

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to register for Youth Day 2014! Our great annual event welcomes over 15,000 high school students and adults to the Anaheim Convention Center for a day of prayer, celebration and fun. It is a chance for us to gather as the larger Church and experience our Catholic faith through Eucharistic liturgies, workshops, rallies and more. Youth Day is a wonderful example of what it means to be an evangelizing community and helps us to fully realize our theme for the day: **“Never Alone – Forever Accepted!”** Our Youth Day theme is grounded in the liturgical readings for the day and reminds us that God’s Spirit moves with us constantly. We are surrounded and empowered by the love that never ends, while we are

also challenged to share that same love with others.

The Youth Day Coordinating Team – a group of young people and adults from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese – has planned an exciting day for every participant. We also hope you’ll download our “Youth Day 2014” iPhone App as soon as possible for updates about the day and as a way to encourage your young people to be fully engaged in the event. You can find the app by looking up “Los Angeles Youth Day” at the App Store. You’ll also notice that the following pages in this Guidebook give you tips on how to prepare young people for the day, as well as instructions for registration. Please remember that you can register for Youth Day online or through the mail. You’ll also want to note that there are two tracks for our day and to choose the track that works best for your group’s schedule.

Our team looks forward to celebrating with you at Youth Day 2014. Thank you for your willingness to share this great day with the young people of your parish or school. As you prepare, please help us by sharing the theme for the day with young people – reminding them that through God’s love we are **“Never Alone – Forever Accepted!”**

Mike Norman
Mike Norman
Associate Director
Office of Religious Education



YOUTH DAY APP

Download the Youth Day app for iPhone and iPod Touch now and it will automatically update itself every year when new versions are released. With this app, you can stay up-to-date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them on Twitter, viewing their websites, and even finding them on Facebook.

Youth Day is much more than just a one-day experience and this app will allow you to keep with you what each speaker and musician says long after the day is over. Check out their websites to find out how to put everything that was said into action.

If you are having any technical problems with the app and would like to report a bug or have more questions about the app, contact the developer at CGonzalez@la-archdiocese.org.



Youth Day



TRACK 1

8:00 AM – ARENA RALLY

For those registered for Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2014 begins in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **Noelle Garcia** and band will be on hand to get the day started with music, followed by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.



ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the rally, Track 1 participants remain in the Arena for our featured speakers, **ValLimar Jansen and Thomas Awiapo**. Val and Thomas will be focusing on our great theme for the day and engaging all of us in how we can become hope for the world.



ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The last Arena event for Track 1 participants will be a Spirit-filled liturgy (starting approximately at 10 am) with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita.



11:45 AM – LUNCH

Following the Eucharistic celebration, Track 1 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There will be many places inside and outside the Convention Center for purchasing food.

1:00 PM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

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

2:30 PM – CLOSING SESSIONS

Youth Day 2014 ends for Track 1 participants with energetic Closing Sessions in either the Convention Center Ballroom or Hall B. Musical artists **The Jeremy and Ryan Band** and **Michael James Mette** and band will be performing for these events. Young people from across the Archdiocese and beyond will also be helping us to close out our day with much excitement.



3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

After being reminded that we are **“Never Alone – Forever Accepted,”** participants will be sent out to share the Good News with others – in our parishes, our schools, our homes, and the entire world.

PREPARING FOR THE DAY

YOUTH DAY 2014 LITURGICAL READINGS

Youth Day 2014 takes place on Thursday of the First Week of Lent. The Youth Day Coordinating Team used the readings of the day to prepare our theme and other important parts of Youth Day. We invite you to share these readings with your young people and adults so they may reflect in preparation for our event.

First Reading: Esther (Cycle C) 12:14-16, 23-25
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
 Gospel: Matthew 7: 7-12

REFLECTING ON THE THEME

“NEVER ALONE, FOREVER ACCEPTED!”

Young people often describe Youth Day as inspiring, uniting, energizing, celebrating. These are all words of action, and that is very fitting for our day. Youth Day strives to help connect young people to the larger Church and to help them see they are not alone in their faith. It is a day that we know helps all participants to see that we are each called to make our faith real in our lives every day of the year and not just on this special day. The readings for Youth Day echo these same sentiments and they are full of action words, as well – ASK, SEEK, KNOCK! The readings resound with an invitation to trust God, to know that God’s love endures forever, and to know that each of us has an important part in God’s plan. As a community of faith, we are truly NEVER ALONE and are FOREVER ACCEPTED. We are supported and encouraged by God through this community that surrounds us – it is the living example of the hope that bursts from the scriptures we proclaim this day.

At the same time, these readings are a challenge to each of us, as well. We are called by God to also be hope for others. We are strengthened in our desire to become proclaimers of the Good News in our families, at our parishes and schools, and through all of our interactions in this wonderful world. God’s love shines through our actions and our words as we help others to know they are NEVER ALONE and FOREVER ACCEPTED. For it is truly when we “remain in God” that we are able to best share God’s Good News.

It is good to know that we are not alone as we do God’s work. God surrounds us with our friends and families so that we are continually encouraged to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of how we are constantly blessed in amazing ways. Youth Day is a great way to be reminded of our blessings. This is the great gift of the day – to be united with other believers so we are strengthened for the journey today, tomorrow and forever.

We hope this day helps every participant see that we are “Never Alone – Forever Accepted!”

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE DAY

The Youth Day staff invites any adult not chaperoning a parish or school group to be a volunteer for our event. Youth Day volunteers are assigned to a variety of positions throughout the day. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone – and to enjoy our event for free. To volunteer for Youth Day 2014, an adult needs to have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection policies and have had the appropriate diocesan required background check. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to find out more details about your required programs. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our team, please contact Erin Avila at emavila@sbcglobal.net or at (559) 259-8232. Come join the fun! We need you.

SUPPORTING OTHERS

In an effort to enhance the work of the Office of Religious Education in developing youth leaders across the Los Angeles Archdiocese and to support the work of other key organizations, there will be a collection during liturgies at Youth Day. We will use some of this money to help young people who need assistance to attend programs at the local, regional and national levels. We also share part of the collection with a different organization each year, and for 2014 we have chosen the Mission Doctors Association’s “One Million Patients Project” (www.onemillionpatients.org). We ask that you share this information with participants coming to Youth Day and emphasize how their contributions can continue the formation, education and quality of life for others. Thank you in advance.



REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

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

NOTE: YOUTH DAY OFTEN FILLS UP CLOSE TO THE JANUARY 22 DATE FOR THE FEE INCREASE. Please understand that there is limited seating for the event. If Youth Day fills to capacity prior to the January cut-off date, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but please understand that there are no exceptions.

Remember, there are two tracks to Youth Day and every group must choose one. This allows every participant to experience all Arena activities while still giving everyone the chance to hear two workshops (one is automatically chosen for you when you are in the Arena). To enter into the Arena for either Track 1 or Track 2, please line up and use the doors nearest the Hilton Hotel. We allow the exact number of participants as there are seats in the Arena. So please know that there will be room for everyone. Your name badge will make it clear as to which track you have been assigned. We ask you to not go to the Arena until your assigned track. Lastly, please remember that we will clear out the Arena at mid-day and no one is allowed to stay in that space for the entire event.

TRACK 2

8:00 AM – OPENING SESSIONS



For those who register for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2014 begins with the opportunity to experience one of two energetic Opening Sessions offered in the Convention Center: Hall B will welcome **Michael James Mette** and band; the third-floor Ballroom will host **The Jeremy and Ryan Band**. Young people from across the Archdiocese will also be part of these great events. Groups are welcome to attend either of these high-energy sessions – you get to choose that day!



9:30 AM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

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

11:00 AM – LUNCH

Following the workshops, Track 2 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There are places throughout the Convention Center for purchasing food. The Arena will open for Track 2 participants at 11:45 am. Everyone will need to enter through the main Arena glass doors near the fountain and may line up early. There are seats for everyone – so enjoy lunch!

12:15 PM – ARENA RALLY



For Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day continues in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **Noelle Garcia** and band will be on hand to get everyone energized, followed by young people from the Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.

ARENA WORKSHOP



Immediately following the rally, Track 2 participants will remain in the Arena to be inspired by our featured speakers, **Valiimar Jansen and Thomas Awaipo**. Val and Thomas will be focusing on our great theme for the day and engaging all of us around how we can become hope for the world.



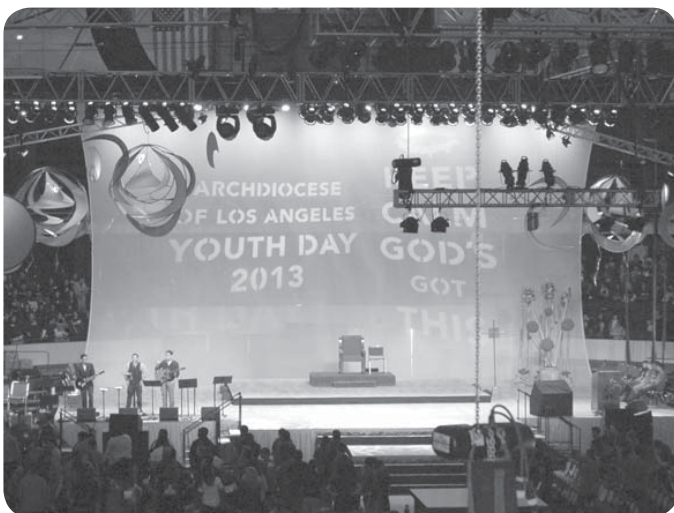
ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Youth Day ends for Track 2 participants with a Spirit-filled liturgy presided by our own Los Angeles **Archbishop José Gomez**. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir and instrumentalists under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita. Please note that this liturgy will begin approximately at 2:15pm.



3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

After being reminded that we are “**Never Alone – Forever Accepted,**” participants will be sent out to share the Good News throughout the world!



ARENA WORKSHOP

Both Youth Day tracks get to see our Arena speakers. You can make your choice of Convention Workshop from the remaining 12 speakers whose sessions are held in the Convention Center meeting rooms.

NEVER ALONE – ONE HUMAN FAMILY

Meet and listen to Thomas Awiapo, as he is joined by the dynamic presenter and singer ValLimar Jansen. Together, these two powerful speakers share their stories of survival and success: Thomas in Ghana, West Africa, and ValLimar in the United States. Through their presence and their personal stories of hunger and hope, Thomas and ValLimar bring to life God's invitation to live as one human family. Through storytelling, reflection, prayer, music and movement, Thomas and ValLimar inspire us to embrace the knowledge that we are truly "Never Alone and Forever Accepted!"



Thomas Awiapo

Orphaned before the age of 10, Thomas Awiapo survived bleak poverty and hunger in his small village in Ghana, Africa. The loss of two younger siblings to malnutrition and his search for food at age 12 led him to school, where he eventually won scholarships to attend college. Today, he works for Catholic Relief Services as an international speaker and trainer for community leaders throughout Ghana, where he lives with his wife and four children.



ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. She was Emcee for the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference held in Indianapolis, and she performed with her husband, Frank, at the Loreto/Angora International Papal Event in Italy, which was broadcast on EWTN and across the world.

A DISCIPLES IN OUR OWN FAMILIES

Blessed Pope John Paul II said, "When you proclaim the Gospel, you yourselves grow as you become more deeply rooted in Christ and mature as Christians." Welcome to this call to serve not only in your community but also in your own families. This workshop will focus on providing a clear, manageable and vibrant understanding of the call to discipleship to those who are the closest to you – your family.



Katherine Angulo

Born in Mexico and raised in Bogota, Colombia, Katherine Angulo is fluent in English, Spanish and French. She has over 14 years of experience in youth ministry, campus ministry and religious education serving the Miami Archdiocese, the Diocese of Richmond, Va., and the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn., where she was Director of Pastoral Ministries at St. Mary's Church in Johnson City, Tenn. She is currently serving as Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C.

B LOVE – THE FUNDAMENTAL VOCATION FOR EVERYBODY

This workshop will focus on the fundamental vocation for every human person without exception: Love. Love is for everybody. For all the different states of life in the Church, as well as for believers and non-believers. What does this mean? How does it happen? What happens when this doesn't happen? Who's to say? Come and see.



Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR

Fr. Stan Fortuna, a Catholic priest, is one of the founding members of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Before he entered the priesthood, he was a professional jazz musician, and he continues to play bass and sing at his presentations at conferences both nationally and internationally. In 1987, Fr. Fortuna established the non-profit Francesco Productions to record and distribute evangelical music and video productions with all of the proceeds benefiting the community's work with the poor of South Bronx, N.Y.

C PRAYER THROUGH POP MUSIC

Have you ever listened to a song that describes exactly how you feel? Whether you've been through a break-up and played Taylor Swift relentlessly or felt in love and listened to Jason Mraz all day, we know that music plays a huge part in our lives. While we may think that because these songs aren't bluntly "Christian" they couldn't be prayer, Jackie Francois will share how a lot of pop music mirrors the psalms and can actually help us to pray! Come sing, laugh and pray with Jackie, and take away some valuable insight that will stay with you for the rest of your life as you hear your favorite pop songs!



Jackie Francois Angel

Jackie Francois Angel is a full-time traveling worship leader, speaker and blogger from Orange County, Calif. For the last seven years, she has traveled around the world speaking and singing. Francois has performed at many major Catholic and interfaith events, from World Youth Day in Madrid to national youth conferences and various diocesan conferences. Her CDs are "Your Kingdom is Glorious" and "Divine Comedy," released by OCP/spiritandsong.com.

D "LOL" – LOVING OUR LITURGY

Liturgy can be boring, yet it is one of the most powerful ways we can connect with our awesome God. The boredom often comes from a lack of understanding and recognizing where God is in all of the words, rituals and incense. Fr. Rob Galea will share about his coming-to-appreciation and love of the liturgy and how it played a vital role in his freedom from anger, bitterness and addiction.

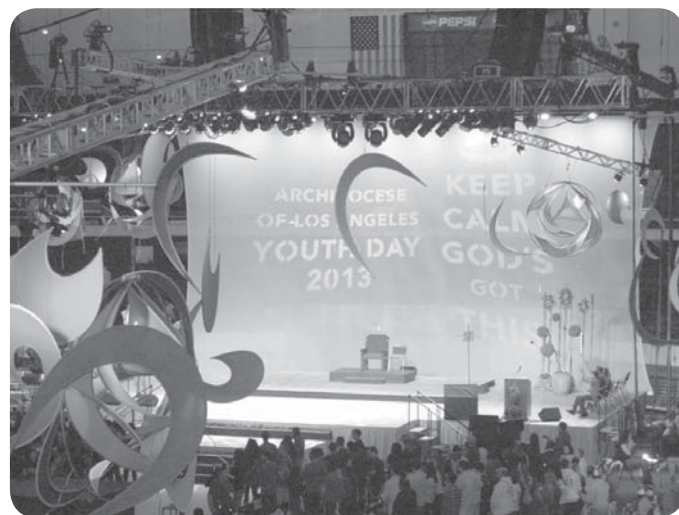


Fr. Rob Galea

Fr. Rob Galea, a Catholic priest, is currently serving as an assistant parish priest and also as a Chaplain at Notre Dame College, both in Shepparton, Victoria, Australia. He is a singer and songwriter with an international fan base. Apart from his series of recordings and CD releases, Fr. Galea has also written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. He is the co-founder of Stronger, a youth program that is quickly becoming one of Victoria state's largest Catholic youth movements.



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E RELATIONSHIPS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE AWESOME

In this generation of hooking up, broken relationships and jaded hearts, God wants to show us his plan for love, sex and relationships. Everyone wants to love and be loved, but not everyone knows the difference between the authentic and the counterfeit. In this workshop, Paul J. Kim delivers a powerful message through comedy and music (beatboxing) that not only entertains but inspires his audience to settle for nothing less than authentic love!



Paul J. Kim

Paul J. Kim is an international youth speaker, vocalist and beatboxer. He presents and performs full time, sharing his music and comedy. A featured performer at the 2013 National Catholic Youth Conference (main stage), Paul was also a speaker at the Steubenville Summer Youth Conferences and presenter at Spirit in the City festival in London, England. His releases include "The World Sings" and "Run Fly Fall," both available on iTunes and Amazon.

H HIGH EXPECTATIONS – LET’S TALK ABOUT WEED

How can a harmless, naturally grown plant, prescribed to cancer patients, that has never killed anyone, possibly hurt you? Impossible, right? Or is it? Here is a chance to get some 420 information that’s made interesting. ... Wow, there’s a twist. Ray Lozano will present up-to-date facts on marijuana in such a fun way that you might just forget you’re learning. This humorous workshop covers: the toxic truth of marijuana; my uncle smokes and he’s OK; weed is worse than cigarettes; and why do weed smokers get tired half way through their sentence?



Ray Lozano

Founder of Prevention Plus, Ray Lozano is a Drug and Alcohol Prevention Specialist and trainer with a counseling background. He also has won several awards for his stand-up comedy with the Improv Comedy Clubs. Lozano speaks from 30 years of experience in the trenches and has spoken to junior high, high school and community groups in every state in the country and is now traveling internationally educating people on the effects of drugs. He is also co-author of the book "Go M.A.D." (Go Make A Difference).

ORDERING OFFICIAL YOUTH DAY T-SHIRTS

Official Youth Day T-shirts are available for custom and group pre-orders. Customize your Youth Day shirt with your youth group or parish name on the back for an additional \$2.50. Custom orders with payment must be received by February 17, 2014 for direct shipping.

Special Pre-Order Discount Pricing (valid thru February 24):

- T-shirts: \$12.50 (\$15 at Youth Day)
- Sweatshirts: \$25 (\$30, limited quantity at Youth Day)
- Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

On Youth Day, merchandise will be available at the Seraph 7 booth in the main lobby of the Convention Center. Pre-order to ensure you get yours at www.seraph7.com or email store@seraph7.com

K DEALING WITH STRESS

Are you stressed? Does just being asked the question stress you out? We all get stressed from time to time, but how we choose to deal with it can really say something about us. Come to this session if you are OK with laughing and loving God and, oh ya, totally stressed out!



Judy McDonald

Judy McDonald has been a professional comedienne for the past 19 years. She is in great demand at parishes and conferences across the United States and internationally. McDonald was a residential minister at the University of San Diego before becoming Youth Minister for the San Diego Diocese. For the past 10 years, she has been traveling in full-time ministry, including shows for military bases in Germany, Italy, Belgium, and parishes in Ireland, Croatia, Scotland and across the United States.

M GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

Are you inspired to get involved with local and global issues? Young people all over the world make the difference they want to see through their commitment to hope and service. So can you! Explore inspirational stories of other young people called by faith to help transform our world! Learn how you can turn your inspiration into action, into a voice for the voiceless, into a “we” movement, leaving no one alone and building, what Pope Francis coined at the 2013 World Youth Day, a “culture of solidarity.”



Ted Miles

Ted Miles, a native of Baltimore, Md., has worked for Catholic Relief Services since 2005 as the Relationship Manager for Religious Education and Coordinator of CRS’ Youth Outreach in the United States. Prior to joining CRS, Miles served in parish youth ministry and Catholic high school education for over 25 years, including development of an immersion experience for youth in the Baltimore Archdiocese. In 2009, he received the award for leadership in youth ministry from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.



Joyce Francois

Joyce Francois has worked for years in the Office for Youth Ministry for the Detroit Archdiocese, where she is currently Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator. She has created a partnership between her archdiocese and the Diocese of Riobamba, Ecuador, and has taken many groups on mission and cultural immersion trips. Francois works primarily with youth from churches within the city of Detroit. She leads various local presentations and training connected to youth ministry.

P I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM

Ice cream! So many different flavors. School, family, church – all are filled with so many different flavors of people and sometimes it is hard to understand, get along or even appreciate others. How do we deal with people who are different than ourselves and aren’t a “flavor” we like? What does Jesus ask of us?



Mike Patin

Mike Patin has worked in youth ministry since 1984, spending six years as a high school teacher and coach before working for the Catholic Youth Organization/ Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He was also on the adjunct faculty at Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans. Since 2003, the “faith horticulturist” has been speaking full time on the issues of Catholic faith, positive attitude and living life fully. Among his many book titles is “A Standing Invitation.”

S GET LIFTED

Today’s role models and TV shows encourage debauchery and other risky behaviors. Most people are looking for someone to look up to and trust, but there are few options. Well, look no further. The ELEV8 team, a group of young artists, writers, actors, dancers, entrepreneurs and speakers, is about to show you that *you, yes you*, have everything you need to be successful and risk free in a compromising world. Get ready to laugh and learn as the ELEV8 team takes you on a realistic journey of today’s challenges of

bullying, drugs and promiscuous sex. Learn the tools you need to get out of the sociological and media-driven trench, maintain your individuality, and “Get Lifted”!



Anthony Preston

Anthony Preston is an actor, musician, motivational speaker, and creator and Executive Producer of ELEV8, a teen integrity program based in Southern California. Preston has been a representative for hundreds of schools and institutions since 2001 and has worked with a host of secondary education programs and organizations, including The Right to Life League, Upward Bound and Rachel’s Challenge. His presentations call teens to embrace a holistic lifestyle, free of bullying, drugs and promiscuous sex.

X WHERE FAITH AND REAL LIFE COME TOGETHER: LIVING OUR FAITH IN THE WORLD

Join Greg Wasinski as he reminds us, in his genuine and humorous style, to “be nothing more than God created us to be.” He will help us find the ways Jesus is present in the world and how we can share this Good News with our friends, family, parents and, yes, quite possibly, even complete strangers. Greg’s own examples of courage and strength will put our relationship with God on display so that we may begin to encounter him more deeply. You won’t want to miss this workshop to learn that we should not be embarrassed by who we are in faith. Be proud to bring others into the wonderful experiences we have by living a life where Christ is No. 1 and the impact it can have on changing the world.



Greg Wasinski

Greg Wasinski is an inspirational Catholic speaker, author and former radio talk show host from Cleveland. He has been a presenter at many parishes, diocesan rallies and major national youth conferences, as well as keynote at youth rallies across the country for both middle school and high school. Wasinski is also a confirmation retreat leader (for high schools, middle schools and adults), a Bible study lecturer and a contributor to national resources for faith formation. He is expecting completion of his book, “Finding Jesus in the Eucharist,” in 2014.

Z THE BEST LIFE YOU CAN LIVE

Every person can experience God’s best, but most decide for living less. Don’t be one of those people! Gain a deeper understanding of the incredible plan God has for your life, offered through the Church. Discover practical life-changing decisions that will empower you to live out the full purpose of your life. Don’t settle for living “good,” when God is calling you to be great.



Ken Yasinski

Based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, Ken Yasinski is one of Canada’s most sought-after Catholic speakers, speaking full time since 1999. He appears regularly at countless events, including spiritual development days for Catholic school districts, retreats, parish missions, conferences, workshops, seminars, and high school and youth retreats. In addition, Yasinski is founder and President of Face to Face Ministries, songwriter/producer of Catholic worship music, and author of “The Fullness of Purpose.”

WHO MAY ATTEND?

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

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$30 per person. After January 22, 2014, fees increase to \$35 per person. Everyone in your group MUST be registered for Youth Day, **including all priests who will be accompanying your group or coming to concelebrate Mass.**

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

For the initial group of 1 to 10 youth, there must be two Adult Chaperones. An additional Chaperone must be included with every consecutive group of up to 10 youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day, with at least one Chaperone attending each activity with each group of up to ten youth. Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without a Chaperone.

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and remains with the group to supervise throughout the day. Chaperones must participate in the events – youth find it more difficult to participate if adults are not engaged. The format of Youth Day enables everyone to have a seat, but large groups may be unable to sit together. We ask that Chaperones divide up and stay with their groups.

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

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early since Youth Day often fills up prior to deadline dates. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is CLOSED to further registrations. This is due to a limited number of seats. Please note that hitting capacity often happens **before the registration fee increase on January 22, 2014.** If we receive your registration after Youth Day has filled and closed, it will be returned to you. SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.

NAME BADGES

All registered persons are given a name badge that serves as their admission to Youth Day. In order to gain and maintain admission into the Convention Center, each person must wear the official Youth Day name badge throughout the day. We require a full first and last name. Registrations will NOT be processed if the same name is used in all the spaces on the form or if the names are obviously made up. If needed, you may substitute name badges already sent. We will not be able to print out new badges on site. The name badge color also identifies to which track you have been assigned. You will not be allowed to enter certain parts of Youth Day until your track is scheduled for that event.

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

Youth Day Packets will be mailed after January 27, 2014, to the Contact Person. Please check your packet IMMEDIATELY upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and each participant has a name badge.

NOTE: There is a \$50 fee for reprinting the name badges for a group attending Youth Day.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. You may duplicate the form, as needed.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form – all attending the same workshop. The first form must include two Chaperones. Please do not register more people on the form than will be attending, since space is limited.
3. Once a registration has been submitted, additional registrations CANNOT be added to the group. To add registrants, a new registration (with another paid Chaperone) must be completed online or sent in. PLEASE remember to register priests who accompany your group as well, even if only coming for Mass.
4. All youth must remain with their Chaperone throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name and information of the Contact Person on each form used and indicate if he/she will attend. If the Contact Person plans to attend, his/her name MUST appear again as a Chaperone or registrant.
6. For mailed forms, indicate your choices of track and workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of \$30 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by January 22, 2014 to: Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, PO BOX 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955. Make checks payable to: Religious Education Congress. Total fees must accompany registration forms. All incomplete registrations will be mailed back for correcting. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. See www.RECongress.org/YD for online registration info.
8. After January 22, 2014, the Youth Day Registration fee will be increased to \$35 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by January 22, 2014. There are NO REFUNDS after that date. There will be a \$10 per registration refund processing fee.
10. THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY!
11. Questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT

MAKE SURE to mark on the registration whether your group will attend TRACK 1 or TRACK 2 (see the previous pages for the descriptions of the tracks). Also, print the letter of your first- and second-choice workshops plainly on the spaces provided. All participants attend the Arena workshop and can choose a second workshop from the listings on the previous pages. The same workshops are offered for both tracks.

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

FOOD SERVICES

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



YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ONLY PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED – NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered with each paid Adult Chaperone. All must attend the same workshops. The first registration form for every group should have two Chaperones listed.
2. Once a Registration Form has been submitted, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new registration AND another paid Chaperone. Please be sure to register all priests who will accompany your group.
3. **YOUTH DAY FEE:** \$30 per person (U.S. dollars only). After January 22, 2014 the fee increases to \$35 per person.
4. **NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE.** The FINAL Registration deadline is February 14, 2014. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Total payment must accompany this form.
6. Mail checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
7. **Name badges will be mailed after January 27, 2014.** Please check your packet when it arrives, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has a name badge. Students **MUST** remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 22, 2014. Note: There is a **\$10 per registration** refund processing fee.
9. **REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.**

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

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

– For Office Use Only –

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

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

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

SERVICES • Any special service needs? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter Deaf-Blind Interpreter Wheelchair access
 Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) • Name of student/adult requiring assistance _____

ADULT CHAPERONE

	\$30	\$35
First Name _____ Last Name _____	By Jan. 22	After Jan. 22
REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Adult)		
Adult? <input type="checkbox"/> First Name _____ Last Name _____	\$60	\$70
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$90	\$105
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$120	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$180	\$210
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$210	\$245
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$240	\$280
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$275	\$315
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$330	\$385

Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 22, 2014.

Choice for Group:
Track 1 or Track 2

Workshop choice:
 1ST _____
 2ND _____

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

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

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

– YOU MAY DUPLICATE THIS FORM –

Youth Day