMO APLICAR LA PEDAGOGÍA DE JESÚS EN LA CATEQUESIS? 🗣️

¿Cómo hacer encuentros de catequesis motivadores y participativos? ¿Cómo hacer una catequesis centrada en la Palabra de Dios? La pedagogía de Jesús presenta características originales que ayudan al crecimiento y desarrollo integral de las personas. A partir de ella podemos proponer una metodología que nos ayude a escuchar la voz de Dios y transformar la vida.



Marcelo A. Murua

Laico, catequista y formador, Marcelo Murua es Director del Centro de Formación Pastoral en Diócesis de Bariloche, Argentina. Miembro del Departamento Nacional de Pastoral Bíblica de Argentina y Profesor del Instituto de Teología Pastoral del CELAM. Ha publicado libros sobre Biblia, espiritualidad y catequesis, y trabaja en la formación de catequistas, educadores y agentes de pastoral en comunidades hispanas de muchos países.

3-56 ENTREGANDO LA FE 🗣️

El Obispo Ricardo Ramírez compartirá una reflexión sobre la misión esencial encomendada a la Iglesia a entregar o comunicar la fe a todo el mundo. Hay que mantener el recuerdo de Jesucristo en una manera prominente a través de la historia. El obispo además dará estrategias prácticas para comunicar la fe ya sea en la parroquia, en la familia y en el mundo.



Obispo Ricardo Ramírez, CSB

El Obispo Ricardo Ramírez, nació en Bay City, Texas, ordenó sacerdote en Houston, Texas, y es miembro de la Congregación de San Basilio. El fue ordenado Obispo auxiliar para la Diócesis de San Antonio, Texas, en el 1981 y un año más fue nombrado primer obispo de la Diócesis de Las Cruces, Nuevo Mexico. El obispo Ramírez sirve actualmente como miembro de la Comisión Internacional de los Estados Unidos para la Libertad Religiosa, es chairman del Comité de la Conferencia Católica de los Obispos de Estados Unidos de la “Campaña para el desarrollo humano.”

3-57 ¿QUÉ VOCES EVANGELIZAN A LA SOCIEDAD ACTUALMENTE? 🗣️

Existe tanto que ver y escuchar, que estamos completamente distraídos buscando a quien atender y escuchar. ¿Estamos acaso cansados de las voces de la tecnología, del confort, de lo político, de la Iglesia? Recuerden que siempre somos moldeados del producto de nuestra propia cultura. Por lo tanto, nos urge encontrar las voces que evangelizan y nos retienen a ser nuevos. ¿Dónde está la voz de Dios que nos anima? ¿Dónde los profetas modernos? ¡De seguro hay que buscarlos en medio de tanto ruido, para llegar a la tierra prometida! No faltes te espero.



Lupita Vital Cruz

Lupita Vital, de Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, tiene una gran experiencia en el ramo de la catequesis, ha trabajado en este ministerio por los últimos 35 años. Ha servido en las diócesis de Tabasco y Guadalajara en México y en San José, California. Desde el año 2000, sirve en la Diócesis de San José como Asociada para la Catequesis de los Hispanos. En junio del 2007 recibió el reconocimiento de la Cruz “Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice” de la Santa Sede. En 2009 fue nombrada Directora del Apostolado Hispano para la Diócesis de San José, California.

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Hitos Históricos del Congreso

En 1967, con la cooperación de las diócesis de Fresno-Monterey y San Diego, se estableció el programa de tres días del primer “Congreso.” Fue del 13 al 15 de enero de 1967 que el primer “Congreso de fraternidad en el Sur de California” se celebró en el área cerca del International Hotel adyacente al Aeropuerto Internacional de Los Angeles con una cuota de inscripción de \$5. Se estimaba una asistencia de 3,000 maestros, pero llegaron más de 7,000, causando grandes problemas con los servicios y la programación. En aquel entonces, el escritor Al Antczak del Tidings, periódico Arquidiocesano de Los Angeles, recuerda haber esperado 10 minutos para lograr subirse a un elevador apretado.

4-51 LAS DISTINTAS VOCES QUE SE “HABLAN” HOY Y LA VOZ DE LA IGLESIA

Benjamín Bravo

El pluralismo de lenguajes y culturas que hoy existen y que se conocen y mezclan gracias a los medios de comunicación y a la globalización cultural, no sólo evidencian lo limitado del lenguaje verbal que usamos los agentes de pastoral (el liturgo, el misionero, el evangelizador, el predicador), sino que nos desafía a aprender otros tipos de lenguajes que recurren a los sentidos, a la ciencia, a la cibernética, al cuerpo, a la tecnología. Lenguajes más entendibles para el hombre contemporáneo.

4-52 EDUCAR EN LA VIRTUD Y LA VIRTUD DE EDUCAR

P. José-Román Flecha

Todas las culturas han descubierto que ser buenos es vivir en la virtud. Este ideal es válido también para los cristianos. Este taller examina las virtudes morales y las teologales. Y las propone como esquema de la moralidad. Al mismo tiempo, ofrece algunas claves para educar y orientar a una felicidad que se identifica con la armonía y el dominio personal. Y para la paz que nos dejó Jesús.

4-53 LATINOS Y LA TRANSFORMACIÓN DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS

La fe viva de los hispanos ha cambiado parroquias, movimientos apostólicos, liderazgo, ministerios, y liturgia, el activismo público sobre la inmigración y otros asuntos, y mucho más en la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos. Este taller examina los cambios que la presencia hispana trae, además investiga como los hispanos pueden ser una fuente de evangelización en la Iglesia y en la sociedad.



Dr. Timoteo Matovina

Dr. Timoteo Matovina tiene más de 25 años de experiencia sirviendo entre los católicos hispanos. Ha dado presentaciones sobre temas pastorales y teológicos en numerosas diócesis, institutos pastorales y programas de formación. Actualmente es Profesor de Teología y Director del Cushwa Center para el Estudio del Catolicismo Americano en la Universidad de Notre Dame en South Bend, Indiana.

4-54 ¡LO IMPORTANTE ES LA PERSONA! (TRAS LAS HUELLAS DE JESÚS)

Abundio Parra Sánchez

Por inercia comodidad o flojera, muchas estructuras contemporáneas acentúan su valor, organización o el peso de la ley para defenderlas. En su evangelio, Jesús propone que el interés de Dios y la persona es lo humano. Tanto vale a los ojos de Dios esto que hasta Dios quiso experimentarlo en su Hijo, El Enviado. Tres ejemplos del evangelio bastarán para confirmarlo.

4-55 SENTIDO DE LA HISTORIA

Desde los inicios de la historia del *homo sapiens*, los hombres fueron formando civilizaciones que tienen su origen desde hace unos trescientos siglos, comienzo de la *historia humana*. Las pinturas rupestres recientemente descubiertas en Francia, dan nueva e impactante prueba de ello. Pero esa larga historia, espectacular desde muchos puntos de vista, termina con los platos rotos. De pronto, un personaje llamado Jesús de Nazaret, que muere como un esclavo, da un vuelco inesperado a los principios que rigen la historia, que de una visión circular, pasa a ser lineal. (Continuando en la Sesión 8-53.)



Hernán Jorge Pereda Bullrich

Aunque nació en Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jorge Pereda Bullrich ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida religiosa en Italia y España. Actualmente vive en Madrid, donde es Presidente de Fundación para la Evangelización y Comunicación. Es miembro de la Congregación de los Cooperadores Parroquiales de Cristo Rey y comparte numerosos servicios en diferentes cargos. Es autor de unos 40 títulos de cursos multimedia. Es fundador de dos centros televisivos en Argentina y España, y conductor de numerosos programas televisivos.

4-56 LA CATEQUESIS FAMILIAR: LA COMUNICACIÓN DE LA FE ENTRE GENERACIONES

Obispo Ricardo Ramírez, CSB

Obispo Ricardo Ramírez presentara no solo la utilidad sino también la absoluta necesidad de compartir la fe por los padres de familia. El obispo hará participe sus experiencias pastorales sobre el tema de la catequesis en la familia.

4-57 SABER PERDONAR Y SANACIÓN MATRIMONIAL

A pesar de nuestras mejores intenciones lo cierto es que no conseguimos amar a nuestra pareja de forma constante e inteligente. Con frecuencia experimentamos que la unidad matrimonial es frágil y cuando se rompe produce daños emocionales que hay que saber sanar. Los matrimonios fuertes no son los que no tienen crisis sino los que las saben superar. En este tema el Dr. John Yzaguirre describirá los cuatro pasos esenciales para activar el proceso del perdón que lleva a la reconciliación y a una vida de unidad cada vez más profunda y más estable.



Dr. John Yzaguirre

El Dr. John Yzaguirre es psicólogo y autor, se especializa en la integración de la psicología y la espiritualidad católica en la vida familiar. Es Co-director del Instituto Prosocial de California junto con su esposa, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, con la que ha escrito el libro “Casados y Felices.” Ha ofrecido sus conferencias en congresos nacionales e internacionales en Estados Unidos, México, Canadá, Europa y Australia. Además de su práctica privada en Irvine, California, también ofrece programas de formación sobre vida familiar en numerosas diócesis y parroquias de Estados Unidos.

5-51 TRATA DE PERSONAS: PASANDO POR DEBAJO DEL VIENTRE DE LA BESTIA 🗣️

¿Qué es la trata de personas y qué significa para usted? ¿Está usted en riesgo? ¿Están sus hijos en riesgo? Únase junto al líder internacional en derechos humanos, Patrick Atkinson, que con sus 30 años de lucha contra la guerra, la pobreza y la prostitución en todo el mundo, explora la dinámica histórica y contemporánea de la trata de personas. Aprenda lo que usted puede hacer para protegerse y para proteger a sus seres queridos, así como también para ayudar a poner fin a la esclavitud moderna.

**Patrick Atkinson**

Educador, defensor de los derechos humanos y misionero, Patrick Atkinson es mejor conocido como el fundador y director internacional ejecutivo de God's Child Project, una obra de caridad de carácter internacional que fue fundada en 1991 que cuida y educa niños y mujeres en tres continentes. Además de fundador de varias escuelas y clínicas, Atkinson es el fundador del Instituto de Personas Explotadas, Traficadas y Desaparecidas en el 2001. Ha realizado presentaciones en cientos de universidades, iglesias, escuelas desde Nairobi y Los Ángeles.

5-52 EN CUENTO CON DIOS: NARRACIÓN ORAL AL SERVICIO DE LA EVANGELIZACIÓN 🗣️

La narración de cuentos es una herramienta para la educación en la fe. (Por que cuento cuentos que cuentan el cuento de Dios). Facilitar las herramientas que nos acerquen al cuento oral como medio de evangelización y profundización en el ministerio del anuncio de la buena nueva de Nuestro Señor. Descubrir en el arte de la palabra un don de Dios dado a nosotros para su gloria y alabanza.

**Jorge Ivan Echavarría**

Nace en Bogotá, Jorge Iván Echavarría ha participado en distintos proyectos de teatro como escritor, director y productor. Su creatividad trasciende en las áreas de diseño y publicidad, como en el manejo de grupos, retiros y misiones. Es imaginador profesional, asesor pastoral y misionero laico, diseñador gráfico independiente. Narrador oral escénico, desde 1992 llevando sus funciones a nivel nacional e internacional, contando cuentos y dando talleres conferencias y retiros para jóvenes, parroquias y comunidades religiosas.

5-53 HACIENDO TEOLOGÍA LATINA 🗣️

Este taller presentará una descripción del método usado en la teología latina de Estados Unidos. Reflexionaremos sobre la importancia de la teología latina para toda la pastoral. Las tres preguntas claves: ¿dónde están tus pies?, ¿de quiénes son los pies que están ahí junto a los tuyos?, y ¿cómo se relacionan tus pies con los de ellos?

**Dr. Orlando Espín**

Dr. Orlando Espín es Profesor de Teología Sistemática en la Universidad de San Diego en California. Es ex-presidente de la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos Católicos de Estados Unidos, donde es considerado uno de los principales teólogos latinos. Espín es autor o editor de nueve libros y de más de 400 artículos teológicos en revistas de todo el mundo.

5-54 SER CATEQUISTA: LLAMADOS A INTERPELAR 🗣️

Alvaro Ginel Vielva

Ponemos nuestros ojos en diversos pasajes de la Biblia para descubrir un estilo del hacer de Dios que quiere revelarse a su pueblo. La acción reveladora de Dios es un modelo en el que nos podemos inspirar y sacar conclusiones para nuestra manera de hacer el anuncio de Dios a los hombres y mujeres que le buscan. Es Dios el verdadero y único dador de la fe.

5-55 ¿QUÉ LIDERAZGO APLICAR EN MI GRUPO Y MI FAMILIA?

Todos somos líderes, todos influimos a alguien. Pero, ¿cómo es nuestra influencia? y ¿qué tipo de influencia deberíamos ejercer en determinados momentos? Examinaremos los tipos de liderazgo y la manera sencilla de aplicarlos en distintos contextos. ¡En este taller te ayudaremos a sacar el líder que llevas dentro!

**Hna. Glenda Hernandez**

Glenda Valeska Hernandez Aguayo, conocida como la "Hermana Glenda," es una cantautora chilena con nacionalidad española, de música cristiana contemporánea. Hermana Glenda actualmente reside y trabaja en España aunque es conocida internacionalmente, especialmente en el ámbito de la música católica. Es profesora y conferencista en Europa y América.

5-56 MARÍA NOS INVITA A SER MENSAJEROS DEL AMOR DE DIOS

A través de María, madre de Dios y madre nuestra, Cristo nuestro Señor nos invita a conocerle, a experimentar su misericordia y a caminar en fe, ser testigos de la presencia de su Espíritu Santo en nuestras vidas. Somos enviados por María a llevar a Jesús a los demás, sabiéndonos protegidos bajo su manto y amor de madre. Respondamos a su llamado: Somos mensajeros del Amor de Dios.

**Rafael Moreno**

Rafael Moreno es un cantante y compositor de música católica. Nació en México y ha utilizado sus dones para la música desde en su niñez de la participación en coros parroquiales. A los 14 años, se integró a la Renovación Carismática en el que experimentó un fuerte deseo de componer música cristiana. Arquitecto de profesión y músico por vocación, fundó "Agua Viva" en 1984.

5-57 EL SEÑOR CAMBIÓ MI LAMENTO EN DANZAS Y CANTICOS DE ALEGRÍA (SALMO 30) 🗣️

Hablaremos de los dramas de la juventud hoy en día, y los nuevos desafíos de una pastoral juvenil entre ellos.

**Jorge A. Rivera**

Jorge Rivera es originalmente de la Isla de Puerto Rico y actualmente es Coordinador de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Tiene 10 años de experiencia en enseñanza y oratoria en pastoral juvenil. Además de conferencista Rivera es cantautor y guitarrista y ha viajado por Estados Unidos y fuera del país llevando un mensaje de esperanza.

6-51 PREPARANDO LA FAMILIA PARA CELEBRAR EL SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN 🗣️

La celebración sacramental requiere la experiencia de la reconciliación en la vida diaria, lidiando con la violencia y sus efectos de cara a la verdad y con la perspectiva de la espiritualidad.



Miguel Arias

Miguel Arias es Director Editorial en Liturgy Training Publications en Chicago. Previamente se desempeñó como Consultor para el Ministerio Hispano en Loyola Press. Formó parte del cuerpo facultativo del Instituto Hispano de Liturgia en Chicago e instructor invitado en el Instituto Tepeyac, es miembro de la facultad del Instituto Cultural del medio oeste. Es conocido por su trabajo pastoral en materia de reconciliación. Editorialmente ha sido escritor y editor de numerosos textos. Catequista y padre de familia que reside con su familia en la ciudad de Chicago.

6-52 CÓMO EDUCAR EN VALORES Y PONER LÍMITES ADECUADOS A LOS NIÑOS 🗣️

Luis M. Benavides

Cómo transmitir valores a través de los límites a los niños. Los valores y los límites. Orientaciones a la hora de poner límites a los niños. Límites positivos y negativos. El sentido del bien y del mal. Dios nos enseña a amar en libertad y con responsabilidad.

6-53 ¿EN QUÉ SE DISTINGUEN LAS CATEQUESIS CON INTELIGENCIA EMOCIONAL? 🗣️

Ana García-Mina

Al igual que no nacemos sabiendo interpretar la Biblia, tampoco nacemos sabiendo ser una o un buen catequista. Como todo, requiere unos conocimientos, un aprendizaje, un estilo de ser. Jesús de Nazaret no desaprovechaba ninguna oportunidad para desarrollar la humanidad escondida en la gente. No solo se dedicó a impartir conocimientos en sus catequisis, por el contrario, primero ayudaba a la gente a que volviera su mirada hacia sí mismo y hallaran la valía y el sentido que tiene su vida emocional para sí y para los demás. El propósito de esta taller es ofrecer pistas sobre cómo hemos de comportarnos como catequistas para hacer de la catequisis una experiencia de Vida y reino, a través de una educación para desarrollar nuestra inteligencia emocional.

6-54 TIEMPOS NUEVOS, RUMBOS NUEVOS

Cuando la vida se pone difícil, la catequisis se pone más interesante. Compartiremos anécdotas y estrategias.



Rosa Monique Peña, OP

Oriunda de la República Dominicana, Hna. Rosa Peña sirve actualmente como Asesora Nacional de Catequisis-Español e Inglés para la compañía publicitaria W.H. Sadlier, Inc. Fue Directora del Departamento de Educación Religiosa, la Certificación de Catequistas y el Proceso Catecumenal de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, Florida. Profesora de primaria, secundaria y adultos universitarios con estudiantes seminaristas y del diaconado.

6-55 ORANDO CANTANDO Y CAMINANDO CON JESÚS “EL MIGRANTE” 🗣️

Francisco Javier Herrera Brambila

La vida del pueblo migrante es una vida digna que nos muestra a un Jesús vivo que nos llama a conocernos mejor, a celebrar la fidelidad de Dios para con su Pueblo. A través de historias y testimonios vividos por nuestra comunidad representados en canciones de Francisco Javier Herrera y otros cantautores vemos “la vida cotidiana de nuestro pueblo,” como lo declaró el Obispo John Steinbock de la Diócesis de Fresno, California. En el taller cantaremos, reiremos, lloraremos (un poquito) y nos conoceremos mejor, creando la intimidad necesaria para fortalecer la comunidad en tiempos difíciles y buenos. También Francisco y su esposa María Christina nos guiarán en meditación para fortalecer el corazón. No se pierda éste taller informativo e inspiracional, porque el migrante vino a esta país a evangelizar.

6-56 DIVERSIDAD NATURAL Y PLURALISMO SOCIAL, POLÍTICO, CULTURAL Y RELIGIOSO 🗣️

Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña

En la naturaleza nos encontramos con una continua diversidad natural que la abarca todo. No existen en el mundo dos seres iguales. La diversidad política, es necesario alcanzarla, la diversidad cultural, vivida en experiencias limitadas en el pasado, actualmente no logra clara aceptación legal y política. Las religiones sufren todavía entre sí descalificaciones, exclusiones y violencias, siendo que Jesús se encarnó como luz para todas las naciones y quiere que en ellas la evangelización haga discípulos así como Él lo hizo.

6-57 ¡PONTE EN HONDA COMPADRE! 🗣️

Hemos pasado de la “era agraria” a la “era moderna.” Esta ha dejado lugar a la era “post-moderna.” Y ahora la humanidad está entrando en una nueva era, la “eco-lógica.” La humanidad sí, pero yo ¿en qué “era” me ubico? El cambio de “era” ¿implica cambios en mi religión, en mi manera de pensar? Porque, y que significa ponerse en honda: sus características, consecuencias, retos, dificultades y alegrías.



Luigi Zanotto

Luigi Zanotto, misionero y comboniano, es Pastor de St. Lucy's en Newark, New Jersey, con profunda experiencia latinoamericana. Ha sido encargado nacional de catequisis y secretario ejecutivo de Biblia con los Obispos de México. Colabora con la arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y con las diócesis del Nordeste de Estados Unidos y universidades en la formación de líderes de pastoral. Previamente sirvió como representante en las Naciones Unidas de los Misioneros Combonianos y del ONG Africa Faith and Justice Network. Su última publicación es “Vayan y creen comunidad.”

7-51 GRACIA Y CULTURA **Dr. Orlando Espin**

¿Qué es la cultura? ¿De qué hablamos cuando decimos “gracia”? En este taller reflexionaremos sobre las consecuencias y condiciones que impone la cultura a la experiencia de la gracia. Y veremos lo que esto implica para la catequesis.

7-52 JONÁS CONVIÉRTETE: LA MISIÓN DEL CATEQUISTA, DESDE LA FIGURA DEL PROFETA JONÁS **Ricardo Grzona**

Jonás es un personaje bíblico que aun cuando recibe el llamado a llevar el mensaje de Dios se resiste. ¿Hasta qué punto los evangelizadores de hoy somos parecidos? Dibujaremos una descripción de cómo hoy también actuamos igual que Jonás y que nos resistimos a evangelizar. También haremos un ejercicio de *Lecto Divina* con el profeta especialmente dedicado a catequistas con efectos especiales. Incluirá momentos de reflexión.

7-53 CATEQUISTAS DISCÍPULOS PARA DESCUBRIR LA VOZ QUE DA SENTIDO A LA VIDA **Marcelo A. Murua**

Un recorrido por diferentes personajes bíblicos nos mostrará interesantes claves para descubrir la voz que da sentido a la vida. La Biblia nos ofrece un espejo para contemplar nuestra vida de catequistas y profundizar nuestra misión. Reconocernos catequistas discípulos abre nuevos horizontes para iniciar a otros en la escucha de la Palabra que infunde y hace crecer la vida.

7-54 LA EUCARISTÍA: NUESTRO PUNTO DE CONVERGENCIA**Rosa Monique Peña, OP**

En este taller, identificaremos los puntos comunes que existen entre miembros de nuestros diferentes ministerios.

7-55 CANTOS PARA ACOMPAÑAR LAS CELEBRACIONES DE 15 AÑOS EN LA PARROQUIA

Puesto que la Bendición al cumplir quince años ha sido declarada como parte oficial del Bendición para las diócesis de los Estados Unidos se nos presenta una buena oportunidad para examinar el ritual y la liturgia en este contexto, tanto como los cantos que acompañan la misma para dar mayor sentido a la reunión no sólo para las jóvenes que celebran sus quince años, pero también para las familias y las comunidades que se reúnen para dar gracias a Dios. Desglosaremos el reciente documento de los Obispos y presentaremos un repertorio para asistirnos en nuestras parroquias en la formación y celebración de las quinceañeras.

**Pedro Rubalcava**

Pedro Rubalcava es un conocido compositor litúrgico y presentador de música litúrgica. Es director de Ministerios Hispánicos en OCP en Oregon. Ha sido director de ministerios litúrgicos parroquiales, co-director de pastoral juvenil diocesana (San Diego) y coordinador de pastoral parroquial. Rubalcava es visitante frecuente en el Congreso de Los Ángeles, en varios congresos diocesanos litúrgicos y en conferencias de educación religiosa y misiones parroquiales. Tiene varios CDs de música y publicaciones.

7-56 10 MANERAS DE COMO LA TECNOLOGÍA PUEDE MEJORAR TU SESIÓN DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

La tecnología o los medios modernos de comunicación se han convertido en una parte integral de nuestras vidas. Es difícil pasar un día sin escuchar las palabras como Twitter, Facebook, Internet, web, podcast, blog, etc. Sin embargo, la catequesis, especialmente en español, se ha quedado atrás en la cuestión de la tecnología. En este taller veremos 10 maneras en las que usted puede incorporar la tecnología en su sesión de educación religiosa. Cada una de las 10 maneras tendrá su aplicación práctica y lista para implementarse. Veremos que la tecnología o medios de comunicación realmente son “la nueva evangelización.”

**Victor Valenzuela**

Victor Valenzuela es consultor bilingüe a nivel nacional de William H. Sadler Inc. Por más de 20 años ha estado trabajando en el ministerio hispano. Ha sido maestro de secundaria y ha colaborado en diversos ministerios parroquiales incluyendo pastoral juvenil y educación religiosa, donde tiene una gran experiencia preparando materiales. Nació en Arizona de padres mexicanos, ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida en el área de la bahía. Actualmente vive en Alameda, California.

7-57 EL VATICANO II TIENE 50 AÑOS ¿Y QUÉ? **P. Luigi Zanotto**

Dividimos la presentación en tres partes: 1) Vaticano II (11 octubre 1962 - 8 diciembre 1965) – la Iglesia se identifica y dialoga con la historia; 2) el camino de la humanidad en estos 50 años y las respuestas de la Iglesia – a veces atinadas y otras fuera de honda; y 3) el presente de la humanidad y el valor de crear un futuro más “humano” desde la experiencia religiosa cristiana.



8-51 DIOS TE QUIERE UN IMAGINADOR: LA LÚDICA EL ARMA SECRETA DEL CATEQUISTA 🗣️

Jorge Ivan Echavarría

Descubrir cómo ser creativos, asertivos y a la vez hombres y mujeres de fe, agentes de evangelización. La imaginación como don del espíritu santo, como reflejo hermoso del pensamiento de Dios. Nos acercan a el y nos enseña de manera especial a comunicar siempre de manera sencilla y efectiva los misterios del Creador. Esta charla no tiene un formato tradicional, cualquier cosa puede pasar, es una charla divertida, profunda pero ente toda llena de unión con Dios. Atrévete a dejar tus sandalias afuera y sumérgete en el misterio de la creatividad de Dios. Aprender a crear dirigido del gran creador.

8-52 ORAR Y CANTAR LOS SALMOS

Hna. Glenda Hernandez

Los Salmos son una de las expresiones poéticas y orantes más bellas de la Biblia. Jesús vivió sus momentos más duros en la cruz con un versículo de los salmos en sus labios. En este taller daremos pistas para el análisis, la oración y la interpretación cantada de 12 salmos de la Biblia. ¡Te aseguro que después de esta charla no dejarás de cantar y orar los salmos!

8-53 JESUCRISTO, CORAZÓN DEL MUNDO Y SALVADOR DE LA HISTORIA 🗣️

Hernán Jorge Pereda Bullrich

Es un análisis de la “revolución” traída por Jesús de Nazaret. Tres son los niveles de la novedad: 1) nueva visión de Dios; 2) la revolución cultural; y 3) la revolución social. Jesucristo, históricamente hablando, ha venido “ayer” y a partir de Él, empiezan a aparecer en el mundo valores que lo cambian todo en aquellos que le creen. (Es la segunda parte de la anterior Sesión 4-55.)

8-54 JUSTICIA RESTAURADORA 🗣️

En este taller voy a hablar como Dios restauró mi vida desde la experiencia de una guerra civil, de las cárceles, drogas y alcohol en El Salvador y como llege a fundar uno de los movimientos Católicos más sobresalientes en Estados Unidos con más de 40 ramas ministeriales, formada por ex-pandilleros, ex-prostitutas y ex-drogadictos. Después de haber abandonado la escuela en el grado 10, logre graduarme de high school y colegio con un grado de 4.0 GPA. Mostrando como Dios definitivamente restaura a cualquiera que habrá su corazón a el.



William Duane Portillo

William Duane Portillo nació en Los Angeles, fundó el movimiento Católico de Prevención y Rescate, donde previamente fue Director Ejecutivo. Conferencista por 20 años a nivel internacional en congresos, retiros y talleres. Formador de líderes, voluntarios y predicadores laicos. Es ministro de jóvenes en la parroquia santo Tomas Apóstol en Los Angeles.

8-55 LOS LLAMÓ PARA QUE ESTUVIERAN CON EL, Y PARA ENVIARLOS EN MISIÓN (MC 3, 14) 🗣️

Jorge A. Rivera

En este taller, hablaremos los cristianos (la juventud) que se sienten sin vocación (llamada y misión) son cristianos anónimos, sin *identidad!*

8-56 VIVIENDO NUESTRO BAUTISMO A TRAVÉS DE LA SOLIDARIDAD 🗣️

Amar a nuestro prójimo tiene dimensiones globales que nos invita a recordar y responder a nuestro llamado bautismal. Aprovechando la vivencia de viajar con Catholic Relief Services al Oeste de África, este taller nos dará la oportunidad de recordar nuestro propio llamado bautismal individual a explorar la oportunidad de aplicar los dones personales con los que nuestra Iglesia nos ha dotado. A través de programas que CRS ofrece en Estados Unidos podemos responder personalmente y comunitariamente a la misión y a la solidaridad global.



Diácono Guillermo Torres

El Diácono Guillermo Torres es Director de la Oficina para Ministerios Hispanos de la Diócesis de Orange, California, donde fue Coordinador Diocesano de ministros parroquiales en la diócesis. Se ordenó como Diácono en el 2005. Colabora con Catholic Relief Services. Actualmente actúa como Presidente del comité ejecutivo de RECOSS, organización regional de directores del Ministerio Hispano de California, Nevada y Hawái.

8-57 ¿Y AHORA QUÉ? EL PLAN DE CATEQUESIS PARA EL CATECUMENADO 🗣️

El taller se enfocara sobre el desarrollo de un plan de catequesis para adultos y niños durante la etapa del catecumenado. Nos enfocaremos sobre el Párrafo 75 del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos y como se utiliza en lo práctico para infundir nueva vida no solo en los catecúmenos y candidatos pero también en la comunidad de fe que nos acompaña en la jornada.



P. Richard Vega

El padre Richard Vega es miembro de la Sociedad Mexicana de Liturgistas y presentador para las oficinas del Culto Divino en Los Angeles y Chicago. Actualmente es el presidente de la Federación Nacional de Consejos Presbiterales (NFPC). Fue párroco de La Purísima Concepción en Lompoc, California, y vicario parroquial en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.

8-58 ¡TODOS PARA UNO Y UNO PARA TODOS! 🗣️

Lupita Vital Cruz

Aparentemente, todos acogemos con fe y esperanza el llamado de nuestros obispos quienes nos animan a asumir la dinámica catequética de la iniciación cristiana, sabiendo perfectamente que la Eucaristía es el centro y culmen de la vida Cristiana. Por eso es muy importante hablar de la relación que existe entre la familia y la Santa Eucaristía. Especialmente la Misa Dominical. Pero, ¿dónde está nuestro espíritu misionero en las catequesis?

MUY IMPORTANTE:

Conserve siempre su boleto de admisión a mano. Lo necesitará para entrar a todas las sesiones y la revisión será estricta. El Congreso de Educación Religiosa es SÓLO para ADULTOS y JOVENES ADULTOS y a que todos los talleres son de carácter maduro. Si no puede dejar su niño/a en casa, obligatoriamente tendrá que pagar por el boleto del niño/a y además responsabilizarse por su cuidado para que no perturbe a los demás asistentes.

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Traiga consigo este libreto-guía al Congreso puesto que mucho del material contenido aquí no estará en el Programa del Congreso.

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CAPILLA

Durante el Congreso la capilla estará localizada en el “Sacred Space” (sala 304) para oración y adoración ante el Santísimo y estará abierta de viernes a domingo, de **10 a.m. a 3 p.m.**

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- Si necesita que un asistente le acompañe, puede hacerlo solo una persona que le acompañe a sus talleres y otros eventos del congreso. Es importante que envíe su tarjeta de registración junto con la registración de tu asistente en el mismo sobre de correo con una nota explicando que ambos necesitan ser registrados en los mismos talleres. Es esencial que se registre antes del **4 de febrero de 2012**.
- Las distancias entre el centro de convenciones y hoteles vecinos son bastante grandes. Si desea registrarse para sólo talleres dentro del centro de convenciones, es muy importante que incluya una nota con su tarjeta de registro al tiempo de enviarla.
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Any comments or special instructions (in V number)?

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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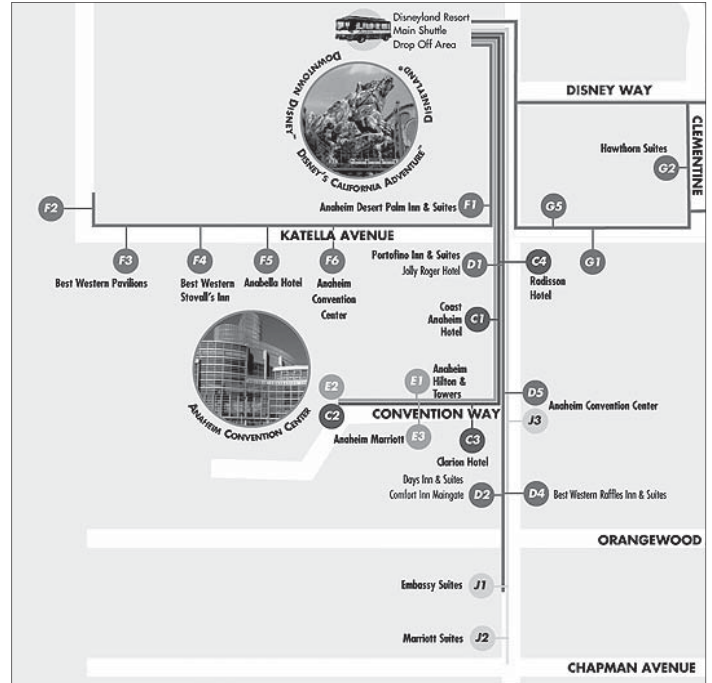
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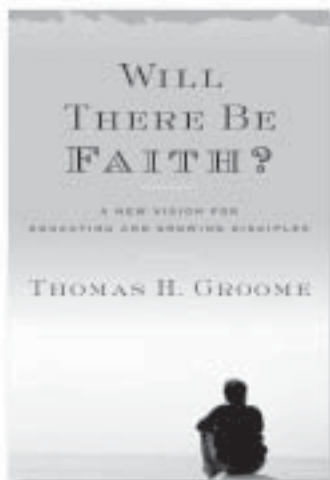
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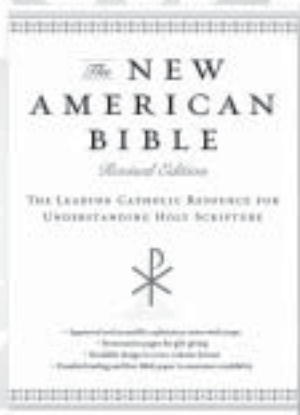
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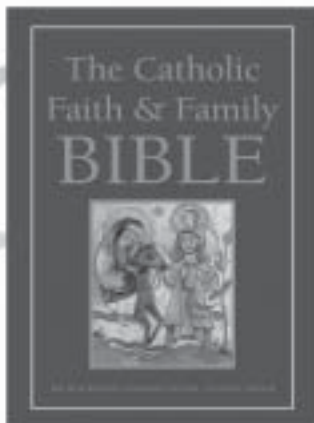
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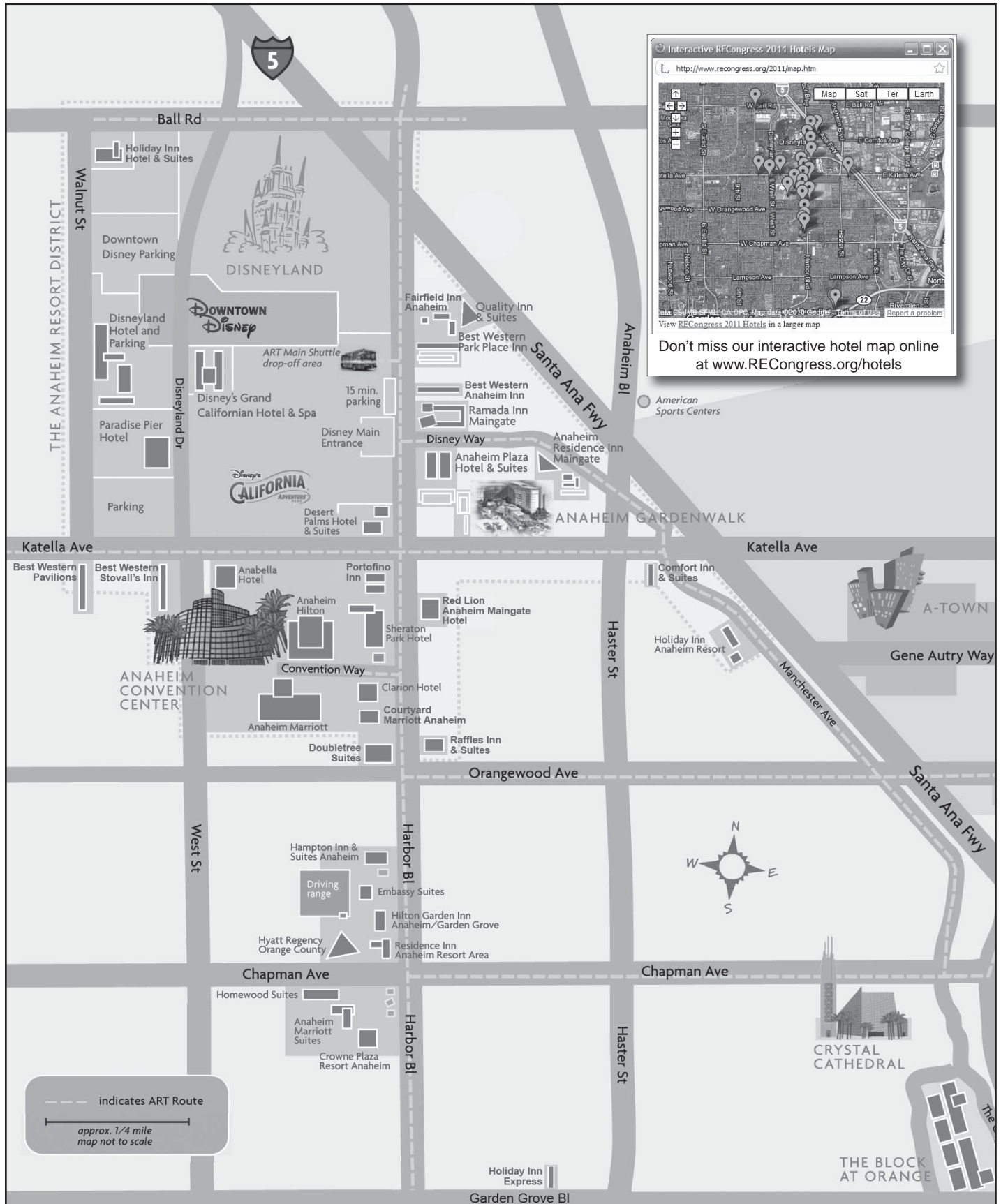
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ANAHEIM AREA MAP

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ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER AREA HOTEL MAP

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DISNEYLAND HOTEL 1150 W Magic Way	(714) 778-6600	\$144	\$144	\$144	\$144		3:00 pm	\$15 parking; rate good through Feb. 28, 2012
DOUBLETREE SUITES ANAHEIM 2085 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-3000	\$128 / \$149		\$128 / \$149		All Suites	3:00 pm	\$8 parking; rate good through March 1, 2012
EMBASSY SUITES SOUTH 11767 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove 92840	(714) 539-3300	\$169	\$169	\$209	\$209	All Suites	4:00 pm	\$8 parking; cooked bkfst; nightly mgr's reception; through March 1, 2012
HAMPTON INN & SUITES 11747 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-8800	\$109	\$109			All Suites	3:00 pm	\$4 parking; rate good through March 1, 2012
HILTON GARDEN INN 11777 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-9100	\$121	\$121	\$121			3:00 pm	\$6 parking; rate good through March 1, 2012
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES 12867 Garden Grove Blvd Garden Grove 92843	(714) 539-3535 www.hiegardengrove.com	\$97	\$109	\$109	\$109	Available	3:00 pm	Code: REC; free bkfst; free park; rate good through February 28, 2012
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES 1240 S Walnut St	(714) 535-0300	\$108	\$108			Available	4:00 pm	Shuttle; \$10 fee waived; 10% off dinner; thru 3/1
HYATT REGENCY ORANGE COUNTY 11999 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove 92840	(714) 750-1234	\$149	\$199			Available	4:00 pm	\$6 parking; comp. Internet; rate good through March 1, 2012
PARK PLACE INN (Best Western) 1544 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 776-4800	\$113	\$113	\$113	\$113		4:00 pm	Rate good through March 1, 2012
PAVILIONS (Best Western) 1176 W Katella Ave	(714) 776-0140	\$104	\$104	\$104	\$104		4:00 pm	Rate good through March 1, 2012
PORTOFINO INN & SUITES 1831 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 782-7600	\$141 / \$169		\$141 / \$169			3:00 pm	Comp. parking; rate good through March 1, 2012
RAFFLES INN & SUITES (Best Western) 2040 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-6100		\$121 / \$153 / \$184				3:00 pm	Comp. deluxe breakfast; free parking; thru March 1
RED LION HOTEL 1850 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-2801	\$138.95	\$138.95	\$148.95	\$148.95	Available	4:00 pm	\$10 parking; rate good through February 22, 2012
RESIDENCE INN ANAHEIM 11931 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove 92840	(800) 331-3131	\$159	\$159	\$169	\$169	Available	4:00 pm	Rate good through March 1, 2012
SHERATON PARK HOTEL 1855 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-1811	\$143 / \$199		\$143 / \$199		Available	4:00 pm	\$14 parking; rate good through March 1, 2012
STOVALLS INN (Best Western) 1110 W Katella Ave	(714) 778-1880	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107		4:00 pm	Rate good through March 1, 2012

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Date

Signature of Cardholder

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LMU|LA Extension

Earn extension semester hours and receive a transcript from Loyola Marymount University for attending the
2012 Religious Education Congress
 “Voice Infusing Life” / “Voz que Infunde Vida”
March 23-25, 2012

In cooperation with the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY offers the opportunity to earn professional development (continuing education) credit for attending the Religious Education Congress, with two options:

To earn 1.0 unit (10 hours over two days):

- attend any **six** workshops (including keynote addresses) and at least **one** major liturgy;
- write a **1-2 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
- registration fee: **\$60**

To earn 1.5 units (15 hours over three days):

- attend any **eight** workshops (including keynote addresses) and at least **two** major liturgies;
- write a **2-3 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
- registration fee: **\$90**

- ❖ **To register**, fill out the form below, and either FAX it or mail it to the address below.
 - You can also register by phone (310-338-2799) or online (<http://extension.lmu.edu/religion>).
 - You can also register, at Congress; just come by the LMU Booth in the Exhibit Hall.
- ❖ **To receive credit**, submit your paper (typed, double-spaced), along with a list of all the sessions you attended, on or before **April 6, 2012** (two weeks after Congress)
 - Send your materials by **e-mail** (CRS@lmu.edu), or **FAX** (310-338-2706), or **regular mail** to:
 Center for Religion & Spirituality, 1 LMU Drive, Suite 1840, Los Angeles, CA 90045

REGISTRATION FORM – LMU EXTENSION

RELX 870.01 / CRN 80487 – R.E. CONGRESS: Two Days (1.0 unit for \$60)

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FULL NAME _____
Title First Middle Last Suffix

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____
(Optional)

VISA or MasterCard # _____ CCV# _____ Exp. Date _____

Please submit this form along with the appropriate registration fee on or before **April 6, 2012**.
 Make checks payable to “Loyola Marymount University,” or give credit card information above.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PASTORAL / CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Mount St. Mary's College offers you one *Continuing Education Unit (C.E.U.)* for attending workshops and Keynotes at the 2012 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. This C.E.U. is recorded by the American Council on Education.

EARN ONE C.E.U. BY ATTENDING SEVEN CONGRESS WORKSHOPS.*

EARN .8 C.E.U. BY ATTENDING FIVE CONGRESS WORKSHOPS.*

- a. Earn .8 C.E.U. by attending **five** workshops.
Earn 1 C.E.U. for **seven** workshops. (0001)
- b. Earn 1 C.E.U. in any of these areas by attending **four** of seven workshops in the desired area:
 - Catechist recertification (0002)
 - Hispanic Ministry certification (0003)
 - Master Catechist recertification (0004)
 - Liturgical recertification (0005)
 - High School cert./recertification (0006)
- c. To obtain one C.E.U. in any of the areas, 0002-0006, **four** of the seven workshops must be related to the desired area. (**4 of 5** for .8 C.E.U.)

1. C.E.U. credit is awarded nationally for attendance at conferences, seminars, workshops, and classes providing adult-learning experiences.
2. C.E.U. credit is used toward advancement in some professions or as proof of continuing education.
3. C.E.U. credit is processed by Mount St. Mary's College and recorded by the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.
4. C.E.U. credit offers proof of attendance for recertification or certification credits as a religion teacher.
5. The fee for either .8 C.E.U. or 1 C.E.U. is \$35.00. (non-refundable)

*** All General Arena Keynotes (non-liturgies) also count toward workshop credit.**

For more information, contact: Brigidann Cooper, Program Assistant • (213) 477-2640 • bcooper@msmc.la.edu

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Continuing Education for Pastoral / Catechetical Ministry

Congress 2012

I wish to enroll for one Continuing Education Unit (1 C.E.U.)

I understand I must attend 7 workshops at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to obtain this credit.

I wish to enroll for .8 Continuing Education Unit (5 C.E.U.)

I understand I must attend 5 workshops at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to obtain this credit.

Circle one: 0001 0002 0003 0004 0005 0006

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ SS# _____

Return to: Graduate Religious Studies
Mount St. Mary's College
10 Chester Place
Los Angeles, CA 90007

\$35 enclosed (Check payable to Mount St. Mary's College)
No registration will be honored without accompanying payment.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER BY MAIL: March 16, 2012

HOTEL FACILITIES/HOSPITALITY

We have always asked that everyone observe the rules and regulations of the hotels regarding food and beverages in their rooms. Hotel regulations regarding food are as follows:

- 1. THE CITY OF ANAHEIM PROHIBITS THE USE OF ANY TYPE OF COOKING APPLIANCES.** This includes microwave ovens, warming ovens, toasters or any type of similar appliances.
- 2. FOOD AND BEVERAGES – OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY HOTEL CATERING DEPARTMENTS – ARE FORBIDDEN IN ROOMS.** Notices will be filed with the management if anything is found in the rooms by housekeeping personnel. Hotel management will take appropriate action.

Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all major hotels, and they have agreed to work very closely with us in providing a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms as well. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at some of these facilities.

BANQUET/CATERING CONTACTS ONLY

CLARION:	Kathleen O'Brien	(714) 750-3131 x3023
HILTON:	Debbie Igna	(714) 740-4258
MARRIOTT:	Bernadette Chute	(714) 748-2431
SHERATON:	Kirsten Garcia	(714) 740-4174

CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

The following regulations have been given to the Congress Office regarding policies. PLEASE, PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES, AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

1. No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center Parking lots.
2. No free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

This is a violation of the Convention Center’s contract giving exclusive rights to Aramark Food Service, Inc. and Orange County Board of Health regulations.

PARKING

The parking fee at the Anaheim Convention Center is **\$12 each time you drive in.** NO PARKING PASSES will be available, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted. Camping and picnicking are NOT allowed.

NOTE: Cars will be ticketed if backed into designated head-in spaces. CARS WILL BE TOWED FROM RESTRICTED AREAS.

MESSAGE CENTER

If family or friends need to contact you during Congress, they may do so from **9 am to 6 pm** by phoning **(714) 765-8883 or (714) 765-8884** and leaving a message. You may also leave a message for friends you wish to contact.

WORKSHOP RECORDING

Many of the Congress workshops will be recorded by CSC Digital Media. **Individual audio/video taping is not allowed.** Further information about ordering audio CDs can be found online at www.RECongress.org/tapes.htm. An order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2012 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you have need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices.

We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by February 17, 2012, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received. The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, you may request an interpreter upon your arrival.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask Interpreting Services, located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area. While we can accommodate most requests for last-minute changes, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Religious Education Congress Committee wants you to enjoy your Congress experience and offers the following options:

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other Congress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant’s – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by February 4, 2012.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large. However, the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.
- NOTE: The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Alpha Drugs Pharmacy at either of their two locations in Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; or 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your ability to attend or enjoy RECongress due to handicap access or mobility concerns, please feel free to contact Rob Williams at RECMobility@recongress.org. RECongress’ Mobility Team will be available to help with wheelchair transport, special seating and any access issues within Congress. At Congress you can find the Mobility Team located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area.

REGISTRATION FORM

DO . . .

1. Affix address label in designated area on Registration Form (inside back cover). If address label is not correct, fill out registration card completely. Please be sure to PRINT your Name, Address, ZIP Code, Phone Number and email.
2. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
3. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
4. Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.
5. Register by credit card online at www.RECongress.org.
6. Register on site during the Congress weekend if you have not registered by March 2, 2012.

PLEASE . . .

1. **DO NOT** make copies of the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after March 2, 2012.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.
5. **DO NOT** expect the Congress Office to make changes in workshops after you have registered. (You may exchange tickets for any available sessions beginning at noon on Friday of Congress.)

REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$60. Postmarked after February 4, 2012: \$70.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by February 4, 2012. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. Registrations received after **March 2** will be processed and must be picked up through Advance Pick-Up or at the Registration Booth. Tickets will only be given to the registered individual with ID.
4. **TICKETS will be mailed after FEBRUARY 10, 2012. Please allow two weeks for delivery. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.**
5. Replacement tickets cost: \$30.

ADVANCE TICKET/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a "jump start" on Congress and avoid the Program Book lines! Pick up your Congress Program Book and badge holder beginning Thursday, March 22, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm, in the Convention Center Hall A Prefunction Lobby. Please bring your program card with you!

REMINDER: Congress is an adult/young adult-ONLY religious education event. All workshops are directed to these age groups. If you must bring your child(ren), they MUST be registered and they must accompany you. We ask that they be your sole responsibility so they do not disturb the other delegates.

LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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1. Pegue la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su Nombre, Dirección, Zona Postal y número de teléfono.
2. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
3. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
4. FIRME SU CHEQUE.
5. Se aceptan tarjetas de crédito en línea en www.RECongress.org
6. Si para el 2 de marzo de 2012 no ha enviado su registro, puede hacerlo personalmente durante el fin de semana del Congreso.

POR FAVOR . . .

1. **NO** reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. **NO** inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. **NO** envíe su inscripción después del 2 de marzo, 2012.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.
5. **NO** espere que la Oficina del Congreso le cambie los talleres después de inscribirse. (Podrá cambiar sus boletos por otra sesión con cupo, el viernes después el medio día de Congreso.)

RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$60 (U.S.). Después del 4 de febrero, 2012 será \$70.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 4 de febrero, 2012. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del **2 de marzo**, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se le entregarán solamente a la persona que se registró y necesitará presentar identificación en el Centro de Convenciones.
4. **LOS BOLETOS se enviarán por correo después del 10 de febrero, 2012. Por favor espere 2 semanas para recibirlos. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.**
5. El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$30.

RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Evite las largas líneas y recoja su libro a partir del día jueves 22 de marzo, por la noche desde las 6:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm en la área de la Prefunciones del Centro de Convenciones.

El Congreso es un evento de educación religiosa para adultos/jóvenes adultos SOLAMENTE. Todos los talleres son dirigidos a estos grupos. Si usted debe traer a su niño/s, ellos deben ser registrados y deben estar acompañados. Le pedimos hacerse responsable de ellos para evitar distracciones a otros delegados.

REQUEST FORM FOR SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS

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Please fill out and include this form along with your registration.

SERVICES

What services do you need? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter Deaf/Blind Interpreter ALD

WORKSHOPS

I plan on attending the following periods (circle all that apply): FRI: 1 2 3 SAT: 4 5 6 SUN: 7 8

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Email: _____ Cell/Phone: _____

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