

OVERVIEW

THURSDAY – MARCH 12, 2015

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5:30 pm - 8:30 pm On-site registration

FRIDAY – MARCH 13

7:00 am - 3:00 pm On-site registration

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10:00 - 11:30 am Period 1 Workshops

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
– John Angotti & Friends
Music (Hall B)
– Jeremy & Ryan

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 2 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 3 Workshops

5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies

8:00 pm Concert (Arena)
– Praise and Worship with
Spirit & Song

Film Showcase 2015

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SATURDAY – MARCH 14

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8:30 am Keynote Address (Arena)
– Rev. Rick Warren

10:00 - 11:30 am Period 4 Workshops

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

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– Pedro Rubalcava & Friends
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Anne Frawley-Mangan

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3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 6 Workshops

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– “*The Influence of One Life*”

8:30 pm Sacred Illuminations 2015

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SUNDAY – MARCH 15

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8:30 am Morning Address:
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10:00 - 11:30 am Period 7 Workshops

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Jansen, Anna Betancourt
& Dolores Gomez

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm Closing Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)



2015 THEME REFLECTION

The theme chosen for Congress 2015 – “*See*” – flows from the blind man’s extraordinary encounter in John 9:1-41. Reflecting on this amazing scenario our imaginations are stretched, we are drawn to see beneath the surface and discover the paradox: the blind man is the one who sees while the seeing ones are entombed in their own darkness.

Spiritual blindness is at the center of the exchange and the challenge for all to see at a deeper level, see with the heart as suggested in the following dialog:

“Why is everyone here so happy except me?” asked the disciple.

“Because they have learned to see goodness and beauty everywhere,” said the Master.

“Why don’t I see goodness and beauty everywhere?”

“Because you cannot see outside of you what you fail to see inside.”

God is at work in the world right now performing miracles, sharing life and light. Can we see God’s wondrous deeds? Are we mindful of God’s presence in all of life, in creation, in joy, in pain and in struggle? God is there. Where are we? Novelist Paulo Coelho, author of “*The Alchemist*” says, “You can become blind by seeing each day as a similar one. Each day is different; each day brings a miracle of its own.”

We are encouraged then to renew our vision, open up to the life-changing Light of Christ, and lead others to See anew.

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

WHAT IS THE RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the world. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 309 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

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

RECONGRESS LOCATION & COST

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

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

\$70 – by January 23, 2015 deadline

\$80 – after January 23, 2015

NOTE: If you have not registered online or mailed in your Registration Form by February 25, 2015, please register on site at the Convention Center. Online registration remains opening through March 15, 2015.

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OVERVIEW

We invite you to attend the 2015 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. RECongress opens on Thursday, March 12, 2015 with Youth Day, a day-long event for high school youth. The remaining three-day weekend is open to adults and young adults, and includes workshops in addition to lunchtime and evening entertainment, liturgies, the Exhibit Hall and much more! Find us online at www.RECongress.org, and on Facebook (at RECongress) and Twitter (LACongress), as well as Pinterest (LACongress) and Instagram (LACongress)!



YOUTH DAY Held on Thursday, March 12, this day-long event for high school youth is an opportunity for students – from throughout the western states – to come together and share in a mix of workshops, liturgies, rallies and high energy. (See pages 7-15.)

LITURGIES Congress annually offers a number of liturgies of different character, including: Australian Culture, Black Culture, Celtic, Contemplative, Filipino, Spanish, Tongan, Vietnamese and Young Adult as well as evening prayer, and a Taizé service. (See page 22.)



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



ART EXHIBIT This year we feature artist, author and speaker Brother Mickey O'Neill McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. His work and ministry have been featured in USA Today and Catholic newspapers around the country. In art and text, Bro. Mickey will illustrate beautiful and inspiring sayings of Pope Francis.



SPEAKERS Over the four days, Congress 2015 will offer 309 workshops presented by 202 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – offered in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And our featured Keynote (in English) is on Saturday with our English and Spanish Addresses on Sunday.

ANAHEIM The Anaheim Convention Center has been home to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress since 1970. When the Los Angeles event made its way to Anaheim, the city was still part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. On June 18, 1976, Pope Paul VI established the Diocese of Orange with Bishop William Johnson installed as its first bishop.



SACRED SPACE

Discover the quiet amid the chaos of Congress. On the third floor of the Convention Center you can find a chapel, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a Labyrinth. Come and get away with music



HALL EVENTS

The Exhibit Hall is one of the liveliest locations at Congress. Be sure to check out what is going on in the **ORE Booth** throughout the weekend. The adjacent Tech Center is the location for Friday's **Congress Chat** (pictured) with Archbishop José Gomez, and for SiriusXM Radio's "**Busted Halo**" live broadcast. (Exhibit Hall A)

FILM SHOWCASE

The annual Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University, presents excerpts from a number of feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. (Friday evening)



SACRED ILLUMINATIONS

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

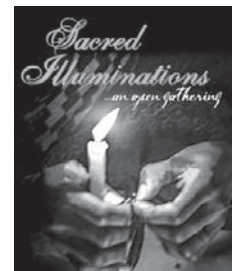


EXHIBIT HALL

One of the perks of registering for Congress is the Exhibit Hall – showcasing over 250 companies as exhibitors ranging from religious art to music, from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to a variety of Los Angeles archdiocesan ministries.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to Congress 2015! I am happy you have chosen to join us to take this opportunity to know Jesus better, and to grow in your faith.

The theme for this year's Congress, "**SEE**," is taken from the beautiful story in St. John's Gospel about the blind man who is healed and also receives the gift of faith.

Pope Francis, speaking of this passage, says it is the story of our lives, too. We too, he says, must "open ourselves to the light of Christ in order to bear fruit in our lives ... so that, as St. Paul reminds us, we may act as 'children of light,' with humility, patience and mercy."

I pray that your participation in these days of formation, fellowship, prayer, and worship will deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith and enrich your relationship with Jesus Christ, so that He may be always the center of your lives and ministry.

I entrust our time together to the Blessed Virgin Mary and ask God to bless you abundantly throughout this weekend.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ José H. Gomez
 Most Reverend José H. Gomez
 Archbishop of Los Angeles

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Once again it is my privilege and joy to extend to you a heartfelt welcome to Congress 2015. Each year you bless us with your presence, your enthusiasm and your ongoing commitment to share the Good News of our rich Catholic story and traditions.

The theme chosen for Congress 2015 – "**See**" – inspired by the blind man's extraordinary encounter with Jesus (John 9:1-41) challenges us to **See** anew, to peer beneath the surface and see more deeply and broadly. We are invited to open wide not only our physical eyes, but also the eyes of the heart, the eyes of our memory and perceive God's presence in all of life, in joy, in pain, in struggle.

The amazing and ever-growing variety of workshops, liturgies, entertainment opportunities and resources provided throughout the weekend are wells of enrichment and spiritual growth for you and for your communities of faith. Come and be inspired, stretched and renewed by the wisdom and the insights shared by national and international speakers.

In the midst of the many activities offered, there is also the opportunity to spend time the quiet atmosphere of Sacred Space, walk the Labyrinth, linger in the art exhibit area and avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Again, I thank you for your gracious support, your openness to the life-changing light of Christ as you lead others to SEE the wonders of God's healing presence.

I look forward to greeting you at Congress 2015.

Sincerely,

Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC

Sr. Edith Prendergast
 Director of Religious Education
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles



WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS



Dear Friends:

As Co-Coordinators, we have the tremendous joy of welcoming you to the 2015 Religious Education Congress, with our theme, “See” / “Ver.”

Our weekend promises to be rewarding and enriching, beginning with the vitality of Youth Day, and continuing through the weekend with a variety of opportunities for enrichment. As always, Congress is a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and meet new people from all over the world at this international gathering. Be sure to spend time in the Exhibit Hall, which offers a significant variety of resources and company representatives on hand for personalized service.

Workshop descriptions and event listings, housing information, mail-in and online registration instructions are included in this Registration Guidebook and updated regularly on our web site at www.RECongress.org. Additional information can be obtained by email at congress@la-archdiocese.org or by calling the Congress Office at (213) 637-7346.

If you know of others whom you feel may be enriched by participating in Congress, please do share with them your experience of Congress and extend a personal invitation to them to join you for the weekend. We would love to see them!

For those who are not able to join us in Anaheim, remember that our event can be viewed via our live stream at www.RECongress.org/Live.

We look forward to being with you soon, as we together make it our mission to be people who see more clearly and recognize God’s presence ever more deeply, in our daily encounters with one another.

Paulette Smith
Associate Director & Event Coordinator

Jan Pedroza
Program Coordinator

THE EARLY HISTORY OF CONGRESS

The origins of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress spring from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD, a ministry that actually began in Los Angeles in 1922 under Bishop John Cantwell. Over the years, the number of students in the program grew and by 1937 the program was so successful that a full-time director was needed to run the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

In 1956, the first CCD “institute” was held for teachers and catechists of the program. Some 500 attended the two-day conference at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. In 1957, the event at Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School saw attendance double. In subsequent years, attendance continued to increase at Loyola University; and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College by 1960.

In 1967, with the cooperation of the dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego, the agenda for the first three-day “Congress” was set. The purpose was “to provide an atmosphere of Christian unity...for the benefit of each and the common good of all mankind.” It was January 13-15, 1967 that the first “Southern California Confraternity Congress” was held at the LAX-area International Hotel. In 1971, the first Youth Rally was held, which set the model for today’s Youth Day.

Today, the Religious Education Congress supports the diverse needs of parish leaders as well as sessions of benefit to families and for personal growth. Our last event, held March 13 (Youth Day) and March 14-16, 2014, had over 39,223 in attendance, with 205 speakers presenting 338 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese), and with 21,676 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 15,013. Our Exhibit Hall had 490 booths with 1,426 representatives from 226 different companies and organizations.

Read about the Congress Milestones online at www.RECongress.org/ccd-rec.htm



1963 – At this “pre-Congress” Institute, 5,000 catechists were enrolled in workshops held at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles.



1974 – The Closing Liturgy in the Anaheim Arena at the 1974 Congress, with the theme “Jesus, Others, You.”

A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR



Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I invite you to register for Youth Day 2015 – a day that brings young people together, engages them in their faith and allows them to experience the larger Church. At Youth Day, there are many opportunities to celebrate and witness the richness of our Catholic faith, to share our stories and to experience God’s bountiful love. Additionally, we will have the chance to deepen our encounter with Christ through Eucharistic liturgies, workshops, rallies and much more. Youth Day is not only about the experience; it is also about each of us being called to share what we receive with as many people as possible: our friends, our family,

and even people we may not know yet. As expressed in the reflection below, our theme “**Talk Jesus with Me**” calls us to fulfill Pope Francis’ vision of missionary discipleship.

Youth Day is being planned from beginning to end by a committee comprised of adults and young people from across the Archdiocese who are joyfully sharing their gifts and talking about the Good News. The team is planning an energetic, exciting and faith-filled day for everyone. They invite you to “Talk Jesus with Me” on social media. The handle is @LAYouthDay across all platforms and use the following hashtags: #TalkJesusWithMe, #ShoutItOut, #LAYouthDay. The dialogue is live on social media; join the conversation today.

The following pages in this Guidebook offer information on how to prepare young people for the day, as well as instructions for registration and information about opportunities for young people and adults to get involved. Please remember that you can register for Youth Day online or through the mail. When registering for the day, make sure to select a track and remember the schedule for the track you selected. Note that our liturgy times have changed for both tracks. I encourage you to frequently visit our website www.RECongress.org/YD where you will find the most current information about the day and resources for engaging young people through social media leading up to, during and even after Youth Day.

Our team looks forward to celebrating with you at Youth Day 2015. Thank you for your willingness to share this great day with young people from your parish and school. As you prepare, remember to find opportunities to “Talk Jesus with Me” especially with the young people you minister to and with.

Christina Lamas
Associate Director
Office of Religious Education

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Want more than just to attend the day? Check our site at www.RECongress.org/YD for more info and all the ways you can be more involved at Youth Day 2015.

SPIRIT SQUAD – We are looking for a team of high-energy, dynamic, high school aged youth, to be part of our Spirit Squad! The Spirit Squad will be used throughout the day to pump up the crowd with games and chants, promote the theme, help direct attention to social media, and transition participants from events throughout the day.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Are you good with social media? Do you have a passion to #spreadtheGospel using social media? #LAYouthDay needs you! We are looking for a team of high school aged youth to help us populate our social media platforms the day of L.A. Youth Day.

YOUTH DAY EMCEE – Youth Day is looking for young people to introduce speakers and help with rallies. Do you like performing in front of large crowds? Do you like to help others have a good time? If you answered “yes” to these questions, then come be part of this great day!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – Youth Day 2015 is looking for high school aged youth to serve as ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and musicians to sing and play in the archdiocesan Choir & Band for the liturgies.

YOUTH DAY RALLY – Do you love to sing? Are you a person who can speak in front of a large group of teens? We would love to have teens be part of the Youth Day Rally!

TRAINING DAY – January 3, 2015 at Holy Family in South Pasadena, Calif.



Youth Day

TRACK 1

8:00 AM – ARENA RALLY

For those registered for Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2015 begins in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **Jeremy and Ryan** 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 throughout the morning.



ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Track 1 participants will participate in a Spirit-filled liturgy with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita. (Please note that this liturgy will begin at approximately 8:30 am.)



ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the liturgy, Track 1 participants will remain in the Arena for our featured speaker, **Fr. Greg Boyle**. He will explore ways of finding God in the world.



11:45 AM – LUNCH

Following the Arena Workshop, 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 2015 ends for Track 1 participants with energetic Closing Sessions in either the Convention Center Ballroom or Hall B. Musical artists **Ike Ndolo** and **The Jacob and Matthew 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 to “Talk Jesus with Me” every day and everywhere – in our parishes, our schools, our homes, and the entire world – participants will be sent out to be missionary disciples.

PREPARING FOR THE DAY

YOUTH DAY 2015 LITURGICAL READINGS

Youth Day 2015 takes place on Thursday of the Third Week of Lent. We hope you will use the readings of the day as you prepare young people for the event:

First Reading: 1 Jeremiah 7:23-28
 Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
 Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

REFLECTING ON THE THEME

“TALK JESUS WITH ME!”

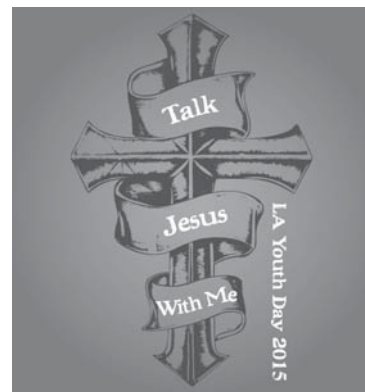
Our theme, “Talk Jesus with Me,” may surprise you, but not the youth who read, wrestled with and reflected upon the readings of the day. These young people made a strong appeal for a theme that resonated with meeting Christ in the context of their world, their life experiences and what they are hearing and seeing. It was definitely a challenge that awakened the adults in the room. Yet, it was also a great opportunity to dialogue “Talk Jesus with Me,” to meet young people where they are and to journey with them.

Our theme becomes ever more important as we realize how challenging and complicated the world that our young people experience today. This is the reality of young people in schools, at home, on social media and in popular culture. It makes it difficult for them to focus upon the voice of God in the midst of such a noisy world.

In the readings, we hear many action verbs that express speaking and listening. Phrases such as “listen to my voice,” “hear his voice,” “the mute man spoke” appear many times, each requiring a response. In the same way, the voice of our loving God is shouting to today’s young people, awaiting their response. As individuals working with young people, we are challenged to guide them and help them to focus upon and respond to God’s voice. Therefore, it is crucial that we spend time understanding the world of our youth, dialoguing with them about Christ, and encouraging them to carry on the conversation with others in words and deeds.

Our theme also invites us to look within ourselves and to share the Good News with others. Every day we are presented with many opportunities to share Christ’s love. Are we acting on this invitation, or simply passively listening? I invite you to join us in taking our theme “Talk Jesus with Me” to an even higher level. Let us connect our lives with the Gospel and share it with others. Together we can take steps to fulfill Pope Francis’ vision of young people as “street preachers (*callejeros de la fe*); joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 106).

We hope this day will encourage every participant to “Talk Jesus with Me” every day and everywhere!



ADULT VOLUNTEERS

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 2015, 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 recyouthday@gmail.com 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 2015 we have chosen Homeboy Industries (www.homeboyindustries.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!



**Talk
Jesus
with Me!**

YOUTH DAY THEME SONG

You can find our Youth Day 2015 theme song online and available to download at www.JeremyAndRyan.com.



YOUTH DAY APP

Keep watch our our web site for the Youth Day app for iPhone and iPod Touch. 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.

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 BEFORE THE FEE INCREASE ON January 23. 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.

TRACK 2

8:00 AM – OPENING SESSIONS



For those who register for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2015 begins with the opportunity to experience one of two energetic Opening Sessions offered in the Convention Center: Hall B will welcome **Ike Ndolo**; the third-floor Ballroom will host **The Jacob and Matthew 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; 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. Enjoy lunch, there are seats for everyone!

12:15 PM – ARENA RALLY



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

ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Track 2 participants will participate 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 at approximately 12:45 pm.)



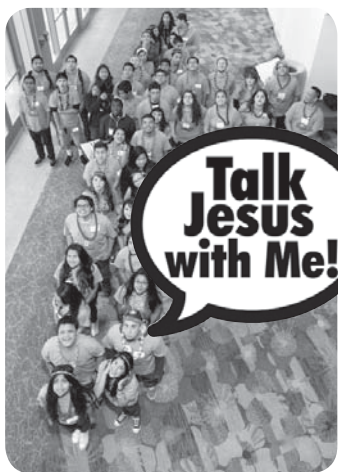
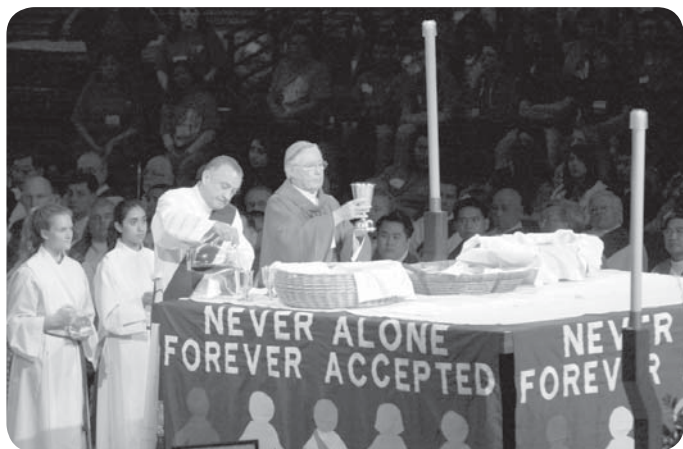
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We invite you to review all the workshops on the following pages. All Youth Day attendees will be able to see our Arena speaker, Fr. Greg Boyle. But you can make first- and second-choices among the remaining 12 workshops as a selected workshop. Track 1 will see their Convention Workshop offering in the afternoon. Track 2 will attend the morning session workshop.

ARENA WORKSHOP

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

BARKING TO THE CHOIR – NOW ENTERING THE KINSHIP OF GOD

This workshop will explore what “being in the world” means, and where we can find God in the world – in compassion and loving kindness. Fr. Greg Boyle will reflect on the sacredness of life through the lens of Ignatian spirituality, drawn from more than 30 years of work with formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women in Los Angeles.



Rev. Greg Boyle, SJ

Fr. Greg Boyle is founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang rehabilitation program in the United States. The native Angeleno was ordained a Jesuit priest and transformed by his work in Bolivia, Mexico and Folsom State Prison in California. It was in the Boyle Heights community of Los Angeles that Fr. Boyle started Homeboy Industries. He is author of the New York Times best-selling book, “Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion.”

A BRINGING CHRIST TO YOUR FAMILY

Is Christ part of your life? Do you live out your Catholic faith? Do you try to share and involve your faith with your family? The New Evangelization challenges teens to work together and empower their families to proclaim Christ’s love and mercy to the world. Come and explore new ways in which you can become a disciple who comfortably shares the joy of your Catholic faith with 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, campus ministry and religious education in the dioceses of Richmond, Va.; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Miami. Angulo is presently on staff at the Department of Catholic Formation and Evangelization as Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C. She has presented at both local and national events, and has been a trainer at the Youth Leadership Institute for the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn.

B REAL TALK: THE POWER OF PRAYER

In this workshop, we will look at the importance of prayer: communicating with God. Why do we find it hard to pray at times? What can we do when we know we need to pray but don't know how? How do we handle the times when it seems like God is not listening to our prayers? How do we wait on Him?



Dr. Ansel Augustine

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked in ministry for over 15 years around the country and in his hometown of New Orleans, La., where he is Director for the Office of Black Catholic Ministries for the New Orleans Archdiocese and serves on the faculty at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. Dr. Augustine, who also serves on the board for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, has presented at various national conferences and has written for several publications related to ministry.

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C THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS

This session presents the two hottest topics on the planet for teens: God and sex. Focusing on the virtue of chastity as being more than just “no sex,” this talk exposes the lies the world offers regarding relationships and sex, and points to a deeper truth of authentic love found in Christ. Through funny stories and compelling witness, Mary Bielski presents a message of hope for purity and freedom found in the power of Jesus.



Mary Bielski

Born in Indianapolis, Mary Bielski lived her passion through youth ministry. In 2006 she founded ALLAHIM Ministries and three years later left her pharmaceutical sales job to immerse herself in full-time ministry. With 15 years of experience in youth ministry and 12 years as a national speaker,

Bielski has spoken to over 75,000 teens and adults around the nation at high schools and young adult retreats, from major national youth conferences to parish and diocesan rallies.

D DIGITAL CATHOLICS

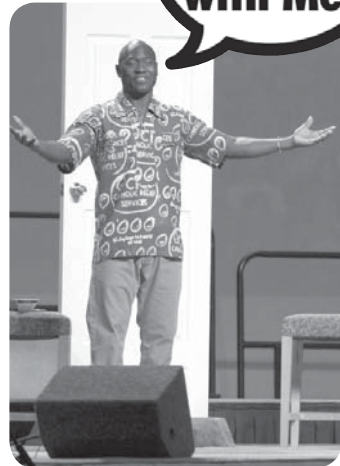
Our world is increasingly a media world. But, are you perfectly happy with the way you use media, the way your friends and family use media? How can we live Catholic in a digital world? How do we make media work *for us* and not *against us*? How can we be more Christ-like on social media? Ever wish you could just unplug? Where's God in a wired world? Technology doesn't make us civilized – the way we use it does.



Sr. Helena Burns, fsp

Sr. Helena Burns, a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, is a movie reviewer for Life Teen, writer-director of the documentary on the life of Blessed Fr. James Alberione, founder of the Daughters of St. Paul, and a co-producer on www.The40Film.com. She is also on the vocation team of the Daughters

of St. Paul. Sr. Burns has presented media literacy talks and seminars since the '90s, and since 2006 she has presented Theology of the Body talks to teens and adults across the United States and Canada.





E DO IT SCARED!

For too long we have let fear stop us from reaching our God-promised potential. Fr. Rob Galea will share stories of his journey from victim to victor. You will learn ways to overcome and face your fears to become all you are called to be in Christ.



Fr. Rob Galea

Singer/songwriter Fr. Rob Galea, a Catholic priest, is an assistant parish priest and also a Chaplain at Notre Dame College, both in Shepparton, Victoria, Australia. In addition to his series of recordings and CD releases, Fr. Galea has written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. He was selected to sing the official 2008 World Youth Day song, "Receive the Power," and performed in some key events before the 500,000 pilgrims in Sydney. He is co-founder of Stronger, a youth program that is quickly becoming one of Victoria state's largest Catholic youth movements.



H TALK JESUS, TALK WE ... A WORLD THAT JOURNEYS TOGETHER TOWARD ONE LOVE

Catholic Relief Services and local service and outreach ministries invite you to an experience of entering into the lives and stories of people around the world. Through storytelling, decision-making and learning of the consequences of those decisions, discover the realities that many young people face around the world and how we can journey together toward greater unity, justice and love.



Ted Miles

Since 2005, Baltimore-native Ted Miles has been Catholic Relief Services' Relationship Manager for Religious Education and Coordinator of their Youth Outreach in the United States. Prior to joining CRS, Miles served in parish youth ministry, social ministry and Catholic high school education and faith formation for over 25 years, including the development of Baltimore Archdiocese's "Justice Action Week." In 2009, he was honored with the national award for leadership in youth ministry from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.



Sergio Lopez

Musician and speaker Sergio Lopez is a former youth minister and worship leader from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He has presented at the Los Angeles Regional Congresses, the Fresno Diocesan Youth Day, the Christian Leadership Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif., and The Center for Ministry and Development in Buffalo, N.Y. Since 2014, Lopez has worked for Catholic Relief Services as a Relationship Manager, and is based in Simi Valley, Calif.

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 only \$2 additional. All orders with payment must be received by February 16, 2015 for direct shipping.

Special pre-order discount pricing (valid thru Feb. 16, 2015):

T-shirts: \$13* (\$15 at Youth Day)

V-Neck: \$16* (\$18 at Youth Day)

Sweatshirts: \$25* (\$30, limited quantity at Youth Day)

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

*2XL - 4XL sizes are \$2 extra for T-shirts and \$5 extra for hoodies.

On Youth Day, merchandise will be available at the Seraph 7 booth in the prefunction area of the Convention Center. Please order at www.seraph7.com or email us at seraph7clothing@gmail.com. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

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, a professional comedienne for the past 20 years, is in great demand at parishes and conferences across the United States and internationally. She was a residential minister at the University of San Diego and became Youth Minister for the San Diego Diocese. McDonald has been in full-time traveling ministry for over 10 years, including shows for military bases in Germany, Italy, Belgium and parishes in Ireland, Croatia, Scotland and across the United States.

M THE HAPPY CATHOLIC

Jesus is like us in all things except sin. I bet he laughed, really hard! So why are so many Catholics always so serious? If the joy of the Lord is our strength, it would seem that we should find ourselves in the midst of a lot of “happy” Christians. Why does it seem like our Catholic faith isn’t joyful at times? How can we truly find joy in our Catholicism? This workshop looks at the beauty of being Catholic and embracing joy.



Chris Padgett

Songwriter, musician, speaker and worship leader Chris Padgett travels around the world giving talks, missions and concerts. As a founding member of Scarecrow and Tinmen in 1994, he wrote, recorded and toured with the band for seven years. Since then he has been on his own presenting keynotes and concerts, writing articles and presenting at four World Youth Days, several Steubenville youth conferences and numerous diocesan events. He also has four solo albums. He and his wife, Linda, recently published their first book, “Not Ready for Marriage, Not Ready for Sex: One Couple’s Return to Chastity.”

P TRIPLE D: DISCERNING, DECIDING & DOING

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, who hosts the TV show “Savoring Our Faith” and the radio show “Entertaining Truth,” provides practical tools to discern God’s will for you and shows how to develop the necessary virtue to do it.



Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Baltimore-based Fr. Leo Patalinghug, a priest member of Voluntas Dei, is founder, host and Director of Grace Before Meals, a family, faith and food movement. In addition to his priestly duties, Fr. Patalinghug is host for the EWTN TV show “Savoring Our Faith” and co-host with Tom Leopold of the SiriusXM radio show “Entertaining Truth.” A best-selling author and contributor to newspaper and magazines, the popular speaker has been featured on ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS and even the Food Network, where he appeared on “Throw Down! with Bobby Flay.”

S BE THE ONE!

Over 160,000 students miss school every day due to a fear of this. Many teens say it’s a greater problem than racism, sexual pressure or the use of drugs and alcohol. Some people say it’s why there have been tragic things happening in schools. Could you “be the one” to see it ... and stop it? Challenging stuff. For all ages.



Mike Patin

“Faith horticulturist” Mike Patin has worked in ministry since 1984 as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan youth minister for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, La., and lives in the neighboring diocese of Lafayette. He also was on the adjunct faculty at the Graduate School of Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Patin has spoken to groups in over 130 dioceses in the United States and Canada and has published two books, “A Standing Invitation” and “This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry.”

X SNAPCHAT RELATIONSHIPS

Have intimacy issues? Do relationships last as long as a Snapchat picture? Do we understand what it means to be intimate? This workshop will look at healthy intimacy in all our relationships – with others and especially with Christ.



Bob Perron

Bob Perron has been sharing his style of standup and storytelling for over a decade. He has presented at major national youth ministry conferences in over 60 dioceses across the United States and Canada. Perron is Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.V., and previously served as Executive Director at the St. Thomas More Center in the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa. He is author of “Lessons Learned From a God-Sized Family: In a Me-Sized World.”

Z LIGHT IT UP, SALTY

Everyone always tells high school students to witness to the faith and to stand up for their beliefs. But what does it mean to witness, and how are you supposed to even do that? And do you even really know what it is that you believe and why you believe it in the first place? Katie Prejean is a theology teacher and parish youth director who likes to dance, should probably never sing (ever), and wants to help you discover how you can truly become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It isn’t easy to always witness to the faith, nor are you expected to evangelize alone. Let’s figure out what we believe and how we can share it ... join us!



Katie Prejean

Youth minister and speaker Katie Prejean is a teacher at St. Louis Catholic High School and Youth Director at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, both in Lake Charles, La. She has spoken at various events across the country, ranging from a workshop at the National Catholic Youth Conference to smaller events. She reads voraciously, blogs occasionally, is a diehard New Orleans Saints fan, binge watches Netflix, loves Jesus, works out every day, and doesn’t like to be hugged.



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 23, 2015, 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 23, 2015.** 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, 2015, 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 23, 2015 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 returned. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. See www.RECongress.org/YD for online registration info.
8. After January 23, 2015, the Youth Day Registration fee will be increased to \$35 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by January 23, 2015. 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 12, 2015 – 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 23, 2015 the fee increases to \$35 per person.
4. **NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE.** The FINAL Registration deadline is February 14, 2015. 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, 2015.** 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 23, 2015. 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 Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)
 Wheelchair access • Name of student/adult requiring assistance _____

ADULT CHAPERONE

	\$30	\$35
First Name Last Name	By	After
	Jan. 23	Jan. 23
REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Adult)		
Adult? First Name Last Name		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60	\$70
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Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 23, 2015.

Choice for Group:
Track 1 or Track 2

Workshop choice:
1ST _____
2ND _____

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

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

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

– YOU MAY DUPLICATE THIS FORM –

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 am - 3:00 pm
On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:30 - 9:30 am
Opening Rite & Welcome
(Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am
Period 1 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Music (Arena)
– John Angotti & Friends

Music (Hall B)
– Jeremy & Ryan

1:00 - 2:30 pm
Period 2 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm
Period 3 Workshops

5:15 pm
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Evening Prayer
(see page 22)

8:00 pm
Concert (Arena)
– Praise and Worship
with *Spirit & Song*
Film Showcase 2015

9:00 pm
The Rosary:
Luminous Mysteries
(see page 22)

Registration Hours
7:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Hall A)

Sacred Space
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Convention 304)

Speaker Signings
11:30 am - 5:00 pm
(Southeast side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting
Noon (Marriott)

OPENING RITE & WELCOME

“SEE”

We come together in joyful celebration. We pause to “see” miracles of grace and goodness in us and around us. Come, let us join our voices in a chorus of praise and gratitude. This awesome, energetic gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

Archbishop José Gomez	John Burland	Sarah Hart	Cesar Marquez
Edith Prendergast, RSC	Helena Buscema	Marty Haugen	Nicole Masero
Paulette Smith	Karla Carrillo	Lorraine Hess	Monica Miller Luther
Jan Pedroza	Andrew Chinn	Frank Jansen	Rafael Moreno
John Flaherty	Jeanne Cotter	ValLimar Jansen	Donna Peña
John Allen	Harrison Crenshaw	Mary Janus	Pedro Rubalcava
Joan Allen	Elohim D’Leon	Jeremy & Ryan	Brenda Smith
Tony Alonso	Gary Daigle	Tom Kendzia	Curtis Stephan
Donna Anderle	Chris de Silva	Mel Kennedy	Ginny Temple
David Anderson	Santiago Fernández	Gaile Krause	Trevor Thomson
John Angotti	Noelle Garcia	Liam Lawton	Chris Walker
Steve Angrisano	Estela García-López	Matthew Leon	Teresa Weiss
Ed Archer	Hermana Glenda	Michael Paul Leon	John West & the
Meredith Augustin	Dolores Gomez	Rudy López	Valyermo Dancers
Betsey Beckman	Laura Gomez	Michael Mangan	... and many others
Anna Betancourt	David Haas	Jesse Manibusan	

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



JOHN ANGOTTI & FRIENDS

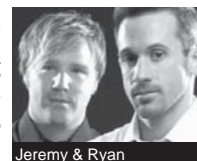
“It’s Good to Be Alive!”

Come join John Angotti & Friends as they sing, rejoice and celebrate in the Arena during lunchtime. Sit and enjoy your meal and listen to music that celebrates life!

JEREMY & RYAN

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

With energetic stage presence, contagious melodies and awe-inspiring harmonies, Jeremy & Ryan have been recognized as one of the best up-and-coming Catholic rock artists today. Don’t miss your opportunity to see them do what they do best ... praise God and inspire all around them!



FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm



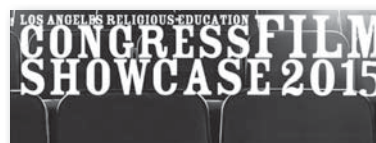
“Praise and Worship with Spirit & Song”

Please join us for an evening of praise and worship presented by *Spirit & Song*. This evening promises to be one of inspiration and celebration provided by *Spirit & Song* artists you have come to know and love.

FILM SHOWCASE 2015

Convention 201 – 8:00 - 10:00 pm

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



PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 I Am Over Facebook! Exploring Other Social Media Sites to Help Parish Leaders Remain Relevant - **Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera**
- 1-02 In the Footsteps of Mary - **Mary Amore**
- 1-03 Catholicism through a Black Lens: 30th Anniversary Discussion of the Bishop's Document "What We Have Seen and Heard" (*) - **Dr. Ansel Augustine**
- 1-04 Trading in Old Wineskins: A Missionary Approach to Formation (*) - **Richard Curran**
- 1-05 Working with Parents After an Incident of Bullying: A Key Element of Positive School Climate (*) - **Frank DiLallo**
- 1-06 Proud to Be Catholic: An Evangelization Essential - **Carole Eipers**
- 1-07 Are You Living a Spiritual Life? - **Fr. Robert Fabing**
- 1-08 A Catholic Imagination: Imagine That! (*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 1-09 Power and Authority in a Pilgrim Church (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 1-10 "We Want Better Choices:" Family and Faith-based Media in Hollywood Today (*) - **Rev. David Guffey**
- 1-11 Permission to Be You – The Freedom to Shine (*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 1-12 Seeing Jesus: The Master Catechist (*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 1-13 The Four Questions - **Matthew Kelly**
- 1-14 What Are We Doing on Earth for Christ's Sake? - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 1-15 What Every Serious Christian Should Know About Judaism (*) - **Rabbi Michael Lotker**
- 1-16 See Your Way Clear (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 1-17 What's Right (and Wrong) with Our Church (*) - **Rev. Jonathan Morris**
- 1-18 The Catechist's Backpack: Spiritual Necessities for the Catechist's Journey (*) - **Joe Paprocki**
- 1-19 The REAL Hunger Games - **Rev. Leo Patalinghug**
- 1-20 Avoiding "Snapchat" Relationships in Ministry: Going Beyond Facebook and Twitter (*) - **Bob Perron**
- 1-21 Old Wine, New Skins: Teaching an Ever Ancient Faith to an Ever New Generation (*) - **Katie Prejean**
- 1-22 Seeing What Lies Most Deeply Within Us: Developing Mystical Eyes (*) - **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 1-23 The Political Bones: A Mexican Reading of Ezekiel 37? (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 1-24 "See, I Am Doing Something New" (Isaiah 43:19): Contemporary Music of Faith for Young Children (*) - **James Wahl & Andrew Chinn**
- 1-25 In Their Hands – Current Issues in Online Exploitation and Cyber Crime (*) - **Tracy Webb**
- 1-26 How to Build a Positive Bridge Between Educators and Parents: Empower Our Student's Education (*) - **Char Wenc**
- 1-27 Don't Rob God: How to Increase Giving While Making Disciples - **Fr. Michael White & Thomas Corcoran**
- 1-28 Freedom, Community, Sobriety: The Gifts of the 12 Steps (*) - **Rev. Thomas Weston**
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop (New Evangelization in a Secular Age) (*) - **Fr. Hy Nguyen**

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 In Endless Song - **Tony Alonso**
 - 2-02 Rhythm, Prayer, Move - **Lisa Bagladi & Pedro Rubalcava**
 - 2-03 Dancing with the Saints (*) - **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
 - 2-04 Come and See! Songs for Celebrating the Life of Jesus (*) - **John Burland**
 - 2-05 Transforming Confirmation (*) - **Dr. Michael Carotta**
 - 2-06 Let's Take a Walk Together – Through Catholic Mass (*) - **Rev. John C. Cusick**
 - 2-07 Must We Forgive? Prodigals, Mothers and God (*) - **Amy Florian**
 - 2-08 When We Say We Are Afraid of Dying, of What Are We Afraid? A Christian Understanding of Life and Death (*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
 - 2-09 Leadership and Social Justice: How Catholic Schools Can Change Our World (*) - **Dan Friedt**
 - 2-10 Moving Forward by Retreating: Creating Meaningful Retreat Experiences (*) - **Diane Gasper**
 - 2-11 Effective Online Evangelization (*) - **Lisa Hendey**
 - 2-12 "See! Ver!" Music, Spirituality and Catechesis: A Celestial Trio (*) - **Vallimar Jansen**
 - 2-13 "Lord, Let Me See!" – Letting Blind Bartimaeus Help Us (*) - **Rev. Felix Just**
 - 2-14 What Do You See in the Mirror? (*) - **Fr. Joseph Kempf**
 - 2-15 Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value (*) - **Kyle Kramer**
 - 2-16 From the Gallery to the Classroom: The Use of Art in Religious Education (*) - **Lir Mac Carthaigh**
 - 2-17 Stop Doing Marriage Preparation, Start Forming Married Disciples (*) - **Diana Macalintal**
 - 2-18 Transforming Leadership (*) - **Fr. James Mallon**
 - 2-19 Indigenous Liturgical Inculturation: The Australian Experience (*) - **Michael Mangan & Anne Frawley-Mangan**
 - 2-20 Who is Jesus? (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
 - 2-21 New Evangelization in Britain (*) - **Archbishop Malcolm McMahon**
 - 2-22 Limitless: The Junior Higher (*) - **Mike Patin**
 - 2-23 See the Possibilities! Forming Disciples (*) - **Ela Milewska**
 - 2-24 Resurrection Faith (*) - **Dr. Brian Schmisek**
 - 2-25 Restless Hearts: Writing the Spiritual Journey (*) - **Rev. Thomas Scirghi**
 - 2-26 The Good, Bad and the Ugly: Understanding the Sexual Trends of Students and How to Reach Them (*) - **Pam Stenzel**
 - 2-27 Seeing Him (*) - **David Wells**
 - 2-28 Engaging the Family in the Early Childhood Years - **Joseph White & Ana Arista White**
 - 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Through Faith, People Can See God in Every Situation) (*) - **Bishop Cosma Hoang Van Dat**
- 🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions.
Arena sessions in color.

PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 Sing to The Lord! Music and Prayer in Teaching the Faith (*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 3-02 A Prophet for All Seasons: The Biography of Isaiah (*) - **Alice Camille**
- 3-03 St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment of Spirits in Light of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart (*) - **Rev. Christopher Collins**
- 3-04 Disciple-building Youth Ministry (*) - **Tom East**
- 3-05 Some Say Learning Can't Be Fun ... Wanna Bet? (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 3-06 Stalking the Gap (*) - **Fr. Michael Fish**
- 3-07 Catholic Ethics Concerning Acceptance of Gay and Lesbian Persons (*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice**
- 3-08 The Slave Across the Street: Human Trafficking of American Teens (*) - **Theresa Flores**
- 3-09 "Come and SEE," said Jesus – Celebrating Prayer Rituals with Children (*) - **Sr. Paule Freeburg & Christopher Walker**
- 3-10 You Have Put on Christ: Cultivating a Baptismal Spirituality (*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 3-11 No Exemptions: Servant Leadership - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 3-12 Feeding the Hungers: The Hopes for Youth Catechesis and Theology (*) - **Dr. Thomas H. Groome**
- 3-13 We Don't Sing AT the Liturgy – We SING the Liturgy! - **David Haas**
- 3-14 Behold-ing the Mystery: Helping Young Catholics Appreciate the Mass (*) - **Mark Hart**
- 3-15 "Hey, I Know! Let's Have a Women's Retreat!" (and Other Crazy Things We Say) (*) - **Sarah Hart**
- 3-16 A New Way to Be Church: Rethinking Parish Life from the Outside In - **Jack Jezreel**
- 3-17 Eternal is His Love - **Liam Lawton**
- 3-18 Communicating our Faith: The Intersection of Faith and Media in the 21st Century (*) - **Rev. Matthew Malone**
- 3-19 Virtues for Adult Christians (*) - **Rev. Bryan Massingale**
- 3-20 Create a Family Culture of Spirituality (*) - **Dr. Patricia McCormack**
- 3-21 "It Is What It Is": Understanding, Reaching and Discipling Apathetic, Disengaged and Resistant Youth and Young Adults (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 3-22 Bereavement Ministry to Young Adults (20s & 30s) (*) - **Mary Prete & Dr. Katherine DeVries**
- 3-23 Answering the Most Frequent General Questions About the Death Penalty (*) - **Dale & Susan Recinella**
- 3-24 Pope Francis: A Two-Year Evaluation - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 3-25 Think Outside of the Pew (*) - **Anna Scally**
- 3-26 Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God (*) - **Rev. Robert Spitzer**
- 3-27 Teaching Children with Autism in a Typical Classroom – Best Practice Methods and Strategies to Consider (*) - **Deacon Lawrence Sutton**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Recognizing God's Graces to Vietnamese Catholics to Know Who We Are and What to Do) - **Fr. Hung Viet Nguyen & Prof. Le Xuan Hy**

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)

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 4 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– Pedro Rubalcava & Friends
Music (Hall B)
– Michael Mangan &
Anne Frawley-Mangan

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 5 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Period 6 Workshops

5:15 pm

Eucharistic Liturgies
& Prayer Services
(see page 22)

8:30 pm

Concert (Arena)
– “The Influence of One Life”

8:30 pm

Sacred Illuminations 2015
(Convention 213)

9:00 pm

Taizé Prayer
(see page 22)

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 - 3:00 pm
(Convention 304)

Speaker Signings

11:30 am - 5:00 pm
(Southeast side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott)

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 7:50 am

Join in as we begin the new day lifting our voices in prayer to our Creator. Together, we will break open the Word and break open our hearts to humbly embrace the mighty strength of our God. Our presider, Jeanne Cotter, will be joined by Ginny Temple and troupe leading us to “See” anew the world around us. Donna Peña, along with Mary Janus and Harmonia from Our Lady of Lourdes in Northridge, Calif., will lead us in this sung celebration of morning praise.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE



PASTOR RICHARD WARREN

Arena – 8:30 am

“Transformation and Our Inner Desire for God” 🎧

Transformation: Enter a journey of discovery that speaks of survival, success, significance including mountain top experiences and deep valley moments. Pastor Rick Warren will invite us to SEE in new ways and address the role of the community and parish in this transformational process.

Dr. Rick Warren is a global strategist, philanthropist, pastor and author. His most recent book, “The Purpose Driven Life,” has sold more than 30 million copies in English and is published in more than 50 languages. In 1980, he founded Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif. Today, it has more than 100,000 names on the church roll, a 120-acre campus, and over 300 ministries.

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

PEDRO RUBALCAVA & FRIENDS

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

“Unplugged” / “Desenchufados”

Pedro Rubalcava, the popular presenter, composer and performer, along with many additional artists, will provide a fun and inspiring “unplugged” musical gathering. Come join us and share in the joy of sound.

Pedro Rubalcava un conocido conferencista, compositor y intérprete musical, junto con sus compañeros musicales les deleitarán con esta reunión musical “desenchufada.” Vengan a compartir en la alegría sonora.



MICHAEL MANGAN & ANNE FRAWLEY-MANGAN

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

“Australia in Anaheim: Dreamtime Lunchtime”

Australian Aboriginal dancers and musicians, together with Michael Mangan and Anne Frawley-Mangan, present a colourful snapshot of 60,000 years of indigenous culture interwoven with contemporary indigenous-inspired songs. Come and hear the haunting sounds of the didgeridoo and clapsticks, see vibrant traditional dance and experience the inspiring spirituality of ancient Aboriginal Dreamtime stories.

SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT

“The Influence of One Life”

Arena – 8:30 pm

This evening’s event will celebrate Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC and her 25-plus years with Congress. Remember with us the past, acknowledge with us the present, and anticipate with us a future yet to be revealed, as we travel globally through music, art, poetry and dance!



SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2015

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm



A perennial feature at Congress is Sacred Illuminations, a mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, will bring us to see and experience deeper the compassionate face of God.

PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 The Write Way! Using Creative Writing as a Way to Access Prayer and Spirituality - **Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera**
- 4-02 Women in the Old Testament: Then and Now (*) - **Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 4-03 Many Spokes, One Center (*) - **Grayson Warren Brown**
- 4-04 At The Heart of Christian Ethics: Pope Francis and the Tenderness of God (*) - **Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro**
- 4-05 Seven Questions About the Sacraments That You Were Always Afraid to Ask (*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 4-06 The New Evangelization – One Person at a Time (*) - **Dr. Thomas H. Groome**
- 4-07 God Is Everywhere! A Celebration of Sung Prayer, Unity, Inclusion and Mission - **David Haas**
- 4-08 Laughing Matters: Reclaiming and Sharing Our Catholic Joy (*) - **Mark Hart**
- 4-09 Find Your Sanctuary – Creating Places of Rest, Renewal and Refuge (*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-10 Incarnation Anyway: The Christology of St. Francis and Thomas Merton (*) - **Fr. Daniel Horan**
- 4-11 See Anew: The Joy of Just Living (*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 4-12 Confirmation: Winning Young Hearts for Jesus and His Church - **Matthew Kelly**
- 4-13 Um, God, Where the Heck Are You? (*) - **Fr. Joseph Kempf**
- 4-14 From Noah to Philomena: Religion at the Movies - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 4-15 Sacred Music for Liturgy and Catechesis - **Tom Kendzia & Santiago Fernandez**
- 4-16 Walking Tall with Our Immigrant Brothers and Sisters (*) - **Cardinal Roger Mahony**
- 4-17 Taking the Next Step: Discipleship as Process (*) - **Fr. James Mallon**
- 4-18 Youth at Risk: Responding to Crisis (*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 4-19 Is There An App for That? Best Practices for Integrating Social Media and Digital Technologies into Faith Formation (*) - **Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 4-20 Hispanic Ministry in Catholic Parishes: Insights from a National Study (*) - **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 4-21 Jesus as Footwasher & the Leadership of Pope Francis (*) - **Sr. Barbara Reid**
- 4-22 Seeing with the Eyes of the Soul: The Challenge to Cure our Blindness (*) - **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 4-23 Stories of Spiritual Wisdom (*) - **John Shea**
- 4-24 Who Am I to Judge (*) - **Rev. Gregory Boyle, Mike Farrell, Javier Stauring & Dionne Wilson**
- 4-25 The Five Things Every Parent Needs From the Church (*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 4-26 See the Beauty and Dance a Song of Praise (*) - **John West**
- 4-27 Communicating for Change - **Fr. Michael White & Thomas Corcoran**
- 4-28 Understanding and Strengthening Spiritual Resilience - **Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (An Understanding of Marriage and Marriage Nullity) (*) - **Fr. Viet Peter Ho**

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 Connecting Movement to the Word (*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 5-03 How Prophets and Mystics "See" (*) - **Msr. Arturo Bañuelas**
- 5-04 Singing the Song Without the Words: Hope, Humility and Ministry to Folks on the Margins (*) - **Rev. Gregory Boyle**
- 5-05 In Sickness and in Health: How the Catholic Church is Confronting HIV and AIDS Around the World (*) - **Michele Broemmelsiek**
- 5-06 Yes, Lord, I Believe! Singing Our Faith with Children (*) - **John Burland**
- 5-07 The Old Gravel Road: Storytelling and Song from the Heartland (*) - **Jeanne Cotter, Michael Cotter, Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso & Betsey Beckman**
- 5-08 Teaching for Discipleship: The Call, the Challenge, the Difference (*) - **Dr. Michael Carotta**
- 5-09 Young Adult Ministry, Step by Step (*) - **Dr. Katherine DeVries**
- 5-10 Bullying Prevention: Catholic is Evidence-based! (*) - **Frank DiLallo**
- 5-11 How to Break the Chains of Slavery in the United States (*) - **Theresa Flores**
- 5-12 New Testament Eucharistic Practice: An Unexplored Resource - **Rev. Edward Foley**
- 5-13 For the Love of the Game: Toward a Theology of Sports (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 5-14 Discipleship and Women (*) - **Fr. Anthony Gittins**
- 5-15 Making Disciples ... Breaking the Glass Ceiling (*) - **Rev. John Hurley**
- 5-16 More Mothers, Mystics, Martyrs and Models of Faith (*) - **ValLimar Jansen & Sarah Hart**
- 5-17 Selfies and Souls: Nurturing the Domestic Church in the Digital Age (*) - **Lisa Hendey**
- 5-18 From Here to Pope Francis: A Tool to Help Parishes Become "Completely Mission-Oriented" - **Jack Jezreel**
- 5-19 The Great Work: Recovering a Sacred Earth Community (*) - **Kyle Kramer**
- 5-20 Catholic Social Thought Post-Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, and ... (*) - **Rev. Bryan Massingale**
- 5-21 Catechetical Leaders – Agents of Formative Parenting (*) - **Dr. Patricia McCormack**
- 5-22 Look Out! Watch Where You're Going! (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 5-23 The Blessing of Suffering (and Other Theological Fallacies) (*) - **Rev. Jonathan Morris**
- 5-24 Three Lucan Parables of Divine Healing and Mercy (*) - **Sr. Barbara Reid**
- 5-25 Welcoming Children with Autism to the Church: A Universal Call to – Meaningfully – Include All of God's Children (*) - **Deacon Lawrence Sutton**
- 5-26 Get Your Game On! Engaging Young People in Their Own Learning Process (*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 5-27 Islamic and Christian Studies (*) - **Jihad Turk & Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Music and the Mass: The Assembly, the Choir and Second-generation Youth) - **Paul Nguyen & Bro. Rufino Zaragoza**

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Calling Youth to Passionate Discipleship (*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 6-02 Women and the Word: Bridging the Gap (*) - **Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 6-03 Purification and Enlightenment: Shaping Lent for Those in the RCIA Process (*) - **Mary Birmingham**
- 6-04 Seeing In the Dark (*) - **Sr. Kathleen Bryant**
- 6-05 The Trinity: How Not to be a Heretic (*) - **Dr. Stephen Bullivant**
- 6-06 Come and See, Come and Sing, Come and Pray! (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 6-07 Trading in Old Wineskins: A Missionary Approach to Parish Life (*) - **Richard Curran**
- 6-08 "Seeing" Our Faith – Right Before Our Eyes (*) - **Rev. John Cusick**
- 6-09 The Start of Something BIG – Following Through with Newly Confirmed Youth (*) - **Tom East**
- 6-10 Joy of the Gospel for Lesbian and Gay Catholics in the Time of Pope Francis (*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 6-11 Teachers, Transformation and Technology: How Teachers Help Student Leaders Change the World (*) - **Dan Friedt**
- 6-12 The Rage Against God: The Arrogance and Hostility of the New Atheists (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 6-13 Worship Transforming the World: Seeing, Singing and Serving the Reign of God - **Marty Haugen**
- 6-14 Gospel Laughter (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 6-15 Mary of Galilee, Mary Model of Faith (*) - **Dr. Timothy Matovina**
- 6-16 Seeing the Gift of Body: Jesus and the Good Use of Sexuality (*) - **Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 6-17 Help! We're Busy, Addicted and Bored: Reaching Out to the Real Modern Family (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 6-18 Answering the Most Frequent Catholic Questions About the Death Penalty (*) - **Dale & Susan Recinella**
- 6-19 Story Time with Uncle Fr. Tony: Bringing the Scriptures to Life (*) - **Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 6-20 Pauline Spirituality for Lent (*) - **Dr. Brian Schmisek**
- 6-21 Longing to See Your Face: Preaching for a New Millennium (*) - **Rev. Thomas Scirghi**
- 6-22 "Here's What Happened": Telling Spiritually Significant Experiences in Story Form (*) - **John Shea**
- 6-23 An Invitation to Conversion: 7 Practical Ideas to Invigorate the Sacraments (*) - **Victor Valenzuela**
- 6-24 "Lord, I SEE! – Can I Sing About It?" (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 6-25 Mercy in the City (*) - **Kerry Weber**
- 6-26 Building Children's Courage (*) - **Char Wenc**
- 6-27 Black Spirituality – We are Marching in the Light of God (*) - **Dr. C. Vanessa White**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Mary, the Perfect Model Catechist) (*) - **Fr. Hy Nguyen**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 11:00 am

On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:00 - 9:30 am

Eucharistic Liturgy
(Arena)

8:30 am

Morning Address
English: Diana Macalintal
Spanish: Dr. Maria Aquino

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– David Haas
Music (Hall B)
– Donna Peña, ValLimar Jansen,
Anna Betancourt
& Dolores Gomez

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm

Liturgy (Arena)
Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

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)

Speaker Signings

9:30 am - 3:00 pm
(Southeast side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs

(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott)



SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am

As we welcome a new day, we share the opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give praise and thanks. Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will preside at the morning Eucharistic Liturgy. Nourished by Word and sacrament we go forth with “eyes wide open” to recognize signs of God in us and around us.



SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS

8:30 am



DIANA MACALINTAL

“Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord” 🎧

Has the mystery of faith become a bit too mysterious? Do your parishioners’ eyes glaze over when you try to explain what we believe? Look no further for an answer than your baptism when all the baptized received the ability to see the mystery and goodness of God right in front of us. Rediscover this power and learn how to use it to help others really see God’s presence in their daily lives.

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SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

DAVID HAAS

“I Will Live On”

Come and spend your midday break with singer and composer David Haas, as we honor those who have died who were and are dear to us – singing and praying the journey of sorrow, loss and grief to “live on” toward the promise of hope, healing, acceptance and resurrection. In memory of Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ.



Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



**DONNA PEÑA, VALLIMAR JANSEN,
ANNA BETANCOURT & DOLORES GOMEZ**

“A Tapestry of Life and Love”

Come! See! Listen! (*Ven! Vee! Escucha!*) Listen to the voice of women as we weave a musical tapestry. Hear songs of life and love that emerge from this world we live in today. Songs of hope, faith, joy and healing.

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm



ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDER

As Congress 2015 comes to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and to give thanks for the blessings of the weekend. We will go forth to “see” anew and perceive God’s presence in all of life, in joy, in pain and in struggle. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez, features the 200- plus voice Congress Choir 2015, under the direction of John Flaherty.



PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 **The Francis Mission: Progress Report on a Populist Pope and His Historic Reform** (*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 7-02 **Many Paths, One Lord, One Family of Faith** (*) - **Fr. Christopher Bazouros & Joseph Bazouros**
- 7-03 **Serving the World Based on Need Not Creed: Interreligious Collaboration and the New Evangelization** (*) - **Michele Broemmelsiek**
- 7-04 **Seeing Reality with a Double Vision** (*) - **Rev. James Clarke**
- 7-05 **See the Bright Star of Black Catholic Evangelization!** (*) - **Msgr. Raymond East**
- 7-06 **Awesome Prayer Experiences with Adolescents** (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 7-07 **Art and Hispanic Popular Piety: Doors to the Sacred** (*) - **Rev. Eduardo Fernandez & Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid**
- 7-08 **The Early Church's Practice of Eucharist: A Provocative Treasure** - **Rev. Edward Foley**
- 7-09 **Songs, Stories and the Spirit of God** (*) - **Fr. Robert Galea**
- 7-10 **The Faith of Ruth, Esther and Judith: Hidden Gems of the Bible and Pope Francis** (*) - **Fr. Garrett Galvin**
- 7-11 **Justice and the Table: Eucharistic Spirituality** - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 7-12 **A Deep Theological Truth Revealed: Everybody's a Bit Weird!** (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 7-13 **The Psalms and the Catechesis of the Heart** - **Bob Hurd**
- 7-14 **Who Do You See at the Center? Creating a Culture of Adult Faith Formation** (*) - **Douglas Leal**
- 7-15 **Meeting Them Where They Are: Catechizing Digital Natives through Visual Language** (*) - **Lir Mac Cárthaigh**
- 7-16 **Multicultural Church: Many and One** (*) - **Jesse Manibusan**
- 7-17 **Youth and Discipleship in Cyberspace** (*) - **Judy McDonald**
- 7-18 **Pope Francis and the Joy of the Good News** (*) - **Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath & John Angotti**
- 7-19 **Seeing Good Church: Healing Our Fearful Blindness to Risk** (*) - **Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 7-20 **Religious Freedom in the United States and Abroad** - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 7-21 **Why Should I Feel Discouraged? Facing the Disappointments of Ministry While Singing Hallelujah** (*) - **Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 7-22 **The Life Issues in Light of the Fundamental Principles of Justice** (*) - **Rev. Robert Spitzer**
- 7-23 **Parents Matter: Involving Parents in Chastity Education** (*) - **Pam Stenzel**
- 7-24 **All Are Welcome: Catechesis and Special Needs** - **Joseph White & Ana Arista White**
- 7-25 **How to Ask for What We Need** (*) - **John Yzaguirre**
- 7-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (The Relationship Between History, Tradition AND Evangelization of the Catholic Faith in Vietnam)** (*) - **Bishop Cosma Hoàng Van Dat**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 **Sojourn to a Joyful Heart** - **Mary Amore**
 - 8-02 **Formation of RCIA Catechists** (*) - **Mary Birmingham**
 - 8-03 **The Transformative Power of Faith** (*) - **Grayson Warren Brown**
 - 8-04 **How to Make Saints and Evangelize People** (*) - **Dr. Stephen Bullivant**
 - 8-05 **Just Say No: Naysayers in the Bible's Wisdom Books** (*) - **Alice Camille**
 - 8-06 **Living the Eucharist in Daily Life** (*) - **Rev. Christopher Collins**
 - 8-07 **A Form of "New Evangelization": A Model for Parish Bereavement Ministry** (*) - **Amy Florian**
 - 8-08 **Missionary Discipleship** (*) - **Fr. Anthony J. Gittins**
 - 8-09 **Franciscan Spirituality Today: A New Way of Seeing the World!** (*) - **Fr. Daniel Horan**
 - 8-10 **Pastoral Leadership for the New Evangelization** (*) - **Rev. John Hurley**
 - 8-11 **Children on the Run: Why Children are Fleeing Mexico and Central America and What the Church Can Do About It** (*) - **Richard Alan Jones**
 - 8-12 **Jesuit Mysticism, Pope Francis and Compassion** (*) - **Rev. Michael Kennedy**
 - 8-13 **New Media and the New Evangelization** (*) - **Rev. Matthew Malone**
 - 8-14 **Bearing Gifts Among Us: International Ministers and Parish Life Today** - **Rev. Ricky Manalo**
 - 8-15 **Super Songs of Superheroes** (*) - **Michael Mangan**
 - 8-16 **Balancing Marriage and Ministry: The Great Dance!** (*) - **Robert & Maggie McCarty**
 - 8-17 **Engaging EVERY Learner EVERY Time: A Simple Format for Planning Engaging Faith Formation** (*) - **Charlotte McCorquodale**
 - 8-18 **A Call to "a Church That is Poor": Re-imagining Youth Ministry through Pope Francis** (*) - **Ted Miles & Ben Walther**
 - 8-19 **Evangelizing Families Today: Engaging Parents as Partners in Faith Formation** (*) - **Thomas Quinlan**
 - 8-20 **Sleeping with the Enemy? Esther, Judith and Sexualized Politics in the Old Testament** (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
 - 8-21 **Mary and Jesus in Islam and the Qur'an** (*) - **Jihad Turk**
 - 8-22 **Renewing Young Adult Catholic Imagination** (*) - **Matthew Weber**
 - 8-23 **"I Was Blind, Now I See"** (*) - **David Wells**
 - 8-24 **Europe 1914-1918: The Roots of Our Present Misery** (*) - **Rev. Thomas Weston**
 - 8-25 **You Cared for Me** (*) - **Dr. C. Vanessa White**
 - 8-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Envisioning the Future: Vietnamese American Catholics)** - **Fr. Hung Viet Nguyen & Prof. Le Xuan Hy**
- 🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions.
 Arena sessions in color.

Assemblies



The ORE Booth at the center of Exhibit Hall A.

LITURGIES/PRAYER SERVICES



Arena Urban Fusion Liturgy



Jazz Liturgy



Jazz Liturgy



Urban Fusion Liturgy



Spanish Liturgy

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

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

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

FRIDAY – MARCH 13

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>PRESIDER</u>	<u>MUSIC</u>
General	TBA	Meredith Augustin / Gary Daigle
Australian Culture	Rev. Richard Leonard	John Burland / Michael Mangan / Andrew Chinn
Black Culture	Msgr. Ray East	John & Joan Allen / Los Angeles Archdiocesan Choir
Contemplative	Rev. Michael Fish	Bob Hurd & Friends
Filipino	Rev. Manoling Francisco	Rev. Ricky Manalo
Spanish	Archbishop José Gomez	Estela García-López / Rudy López / Dolores Gomez

FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (5:15 & 9:00 pm)

In addition to our liturgies, we offer non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers) as an Ecumenical Service for Persecuted Christians. Later in the evening we will recite a rosary highlighting the Luminous Mysteries in a multicultural setting.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Ecumenical Service for Persecuted Christians	Marty Haugen
Rosary/Luminous Mysteries (9 pm)		John Flaherty

SATURDAY – MARCH 14

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE (7:50 am)

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>PRESIDER</u>	<u>MUSIC</u>
Morning Praise	Jeanne Cotter	Donna Peña / Mary Janus & Harmonia

SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

General	Rev. Richard Rohr	John Angotti / ValLimar Jansen
Celtic	Rev. David Loftus	Fr. Liam Lawton
Spanish	Archbishop Carlo Vigano, Apostolic Nuncio to U.S.	Pedro Rubalcava / Anna Betancourt / Santiago Fernandez
Tongan	Bishop Soane Mafi	Tongan Community
Vietnamese	Bishop Hoang Van Dat	Vietnamese Community
Young Adult	Rev. Marc Reeves	The Jacob and Matthew Band

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (5:15 & 9:00 pm)

Our evening prayer is a non-Eucharistic vespers service. Later in the evening, there is a Taizé service. Taizé, named after the monastic order and city in France, uses silence and music that draws upon simple phrases taken from the psalms.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Michelle Youssef	Tony Alonso
Taizé Prayer (9 pm)	—	David Anderson

SUNDAY – MARCH 15

SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>PRESIDER</u>	<u>MUSIC</u>
Morning Liturgy (8 am)	Bishop Kevin Vann	Congress Choir 2015
Closing Liturgy (3:30 pm)	Archbishop José Gomez	Congress Choir 2015

Asian and Pacific Presence: A Teaching Moment

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

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

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

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

MULTICULTURAL WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 1-70 Fr. Hy K. Nguyen
- 2-70 Bishop Hoang Van Dat
- 3-70 Rev. Joseph Viet Nguyen
& Dr. Le Xuan Hy

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 4-70 Fr. Viet Peter Ho
- 5-70 Paul Nguyen &
Bro. Rufino Zaragoza
- 6-70 Fr. Hy K. Nguyen

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 7-16 Jesse Manibusan
- 7-70 Bishop Hoang Van Dat
- 8-14 Rev. Ricky Manalo
- 8-70 Rev. Joseph Viet Nguyen
& Dr. Le Xuan Hy

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

LITURGY: Vietnamese - 5:15 pm
Bishop Hoang Van Dat, president

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday
Convention Center, 2nd Floor,
Prefunction Lobby

The Religious Education Congress annually presents a Multicultural Exhibit, a collaborative effort with the Archdiocesan Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry, to expose attendees to the diverse ethnic communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. You will find a variety of cultural and religious artifacts, expressions of faith or religious piety practices, stories of saints and martyrs, and a plethora of items from the cultures of Native America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa/African-American, and Asia. It's a wonderful resource for catechists and all involved in faith formation processes. The exhibit is available throughout the weekend.



Tongan Community



Thai Community



Samoan Community



Polish Community

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Young Adult Ministry at Congress 2015

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

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



YOUNG ADULT LITURGY

Saturday, March 14 at 5:15 pm

Fr. Marc Reeves, SJ, from Loyola Marymount University will preside at our Young Adult Liturgy with music led by The Jacob and Matthew Band! Come and worship with other young adults from around the world at this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.



YOUNG ADULT DANCE

Saturday, March 14, 9:00 pm - midnight

Cost: \$7 per person

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

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

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

Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera

4-01: "The Write Way! Using Creative Writing as a Way to Access Prayer and Spirituality"

Fr. Christopher Bazyouros & Joseph Bazyouros

7-02*: "Many Paths, One Lord, One Family of Faith"

Dr. Katherine DeVries

3-22*: "Bereavement Ministry to Young Adults"

5-09*: "Young Adult Ministry, Step by Step"

Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD

3-07*: "Catholic Ethics Concerning Acceptance of Gay and Lesbian Persons"

6-10*: "Joy of the Gospel for Lesbian and Gay Catholics in the Time of Pope Francis"

Dr. Thomas H. Groome

3-12*: "Feeding the Hungers: The Hopes for Youth Catechesis and Theology"

4-06*: "The New Evangelization – One Person at a Time"

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New Atheists"

7-12*: "A Deep Theological Truth Revealed: Everybody's a Bit Weird!"

Douglas Leal

7-14*: "Who Do You See at the Center? Creating a Culture of Adult Faith Formation"

Lir Mac Cárthaigh

2-16*: "From the Gallery to the Classroom: The Use of Art in Religious Education"

7-15*: "Meeting Them Where They Are: Catechizing Young People through Visual Language"

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Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

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Rev. Robert Spitzer, SJ, PhD

3-26*: "Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God"

7-22*: "The Life Issues in Light of the Fundamental Principles of Justice"

Matthew Weber

8-22*: "Renewing Young Adult Catholic Imagination"