

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 11:00 am

On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:00 - 9:30 am

Eucharistic Liturgy
(Arena)

8:30 am

Morning Addresses
English: Sr. Maureen Sullivan
Spanish: Luis Benavides

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– Santiago Fernández,
Donna Peña & Rafael Moreno
Music (Hall B)
– Grayson Warren Brown

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)



MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am

As we awaken to a new day, we gather as a community of faith to give thanks and praise. Nourished by word and sacrament, we go forth to share the Good News of the Gospel and reach out to make a difference in our world.

SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS



SR. MAUREEN SULLIVAN, OP, PhD

8:30 am

“The Church as Mystery: Reflecting on the Presence of God in Our Midst” 🎧

The decision to describe the church as a mystery was one of the most important theological developments at Vatican II because it called us to a renewed contemplation of the presence of God in our midst. This description prompts a dynamic understanding of church and it assures us that we need not be afraid of the “unfolding” that is inherent in the divine plan for us. The church as mystery carries many hopeful implications for the 21st-century church. This presentation will seek to reveal those implications.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

SANTIAGO FERNÁNDEZ, DONNA PEÑA & RAFAEL MORENO



A smorgasbord of sound, rhythm, language and story presented in a musically diverse platter of culture and borders. We present three voices of the Latin American church. Be prepared to be moved by the beat and by the message.

Un mosaico de sonidos, ritmos, idiomas e historias presentado en un bufet musical diverso de culturas y fronteras. Presentamos tres voces de la iglesia Latinoamericana. Vengan preparados a moverse por el calor y el mensaje.

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



GRAYSON WARREN BROWN

Grayson Warren Brown invites you to join him and friends in a special lunchtime concert of music and praise. Come ready to sing and clap and celebrate the wonders of our God! This is not a “listening” concert, this is a “jump in and sing” experience. All are welcome!

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm



ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDER

As Congress 2013 draws to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and go forth to make a difference in our families, our communities of faith and our world. We witness to our new life in Christ and place our lives and ministry at the service of God’s people. Our Closing Liturgy, led by Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2013, under the direction of John Flaherty.



PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 Ballet 101: For Ministers of Liturgical Movement (*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 7-02 Youth, Families and Service: It's About Gratitude and Giving (*) - **Jane Angha**
- 7-03 Keeping the Faith While Teaching the Faith (*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 7-04 Don't Quit Yet – Four Secrets of the Spirituality of Self-Care for Catechists and Church Ministers (*) - **Nancy Bird**
- 7-05 Body-Praying the Gospel Story (*) - **Roy DeLeon**
- 7-06 What's So Great About Theology-on-Tap? (*) - **Dr. Katherine DeVries**
- 7-07 Bullying: Help for Parents (*) - **Frank DiLallo**
- 7-08 Adult Faith Formation for the 21st Century: From Best to Next Practices (*) - **Julianne Donlon-Stanz**
- 7-09 Engaging Adolescents Through Prayer (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 7-10 Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Christ (*) - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 7-11 Sing as Christ Inspires Your Song, Live the Promise You Believe - **David Haas**
- 7-12 Solving the Social Media Mystery: Tips, Tools and Techniques for the New Evangelization (*) - **Lisa Hendey**
- 7-13 Out to the Highways and Hedgerows (*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 7-14 Healing Life's Hurts (*) - **Fr. Michael Kennedy & Javier Stauring**
- 7-15 Welcoming and Valuing People with Mental Illness (*) - **Deacon Tom Lambert & Connie Rakitan**
- 7-16 Saved: An Overview of the Doctrine of Salvation (*) - **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 7-17 Laugh – For God's Sake! (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 7-18 Go to Joseph (*) - **Bro. Michael McGrath & Cliff Petty**
- 7-19 "God blah, blah, blah. Church blah, blah, blah": Why Younger Generations Tune You Out and What You Must Do to Effectively Reach Them (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 7-20 Spirituality and the Universal Call to Holiness (repeat) (*) - **Fr. Timothy Radcliffe**
- 7-21 Vatican II: *Gaudium et Spes*: Engaging the World (*) - **Rev. Michael Raschko**
- 7-22 Breathing Under Water: The Gospel and Recovery (*) - **Fr. Richard Rohr**
- 7-23 A Rabbi and a Priest Explore a Spiritual Connection Through Film (*) - **Fr. Ron Schmidt & Rabbi Michael Berenbaum**
- 7-24 Ten Great Foundations of the Pro-life Position from Logic, Ethics and Justice Theory – Recapturing the Minds and Hearts of Our Nation (*) - **Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 7-25 "We Are Not Peddlers of God's Word": Learning from St. Paul's Use of Scripture (*) - **Fr. Ronald Witherup**
- 7-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Death and Eternal Life: Catholic Teachings on Eschatological Issues) (*) - **Rev. Hy Nguyen**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 Weaving the Tapestry of Life and Liturgy and Liturgy and Life (*) - **Dr. Mary Amore**
- 8-02 From "The" Church to "My" Church: Growing in Discipleship (*) - **Rev. Lawrence Christian**
- 8-03 A New Religious Agenda: Less Talk About Church; More Talk About Faith (*) - **Rev. John Cusick**
- 8-04 New Approaches with the New Evangelization: "We'll Work With You" Rather Than "You Can't Come In Until You Do" (*) - **Fr. Ken Deasy**
- 8-05 Evangelization and Catechesis (*) - **Fr. Frank DeSiano**
- 8-06 Enter "The Mystery of Faith" That Will Usher in the Reign of God and Get us All the Glory! (*) - **Msgr. Ray East & Sr. Oralisa Martin**
- 8-07 Preparing Youth for Confirmation: Signed, Sealed and Delivered as Young Disciples (*) - **Tom East**
- 8-08 Understanding Salvation in Contemporary Times (*) - **Sr. Barbara Fiand**
- 8-09 Drama and Sacramental Preparation: A Doorway to the Mystery (*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 8-10 RCIA: What Happens After the Easter Vigil? (*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 8-11 Jesus the Mystic: The Future of Mature Christian Spirituality (*) - **Richard Groves**
- 8-12 I Am Convinced: God, the Truth and You (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 8-13 Cultivating Healthy Sexuality with Children (*) - **Dr. Timothy Hogan**
- 8-14 Mystery Unfolding Along the Way: Adult Faith Formation (*) - **Dr. Michael Horan**
- 8-15 Motivator, Model, Minister: Catechist, Who Do You Say You Are? (*) - **Dr. Sandra Kennedy**
- 8-16 A Rabbi Reads the Gospel of Matthew (*) - **Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**
- 8-17 Parish Youth Ministry: A New Map for a Changing Territory! (*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 8-18 "Now Get Out of Here": Lay People's Role in the Church (*) - **David O'Brien**
- 8-19 Ministry to the Ministers - **Dan Schutte**
- 8-20 The Traumatized Word: Were Some of the Writers of Scripture Traumatized? (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 8-21 Little Things Mean a Lot (*) - **Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin**
- 8-22 Make Sure Your Students Never Have to Say "Nobody Told Me" (*) - **Pam Stenzel**
- 8-23 Enter the Mystery – How to Turn Our Life into an Adventure the *Catholic* Way (*) - **David Wells**
- 8-24 The Methods and Miseries of the 100 Years' War (*) - **Fr. Thomas Weston**
- 8-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Faith Development of Vietnamese Youth in the United States) - **Hy Xuan Le**

Assemblies



YOU CAN FIND the Office Of Religious Education Booth at the center of Hall A.

🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions

7-01 BALLET 101: FOR MINISTERS OF LITURGICAL MOVEMENT 🗣️

Donna Anderle

Here is an opportunity to “take a class” and be introduced to ballet technique, which forms the basis of movement when interpreting the Word. Experience how the elements of dance combine with a spiritual connection to make this beautiful art form both elegant and meaningful. Learn dances that will demonstrate how to successfully translate your training into a liturgical setting. (Anderle is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet.)

7-02 YOUTH, FAMILIES AND SERVICE: IT’S ABOUT GRATITUDE AND GIVING 🗣️

Jane Angha

It just takes a moment to stop and think about gifts God has given us. In today’s fast-paced world, we don’t do that nearly enough. What if we could help our children, teens and families make the most out of the little bits of time they have to turn toward others and serve without reservation? When we learn to be grateful (it’s easy!) and are ready to share what we have with others willingly, great things happen! People find purpose and meaning, needs are met, friendships are made and the world becomes a nicer place. This workshop will give you tools to help make gratitude and service the foundation of your ministry and life.

7-03 KEEPING THE FAITH WHILE TEACHING THE FAITH 🗣️

As catechists and youth ministers, we find ourselves in the trenches, working hard to bring experiences of God’s love to our young people. The thing is ... we sometimes forget to bring ourselves along for the ride! Being “around” faith is not the same thing as *having* faith! With great spiritual and practical suggestions on keeping our own faith strong, this workshop is designed to keep us from mistaking our own spiritual journey with our frequent professional “near-faith” experiences!

**Steve Angrisano**

Steve Angrisano has been a musician, music director and youth minister for over a dozen years. The Dallas-based veteran composer/storyteller has been featured at major conferences and events around the world – including many appearances at World Youth Days, the National Catholic Youth Conference, and the L.A. RECongress and Youth Day – and has also presented at countless diocesan events in more than 200 dioceses. His latest recordings are “Inescapable Love” and “Live: Songs from the Road” and the book “Essential Songs for Youth Ministry.”

7-04 DON’T QUIT YET – FOUR SECRETS OF THE SPIRITUALITY OF SELF-CARE FOR CATECHISTS AND CHURCH MINISTERS 🗣️

Nancy Bird

Take some time today to relax, renew and rejuvenate. Even on an airplane, the flight attendant instructs, “In the unlikely event of a loss in cabin pressure, put your oxygen mask on first, and then assist others.” So why do we, as ministers in the church, continually nurture others before taking care of ourselves? Join us as we explore wellness as a way of life for catechists and church ministers and look at the spirituality of self-care as a call to the integration of body, mind, spirit and emotions as a reminder not to quit just yet!

7-05 BODY-PRAYING THE GOSPEL STORY 🗣️

Roy DeLeon, ObISB

The story of Jesus Christ – God Incarnate – is mystery reaching out to us. It is the story that is meant to inspire us and teach us how to be Christ in the world. With gentle movements adaptable to all physical conditions, we will go through the major Gospel events. We will feel and experience the Gospel in our body, heart and soul in fresh and nourishing ways. And perhaps we will be inspired to be Christ’s feet, hands, eyes, ears and heart for those who are sick and dying, homeless and hungry, poor and lost in this world. We will definitely feel the Christ in us and begin to see the Christ in everyone.

7-06 WHAT’S SO GREAT ABOUT THEOLOGY-ON-TAP? 🗣️

Dr. Katherine F. DeVries

Theology-on-Tap, the speaker and discussion series for young adults, has become one of the premiere programs for young adults in the country. This workshop will focus on the components that have made the program so successful over the past 31 years and will offer insights and strategies for shaping future happenings for young adults.

7-07 BULLYING: HELP FOR PARENTS 🗣️

Frank A. DiLallo

Have you ever faced a parent who emotionally reacts to your efforts to respond to bullying behaviors involving their child? This workshop will explore 10 ways contentious parents inadvertently exacerbate the bullying problem by undermining the effective counter strategies we can employ. Come increase your toolbox options by learning how to build rapport with difficult parents, help parents understand what bullying is and is not, learn five ways to build parent trust surrounding your responses to bullying behaviors, learn 10 practical tips to share with families on how to bully-proof their child(ren), and find meaningful ways to connect the sacraments and Gospel values to your bullying prevention efforts.

CONGRESS FACT:

The Convention Center Arena is one of the main location of Congress events – including the Opening Event, eight workshops, six Eucharistic liturgies, the keynote – this year by Mark Shriver – and home to Congress Headquarters (in AR-1), location of the main sacristy for the event, and “command central” for the RECongress.org/LIVE broadcast throughout the weekend.



7-08 ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: FROM BEST TO NEXT PRACTICES



Julianne Donlon-Stanz

A vibrant, future-focused ministry often involves moving from using “best practices” to “next practices.” Best practices are a snapshot of what we know has worked well in the past, while next practices are an attempt to take that prior experience and transform it rather than to merely replicate it. Best practices allow your ministry to focus on what you are currently doing a little better, while next practices increase your ministry’s capability to do things that it could never have done before. Practical strategies including strategic planning, utilizing classic and contemporary marketing strategies and social networking will all be discussed in this Year of Faith.

7-09 ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS THROUGH PRAYER



Steven Ellair

In this engaging and experiential workshop, we will explore how essential prayer is for the adolescent and learn easy techniques and styles of prayer that help create powerful experiences with youth. We will also identify the keys necessary for nurturing an adolescent’s relationship to God. Don’t miss this one!

7-10 FORGIVENESS, RECONCILIATION AND CHRIST



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

The modern day decline in civil discourse, mixed with a proliferation of firearms, religious intolerance, and retaliatory behaviors make individual and collective efforts for reconciliation and peaceful coalesce an impossible dream. Yet, as followers of Christ, we claim to have a knowledge and understanding of a way of life that stands in diametric opposition to this complex global reality. We claim that in and through Christ, the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. However, essential to this is the individual believer’s deeper understanding of, and renewed commitment to, the process of forgiveness. This session will offer a theological investigation of the sacrament of reconciliation.

7-11 SING AS CHRIST INSPIRES YOUR SONG, LIVE THE PROMISE YOU BELIEVE

David Haas

The ministry of liturgical music is not about the music, not about the singer or instrumentalist, and ultimately, not about the gathered assembly. The ministry of liturgical music, through the call of Vatican II of “full, conscious, and active participation,” is about Christ – making Christ known, celebrating and nurturing this presence in our lives in order to more fully and authentically become the Body of Christ to the world. Come and do more than just sing the “song-prayers” of our faith, but discover the need to transform ourselves and our communities to become and live the promise.

7-12 SOLVING THE SOCIAL MEDIA MYSTERY: TIPS, TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION



Lisa Hendey

With new social media solutions being launched at such a frenetic pace, here’s a look at the most effective strategies for incorporating technology into your catechetical, ministerial, administrative and communications efforts. This session will explore the latest solutions and trends and offer concrete examples of how dioceses, parishes and apostolates around the country have successfully harnessed the power of these ever-evolving tools.

7-13 OUT TO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGEROWS



Bill Huebsch

A lot of people these days are talking about God. Shouldn’t we Catholics be part of that? How can we help folks who are not active now truly Enter the Mystery of life in the Church? This is the “New Evangelization” about which we hear so much today. But we Catholics sometimes struggle to speak about our faith. Being too vocal about what we believe makes us a bit nervous. And yet ... there are certain moments in life when speaking of faith is important. In this workshop, Bill Huebsch will explore ways that pastoral leaders can teach average Catholics to speak about their faith without annoying others. It will include live demos, practical methods and helpful resources.

7-14 HEALING LIFE'S HURTS 🗣️

Using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, Fr. Michael Kennedy and Javier Stauring will lead attendees in experiencing the power of Gospel imagination connecting our life's hurts to the healing medicine found in Jesus. This method of Ignatian Gospel prayer can be brought back into our own ministries.



Rev. Michael Kennedy, SJ

Fr. Michael Kennedy, a Jesuit priest for over 35 years, works with the poor in California, Mexico, Central America and South America. He is author of five books that present a prayer method for homes and detention facilities. As Director of the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative and as co-chaplain at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar, Calif., Fr. Kennedy works with incarcerated youth and gives retreats in state prisons.



Javier Stauring

Javier Stauring is Co-Director of the Office of Restorative Justice for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Since 1996, he has overseen the programs at all juvenile halls and probation camps in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. In addition, Stauring is responsible for three other restorative justice programs: Ministry to Victims of Crime, Ministry to Families of the Incarcerated, and Ministry to Formerly Incarcerated.

7-15 WELCOMING AND VALUING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS 🗣️

Mental illnesses – including depression, schizophrenia, bipolar illness, obsessive compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder – touch one in four families. Stigma keeps many who have these illnesses, and their families, from getting help. How can we as Church reach out and let them know they are not alone? Deacon Tom Lambert and Connie Rakitan will share their experiences of over 25 years providing support and educating parishes and dioceses about ministry to people with mental illness. They will present practical resources parishes can use to support individuals and families, including models for inclusion, retreats and spiritual companionship.



Deacon Tom Lambert

Tom Lambert, ordained a deacon for the Chicago Archdiocese, currently serves at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Chicago. He co-chairs the National Catholic Partnership on Disability's Council on Mental Illness, and is co-chair of the Chicago Archdiocese's Commission on Mental Illness, which he founded in 1990. Deacon Lambert is also President of Faith and Fellowship in Oak Park, Ill., and has led retreats for people with mental illness and their families. (His oldest daughter has a mental illness.)



Connie Rakitan

In 1979, Connie Rakitan founded the Illinois-based Faith and Fellowship, and now serves as Program Director. She is author of the resources that form the content of the sessions used across the county. Rakitan has spoken nationally on social outreach with and for adults with mental illness. She serves as Chair of the Chicago Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness and is a founding member and Co-Chair of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability's Council on Mental Illness.

7-16 SAVED: AN OVERVIEW OF THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION 🗣️

Josephine Lombardi, PhD

Dr. Josephine Lombardi will explore the deeper meaning of salvation as it is found in Scripture and tradition. God desires the salvation of all people, but do we know what this means? Does the process begin here and now? Does it involve the body and the soul? Does it involve transformation or restoration? We will look at what it means to be saved in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, in the thought of early Christian writers, and in official Church teaching. This is an ideal workshop for the Year of Faith, as the New Evangelization is all about re-proposing the faith and teachings of our faith in a fresh way with renewed vigor and dynamism.

7-17 LAUGH – FOR GOD'S SAKE! 🗣️

James Martin, SJ

Most people know that the saints, and even Jesus, used humor in their lives and ministries. But how do we incorporate joy, humor and laughter in our own personal spiritual lives? This session will provide helpful ways to find and experience joy, humor and laughter in your daily life, in your family life and in your ministry. All that and some great jokes!

7-18 GO TO JOSEPH 🗣️

In this unique art and music celebration of St. Joseph – one of the most beloved saints in the church – Bro. Mickey McGrath will share his paintings and stories, assisted by the beautiful musical accompaniment of pianist Cliff Petty. In addition to his roles as father and husband, we will look at Joseph as a patron saint of social justice, immigration reform, the universal church – and even cooks! Give your head a break and treat your heart to a dose of spiritual beauty.



Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath

Bro. Mickey McGrath is an artist and author currently living in Camden, N.J. A popular speaker at retreats and religious education conferences around the country, he has written various articles in Commonweal Magazine and illustrated posters for U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The main theme of all Bro. McGrath's work centers on the healing power and prayerful nature of art and beauty. He is a former Associate Professor of Art at De Sales University in Pennsylvania. His recent book titles include "Go To Joseph" and "Saved By Beauty."



W. Clifford Petty

A native of Eufaula, Ala., Cliff Petty is a singer, musician, producer and arranger with several works to his credit. He has served as music clinician, workshop presenter and performer at numerous conferences, conventions, and Catholic and Protestant churches throughout this country and abroad. Presently, Petty is the Pastoral Musician and Artist in Residence at Resurrection Catholic Church in Montgomery, Ala., as well as a music teacher at the parish school. He is a composer and recording artist for World Library Publications.



CONGRESS TRIVIA:

RECongress annually features an Art Exhibit, and for a number of years the RECongress highlighted *The Saint John's Bible* – the first handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned in 500 years. Last year, the project reached its completion after 12 years. A team of 14 calligraphers and artists completed the seven-volume work; the last volume, “Letters and Revelation,” was displayed at Congress 2012. *The Saint John's Bible* was written and drawn entirely by hand using quills and paints hand-ground from precious minerals and stones – including lapis lazuli, malachite, silver and 24-karat gold.

7-19 “GOD BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. CHURCH BLAH, BLAH, BLAH”: WHY YOUNGER GENERATIONS TUNE YOU OUT AND WHAT YOU MUST DO TO EFFECTIVELY REACH THEM 🎧

Roy Petitfils

What if you could reach more young people by understanding why they resist your efforts to reach them, teach them, and help them? In this dynamic, humorous session, you’ll learn the four types of human resistance and why most of our evangelization and catechesis is focused on the wrong one. You’ll learn which type of resistance is most prevalent in youth and young adults and the language, skills and questions that will get you through the door to their minds, hearts and souls.

7-20 SPIRITUALITY AND THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS 🎧

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP

Drawing upon our rich, spiritual tradition of prayer, worship and contemplation, this workshop will inspire participants and enable them to deepen their relationship with God, while nourishing their life of discipleship which flows from their baptismal commitment. (This workshop is a repeat of Session 1-21.)

7-21 VATICAN II: GAUDIUM ET SPES – ENGAGING THE WORLD 🎧

Fr. Michael B. Raschko

This session will center on *Gaudium et Spes*, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World – the surprise document that emerged from the Second Vatican Council. We will look at the theological issues that surround the document, its main themes, and the challenges it still holds for Catholic Christians.

7-22 BREATHING UNDER WATER: THE GOSPEL AND RECOVERY 🎧

Fr. Richard Rohr

Fr. Richard Rohr teaches that the 12 Step program of Alcohol Anonymous (AA) mirrors and makes very practical the message of Jesus and helps us recognize we are all addicts in some way – surely to our way of thinking – and need a way out and through. He considers the program and the specific American contribution to the history of spirituality.

7-23 A RABBI AND A PRIEST EXPLORE A SPIRITUAL CONNECTION THROUGH FILM 🗣️

Using the award-winning documentary, “The Labyrinth,” this session explores ways to enter into substantive Jewish/Catholic dialogue. The film is the testimony of a Polish-Catholic Auschwitz survivor’s devastating experiences in a concentration/death camp where Jews, Poles and others were victimized. Using Scripture sources, we focus on shared core beliefs and sacred texts. With the Second Vatican Council called by Pope John XXIII, and the resulting *Nostra Aetate* (In Our Time) proclaimed by Pope Paul VI, Catholic teaching and liturgy officially changed toward the Jewish people. The efforts and actions of Pope John Paul II will also be highlighted.

**Fr. Ron Schmidt, SJ**

Fr. Ron Schmidt is a Jesuit priest and international documentary filmmaker whose award-winning films include “On the Line” and “In Spite of Darkness: A Spiritual Encounter with Auschwitz.” He has presented film retreats, Ignatian retreats and seminars on the documentary “The Labyrinth.” Fr. Schmidt presented the acclaimed documentary, “Into Great Silence,” at the L.A. Congress and co-founded the annual Film Showcase. He is presently Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Tujunga, Calif.

**Rabbi Michael Berenbaum**

Rabbi Michael Berenbaum is Director of the Sigi Ziering Institute and Professor of Jewish Studies at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles. He is author or editor of 21 books. His work in film has earned him an Emmy Award and he has been co-producer and/or senior historian on two Academy Award-winning films. Rabbi Berenbaum was the Project Director for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and first director of its Research Institute. The rabbi also served as President and CEO of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

7-24 TEN GREAT FOUNDATIONS OF THE PRO-LIFE POSITION FROM LOGIC, ETHICS AND JUSTICE THEORY – RECAPTURING THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF OUR NATION 🗣️**Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD**

Many of our young people believe that the pro-life position is “out of touch” or “naïve and stupid.” Fr. Robert Spitzer will show that nothing could be farther from the truth. He will speak briefly about the 10 greatest principles of ethics, logic and justice theory, and show how violations of these principles led equally to the genocide of Indians in the New World, to the Dred Scott decision (permitting “slavery by the superior race”), and to the *Roe v. Wade* decision permitting abortion of all preborn children. He will then speak about a strategy to restore these principles in our culture and will describe resources that can be used for high school and college students.

7-25 “WE ARE NOT PEDDLERS OF GOD’S WORD”: LEARNING FROM ST. PAUL’S USE OF SCRIPTURE 🗣️**Ronald D. Witherup, SS**

Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation promulgated by Pope Paul VI, called for Catholics to rediscover the importance of Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church. This workshop examines St. Paul’s use in his letters of Scripture as a “living word,” different from those who “peddle” the Word of God for their own benefit. We have much to learn from Paul the Apostle!

7-70 Tôi Tin Sự Sống Lại và Sự Sống Đời Sau: Sự Chết-Phán Xét- Thiên Đàng và Hỏa Ngục 🗣️**Cha Hy K. Nguyễn**

Là người Công giáo, chúng ta tin “xác loài người ngày sau sống lại”, và “sự sống đời sau.” Câu hỏi: “chết rồi đi đâu? hỏa ngục có thật không? Chúa phán xét con người thế nào? v.v...” luôn là đề tài khiến nhiều người tìm cách trả lời qua những cảm nghiệm và suy luận của chính mình. Trong năm Đức Tin, chúng ta cần hiểu đúng đắn những tín lý ta tuyên xưng dựa trên kinh thánh và giáo huấn của giáo hội để tránh hoang mang dẫn đến mê tín hay dị đoan.

DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE: CATHOLIC TEACHINGS ON ESCHATOLOGICAL ISSUES 🗣️**Rev. Hy K. Nguyen, SS**

We believe in the resurrection and the afterlife. What are the Catholic doctrines of the last things – death, judgment, heaven, hell? Let us revisit our catechism regarding the Church’s teachings on eschatological issues, which if not understood correctly, can lead to doubts and superstitions.



8-01 WEAVING THE TAPESTRY OF LIFE AND LITURGY AND LITURGY AND LIFE

Dr. Mary Amore

In what ways can the celebration of the sacraments deepen the faith experience of the gathered community? This presentation will offer catechetical leaders practical ways of weaving the sacramental life of the church into the very fabric of our daily lives.

8-02 FROM “THE” CHURCH TO “MY” CHURCH: GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Lawrence Christian

The objective of Christian stewardship is to create deeper and more lasting discipleship. This presentation will look at growing the participation in parish life in a way that changes our way of viewing Church from “the” church to “my” church.

8-03 A NEW RELIGIOUS AGENDA: LESS TALK ABOUT CHURCH; MORE TALK ABOUT FAITH

Rev. John C. Cusick

An increasing number of younger people see little value in religion and church – “I am a spiritual person, but not religious.” Have you heard that? Many of them have more basic issues: searching for faith. This workshop will address their basic issues and answer some of their questions with the insights, values and practices found in our religious tradition.

8-04 NEW APPROACHES WITH THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: “WE’LL WORK WITH YOU” RATHER THAN “YOU CAN’T COME IN UNTIL YOU DO”

To minister to the mystery of evangelization, we must use the “taking people where they are” approach as the starting point rather than beginning with “where we think they should be.” Especially in this year of New Evangelization, we need to re-propose that “we’ll work with you” approach of Christ as pivotal in raising people’s capacity to experience God for themselves. We need to minister like Jesus, evangelizing to what is happening today and not yesterday. Fr. Ken Deasy will lead us in the way to initiate a re-thinking of the importance of Christ and how we, as the Church community, must be there for one another.



Fr. Ken Deasy

Fr. Ken Deasy is presently Consultant to the Los Angeles Archdiocese’s Mission Office and Coordinator for the Holy Childhood Association, part of the Vatican’s Office for the Propagation of the Faith. He previously served as Pastor of St. Agatha’s Parish in Los Angeles. Fr. Deasy was a script advisor for the movie “Bruce Almighty” and served as mentor/advisor for ABC’s “Nothing Sacred.” Recently, he was co-hosting with Rabbi Jerry Cutler a radio movie-review program, “Review from the Pew.”

8-05 EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

Frank P. DeSiano, CSP

This presentation explores how ideas of evangelization can sharpen and clarify the purpose of catechesis, and how Catholics can understand themes of conversion. Developing both personal and cultural modes of conversion, this session will situate catechesis and family evangelization in the wider objectives of pastoral life today.

8-06 ENTER “THE MYSTERY OF FAITH” THAT WILL USHER IN THE REIGN OF GOD AND GET US ALL THE GLORY!

Rev. Msgr. Raymond G. East & Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin

Using the “Indicators of Vitality” introduced by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C., this workshop provides concrete ways to develop a dynamic evangelization that catechizes and a catechesis that evangelizes. The indicators of vitality are: worship, formation (catechesis/faith formation), community, service, and administration (accountability).

8-07 PREPARING YOUTH FOR CONFIRMATION: SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED AS YOUNG DISCIPLES

Tom East

How can our preparation for confirmation make this the beginning of renewed discipleship? This workshop will explore a vision for confirmation that is rooted in the best practices of comprehensive youth ministry and dynamic adolescent catechesis. This will include exploring methods for connecting with families, involving the parish community, selecting resources, and providing follow-through for confirmed youth.

8-08 UNDERSTANDING SALVATION IN CONTEMPORARY TIMES

Barbara Fiand, SND de N

The Good News of our Gospels centers on an invitation and encounter – a “come and see.” There seems to have been little need for screening, no security checks, no systemic outsiders. The emphasis was on a vision and an experience of inclusion, of sharing, of fellowship, of love. The multitudes were fed and simple faith and trust opened up to healing and forgiveness. “Today, you shall be with me in paradise”; “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do”; “Your faith has made you whole”: How can we understand this message today?

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Youth Day’s attendance is limited to the seating capacity of the Convention Center Arena – just under 15,000 youth and their chaperones – and usually fills to capacity by the date of the fee increase.

8-09 DRAMA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: A DOORWAY TO THE MYSTERY 🗣️**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

Anne Frawley-Mangan invites you to join her in discovering ways of using drama to enhance religious education, with a particular focus on sacramental preparation. In this fun and interactive workshop, you will learn skills and techniques that will help you discover ways that drama enables children to gently enter into the mystery. Come prepared to move, play and enjoy!

8-10 RCIA: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE EASTER VIGIL? 🗣️**Dr. Jerry Galipeau**

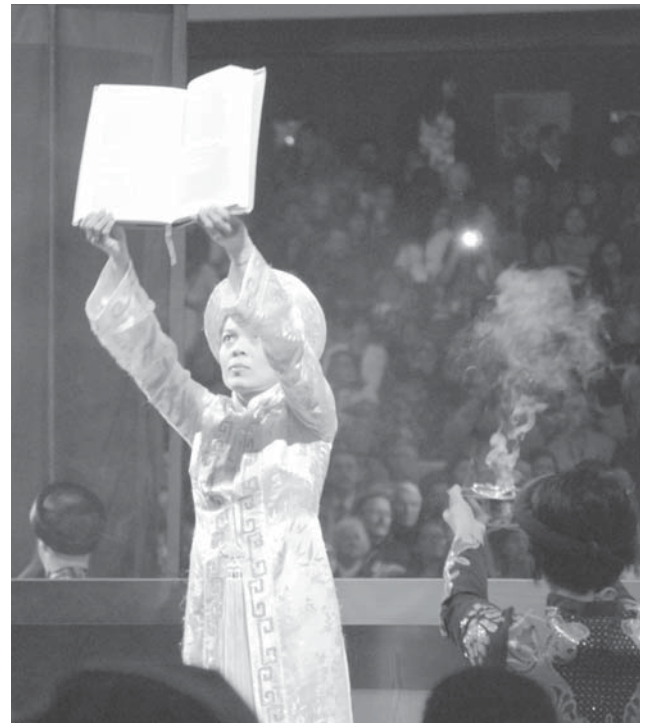
This workshop will explore ways to minimize the “drop-out” rate of the newly initiated. We will focus on practical ways to involve catechumens and candidates in parish life long before their initiation, as well as explore strategies for an effective Mystagogy.

8-11 JESUS THE MYSTIC: THE FUTURE OF MATURE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY 🗣️**Richard F. Groves**

“The Christian of the future will be a mystic or will not be at all,” prophesies Karl Rahner. The great spiritual teachers across religious traditions agree that Jesus was the ultimate mystic who led people to trust their own experience of the divine. Today’s prophetic voices tell us that the credibility of institutional Christianity depends on how we translate these mystical lessons for our times. This workshop will explore both the inspirational and challenging essence of mature spirituality as lived by Meister Eckhart, Julian of Norwich, Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross. Come and experience why Jesus the Mystic is key for personal healing and enlightenment.

8-12 I AM CONVINCED: GOD, THE TRUTH AND YOU 🗣️**Darrell Hall**

Christianity has intellectually satisfying answers to the questions of meaning, morality and existence, but any apologetic that does not flow from Jesus’ life, death and resurrection is ultimately a bankrupt apologetic. This is why we have hope. But how do we present this hope to our youth? They need to know and understand *why* they believe in Jesus so they can share that hope with others. This presentation will cover: the historical and theological evidence for who Jesus is; why the Incarnation, the death and resurrection of Jesus defy human logic, but make perfect sense; the answer to the question of why there is suffering and evil; and the two religions in the world – Christianity and everything else.

**CONGRESS FACT:**

The Opening Rite of Congress incorporates different cultures as a welcome/blessing that signals the beginning of the main three days of Congress.

8-13 CULTIVATING HEALTHY SEXUALITY WITH CHILDREN 🗣️**Tim Hogan, PsyD, CIRT, LP**

Today’s lightning-fast social and cultural changes intensify the age-old challenge of cultivating healthy sexuality with children. This presentation will help us to skillfully identify and overcome the key barriers to teaching our children about sexuality in a way that is creative, passionate, informed and rooted in the insights of a thoroughly Christ-centered spirituality.

8-14 MYSTERY UNFOLDING ALONG THE WAY: ADULT FAITH FORMATION 🗣️

The mystery unfolds along the way – confusion, humility and hospitality are essential to adult faith growth, and they lead us to authentic living and real discipleship. This workshop offers leaders some ways to reflect on their own journey and provides helpful direction to encourage adults along the way.

**Dr. Michael P. Horan**

Dr. Michael Horan is Chair of the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is Professor of Religious Education and Pastoral Theology. He has ministered to youth and young adults in high schools and college campuses in New York and Washington, D.C. Dr. Horan is author of many essays on religious education, including contributing to RCL’s religious education series “Blest Are We” and two works on the General Directory for Catechesis.

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Each year Congress there is a theme and song. Congress 2012's theme song for was "Voice Infusing Life" by Santiago Fernandez. For the past 10 years, Youth Day has also had its own theme and song. Last year's song was "Called Out" by Jesse Manibusan and Cooper Ray.

8-15 **MOTIVATOR, MODEL, MINISTER: CATECHIST, WHO DO YOU SAY YOU ARE?** 🎧

Dr. Sandra Kennedy

As Jesus asked the Apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" he also asks the same of us. Who do we say that Jesus is? And, the question we must ask of ourselves: Who do we say that we are as his disciples? The way we answer that question helps define who we are as believers, as Christians, as evangelizers, as people of faith. It determines how we identify ourselves as teachers and as catechists. In this session, the role of catechist as motivator, role model and minister will be discussed in light of Jesus' call to catechetical ministry.

8-16 **A RABBI READS THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW** 🎧

The Gospel of Matthew is a scriptural text written by a Jewish writer largely for a Jewish audience. In this session, Rabbi Michael Meyersohn will teach highlights of the Gospel from a Jewish perspective, showing how both Matthew and Jesus rely on Jewish teachings and Scripture in their teaching. Rabbi Meyersohn believes it is time for Jews and Judaism to look at Jesus' teachings anew and see how rooted they are in Judaism. He will explore those Jewish roots in this workshop.



Rabbi Michael Meyersohn

Rabbi Michael Meyersohn is a Reform Rabbi devoted to teaching Christians the Jewish background and context of the life and ministry of Jesus. He has spoken and taught as a rabbi since 1979 and teaches the Bible, both Hebrew and New Testament, offering Jewish insights into Sacred Scriptures. Rabbi Meyersohn is committed to interfaith cooperation and learning. Since 2003, he has spoken at churches in Southern California and Arizona teaching Jewish roots of Christianity and Bible Studies. His recent publication is titled, "Are We Sinners?"

8-17 **PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY: A NEW MAP FOR A CHANGING TERRITORY!** 🎧

Robert J. McCarty

In these challenging times, parish youth ministry is moving beyond religious education and youth group models. "It takes a whole Church to raise a child" and requires a comprehensive and collaborative approach. This workshop will provide a renewed vision for youth ministry, components for a new ministry map, a viable leadership structure, and practical programmatic approaches.

8-18 **"NOW GET OUT OF HERE": LAY PEOPLE'S ROLE IN THE CHURCH** 🎧

David M. O'Brien

Tens of thousands of lay people serve the Catholic community as teachers, catechists, youth ministers, musicians and lay ministers. Still, we struggle to find our place in an institution that is structured around the ordained and those in recognized religious communities. Is there a place for us? What is it? Come be renewed and inspired to embrace your calling as a lay person in ministry, as well as a missionary in your everyday life. Come remember why this is the best thing you could be doing with your life.

8-19 **MINISTRY TO THE MINISTERS**

We who spend our time and energy ministering to people are often not very good about attending to our own spiritual needs. In the midst of these busy Congress days, come spend some time feeding your soul with music and prayerful reflection. Let God embrace you with grace and consolation so that we can continue our ministry grounded in our own life of the spirit.



Dan Schutte

A founding member of the St. Louis Jesuits, Dan Schutte has continued to compose music for personal prayer and communal worship for over 40 years. With more than 10 solo recordings to his credit, he travels extensively offering concerts and workshops on prayer and liturgy to parish communities. He is currently Composer-In-Residence at the University of San Francisco. His latest offerings include a book, "Walking the Sacred Path," and a two-CD set to accompany the book of prayer.

8-20 **THE TRAUMATIZED WORD: WERE SOME OF THE WRITERS OF SCRIPTURE TRAUMATIZED?** 🎧

Dr. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher

Much of the Bible was written and edited under the conditions of violent conquest of Israelite peoples. Siege warfare, destruction of villages, death and flight are spoken of with painful frequency. Are there significant signs that the biblical writers themselves were traumatized by these events? Given what we now know about trauma and the impact on the human spirit (both mental and physical), what are the implications of recent work being done by scholars on "trauma" in ancient Scriptures?

8-21 **LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT** 🎧

Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD

"Big doesn't necessarily mean better. Sunflowers aren't better than violets," noted American novelist Edna Ferber. It's in those few precious moments when we relax with another and give the gift of our presence that God gifts us with something yet undiscovered. Bringing the gift of joy to our encounters benefits both us and the other. A simple simile, a hardy laugh – such blessings can open us to our God of abundance.

8-22 MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENTS NEVER HAVE TO SAY “NOBODY TOLD ME” 🎧

Today’s teens have not been told the whole truth about the consequences of their choices when it comes to sex! The culture hands them a daily dose of sex through music, television, movies, the Internet, social sites and texts, while never showing the devastation that sex outside of marriage leaves behind. Students love Pam Stenzel because she tells it like it is, no holding back, yet speaks the truth in *love* and in a language they can easily understand. Learn how to effectively communicate the message of chastity with your teens.

**Pam Stenzel**

Pam Stenzel has traveled worldwide, speaking about the issues of sexuality, the importance of abstinence, and the physical and emotional consequences of sex outside of marriage. She is Director of Enlightenment Communications and previously was on the “front lines” as Director of Alpha Women’s Center, a counseling center for women undergoing crisis pregnancies. Stenzel has appeared on numerous national TV and radio programs, and her books include “Who’s in Your Social Network” and “Nobody Told Me.”

8-23 ENTER THE MYSTERY – HOW TO TURN OUR LIFE INTO AN ADVENTURE THE CATHOLIC WAY 🎧**David Wells**

In his recent letter *Porta Fidei*, the Pope calls us to enter through the “door of faith” (Acts 14:27). That door is our life. In this session, we will consider the role that entering plays in a life of faith, and ask ourselves whether we too can stand in the exciting place between leaving and arriving, between baptism and death that we call the threshold. What can we learn from Jesus when he describes himself as “The Gate” (Jn 10:9) and how can our lives, in an imitation of him, become that open gate for others? Come and rediscover how we become an opening for the world in an adventure that is beyond our knowing. Let’s together Enter the Mystery by entering more fully into our lives.

8-24 THE METHODS AND MISERIES OF THE 100 YEARS’ WAR 🎧**Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ**

Religious fanaticism, selfish nationalism, personal greed, political ambition: In the 17th century, Western Europe experienced 100 years of hatred, persecution and systemic violence as Lutheran, Calvinist and Catholic nations battled and struggled for dominance. In this session, we will look at some of the causes and some of the results, and some of the bitter lessons of this period of our history. We will end with a brief presentation on the separation of Church and state, the wisdom of the Second Vatican Council, and of the ecumenical movement.

**CONGRESS TRIVIA:**

Congress not only draws people from across the country and from Canada and Mexico, but last year we had attendees from Argentina, Australia, England, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, North Ireland, Pakistan, Philippines, Puerto Rico and South Korea.

8-70 Phát triển đức tin của người Việt trẻ trên đất Mỹ**Lê Xuan Hy**

Liên hệ giữa giới teen và người lớn tuổi hơn gây nhiều khó khăn, nhất là khi hai giới sống với những giá trị và văn hoá khác nhau. Chúng tôi dựa vào Thánh Kinh, lý thuyết phát triển, khảo cứu, và kinh nghiệm (kể cả thất bại) để bàn tới một số phương pháp cho người trẻ cũng như cho thầy cô, phụ huynh, và cộng đoàn, để giúp tất cả phát triển đức tin.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT OF VIETNAMESE YOUTH IN THE UNITED STATES**Hy Xuan Le**

Teen/adult relationships in the United States stress both sides, particularly when they operate in different cultures and values. We draw from Scripture, development theories, research findings, and experience (including failures) to suggest a range of strategies for teens, teachers, parents and communities to foster faith development in this challenging environment.

