

## SATURDAY SCHEDULE

**7:30 am - 3:00 pm**

On-site registration  
(Prefunction Lobby)

**7:50 am**

Morning Praise (Arena)

**8:30 am**

Keynote Address (Arena)  
– Mark Shriver

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

Period 4 Workshops

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

LUNCH

**11:45 am - 12:30 pm**

**Music (Arena)**  
– Curtis Stephan,  
Steve Angrisano & Dan Schutte

**Music (Hall B)**  
– Hermana Glenda

**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)

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Adoration  
(Sacred Space)

**8:00 pm**

**Concert (Arena)**  
– Mariachi w/ Anna Betancourt,  
Donna Peña & Pedro Rubalcava

**8:30 pm**

Sacred Illuminations 2013  
(Convention 213)

**9:00 pm - midnight**

Young Adult Dance  
(Marriott)

### 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)

## SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 7:50 am

Let us welcome a new day and sing out in a chorus of praise and worship to the God of Life who journeys with us. Estela García-López, Rudy López, John Angotti and Santiago Fernandez will lead this spirit-filled and uplifting celebration. Our presider will be Tricia Hoyt. Together, we will celebrate our common journey of faith.

## SATURDAY KEYNOTE



Shriver

### MARK SHRIVER

Arena – 8:30 am

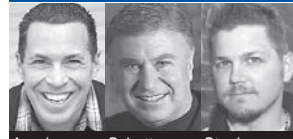
*“Faith, Hope and Love in Action”* 🎧

In this Year of Faith, Mark Shriver shares his father’s example to glean insights about the durability of faith, a faith that demands acts of hope and love. How did Sargent Shriver create the Peace Corps, lead the “War on Poverty,” expand Special Olympics around the globe, and still attend Mass on a daily basis? Sharing the lessons he learned in writing his New York Times best-selling memoir, “A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver,” Mark Shriver will explore the source of his father’s joy – his faith – and how it sustained him through life. It is this faith that can help us all as we strive to be better men and women.

*Fr. Richard Fragomeni will contextualize the session in the vision proposed by the Year of Faith. Fr. Fragomeni is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.*

## SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Angrisano Schutte Stephan

*“Age to Age: Generations of Faith”*

Leaving labels of youth, liturgical and contemporary behind, Catholic music icons Steve Angrisano, Dan Schutte and Curtis Stephan come together to share their music with one another and with the Church. Join them as they unite Catholics across generations that weave a tapestry of sung prayer for the whole community!



Hna. Glenda

### HERMANA GLENDA

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

*“A solas con Dios” (Alone with God)*

Un momento para orar, meditar y cantar con las hermosas canciones bíblicas interpretadas por la Hermana Glenda Hernandez, te ayudarán a encontrarte de verdad “a solas con Dios.”

*A time to pray, meditate and sing the beautiful songs from the Bible interpreted by Sr. Glenda Hernandez, who will help you find the truth “alone with God.”*

## SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

*“Celebrating the Great Mystery with Mariachi”*

We invite you to rejoice and feast with the renowned and festive sounds of mariachi in this encounter with the mystery of the living God, who loves us beyond borders. Come and join voices with Anna Betancourt, Donna Peña and Pedro Rubalcava.



Betancourt Peña Rubalcava

## SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2013

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm



Sacred Illuminations 2013

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 lead us on a journey into the urgency of God’s longing for us. (Note the later time again this year, beginning at 8:30 pm)

## PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 Preschool Faith Formation: Learning from the Master (\*) - **Dr. Shauna Adams**
- 4-02 Singing the Mystery  
- **Tony Alonso & Marty Haugen**
- 4-03 Come Sing My Song! Celebrating Our Faith with Children (\*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 4-04 Ahhh, to be a Kid Again: Music and Movement for the Very Young and the Young at Heart! (\*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 4-05 Faith, Worship and 800-pound Gorillas! Honest Ministry in the 21st Century (\*) - **Grayson Warren Brown**
- 4-06 Special Questions in Sexual Morality  
- **Fr. Gerald Coleman**
- 4-07 Especially for Young Adults: Leadership Skills for Ministry and Beyond (\*)  
- **Dr. Katherine DeVries**
- 4-08 Stewardship and Servant Leadership (\*)  
- **Dr. Dan Ebener**
- 4-09 Vatican II: An Unfinished Building Site (\*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 4-10 Excellence in Adolescent Catechesis and the Credo Series (\*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-11 We Are Not Alone: A Musical and Prayerful Journey Celebrating the Presence of Christ  
- **David Haas**
- 4-12 Do Tell: Secrets to Teaching Scripture with Middle- and High-Schoolers (\*)  
- **Mark Hart**
- 4-13 Forming Conscience in a Polarizing Time (\*) - **Fr. James Heft**
- 4-14 Starting, Sustaining and Succeeding with Social Media in the Parish Setting (\*)  
- **Lisa Hendey**
- 4-15 Was That You, Lord? Hearing the Voice of God as Only You Can (\*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 4-16 How to Be Me When the World Wants Me to Be Somebody Else (\*)  
- **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-17 “For I Was a Stranger, and You Welcomed Me!” (\*) - **Cardinal Roger Mahony**
- 4-18 It’s More Than a Course, of Course: Ten Values of Renewed Parishes (\*)  
- **Fr. James Mallon**
- 4-19 Does God Really Help? (\*)  
- **Fr. Jonathan Morris**
- 4-20 Sexuality: Celebrate the Gift and Become Makers of Love  
- **Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 4-21 Diary of an Unapologetic Roman Catholic Priest (\*) - **Rev. R. Tony Ricard**
- 4-22 Babies Should be Begotten, Not Made: Infertility and *In Vitro* Fertilization  
- **Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk**
- 4-23 Empowering Vibrant Faith @ Home (\*)  
- **John Roberto & Leif Kehrwald**
- 4-24 The Heart of the Matter: The Inner Logic of the Gospel of John (\*) - **Fr. Donald Senior**
- 4-25 Jesus and the Mystery of the Kingdom of God (\*) - **Jeffrey Siker**
- 4-26 New Evidence from Physics for an Intelligent Creator – Responding to the New Atheism (\*) - **Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 4-27 The Year of Faith and New Evangelization (\*) - **Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle**
- 4-28 Being Present to Each Other (\*)  
- **Dr. John Yzaguirre**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Liturgical Year: Living Out the Paschal Mystery) (\*)  
- **Fr. Thinh Duc Pham**

## PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 All Things Catholic: What’s Hot and What’s Not in the Global Church (\*)  
- **John Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 Cultivating a Eucharistic Spirituality  
- **Dr. Mary Amore**
- 5-03 Dancing into the Light (\*)  
- **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 5-04 Building Biblical Literacy in Parishes (\*)  
- **East, Groome, Maudlin, Morris, Sperry**
- 5-05 Saving Lives Is for the Coast Guard (\*)  
- **Rev. Gregory Boyle**
- 5-06 Engaging Children in Catechesis Through Song (\*) - **John Burland**
- 5-07 Creating a Parish Catechism (\*)  
- **Rev. John Cusick**
- 5-08 Die to Self without Losing Yourself in the Process - **Amy Florian**
- 5-09 Discipleship Bootcamp: Spiritual Exercises to Enter the Mystery (\*)  
- **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 5-10 Friend of God: Entering into the Mystery of Relationship with God (\*) - **Renata Furst**
- 5-11 Can You Hear Me Now? - **GIA workshop**
- 5-12 Migration and the Eucharist (\*)  
- **Rev. Daniel Groody**
- 5-13 The Struggle to Serve: Ministering with Hope in Today’s Church (\*)  
- **Dr. Ed Hahnenberg**
- 5-14 Science, Religion and Faith: The Challenge of Modern Atheism (\*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 5-15 Mission-based Catechesis: The Time is Now! (\*) - **Jack Jezreel**
- 5-16 Movies to Pray By - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 5-17 Walk the Way: Enter the Mystery (\*)  
- **Fr. David Loftus**
- 5-18 Learning to Pray (\*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 5-19 The Mystery of Faith: Jesus’ Prayer, Passion and Power (\*) - **Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin**
- 5-20 Are you Certifiable? Examining the National LEM Certification Process (\*)  
- **Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 5-21 “Two Shall Become One Flesh” (Matt. 19:5): The Bible on Marriage (\*)  
- **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 5-22 A Covenant for All Generations: Building an Intergenerational Church (\*)  
- **Jennifer Owens**
- 5-23 Care and Treatment Decisions for Compromised Patients or Patients at the End of Life - **Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk**
- 5-24 What the Young Church Wants You to Know (But Doesn’t Tell You) (\*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 5-25 Three Popes: One Common Message (\*)  
- **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 5-26 Parenting is Not for Wimps! (\*)  
- **Char Wenc**
- 5-27 God Called Me to Dance, Even if I’m Out of Step (\*) - **Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Faith: Myth or Mystery?) (\*) - **Rev. Hy Nguyen**

🔊 and (\*) indicate recorded sessions

## PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Mary as Mother of the Word and Star of the New Evangelization (\*) - **Stephen Binz**
- 6-02 Priesthood: The Problem and the Promise (\*) - **Rev. Lawrence Christian**
- 6-03 HIV/AIDS: Where Are We Today? (\*)  
- **Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen**
- 6-04 Enter the Mystery: Grace, Revelation and Jesus (\*) - **Sr. Carol Dempsey**
- 6-05 Adult Faith Formation: From Information to Transformation, From Program to Process (\*) - **Julianne Donlon-Stanz**
- 6-06 Blessings for Leaders: The Leadership Wisdom of Jesus (\*) - **Dr. Dan Ebener**
- 6-07 The Land of Jesus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage (\*) - **Rev. Virgilio Elizondo & Dr. Timothy Matovina**
- 6-08 Sacraments as Doors to the Sacred and Rites of Passage (\*) - **Rev. Eduardo Fernandez**
- 6-09 The Theological Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching (\*) - **Fr. James Hanvey**
- 6-10 The Gift of Cultural Hurricanes: How to Build Bridges that Empower Parents and Transform Catholic Families (\*)  
- **Dr. Timothy Hogan**
- 6-11 The Mystery of Faith: Its Biblical Foundations (\*) - **Fr. Felix Just**
- 6-12 Like a River: Liturgy and Catechesis as a Seamless, Flowing Garment (\*)  
- **Tom Kendzia**
- 6-13 Your Words, O God: Singing the Scriptures in Parishes and Schools (\*)  
- **Michael Mangan**
- 6-14 Youth in Crisis: A Pastoral Response (\*)  
- **Robert McCarty**
- 6-15 Catholic Parents – Keepers of the Promise (\*) - **Dr. Patricia McCormack**
- 6-16 Enter the Mystery – Is the Mystery Someone? (\*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 6-17 Themes in Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue (\*) - **Bishop Malcolm McMahon**
- 6-18 How to Reach Young Adults: Reclaiming the “Lost” Generation (\*) - **David O’Brien**
- 6-19 My Parish is Becoming Hispanic: Suggestions to Organize Effective Hispanic Ministry in Your Community (\*)  
- **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 6-20 Introduction to the Second Vatican Council (\*) - **Rev. Michael Raschko**
- 6-21 The Three Pillars of Catholicism  
- **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 6-22 Spirituality and the Different Stages of Our Lives: One Size Doesn’t Fit All (\*)  
- **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 6-23 The Innovative Religion Teacher: Contemporary Methodologies for the 21st-century Classroom (\*)  
- **Ailis Travers & Elaine Mahon**
- 6-24 Joyful, Holy Encounters (\*)  
- **Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin**
- 6-25 Improving Our Skills for Choirs and Cantors (\*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 6-26 Where There Is Ruin, There May Be Treasure: Recovery from Alcoholism 101 (\*)  
- **Fr. Thomas Weston**
- 6-27 Pope Benedict’s New Evangelization: Practical Applications for the Catechist and Catechetical Leader (\*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Old Testament: The Key to Enter the Mystery of Jesus Christ) (\*)  
- **Fr. Joseph Doan Công Nguyen**

## 4-01 PRESCHOOL FAITH FORMATION: LEARNING FROM THE MASTER ☺

Dr. Shauna M. Adams

What do you do with children who are too young to read and write? How do you keep them busy? What do you do when the children won't come into the room or refuse to leave? How do you keep a group of 3- or 4-year-olds engaged, busy and learning. Participants will learn from a master teacher and catechist who has taught faith formation using developmentally appropriate and play-based practice. Participants will see examples of supported play, interactive group time, and techniques that slow the pace of lessons so that children are active learners.

## 4-02 SINGING THE MYSTERY

Yoked to music, the words of Scripture and the action of the liturgical rites are able to carry the vibrant voice of the Spirit's presence into our midst in a way that expresses our own yearning for God's transforming work in our lives and in the life of the world. This session will explore how music can be creatively wedded to the rites in a way that deepens the understanding and engagement of all.



**Tony Alonso**

*Tony Alonso's contemporary liturgical music appears in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. He is a presenter at liturgy, music and theology conferences around the globe. Alonso's latest publications include "I Shall Rise: Music for the Paschal Triduum" and "The Lyric Psalter: Revised Grail Lectionary Psalms" with Marty Haugen. The former Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles is currently a doctoral candidate focusing on liturgical and ritual studies in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta.*



**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."*

## 4-03 COME SING MY SONG! CELEBRATING OUR FAITH WITH CHILDREN ☺

Andrew Chinn

St. Augustine said, "Those who sing well pray twice." In this spirit, come and join experienced elementary educator Australian Andrew Chinn in a workshop that explores the use of music to enhance the daily prayer lives of children, as well as liturgical celebrations and special events throughout the liturgical and school year. Come be enthused and skilled for your work in the prayer, celebration and liturgical life of yourself and God's children. Bring your voices (all kinds welcome!) and your inner child as we celebrate the mystery of our faith.

## 4-04 AH-H-H, TO BE A KID AGAIN: MUSIC & MOVEMENT FOR THE VERY YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART! ☺

It's no mystery why children love to sing and dance! Put yourself in a child-like mindset and explore different ways to connect with your inner child. Come ready to dance and sing to songs that reflect our faith. This is a great workshop for teachers who work with young students (K-6).



**Donna Anderle**

*Donna Anderle is an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer. She is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet and Midwest Theatre Ballet and is involved in Cincy Dance, an outreach program for Cincinnati inner-city schools. Anderle is a nationally known liturgical dancer who continues to give workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concert and has choreographed for major conferences, including the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video.*

## 4-05 FAITH, WORSHIP AND 800-POUND GORILLAS! HONEST MINISTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY ☺

After 50 years in ministry – having lived through Vatican II, the American civil rights movement, and some real changes in my own understanding of the word "church" – I have just about seen it all. From the large cathedrals in Europe to small wooden churches in Tanzania where I've spoken or performed, everyone is looking for the same thing: love, purpose and hope. Thus, the opportunity to be a witness to the Gospel message is as great as ever. But the world is changing, and we will never be truly effective without addressing some of the 800-pound questions people are beginning to ask about God, faith and the church today, especially among young people.



**Grayson Warren Brown**

*Internationally known Grayson Warren Brown is an author, speaker, liturgical composer and recording artist. His latest collection is titled, "Now That the Morning Has Broken the Darkness." Brown began his liturgical ministry in the late-'60s in a small inner-city parish in New York City and has many years of experience working in a multicultural setting. He now divides his time between writing, composing and travelling the country giving workshops, speaking at conventions and conducting parish missions.*

## 4-06 SPECIAL QUESTIONS IN SEXUAL MORALITY

Gerald D. Coleman, SS

This workshop will deal with critical questions/concerns in sexual morality, with special attention to how best to understand and teach these matters, e.g., gender assessment, aberrant sexuality, pedophilia, sexual addiction and homosexuality.

**4-07 ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG ADULTS: LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR MINISTRY AND BEYOND** 🎧

Young adults bring a great deal of talent, creativity and energy to our parishes and organizations, both as paid staff members and volunteers. Yet, far too often, they are not given the opportunities, training, tools, mentoring and freedom to develop and share their wealth of gifts. Join us to explore leadership skills that can make a huge difference.

**Dr. Katherine F. DeVries**

*Dr. Kate DeVries is currently Co-Director of the Young Adult Ministry Office for the Chicago Archdiocese. She formerly served as a special education teacher for high school and junior high students with severe behavioral disorders and learning disabilities. Dr. DeVries has co-authored "The Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry," and co-hosts a monthly radio program called "The Light Show" on Chicago's Relevant Radio 950-AM.*

**4-08 STEWARDSHIP AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP** 🎧

This interactive workshop will describe two parish leadership programs: the Stewardship Institute and the Servant Leadership Institute. The 16-week programs train parish leaders using face-to-face sessions, one-on-one coaching and online teaching methods. After a brief introductory presentation, this workshop will demonstrate what these two leadership programs are actually like by holding a session, including prayer, scriptural reflection and interactive dialogue. This session concludes with discussion about 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 is currently a Professor and Organizational Leader at the College of Business at St. Ambrose University in Iowa. Since starting in church work in 1976, he presents at 20-25 conferences or retreats each year. His recent works include "Servant Leadership Models for Your Parish," "Blessings for Leaders: Leadership Wisdom from the Beatitudes," and numerous articles appearing in Sojourners, The Priest, Today's Parish, and other publications.*

**4-09 VATICAN II: AN UNFINISHED BUILDING SITE** 🎧**Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz**

The Second Vatican Council created a sturdy foundation for a new vision of the Church that responded to contemporary issues while remaining faithful to our ancient tradition. However, the Council's "building project" was left unfinished. This workshop will explore why that building was left unfinished and then consider the work still to be done if we are to bring the Council's project to completion.

**4-10 EXCELLENCE IN ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS AND THE CREDO SERIES** 🎧**Thomas Groome**

The challenges of adolescent catechesis have never been more demanding than in our time. Yet, by God's grace, there surely are life-giving and effective ways to hand on our faith to this rising generation. This workshop proposes a "life to faith to life" approach and highlights the resources of the new Credo curriculum toward excellence in adolescent catechesis.

**4-11 WE ARE NOT ALONE: A MUSICAL AND PRAYERFUL JOURNEY CELEBRATING THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST**

Coming to faith and nurturing the action of Christ in our lives is a movement, a journey steeped in prayer and celebration. This presence is alive and active in the sharing of the communal stories and meal that we hold close to our hearts. In this session, we will discover, sing and celebrate through psalms, hymns and songs, Entering the Mystery that is central to our Christian story; and in doing so, we can deepen the most sacred truth that we are not alone in the walk toward holiness and communion with God.

**David Haas**

*David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, and Campus Minister at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn. In addition, he is founder and Executive Director for "Music Ministry Alive." A composer of over 45 original collections of liturgical music, Haas is one of the pre-eminent liturgical composers in the English-speaking world and was nominated in 1991 for a Grammy Award. He travels internationally presenting concerts and workshops, and is author of over 25 books in the areas of liturgy, music and spirituality.*

**4-12 DO TELL: SECRETS TO TEACHING SCRIPTURE WITH MIDDLE- AND HIGH-SCHOOLERS** 🎧**Mark Hart**

How do we get our teens (and pre-teens) more excited about the Bible? What's the secret? Well, there isn't one ... there are many! This workshop will offer practical examples of how to approach the two age groups differently. Come laugh and learn as Mark Hart (the Bible Geek) shares secrets he's learned (and failures he'll admit) from 20 years of leading both middle school and high school Bible studies. In this session, he will share ideas, resources and catechetical approaches that have proven most effective when breaking through to the modern, screen-based adolescent.

**CONGRESS FACT:**

*In its 57-year history, the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, sponsored by the Los Angeles Archdiocese, has become the largest annual gathering of Roman Catholics in the nation, with over 40,000 in attendance each year.*

## 4-13 FORMING CONSCIENCE IN A POLARIZING TIME 🗣️

Most Catholics have grown up with an understanding that they have a responsibility to form and to follow their conscience. But how does one do that in an age when some voices within the Church are polarized? How does one do that when the larger society often assumes that positions to be held by Catholics are no longer realistic? Who can speak with authority in the Catholic conscience? How sacred is freedom of conscience in the Catholic Church? The challenge of forming conscience in today's world is more daunting than ever. These and related questions will be explored and examples given.



**Fr. James L. Heft, SM**

*Fr. James Heft, a priest in the Society of Mary, is currently the Alton Brooks Professor of Religion and President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Previously, the Marianist priest spent many years at the University of Dayton in Ohio, as Chair of the Theology Department, as well as Provost and Chancellor. Fr. Heft has written or edited 12 books and published over 175 articles. In 2011, he was awarded the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for his long and distinguished service to Catholic higher education.*

## 4-14 STARTING, SUSTAINING AND SUCCEEDING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE PARISH SETTING 🗣️

How can parishes and religious educators employ social media in the parish setting? Learn strategies for starting to use social media tools – Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest – as well as other emerging strategies within the contexts and constraints of the parish. Discover social media tools for that are timely, impactful and cost effective.



**Lisa Hendey**

*Lisa Hendey is founder and editor of CatholicMom.com and author of the bestsellers “The Handbook for Catholic Moms” and “A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms.” She is a technology contributor for EWTN’s “SonRise Morning Show” and a regular guest on Relevant Radio’s “On Call” afternoon show. Hendey is a columnist for Faith & Family, the 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 diocesan congresses on faith, family and new media.*

## 4-15 WAS THAT YOU, LORD? HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD AS ONLY YOU CAN 🗣️

**Fr. Joe Kempf**

Did you ever wish you could pray like someone else did? What if God does *not* want that from you? While there are many tried and true prayer practices to help people Enter the Mystery, what if how you personally hear the voice of God is in some ways unique to you? It is crucial that we learn to recognize God's voice. It is vital that we help children do the same. Join Fr. Joe Kempf for insight, suggestions, demonstrations for children, and several moving experiences to help us hear God's voice.

## 4-16 HOW TO BE ME WHEN THE WORLD WANTS ME TO BE SOMEBODY ELSE 🗣️

**Rev. Terry Hershey**

The holy trinity of our culture is bigger, faster and newer. All implying that we should be living a different life and not the one we are living now. In the end, we live overwhelmed and divided. And a divided life is a wounded life, and the soul keeps calling us to heal the wound. If we ignore that call, we try to numb our pain with an anesthetic of choice, be it overwork, consumerism or media noise. Intelligence happens when you quit trying to be smart. A sense of self appears when you no longer have a need to be somebody. Transcendence arrives when you embrace the life that is given. Holiness happens when you give up frenetic striving.

## 4-17 “FOR I WAS A STRANGER, AND YOU WELCOMED ME!” 🗣️

This session will focus on the biblical underpinnings of the Church's involvement in our care and concern for immigrants and immigration issues. It will give an overview of the Four Waves of Immigration in our country's history. It will examine the underlying principles for the Church's involvement in immigration and the elements we see as essential. It will look forward to the year 2030 when our country will be desperate for a workforce.



**Cardinal Roger M. Mahony**

*Cardinal Roger Mahony led the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1985 until his retirement in 2011. He oversaw the design and building of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2012. Since his retirement, Cardinal Mahony has devoted himself exclusively to the cause of comprehensive immigration reform on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters. Recently, he celebrated his golden jubilee (50 years) as a member of the priesthood.*

## 4-18 IT'S MORE THAN A COURSE, OF COURSE: TEN VALUES OF RENEWED PARISHES 🗣️

**Fr. James Mallon**

We need not only a theology but a model of renewed parishes if they are to be key in bringing about the New Evangelization in our Church. What are some of the values that underlie parishes that are effectively making disciples and evangelizing? What might this look like in a contemporary Catholic parish? What can we as leaders do to help facilitate such a culture shift in our parishes? How would this impact the way in which our ministry is carried out?

### CONGRESS FACT:

*RECongress annually offers a Keynote on Saturday morning (this year with Mark Shriver) and two addresses on Sunday morning: one in English (with Sr. Maureen Sullivan) and one in Spanish (with Luis Benavides).*

**4-19 DOES GOD REALLY HELP?** 🗣️**Fr. Jonathan Morris**

Many people call themselves true “believers” – regularly praying and attending Mass. But then tragedy strikes and their faith is rattled. Peeling back the layers of questions that arise when someone asks “Why me?” or “Why does God allow suffering?” Fr. Jonathan Morris explains that God does, in fact, have a plan – and it’s during times of hardship and crisis that we have the greatest clarity about God’s presence in our lives.

**4-20 SEXUALITY: CELEBRATE THE GIFT AND BECOME MAKERS OF LOVE****Terry Nelson-Johnson, DMin**

This has been a rough and tragic and lamentable era with respect to Catholics and sexuality – what with all the scandals, cover-ups, lawsuits, shame, pain and victims. In the hope and service of redeeming our relationship with sexuality, both personally and corporately, perhaps we need to *return to the basics*: Sexuality is a mystery; sexuality is a gift; sexuality is a sacrament for God’s sake! When we participate in the mystery of sexuality, in all of its manifestations, in a manner that reflects the Author of the Gift, we become makers of life and love! This is about as Catholic as it gets ... and it is *Good News!*

**4-21 DIARY OF AN UNAPOLOGETIC ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST** 🗣️**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv**

More often than not, the vocational call of a Roman Catholic priest puts him in the position of having to defend his faith and the teachings of Holy Mother Church. From our vow of celibacy to our unwavering stance on the protection of life, many things that make us Catholic also sets us up in a position that can be opposite to that of the modern world. We must not waver on what we believe if what we believe is the truth! This interactive workshop will address some of the most controversial teachings of our faith. Congress participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions and share in a dialogue with an unapologetic Roman Catholic priest!

**4-22 BABIES SHOULD BE BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE: INFERTILITY AND *IN VITRO* FERTILIZATION**

This workshop will be divided into two parts: Science and Ethics. In the first part, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk will examine the techniques involved in *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) and related forms of assisted reproductive technologies, multiple conceptions and the use of hyper/super-ovulatory drugs. Part two will examine the moral questions regarding human procreation and the gift of human life, IVF and ramifications for marriage through violations of exclusivity and surrogacy, the moral and ethical difficulties in the treatment of extra-corporeal human embryos and the consideration of the financial/economic factors that skew the ethical discussion.

**Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD**

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

**4-23 EMPOWERING VIBRANT FAITH @ HOME** 🗣️

Imagine families of all ages and stages in your parish with the ability to: *Talk* with each other about their faith; *Pray* together in ways that are comfortable and comforting; *Ritualize* their important moments; and *Reach Out* in service and support of others. This workshop will offer proven strategies and tools to empower families and households to explore faith at home. Utilizing the popular web resources of Vibrant Faith @ Home, this session will demonstrate how many parishes and congregations are forging creative partnerships between the church and the home and creating working networks that effectively extend their faith formation ministries into the home for families of all ages and stages.

**John Roberto**

*John Roberto, President of LifelongFaith Associates, is editor of the Lifelong Faith Journal and coordinator of the Faith Formation 2020 Initiative and the Faith Formation Learning Exchange (with Vibrant Faith Ministries). He works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, and gives presentations and workshops in lifelong faith formation across the United States. Roberto’s latest publication is entitled “Faith Formation 2020: Designing the Future of Faith.”*

**Leif Kehrwald**

*Leif Kehrwald has worked in family ministry and faith formation on the local, regional and national levels for more than 30 years. Currently he serves as Vibrant Faith @ Home Team Leader, based in Portland, Ore. He formerly served as Project Coordinator for Family and Intergenerational Services at the Center for Ministry Development. Kehrwald has taught courses at the university level and travels frequently throughout the country offering presentations and workshops on family faith development.*

**4-24 THE HEART OF THE MATTER: THE INNER LOGIC OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN** 🗣️**Donald Senior, CP**

In some ways, the Gospel of John can seem abstract and difficult to understand. Yet, a deeper probe into the dynamic theology of John reveals its profound simplicity and powerful message. As one commentator has described it: “John’s Gospel is one in which a child can wade and an elephant can drown!” This presentation will search out the deep logic of this Gospel whose portrayal of Jesus as the Word made Flesh expresses the essential message of Christianity.

**CONGRESS FACT:**

*Dance is a part of the experience of some of the liturgies at Congress. Its purpose is to add expression to the moment and meant to help lead us to deeper prayer and reflection.*

**4-25 JESUS AND THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

Jesus reveals to the disciples that the mystery of the Kingdom of God has been made known to them (Mark 4:11). But that, for those outside this inner circle, everything comes in parables. Ironically, the disciples themselves struggled to understand these parables and the meaning of the Kingdom of God. In this workshop, we will explore: What shape did the Kingdom of God take in the ministry of Jesus? Can we imagine Jesus as the parable of God? What does it mean for us as disciples to understand and work for the coming of God's Kingdom? How do we explain and live out this mystery in our concrete lives in this time and place? These are some of the mysteries we will seek to fathom through the exploration of Scripture.



**Jeffrey S. Siker**

*Since 1987, Dr. Jeffrey Siker has taught at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles as Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the Department of Theological Studies, where he has served as Graduate Director and as Chair of the Department. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and teaches widely throughout the region at churches and varied settings, including several appearances at the L.A. Congress. Author of several books, Dr. Siker's most recent work is entitled "President Obama, the Bible, and Political Rhetoric."*

**4-26 NEW EVIDENCE FROM PHYSICS FOR AN INTELLIGENT CREATOR – RESPONDING TO THE NEW ATHEISM**

The new popular atheism movement may lead one to suspect that faith and science are opposed to one another. Fr. Robert Spitzer will address (in laymen's terms) the three most significant kinds of evidence for intelligent creation from physics: space-time geometry proofs; new evidence from entropy; and fine-tuning of cosmological constants. He will then describe resources that can be used in high schools, confirmation programs, colleges and parish adult-ed programs that explain these points, as well as "the Bible and science," evolution, the survival of self-consciousness after bodily death, and aliens.



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

*Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Institute and of the Spitzer Center in Irvine, Calif. He was president of Gonzaga University from 1998 to 2009, and has published five books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer gives over 90 public lectures per year at universities in Canada, Europe, Hong Kong and the United States to Boards of Directors of major corporations, to priests' conferences and other Catholic academic societies and meetings.*

**4-27 THE YEAR OF FAITH AND NEW EVANGELIZATION**

How do we profess, celebrate, live and transmit the faith in cultures and societies that may not be receptive to it? This is the basic question to be addressed in this session, with much sharing from the Asian Pacific perspective.



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

*Most Rev. Luis Antonio Tagle is Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Manila, Philippines. He is a member of the Council of the Synod of Bishops, and also Chair of Federation of Asian Bishops Conference' Office of Theological Concerns. Archbishop Tagle is a former member of the International Theological Commission in Rome. He appeared at the 2012 Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, Ireland and is a frequent speaker at the L.A. Congress.*

**4-28 BEING PRESENT TO EACH OTHER**

Most of the time, we live conditioned by past experiences or worried about the future. How can we free ourselves of the emotional residue from the past and the anticipatory anxiety about the future in order to be fully present to each other? In this session, you will learn spiritual and psychological approaches to allow you to live mindfully in the present and fulfill God's design for your life.



**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, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored "Thriving Marriages." He has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. In addition to his active private practice in Irvine, Calif., he offers his family life formation programs in many dioceses throughout the United States.*

**4-70 Năm Phụng Vụ: Sống Mẫu Nhiệm Vượt Qua**

**Linh mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh**

Bài hội thảo sẽ phân tích tầm quan trọng của Năm Phụng Vụ như là khuôn mẫu của Giáo Lý Phụng Vụ và thảo luận làm thế nào các mùa phụng vụ sẽ giúp các tín hữu hiểu, nhớ, cử hành và sống trọn vẹn Mẫu Nhiệm Vượt Qua.

**THE LITURGICAL YEAR: LIVING OUT THE PASCHAL MYSTERY**

**Rev. Thanh Duc Pham**

This workshop will analyze the importance of the liturgical year as the framework of liturgical catechesis and discuss how the liturgical seasons will enable the faithful to understand, remember, celebrate and live out fully the Paschal Mystery.



**5-01 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC: WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH** 🎧

**John L. Allen Jr.**

Veteran Vatican writer John Allen takes a 360-degree look at the highlights and lowlights of Catholic news in the past 12 months, drawing out a few big-picture conclusions about what it all means, and then outlines some important stories to watch in the year to come. This session is for Catholics who want a keen sense of what's happening in their Church, not just in the United States, but in Rome and around the world.

**5-02 CULTIVATING A EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY**

Is Mass just another item on your busy calendar? Or is it a life-changing encounter with the Real Presence of Christ? This session explores the ways in which we can enter into this mystery of our faith as we experience Eucharist as a pathway to transformation, an invitation to spiritual healing, and a renewed call to discipleship.



**Dr. Mary Amore**

*Dr. Mary Amore is Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries, based in Lombard, Ill. She is author of numerous articles and the book "Primary Symbols of Worship and the Call to Participation," and a regular contributor to Ministry & Liturgy Magazine.*

*In her professional ministry, Dr. Amore is a highly sought-after presenter of missions, retreats and workshops and was keynote speaker at the "Feed My Lambs" Conference for the Diocese of Manchester, Ill. She is a Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and a distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy.*

**5-03 DANCING INTO THE LIGHT** 🎧

**Betsey Beckman, MM & Laura Ash**

Jesus calls us to be transfigured with him – to step into the light and be filled with God's radiance. Are you ready?! Sacred dance and embodied prayer are some of the most down-to-earth ways we can be imbued with the light of heaven. Come explore how liturgical movement, procession, drama, sign language and gesture can enhance our communal prayer and be a way to offer ourselves wholeheartedly to God's mystery among us.

**5-04 BUILDING BIBLICAL LITERACY IN PARISHES** 🎧

A 2010 Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life study showed that Catholics trail behind other religious groups in biblical literacy, including Mormons, Jews, Protestants, and atheists/agnostics. How can religious educators equip laity to not only become more knowledgeable about the Bible, but to see the practice of reading Scripture as central to their formation? In this co-led workshop, attendees will be challenged to connect biblical literacy with the New Evangelization. Mickey Maudlin will serve as moderator for the workshop.



**Tom East**

*Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development, based in Gig Harbor, Wash., and author of numerous books. Previously, he served the Los Angeles Archdiocese as Director of Youth Ministry and Associate Director of Religious Education.*



**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.*



**Michael G. Maudlin**

*Mickey Maudlin is Senior Vice President, Executive Editor, and Director of Bible Publishing for HarperOne, the religion and spirituality division of HarperCollins. Before coming to Harper in 2002, he worked for 14 years at Christianity Today magazine.*



**Fr. Jonathan Morris**

*Fr. Jonathan Morris is Program Director for Sirius-XM's "Catholic Channel," the Communications Advisor to New York's archbishop, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, and also serves as Parochial Vicar at the historic St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in New York City.*



**Mary Elizabeth Sperry**

*Since 1993, Mary Sperry has worked for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., promoted to Associate Director for Utilization of The New American Bible in 2011. (The NAB Revised Edition was released on March 9, 2011).*

**5-05 SAVING LIVES IS FOR THE COAST GUARD** 🎧

With a ministry to gang members as the backdrop, this workshop will explore burn-out, reasonable expectations, the saving grace of mutuality, and kinship in ministry.



**Fr. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Greg Boyle has been an advocate for at-risk and gang-involved youth in Los Angeles for over 25 years. He is founder and Director of Jobs For A Future/Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention and employment referral program for gang-involved youth in the United States. As an expert on gangs and intervention approaches, Fr. Boyle is a nationally renowned speaker and consultant and serves as a member of local and national gang advisory boards. His latest book is entitled "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion."*

**BOOK SIGNING**  
Last year at Congress, there were 74 scheduled times by 43 authors and musical artists to sign their books, CDs or other materials (pictured is Fr. Greg Boyle).





## CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez continued the tradition begun by Cardinal Roger Mahony in conducting an annual online chat live from Congress – with transcripts found online at [www.RECongress.org/chat/](http://www.RECongress.org/chat/)

### 5-06 ENGAGING CHILDREN IN CATECHESIS THROUGH SONG 🎧

John Burland

As religious educators, we recognize the power of song to enrich our children's journey in faith. Song deepens understanding, adds enjoyment to learning, nurtures prayer and fosters celebration. Using song and gesture, John Burland will demonstrate how music can be easily incorporated into religious education as a highly effective teaching and learning strategy. A variety of catechetical themes will be addressed during this session, including Scripture and the sacraments. Come ready to participate in songs and activities that will energize and engage your students as they journey in faith.

### 5-07 CREATING A PARISH CATECHISM 🎧

From etchings on catacomb walls to the majesty of stained glass windows worldwide, the earliest "catechisms" that taught and preserved the faith were visual. From primitive images of Mary to stone and wood carvings or glass depictions of saints and Bible stories, the encounters with God and human beings are enshrined forever in our churches. But what if people do not know the meaning or significance of what they see in their parish church? This workshop will be a lot of fun. It will offer you an easy, visual way to create a "catechism" found in all the religious images, art and liturgical tools that are visible in your very own church building.



**Rev. John C. Cusick**

Ordained for the Chicago Archdiocese, Fr. John Cusick began the archdiocesan ministry to those in their 20s and 30s in 1977. He has maintained that ministry for the archdiocese and is presently Director of Young Adult Ministry. Fr. Cusick has been a part of the Theology-on-Tap program for the past 29 years. In 2013, he received the Blessed John XXIII Award from the Association of Chicago Priests. Fr. Cusick speaks nationally and internationally at diocesan conferences, parish missions and priest convocations. He resides at Old St. Patrick's Church in downtown Chicago.

### 5-08 DIE TO SELF WITHOUT LOSING YOURSELF IN THE PROCESS

Amy Florian

As Christians, we are constantly urged to "die to ourselves." What does that mean? To what things do we need to die in order to follow Christ? Come with an open heart to hear some challenging reflections and practical steps. Gain understanding that allows you to progress further down this very important path of discipleship and to lead those you serve to do the same.

### 5-09 DISCIPLESHIP BOOTCAMP: SPIRITUAL EXERCISES TO ENTER THE MYSTERY 🎧

Fr. Richard Fragomeni

In this Year of Faith, being a disciple means being a student of the mysteries. This session will explore five spiritual exercises that will prepare the disciple to go beyond the concerns of this age into the ageless heart of Christ.

### 5-10 FRIEND OF GOD: ENTERING INTO THE MYSTERY OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD 🎧

Moses was a remarkable man: A person who should not have survived childhood, brought up in a palace, yet harboring a deep passion for his oppressed people; the God he met in the desert transformed him from a man who feared a relationship with mystery to one who knew God face to face. This workshop explores the spiritual formation of this Old Testament character and the lessons we might learn from it today.



**Renata Furst, PhD**

Dr. Renata Furst is a Latina scholar with extensive experience in adult faith education for Hispanic and non-Hispanic people. In addition to teaching at the parish level, Dr. Furst has taught in both English and Spanish at the graduate level at several universities in Texas, New Jersey, and Quebec, Canada. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Scripture and Spirituality at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio.

### 5-11 CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Join artists Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso, Chris de Silva, ValLimar Jansen, Gary Daigle, and others in this striking and evocative theatrical performance. "Can You Hear Me Now?" by Francis Patrick O'Brien invites us all to leave the clamor, chaos and influences of our world behind. This exploration of God's call to humanity and our response is illustrated through events in the lives of biblical characters and contemporary believers. "Can You Hear Me Now?" asks us to stop and listen through the din of life's encounters and to answer God's perpetual call to discipleship with our resounding, "Yes, I can hear you now!"



The artists appearing in this workshop – including Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso, Chris de Silva, ValLimar Jansen, Gary Daigle and others – are sponsored by GIA Publications, Inc., publisher of music resources for the church. The work of GIA's composers, authors and artists reflect the diversity of today's eclectic church. "Can You Hear Me Now?" debuted at the 2010 National Association of Pastoral Musicians' National Convention.

## CONGRESS FACT:

Eucharistic liturgies have always been a key element of the Congress experience. This year there are 16 liturgies of different character being offered throughout the weekend, along with prayer services and Stations of the Cross.

**5-12 MIGRATION AND THE EUCHARIST** 🗣️

This workshop will look at this issue of migration from a theological and spiritual perspective, especially in light of the Eucharist. To understand the global issue and faith as a universal issue, we will look at migration from a contemporary perspective, a biblical perspective, a liturgical perspective, and a social justice perspective. We will explore how a better understanding of migration gives us a new way of understanding the Scriptures, and a deeper understanding of the Scriptures gives us a new way of understanding the God who migrated to us in Jesus and calls us to a return journey to him in discipleship.

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

*Fr. Daniel Groody is a Catholic priest, a Holy Cross religious, a scholar, teacher and an award-winning author and film producer. He is currently an 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 numerous books and articles, and has been consulted by the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican.*

**5-13 THE STRUGGLE TO SERVE: MINISTERING WITH HOPE IN TODAY'S CHURCH** 🗣️

Let's be honest: It's not easy ministering in today's Church. At times, we can feel caught between an inflexible hierarchy on the one hand, and an indifferent culture on the other. In the midst of this, our parish communities are experiencing profound changes – leaving us wondering if we will be equipped to serve the Church that is coming. This session will name the most important forces shaping our parish communities today and then look ahead to the ways we as pastoral leaders can respond with faith, integrity and hope.

**Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD**

*Dr. Edward Hahnenberg is the Breen Chair in Catholic Systematic Theology at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is author of three books – “Ministries: A Relational Approach,” “A Concise Guide to the Documents of Vatican II,” and “Awakening Vocation.” Dr. Hahnenberg is past consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Lay Ministry and current delegate to the U.S. Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue.*

**5-14 SCIENCE, RELIGION AND FAITH: THE CHALLENGE OF MODERN ATHEISM** 🗣️

It has been asserted that religion and faith are the enemies of science and rational thinking. The Four Horsemen of Atheism (Hitchens, Dawkins, Dennett and Harris) have challenged religion and faith and accused them of being not only anti-scientific, but anti-human. This presentation will look at the assertions made by the Four Horsemen of Atheism, examine recent scientific discoveries and research and their impact on our understanding of creation, and provide a positive defense of our faith while demonstrating how science and religion can exist in positive relationship to each other. (This general interest session is especially for those teaching young adults.)

**Darrell Hall**

*Darrell Hall is teacher of religious education at the senior high level at St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, where he formerly served as principal for 10 years. With a background of 33 years in religious education, he has spoken at the Catholic Educators' Conference in the Diocese of Vancouver, Canada; at the Reverence for Life conferences; and at various senior high schools and retreats. Hall's book on Christian apologetics is titled “I Am Convinced: God, the Truth and You.”*

**5-15 MISSION-BASED CATECHESIS: THE TIME IS NOW!** 🗣️**Jack Jezreel**

Many, perhaps most, catechetical strategies presume a static Church and a flimsy sense of the Church's mission in the world. Meanwhile, the North American Church continues to lose members, especially young adults, who seek meaning, purpose and answers to the world's crises. What if catechesis was fully integrated with mission (as it is supposed to be!)? How might we think about religious education, RCIA, youth ministry and evangelization through the vital lens of being “Good News” to those who are poor, hungry, homeless, exploited or abandoned. Consider a new, compelling model of catechesis that seeks to form passionately compassionate disciples.

**5-16 MOVIES TO PRAY BY****Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

Some people are wary of the cinema because of the worst movies that are on the screens. There are, however, films – and sometimes not overtly religious ones – that can move us to a deeper communication with God. This workshop will look at the media context within which our people explore their faith and offer movie suggestions for the classroom, retreats, reflection days, rites of initiation (RCIA), and formation nights.

**5-17 WALK THE WAY: ENTER THE MYSTERY** 🗣️

When Kieran of Clonmacnoise, Ireland, left his home to go to school, little did he know what would follow his first steps. Though he died at the age of 33, his work lived on for centuries. Rarely do we know how the mystery of God's providence unfolds in our lives. Drawing inspiration from the lives of St. Kieran and life's pilgrims before us, in this session, we will consider the unfolding of God's providence on the pilgrim way of our own lives.

**Fr. David Loftus**

*Fr. David Loftus, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is graduate of both All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland, and Boston College. Fr. Loftus currently serves as Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge, Calif. He formerly served in the Office of Religious Education in Los Angeles, and maintains membership in the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, in which he has served as Vice President. Fr. Loftus is author of several articles for Catechetical Leader magazine, and has speaking engagements nationally and internationally.*

## 5-18 LEARNING TO PRAY ☪

“How do I pray?” is a common question. Many Catholics worry that they aren’t praying the “right” way. But the “right” way is whatever works best for you. This interactive session will introduce you to a wealth of Catholic traditions of prayer and teach you how to use them in your daily life: Ignatian contemplation, *lectio divina*, centering prayer, adoration, nature prayer, journaling, and a variety of accessible ways to help you experience God more deeply in prayer.



**James Martin, SJ**

*Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Contributing Editor of America Magazine. He is the 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 is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups, and has given presentations at the Religious Education Congress each year for the past several years.*

## 5-19 THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: JESUS’ PRAYER, PASSION AND POWER ☪

“The Mystery of Faith” unfolds in Jesus’ Prayer (John 17:1-26), ultimate Passion, resurrected power and reign forever! This prayerful workshop will examine how the mystery of faith fashions our Catholic identity and ongoing relationship with the Lord. It takes simple doctrine taught from childhood and gives meaning that feeds the soul. A life-changing experience!



**Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin**

*Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin is a workshop presenter, teacher, revivalist and charismatic healer, who has taught youth for over 20 years. She is founder and President 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, and also serves as liturgist for St. Teresa of Avila Church in Washington, D.C.*

## 5-20 ARE YOU CERTIFIABLE? EXAMINING THE NATIONAL LEM CERTIFICATION PROCESS ☪

**Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD**

The new national certification process for Lay Ecclesial Ministers (LEM) is less than a year old and it has already begun to set the national standards by which ministerial competence is measured. National certification provides many benefits to lay ecclesial ministers and to the Church that they serve. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to understand the elements of the national process and evaluate their readiness, as well as interest in national certification.

### CONGRESS FACT:

*The first “Southern California Confraternity Congress” was held on January 13-15, 1967, at a hotel near the Los Angeles International Airport.*

## 5-21 “TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH” (MATT. 19:5): THE BIBLE ON MARRIAGE ☪

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

Sacramental marriage requires effort, discipline and a clear desire to follow Jesus’ example of selflessness. It’s seldom easy, but always worth it. This workshop returns to biblical encouragements, laying out the pertinent passages (including the ever controversial passages on mutual submission), to encourage couples to a more focused, God-centered and biblical ideal for couples to strive toward and find mutual happiness.

## 5-22 A COVENANT FOR ALL GENERATIONS: BUILDING AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH ☪

How can parishes reach out to folds in their 20s and 30s? What might your parish look like if it were to embrace a paradigm that incorporates intergeneration ministries? This workshop proves an opportunity to think and pray together about in-person, print and online outreach to young adults involved in and on the edges of our Catholic communities.



**Jennifer Owens, MDiv**

*Jennifer Owens is a doctoral student in Christian Spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. She has taught at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University and at The Institute for Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Orange, Calif. Owens currently serves as Faith Formation Minister for Teens and Young Adults at St. Augustine Church in Oakland, and lives in an intentional community in Berkeley Hills. She has contributed to “Give Us This Day” and is co-editor of “From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism.”*

## 5-23 CARE AND TREATMENT DECISIONS FOR COM-PROMISED PATIENTS OR PATIENTS AT THE END OF LIFE

**Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD**

In this session, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk will discuss end-of-life circumstances that call for ethical decision-making. A basic understanding and context for discussing pain and suffering will be given. Medical particulars that are important to the ethical considerations regarding the provision of nutrition and hydration will also be discussed. An analysis of the allocution of Pope John Paul II on the provision of artificial hydration and nutrition to persistent vegetative state patients will be reviewed, as well as an explanation of the principle of double effect as it is found in Catholic moral tradition and in the American Medical Association’s Code of Medical Ethics. Discussion will also ensue on the elements of a good death.

**5-24 WHAT THE YOUNG CHURCH WANTS YOU TO KNOW (BUT DOESN'T TELL YOU)** 🗣️

Roy Petitfils has spent years listening to young people. He's heard them share things he knew they weren't sharing with their friends and other adults. In this dynamic, humorous session, you'll learn what's really going on inside the minds and hearts of young people. You'll be surprised by what they most deeply want adults to know about them and what they really want from us. You'll walk away with tools and strategies for incorporating this information into the way you minister, teach, preach and parent.

**Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC**

*For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered in parish, diocesan and school settings as teacher, high school campus minister, administrator and school counselor. Today, he is a counselor in private practice. He has presented at numerous national and regional conferences, workshops and parish missions throughout the United States, speaking in over 20 dioceses. Petitfils writes a syndicated monthly column and has published articles and books; his latest, due out in January 2013, is entitled "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."*

**5-25 THREE POPES: ONE COMMON MESSAGE** 🗣️

In 1959, Pope John XXIII announced to the world that he was convening an ecumenical council. In 1983, Pope John Paul II called for a "New Evangelization." This year, Pope Benedict XVI has called for a Year of Faith. When one examines the reason for each of these key moments in recent church history, one is amazed by what is held in common! In this presentation, we will look at these events to discern the theological purpose of each and we will discover a deep connection to the beautiful prayer offered by St. Augustine: "O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new."

**Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP**

*Sr. Maureen Sullivan is a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York. For the past 23 years, she has been a Professor of Theology at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. In addition to her teaching, she also serves as a religion consultant for the RCL Benziger Publishing Company. Sr. Sullivan has written two books on Vatican II: "101 Questions and Answers on Vatican II" and "The Road to Vatican II: Key Changes in Theology."*

**5-26 PARENTING IS NOT FOR WIMPS!** 🗣️**Char Wenc, MEd**

The job of parents is indeed challenging at times. It is difficult to know what to do and how to do it! Children do not come with manuals and we often do the best that we know how. It can be difficult to be consistent in our decisions regarding our children's behavior. However, it is one of the greatest gifts of love we give them. It takes courage and grace from God. In this workshop, Char Wenc will entertain, encourage and empower you with practical parenting skills that she has learned from her 30 years as a parent, parent educator and coach.

**5-27 GOD CALLED ME TO DANCE, EVEN IF I'M OUT OF STEP** 🗣️**Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**

Full inclusion of people with disabilities in the life of the Church benefits us all. Children with autism spectrum disorders can pose behavioral problems in classroom and catechetical settings. Dr. Wojtaszek-Healy will share insights and strategies for evangelizing these children and their families.

**5-70 Đức Tin: Huyền Thoại hay Huyền Nhiệm** 🗣️

Đức tin là yếu tố căn bản không thể thiếu trong đời sống con người. Tại sao ngày nay nhiều người chối bỏ đức tin và cố động một đời sống không cần đức tin? Liệu con người có thể sống mà không tin vào Thiên Chúa không? Trong năm Đức Tin, chúng ta cần phải hiểu và sống đức tin thế nào để người khác nhìn thấy đây thật sự là một huyền nhiệm, và chắc chắn không là một huyền thoại.

**FAITH: MYTH OR MYSTERY?** 🗣️

Many contemporaries define faith as myth. Can people survive without faith in God? What are the reasons for the rise in atheism today? During this Year of Faith, we need to try to understand and live our faith in such a way that others can see in us and recognize that faith is truly a mystery and certainly not a myth.

**Cha Hy K. Nguyễn  
Rev. Hy K. Nguyen, SS**

*Cha Hy K. Nguyễn, Dòng Xuân Bích, chịu chức Linh Mục năm 1997, đã tốt nghiệp Tiến Sĩ Hiến Chế Thần Học tại Đại học Gregorion và đã dạy tại Chung viện St. Mary và Đại học ở Baltimore được 6 năm. Hiện tại Cha đang dạy học ở Oblate về môn Thần học, Đại học tư thục Mẹ - Mỹ và cũng là thành phần trong ban Giảng Viên tại đại chủng Viện Assumption, San Antonio.*

*Fr. Hy K. Nguyen, a Sulpician, was ordained in 1997. He received his doctorate in dogmatic theology at Gregorian University, and taught at St. Mary Seminary & University in Baltimore for six years. He is now teaching at the Oblate School of Theology, Mexican American Catholic College, and a faculty member at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio.*



## 6-01 MARY AS MOTHER OF THE WORD AND STAR OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Stephen J. Binz

As mother of the Word, Mary shows us how to read Scripture as the way to listen to the voice of God, to understand the story of salvation, and to discover the Book of Christ. She shows us how to meditate on Scripture, to experience it with the heart, expecting to be transformed by the Word. By reading Scripture like Mary, we enter a more personal relationship with Jesus and we become living witnesses to the Risen Christ in the world. As star of the New Evangelization, Mary guides the barque of Peter through the night's darkness and leads the Church to a new dawn. She helps us see the radiant beauty of our faith and shows us how to express it to others.

## 6-02 PRIESTHOOD: THE PROBLEM AND THE PROMISE

The Church has struggled with the issue of promoting priestly vocations for several decades. Our understanding of priesthood in relation to the calling of all Christians in baptism is vital. This workshop will look at where we have been and where we are going in understanding the vocation of priests.



**Rev. Lawrence Christian**

*Fr. Larry Christian has worked with Catholic parishes as pastor or faith formation minister for over 25 years. Since 2010, he has served as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in San Antonio. Additionally, Fr. Christian serves the San Antonio Archdiocese working as an adjunct professor at the Oblate School of Theology. Originally from California, he formerly served as rector of Assumption Seminary, overseeing a \$13 million expansion campaign. Fr. Christian has spoken at numerous conferences and serves on many pastoral boards.*

## 6-03 HIV/AIDS: WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

More than 30 years into the global HIV/AIDS epidemic, HIV rarely makes the headlines any more. Although progress has been made in treating and preventing HIV, it is still a very real challenge to those infected and those affected individuals and communities. Join Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen as she shares her expertise, reports on the latest advances, and answers questions about HIV and AIDS.



**Elizabeth Crabb Breen, PhD**

*Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen is an Immunologist with more than 25 years' experience in HIV/AIDS research at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is Associate Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine. Dr. Breen has also served the Los Angeles Archdiocese AIDS Education Task Force/Human Sexuality Committee since 1989. She continues to speak frequently both locally and nationally about the immune system, HIV infection and AIDS.*

### CONGRESS FACT:

*In 1970, the then-named "Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress" moved from the LAX-area to its new home at the Anaheim Convention Center.*

## 6-04 ENTER THE MYSTERY: GRACE, REVELATION AND JESUS

Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD

The Gospel writers invite us to see "behind the veil" with the disciples and to appreciate the gift of grace and revelation in relation to the life of Jesus. This workshop explores the element of mystery as it appears in these five biblical narratives: Jesus' Baptism, Peter's confession, the Transfiguration, the Emmaus story, and Jesus' appearance to Mary at the tomb.

## 6-05 ADULT FAITH FORMATION: FROM INFORMATION TO TRANSFORMATION, FROM PROGRAM TO PROCESS

What does it mean to be an "adult centered" community of faith? What does it take to move adults from complacency to vibrancy, and intentionally form disciples who are "on fire" for Christ? This workshop explores contemporary issues and creative strategies to reach out to our adults who come from diverse cultural, ethnic, educational, vocational, social, political and spiritual realities. Participants will gain a greater understanding of the changing landscape of religious diversity among adults and examine national and global trends that are influencing adult faith formation and identify creative strategies in ministering effectively and intentionally.



**Julianne Donlon-Stanz**

*Julianne Donlon-Stanz is Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis. Born in Ireland, she has extensive workshop, retreat and presentation experience both locally and nationally, and is currently working on a doctorate. Donlon-Stanz is a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. She is co-editor of "Come Follow Me" (with Michael O'Rourke) and "A Shepherd Tends His Flock" (with John Girotti).*

## 6-06 BLESSINGS FOR LEADERS: THE LEADERSHIP WISDOM OF JESUS

Dr. Dan R. Ebener

This interactive workshop will focus on the Gospel of Matthew, particularly the Beatitudes of Jesus, to find insight into Christian leadership. After opening with prayer, scriptural reflection and a brief presentation, participants will: 1) dialogue about eight virtues associated with the Beatitudes; 2) discuss lessons that can be gleaned about the leadership style of Jesus; and 3) 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.

**6-07 THE LAND OF JESUS: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE** 🕒

This workshop is especially intended for all those who have desired to walk with Jesus in his own land, but have never been able to visit the Holy Land. The presentation includes musical accompaniment of singer/composer Pedro Rubalcava, as well as visual meditations on holy sites such as the Cave of the Annunciation, Bethlehem, the desert and the Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem.

**Rev. Dr. Virgilio Elizondo**

*Fr./Dr. Virgilio Elizondo is widely acclaimed as the founder of U.S. Latino theology. In 1972, he established the Mexican-American Cultural Center. Fr. Elizondo has lectured and taught throughout the Western hemisphere. In 1999, he joined the faculty at the University of Notre Dame as Professor of Pastoral and Hispanic Theology at the Institute for Latino Studies. He continues to commute from his primary residence in San Antonio, where he directs programming initiatives with Catholic Television of San Antonio and serves as vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish.*

**Dr. Timothy Matovina**

*Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology and Executive Director of the Institute for Latino Studies 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. Dr. Matovina is a frequent and popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress in Los Angeles. His latest books are "Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church" and "Virgilio Elizondo: Spiritual Writings."*

**6-08 SACRAMENTS AS DOORS TO THE SACRED AND RITES OF PASSAGE** 🕒

Where do we come from and where are we going? How do we know we are following the right path? Throughout history, people have asked themselves these essential questions. In the celebration of sacraments, God – who becomes present through the Word, sacraments and the gathered assembly – embraces us throughout life's key stages, which allows us to continue our holy journey. During these times of initiation, maturation, healing, commitment and vocation, sacraments open doors to the Sacred. By engaging visual images and stories of communities worldwide, this workshop explores the relationship between the sacraments and life passage rituals.

**Rev. Eduardo C. Fernández, SJ**

*In addition to teaching classes in missiology and Hispanic theology and ministry at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, both in California, Fr. Eduardo Fernández publishes, gives workshops and retreats, and assists at local parishes. He has also worked in university campus ministry. His latest books are the award-winning "Mexican American Catholics" and "Culture-Sensitive Ministry," co-authored with Kenneth McGuire, CSP and Anne Hansen.*

**6-09 THE THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** 🕒**James Hanvey, SJ**

This workshop will explore the way in which Catholic Social Teaching is also grounded theologically in the Doctrine of God and in the doctrine of the Person of Christ and the Holy Spirit. It will explore the ways in which the foundational concepts of Catholic Social Teaching leads to a performative theology in the world which witnesses to the action of God and the coming of the Kingdom.

**6-10 THE GIFT OF CULTURAL HURRICANES: HOW TO BUILD BRIDGES THAT EMPOWER PARENTS AND TRANSFORM CATHOLIC FAMILIES** 🕒

Parish leaders live in a cultural hurricane that is washing away bridges of human connection. Dr. Tim Hogan will lay out effective strategies to reinvigorate parish life by creating new connections between parents, children and their parish.

**Tim Hogan, PsyD, CIRT, LP**

*Dr. Tim Hogan is a Catholic clinical psychologist who formerly served as a pediatric psychologist at the Children's Hospital of Michigan and as a high school teacher and campus minister. He presently is Director of the Grace Counseling Center in Detroit. Dr. Hogan serves as a consultant to the RCL Benziger Family Life Series. In addition to scholarly psychological publications, he has written in the area of spiritual direction, including "How to Find the Help You Need," a guide to psychotherapy and spiritual direction (co-authored with Dr. Archibald Hart).*

**6-11 THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: ITS BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS** 🕒

What is "faith"? It is both a gift from God and our free human response. It is both what we believe (doctrines) and our union with the God in whom we trust (relationship). It is not only professed in creeds, but also celebrated in sacraments, expressed in prayer, and applied in life. Ultimately, faith is a mystery. This workshop will explore some of the biblical foundations for these various aspects of Catholic-Christian faith, to help us deepen our own faith-life and bring other people closer to God during this Year of Faith.

**Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Felix Just is Director of Biblical Education at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif. He has taught theology at all three Jesuit schools in California – Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. Fr. Just travels across the country conducting adult faith formation programs for parishes and dioceses, and leads biblically based days of prayer, parish missions and spiritual retreats. He has created seven audio-lecture programs and maintains a website of Catholic resources.*

**CONGRESS FACT:**

One of the most popular events of Congress is the Exhibit Hall A. Congress 2013 will showcase 489 booths housing over 200 companies as exhibitors – ranging from religious art to music, and from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to our own represented Archdiocesan ministries. The Exhibit Hall hours at Congress are on Friday and Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm and on Sunday from 8 am until 3 pm.



**6-12 LIKE A RIVER: LITURGY AND CATECHESIS AS A SEAMLESS, FLOWING GARMENT** 🗨️

Ritual flows like a river, and we are asked to jump in and be swept away in the experience. Come and explore the ingredients needed to create rituals that draw us in and send us out nourished to be a living witness of the living Christ. Many styles of music will be presented!



**Tom Kendzia**

A professional liturgical musician for more than 30 years, Tom Kendzia is a well-known composer, arranger, producer, teacher, clinician, author and performer. He has appeared throughout the United States, Canada and Europe at national and diocesan gatherings. Kendzia has 15 collections of liturgical and instrumental music. Currently, he is a Music and Liturgy Consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers and Music Director at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I., where he lives.

**6-13 YOUR WORDS, O GOD: SINGING THE SCRIPTURES IN PARISHES AND SCHOOLS** 🗨️

**Michael Mangan**

Combining words with music brings an added dimension to understanding and internalizing the key messages. Singing the words of Scripture is a powerful way for our parish and school communities to come to know and love key passages. Come along ready to sing and explore the psalms and the words and teachings of Jesus through a range of Michael Mangan's vibrant, contemporary music.

**6-14 YOUTH IN CRISIS: A PASTORAL RESPONSE** 🗨️

It's easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless when our young people are hurting and in crisis. During this session we will describe 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 "R's": recognition, response, and referral skills.



**Robert J. McCarty, DMin**

Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, which provides resources, training, conferences and leadership for youth ministry internationally. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings, and still serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical programs at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md. McCarty is on the adjunct faculty at a few schools, and his publications include "Thriving in Youth Ministry."

**6-15 CATHOLIC PARENTS – KEEPERS OF THE PROMISE** 🗨️

**Dr. Patricia H. McCormack, IHM**

If moms or dads were on trial for being "Catholic parents," would there be sufficient evidence for a jury to pronounce a verdict of guilty? At their own baptism, parents accepted the call to imitate Christ – the priest, prophet and servant-king. At the baptism of their child, parents promised to be that example within their family. Suppose the prosecutor examined children on how well their parents are fulfilling the vocation of the "first teacher; primary educator" leading children to grow in knowledge, love and service of God? Would there be sufficient evidence to be found guilty as charged? This session will provide positive, proactive support for parents and catechists.

**6-16 ENTER THE MYSTERY – IS THE MYSTERY SOMEONE?** 🗨️

**Megan McKenna**

We are baptized into the mystery of Christ and we live no longer for ourselves alone, but live hidden with Christ in God! This mystery is ever-expanding and deepening – demanding and inviting us to a life of grace, of freedom and communion with all. Our hearts speak this mystery and our glance seeks it always. The Mystery is our meaning and hope. Come, listen, respond and become what we have been created to be. Embrace the mystery with courage.

**6-17 THEMES IN ECUMENISM AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE** 🗨️

In the context of the Year of Faith, this session will look at ecumenical dialogue and interfaith relationships from a British Catholic perspective, and will examine key deployments and challenges for the future of dialogue in an increasingly multicultural and secular society.



**Bishop Malcolm McMahon, OP**

Rt. Rev. Malcolm McMahon has served as Bishop for the Diocese of Nottingham, England, since 2000. The London-born former provincial for the English Dominican Province has served in a variety of pastoral and academic posts. Bishop McMahon is Chair of the Department for Catholic Education and Formation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He is also a member of Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and contributed to its recent Agreed Statement.

**6-18 HOW TO REACH YOUNG ADULTS: RECLAIMING THE “LOST” GENERATION** 🗣️

Catholic communities often lament the graying population. But when it comes to effectively reaching young adults (18-35 years), we sometimes are at a loss. Come benefit from David O’Brien’s extensive experience working successfully in young adult ministries including catechesis, evangelization, social justice and intentional young adult living communities. Perfect for young adults and those with a heart for young adults.

**David M. O'Brien**

*David O'Brien served as Director of Adult Faith Formation and Lay Ministry for the Archdiocese of Mobile, Ala. He also taught as an adjunct faculty member at nearby Spring Hill College. Currently, O'Brien is a graduate fellow at the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Along with being a popular Lenten Mission presenter, O'Brien speaks nationally at conferences and parishes and is a member of the Loyola Press “New Generation of Catechetical Leaders” speaker cohort.*

**6-19 MY PARISH IS BECOMING HISPANIC: SUGGESTIONS TO ORGANIZE EFFECTIVE HISPANIC MINISTRY IN YOUR COMMUNITY** 🗣️**Dr. Hosffman Ospino**

Nearly 30 percent of all parishes in the United States offer services in Spanish, and the number will likely grow during the next few years. Ministers in parishes are increasingly asked to serve Hispanic Catholics both in English and Spanish. Many don’t know where to begin; others already began and would like to improve. This workshop does not offer magic formulas (there are none!), yet it offers some good insights learned from conversations in various parts of the country. Together, we will explore some basic ideas that can make Hispanic ministry a life-giving experience.

**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?”*

**CONGRESS FACT:**  
The Congress 2012 theme song, “Voice Infusing Life,” was written by Santiago Fernandez.

**6-20 INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL** 🗣️

This session will look at the historical context of the Second Vatican Council, the previous councils that provided the background for it, the main themes of the Council, and some ways in which it can be interpreted.

**Fr. Michael B. Raschko**

*A priest of the Seattle Archdiocese, Fr. Michael Raschko is the Berch Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Seattle University, where he has taught for 27 years. He also serves as a weekend assistant at Holy Rosary Parish in Seattle, and has presented to adult education classes in various parishes various groups throughout the Seattle Archdiocese and region. Fr. Raschko is a published author; his most recent book is entitled, “To Hunger for God: A Christian Understanding of Human Nature.”*

**6-21 THE THREE PILLARS OF CATHOLICISM****Thomas J. Reese, SJ**

This session will argue that the three pillars of Catholicism are Scripture, the Sacraments, and Charity. Personal and group reflection and prayer with the Scriptures is essential for an adult Catholic. This is where we learn about God and his plan for us. We meet and fall in love with Jesus. The sacraments, especially the Eucharist, are our response to the Scriptures. In the Eucharist, we give praise and thanks to God and become transformed into Christ’s body active in the world today. From the Eucharist, we go forth to build the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice and love.

**6-22 SPIRITUALITY AND THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF OUR LIVES: ONE SIZE DOESN’T FIT ALL** 🗣️**Ronald Rolheiser, OMI**

There are deeper levels of maturity, deeper levels of discipleship, and ever-deeper things to which we are called to by Jesus. The challenges Jesus lays out in Scripture speak to us in different ways at different times in our lives. The classical mystics distinguished three separate phases to Christian discipleship: 1) the struggle to get our lives together; 2) the struggle to give our lives away; and 3) the struggle to give our deaths away. This session will attempt to layout an overview of spirituality as it is seen in the classical Christian mystics.

**6-23 THE INNOVATIVE RELIGION TEACHER: CONTEMPORARY METHODOLOGIES FOR THE 21ST-CENTURY CLASSROOM** 🗣️**Ailís Travers and Elaine Mahon**

We will explore a variety of methodologies that can help bring life to faith and faith to life for students. Included will be practical ideas to make greater use of digital technologies to enhance student learning and engagement.



## 6-24 JOYFUL, HOLY ENCOUNTERS ☪

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. Each time we interact with another, we encounter mystery – it’s like touching the robe of God. As we companion with one another, we open each other to experience our God. What a joyful journey! It’s not enough for us to just sit around and wait; the only thing that will happen is we will get older. So we’ll explore the mystery in our connections with one another and find the joy, laughter and smiles that make each moment count.



**Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD**

*Dr. Anne Smollin, a Sister of St. Joseph, is a therapist, group facilitator, lecturer and consultant, and currently, Executive Director of Counseling for Laity based in Albany, N.Y. The former elementary schoolteacher and guidance counselor was on the adjunct faculty at several colleges. She lectures internationally and nationally on humor, joy, laughter, stress, communication and relationships, speaking to religious communities, conventions and businesses. Sr. Smollin has authored five books, including her most recent, “Making Each Moment Count.”*

## 6-25 IMPROVING OUR SKILLS FOR CHOIRS AND CANTORS ☪

**Christopher Walker**

How we sing in church is more important than what we sing! The music skills and spiritual focus of a cantor or choir member can encourage people in their spiritual experience of the Mass. Come and explore the ways this can happen.

## 6-26 WHERE THERE IS RUIN, THERE MAY BE TREASURE: RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOLISM 101 ☪

The deadly results of alcoholism and addiction spill over from individuals into families and our greater society. Recovery takes willingness, grace, hope and a lot of footwork. In this session, Fr. Thomas Weston will present some of the problems of the disease, and then share experiences, strength and hope to help people get out of the misery. He will focus on the 12 Steps of Recovery, and the power and joy of the recovering community.



**Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ**

*Fr. Tom Weston is a Jesuit priest and Superior of the Jesuit Community of Oakland, Calif. He has taught history and theology at Loyola High School in Los Angeles and English to young adults and teachers in China, Thailand and Vietnam. Fr. Weston is a lifelong enthusiast of reading, an amateur historian and a lover of adult education. He has been a conference and education speaker for over 30 years – and working with alcoholics and addicts since 1976 – he is a leader of retreats for people in recovery from addiction.*

## 6-27 POPE BENEDICT’S NEW EVANGELIZATION: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE CATECHIST AND CATECHETICAL LEADER ☪

**Dr. Joseph D. White**

What is the New Evangelization, and why is it necessary? How can the New Evangelization energize and animate catechetical ministry? How do we involve children and youth in evangelization? This workshop will discuss the primary themes and characteristics of the New Evangelization and how catechists can share it with their learners.

## 6-70 CỤM ƯỚC, CHÌA KHÓA ĐỂ VÀO TRONG MÀU NHIỆM ĐỨC GIÊSU KITÔ ☪

**Joseph Nguyễn Công Đoàn, SJ**

Bốn sách Tin Mừng và các văn bản khác của Tân Ước nói với chúng ta về Chúa Giêsu Kitô như là màu nhiệm Tình Yêu của Thiên Chúa đối với chúng ta. Các tác giả Sách Tân Ước đều sử dụng rộng rãi và sâu sắc cả ba phần của Cựu Ước: “Sách Luật Môsê, các ngôn sứ và các thánh vịnh” (Lc 24,44). Chính Chúa Giêsu đã trao chìa khóa đó cho các môn đệ. Chúa cũng đề nghị các đối thủ của Ngài dùng chìa khóa này để hiểu Ngài, nhưng họ không chịu (x. Lc 6,2). Còn chúng ta?

## OLD TESTAMENT: THE KEY TO ENTER THE MYSTERY OF JESUS CHRIST ☪

**Joseph Doan Công Nguyen, SJ**

The Gospel and other writings of the New Testament tell us about Jesus Christ as the mystery of God’s love for us. All the writers made an extensive and intensive use of the key Jesus himself handed over to them: “The Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms” (Lk 24:44). Jesus offered this key to his foes too (Lk 6:2), but they did not want to make use of it. How about us?

