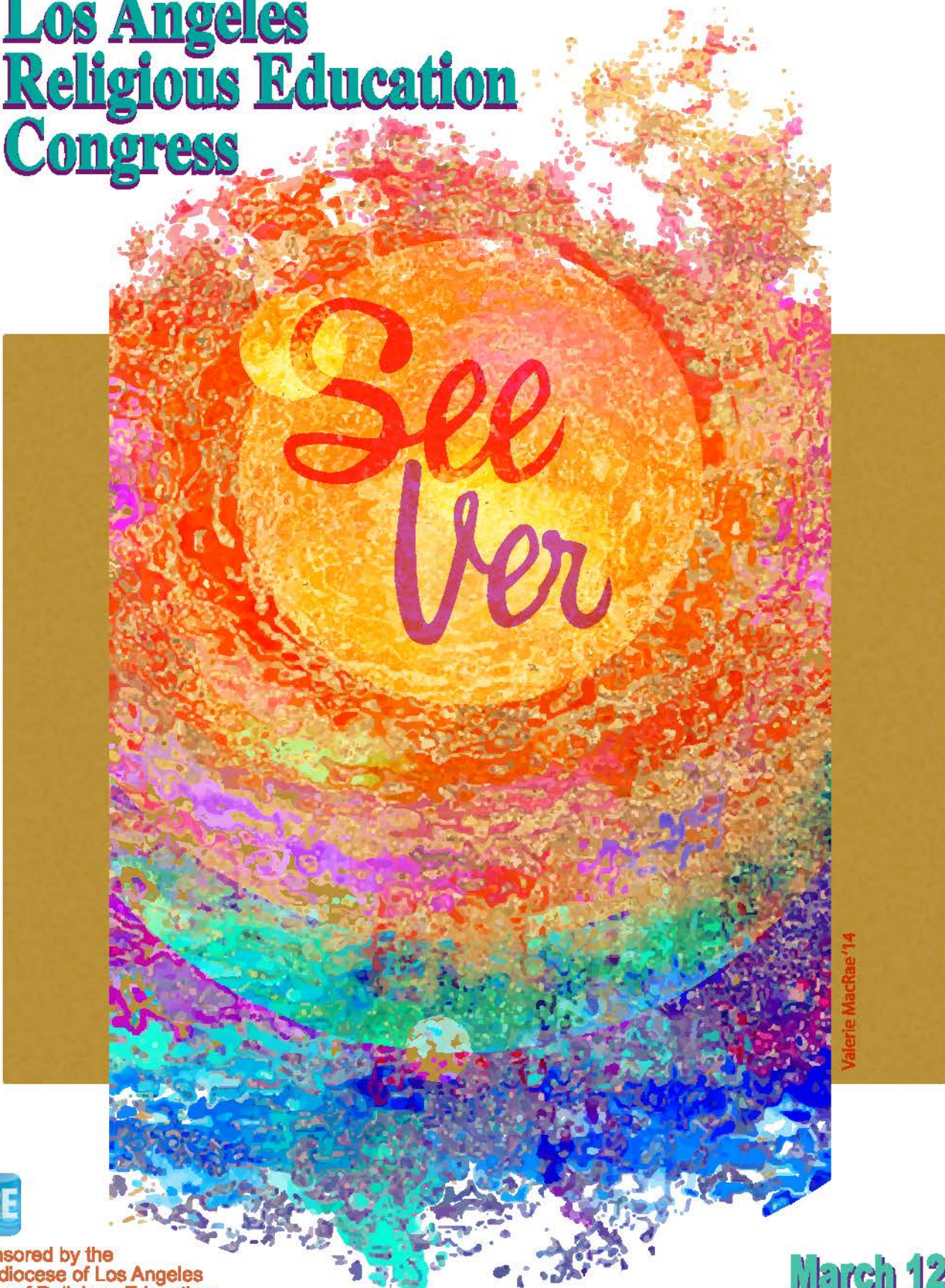


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THURSDAY – MARCH 12, 2015

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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

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

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

9:00 pm Rosary: Luminous Mysteries (Sacred Space)

SATURDAY – MARCH 14

7:30 am - 3:00 pm On-site registration

7:50 am Morning Praise (Arena)

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

10:00 - 11:30 am Period 4 Workshops

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
– Pedro Rubalcava & Friends
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– Michael Mangan &
Anne Frawley-Mangan

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 5 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 6 Workshops

5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies

8:30 pm Concert (Arena)

– “*The Influence of One Life*”

8:30 pm Sacred Illuminations 2015

9:00 pm Taizé Prayer

9:00 pm - 12 mid Young Adult Dance (Marriott)

SUNDAY – MARCH 15

8:00 - 11:00 am On-site registration

8:00 - 9:30 am Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)

8:30 am Morning Address:
English: Diana Macalintal
Spanish: Dra. María Aquino

10:00 - 11:30 am Period 7 Workshops

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
– David Haas
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– Donna Peña, Vallimar
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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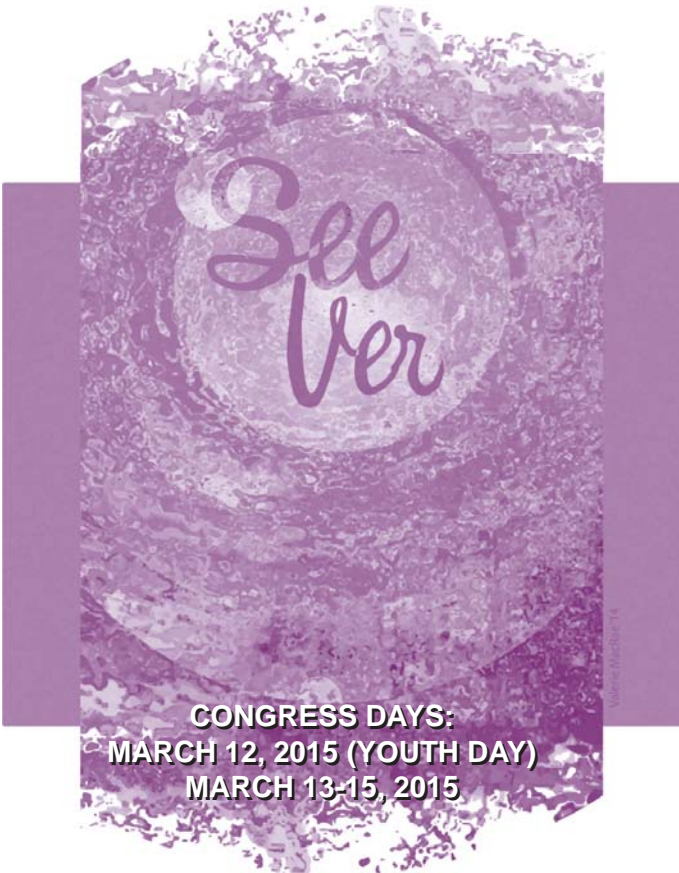
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We invite you to attend the 2015 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. RECongress opens on Thursday, March 12, 2015 with Youth Day, a day-long event for high school youth. The remaining three-day 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.)

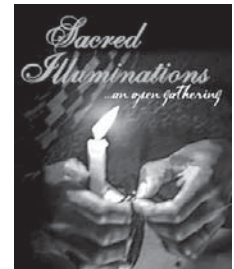


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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

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-Coordiators, 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

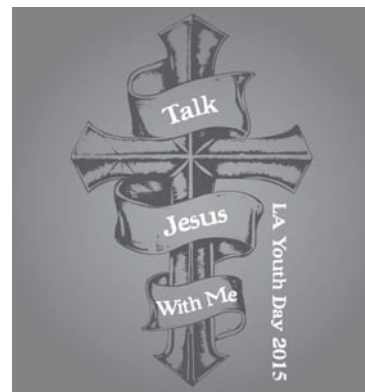
Youth Day 2015 takes place on Thursday of the Third Week of Lent. We hope you will use the readings of the day as you prepare young people for the event:

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!



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 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.)



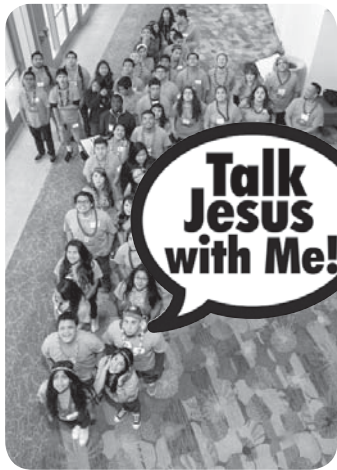
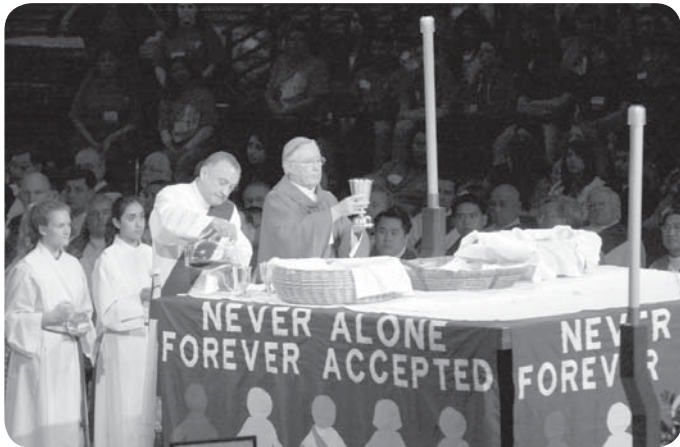
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We invite you to review all the workshops on the following pages. All Youth Day attendees will be able to see our Arena speaker, Fr. Greg Boyle. But you can make first- and second-choices among the remaining 12 workshops as a selected workshop. Track 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

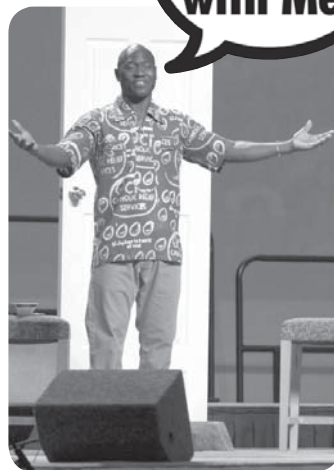
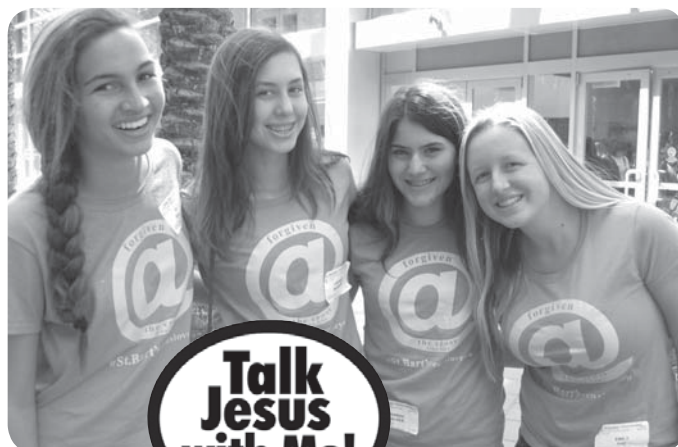
Our world is increasingly a media world. But, are you perfectly happy with the way you use media, the way your friends and family use media? How can we live Catholic in a digital world? How do we make media work *for us* and not *against us*? How can we be more Christ-like on social media? Ever wish 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 CLOSSES 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? <input type="checkbox"/> First Name _____ Last Name _____	\$60	\$70
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$90	\$105
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$120	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$180	\$210
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$210	\$245
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$240	\$280
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$270	\$315
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$330	\$385

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

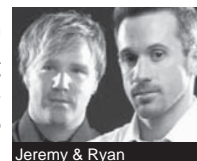
“It’s Good to Be Alive!”

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



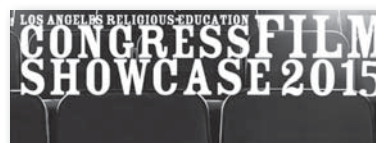
“Praise and Worship with Spirit & Song”

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 (*) - **Valimar 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** Franciscan Spirituality Today: A New Way of Seeing the World! (*) - **Fr. Daniel Horan**
 - 8-09** Missionary Discipleship (*) - **Fr. Anthony J. Gittins**
 - 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": Reimagining 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"

Darrell Hall

6-12*: "The Rage Against God: The Arrogance and Hostility of the

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"

Terry Nelson-Johnson

6-16*: "Seeing the Gift of Body: Jesus and the Good Use of Sexuality"

7-19*: "Seeing Good Church: Healing Our Fearful Blindness to Risk"

Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

3-21*: " 'It Is What It Is': Understanding, Reaching and Discipling Apathetic, Disengaged and Resistant Youth and Young Adults"

6-17*: "Help! We're Busy, Addicted and Bored: Reaching Out to the Real Modern Family"

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"

Congress 2015 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry/areas of interest, has been identified by the speakers and compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

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

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African-American Perspective

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Justice & Peace

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I-01 I AM OVER FACEBOOK! EXPLORING OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA SITES TO HELP PARISH LEADERS REMAIN RELEVANT

Instead of feeling helpless when it comes to navigating social media, learn to harness new energy and potential to evangelize and communicate with others. Move beyond the standard parish website and Facebook page and familiarize yourself with other social media sites. In this workshop, we'll look at social media strategies to share our faith beyond the pews. Parish leaders can learn tools and tips that can assist them in communication.



Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera

National speaker, consultant and writer Clarissa Aljentera is Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation and Media Resources for the Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry in the Chicago Archdiocese. Aljentera has presented at local and national events, and is an Adult Confirmation Catechist for the Chicago Archdiocese. She published "The Parish Guide to Social Media" in 2013. Originally a newspaper reporter from California, she now performs "improv" and writes rap based on Scripture.

I-02 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY

This session will explore the life of this young Jewish girl whose fiat changed salvation history forever. We will reflect on Mary's life as an unwed mother and wife whose love for her son took her from the cradle to the cross. Mary's unwavering faith in God challenges us to walk in the footsteps of Mary each and every day.



Mary Amore, DMin

Dr. Mary Amore is an author and monthly columnist for *Ministry & Liturgy Magazine*. A Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, she is Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries in Downers Grove, Ill. Dr. Amore serves as a parish mission director, retreat director and presenter at the University of Dallas Ministry Conference. She is creator of the recently released DVD "Eucharist: Journey to Transformation, Healing and Discipleship," published by Pauline Books and Media.

I-03 CATHOLICISM THROUGH A BLACK LENS: 30TH ANNIVERSARY DISCUSSION OF THE DOCUMENT "WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD" 🎧

What does it mean to be black and Catholic? Why is this a distinct group from other Catholics? In this session, we will look at the history and gifts of black Catholicism and how to connect them with the wider church by a reflection on "What We Have Seen and Heard," the 1984 pastoral letter on evangelization from the black bishops of the United States.

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Dr. Ansel Augustine

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked in ministry for over 15 years around the country as well as 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 for 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.

I-04 TRADING IN OLD WINESKINS: A MISSIONARY APPROACH TO FORMATION 🎧

Do you ever wonder why so many parishes are reporting declining numbers for Mass attendance, school enrollment and religious education? Is it really a by-product of the culture? Ever since Vatican II, and in every Catholic Church document since, we have been asked to model our formation programs so that we don't just "study" Jesus and the Church but develop the whole person to look, think, behave and respond like Jesus Christ. To do so requires a shift in both thinking and approach. By examining our primary task in formation we will rediscover possibilities for substantial growth in our ministry efforts for all ages.



Rich Curran

Rich Curran is founder and Executive Director of the Wisconsin-based Parish Success Group. He formerly served as Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis. Curran is a regular presenter at the major national Catholic youth conferences and has been keynote at 30 diocesan conferences, and speaks to 50,000 teenagers and adults each year at parish events, missions and school assemblies.

I-05 WORKING WITH PARENTS AFTER AN INCIDENT OF BULLYING: A KEY ELEMENT OF POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE 🎧

How do we talk with parents after an incident of bullying in ways that promote a positive school climate, communicate our concern, and avoid triggering angry or defensive reactions? How the initial contact is managed can make things worse or make things better. Learn seven specific phrases to avoid using with parents and seven proven techniques to prevent potential parent conflicts, acknowledge and affirm parent concerns, and maintain positive parent relationships.



Frank A. DiLallo

Frank DiLallo is currently Diocesan Case Manager and Prevention/Intervention Schools Consultant for the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, serving 124 parishes and 79 Catholic schools. With over 30 years of experience in education and counseling, he conducts numerous educator trainings and is a frequent local, state and national speaker on the topic of bullying prevention. DiLallo's published work, "Peace Be With You: Christ Centered Bullying Solution," is a grassroots effort that is gaining momentum across the country.

I-06 PROUD TO BE CATHOLIC: AN EVANGELIZATION ESSENTIAL

In this session, we will explore the treasures of the Catholic faith that give us reason to be proud and to be eager to share all that we have been given as gift. Answering “What makes me proud to be Catholic?” can be a primary move for the evangelizer.

**Carole M. Eipers, DMin**

Dr. Carole Eipers is Vice President, Executive Director of Catechetics for William H. Sadlier, Inc. She served in parish ministries for over 20 years as a teacher, director of religious education, youth minister and pastoral associate. Dr. Eipers also served as Director of the Office for Catechesis for the Chicago Archdiocese for nine years and as President of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership. She has made presentations throughout the United States and internationally, and her books include “Catechist 101: Wade Don’t Dive.”

I-07 ARE YOU LIVING A SPIRITUAL LIFE?

This presentation will center on recognizing “the Holy” in our daily lives. What does that mean for you? When do you know you are living a spiritual life? Are you aware of how to deepen your spiritual life at this time? These questions and more will be addressed as Fr. Bob Fabing will use material from his recent poetry publication and his new liturgical music collections to enliven and develop this session on the meaning of a spiritual life.

**Fr. Robert Fabing, SJ**

Fr. Bob Fabing has founded 89 marriage counseling and family therapy centers – The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network – with locations on five continents. The Jesuit priest is also founder and Director for over 30 years of the 36-Day program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, Calif., where he lives. Fr. Fabing is author of five books and a composer of 12 CDs of liturgical music with Oregon Catholic Press.

I-08 A CATHOLIC IMAGINATION: IMAGINE THAT!

Albert Einstein once said, “Imagination is more important than knowledge.” Come to this creative and interactive workshop to discover why a religious imagination is more important than religious knowledge! We’ll be using the arts, especially drama, to explore ways of opening up Scripture and liturgical symbols for children. Your imagination will be set on fire as you explore new ways of “seeing” – and you’ll have fun!

**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

Anne Frawley-Mangan is an experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist who specializes in using the arts (particularly drama) to enhance religious education and liturgy. She lives in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, and presents workshops and keynotes nationally and internationally. The former elementary school teacher/drama teacher is Creative Director for Litmus Productions in Albany Creek, and lecturer at Holy Spirit Seminary and at Australian Catholic University.

I-09 POWER & AUTHORITY IN A PILGRIM CHURCH

In our modern world, power and authority often have negative associations. People immediately think about the abuses of power that we have seen in our church and in society. In the minds of many, authority is opposed to human freedom. This workshop will offer an alternative vision of the authentic exercise of power and authority in the church grounded in Christ and put in service of God’s Reign.

**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College. He was Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology in Houston and Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo. Dr. Gaillardetz has authored or edited 10 books and over a hundred pastoral and academic articles. His major books include “Keys to the Council” (co-authored with Catherine Clifford) and “When the Magisterium Intervenes...”

I-10 “WE WANT BETTER CHOICES:” FAMILY AND FAITH-BASED MEDIA IN HOLLYWOOD TODAY

Catholics, especially parents and educators, often say they want better choices of film, television and video for themselves and their families. Hollywood is starting to listen, as shown by some recent films and television programs. In addition, Catholic filmmakers are creating some wonderful but not widely known faith-friendly content. In this multimedia workshop, filmmaker and priest Fr. David Guffey will report on the hopeful but challenging state of family and faith-based media today. He will present concrete ways that people can find media programs and use them to enrich their families, and practical ways for them to encourage the production of quality family films.

**Fr. David L. Guffey, CSC**

Fr. David Guffey, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, serves as National Director of Family Theater Productions in Hollywood. He formerly served as Director of Novices at the congregation’s novitiate in Cascade, Colo. Currently, Fr. Guffey assists at St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica, Calif. He has presented retreats and workshops on spirituality, culture and faith over the past 20 years to parish, religious, school and diocesan groups in East Africa, Bangladesh, France and the United States.

I-11 PERMISSION TO BE YOU – THE FREEDOM TO SHINE

There will always be some voice telling me that whoever I am today is not enough. The challenge is accepting that every one of us has the capacity for bounteousness. Yes, we want to love other people without holding back. We want to feel authentic. And yet, we listen to inner voices that keep our life small. We live stuck. But what if we are truly the light of the world – as Jesus said – and we are meant to shine? What if, as children of God, there are

resources to draw upon – a reservoir of kindness, compassion, hope and resilience? Can we return to the truth of who we really are – to lovingly accept the humanity entrusted to us? Am I willing to be loved for being this me?



Terry Hershey

Rev. Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author, dad, Protestant minister and landscape designer on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound near Seattle. He is a nationally and internationally renowned speaker and retreat facilitator. His gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest, and his work has been featured on CNN, PBS and NPR. Hershey is a regular contributor to The Hallmark Channel's "New Morning" show, and regularly speaks throughout the United States and Canada.

I-12 SEEING JESUS: THE MASTER CATECHIST

There is no better Master Catechist than Jesus himself. In this “conversational style” workshop, we will draw out of the Gospels 12 lessons on being a catechist based on Jesus’ own teaching methods. When we truly see how Jesus lived and worked, there is really a lot we can learn! These are practical lessons that apply to catechists working at every age and stage of faith formation.



Bill Huebsch

Bill Huebsch is Director of PastoralPlanning.com, the online pastoral center at Twenty-third Publications. He worked as a diocesan administrator for many years in Minnesota, principally in the Diocese of New Ulm, where he served with Bishop Ray Lucker. Huebsch has taught at the university, diocesan, conference and parish levels for nearly 40 years and has many published works, including “Praying the Stations with Pope Francis,” and his most recent work, “Jesus: The Master Catechist.”

I-13 THE FOUR QUESTIONS

There are four questions that we are each constantly grappling with: Who am I? Why am I here? What matters most? What matters least? The world has a great deal to say about each of these questions, and often drags us further and further away from God’s answers to these questions. The clarity that comes from answering these questions in an authentic way leads to the joy Jesus invites us to through the Gospels, and a life that is devoid of the complexity and contradictions that the world is constantly trying to drag us into. In this presentation, Matthew Kelly will explore how we can seek meaningful answers to these questions and help others to do the same.



Matthew Kelly

Born in Sydney, Australia, Matthew Kelly began speaking and writing in his late teens, while attending business school. Today, he is an internationally acclaimed speaker, author and business consultant. His books have been published in more than 25 languages, have sold more than 10 million copies and have appeared on the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and USA Today best-seller lists. Kelly is founder and President of The Dynamic Catholic Institute, based in Cincinnati, where he lives.

I-14 WHAT ARE WE DOING ON EARTH FOR CHRIST’S SAKE?

For baptized people, everything we do is done for the sake of Christ. But we are now on mission to a sometimes hostile world, where Christian faith is aggressively resisted. How do we answer our critics? What challenges are they offering us to which we should listen carefully? How do we enable our students and faith communities to hold onto belief in an increasingly unbelieving world?



Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, based in Melbourne, Australia. He is a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome and has been a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. Fr. Leonard is a popular speaker at the RECongress. He is author of eight books, including “What Are We Doing on Earth for Christ’s Sake?” and “Where the Hell is God?”

I-15 WHAT EVERY SERIOUS CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT JUDAISM

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



Rabbi Michael Lotker

Rabbi Michael Lotker spent the bulk of his “first career” in the alternative energy business, working in wind power, solar and geothermal energy. In 2003, he was ordained a rabbi and is now Community Rabbi for the Jewish Federation of Ventura County, Calif., and was recently invited to be a Guest Chaplain at the U.S. House of Representatives.

I-16 SEE YOUR WAY CLEAR

“See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare: before they spring forth, I tell you of them” (Isaiah 42:9). *See!* How well do we see – with eyes of hope, the eyes of the Word of the Lord present among us, the eyes of the community, the eyes of the prophets and the holy ones among us? Come, open your eyes and see what God is doing, and what God expects us to do as we turn again and walk with our God and one another to Resurrection.



Megan McKenna

Megan McKenna is an international speaker and storyteller, author and theologian. She has spoken at national and international conferences. Author of 50 books, McKenna teaches at a number of universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world as well as presenting workshops for dioceses and small communities. She is an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA and has won the Isaac Hecker Award for Justice and Peace.

I-17 WHAT'S RIGHT (AND WRONG) WITH OUR CHURCH 🗣️

This will be a hope-filled presentation on where we are as a Catholic community in the United States. It will give practical advice on what we are called to do to make it better.

**Fr. Jonathan Morris**

Fr. Jonathan Morris is Program Director for the Catholic Channel on SiriusXM and Communications Advisor to New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan. He also serves as Campus Minister at Columbia University in New York City. Fr. Morris is author of "The Way of Serenity," "The Promise" and "God Wants You Happy," and is regularly called upon by the national media to offer ethical and moral commentary on the news.

I-18 THE CATECHIST'S BACKPACK: SPIRITUAL NECESSITIES FOR THE CATECHIST'S JOURNEY 🗣️

Backpacking is a fun, healthy and physically challenging way to enjoy a journey of discovery. Of course, anyone setting forth on a backpacking journey knows that there are many things to take into consideration and certain necessities that need to be packed. In a similar way, catechists are engaged in a stimulating and challenging faith journey of discovery – a journey that requires certain spiritual resources that enable them to not only endure the journey but to thrive on it. In this workshop, Joe Paprocki will explore six spiritual necessities for catechists. You can't give what you don't have.

**Joe Paprocki, DMin**

Joe Paprocki, National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press in Chicago, has over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He has served as a consultant for catechist formation for the Chicago Archdiocese and as a parish pastoral associate and director of religious education. Paprocki has presented in over 80 dioceses in North America. He is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis, and he serves as catechist and blogs about the experience.

I-19 THE "REAL" HUNGER GAMES

Based on his popular book, "Epic Food Fight: A Bite-sized History of Salvation," Fr. Leo Patalinghug will discuss ramifications of desires and appetite as it applies to the decisions that lead to sinfulness and sanctity. This topic touches on ecclesial salvation history, bite-sizing deep moral and sacramental theology, while incarnating a dynamic Catholic orthodoxy in the modern world.

**Fr. Leo Patalinghug**

Baltimore-based Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a priest member of Voluntas Dei. He is founder, host and Director of the international apostolate Grace Before Meals, and he is working on establishing a non-profit component called "The Table Foundation" with the mission to elevate culture and family life. Fr. Patalinghug is a best-selling author, newspaper and magazine contributor, and host of the EWTN TV show "Savoring our Faith" and co-host of the SiriusXM radio show "Entertaining Truth."

On Friday, Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez conducts a live chat from the Technology Center in Hall A with students from the Archdiocese. (Transcripts from past chats can be found online at www.RECongress.org/chat/.)

**I-20 AVOIDING "SNAPCHAT" RELATIONSHIPS IN MINISTRY: GOING BEYOND FACEBOOK AND TWITTER** 🗣️

Building appropriate relationships with young people in ministry can be challenging. Social media can be a great tool, but it cannot replace personal relationships. This workshop will focus on building solid relationships with young people using Christ's ministry as the perfect example of relational ministry.

**Bob Perron**

For over a decade, Bob Perron has been sharing his style of standup and storytelling. He has presented in over 60 dioceses across the United States and Canada and at major national youth ministry conferences. 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."

I-21 OLD WINE, NEW SKINS: TEACHING AN EVER ANCIENT FAITH TO AN EVER NEW GENERATION 🗣️

The faith we profess is not cool and is not modern. The faith we profess is not outwardly appealing to a generation that communicates through filtered photos, hashtags and seven-second Snapchats. How do we take a faith that is "ever ancient" and show the teens of today that it is also "ever new" and entirely relevant for their daily life? What must we do to explain 2,000-year-old doctrines to a generation that has seen technology change and improve every day of their lives? How do we take old wine and place it into new skins? Join us as we explore new ways to share the beauty of our Church and the depth of our theology with a generation hungry to discover it.

**Katie Prejean**

Katie Prejean is a youth minister and speaker from Louisiana. She 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 formerly served as Youth Director at St. Patrick Parish in Lake Forest, Ill. Prejean has spoken at various events across the country, ranging from a workshop at the National Catholic Youth Conference to smaller events. She is presently working on her master's degree in theological studies.

I-22 SEEING WHAT LIES MOST DEEPLY WITHIN US: DEVELOPING MYSTICAL EYES 🎧 ARENA

God's presence inside us and our world is rarely dramatic and overwhelming. Rather, God's presence is something that lies quiet, seemingly helpless, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed and easily ignored. But it has within it a gentle, unremitting imperative, a compulsion toward something higher that invites us to draw upon it. And, if we do, it gushes into an infinite stream that instructs us, nurtures us and fills us with godly energy. How can we train ourselves to see this presence?



Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. He formerly taught at the college level and served as Provincial Superior of his Oblate Province and as General Council for the Oblates in Rome. Fr. Rolheiser is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. His books have been translated into many languages, and his weekly column is carried by more than 80 papers worldwide.

I-23 THE POLITICAL BONES: A MEXICAN READING OF EZEKIEL 37? 🎧

In honor of my many Mexican and Mexican-American students, I decided to do some reflection on potential Mexican themes of *Dia de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) in relation to Ezekiel's famous vision of the Valley of Dry Bones in chapter 37. It was a wonderful intellectual journey. The real joy of my reading was "discovering" (for me, anyway!) the early 20th-century Mexican artist Jose Guadalupe Posada. This session is a report of my findings on how Posada's political art helps us think about Ezekiel's magnificent vision!



Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher

Dr. Smith-Christopher is Professor of Old Testament Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is also Director of Peace Studies, and now serves as Associate Director for Graduate Studies in Theology. He has been honored with numerous awards for research, including a Fulbright and teaching awards. Dr. Christopher has published over 40 scholarly articles and 14 books. He has spoken at the RECongress for the past 17 years, in addition to Catholic conferences in Las Vegas, San Francisco and Salt Lake City.

Congress not only draws people from across the country and from Canada and Mexico, but last year we had attendees from Argentina to Australia, from the Philippines to Puerto Rico ... and beyond!



I-24 "SEE, I AM DOING SOMETHING NEW" (ISAIAH 43:19): CONTEMPORARY MUSIC OF FAITH FOR YOUNG CHILDREN 🎧

We all know how young children love to sing! It lifts their spirits and the spirits of those who sing with them. But it is also an invaluable asset in the passing on of our faith from older generations to our youngest. Music has the power to teach, to help us grow, to bind hearts together and to lead us closer to God. Come and join WLP artists Jim Wahl and Andrew Chinn as they share songs and strategies that will add joy and meaning to your faith formation setting and school classrooms. This workshop is designed especially for those who teach early childhood and elementary levels, ages 3 to 8 years old.



James Wahl

Composer, musician and presenter James Wahl has been performing children's music for over 15 years. He has presented at various diocesan youth events for both the dioceses of Phoenix and of Raleigh, N.C., over past 10 years. Wahl has served as music director at parishes in California, North Carolina and Arizona, including Director of Music and Diocesan Choir Director for the Cathedral and Diocese of Phoenix, a position he held for over seven years. Wahl is presently Director of Music at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh, N.C.



Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has visited 970 Catholic elementary schools, performing for children, teachers and catechists in 2,000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released nine CDs, five DVDs and five picture books. In 2013 he joined the World Library Publications family that now distributes his music in North America.

I-25 IN THEIR HANDS – CURRENT ISSUES IN ONLINE EXPLOITATION AND CYBER CRIME 🎧

This workshop is geared toward anyone who has worked or currently works with children and teens who use technology. This interactive and dynamic presentation covers a wide variety of timely topics, including social networking sites, new apps, digital reputation, geotagging, malware, sexting, Internet predators, cyber bullying, technology-facilitated crimes against children, and emerging issues of human sex trafficking of minors using digital technology.



Tracy Webb

Tracy Webb is a Managing Attorney in charge of the Cyber Crime and Child Abuse Prosecution Unit of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. She is a career prosecutor mainly with child abuse cases, and is also an active member of the Federal Internet Crimes against Children Task Force and Co-Chair of the L.A. County Cyber Crime Task Force. Webb is a frequent speaker both locally and nationally and is an Emmy-award winning producer of a documentary film on gang violence.

I-26 HOW TO BUILD A POSITIVE BRIDGE BETWEEN EDUCATORS AND PARENTS: EMPOWER OUR STUDENT'S EDUCATION ☺

Char Wenc will empower you with the skills and information to create positive relationships between parents and teachers. You and I know schools in which everyone feels and acts as if they are family. That spirit is not an accident, it is a mission to which everyone is committed. Your attitude is your window to the world; therefore, wash your window! Change your attitude and you change your school and classroom. To develop a Christ-like community takes effort.

**Char Wenc, MEd**

Char Wenc, an internationally known professional speaker, coach and author, is President of Char Wenc Communications, a firm that specializes in building positive, productive relationships at work, school and in families. She is a professor in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies program at Loyola University Chicago, and teaches in the doctrinal programs at the Adler School of Professional Psychology. With 30 years teaching and 20 years public speaking, Wenc is author of "Stop the Door from Slamming: The Power of Respect."

I-27 DON'T ROB GOD: HOW TO INCREASE GIVING WHILE MAKING DISCIPLES

It takes money to do ministry in a parish. Without money we can't turn on the lights, heat the building or pay staff. Jesus also had a great deal to say about money and how his disciples were to use and view money. We will share the key strategies we have used to more than double giving in our parish and bring people on the discipleship journey.

**Fr. Michael White**

After being ordained a priest for the Baltimore Archdiocese, Fr. Michael White worked for five years as the personal secretary to (then-Archbishop) Cardinal William Keeler. During that time, he served as director of Pope John Paul II's papal visit to Baltimore. Fr. White is presently Pastor at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., which has seen the congregation nearly triple in weekend attendance, with a significant increase of giving and service in ministry. He is co-author of "Rebuilt," which narrates the story of Nativity's rebirth.

**Tom Corcoran**

Tom Corcoran has served the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., in a variety of roles that give him a unique perspective on parish ministry and leadership. Beginning as a youth minister, he later held positions as coordinator of children's ministry and director of small groups. Corcoran currently serves as Associate to the Pastor and is responsible for weekend message development, strategic planning and staff development. He is also co-author with Fr. Michael White of the book, "Rebuilt."

I-28 FREEDOM, COMMUNITY, SOBRIETY: THE GIFTS OF THE 12 STEPS ☺

There is much more to not drinking and using than just not drinking and using. In recovery, the isolation, desperation and the heartbreak of alcoholism/addiction is transformed into a spiritual way of living. In Gratitude for Recovery, we form grassroots communities of men and women who share experience, strength and hope. With the footwork of doing the 12 Steps, we make amends for past chaos and selfishness, and open the door to a better way of living for individuals and for families.

**Rev. Thomas Weston, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Tom Weston has been involved in the world of recovery since 1976, working with alcoholics and addicts. He is presently Superior of the Jesuit Community of Oakland, Calif., where he leads retreats for people in recovery from addiction. Fr. Weston has spoken at conferences for over 30 years. His world travels served him in past roles as Director of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, his work with Jesuit Retreat and Renewal Ministries, and teaching at Loyola High School in Los Angeles.

I-70 Tân Phúc Âm Hoá Trong Thời Đại Tục Hoá ☺

“Không ai đổ rượu mới vào bầu da cũ” (Lk 5:37). Các lãnh đạo tôn giáo quan tâm đến văn hoá đức tin đang bị thay thế nhanh chóng bằng chủ nghĩa thế tục hoá. Các đức giáo hoàng Gioan Phaolô II, Bênêdictô XVI và Phanxicô nhắc nhở Giáo hội về tính cấp bách của việc tái khám phá niềm vui và sức mạnh Phúc Âm, và thách đố các Kitô hữu cứu mạng sứ mạng Tân Phúc Âm Hoá cách có hiệu quả trong thế giới tục hoá ngày nay.

NEW EVANGELIZATION IN A SECULAR AGE ☺

“No one puts new wine into old wineskins” (Lk 5:37). Religious leaders are concerned that the culture of faith has rapidly been replaced by the culture of secularism. Our recent popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis remind the Church of the urgency of rediscovering the “Joy of the Gospel” and its power, and challenge Christian believers to carry out the task of a New Evangelization more effectively in our secular world.

**Cha Hy K. Nguyễn, SS**

Cha Nguyễn Khắc Hy thuộc Tu Hội Xuân Bích dạy tại chủng viện và đại học St. Mary ở Baltimore trong 6 năm. Hiện tại Cha là phụ tá Giáo sư thuộc ban Thần Học tại đại chủng viện Assumption và trường Oblate School of Theology ở San Antonio, Texas. Cha Hy đã đi thuyết giảng nhiều nơi trong nước Mỹ, và đã viết trên 30 đề mục báo, và điều khiển 30 phút nói chuyện trong chương trình radiô “Học hỏi về Đức Tin Công Giáo” được phát thanh trên 40 đài ở Mỹ.

Fr. Hy K. Nguyen, SS

Sulpician priest Fr. Hy Nguyen taught at St. Mary Seminary & University in Baltimore for six years. He currently is Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology at the Oblate School of Theology and is on the faculty at Assumption Seminary, both in San Antonio. Fr. Nguyen has lectured across the country, has published over 30 articles, and hosts the half-hour live radio program “Learning Our Catholic Faith,” broadcast in 40 U.S. stations.



2-01 IN ENDLESS SONG

Singing is one of the most expressive of all human activities, the way in which we sing our lives to God and to those we love. This workshop will explore the relationship between the music we make in worship and the music we experience in the world, inviting ways beyond polarized conversations about musical styles to a deeper reflection on the richness of God's gift of song.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso's contemporary liturgical music appears in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. An emerging theologian, he is currently a doctoral student at Emory University in Atlanta. Alonso previously was Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston, Ill. He has presented workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. His latest work is titled, "In Endless Song."

2-02 RHYTHM, PRAYER, MOVE

Experience a heightened form of prayer in rhythm, breath and movement. The rpm (rhythm, prayer, move) method of embodied prayer will open up new pathways for healing and inner peace through intention combined with movement of the body, accompanied by music and chant. Learn to apply this to your own fitness routine, whether it be at the gym, on a treadmill, dancing, biking, running or walking through nature. Specially prepared rhythm and music will support this wonderful method for deepening your prayer and spiritual life, leading you to health and holiness! Bring comfortable clothes and shoes.



Lisa Ferlita Bagladi

Lisa Bagladi has been a movement prayer practitioner and musician for over 30 years. She has led ongoing studio classes in the Chicago area as well as led workshops in movement prayer in parish, diocesan and national conferences throughout the country. In addition to her recent rpm project with Pedro Rubalcava, Bagladi is also a parish consultant with J.S. Paluch Company/World Library Publications, providing service to parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Diocese of Orange.



Pedro Rubalcava

Pedro Rubalcava is a bilingual/bicultural composer, clinician, performing artist, cantor and pastoral minister. He currently serves as Director of Hispanic Ministries at Oregon Catholic Press in Portland, Ore. He has been a pastoral associate and director of liturgy at various parishes in the San Diego Diocese, where he also served as associate director of the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Rubalcava is a frequent presenter at liturgy and other ministry conferences on the national, diocesan and parish levels.

2-03 DANCING WITH THE SAINTS

Many saints and holy ones have encouraged us to "open our eyes" to embodied practices of prayer and praise. Through simple song-dances developed for the Abbey of the Arts and based on the spirituality and teachings of the saints, come see these mentors in a new way – as partners in embodied prayer. Kick off your shoes and learn how you (and your students of all ages) can dance with the likes of King David and the prophet Miriam, with Hildegard of Bingen and Mary our Mother, with Francis of Assisi and Thomas Merton. No previous movement experience needed ... just a willing heart!



Betsey Beckman, MM

Based in Seattle, Betsey Beckman is a liturgical movement artist, storyteller, spiritual director, author and InterPlay leader. She regularly appears as artist/presenter at national conventions, international pilgrimages and in online and live retreats for Abbey of the Arts. Beckman is Director of Movement Ministry at St. Patrick Church in Seattle, and for her company, The Dancing Word, which produces DVD series and resources, including "The Creation" and "Grace on the Margins: The Musical."



Laura Ash

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Church in Seattle, where she has supported the ministry of movement for over 20 years. She and her husband, David, have composed and published three collections of liturgical music and have created music for many dance offerings with Betsey Beckman, whom she has co-presented with at a number of RECongress workshops over the last 12 years. Ash's most recent work is music for the musical "Grace on the Margins," which debuted in April 2013.

2-04 COME AND SEE! SONGS FOR CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JESUS

Song is an effective, creative and prayerful way to share the riches of Scripture with children. In this vibrant and practical workshop, John Burland will lead us on a journey through the New Testament celebrating the life of Jesus in song. These songs are faithful to the Scriptures, highly engaging, and incorporate a variety of musical styles suitable for children at the elementary level. Come ready to sing, move and celebrate the life of Jesus!



John Burland

John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults. He has worked as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and religious education coordinator for over 20 years in school and parish communities. Burland is Project Officer-Liturgy/Music for the Catholic Education Office in Sydney, Australia. He is also a workshop presenter, composer and touring musician for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. He is a regular speaker at conventions and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand and North America.

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2-05 TRANSFORMING CONFIRMATION 🗣️

Given what we now know about adolescent spirituality, effective catechesis and good youth ministry, how can we enhance confirmation's potential to be a more formative experience in the lives of young people? Instead of focusing on the practical, we will weigh the merits of what's possible. Eight specific enhancements will be discussed and you will be asked to choose one or two that might best enhance your program.

**Michael Carotta**

Mike Carotta is a nationally recognized religious educator, author and national consultant. His confirmation resources include the new digital supplement, "Discipleship for Confirmation and Beyond," an online download for candidates and parents offered in partnership with the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, along with "Have Faith: A Candidate and Sponsor" resource and "Spirit and Truth: A Self-Guided Scripture Study for Confirmation and Beyond."

2-06 LET'S TAKE A WALK TOGETHER – THROUGH CATHOLIC MASS 🗣️

Beginning with the Sign of the Cross and ending with our "Thanks be to God," the Mass is a great compilation of prayers, readings, gestures and rituals that come from a number of cultures and have been a part of our highest form of worship for centuries. This workshop will explain all these elements and more – from that Sign of the Cross to our response at the end, "Thanks be to God!"

**Rev. John C. Cusick**

Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, was creator, coordinator and Director of their Young Adult Ministry from 1970-2013. He is a part-time adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. In 2012, Fr. Cusick received the Blessed John XXIII Award from the Association of Chicago Priests for excellence in priestly ministry and significant contributions to the life of the Church in Chicago.

2-07 MUST WE FORGIVE? PRODIGALS, MOTHERS AND GOD 🗣️

Forgiveness of those who hurt us is one of the deepest spiritual struggles in life. Do we "forgive and forget"? What does it mean to forgive anyway? How do we go about it? Come explore these questions and more. Then enter deeply into the experience of the Prodigal Son's mother as she tells the story from her own perspective, illuminating the difficulties and the call to forgiveness in ways you've never heard before.

**Amy Florian**

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant, instructor in a graduate ministry program, and CEO of Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals how to support grieving clients. She has 30 years of parish and conference experience, and has authored over 90 articles and three books. An adjunct faculty member at Loyola University of Chicago, Florian has spanned the country presenting workshops, training sessions and retreats to both national and diocesan conferences.

Saturday's Young Adult 5 pm Liturgy and Dance at 9 pm is a Congress tradition held at the Marriott. All young adults 18 to 39 are welcome.

**2-08 WHEN WE SAY WE ARE AFRAID OF DYING, OF WHAT ARE WE AFRAID? A CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE AND DEATH** 🗣️

This session will explore the anxiety of dying and allow the anxiety to be a portal to hope. This journey of life and death will include stories, testimonies, fears and hope encountered by people facing death.

**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

Fr. Richard Fragomeni, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics, and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In addition, Fr. Fragomeni serves as Spiritual Director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in Chicago's Little Italy. His works include the book and CD, "In Shining Splendor," 50 Eastertime meditations accompanied by Jane Pitz, and two works with Brother Michael O'Neill McGrath.

2-09 LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE: HOW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD 🗣️

Catholic schools are called to be leaders in a world of change. Leadership skills can be learned and lived by every single child within a school setting, regardless of their age. This dynamic presentation will demonstrate how children from kindergarten to grade 12 can use the power of a "Social Justice" mind, the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People," and "Effective Behavioral Supports" to become leaders for a lifetime. Using practical examples, Dan Friedt will give the educator a step-by-step process to support the current culture of their school, and invite every child to practice the habits of effective leadership that can change our world.

**Dan Friedt**

Dan Friedt is Principal of St. Charles Elementary Catholic School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has 35 years of teaching experience, 16 years of administration experience and is a recognized Apple Distinguished Educator. Friedt has conducted and presented liturgical workshops at many parishes throughout Alberta over the past 25 years, spoken to staffs, educational departments, administrators and superintendents and has presented at conferences throughout North America.

2-10 MOVING FORWARD BY RETREATING: CREATING MEANINGFUL RETREAT EXPERIENCES 🗣️

The road while preparing a retreat is unique terrain. Sometimes the path is smooth, but other times the journey can be filled with surprises or sharp turns. This workshop seeks to offer a road map for navigating meaningful retreat experiences. Meant to support and inspire those ministering through the use of retreats, this session will provide information, examples, resources and discussion on various retreat related topics, both practical and spiritual in nature. We will explore subjects such as gathering and training effective retreat teams, being consistent while cultivating fresh ideas, and encouraging openness, all while remaining centered in God.



Diane Gasper

Her early days as a student leader in campus ministry led Diane Gasper to realize that she could have a career utilizing her skills. With experience in Whole Community Catechesis and as a religion teacher and catechist, she has worked for the past 23 years in retreat ministry, primarily as a Catholic high school retreat director and campus minister. Gasper currently is a core member in the development of the Cornerstone women's retreat, serving as retreat MC and mini-retreats director at her parish, St. Monica Church in Santa Monica, Calif.

2-11 EFFECTIVE ONLINE EVANGELIZATION 🗣️

In today's wired world, learn to effectively share your faith in social media venues. We will discuss how to faithfully navigate the Catholic blogosphere, how to parse Catholic news and information, and how to evangelize online without losing your soul in the process.



Lisa M. Hendey

Lisa Hendey is founder and Editor of CatholicMom.com and best-selling author of "The Grace of Yes" and "The Handbook for Catholic Moms." She is a technology contributor for EWTN's "SonRise Morning Show" and host and producer for KNXT television. Hendey blogs on the Catholic Channel at Patheos and her articles have appeared in the National Catholic Register and Our Sunday Visitor. She gives frequent workshops and was a recipient of the Egan Journalism Fellowship from Catholic Relief Services.

2-12 "SEE! VER!" MUSIC, SPIRITUALITY AND CATECHESIS: A CELESTIAL TRIO 🗣️

Using new and transformative music, ValLimar Jansen will lead us on a spiritual journey, examining the science of music. Music must be important to our spiritual development, for throughout the Holy Scriptures we are commanded, "Sing to the Lord!" Psalm 150, in no uncertain terms, states the many ways to use music to praise God. Come! See! Experience this musical sojourn, as Jansen shows us how to use music to stir physical kinesis, shape the emotional state, inspire and uplift the soul and catechize our intellectual being. As Plato wrote, "Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything."



ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar Jansen is a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. Jansen was the MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011, and performed for over 300,000 people at the Loreto/Angora international papal event in Italy, broadcast around the globe. Her latest CD is titled "Give God The Glory."

2-13 "LORD, LET ME SEE!" – LETTING BLIND BARTIMAEUS HELP US 🗣️

The two stories of Jesus giving sight to blind men are not only pivotal in Mark's Gospel, but are also crucial for our own understanding of Christian discipleship. The first story, of the blind man near Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26), gives us an example of inadequate faith, while in the second story (Mark 10:46-52), the blind beggar Bartimaeus becomes the perfect role model of Christian discipleship. This workshop will explore how Bartimaeus can help us open our eyes to see Jesus more clearly and to follow him more faithfully as his disciples today.



Rev. Felix Just, SJ, PhD

Jesuit priest Fr. Felix Just is Executive Director of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif. He has taught at all three Jesuit universities in California – Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. Fr. Just conducts many adult faith formation programs for parishes and dioceses, leads biblically based days of prayer, parish missions and weekend or week-long retreats. He also maintains the large internationally recognized "Catholic Resources" website.

2-14 WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THE MIRROR? 🗣️

Do you like what you see? Do you think you see rightly? What does God see? And what do we want our children to see? The harshness with which we judge ourselves, the messages we grew up with, and the distorted images that surround us all cloud our view. But there is a different way to see. As only he can, Fr. Joe Kempf offers insight, humor and practical wisdom to help us – and the children entrusted to our care – enjoy the freedom of looking into the mirror and seeing rightly.



Fr. Joseph G. Kempf

Fr. Joe Kempf, a priest of the St. Louis Archdiocese, is founder and President of the non-profit Gospel Values. He has presented at religious education gatherings across the United States and Canada. Fr. Kempf is author of numerous books, videos and CDs for children of all ages, including "Mini-Retreats for Meaningful Living – Family," "Sometimes Life Is Just Not Fair" and "My Sister is Annoying!" He also has four volumes of DVDs under the "Big Al LIVE" series.

2-15 CHRISTIAN SIMPLICITY: A GOSPEL VALUE 🗣️

Drawing on the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center's Lent 4.5 program, this workshop addresses three interrelated challenges: extreme levels of busyness and stress in the developed nations; chronic poverty and social unrest in many developing countries; and the degradation of God's creation across the globe. Embracing the Gospel value of simplicity can be a solution for all three. In this workshop, we will consider how simplifying our lives – in terms of food, consumption, water use, energy and transportation – can bring spiritual, social and planetary healing.

**Kyle T. Kramer**

Founder of the Genesis Organic Farm in Spencer County, Ind., Kyle Kramer is a farmer, writer and lay ministry program director. He is Executive Director of Passionist Earth and Spirit Center in Louisville, Ky. Kramer serves as President of the Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Southern Indiana, and is a regular contributor to America magazine and Saint Anthony Messenger Press.

2-16 FROM THE GALLERY TO THE CLASSROOM: THE USE OF ART IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 🗣️

Walking through a museum anywhere in the Western world, the majority of the artwork we see was created to communicate a specifically Christian message. We will explore the power of these visual images and examine the ways they can be harnessed by today's educators.

**Lir Mac Cárthaigh**

Lir Mac Cárthaigh is a visual communicator with a diverse media background. Formerly Editor and Art Director at the cinema magazine Film Ireland, he is now Art Director with Veritas Publications, based in Dublin, Ireland. Mac Cárthaigh has lectured on the history of the printed book. His recent projects include "Credo," a curriculum series for high schools in the United States, and "Grow in Love," the new religious education program for Irish elementary schools.

2-17 STOP DOING MARRIAGE PREPARATION, START FORMING MARRIED DISCIPLES 🗣️

With increased divorce, fewer Catholic weddings and empty pews on Sundays, we need to do something different when we prepare couples for marriage. What would happen if we focused less on getting married and more on becoming married disciples? You can do this if you commit to a conversion process that involves your entire parish. Discover six doable steps to revolutionize how you and your parish do marriage preparation that will transform your couples and your community together.

**Diana Macalintal**

Diana Macalintal, Director of Worship for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif., is a presenter and co-founded of TeamRCLIA. She has been keynote at several gatherings, including the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Collegeville Conference on Music, Liturgy and the Arts, in addition to her appearances at the L.A. Congress as prayer leader. Macalintal is author of four books, her latest, "Joined by the Church, Sealed by a Blessing," was co-authored with her husband, Nick Wagner.

2-18 TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP 🗣️ **ARENA**

The call of the New Evangelization and for parish renewal means that the Church must embrace new pastoral models. This is a change that must be led – simply managing the status quo is no longer an option. This workshop will explore the subject of leading pastoral conversion. For pastors, lay associates and all involved in leadership, this workshop will look at how to lead pastoral conversion in our parishes and ministries. It will consider the importance of vision in any exercise of leadership, and how to form it, share it, execute it and expand it. It will examine how the personal charisms of leaders will shape their ministries and their own experience of leadership.

**Fr. James Mallon**

Fr. James Mallon is Pastor of St. Benedict Parish in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and founder of JPPII Media, which creates video resources for catechesis and evangelization. He is the creator of the video-based catechetical series, "Catholicism 201," and the video-based theology course, "Dogmatic Theology." In 2014 he produced the television series "CrossTraining: Working Out the Whole Person" and published his first book, "Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish."

2-19 INDIGENOUS LITURGICAL INCULTURATION: THE AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE 🗣️

Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a spirituality and tradition spanning some 60,000 years. Over recent decades, the Australian Church has incorporated elements of this spirituality in prayer and worship, especially at major gatherings. Michael Mangan has been Music Director and Anne Frawley-Mangan Creative Director for a number of these celebrations. Together with Australian indigenous artists, they will share the power of liturgical inculturation offering an experience of indigenous didgeridoo, dance, story, art and ritual. This workshop is especially recommended for those attending Friday's Australian Culture Liturgy.

**Michael Mangan**

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He is a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, Deputy Chair of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. The former elementary school music teacher's 250 compositions are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. He has been performing concerts for the last 18 years.

**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

Anne Frawley-Mangan is an experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist who specializes in using the arts (particularly drama) to enhance religious education and liturgy. Anne lives in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, and presents workshops and keynotes nationally and internationally. The former elementary school teacher/drama teacher is presently Creative Director for Litmus Productions in Albany Creek, and lecturer at Holy Spirit Seminary and at Australian Catholic University.

2-20 WHO IS JESUS? 🗣️

The person at the center of our lives, Jesus, can sometimes seem so distant. But by entering more deeply into the Gospel narratives, we can come to know him more deeply. Fr. James Martin will help you look at both the historical Jesus (the man who walked the dusty earth of first-century Palestine) and encounter the “Christ of faith” (the one who performed miracles, rose from the dead and now lives with us through the Holy Spirit). Come and meet Jesus anew!



Fr. James Martin, SJ

Fr. James Martin is a Jesuit priest and Editor at Large of America magazine. He is author of several award-winning books, including “Jesus: A Pilgrimage,” “Together on Retreat,” “Between Heaven and Mirth,” “The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything” and “My Life with the Saints.” The popular speaker has given retreats and presented to parish groups and national conferences, and for the past several years has been a frequent speaker at the Religious Education Congress.

2-21 NEW EVANGELIZATION IN BRITAIN 🗣️

The call to a New Evangelization of our people and culture is a very urgent need in the British context as it faces the challenges of increasing secularization in a multiracial and multicultural society. This session will examine the response of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to this rapidly changing situation, and explore ways forward.



Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon, OP

Bishop Malcolm McMahon was appointed Archbishop of Liverpool, England in 2014. The London-born former Bishop for the Diocese of Nottingham and provincial for the English Dominican Province has served in a variety of pastoral and academic posts. Archbishop McMahon is Chair of the Department for Catholic Education and Formation of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. He was also a member of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission that produced the agreed statement, “Mary, Grace and Hope in Christ.”

2-22 LIMITLESS: THE JUNIOR HIGHER 🗣️

Early adolescence is a time of change, challenge and potential. Especially in this selfie-Instagram-Snapchat day and age. Energy to burn. Continual partial attention. High-tech toys and gadgets. How do we embrace and minister to this most unique creation of God? The possibilities are “limit-less.”



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. Patin has been on the adjunct faculty at the Graduate School of Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He 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.”

2-23 SEE THE POSSIBILITIES! FORMING DISCIPLES 🗣️

Adolescent catechesis is more than educating youth in the faith. It is about forming disciples and transforming lives! This workshop will explore how we can explode youth faith formation out of its old boundaries and create impacting moments for youth to connect, deepen, engage and change their world! Let’s see the possibilities and create a new story for adolescent catechesis that is relational, creative, experiential and, at times, even messy!



Ela Milewska

Ela Milewska is Associate Director of Cultivation Ministries, a youth ministry training and consulting organization based in the Chicago area. She previously served as Project Coordinator for the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis. Milewska has worked with hundreds of parish and diocesan communities across the United States and internationally, including the major youth conferences in the United States and keynote at the National John Paul II Youth Ministry Symposium held in the Republic of South Korea.

2-24 RESURRECTION FAITH 🗣️

Jesus rose from the dead, but what happened to his body? What will happen to our bodies when we are raised from the dead? Such questions have puzzled theologians for centuries and continue to be raised today. But a resurrection faith is more than a dogma about resuscitated bodies. In this session, we will examine a modern approach to resurrection faith, giving new life and hope to Christian disciples.



Brian Schmisek

Dr. Brian Schmisek was founding Dean of the School of Ministry at the University of Dallas. He is currently Director of the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago. Dr. Schmisek has presented at universities and several diocesan conferences in addition to the L.A. Congress. His works include “Resurrection of the Flesh or Resurrection from the Dead,” “The Apostles’ Creed: Articles of Faith for the 21st Century” and the four-volume “Catholic Biblical Study Program.”

2-25 RESTLESS HEARTS: WRITING THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY 🗣️

“You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you”: St. Augustine described his own spiritual journey as a “restless heart,” never satisfied, always seeking God. Reading the autobiographies of those who have pursued the Lord – for example, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Dorothy Day and C.S. Lewis – sheds light on our own spiritual journey. We look for the moment of “crisis,” literally, the turning point in their lives that made all the difference. (This workshop is based upon his undergraduate course at Fordham University.)

**Rev. Thomas J. Scirghi, SJ, ThD**

Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Scirghi is currently Associate Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York, where he teaches sacramental theology. He has taught and spoken nationally and internationally and has conducted workshops, both for clergy and laity. Fr. Scirghi's works include the book "Everything is Sacred: An Introduction to the Sacrament of Baptism" and the DVD and CD lecture series, "Signs of God's Grace: A Journey Through the Sacraments."

2-26 THE GOOD, BAD AND THE UGLY: UNDERSTANDING THE SEXUAL TRENDS OF STUDENTS AND HOW TO REACH THEM

Raised by baby boomers, today's generation is breaking new ground in their understanding of sexuality, their boundaries (or lack thereof), and their development of a whole new language around sexual choices. Understanding the trends, thinking, influences and language that surround this generation is imperative if we are going to speak truth amid the cacophony of noise that daily invades their minds.

**Pam Stenzel**

Pam Stenzel has traveled worldwide and has appeared on numerous national TV and radio programs speaking about the consequences of physical and emotional sex outside of marriage. She is currently Director of Enlightenment Communications, based in Minnesota. Stenzel served on the "front lines" as Director of Alpha Women's Center, a counseling center for women with crisis pregnancies. She speaks full time across the country as well as in Mexico, Australia, Ireland, South Africa and Canada.

2-27 SEEING HIM

Pope Francis tells us that people prefer to listen to witnesses: They "call for evangelizers to speak of a God whom they themselves know, as if they were seeing him." As a young teacher I discovered quickly that I could not be a witness to something I hadn't seen. As one student asked me, "Sir, do you believe this?" In that moment the student didn't want a teacher, he was looking for a witness. In this session, we will explore what it means to "see him" and how our testimony can give vitality and effervescence to our ministry.

**David Wells**

David Wells began his career as a high school and adult education teacher before working for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Since then, his work has taken him all over the world, speaking at more than 350 conferences in Europe and North America and guest lectures at three English universities. Wells is author of the book, "The Reluctant Disciple," due February 2015. He is currently Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Plymouth, England.

2-28 ENGAGING THE FAMILY IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD YEARS

How can catechetical leaders, catechists and preschool teachers connect families to the faith and to the parish during the early childhood years? This workshop, co-presented by a family psychologist and a director of religious education, will explore ways to connect with and involve families as we form young disciples.

**Dr. Joseph D. White**

Dr. Joseph White is a clinical child psychologist and National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He has taught at the University of Dallas and at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Joseph is a frequent keynote speaker and workshop presenter at national and diocesan conferences, a frequent guest on national Catholic radio shows, and maintains a blog on catechesis.

**Ana Arista White**

Ana Arista is a parish Director of Religious Education in Austin, Texas, and a National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Co. Ana is author of several books on catechesis, including "Teach It: Early Childhood" and "Teach It: Eucharist and the Mass," and is a popular catechetical speaker at diocesan and national conferences.

2-70 Con người nhìn thấy Thiên Chúa trong mọi hoàn cảnh nhờ Đức Tin

Chúng ta thấy được Việt Nam là 1 dân tộc của nhiều tôn giáo, vì thế con người sống trong 1 Đức Tin rất mạnh khi họ tin vào 1 tôn giáo nào. Nhờ Đức Tin mạnh mẽ đó mà trong mọi hoàn cảnh của cuộc sống họ nhìn thấy Chúa được qua những đau khổ, gian nan mà họ gặp hằng ngày, như những người bệnh phong.

THROUGH FAITH, PEOPLE CAN SEE GOD IN EVERY SITUATION

Vietnam is one nation of many religions. When people believe in one religion, they have a very strong faith. Because of that strong faith, they see God in every situation of life, through the sufferings and hardships they face every day, like those with leprosy.

**Đức Cha Cosma Hoàng Văn Đạt, SJ**

Sinh năm 1947 tại Hà Nội, 1967 Cha vào Dòng Tên học Triết và Thần học tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện St. Pio X tại Đà Lạt. Chịu chức Linh Mục năm 1976 và khẩn trọn đời 1982. Cha đã phục vụ 16 năm tại trại phong, và sau đó dạy và linh hướng trong ĐCV Hà Nội. 2008 ĐGH Bênêđictô 16 đã bổ nhiệm Cha Cosma Hoàng Văn Đạt làm Giám Mục Giáo Phận Bắc Ninh.

Bishop Cosma Hoang Van Dat, SJ

Bishop Cosma Hoang Van Dat was born in 1947 in Hanoi, Vietnam. He entered the Jesuits in 1967 and studied philosophy and theology at the Pius X Pontifical Institute in Da Lat, southern Vietnam. He was ordained a priest in 1976, and took final vows in 1982. For 16 years he provided pastoral care at a leprosy center; he teaches and is spiritual adviser at the St. Joseph Major Seminary in Hanoi. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Bishop of Bac Ninh, Vietnam.

3-01 SING TO THE LORD! MUSIC AND PRAYER IN TEACHING THE FAITH 🎧

Music is a powerful tool of communication: It says things that words alone cannot. Whether looking for creative teaching ideas or powerful prayer experiences – knowing how to competently and creatively use music is one of the most important things we can do in ministry. This workshop is filled with great ideas for both the use of music in teaching and the leading of music in praying with young people.



Steve Angrisano

Veteran musician, composer and youth minister, Steve Angrisano has presented at venues ranging from parish mission weekend youth retreats to major events around the world, including seven World Youth Days. He served as MC for several National Catholic Youth Conferences, the National Pastoral Musicians Conference, and the L.A. Congress and its Youth Day. Angrisano has shared his music – songs like “Go Make A Difference” and “We Are the Light of the World” – with thousands of people in more than 200 dioceses for the past 13 years.

3-02 A PROPHET FOR ALL SEASONS: THE BIOGRAPHY OF ISAIAH 🎧

As prophets go, Isaiah is a phenomenon. His book has been called the fifth Gospel, and we hear it proclaimed in the Sunday assembly more often than anything else in the Old Testament. The premiere prophet of Advent – “For unto us a child is born!” – is also the final prophet of Holy Week – “He was pierced for our offenses, and by his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah’s words are familiar, so how come many of us don’t know anything about this guy? Who is this long-dead prophet of Israel who speaks so intimately to Christian hearts?



Alice Camille, MDiv

Alice Camille is a religious educator, retreat leader, Scripture columnist and contributor to “Give Us This Day,” the Catholic, daily prayer guide by Liturgical Press. Her experiences span parish catechist, campus minister, women’s shelter supervisor, and ecumenical worship leader at the Grand Canyon’s North Rim in Arizona. Author of several books, Camille now leads parish missions, retreats and catechetical workshops throughout the United States.

3-03 ST. IGNATIUS’ RULES FOR DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS IN LIGHT OF THE DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART 🎧

We will be exploring ways to defeat the temptations of The Enemy of Our Human Nature and keep our hearts open to the love the Father has for us so that we can offer that love to the world. The challenge is to do this even if it means our hearts get pierced along the way. Gain some practical tips important for staying fresh in our own teaching and ministry and which are easily passed along to those we serve as well.



Rev. Christopher Collins, SJ

Fr. Christopher Collins, a Jesuit priest of the Wisconsin Province, is Director of the Catholic Studies Program at Saint Louis University in Missouri, where he teaches theology. Formerly, he was Assistant Pastor at Holy Rosary Mission on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Fr. Collins is author of two books and currently serves as the Board Chair of the Apostleship of Prayer in the United States.

3-04 DISCIPLE-BUILDING YOUTH MINISTRY 🎧

We are being called to form youth as missionary disciples. Parishes throughout the country have found key practices and are providing youth ministry in new ways that help young people live their faith actively as young adults and adults. These communities built a strong foundation for effective youth ministry through vision, collaboration, faith witness, connections with families and active involvement of youth. This workshop will explore the essential strategies and practices of parishes that are developing young disciples who thrive and building youth ministry that grows.



Tom East

Based in Gig Harbor, Wash., Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development. Previously, he served as Director of Youth Ministry and as Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is author of numerous books, including “Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry,” and is a popular speaker at youth and religious education conferences nationwide, including the RECongress, the National Catholic Education Association, as well as conferences sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development.

3-05 SOME SAY LEARNING CAN’T BE FUN ... WANNA BET? 🎧

If your catechetical setting is in need of some new ideas and new life, then come to this workshop! We will explore how religious education not only can but should be filled with joy and enthusiasm! Focus will be on creative ideas and techniques that can be immediately used in the catechetical setting with elementary children and junior-high youth.



Steven Ellair

Steven Ellair is a national presenter and Managing Editor for Curriculum with Saint Mary’s Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 23 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic schoolteacher and archdiocesan catechetical consultant. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for over 10 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for the past 18 years.

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3-06 STALKING THE GAP 🗨️

In her writing, American contemporary author Annie Dillard invites us to “stalk the gaps.” In this workshop, we shall delve into the aches, pain and sadness that is part of the human condition and see how it relates to spirituality and leads to a Divine encounter.

**Fr. Michael Fish, OSB, Cam**

Michael Fish, a monk of the New Camaldoli Hermitage, is a native of South Africa. At the age of 23 he joined the Redemptorist order and spent many of his 26 years with them. In 1997, responding to a persistent desire for a more contemplative way of life, he left the Redemptorists and South Africa and became a Camaldolese Benedictine at New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, Calif. Fr. Fish is now engaged in spiritual direction to guests and retreatants at the Hermitage as well as directing retreats.

3-07 CATHOLIC ETHICS CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE OF GAY AND LESBIAN PERSONS 🗨️

The Gospels challenge us to welcome all into our church communities, but should there be a limit to acceptance? This session will draw from Sacred Scripture, Church teachings and scientific research in considering how we are called to love our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. Through addressing difficult questions – such as whether acceptance of the person implies condoning one’s actions – this workshop will move beyond merely presenting Church teaching toward helping us make sense of it in our hearts.

**Arthur G. Fitzmaurice, PhD**

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is Resource Director of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He formerly served as Chair for the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. Dr. Fitzmaurice has spoken at national and diocesan conferences, including the Faith Formation Conference, the annual Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, and the Gay Christian Network. He also appears in several of Ignatian News Network’s YouTube series on pastoral care of LGBT Catholics.

3-08 THE SLAVE ACROSS THE STREET: HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF AMERICAN TEENS 🗨️

Human trafficking is the second largest crime in the United States. Survivor, author and activist Theresa Flores will discuss how this is happening right under our noses and what is being done to combat this silent epidemic. Learn what modern-day slavery, prostitution and pornography have in common and why this has become “normal” today. Flores will also share her personal story of being a Catholic teenager from a good family and yet was trafficked for two years without anyone’s knowledge. She is proof that human dignity can rise above any circumstance and impact the world, both by changing people’s hearts and minds, and by altering the laws of the land.

**Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS**

Theresa Flores is a human trafficking survivor, victim’s advocate, best-selling author and founder of SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution). In 2009, she was appointed to the Ohio Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Commission and testified before the Ohio House and Senate in support of human trafficking legislation. Flores received The Courage Award from the Ohio governor and has received the 2013 Christian Service Award from the University of Dayton’s Alumni Association.

3-09 “‘COME AND SEE,’” SAID JESUS – CELEBRATING PRAYER RITUALS WITH CHILDREN 🗨️

This workshop will help you lead children to discover their own relationship with God and with one another through simple prayer rituals that can be celebrated in the classroom, at home and at other times. Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC, and Chris Walker are well known for the music and ritual prayer celebrations for children they have written.

**Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC**

Sr. Paule Freeburg, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, is the Western Region Spiritual Advisor for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, based in Mountain View, Calif. She has an extensive background in religious education for both children and adults. For the past 25 years, Sr. Freeburg and Chris Walker have written and published biblical material for children, and she has written song and prayer texts for many well-known collections of children’s music.

**Christopher Walker**

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, speaker on liturgical music and choral conductor. He served as Director of Music for the Clifton Cathedral in the United Kingdom for 18 years, and now is Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. A conductor of choirs and orchestras in England and the United States, Walker travels the globe giving workshops and lectures on church music and liturgy, choral and cantor techniques and children’s spirituality.

3-10 YOU HAVE PUT ON CHRIST: CULTIVATING A BAPTISMAL SPIRITUALITY 🗨️

This workshop will focus on the beginning – the moment of our baptism into Christ Jesus. Too often we settle into a kind of ritual stupor and forget the power that claimed us when we were baptized. What does it mean to have been baptized into Christ? Discover ways to cultivate a baptismal spirituality in the parish so that the parish, our relationships, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and catechetical ministries and our ways of thinking and acting can be transformed again and again!

**Dr. Jerry Galipeau**

Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Vice President and Chief Publishing Officer at World Library Publications, based in Franklin Park, Ill. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has authored numerous publications and has presented keynotes and workshops throughout the United States and Canada. He blogs regularly for those interested in liturgy, music and initiation.

3-11 NO EXEMPTIONS: SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Church ministry can be a rewarding experience. To follow Christ Jesus by serving one another is a gift. The sharing of our knowledge and experience with others is a call from God. However, we must be ever mindful that this great gift may lie next to a great weakness. (The desire to lead others to Christ may sit next to a desire to wield over others.) We must remember that the call to discipleship is a call to service. There are no exemptions from being a “servant of God.” This workshop is an exploration of the meaning and purpose of ministry, service and leadership in the Church. It offers specific insights for ministry formation and development.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer. She has served on the administration and philosophy faculties at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; on the theology faculty at Regis College in Weston, Mass.; and as a diocesan director in Boston, Washington, D.C., Oakland, Calif., and Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Gordon was invited by the Vatican to respond to Pope John Paul II’s Encyclical on Women, and the first woman to deliver the Baccalaureate Address at Boston University.

3-12 FEEDING THE HUNGERS: THE HOPES FOR YOUTH CATECHESIS AND THEOLOGY

Teaching theology in Catholic high schools and adolescent catechesis in parishes presents unique challenges in our postmodern world, but also great opportunities. The key to effective education-in-faith with this age group is to actively engage the deep hungers and thirsts of their lives, responding out of the surplus of good food (Matt. 14:20) and the fresh waters (John 4:10) of Catholic Christian faith.



Dr. Thomas Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College, where he is also Chair of the Department of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. The award-winning author has written or edited 10 books and numerous articles and essays. For the past 35 years Dr. Groome has lectured all over the world, presenting thousands of workshops and seminars, and has presented at all the major North American conferences for religious educators and pastoral ministers.

3-13 WE DON’T SING AT THE LITURGY – WE SING THE LITURGY!

Imagine your favorite movie musical – but with no music! The same is true for any liturgical celebration, especially the Eucharist. Music is integral to liturgy, intrinsic to the ritual action and critical to free the gathered assembly to pray and celebrate. We need to clarify the theology and intent of the various ritual units of the Mass, and discover where music can help to amplify and lift up these moments of prayer and praise. Come ready to sing and learn, identify important resources for catechesis, and prepare a strategy for how music will not be “inspiring entertainment,” but a platform for believers to express their faith and deepen their “being sent” on mission.



David Haas

David Haas is a member of the Campus Ministry team at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn., where he is also founder and Executive Director of “Music and Ministry Alive!” – an international liturgical music formation program for high school and college age youth. Nominated for a Grammy Award in 1991, Haas has been active as a concert performer and recording artist for over 30 years. He has composed over 50 original collections and recordings of liturgical music with GIA Publications, and has authored over 20 books.

3-14 BEHOLD-ING THE MYSTERY: HELPING YOUNG CATHOLICS APPRECIATE THE MASS

We have all experienced the yawns, the rolling of eyes and the whining of souls when it comes to holy Mass ... and that’s often just from the adults. So how do we pass along the mysterious beauty of the liturgy to the young church? How do we guide young souls into a deeper comprehension of God’s timeless Love flowing out of the sanctuary? Mark Hart will offer timely insights into the problem, and propose some practical solutions to help the Mass come to life in young lives.



Mark Hart

Mark Hart, based in Arizona, serves as Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. He is a best-selling and award-winning author and co-author of over a dozen books, including his latest, “Behold the Mystery,” and has created the popular young adult Scripture study, “T3.” Hart has traveled the globe speaking to millions and is a regular guest on several Catholic radio programs, including a weekly spot on SiriusXM radio.

3-15 “HEY, I KNOW! LET’S HAVE A WOMEN’S RETREAT!” (AND OTHER CRAZY THINGS WE SAY) WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND OR YOUR STAFF

So, you want to have a women’s ministry in the parish? But since the women are exhausted, spread too thin, working so hard at other matters in the parish and in life, it seems daunting, right? In this workshop, come pray, sing, learn and discuss what works effectively for women’s ministry on the parish and diocesan level. Sarah Hart has been deeply involved in women’s ministry as an itinerant minister for over 15 years. She’ll share stories with humor and honesty of her experiences in this vital area of adult catechesis. Be prepared for fun, song, prayer and possible spontaneous line dancing.



Sarah Hart

Sarah Hart of Nashville, Tenn., has been a singer, songwriter and keynote speaker for 20 years. Her parish missions and itinerant ministry have taken her all over the United States and abroad. Hart has performed for countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis in 2013. The Grammy-nominated songwriter’s pieces can be found in many hymnals and have been recorded by numerous artists. She has written several retreats for parish, women’s and adult catechesis, which she herself presents.

3-16 A NEW WAY TO BE CHURCH: RETHINKING PARISH LIFE FROM THE OUTSIDE IN

In his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”), Pope Francis encourages a renewal of the parish so that it is “completely mission-oriented.” What if parish was defined by the needs of the world? What if sacraments were refined by a vision of justice? What if the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and all formation was dedicated to the formation of great hearted people? What if Catholic schools and colleges were distinctive by the commitment of their students? This workshop will speak to a radically new vision for parish life and specific strategies about how to alter the parish orientation from self-focus to the Reign of God.

**Jack J. Jezreel**

Jack Jezreel spent six years in a Catholic Worker community before turning his attention to transformative education. He is the original author of “JustFaith” and now serves as President of Just-Faith Ministries, based in Louisville, Ky. For the past 12 years, he regularly gives about 40 presentations and workshops per year, including continuing education for priests, deacons and diocesan staff as well as parish, regional and national convenings. Jezreel was the Keynote speaker at the 2011 Los Angeles Congress.

3-17 ETERNAL IS HIS LOVE

In this workshop, Liam Lawton examines the ways that God communicates his extraordinary love for us especially when we least expect or when we struggle to finding meaning in difficult times. Woven through song are the stories of God’s hidden presence revealed in unexpected times and places.

**Liam Lawton**

Liam Lawton is a priest of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, where he serves as Director of Music. He has recorded 16 collections of music and his music has been translated into several languages. Fr. Lawton’s work and performances have brought him to stages in Europe and across the United States, from Carnegie Hall in New York to the Anaheim Arena. He has recorded a number of TV specials including two on PBS, and has written two books, “The Hope Prayer” and “Where God Hides.”

3-18 COMMUNICATING OUR FAITH: THE INTERSECTION OF FAITH AND MEDIA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Modern social communications, which is new and ever-evolving, presents unique challenges and opportunities for the Catholic media. Fr. Matthew Malone will examine the importance of mission and identity in crafting media strategies for the New Evangelization. He will also offer practical tips for shaping an ecclesial conversation that is effective, charitable and apostolic.

**Rev. Matthew Malone, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Matt Malone is the 14th Editor-in-Chief at America magazine, where he served as Associate Editor. In 2006, Fr. Malone received the Catholic Press Associate Award for essay writing and has been a special assistant and chief speechwriter to U.S. Representative Martin Meehan (D-MA). His writing has appeared in numerous national and international publications and his work and ideas have been featured in The New York Times and The Washington Post, among others.

3-19 VIRTUES FOR ADULT CHRISTIANS

Pope Francis has said that Christian morality cannot be reduced to a simple collection of moral rules. For there is another traditional approach to ethical living and conscience formation: the life of virtue. This workshop explores the approach of virtue ethics, considers the traditional moral virtues, and then investigates the contemporary virtues needed by adult moral believers facing today’s ethical challenges.

**Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD**

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is Professor of Moral Theology at Marquette University. He is a former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. The former Congress keynote has addressed most major Catholic social justice conferences in the country and is a consultant to many leadership groups nationally and internationally.

3-20 CREATE A FAMILY CULTURE OF SPIRITUALITY

Long after material inheritance evaporates, spiritual heirlooms continue to nurture the soul and shape the character of children throughout their lifetime. Parents who create a culture of Christian spirituality within their home provide lifelong spiritual treasure. This presentation will suggest “starter ideas” for cultivating a family spirituality that is flavored by the seasons in the liturgical year with an emphasis on Eucharistic devotion.

**Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM**

Dr. Patricia McCormack is an international formation-education consultant and Program Director for the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers in Philadelphia. She has over 30 years in both classroom and administration experience from elementary through college levels. Since 2001, Sr. McCormack’s full-time ministry includes diocesan conferences, religious education congresses, administrator retreats and parent presentations, and she has written hundreds of articles.

Admission to Congress includes six free lunchtime entertainment and two evening concerts throughout the weekend. Friday’s 2014 Hall B event had Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart and Jackie Francois.



3-21 “IT IS WHAT IT IS”: UNDERSTANDING, REACHING AND DISCIPLING APATHETIC, DISENGAGED AND RESISTANT YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Have you ever had a class, group or young person you secretly dreaded working with? Do you ever feel like you’re wasting your time, because you’re not getting through to teens? What if you could actually look forward to working with the toughest, most apathetic youth? You’ll discover the real reasons young people hit the snooze button in church, how to recognize different levels of human resistance and acquire a new set of tools you can begin using immediately to effectively reach youth and once again – or perhaps for the first time – enjoy working with hard to reach youth.



Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

For 20 years Roy Petitfils has ministered in parish, diocesan and school settings as a teacher, high school campus minister, administrator and school counselor. He now is a counselor in private practice. Petitfils has presented at numerous national and regional conferences, workshops and parish missions throughout the United States. He writes a syndicated monthly column, “Our Young Church,” and has written many articles and has published several books; his most recent is “What Teens Want You to Know (But Won’t Tell You).”

3-22 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TO YOUNG ADULTS

Bereavement ministry usually is extended to the most immediate survivor, but what about the bond between a young adult (those in their 20s and 30s) and a grandparent? Plus, many young adults are away from active participation. What is it like for them to attend a funeral? Can it be a moment of evangelization? Would a young adult grief support group ever work? Come to discuss issues and practices that offer a warm embrace.



Mary Prete

Mary Prete has a wealth of experience working with pastoral ministers. She has served as pastoral musician for the Office for Divine Worship in Chicago for many years, and was Vice President of Parish Services at J.S. Paluch. Prete has presented at many national conferences, including the National Association of Pastoral Musicians conference, the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Los Angeles Liturgical Conference.



Dr. Katherine F. DeVries

Dr. Kate DeVries is Director of Pastoral Ministries for St. Francis Xavier Church in LaGrange, Ill. Formerly, she co-directed the archdiocesan Young Adult Ministry Office in Chicago, and previously served as a special education teacher for high school and junior high students with severe behavioral disorders and learning disabilities. Dr. DeVries is co-author of “The Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry,” published by Orbis.

3-23 ANSWERING THE MOST FREQUENT GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY

Dale and Susan Recinella will begin by sharing their answers to the general questions most frequently directed to them about the death penalty and death row/execution ministry: “The two of you have spent many ‘execution weeks’ with the condemned and their families. What’s that like?” “You also minister in solitary confinement. How is death row similar and different from solitary confinement?” “Together, you’ve tried to raise awareness about criminalization of the mentally ill. What’s going on with that issue?” A significant portion of the time will be spent answering audience questions from the floor.



Dale S. Recinella, JD, MTS

Dale Recinella has served for 20 years as a spiritual counselor and Catholic Correctional Chaplain to the 400-plus men on Florida’s death row and 2,000 men in long-term solitary. He and his wife have ministered as a team during executions: he as spiritual advisor to the condemned, she as lay minister to the condemned’s family. Dale is a national and international speaker, appears frequently on Vatican Radio and on domestic and European radio, and is author of the forthcoming book, “When We Visit Jesus in Prison.”



Susan M. Recinella, PsyD

Dr. Susan Recinella served in volunteer ministry to families of the executed for 14 years, especially during the week of execution and on the final day. She has worked as a licensed clinical psychologist since 1991 in outpatient and inpatient settings. She serves as Clinical Psychologist and Director of Intern Training at the Florida State University Counseling Center in Tallahassee. Susan has worked as a Director of Training for the last 11 years in pre-doctoral programs and is an international/national speaker on ministering to the families of the executed.

3-24 POPE FRANCIS: A TWO-YEAR EVALUATION

In this workshop, we will take a look at what impact Pope Francis has had on the church and the world during his first two years in office. What can we expect from him in the coming years?



Rev. Thomas J. Reese, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Reese is a Senior Analyst at the National Catholic Reporter. From 2006-13 he was senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, and from 1998-2005 he was editor of America magazine. Fr. Reese is author or editor of five books, is often quoted in the press and frequently appears on television and radio discussing Catholic issues. Each year he gives numerous parish and university talks across the country.

3-25 THINK OUTSIDE OF THE PEW

It’s great when our young people are involved in the life of our church and ministries. Their spirit and energy are examples of the living Gospel. But what can we do to reach out to those who do not know the relevance of our faith? How can we respond effectively to their needs? This workshop will help you expand your ministry and



reach young people of many different walks of life. You will walk away with 10 strategies to implement right away. Watch as young people and families *want* to be involved. This approach may be easier than you think, and the resources you need can be found from teens themselves. Come ready to enjoy and be inspired. Plus, discover ways to include grandparents!



Anna Scally

Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media, has received the National Youth Ministry Performer, Artist and Author of the Year Award from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. Her most recent book is "Keys to Happiness," and she is a columnist for Cornerstone Media's Top Music Countdown and host of their audio show, "Burning Issues." Scally has made over 2,300 public presentations at youth rallies, training events, retreats and adult education days, as well as major conferences for religious educators throughout North America.

3-26 HAPPINESS, SUFFERING AND THE LOVE OF GOD 🎧

Three critical questions stand at the heart of our young people's faith decision: What will truly make me happy? Why would an all-loving God allow suffering? How can I transform suffering into happiness? Religious educators will recognize that these questions can severely inhibit faith – or help us grow in faith – depending on our perspective. Fr. Robert Spitzer will speak about some tested ways of dealing with these questions so that they will lead not to darkness but the light of Christ. He will also discuss his new trilogy: Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God.



Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD

Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Institute and the Spitzer Center, located in Irvine, Calif. He was President of Gonzaga University from 1998-2009, and has published five books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer presents over 90 lectures per year at universities and to corporate boards, priests conferences and other Catholic academic meetings in the United States, Canada, Europe and Hong Kong.

3-27 TEACHING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM IN A TYPICAL CLASSROOM – BEST PRACTICE METHODS AND STRATEGIES TO CONSIDER 🎧

Approximately 1 in every 66 births each day is a child with autism. Many of these children are entering Catholic schools for its strong teaching and safe and predictable structure. Deacon Lawrence Sutton, a clinical and school psychologist, will outline what autism is and is not, while providing best practice strategies and methods of identifying – particularly the more difficult to recognize higher functioning child – and working with these children in a typical classroom. He will review ways to help address and manage classroom meltdowns and hand stimming, and methods to routinely shape in and utilize desired replacement behaviors in a typical classroom.



Deacon Lawrence R. Sutton, PhD

Dr. Lawrence Sutton is a licensed psychologist and former Manager of the Western Region Office of Bureau of Autism in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is currently Director of the Pre-Theology Formation at St. Vincent Seminary in Pittsburgh, where he also teaches pastoral counseling. As a deacon in the Pittsburgh Diocese, he developed and conducts the sacramental preparation and religious education program for children/adolescents touched by autism.

3-70 Nhận ơn Chúa cho người Công Giáo Việt để biết mình là ai và cần làm gì

Tìm hiểu những nét đẹp của văn hóa Việt, những ân huệ thiêng liêng và những hoa trái phát sinh từ đó, đặc biệt trong đời sống các Anh Hùng Tử Đạo Việt Nam, để cảm tạ Chúa và cố gắng duy trì và phát triển chúng, cũng như cùng đóng góp cho Giáo Hội và xã hội.

RECOGNIZING GOD'S GRACES FOR VIETNAMESE CATHOLICS SO THAT WE MAY KNOW WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO

God has bestowed special graces on Vietnamese Catholics, as the Vietnamese martyrs have exemplified. We reflect on our cultural and spiritual graces, plus their fruits in our lives today, for us to know what to give thanks for, to preserve, and to develop for ourselves and our neighbors.



Rev. Giuse Nguyễn Việt Hưng, ICM

LM Giuse Nguyễn Việt Hưng thụ phong linh mục năm 1969 tại Việt Nam, dậy Chủng viện Thánh Lê Văn Phụng thuộc giáo phận Long Xuyên, và làm cha sở giáo xứ Thánh Anton Padua & Lê Văn Phụng tại Baton Rouge. Hiện nay Ngài là chủ tịch Ủy ban Giáo Lý Việt Nam tại Hoa Kỳ, đồng thời là Tổng Phụ Trách Tu Hội Nhập Thể Tận Hiến Truyền Giáo.

Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen, ICM

Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen was ordained in 1969, taught at St. Le-van-Phung Seminary in Vietnam, and was Pastor at St Anthony of Padua & Le Van Phung Parish in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is Chair of the Vietnamese Catechetical Committee in the USA and Superior General of the religious congregation Incarnatio Consecratio Missio (ICM).



Prof. Lê Xuân Hy, PhD

Tiến sĩ Lê X. Hy dậy tâm lý và thần học mục vụ, và làm giám đốc chương trình Công Giáo Học cũng như Viện Phát Triển Nhân Cách tại Seattle University. Chương trình Chuyên Viên Fulbright Cao Cấp gửi ông qua phục vụ bên Đất Thánh.

Prof. Le Xuan Hy, PhD

Prof. Lê Xuân Hy teaches psychology and pastoral theology, directs the Catholic Studies Program, heads the Institute for Human Development, and holds the Rev. Louis Gaffney SJ Endowed Chair at Seattle University. He served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist to Israel.



4-01 THE WRITE WAY! USING CREATIVE WRITING AS A WAY TO ACCESS PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera (bio 1-01)

The written word has a powerful effect on an author and his or her readers. The hands of a writer are the instruments God uses to convey humor, compassion and joy. In this workshop, we'll explore writing as a way to have an intimate conversation with God. Whether writing for an audience or just writing for oneself, learn more about writing as a form of prayer. Clarissa Aljentera will use storytelling, rap and Scripture to convey her message. No writing experience is necessary!

4-02 WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: THEN AND NOW

This session will examine stories of women in the Old Testament in order to uncover their importance in the religious tradition of ancient Israel and how they might inspire women today.



Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dr. Dianne Bergant, a member of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, is a Distinguished Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She was President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and for more than 20 years was the Old Testament book reviewer of The Bible Today. Sr. Bergant wrote the weekly column, The Word, for America magazine from 2002-05. She is now on the editorial board of Biblical Theology.

4-03 MANY SPOKES, ONE CENTER

This session is designed to help all the ministries of the church point in a single direction. It examines reasons why all ministries must have a clear understanding how each ministry is related to one another, since collectively, all are related to Christ. We will also examine some of the "turf wars" that often undermine the work of the parish and look at ways to avoid these conflicts. Grayson Warren Brown will make a strong case for "ministry days" or special ministerial retreats, in which all ministers gather to pray together as well as reflect upon their mission.



Grayson Warren Brown

Grayson Warren Brown is an internationally known author, speaker, liturgical composer and recording artist/clinician for Oregon Catholic Press. His latest collection is titled "Now That the Morning Has Broken the Darkness." Brown began his liturgical ministry in the late-1960s in a small inner-city parish in New York and has many years of experience working in a multicultural setting. He now spends his time writing, composing and travelling worldwide, giving workshops and conducting parish missions.

4-04 AT THE HEART OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS: POPE FRANCIS AND THE TENDERNESS OF GOD

In "The Joy of the Gospel," Pope Francis takes a fresh look at the heart of Christian ethics. This workshop will examine the central points of the document to understand their significance for our contemporary context. In particular, how does our understanding of Christian ethics relate to our image of God? And how can the church express more faithfully such an image in its commitment to evangelization, the recognition of the centrality of the poor, the concern for the common good? We are "summoned to the revolution of tenderness" (n. 88). How do we articulate such a demand in the pastoral praxis of our communities?



Roberto Dell'Oro, PhD

Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro is Director of the Bioethics Institute and Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He teaches in the areas of bioethics, fundamental moral theology and ethical theories. Dr. Dell'Oro has written three books, translated two from German and is working on a fourth. He is published in national and international journals including Theological Studies, Health Progress and Medicine, and Health Care and Philosophy.

4-05 SEVEN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS THAT YOU WERE ALWAYS AFRAID TO ASK

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni (bio 2-08)

This session will offer insightful thoughts about the central experience of Catholicism and our understanding of the sacraments. We will focus on the probing question that we are sometimes afraid to ask: Can you ever know God without ever sharing in a sacrament?

4-06 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION – ONE PERSON AT A TIME

Dr. Thomas Groome (bio 3-12)

The New Evangelization reminds Christians that by baptism we are all responsible to share our faith with others. Most of the opportunities we have to evangelize, however, are in informal contexts, often on a one-to-one basis. But how can we move our evangelization beyond classrooms and pulpits into the public square of our lives. How can we evangelize and not appear to proselytize? How can we share our faith "with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:16), one person at a time?

4-07 GOD IS EVERYWHERE! A CELEBRATION OF SUNG PRAYER, UNITY, INCLUSION & MISSION

David Haas (bio 3-13)

Come on Church! Be a part of a musical celebration where we embrace the gift that God is "with" and "in" all of us! David Haas will be joined by Fr. Ray East, Joe Camacho, Anna Betancourt, Jesse Manibusan and other young saints and elders, so that through music, dance, proclamation, stories and a renewed pledge to serve, we commit ourselves to love all, include all, welcome all and celebrate all – to be a blessing, centered in Christ!

4-08 LAUGHING MATTERS: RECLAIMING & SHARING OUR CATHOLIC JOY 🗣️

Mark Hart (bio 3-14)

The shortest distance between two souls is laughter. So why is joy so often the first thing to go when life gets busy or when ministry gets stressful? Why are we so easily overcome with the stresses and struggles of life and work, health or economy? What is the “secret” to keeping our joy amid the storms of life? Come laugh and learn with Mark Hart as he shares the wisdom of Scripture and the saints on how we not only recapture our joy, but protect it and share it with all God puts in our path.

4-09 FIND YOUR SANCTUARY – CREATING PLACES OF REST, RENEWAL AND REFUGE 🗣️ ARENA

Rev. Terry Hershey (bio 1-11)

Everyone has a sanctuary. It is a place where you do not owe anyone and where no one owes you. We are wired to need grounding and renewal and less hurry. And yet, we make choices – with our time and with our days – that are detrimental to our emotional and spiritual well-being. In sanctuary we let this life in. In sanctuary we can be wholehearted. We make space to see and to be seen. We make space to welcome, to offer comfort and hope in a world of disruption and misgiving. We make space for God’s invitation to dance. Accept this invitation to begin a journey, to find – to embrace your sanctuary places – and to visit them often. You will be glad you did.

4-10 INCARNATION ANYWAY: THE CHRISTOLOGY OF ST. FRANCIS AND THOMAS MERTON 🗣️

Why did God become human? The typical answer – “Because of human sin” – suggests the Word would not have become flesh if humanity had not sinned. However, a closer look at Scripture, the theological tradition and the insights of key Christian thinkers, such as Thomas Merton and St. Francis of Assisi, offer an alternative, yet entirely orthodox, answer to this question: It was God’s plan from all eternity to become human regardless of human sin. This workshop explores the theology of the Incarnation drawing on the wisdom of Merton, St. Francis and others, to renew our personal and pastoral understanding of Christology.

**Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM**

Franciscan friar Fr. Daniel Horan is a columnist at America magazine and author of several books, most recently, “The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton” and “The Last Words of Jesus,” as well as numerous academic and popular articles. Fr. Horan taught religious studies at Siena College in Albany, N.Y., and theology at both Boston College in Massachusetts and at St. Bonaventure University in New York. He has lectured across North America and Europe.

4-11 SEE ANEW: THE JOY OF JUST LIVING 🗣️

Bill Huebsch (bio 1-12)

Pope Francis’ “The Joy of the Gospel” (his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*) is bold and thrilling. By it we are all called to live more simply, sustainably and in greater solidarity with the poor. This is our call to really “see” Jesus more clearly and live by that insight. How can we shift our gaze from our own needs and wants – to those of the poor, our neighbors and the earth itself?

4-12 CONFIRMATION: WINNING YOUNG HEARTS FOR JESUS AND HIS CHURCH

Matthew Kelly (bio 1-13)

In 2014, The Dynamic Catholic Institute released its new confirmation program entitled, “Decision Point,” based on 72 short films, and accompanied by an engaging student workbook, a leader guide, a mobile application and incredible online resources. But the program itself was the results of five years of research, development and testing. In this presentation, Matthew Kelly will tell the untold story of what he and his team discovered throughout this process. What they learned will change the way you approach ministry forever.

4-13 UM, GOD, WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU? 🗣️

Fr. Joseph G. Kempf (bio 2-14)

What if the least likely places to meet God are actually where God is to be found? Can we learn – in the daily challenges and messes of life – to be surprised again by Love? How can we be opened to see the presence of God where we least expect? Are there ways to teach our children to do so? In his own moving and creative ways, Fr. Joe Kempf will help open our eyes to the wonders of a surprising God – there for those who see – in all the least likely places.

4-14 FROM NOAH TO PHILOMENA: RELIGION AT THE MOVIES

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (bio 1-14)

In the past few years a number of films featuring religious stories have been released. Many of these films have been popular with our students and parishioners. Biblical epics, child sexual abuse, demonic possession, evil and the stories of Mary and Jesus have all made it to the silver screen. Are there themes emerging to which we should pay attention, and what might be the Church’s response?

4-15 SACRED MUSIC FOR LITURGY AND CATECHESIS

Catechesi Tradendae (nos. 67 and 68), Pope John Paul II's 1979 Apostolic Exhortation, states, "[T]he parish community must continue to be the prime mover and pre-eminent place for catechesis." This "pre-eminent place for catechesis" reminds us that the liturgy should be the source and summit of our faith lives. Music plays a unique role in this dual experience that feeds the needs of both liturgy and faith formation. Explore music in a variety of styles and forms that was created intentionally for liturgy and catechesis.



Tom Kendzia

Tom Kendzia, the well-known composer, arranger, producer, teacher, clinician, author and performer, has been a professional liturgical musician for more than 30 years. He is currently Music and Liturgy Consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers and Music Director at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. Since 1980, Kendzia has appeared at national and diocesan gatherings throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. He has 15 collections of liturgical and instrumental music.



Santiago Fernandez

Santiago Fernandez has been active in parish ministry for the past 25 years and is currently Music Minister at the Church of the Holy Family in Novi, Mich. He is also a clinician and composer for Oregon Catholic Press. Fernandez has spoken and performed at diocesan, regional and national conferences for the last eight years. He has been a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Advisory Council and music director for the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry.

4-16 WALKING TALL WITH OUR IMMIGRANT BROTHERS AND SISTERS

This workshop will trace the biblical, historical and national aspects of immigrants and immigration policy. The plight of today's unauthorized immigrants living in our midst is deplorable – an ethical and moral issue that cries out for the love and compassion of Jesus Christ and his disciples. All Catholics involved in any Church ministry need to know the truth about immigration policy and reform efforts. Sadly, too much of the public discussion of this issue is false and anti-immigrant.



Cardinal Roger M. Mahony

Cardinal Roger Mahony led the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1985 until his retirement in 2011. Born in Hollywood, he was the first native Angeleno to be elevated to the position of Cardinal. Cardinal Mahony oversaw the design and building of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, and since his retirement, he has devoted himself exclusively to the cause of comprehensive immigration reform on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters. Recently, Cardinal Mahony celebrated his golden jubilee (50 years) as a member of the priesthood.

4-17 TAKING THE NEXT STEP: DISCIPLESHIP AS PROCESS

Fr. James Mallon (bio 2-18)

The Great Commission (Matt. 28) instructs the Church to make disciples. How do we make disciples, and what does discipleship look like? Drawing from the 2007 "Aparecida Document" (the Latin American bishops' report shaped by Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio and *Evangelii Gaudium*), this workshop will look at discipleship as one aspect of the process of making, what Pope Francis calls, "missionary disciples." We will explore this context of discipleship and, in turn, how discipleship is the context for catechesis. Finally, we will explore models of discipleship that can be utilized in parishes and what can be done to create a culture of discipleship in our parishes.

4-18 YOUTH AT RISK: RESPONDING TO CRISIS

It's easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless when our young people are hurting and in crisis. During this session, we will describe crisis signs and causes among young people, identify distress signals and consider possible responses to youth in crisis. We will also look at the three "R's": recognition, response, and referral skills.



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Dr. Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. McCarty also provides training in ministry skills and issues internationally. He serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical programs at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md., and his hobbies include cycling, rock climbing and grandparenting!

4-19 IS THERE AN APP FOR THAT? BEST PRACTICES FOR INTEGRATING SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES INTO FAITH FORMATION

How can social media and other digital technologies be used in faith formation? Are you tired of working harder not smarter when it comes to ministry and technology? This workshop will answer these questions and explore free or inexpensive Internet-based technologies that will help you integrate technology into your work as a ministry leader.



Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD

Originally from Lake Charles, La., Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale is President of Ministry Training Source, based in Metairie, La., Her professional career in Catholic youth ministry and lay ecclesial ministry has spanned four decades serving in parish, school, diocesan and university ministry settings. Dr. McCorquodale serves as an international educator, researcher and consultant in the fields of lay ecclesial ministry, certification standards and processes, youth ministry and e-learning.

4-20 HISPANIC MINISTRY IN CATHOLIC PARISHES: INSIGHTS FROM A NATIONAL STUDY ☺

About a full quarter of all Catholic parishes in the United States directly serve Spanish-speaking Catholics and their families. This is part of a growing trend transforming the Catholic experience in the country. After three years of research on these communities (2011-2014), the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry is yielding its initial results. In this session, we will look at important statistics, trends, questions, transitions and strategies to better plan ministry and catechesis with Hispanic Catholics locally, regionally and nationally.

**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

Dr. Hosffman Ospino served as the principal investigator for the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry. He is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, where he is also Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. Dr. Ospino has presented in Europe, Latin America and the United States, and he has numerous published articles. He is currently working on a book on multicultural congregations as well as one on parishes with Hispanic ministries.

4-21 JESUS AS FOOTWASHER & THE LEADERSHIP OF POPE FRANCIS ☺

Sr. Barbara Reid will offer reflections on how Jesus, in the Gospel of John, exemplifies in the washing of his disciples' feet what it is to be a disciple and leader who is willing to lay down his life for his friends out of love. In addition, she will show how Pope Francis embodies this in his leadership and invites us to do likewise.

**Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD**

Sr. Barbara Reid, a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., is Vice President and Academic Dean at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she has taught as Professor of New Testament Studies since 1988. Her numerous speaking engagements take her annually throughout Ireland, New Zealand, Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, Canada and the United States. Sr. Reid is author of a three-volume set entitled, "Abiding Word: Sunday Reflections for Year A, B, C."

4-22 SEEING WITH THE EYES OF THE SOUL: THE CHALLENGE TO CURE OUR BLINDNESS ☺**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (bio 1-22)**

We are meant to see with the eyes of the soul, that is, to see with understanding. When the Beloved Disciple came to the tomb on Easter morning, he looked into the tomb and, we are told, he saw and he understood. We can look without seeing and we can see without understanding. What are the real cataracts blurring our vision? What specific challenges from Jesus are meant to cure our blindness, to see with understanding?

4-23 WHO AM I TO JUDGE? ☺

In this session, our gathered panelists will inform and invite us to reflect on the impact that the death penalty has on us as people of faith and as a society. The panel will be moderated by Chaplain Javier Stauring and will include Fr. Greg Boyle, who will share the Church's position from his experience in gang rehabilitation; Dionne Wilson, whose husband was murdered and now speaks out against the death penalty; and actor Mike Farrell, who will address the efforts in California to end executions.

**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."

**Mike Farrell**

*Mike Farrell, an activist best-known for his portrayal of Army Capt. B.J. Hunnicutt in the TV series "M*A*S*H," is President of Death Penalty Focus. As a host and narrator of documentaries, He has talked about alcoholism, caring for the environment, children of divorce and the death penalty. Farrell also served on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and is the former Co-Chair of the California Committee of Human Rights Watch.*

**Javier Stauring**

Javier Stauring is Co-Director of the Office of Restorative Justice for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Since 1996, he has overseen the largest Catholic detention ministry program in the nation. Stauring supervises programs at all juvenile halls and probation camps in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. He also oversees three other restorative justice programs: Ministry to Victims of Crime, Ministry to Families of the Incarcerated, and Ministry to the Formerly Incarcerated.

**Dionne Wilson**

In 2005, Dionne Wilson's husband, a police officer in San Leandro, Calif., was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call. Raising two young children and stricken with grief, she struggled in the months that followed. Though her husband's shooter was caught, true solace only came when Wilson began helping other victims heal and promoting smarter justice policies. She has been interviewed by newspapers, TV and radio and has been a guest speaker at many anti-violence conferences.

4-24 STORIES OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM ☺

In the spiritual traditions of the world, storytelling has always been placed in the service of spiritual development. From earliest times, spiritual teachers have crafted stories to introduce people into the subtle dynamics of the spiritual life. Although the stories are historically conditioned and rife with the assumptions and conflicts of the times, they are still able to express and communicate spiritual wisdom. We will tell select stories from diverse spiritual traditions and develop their wisdom.



John Shea

John Shea is a Senior Fellow at the Ministry Leadership Center in Chicago, which creates ministerial formation programming for the senior leadership of five Catholic healthcare systems. He has published 25 books of theology and spirituality, two books of poetry, three works of fiction and over 60 articles. In addition to his work in faith-based health care, Shea is a theologian and storyteller who lectures nationally and internationally on storytelling in world religions and the spirit-at-work movement.

4-25 THE FIVE THINGS EVERY PARENT NEEDS FROM THE CHURCH ☪

Never underestimate the empowering nature of support when we attempt to partner with parents to help them “bring home the faith.” In fact, support is just one of the five things that every parent needs to hear and experience from the church. Come find out what the other four are and how focusing on these five elements will not only transform your faith-formation practices, but will serve to renew both the domestic and the universal churches to which you minister.



Michael Theisen

Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and faith formation for 30 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. His experience as a speaker, trainer and ministry leader reaches from parish to diocesan and national levels. Theisen, based in Rochester, N.Y., serves as Director of Training and Formation for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C. and also helps coordinate two national initiatives: Strong Catholic Families and the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis.

4-26 SEE THE BEAUTY & DANCE A SONG OF PRAISE ☪

Through the use of sacred dance, our human artistry manages to underscore the living beauty of the Word of God made flesh. Come and respond to his invitation to the dance – embrace the beauty of sacred movement. See God’s beauty in ourselves and dance his praise. This interactive workshop will be led by John West, Artistic Director of the Valyermo Dancers. All levels of experience are welcome.



John West, Obl OSB, MEd, MA

John West, an oblate of St. Andrew’s Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., is a sacred and liturgical dance workshop leader and clinician. He also serves as an Educational Consultant for independent schools and schools for the gifted. A member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, West has been an international and national workshop leader and lecturer. His experience with the Religious Education Congress began in 1970, and has served on the Congress Liturgy Committee since 1991.

4-27 COMMUNICATING FOR CHANGE

Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran (bios 1-27)

Words have power, and the Word of God has even greater power. Each week pastors, priests, deacons and youth ministers bring God’s Word and his power to audiences. In this session, we will share key strategies for making homilies and spoken communication most impacting.

4-28 UNDERSTANDING & STRENGTHENING SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE

The simple care of a hopeful heart is an essential undertaking – not only for ourselves but also for those who count on us. Spiritual resilience is not simply bouncing back from adversity; it is much, much more. It is a deepening of our relationship with God and our understanding of ourselves as a result of adversity. In this session, author and mentor Dr. Robert Wicks will address the topics of doubt, cynicism and faith, the three essential calls, the hidden enemies of a healthy spiritual perspective, and *refreshing your soul*.



Dr. Robert J. Wicks

Dr. Robert Wicks is on the faculty of Loyola University Maryland. The psychologist, speaker and author has taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology and social work. Dr. Wicks has published over 50 books, and has received the first Excellence in Professional Psychology from Widener University. In 1996 he was awarded a Papal Medal from Pope John Paul II for service to the Church.

4-70 Hiểu biết về Hôn Nhân và Tiêu Hôn ☪

Mục đích chính của chủ đề hôm nay hướng dẫn chúng ta về ý nghĩa của hôn nhân và kết quả khi người Việt Nam xin tiêu hôn trong Giáo Phận Orange. Người đệ đơn và người hồi đơn phải làm gì và văn phòng Tòa Án hôn phối sẽ hướng dẫn thế nào họ làm thủ tục tiêu hôn?

AN UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE AND MARRIAGE NULLITY ☪

This session will focus on the meaning of marriage and on issues when a Vietnamese is applying for marriage nullity in the Diocese of Orange: What should the petitioner and respondent do, and how can the Tribunal assist them in the process of applying for a marriage nullity?



Rev. Việt Peter Hồ

Cha Việt Peter Hồ được thụ phong linh mục cho Giáo Phận Orange vào năm 2000. Ngài hoàn tất chương trình giáo luật tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Gregoriana tại Roma vào năm 2008. Ngài đã từng phục vụ cho các giáo xứ đa dạng văn hóa. Hiện tại ngài là Phụ Tá Tư Pháp và Giám Đốc cho Tòa Án Hôn Phối cho Giáo Phận Orange.

Rev. Viet Peter Ho

Fr. Viet Peter Ho was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Orange, Calif., in 2000. He completed his canon law studies at the Gregorian Pontifical University in Rome. He has served in several multicultural parishes, and currently serves as Director for the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Orange.

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

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

**John L. Allen, Jr.**

John Allen is Associate Editor at The Boston Globe, specialized in coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. He also serves as senior Vatican analyst for CNN, and for 16 years was a correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter. Allen is author of nine books and is also a popular speaker on Catholic affairs both in the United States and internationally.

5-02 CONNECTING MOVEMENT TO THE WORD 🗣️

This session will be an intermediate/advanced class in the art of dance in liturgy with a focus on choosing choreography that connects to the prayer. Learn how to prepare for and execute dances that tell a story or convey a powerful message – dancing “from the inside – out!” Participants will also have the opportunity to work in small groups to create their own special pieces. Wear clothing that will allow you to move!

**Donna Anderle**

Donna Anderle, an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer, is a nationally known liturgical dancer. She is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet and Ballet Theatre Midwest and is involved in Cincy Dance, an outreach program for Cincinnati inner-city schools. Anderle gives workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concert and has choreographed for major conferences across the country. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video with Oregon Catholic Press.

5-03 HOW PROPHETS AND MYSTICS “SEE” 🗣️

This session is a basic introduction to the social justice teachings of the Church and a reflection on how to live them in our border/global communities. Prophets and mystics see the fulfillment of hope unfolding in our engagement and solidarity with the poor.

**Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas**

Missionary and author, Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas is a native of the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, where he serves as Pastor of San Marcos Parish and Administrator of San Juan Bautista Parish. In 1989, he co-founded the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States. Msgr. Bañuelas was also founding Director of the Tepeyac Institute, one of the largest diocesan ministry formation centers in the United States. He serves as a member of various boards and commissions and presents at conferences in dioceses across the country.

5-04 SINGING THE SONG WITHOUT THE WORDS: HOPE, HUMILITY AND MINISTRY TO FOLKS ON THE MARGINS 🗣️

This session will look at the power of hope, universal kinship and unconditional love as a means to fight despair and decrease marginalization. Through stories and parables, attendees will be reminded that no life is less valuable than another.

**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 in 1984, and was transformed by his work in Bolivia, Mexico and Folsom State Prison in California with those who “live at the margins.” It was 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.”

5-05 IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH: HOW THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS CONFRONTING HIV AND AIDS AROUND THE WORLD 🗣️

For more than 70 years, the Catholic community in the United States has sought to live out two primary Gospel imperatives – to comfort the afflicted, and to share the Good News to the ends of the earth. Since the 1980s, the Catholic Church along with others of good will have been at the forefront of the global HIV pandemic. Join Catholic Relief Services’ Michele Broemmelsiek as she recounts the story of how the Catholic community in the United States has remained at the side of those we serve – in times of sickness and in times of health.

**Michele F. Broemmelsiek**

Based in Baltimore, Michele Broemmelsiek is a seasoned international development specialist with over 19 years of experience managing teams in resource-poor settings. Since 1995, Broemmelsiek has served in various capacities with CRS, including the Global Chief of Party of the AIDS Relief consortium, which provides care and treatment to over 700,000 people living with HIV in 10 countries in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. She currently serves as Vice President for Overseas Operations supporting the agency’s operations across the globe.

5-06 YES, LORD, I BELIEVE! SINGING OUR FAITH WITH CHILDREN 🗣️

John Burland (bio 2-04)

How can we use music and simple gesture to pass on the riches of our Catholic faith tradition? In this workshop, Australian educator and composer John Burland will model a variety of engaging learning activities that will energize faith formation across a range of catechetical themes. Using song as the foundation for these activities, Burland will demonstrate how the use of music can assist in deepening children’s understanding of Scripture, doctrine and sacraments. This workshop will keep you singing and moving as we celebrate our Catholic faith and proudly proclaim – Yes, Lord, I believe!

5-07 THE OLD GRAVEL ROAD: STORYTELLING AND SONG FROM THE HEARTLAND ARENA

Telling our stories is a healing practice. And when we heal ourselves, we have the potential to restore one another. Jeanne Cotter, known for her vivid musical storytelling, along with her uncle Michael Cotter, a Minnesota farmer and national award-winning storyteller, invite you to experience the value of your own life, through song, musical prayer and the mirror of storytelling. Joined by Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso and Betsey Beckman, this event will leave you transformed, ready to share your own story and be wholly present to another's. This is where healing begins.



Jeanne Cotter

Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, parish mission director and active singer-songwriter. For over a decade she has performed her original piano works and songs throughout the United States and Canada. Jeanne shares her heartwarming and humorous stories of growing up in an Irish Catholic family in southern Minnesota and what she calls "the authority of experience." Her latest work, "The Old Gravel Road," is due in 2015.



Michael Cotter

National award-winning storyteller Michael Cotter (and uncle to Jeanne Cotter) has performed throughout the United States, including the Smithsonian Folk Festival, National Storytelling Festival, television and radio broadcasts, schools, retreats, fairs and festivals. Michael starred in a healing stories film used by the Mayo Clinic. At 83, he still spends his days farming outside of Austin, Minn.



Liam Lawton

Liam Lawton is a priest of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, where he serves as Director of Music. He has recorded 15 collections of music and has written two books; his most recent is "Where God Hides." Fr. Lawton's music has been translated into many languages and he has recorded two PBS specials. He has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States and regularly presents at the L.A. Congress.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso's contemporary liturgical music appears in numerous compilations and hymnals, and he has presented at liturgy, music and theology conferences throughout the world. Alonso is currently a doctoral candidate in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta. Formerly, he served as Director of Music for Campus Ministry at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.



Betsey Beckman

Based in Seattle, Betsey Beckman is a liturgical movement artist, storyteller, spiritual director, author and InterPlay leader. She regularly appears as artist/presenter at national conventions, online retreats and international pilgrimages. Beckman is Director of Movement Ministry at St. Patrick Church in Seattle and Director of The Dancing Word, her company that produces DVDs celebrating women's arts and spirituality.

5-08 TEACHING FOR DISCIPLESHIP: THE CALL, THE CHALLENGE, THE DIFFERENCE 🔊

Michael Carotta (bio 2-05)

What is the Church asking us to do regarding faith formation? How is that call different than what we've done in the past? What skills are needed? We will share background, techniques and examples related to Teaching for Discipleship (T4D) with children, youth and/or adults.

5-09 YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY, STEP BY STEP 🔊

Today's Catholic young adults (20s and 30s, married and single) are not as present or active in our parishes and organizations as previous generations were at their age. Kate DeVries will present a method for changing that. Come to learn practical strategies and suggestions for effective outreach, invitation and programming, with the goal of integrating young adults into greater participation in our parishes and organizations. Whether you are a young adult, minister or someone interested in possibilities, come join us to explore what can be.



Dr. Katherine F. DeVries

Dr. Kate DeVries is Director of Pastoral Ministries for St. Francis Xavier Church in LaGrange, Ill. She formerly co-directed the archdiocesan Young Adult Ministry Office in Chicago, and previously served as a special education teacher for high school and junior high students with severe behavioral disorders and learning disabilities. Dr. DeVries is co-author of "The Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry," published by Orbis.

5-10 BULLYING PREVENTION: CATHOLIC IS EVIDENCE-BASED! 🔊

Frank A. DiLallo (bio 1-05)

Bullying is viewed as the abhorrent social norm, and the world seems to be frantically searching for answers to solve this growing epidemic. Why are so many acting as if answers don't exist? All the answers and evidence in preventing and responding to bullying have been readily available for over 2,000 years. The Gospel is the best bullying prevention manual ever written! Jesus walked this earth to teach us how to love, serve and obey. Keep the faith, the evidence is that Catholic is bullying prevention. This workshop will focus on connecting Scripture and practical youth and parent strategies to create and maintain a Christ-centered Catholic parish community.

5-11 HOW TO BREAK THE CHAINS OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES 🔊

Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS (bio 3-08)

We know that slavery still exists, even in the United States. But how do we stop it? Survivor, activist and licensed social worker Theresa Flores will discuss many ways that students, teachers, ministers and parents can combat this growing evil – from simple hands-on activities, prayer and letter writing, to actively participating in being the change.

5-12 NEW TESTAMENT EUCHARISTIC PRACTICE: AN UNEXPLORED RESOURCE

Fr. Edward Foley will focus on the Gospel parables as the foundation for contemporary Eucharistic practice. Reflections upon Jesus' table ministry, multiplication stories and post-resurrectional meals will prepare for a consideration of the Last Supper accounts. The provocative and disruptive nature of Jesus' table practice will allow a fresh reading of the institution texts, and a richer understanding of what it means when Jesus proclaimed the bread to be his Body and the wine to be his Blood.

**Edward Foley, OFM Cap**

Fr. Edward Foley is the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality, and Professor of Liturgy and Music at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he was founding Director of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program. A member of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, Fr. Foley is an award-winning author with 21 books in print. He is Past-President of the North American Academy of Liturgy and has lectured in over 60 dioceses throughout the United States, Canada, and beyond., India, Europe, Korea, the Philippines and Australia.

5-13 FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME: TOWARD A THEOLOGY OF SPORTS**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (bio 1-09)**

It is easy to criticize the many problematic features of modern athletics: the money, the violence, the glorification of the ego, the unhealthy competition. We should not ignore these difficulties, yet this workshop will explore ways in which Christians can also find a firm theological foundation for understanding sports as a graced feature of the human condition.

5-14 DISCIPLESHIP AND WOMEN

If men are the "negative stereotypes of discipleship" and women are the positive models, why are women overlooked? Only one woman in the New Testament is explicitly named "disciple." Even St. Luke does not give women that designation. In this session, we will look at the faithful discipleship of women, and focus on two examples for a deeper examination, not only in order to see women's testimony, but also as a way more men might discover that there is much to be learned.

**Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp**

Fr. Anthony Gittins, a religious missionary (a Spiritan, of the Holy Ghost Community) originally from Manchester, England, is Professor Emeritus of Theology and Culture and Bishop Ford Professor Emeritus of Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He spent most of the 1970s in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and since then has taught graduate theology in London and Chicago. Author of nearly a dozen books, Fr. Gittins is also heavily involved in presenting workshops and retreat work.

5-15 MAKING DISCIPLES ... BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING

There is a big difference between being a believer and being a disciple. Here in lies the key to the New Evangelization. Is Pope Francis calling us to break through the glass ceiling in the First World? "The Joy of the Gospel" (his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*), will be a foundational document used to explore the cost of discipleship and its implications for all those in ministry.

**Rev. John E. Hurley, CSP, DMin**

Paulist priest Fr. John Hurley's evangelization ministry began in Portland as founder of the Paulist Center for Catholic Evangelization in 1979. He later served in roles as Executive Director for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Evangelization, and for the Baltimore Archdiocese's Department of Evangelization. Fr. Hurley is currently Consultant for New Evangelization Strategies and is based at Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, where he once served as pastor.

5-16 MORE MOTHERS, MYSTICS, MARTYRS AND MODELS OF FAITH

In their joint session, "Mothers, Mystics, Martyrs and Models of Faith" at RECongress 2013, ValLimar Jansen and Sarah Hart presented some of the mothers, mystics, martyrs and contemporary women throughout our faith history. In this session, they will continue their examination of four different holy women, weaving music and stories of these women to deepen our understanding of how to apply the experiences of their holy lives to our contemporary lives as Roman Catholic women and men. With beautifully designed images, compelling music and engaging prayer, everyone is invited to "come and see!" and join along in laughter, praise and thanksgiving.

**ValLimar Jansen**

ValLimar Jansen is a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards in 2008 and 2010. Jansen was the MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011, and performed for over 300,000 people at the Loreto/Angora international papal event in Italy that was broadcast around the globe. Her latest CD is titled "Give God The Glory."

**Sarah Hart**

Sarah Hart of Nashville, Tenn., has been a singer, songwriter and keynote speaker for 20 years. Her parish missions and itinerant ministry have taken her all over the United States and abroad. Hart has performed for countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis in 2013. The Grammy-nominated songwriter's works can be found in many hymnals and have been recorded by numerous artists. She has written several retreats for parish, women's and adult catechesis, which she herself presents.

5-17 SELFIES AND SOULS: NURTURING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH IN THE DIGITAL AGE 🗣️

Lisa M. Hendey (bio 2-11)

An overview of the latest trends and hot-button issues facing today's parents, teachers, administrators and clergy will provide you with needed tools and tactics to minister to families in the ever-increasing digital climate. Join a discussion on technology that can actually play a fruitful role in the New Evangelization for Catholic families.

5-18 FROM HERE TO POPE FRANCIS: A TOOL TO HELP PARISHES BECOME "COMPLETELY MISSION-ORIENTED"

Jack J. Jezreel (bio 3-16)

In his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"), Pope Francis encourages a renewal of the parish so that it is "completely mission-oriented." This represents an exciting but unfamiliar template for most North American parishes and their leaders. This workshop will introduce a new tool for helping leaders forge a new vision and direction for parish life. Parish staff, clergy, council members and anybody interested in plotting a fresh, innovative direction for parish life are encouraged to attend.

5-19 THE GREAT WORK: RECOVERING A SACRED EARTH COMMUNITY 🗣️

Kyle T. Kramer (bio 2-15)

In the face many ecological problems, it is tempting to see human beings as a plague on the planet. The Catholic view is much more optimistic: our deepest fulfillment comes from being healers and stewards of God's sacred creation. Employing the observations and insights of Catholic teaching and of Passionist priest Fr. Thomas Berry, this workshop examines current ecological and cultural crises then considers the values and vision we need for the healing of our world. The goal is to engage in the Great Work of our time: to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on the planet.

5-20 CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT POST-TRAYVON MARTIN, MICHAEL BROWN, AND ... 🗣️

Fr. Bryan N. Massingale (bio 3-19)

The killing of unarmed young black men has caused a great deal of concern and reflection in our country. This workshop looks at the deaths of Trayvon Martin in Florida, Michael Brown in Missouri, and others as a springboard for examining what we mean by racism today and what are the challenges such killings pose both to Catholic social teaching and for the Catholic faith community.

5-21 CATECHETICAL LEADERS – AGENTS OF FORMATIVE PARENTING 🗣️

Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM (bio 3-20)

What are the formation needs of children (kindergarten through grade 8)? How prepared are parents to lead children in the ways of responsibility, self-control and accomplishment? How well does the parish serve as an agent of formative support to parents? Parish catechetical leaders are called to be change-agents or support-agents in the families that they serve. Security, autonomy/self-control, initiative/responsibility, industry and genuine affection are foundational to a child's self-esteem, spirituality and character. This session will offer ready resources to identify practices at home and school that foster such positive "identity."

5-22 LOOK OUT! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING! 🗣️

Megan McKenna (bio 1-16)

Jesus said, "I came into this world to divide it, to make the sightless see and the seeing blind" (John 9:39). Stark words – which group do we find ourselves in today? Come, read the signs of the times. Come, see where hope, where joy and freedom are right before our eyes. Come, turn and see the Crucified and Risen One in our midst, beckoning us to walk in the freedom of the friends of God.

5-23 THE BLESSING OF SUFFERING (AND OTHER THEOLOGICAL FALLACIES) 🗣️

Fr. Jonathan Morris (bio 1-17)

Does God really want me to suffer? The answer is "no ... not literally." In this session, Fr. Jonathan Morris will help lead us to embrace every aspect of our human experience as a path of holiness and happiness.

5-24 THREE LUCAN PARABLES OF DIVINE HEALING AND MERCY 🗣️

Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD (bio 4-21)

The parables of the woman seeking the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10), the leaven hidden in the dough (Luke 13:20-21), and the widow who seeks justice from a corrupt judge (Luke 18:1-8) reveal God's extravagant mercy and intent to heal and transform broken relationships, inviting us to do the same.

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5-25 WELCOMING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM TO THE CHURCH: A UNIVERSAL CALL TO – MEANINGFULLY – INCLUDE ALL OF GOD’S CHILDREN 🗣️

Deacon Lawrence R. Sutton, PhD (bio 3-27)

As a church, we are concerned that all our families – especially those with children with autism and/or developmental disabilities – are welcomed into our faith communities. Deacon Lawrence Sutton will present a program on catechesis for faith formation and sacramental preparation that was created, field tested and produced to prepare children and teens with autism and/or developmental disabilities to enter our church as prepared as they are able, once they are confirmed. This unique program features “Teen Faith Mentors” working with the child and teens with autism and other developmental disabilities and the importance of good (and safe) Catholic role models.

5-26 GET YOUR GAME ON! ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN LEARNING PROCESS 🗣️

Michael Theisen (bio 4-25)

When we gather together young people are we just “playing games” and “hoping to survive,” or are we intentionally “forming disciples”? How can we be faithful to our catechetical calling to echo the faith and lead young people down the road of discipleship while making sure that we actively engage their head, hearts and hands in their own learning process? Let’s have some fun as we creatively answer these questions together.

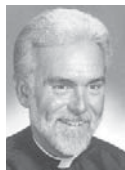
5-27 ISLAMIC AND CHRISTIAN STUDIES 🗣️

This session will not only explore the theological similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity, but will also touch upon historical, contemporary interactions – both positive and negative – between Muslim and Christian societies.



Jihad Mohammed Turk

Jihad Turk, a Palestinian-American Muslim, studied Arabic at the Islamic University in Saudi Arabia and Farsi at Qom College at the University of Tehran in Iran. Turk is currently President of Bayan Claremont, an Islamic graduate school at Claremont Lincoln University in Claremont, Calif. Formerly, he served as Imam/Religious Director of the Islamic Center of Southern California in Los Angeles. He has been featured in the Los Angeles Times as well as on the History Channel and CNN.



Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith

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

5-70 Thánh nhạc và Thánh lễ: Cộng đoàn, Ca đoàn, và thế hệ trẻ thứ II 🗣️

Vai trò của Cộng Đoàn, Ca đoàn và các người ca xướng viên (cantor) trong Thánh Lễ là gì? Luật Giáo Hội nói gì về các đàn sĩ và “ca sĩ”, phục vụ hay là trình diễn? Với thế hệ thứ II, nói rất ít tiếng Việt và muốn tham dự Thánh lễ bằng tiếng Anh, có phương cách nào hay các tài liệu tốt để dùng song ngữ? Buổi hội thảo này sẽ nhìn lại qui tắc của Việt Nam và USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) về Thánh nhạc và những nhạc song ngữ mới nhất. Cho những người muốn hiểu thêm về nhạc và Thánh Lễ, đặc biệt là các Ca trưởng, người ca xướng viên, và các trưởng TNTT.

MUSIC AND THE MASS: THE ASSEMBLY, THE CHOIR AND SECOND-GENERATION YOUTH

What are the roles of the assembly, the choir and the cantor during Mass? Do Church documents understand musicians as servants or as performers? As the second generation speaks less Vietnamese and wishes to attend American Mass, what resources and models of celebration work best for bilingual worship? This presentation will review guidelines, from Vietnam and from the U.S. bishops, about music ministry and also showcase newly published bilingual music. For those interested in music and the Mass, but especially for choir directors, cantors and leader of TNTT (Thieu Nhi Thanh The, the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Society).



Paul Nguyễn

Anh Paul Nguyễn là một nhạc sĩ về phụng vụ tại Giáo Phận Orange, Cali. Anh được mời vào Ban Tư Vấn Thánh Nhạc và Ủy Ban Phụng Vụ cho Giáo Phận. Ở giữa thế hệ thứ nhất và thế hệ thứ hai, anh có thể làm cầu nối dễ dàng giữa văn hóa Mỹ và Việt. Anh luôn tiếp tục tìm cách để nối kết hai văn hóa và hai thế hệ.

Paul Nguyen

Paul Nguyen is Director of Music Ministry at Corpus Christi Church in the Diocese of Orange, Calif., where he serves on the Music Advisory Board and on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Being a 1.5 generation immigrant where he can navigate comfortably between mainstream American and the Vietnamese traditions, he works to bridge the gaps between the two traditions and between generational divides.



Thầy Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

Thầy Rufino Zaragoza dòng Phanxicô cư ngụ tại Orange County, California và là cố vấn trong môi trường thánh nhạc. Hằng năm Thầy về VN 6 tháng để dạy song ngữ và Thánh lễ bằng tiếng Anh. Thầy cũng là người sáng tác và dịch thuật nhiều nhạc từ tiếng Anh, Mỹ và VN và cũng là nguồn cung cấp lấy từ các phong tục của các sắc dân này.

Bro. Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

Composer Franciscan Brother Rufino Zaragoza, based in Orange County, Calif., serves as Liturgical Music Consultant in Research and Development for Oregon Catholic Press. His ministry has him outside the United State for over half of the year, developing English worship resources in Southeast Asia. Bro. Zaragoza has pioneered multilingual song collections in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. He has presented workshops at national conferences to diocesan and parish gatherings throughout Vietnam, Cambodia, Hong Kong and the United States.

6-01 CALLING YOUTH TO PASSIONATE DISCIPLESHIP

Steve Angrisano (bio 3-01)

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

6-02 WOMEN AND THE WORD: BRIDGING THE GAP

Dianne Bergant, CSA (bio 4-02)

In this session, a lens sensitive to gender issues will be trained on the biblical tradition, examining language, social roles assigned to women, and presuppositions that influence one's worldview. The Exodus theme will then be used as a metaphor for reading biblical passages.

6-03 PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT: SHAPING LENT FOR THOSE IN THE RCIA PROCESS

Relying on decades of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) ministry experience, Mary Birmingham shares the sessions she has developed to shape a Lenten season with conversion at the core for those in RCIA. Discover ways to create a 40-day retreat to help prepare catechumens for the celebration of the sacraments of initiation.



Mary Birmingham

Mary Birmingham has been involved in RCIA ministry on a national level since 1992. She is a Master Catechist for the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., and travels extensively throughout the United States and Canada presenting diocesan workshops. Birmingham is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and currently Director of Liturgy, Music and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Fla. Her works include the book, "Formed in Faith."

6-04 SEEING IN THE DARK

After struggling through darkness, suffering and even traumatic events, how might God be inviting us to turn the corner? What are the keys to resilience? What can we learn from our faith about the grace to regroup, to be renewed and rise to new life after periods of darkness? Weaving together the wisdom of God's Word and our faith, along with what science is teaching us about the brain's ability to be resilient, we can offer others hope that there will be light at the end of the tunnel. Someone is there in the dark with us helping us to find our way back.



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. With experience as a teacher and missionary, her special interests are in spirituality, formation, women's spiritual development and abolition of human trafficking. Sr. Bryant has authored numerous articles and books and presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States. Her latest work is entitled "Vocations Anonymous."

6-05 THE TRINITY: HOW NOT TO BE A HERETIC

This is a simple workshop about an even simpler subject: the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. This must be simple for the Christian God is "supreme simplicity" (St. Anselm) and "Trinity" is the Church's shorthand description of who God actually is ... and who he needs to be in order to save us. Unfortunately, many Christians – preachers, teachers and catechists included – are uncomfortable talking about the Trinity, fearing they'll say the "wrong thing." Therefore, to equip them to tell others, this workshop explains what it means to say God is a Trinity, why Christianity is so convinced that God must be, and how it can all possibly make sense.



Dr. Stephen Bullivant

Dr. Stephen Bullivant is Senior Lecturer in Theology and Ethics at St. Mary's University in Twickenham, England. He has seven years of university teaching experience, and has given talks and lectures in the United Kingdom, Finland, Italy, the Philippines, Brazil and the United States. The award-winning theologian's recent books include "The Oxford Handbook of Atheism," "Faith and Unbelief" and "The Trinity: How Not to be a Heretic."

6-06 COME AND SEE, COME AND SING, COME AND PRAY!

To sing is to pray twice! But those of us who work with children know that when you move you pray thrice! Come and join Aussie Andrew Chinn as he explores a range of musical, artistic and singing techniques that use the richness of our senses to enhance our religious education programs with children. We'll sing, dance, draw and pray, and share a few laughs along the way. Chinn brings a wealth of experience in the field to share, with 20 years as an elementary teacher and 12 as a full-time music minister. Here is a workshop for those who minister to elementary students.



Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has visited 970 Catholic elementary schools, performing for children, teachers and catechists in 2,000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released nine CDs, five DVDs and five picture books. In 2013 he joined the World Library Publications family that now distributes his music in North America.

6-07 TRADING IN OLD WINESKINS: A MISSIONARY APPROACH TO PARISH LIFE 🗣️

Rich Curran (bio 1-04)

Average Sunday attendance is 30 percent, really? What happened to enjoying favor with all people (Acts 2:47)? Is it really the by-product of the culture or did we just get so comfortable doing church that we stopped being Church. While our teachings are timeless, our approach to evangelizing is not. There is no need to retreat to the past or go back to the upper room. Modern realities simply require a new focus on creating a culture of discipleship, identifying missionary leaders, multiplying those leaders and leading boldly into the darkness of the world.

6-08 “SEEING” OUR FAITH – RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES 🗣️

Rev. John C. Cusick (bio 2-06)

Our Catholic faith, like all religions, is a compilation of doctrines, rules and practices. Yet, Catholicism has another two dimensions that are visual reminders of all that we believe: an amazing collection of signs and symbols. All too often we either take them for granted or don't understand them. This workshop will present a practical appreciation for and an understanding of what we “see” inside our churches and homes.

6-09 THE START OF SOMETHING BIG – FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUTH 🗣️

Tom East (bio 3-04)

The sacrament of confirmation strengthens youth for mission and witness. It should be the beginning of something wonderful! How can we support newly confirmed youth in their adventure as disciples? This workshop will explore vision, practices and resources for following through with youth who have received confirmation and active discipleship.

6-10 JOY OF THE GOSPEL FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS IN THE TIME OF POPE FRANCIS 🗣️

Pope Francis has modeled a pastoral stance for embracing lesbian and gay Catholics. This session will examine *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Holy Father's 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, which invites us to catechize and evangelize first and foremost with a spirit of God's love and mercy. This will set the tone for considering the 2014 Synod of Bishops and the 2015 Pontifical Council for the Family's “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.” As Pope Francis challenges the Church to acknowledge difficult pastoral situations and respond with love and mercy, these reflections will guide us in creating a place for lesbian and gay Catholics in today's Church.



Arthur G. Fitzmaurice, PhD

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is Resource Director of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He formerly served as Chair for the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. Dr. Fitzmaurice has spoken at national and diocesan conferences, including the Faith Formation Conference and the Gay Christian Network. He also appears in several of Ignatian News Network's YouTube series on pastoral care of LGBT Catholics.



Fr. Chris Ponnet

Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983. Since then he has served as Director for the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. Fr. Ponnet has also been involved with the U.S. bishops' peace pastoral regarding non-violent action; their statement, “Always Our Children,” is among the many primary church documents he addresses. He speaks regularly and provides consultation and spiritual direction to those in and connected to ministry.

6-11 TEACHERS, TRANSFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY: HOW TEACHERS HELP STUDENT LEADERS CHANGE THE WORLD 🗣️

Dan Friedt (bio 2-09)

Teachers, are you working at a school that has gone “BYOD” (bring your own device)? Maybe you have just started to bring technology into the classroom and wonder where it's all going. In this dynamic, interactive presentation, you will be taken on a journey of iProtocols, iApps and iDevices (iPAD). Dan Friedt will share his top five apps, and why. He will talk about rolling out 1-to-1 devices and BYOD. Teachers, this session is for you, because the heart of the presentation is how teacher transformation and technology can support students as they choose their tools to change the world.

6-12 THE RAGE AGAINST GOD: THE ARROGANCE AND HOSTILITY OF THE NEW ATHEISTS 🗣️

There is nothing new in the arguments of the New Atheists, but the level of open hostility to people of faith is. This new militant atheism ridicules Christians and people of faith, calling them demented, stupid, anti-human and, in the end, just evil. Religious education is equated with child abuse, and believers are held responsible for the war, violence and evil we see in society. The New Atheists' goal is to eliminate religion from society. Why such hostility? They truly believe the world would be a better place without religion. Let's test that hypothesis and respond to their accusations.



Darrell Hall

Darrell Hall has taught religious education for 34 years and is former Principal at St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. He has presented at the Catholic Educator's Conference in British Columbia, at Catholic Christian Outreach “Rise Up” Conferences, at the Reverence for Life Conferences, and at several senior high schools, retreats and various parishes. Hall has published a book on Christian apologetics entitled, “I Am Convinced: God, the Truth and You.”

6-13 WORSHIP TRANSFORMING THE WORLD: SEEING, SINGING AND SERVING THE REIGN OF GOD

The vocation of every Christian is to be Christ's voice and hands and heart in the world, to labor on behalf of the vulnerable and dispossessed, to advocate and work for peace and equal justice for all. Worship, especially Sunday Eucharist, is the primary place where we are formed and transformed for this calling. How can our liturgies better empower us to "see" Christ present in the world and its people? How do those of us who prepare and lead liturgy refine our skills and talents, support one another, inspire our communities and model Christ's vision of God's Reign?



Marty Haugen

For over 30 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific Rim. With over 35 recordings and 400 published editions, his range of musical compositions continues to appear in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and other Protestant denominations. His latest work, "Lyric Psalter" (with Tony Alonso), is a resource of a three-year cycle of Psalms from the Lectionary for Mass.

6-14 GOSPEL LAUGHTER

Fr. James Martin, SJ (bio 2-20)

Too often the Gospel message is reduced to a bland series of dos and don'ts. Join Fr. James Martin in looking at not only the places where Jesus shows us his own joy, but also how the saints and the great spiritual masters used joy, humor and laughter in their quest to holiness. All this and some great jokes, too!

6-15 MARY OF GALILEE, MARY MODEL OF FAITH

This workshop will gather the core teachings about Mary from the Bible, from Catholic dogma and from Vatican II. Particular emphasis will be given to the implications of these teachings for contemporary Christian faith.



Timothy Matovina

Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he is also Executive Director of the Institute for Latino Studies. He has made presentations and presented workshops for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the United States, and is a frequent and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. His latest publications include "Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church."

Congress could not function without the hundreds of volunteers and the efforts of the staff of the Office of Religious Education, including Alex Moreno (at left), who helped to coordinate the Program Book Pick-up area.



6-16 SEEING THE GIFT OF BODY: JESUS AND THE GOOD USE OF SEXUALITY

How many times did Jesus use his body in relationship with others: comforting, exorcising, healing? And yet, do we consider Jesus' body really human? The sort that made noises, felt worn out and needed care? And yet, interactions of bodies (handshakes, hugs, holding) define a central part of humanity: our sexuality. We exercise this God-given gift through the good use of our bodies, in a consoling pat, an affectionate caress, or a congratulatory high five. Jesus' use of his body can be a model for us. Come learn from Jesus what it means to exercise the gift of sexuality, to bring life and love more fully into the world.



Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson

A self-described street theologian who uses storytelling, poetry and humor, Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson is author and leader of the Beloved Retreat, and holds the position of Resident Theologian and Animator of Faith at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago, where he formerly served as Dean of Formation. Dr. Nelson-Johnson also is founder and Animating & Creative Partner of Soul Play in Evanston, Ill., where he lives. He travels to Europe and across the United States presenting to adult and youth diocesan events and conferences.

6-17 HELP! WE'RE BUSY, ADDICTED AND BORED: REACHING OUT TO THE REAL MODERN FAMILY

Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC (bio 3-21)

If you've ever felt frustrated because your events were competing with everything else families are committed to, this workshop is for you. Effectively inviting families to new life in Christ requires understanding their deep motivations for prioritizing their schedules. This dynamic session will reveal the deep reasons people are busier, more addicted and less content than any other time in history. You'll leave with insight and tools to help craft compelling messages and programing that youth and adults will not only want to attend, but will bring friends.

6-18 ANSWERING THE MOST FREQUENT CATHOLIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY 🗣️

Dale S. Recinella, JD, MTS & Susan M. Recinella, PsyD (bios 3-23)

Dale and Susan Recinella will begin by sharing their answers to the general Catholic questions most frequently directed to them about the death penalty and death row/execution ministry: “How can American Catholics approach the reality of the death penalty in light of current church teaching?” “How do you pray with inmates on death row?” “How is the death penalty and abortion linked for Catholics?” “How does restorative justice function in murder cases?” A significant portion of the time will be spent answering audience questions from the floor.

6-19 STORY TIME WITH UNCLE FR. TONY: BRINGING THE SCRIPTURES TO LIFE 🗣️ **ARENA**

It said that a parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus frequently used parables as a means of illustrating divine truths. These stories are easily remembered and their symbolism is rich in meaning. As preachers and teachers of the faith, we are called to awaken Sacred Scripture for those we serve by the using our personal parables. This interactive workshop will guide you through the use of our personal stories as we reconnect with the stories of Jesus and his followers. Together, let us explore how the Scriptures of old are alive and well today.



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, La., currently serves as theology teacher for St. Augustine High School in his native city of New Orleans. He is also an instructor for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University and Director of Knight Time Ministries. Fr. Tony Ricard, a former pastor and public schoolteacher, has authored many books and has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation, and has preached in 22 countries.

6-20 PAULINE SPIRITUALITY FOR LENT 🗣️

Brian Schmisek (bio 2-24)

Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, was a multilingual, multicultural minority living in the multi-religious Roman Empire. His experience of the Risen Christ radically changed the trajectory of his life. Rather than a mere recitation of doctrine or creeds, Paul's very life gave witness to the power of the Risen Christ. His letters are often the second reading of the Sunday liturgy but can be overlooked in favor of the Gospel. What can we learn from Paul and his experience that is applicable today? In this session, we will explore how Paul's life and spirituality can be an example for us in this Lenten season.

6-21 LONGING TO SEE YOUR FACE: PREACHING FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM 🗣️

Rev. Thomas J. Scirghi, SJ, ThD (bio 2-25)

Pope Francis says: “It takes more than intellectual assent to truly get to know Jesus – we must also develop a personal relationship.” Preaching helps us to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Liturgical preaching is sacramental: It provides an opportunity to meet the living Lord. The Word of God proclaimed and preached comes alive for us – at least it should – in our hearing. This session will discuss the craft of Christian preaching from the pulpit as well as from the pew. How do we tell the story? How do we hear it?

6-22 “HERE’S WHAT HAPPENED”: TELLING SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCES IN STORY FORM 🗣️

John Shea (bio 4-24)

When we take stock of the resources we have to support, develop and direct our spiritual life, we immediately consider the many offerings the Church provides to deepen our relationship to God and neighbor – sacraments, Scripture, ministries and multiple service opportunities. However, there is often a complementary and overlooked resource – our own experiences. We will tell stories of spiritually significant experiences and explore how this process enriches and transforms our lives.

6-23 AN INVITATION TO CONVERSION: 7 PRACTICAL IDEAS TO INVIGORATE THE SACRAMENTS 🗣️

The New Evangelization calls us to take a closer look at what we have been doing in catechesis and do it in a different manner. We no longer can just say, “This is the way we have always done it,” we need to make it better. The sacraments are a great opportunity for the New Evangelization. We must focus preparation for sacraments by focusing on conversion and mystagogia. This workshop will provide practical ideas and activities so that catechesis around the sacraments can be transformed into powerful faith moments.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela is a National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources for William H. Sadlier, Inc. For more than 20 years has been working in Hispanic ministry and in various parish ministries including youth ministry and religious education, even writing and developing new materials. Valenzuela has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent and fully bilingual and bicultural, he has lived most of his life in the Bay Area and currently resides in Alameda, Calif.

6-24 “LORD, I SEE! – CAN I SING ABOUT IT?” 🎧

Come and sing! This session will help you to learn and enjoy exploring ways that music can lead us closer to God and one another. It will offer practical help on good principles on leading people in song as cantors, choir members and teachers.



Christopher Walker

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, speaker on liturgical music and choral conductor. He served as Director of Music for the Clifton Cathedral in the United Kingdom for 18 years, and now is Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. A conductor of choirs and orchestras in England and the United States, Walker travels the globe giving workshops and lectures on church music and liturgy, choral and cantor techniques and children’s spirituality.

6-25 MERCY IN THE CITY 🎧

We are called to lives that incorporate prayer and service, and sometimes that means early mornings, late nights or long hours. America magazine’s Managing Editor Kerry Weber discusses her efforts to participate fully in city life and in the life of the Church – while still maintaining her sanity. Drawing upon her new book, “Mercy in the City,” she will offer her thoughts on how she tries to balance breadlines and deadlines and describe how she finds a moment’s rest in the city that never sleeps.



Kerry Weber

Kerry Weber, Managing Editor at America magazine, is a graduate of Providence College and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She also has worked as an editor for Catholic Digest and as a special-education teacher on the Navajo Nation. Weber has presented at numerous parishes, colleges and catechetical conferences. Her book is titled “Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job.”

6-26 BUILDING CHILDREN’S COURAGE 🎧

Char Wenc, MEd (bio 1-26)

Do you feel exhausted from dealing with your children all day? Do you worry if you are parenting correctly? Do you often ask yourself, “Now what do I do?!” Are your children the only ones having fun in your house? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come to hear internationally recognized speaker and author Char Wenc. Char teaches parenting skills that make a difference in how children and parents live together. She shares her knowledge and experience with humor and realism. Her passion for the topic of parenting is found in her style and content.

6-27 BLACK SPIRITUALITY – WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD 🎧

Historically, black spirituality has provided a means for the community to celebrate and praise God, work toward justice for all peoples, and remind the community that all are welcome at the table of the Lord. One must understand the spirituality of a people to best minister to the community. This spirituality, which is experienced and dwells down in the souls of black people, has been instrumental in helping the community fight for justice together. This workshop will use various sources of black religious expression to immerse those participants in a dynamic experience of black spirituality as lived today.



Dr. C. Vanessa White

Dr. Vanessa White is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator, spiritual director and teacher who lectures nationally. She is currently Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Ministry/Director of the Certificate in Pastoral Studies as well as Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is on the faculty and Coordinator of Elders Retreat at Xavier University of Louisiana’s Institute for Black Catholic Studies, and also on the adjunct faculty at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

6-70 Mẹ Maria, Gương Giăng Viên Giáo Lý Hoàn Hảo 🎧

Cha Hy K. Nguyễn, SS (buhay 1-70)

Mẹ Maria, Theotokos (Đấng Cứu Mang Thiên Chúa), là một mẫu gương giảng viên giáo lý hoàn hảo. Mẹ truyền dạy chân lý cho người khác cách rõ nhất bằng chính việc làm và lời nói của Mẹ. Mẹ thật là mẫu gương hoàn hảo cho mọi giảng viên giáo lý (xem GLCG 2030). Buổi hội thảo giúp chúng ta bắt chước gương Mẹ trong ơn gọi và mục vụ làm giảng viên giáo lý, không chỉ trong những gì ta nói mà trong tất cả những gì ta trao đổi với người khác.

MARY, THE PERFECT MODEL CATECHIST 🎧

Fr. Hy K. Nguyen, SS (bio 1-70)

Mary, Theotokos (God bearer), is the perfect model catechist because of who and what she is. If a catechist is one who instructs others in the true faith, then Mary is the perfect catechist who communicates truths to others most clearly by her words and actions. Indeed, she is the perfect model for what every catechist should be (cf. CCC 2030). The workshop helps us to imitate Mary in our call and ministry as catechists, not only in what is said but also in all that is communicated.



7-01 THE FRANCIS MISSION: PROGRESS REPORT ON A POPULIST POPE AND HIS HISTORIC REFORM 📍 ARENA

John L. Allen, Jr. (bio 5-01)

The Boston Globe's John Allen will review the latest twists in the Pope Francis story, bringing into focus the overall strategy of this populist pope for a renewed and evangelically dynamic Catholicism. We will examine reform moves by Francis on financial transparency, sexual abuse, the family, and ecumenism and interfaith dialogue, suggesting what they mean not just for Rome but for the Church at all levels and in all places.

7-02 MANY PATHS, ONE LORD, ONE FAMILY OF FAITH 📍

How do I know what God is calling me to do? Who is God calling me to be? Come and hear how two very different brothers share the paths of their lives with humor, faith and music. Discuss with other young adults about discerning your path in life or how to build your own family of faith. This session could help you see what God is doing in your life!



Fr. Christopher Bazyouros

Ordained in 2003, Fr. Chris Bazyouros has served the Los Angeles Archdiocese in various parishes. He now works as the Adult Faith Formation Consultant for the Office of Religious Education and is also involved in the Catholic Bible Institute and various programs in that field. Fr. Chris was a member of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission for five years, two years of which he served as Chair. He has presented workshops and facilitated retreats at numerous diocesan events.



Joseph Bazyouros

Joe Bazyouros is Director of Music at the University of Southern California Caruso Catholic Center. He formerly served in the Los Angeles Archdiocese as Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Frances of Rome in Azusa and as Director of Music at St. Martin de Porres in Yorba Linda. Joe has served on the Music Advisory Board for the Office for Worship for the Diocese of Orange and as Chair on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. He is also in his 14th season as a member of Los Angeles Master Chorale.



RECongress annually offers a Keynote on Saturday morning (last year with Rev. Robert Barron; this year with Pastor Rick Warren) and two addresses on Sunday morning: one in English (with Diana Macalintal) and one in Spanish (with Dr. Maria Pilar Aquino).

7-03 SERVING THE WORLD BASED ON NEED NOT CREED: INTERRELIGIOUS COLLABORATION AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 📍

Michele F. Broemmelsiek (bio 5-05)

For over 70 years, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been a living witness to the U.S. Catholic community's commitment to the poor and vulnerable around the world. Through its partnership with local interreligious leaders, CRS has helped to shed light on what it means to respond to Jesus' invitation to be "peacemakers" in our day. Join Michele Broemmelsiek, Vice President of Overseas Operations for Catholic Relief Services, as she shares how the Catholic Church is bringing the Good News to the ends of the earth.

7-04 SEEING REALITY WITH A DOUBLE VISION 📍

Adult faith and spirituality are always seeing with a "double vision," through both the inner and outer lens of our humanity. We cannot separate faith from lived reality without doing serious damage to our relationships. This workshop will explore the necessary mature relationships between the human and the divine aspect of reality.



Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD

Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of Spiritual Formation and an Assistant Professor of Spiritual Theology at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. With an extensive academic background in the fields of spirituality, adult education, counseling, ritual and depth psychology, Dr. Clarke currently serves as Chair of the Spirituality Commission of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and is an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests.

7-05 SEE THE BRIGHT STAR OF BLACK CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION! 📍

Come see the bright future of evangelization in the black Catholic community. Using James Weldon Johnson's song-poem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," come and hymn hope for peoples of African descent living in a world too often unaware of their gifts. Examine what the Holy Spirit is doing through the New Evangelization among 200 million black Catholics worldwide. Envision the "bright gleam of the bright star" in our future Church for all people of all backgrounds. All are welcome; bring your voices and eyewitness accounts of the "Joy of the Gospel."



Msgr. Raymond G. East

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

Workshops

7-06 AWESOME PRAYER EXPERIENCES WITH ADOLESCENTS 🎧

Steven Ellair (bio 3-05)

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

7-07 ART AND HISPANIC POPULAR PIETY: DOORS TO THE SACRED 🎧

Recently Pope Francis, echoing Aparecida (the 2007 meeting of Latin American bishops), has been reminding us of the great spiritual riches found in popular religious expressions. By way of their altars, processions, vigils and other manifestations, these artistic dances, dramas and food are often not only the way in which a people celebrate the mysteries of the faith, such as Christmas and Easter, but also the way in which they pass on their beliefs to the next generations. This workshop presents various vibrant examples of these artistic manifestations, allowing participants to reflect on how God often becomes present through beauty in their own cultures.



Rev. Eduardo C. Fernandez, SJ

Fr. Eduardo Fernandez teaches at the California Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University and at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley; he gives workshops and retreats and assists at local parishes. His two latest books are the award-winning "Mexican American Catholics" and one co-written with Kenneth McGuire, CSP, and Anne Hansen, "Culture-Sensitive Ministry: Helpful Strategies for Pastoral Ministers."



Nancy Pineda-Madrid, PhD

Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid is Associate Professor of Theology and U.S. Latina/o Ministry in the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College, where she has taught since 2005. She presents lectures and workshops around the country and internationally. Dr. Pineda-Madrid is author of "Suffering and Salvation in Ciudad Juarez" and co-editor of the book "Hope: Promise, Possibility and Fulfillment."

7-08 THE EARLY CHURCH'S PRACTICE OF EUCHARIST: A PROVOCATIVE TREASURE

Edward Foley, OFM Cap (bio 5-12)

Some believe Christianity was born in uniformity and has become more diverse over the centuries. This consideration of Eucharistic practice in the first three centuries will dismantle that myth. Exploring some of the great diversity of practice in these centuries will allow for fresh interpretations of our Eucharistic traditions. In the process, we will challenge narrow thinking about a moment of consecration, and offer pathways for thinking about inculturating worship today, founded upon ancient and foundational practices of Christian communities.

7-09 SONGS, STORIES AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD 🎧

Fr. Rob Galea will share stories and songs about his search for God. A journey from "victim" to "victor," this session will be heartfelt and inspirational. Music from his latest releases will be featured.



Fr. Rob Galea

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

7-10 THE FAITH OF RUTH, ESTHER & JUDITH: HIDDEN GEMS OF THE BIBLE AND POPE FRANCIS 🎧

Recent scholarship has called attention to the importance of the books of Ruth, Esther and Judith. Though Ruth and Esther are often grouped together in Hebrew for liturgical purposes, in this session all three will be examined as representative of an incarnational or lived theology that Pope Francis focuses upon in his book, "Open Mind, Faithful Heart." The three biblical books make a powerful statement on the value of constructing theology based on lived experience and boundary-breaking love.



Garrett Galvin, OFM

Dr. Garrett Galvin, a Franciscan Friar of St. Barbara Province, teaches a variety of Old and New Testament courses at the Franciscan School of Theology and at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. Dr. Galvin has lectured at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, was Adjunct Professor at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, and a Teaching Fellow at The Catholic University of America. Author of "Egypt as a Place of Refuge," he is currently working on his next book.

7-11 JUSTICE AND THE TABLE: EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY

Dr. Greer G. Gordon (bio 3-11)

Christian understanding of the centrality of the Eucharist has become distant from daily life. For many, the adoration of Christ in the Sacred Species is limited to a form of personal spirituality that is completely private. If Christ in the Eucharist is at the center of God's presence in the Church, then that fellowship offered to us in and through the presence of Christ in the Eucharist requires us to act justly and to live righteously in the midst of this unjust and unrighteous world. This workshop is an exploration of the relationship between the Eucharist and our daily lives. It will present insights into Eucharistic spirituality, while discussing the theology of the Eucharist, and the social teachings of the Church.

7-12 A DEEP THEOLOGICAL TRUTH REVEALED: EVERYBODY'S A BIT WEIRD! 🎧

Darrell Hall (bio 6-12)

We all want to see and think of ourselves as normal, but the Bible insists that no one is truly normal: “We are all like sheep that have gone astray” and “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Ever notice how many messed up families there are in Genesis? Why does the writer of Genesis include all this stuff? The writer is trying to establish a deep theological truth: Everybody’s a bit weird! Despite our weirdness, we were made for relationships, but all relationships are broken. The solution to our brokenness? The carpenter from Nazareth!

7-13 THE PSALMS AND THE CATECHESIS OF THE HEART

Like actors learning and rehearsing a script, making the words of the psalms our own in prayer and song allows them to tutor our hearts, drawing us “from image to appropriate affect and back again,” as one theologian has put it. In reflection and song, Bob Hurd will explore this catechesis of the heart by the psalms, especially their role in the unfolding Liturgy of the Word.

**Bob Hurd**

Bob Hurd has served as a teacher, composer and liturgist in various pastoral and academic settings in California, including Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, and St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. He currently teaches in the Graduate Pastoral Ministries Program of Santa Clara University. His widely used liturgical music is featured in numerous hymnals in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Australia. Dr. Hurd has authored many articles and has contributed to several books.

7-14 WHO DO YOU SEE AT THE CENTER? CREATING A CULTURE OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION 🎧

Our Church documents encourage us to put “adults at the center” of our faith formation efforts. What does a parish community that really puts adults and young adults at the center look like? It’s not so much about creating more programs as it is about creating a culture where adults are encouraged and nourished to grow in faith together – a community that transforms lives and creates disciples. What supports do we need to provide – and what impediments do we need to remove? We will explore what an “adult growing in faith” looks like, and how we might nurture an engaged community of adult faithful committed to lifelong formation.

**Douglas Leal**

Douglas Leal is Director of Mission Services for St. Joseph Health in Mission Viejo, Calif. He formerly served as Division Coordinator for Adult Faith Formation and Young Adult Ministry in the Office of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Leal, who has worked as a management consultant and a professional actor and director, has presented at national and local diocesan events. He is also author of the skill-building book for lectors, “Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!”



Congress 2006, with its theme “Step into Freedom”/“Paso a la Libertad,” marked the 50th annual event sponsored by the Office of Religious Education (beginning with the first CCD “institute” in 1956). The event in 2006 brought together 39,444 registrants, 200 speakers, 447 volunteers, 226 exhibitors with 1,676 representatives, and 15,324 in attendance for Youth Day.

7-15 MEETING THEM WHERE THEY ARE: CATECHIZING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH VISUAL LANGUAGE 🎧

Lir Mac Cárthaigh (bio 2-16)

From illuminated manuscripts to Instagram, the combination of Word and image has long been one of the catechist’s most effective tools. This workshop provides insights into the ways in which educators can employ graphics and imagery to connect with the lives of today’s digital natives.

7-16 MULTICULTURAL CHURCH: MANY AND ONE 🎧

Jump into an experience that embraces the variety and diversity in our parishes and in the world. Moving toward oneness and communion in many cultures requires a small portion of courage, humility and, dare we say, *faith!* This workshop will transform more than your liturgies. Come and see!

**Jesse Manibusan**

With over 28 years of ministry in the church, Jesse Manibusan is an itinerant witness, songwriter, speaker, joy cultivator, storyteller and evangelizer. Together with his wife, Jodi, they are co-founders of 2by2 Ministries. Manibusan is a keynote speaker, workshop clinician and musician at numerous national and international events. He is a composer and recording artist with spiritandsong.com and has various CDs published by Oregon Catholic Press.

7-17 YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP IN CYBERSPACE 🎧

Pope Francis says the Internet is a wonderful thing ... just don’t overdo it. The Pope gets it; he knows where our teens are sometimes better than we do! Do you, as a parent, priest or youth minister, understand how to post, tweet, tag, upload and hashtag Jesus into your teens’ hearts? (Warning: The technology I just referred to might be obsolete by the time RECongress happens!)

**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.

7-18 POPE FRANCIS AND THE JOY OF THE GOOD NEWS 🕊

Refresh the eyes and ears of your soul through the beautiful paintings and rich insights of Brother Mickey McGrath and the soulful sounds of John Angotti. Renowned for the ways that he sparks the Catholic imagination, Bro. McGrath will share his new works of art that are inspired by the words of Pope Francis, while Angotti's music will bring an added dimension to the Pope's words. Come and be inspired by a new awareness of God's loving presence and discover new ways to bring that love and mercy to others each day.



Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath

Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is an artist, author and popular speaker at retreats and religious education conferences around the country. He also creates art for many Catholic publishers including America Magazine and the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bro. McGrath's work and ministry have been featured in St. Anthony Messenger, USA Today, and Catholic newspapers around the country. In 2014, he received a Catholic Press award for his book, "Go to Joseph."



John Angotti

John Angotti is a full-time music missionary. He travels worldwide providing concerts, workshops, retreats, missions, conferences and liturgies. Angotti has won numerous awards, including "Male Vocalist of the Year" from the United Catholic Music and Video Association. He performed at the 2008 World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, and at Carnegie Hall in New York. His song, "Stand in the Light," was the 2007 RECongress theme song and is the title of one of his latest recordings.

7-19 SEEING GOOD CHURCH: HEALING OUR FEARFUL BLINDNESS TO RISK 🕊

Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson (bio 6-16)

"Good Church" means encountering Jesus in a way that transforms, provokes, disturbs, prods or even offends. Good Church requires risk. Jesus was risky all the time. In the Congress theme scripture (John 9:1-41), Jesus messily (with mud and spit!) heals a blind man. Rather than celebrate a miracle, the Pharisees argue about accuracy, propriety and consequences. What if, unlike the Pharisees, we courageously risked an authentic encounter with Jesus? What would that look like? It will be messy. It will be demanding. It will heal and transform. It will be Good Church!

7-20 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD

Rev. Thomas J. Reese, SJ (bio 3-24)

Freedom of religion is a fundamental human right that was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. People are persecuted and killed for their faith in many countries around the world, and wars are waged between different faith groups. Even in the United States, the bishops complain believers' freedom of religion is being violated by some laws. The purpose of this presentation is to introduce you to these issues and give you the tools to think about them.



Held in the Anaheim Convention Center Arena, the Opening Rite of Congress incorporates different cultures as a welcome/blessing that signals the beginning of the adult three days of Congress.

7-21 WHY SHOULD I FEEL DISCOURAGED? FACING THE DISAPPOINTMENTS OF MINISTRY WHILE SINGING HALLELUJAH 🗣️

Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (bio 6-19)

St. John Paul II said, “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.” Sometimes, it is not easy to live as an Easter people in an eternal Good Friday world. We have so many situations that can discourage us from being about the business of God. Yet, God calls to be strengthened by our very moments of disappointment. This interactive workshop will present ways to deal with the disappointments of ministry while staying true to the joys of Christianity. Come learn ways to deal with circumstances that may be blocking you from reflecting the light of Christ.

7-22 THE LIFE ISSUES IN LIGHT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE 🗣️

Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD (bio 3-26)

The teachings of Jesus Christ and their interpretation by the Church have led to the formulation of many of the fundamental principles of justice embraced by secular society today: the principle of unjust laws (St. Augustine); the inherent dignity of the person (Bartolome de las Casas, OP); and even inalienable rights (Francisco Suarez, SJ). Fr. Robert Spitzer will show how disregard for these principles led to both the Dred Scott decision (sanctioning slavery) and the Roe v. Wade (abortion) decision. He will then suggest a strategy to restore these principles to public consciousness so that they can again guide our country toward a culture of life.

7-23 PARENTS MATTER: INVOLVING PARENTS IN CHASTITY EDUCATION 🗣️

Pam Stenzel (bio 2-26)

The most important voice in developing faith and values for students is still the parents'. It is imperative that parents are equipped and empowered to be an integral part of the faith formation of their children, especially when it comes to chastity. We will discuss tools for involving parents, and the importance of parental involvement not only for the faith formation of their child but for the parents' own continued education and spiritual growth. We will also discuss the character qualities needed for a student to make moral choices when it comes to sexuality.

7-24 ALL ARE WELCOME: CATECHESIS & SPECIAL NEEDS

Dr. Joseph White & Ana Arista (bios 2-28)

We know the Gospel message is for everybody, but how can we make it more accessible for children and teens with special needs? In this session, we will discuss what our Church teaches about inclusion of persons with disabilities and learn basic skills that catechists and catechetical leaders can use to ensure that everyone can discover the faith.



Exhibit Hall A is home to 490 booths housing over 200 companies as exhibitors – ranging from religious art to educational institutions, in addition to our own represented Archdiocesan ministries.

7-25 HOW TO ASK FOR WHAT WE NEED 🗣️

When our needs are not met by the people we care about, we often end up venting our frustrations, complaining, criticizing or sometimes we might resign ourselves and withdraw and detach emotionally from them. Unfortunately, none of these approaches help others respond to our needs. In this session, Dr. John Yzaguirre will offer a more effective way to communicate our needs described as “interpersonal coaching.” This approach is an essential component in building relationships of high mutuality.

**Dr. John Yzaguirre**

Psychologist and author Dr. John Yzaguirre specializes in family life and Catholic spirituality. He co-directs the California Prosocial Institute with his wife, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored “Thriving Marriages.” Dr. Yzaguirre has been a keynote speaker at conventions in Europe, Australia, Canada, Mexico and the United States. In addition to his active private practice in Irvine, Calif., he offers numerous marriage and family formation seminars at churches across the country.

7-70 Sự liên hệ giữa lịch sử, truyền thống và sự truyền bá Đức Tin của người Công Giáo Việt Nam 🗣️

Đức Cha Cosma Hoàng Văn Đạt, SJ (buhay 2-70)

Một chuỗi dài về truyền thống và lịch sử của người VN. Con người của tín ngưỡng. Làm sao người Công Giáo Việt Nam dùng những truyền thống Đức Tin của cha ông để lại và truyền bá đức tin ấy như thế nào, để mọi người nhìn thấy Thiên Chúa trong môi trường đang sống.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HISTORY, TRADITION AND EVANGELIZATION OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN VIETNAM 🗣️

Bishop Cosma Hoang Van Dat, SJ (bio 2-70)

There is a long chain of tradition and history for the Vietnamese people – a religious people. How can the Vietnamese use the Catholic faith traditions from our ancestors to evangelize to help the people “see” God in the society in which we live.

8-01 SOJOURN TO A JOYFUL HEART

Mary Amore, DMin (bio 1-02)

Pope Francis is capturing the hearts and minds of Christians everywhere. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to prayerfully prepare your heart for ministry by reflecting on the writings of this inspiring man of God. In this presentation, we will explore ways to develop a friendship with Jesus, respond to others with love and mercy, and live in this world as Spirit-filled evangelizers.

8-02 FORMATION OF RCIA CATECHISTS

Mary Birmingham (bio 6-3)

The catechetical components of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults call for ministry from priests, deacons and catechists. Catechumenal catechesis is a shared endeavor, yet training is needed for initiatory catechesis. Come and learn ways to train your parish catechists to embrace the vision of the RCIA and develop sound education models that will engage the minds and hearts of catechumens and candidates.

8-03 THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF FAITH ARENA

Grayson Warren Brown (bio 4-03)

In Romans 8:21, St. Paul makes a remarkable statement: If God is for us, who can stand against us? Today, that message might translate: Hey, get up, go out and stop being afraid! Change the world; because God is with you and with God on your side, you are unstoppable! We live in a world today that is in desperate need of the healing power of the love of Christ. But Christ cannot change the world with just his words alone; he needs to get his body in motion. And who is the body of Christ? We are! In this session, we are going to preach and sing and get "fired up" about God's call to bring light to darkness and hope to the weary. Let's strengthen our faith together, so that we can take Paul completely at his Word.

8-04 HOW TO MAKE SAINTS AND EVANGELIZE PEOPLE

Stephen Bullivant (bio 6-05)

In the words of second-century martyr St. Ignatius of Antioch, "It is good to teach, if he who speaks also acts." This basic idea recurs throughout the Christian tradition, not least in Pope Paul VI's famous observation, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 41). Drawing on examples from the early church and new research in the social sciences, in this workshop we will explore why and how this age-old missionary insight is so crucial for the success of the New Evangelization.

8-05 JUST SAY NO: NAYSAYERS IN THE BIBLE'S WISDOM BOOKS

Alice Camille, MDiv (bio 3-02)

Is it possible to say a small "no" in order to arrive at a big "Yes"? Is there room in the life of faith for doubt and disagreement? The Bible contains many examples of how "no" can become the ultimate "yes" in the life of the faithful. Disagreeable folks are welcome to participate!

8-06 LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN DAILY LIFE

Rev. Christopher Collins, SJ (bio 3-03)

If the liturgy is, as Vatican II put it, the source and summit of our lives as Christians, exactly how does that work when we look at the specifics of the liturgy itself, especially the offertory, consecration and communion? We can come to see that the liturgy is the perfect pattern for living our ordinary lives when they are lived united to the Heart of Christ. This session will explore new ways of looking at the Sacred Heart of Christ and how that spirituality can be fruitful in ordinary day-to-day living.

8-07 A FORM OF "NEW EVANGELIZATION": A MODEL FOR PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Amy Florian (bio 2-07)

When a loved one dies, mourners feel lost, alone and in desperate need of the faith community. Yet most parishes provide little more than assistance in planning the services, and often not even that. Learn an integrated model for how your parish can serve and comfort people in the toughest times of their lives. It not only fulfills our Gospel calling to comfort those who mourn, it is also an extremely effective form of evangelization that touches people's hearts and changes lives.

8-08 FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY TODAY: A NEW WAY OF SEEING THE WORLD!

Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM (bio 4-10)

St. Francis of Assisi remains one of the most popular saints in all of Christian history and has come into the worldwide spotlight in a new way with Pope Francis, who has taken his name and pastoral inspiration from the saint from Assisi, Italy. While most people are familiar with some aspects of St. Francis's history, experiences and even writings, few are well versed in what is generally called "Franciscan spirituality." This workshop presents insights from the Franciscan tradition brought together in a dynamic, creative and renewing spiritual vision. The themes presented provide an introductory approach to the many riches of the tradition named for St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

8-09 MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP 🗣️

Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp (bio 5-14)

Looking at the instructions of Jesus and the New Testament writings, we will construct a profile of discipleship as Jesus sees it. We will consider some obstacles and also some aids to discipleship, and show how all authentic discipleship – then and now – must have a missionary or “missional” dimension. This call to discipleship is for all the baptized.

8-10 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🗣️

Rev. John E. Hurley, CSP, DMin (bio 5-15)

Pope Francis is raising the bar of expectation in the pews of our churches. The challenge for all of us in pastoral leadership is to get with the program to lead, inspire, invite and celebrate how our communities are fostering the mission entrusted to us and missionary disciples. Evangelizing communities get involved by word and deed, are supportive, patient and have apostolic endurance. We will explore key ways to move from a maintenance model of ministry to a mission-focused one. As Pope Francis reminds us, “An essential principle of management is the refusal to be satisfied with current results and to press forward, in the conviction that those gains are only consolidated by working to achieve even more.”

8-11 CHILDREN ON THE RUN: WHY CHILDREN ARE FLEEING MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND WHAT THE CHURCH CAN DO ABOUT IT 🗣️

In 2014, an estimated 60,000 minors crossed into the United States from Mexico and Central America. Many of these children are forced from their homes and families, propelled by violence, insecurity and abuse in their communities and at home. This session will review why this is happening, what the cost is to families, children, and the United States, and what the Church can do about it.



Richard Alan Jones

Rick Jones, based in San Salvador, El Salvador, is Deputy Regional Director for Global Solidarity and Justice in Latin America and the Caribbean for Catholic Relief Services. During the last 20 years, he has worked for human rights, peace-building and development programs in Latin America. In his capacity, Jones has made official appearances before the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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8-12 JESUIT MYSTICISM, POPE FRANCIS AND COMPASSION 🗣️

What does it mean to find God in all things? How can we be in union with God with our busy lives? This session will explore the Jesuit approach to prayer and present a practical tool for “present-day mystics.” We will look at Jesuit spirituality by exploring the personal spirituality of Pope Francis and his lived experience as both a Jesuit and as Pope. We will examine the concept of “compassion” in two of Pope Francis’ letters on how Jesuit meditation can lead us gracefully into everyday compassion.



Rev. Michael Kennedy, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Michael Kennedy has worked in parishes in Latin America and in the United States, including at Dolores Mission in Los Angeles. As a spiritual director, he specializes in Ignation Spirituality and conducts meditation retreats. Fr. Kennedy also ministers as a prison chaplain and is currently Executive Director of the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative and Co-Chaplain at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar, Calif.

8-13 NEW MEDIA AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🗣️

Rev. Matthew Malone, SJ (bio 3-18)

This workshop will explore the intersection of new media and the New Evangelization in the contemporary United States. What are the theological, pastoral and social resources that the Catholic media can draw upon to more fully realize their potential as ministries of the church and multi-platform communicators? Topics will include mission and identity for media, the social and ecclesial context of the New Evangelization, managing relationships with the secular press, as well as suggestions for managing organizational change in light of different apostolic priorities.

8-14 BEARING GIFTS AMONG US: INTERNATIONAL MINISTERS AND PARISH LIFE TODAY

There is a rising population of foreign-born ministers in the Church in the United States today, including priests, women and men religious. The cultural gifts they bear and share are numerous and are influencing parish life and ministry. As a result, understanding how to recognize and respect cross-cultural boundaries is crucial. This session presents some of the intercultural dynamics of learning and sharing between international ministers, pastors and parish ministers.



Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, PhD

Fr. Ricky Manalo is a Paulist priest currently teaching at Santa Clara University and the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif. In addition to his liturgical compositions, he has written numerous articles and books. Fr. Manalo is also Director of the Cultural Orientation Program for International Ministers/Priests at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and serves as an advisor to the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and the Secretariat on Divine Worship.

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8-15 SUPER SONGS OF SUPERHEROES 🎧

Jesus, Mary and the saints are the “superheroes” of our faith. Songs which celebrate their lives, words and deeds can inspire everyone, especially children, to follow in their footsteps as people of faith. Come along ready to sing, move and have fun as Australian composer Michael Mangan shares his vibrant, inter-generational songs that are sure to engage and enthuse children and adults alike!



Michael Mangan

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He is a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, is Deputy Chair of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. The former elementary school music teacher's 250 compositions are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. He has been performing concerts for the last 18 years.

8-16 BALANCING MARRIAGE AND MINISTRY: THE GREAT DANCE! 🎶

Balancing family life and ministry can be rewarding, fulfilling and life-giving – as well as stressful, demanding and frustrating. This workshop will consider the stressors, pitfalls and challenges inherent in balancing ministry and family life, identify coping strategies for when one or both spouses engage in ministry, and remember the profound blessings when ministry and family mesh.



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Dr. Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. Bob also provides training in ministry skills and issues internationally. He serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical programs at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md., and his hobbies include cycling, rock climbing and now grandparenting!



Maggie McCarty, DMin

Dr. Maggie McCarty is Executive Director of the Christian Brothers Conference in Washington, D.C. She has worked for three decades with youth and youth ministry and has experience at the parish, diocesan and national levels. Maggie teaches courses in youth ministry at several universities and is a nationally and internationally known speaker and retreat leader. She recently co-authored, with Robert McCarty, “Be a Champion for Youth: Standing With, By, and For Young People.”

8-17 ENGAGING EVERY LEARNER EVERY TIME: A SIMPLE FORMAT FOR PLANNING ENGAGING FAITH FORMATION 🎧

Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD (bio 4-19)

How can we design learning that engages every learner, every time? We will explore what it means to reach all learners regardless of age and learning style. We will examine how using four critical questions and steps in the learning cycle – Why, What, How and If – can help anyone design learning that engages learners. This model

integrates well with other models like Shared Christian Praxis and will help every catechist develop engaging faith formation for all age’s children, youth and adults.

8-18 A CALL TO “A CHURCH THAT IS POOR”: RE-IMAGINING YOUTH MINISTRY THROUGH POPE FRANCIS 🎧

In his inaugural homily, Pope Francis committed himself to “embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important, those whom Matthew lists in the final judgment on love: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison.” We can do no less. Using teachings from the Holy Father as well as prayer, music, media and dialogue, explore what it means to be a Church that is poor and how that might shape our ministry to and with the young church.



Ted Miles

Baltimore-native Ted Miles is 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, Catholic high school education and faith formation for over 25 years, including the development of “Justice Action Week” for the Baltimore Archdiocese. In 2009, he was honored with the award for leadership in youth ministry from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.



Ben Walther

Singer/songwriter Ben Walther has been making music for more than 15 years. Having been a part of Steubenville Youth conferences across the country and Life Teen events, he began co-writing with Christian music artist Matt Maher and released “Everything Can Change” in 2008. His spiritandsong.com debut release, “Make Your Home In Me” debuted at No. 12 on the iTunes Christian and Gospel charts. Walther continues to make music and travels across the country to lead worship.

8-19 EVANGELIZING FAMILIES TODAY: ENGAGING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN FAITH FORMATION 🎧

Those in catechetical ministry today face the daunting challenge of providing foundational faith formation to two generations: the children and their parents. As Tom Quinlan puts it, “We can no longer be on for simply catechizing children. We must be evangelizing households.” This workshop will explore practical ways to create a partnering dynamic with parents that can foster conversion and engage them more meaningfully in the faith formation of their children.



Tom Quinlan

Tom Quinlan is in his 14th year as diocesan Catechetical Director for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill. He was a parish director of religious education and on the boards of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and of Paulist Evangelization Ministries. Quinlan also co-chairs the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership’s Evangelization Committee. He has presented at the parish, diocesan and national levels, and he has written numerous magazine articles.

8-20 SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY? ESTHER, JUDITH AND SEXUALIZED POLITICS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT 🗣️

Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher (bio 1-23)

Both Esther and Judith are portrayed as female heroes of the Bible who manipulated sexual relationships with foreigners. In this session, we will explore some of the troubled implications of these sexualized politics of the Bible, and raise questions about the portrayal of women in the Bible.

8-21 MARY AND JESUS IN ISLAM AND THE QUR'AN 🗣️

This session will focus on the Islam narrative of Mary and Jesus in the Qur'an. As both Mary and Jesus are major figures in Islam's holy scripture, how is it that Muslims view these two figures, and how does that perception inform Muslims' view of Christianity?



Jihad Mohammed Turk

Jihad Turk, a Palestinian-American Muslim, studied Arabic at the Islamic University in Saudi Arabia and Farsi at Qom College at the University of Tehran in Iran. Turk is currently President of Bayan Claremont, an Islamic graduate school at Claremont Lincoln University in Claremont, Calif. Formerly, he served as Imam/Religious Director of the Islamic Center of Southern California in Los Angeles. He has been featured in the Los Angeles Times as well as on the History Channel and CNN.

8-22 RENEWING YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC IMAGINATION 🗣️

Reflecting on 20 consecutive years of Catholic schooling, Harvard humorist Matt Weber shares his story of overcoming the myriad challenges that come with being a twentysomething Catholic in an increasingly secular world. Both inspiring and entertaining, Weber brings energy and joy to the New Evangelization with his public witness as the "Andy Rooney of CatholicTV," and delivering a unique approach to connecting young Catholics with a renewed faith perspective – prompting CBS News to call Matt Weber "the voice of a new generation of Catholics."



Matthew Martin Weber

Since 2009, Matt Weber has appeared as host and producer on CatholicTV, the television network based in Watertown, Mass. He is a frequent contributor to the Huffington Post and the "Spiritual Something" blog on BustedHalo.com. Weber is an award-winning multimedia producer as Digital Strategist at Harvard University. For the past two years, he has had regular speaking engagements, from major national conferences to parish events, along with many college appearances.

8-23 "I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE" 🗣️

David Wells (bio 2-27)

Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote, "The world is charged with grandeur of God." Some people see it, some people don't. When we move into the light of Christ, he reveals new truth and life to us. Through him we are forever journeying from our blindness into sight. In this workshop, we will look at what the wisdom of the Church and the saints have to say about spiritual blindness. We will consider how we move from darkness through dappled vision toward clarity, so that like the man born blind we too can say with hope, "I was blind, now I see."

8-24 EUROPE 1914-1918: THE ROOTS OF OUR PRESENT MISERY 🗣️

Rev. Thomas Weston, SJ (bio 1-28)

One hundred years ago, Europe exploded into a nightmare of violence and chaos, which today we call the First World War. We are living in the world created by this conflict. In this session, we will look at the role of Pope Benedict XV and President Woodrow Wilson, our fleeting hopes for peace, our addiction to violence, and the impact of those dreadful years on our modern world.

8-25 YOU CARED FOR ME 🗣️

Dr. C. Vanessa White (bio 6-27)

The ministry of caregiver is important and challenging – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. This workshop will focus on the ministry of the caregiver and specifically address ways that the caregiver can be attentive to their own health and wholeness as they minister to others.

8-70 Nhìn về người Việt Công Giáo tại Hoa Kỳ trong tương lai: Cùng nghĩ cách đào tạo giới trẻ

Rev. Giuse Nguyễn Việt Hưng, ICM & Prof. Lê Xuân Hy, PhD (buhay 3-70)

Dưới ánh sáng đức tin, người Công giáo Việt Nam tại Hoa Kỳ, căn cứ trên những ân huệ và thực diện với những thách đố, nhận định lời gọi mời của Chúa làm sao để có thể truyền đạt đức tin cho thế hệ tương lai.

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE: VIETNAMESE AMERICAN CATHOLICS

Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen, ICM & Prof. Le Xuan Hy, PhD (bios 3-70)

In the light of faith, Vietnamese American Catholics discern the call God gives us, based on our gifts and challenges, so that we can respond in a way that fosters the development of future generations.

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JUEVES – 12 DE MARZO

(Horario de Día de los Jóvenes en las páginas 8-9)

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Inscripción

VIERNES – 13 DE MARZO

7:00 am - 3:00 pm Inscripción
(Prefunción Lobby)

8:30 - 9:30 am Oración y Bienvenida (Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am 1ª Sesión de Conferencias

11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO

11:45 - 12:30 pm **Música (Arena)**
– John Angotti y Amigos

Music (Hall B)
– Jeremy & Ryan

1:00 - 2:30 pm 2ª Sesión de Conferencias

3:00 - 4:30 pm 3ª Sesión de Conferencias

5:15 pm Servicio de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas

8:00 pm **Concierto (Arena)**
– “Praise and Worship with Spirit & Song”
“Film Showcase” 2015
Oración celta

9:00 pm

SÁBADO – 14 DE MARZO

7:30 am - 3:00 pm Inscripción

7:50 am Alabanza matutina (Arena)

8:30 am Asamblea General (Arena, sin traducción)

10:00 - 11:30 am 4ª Sesión de Conferencias

11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO

11:45 - 12:30 pm **Música (Arena)**
– Pedro Rubalcava y Amigos

Música (Hall B)
– Michael Mangan y Anne Frawley-Mangan
Curtis Stephan

1:00 - 2:30 pm 5ª Sesión de Conferencias

3:00 - 4:30 pm 6ª Sesión de Conferencias

5:15 pm Servicios de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas

8:30 pm **Concierto (Arena)**
– “The Influence of One Life”

8:30 pm Iluminaciones Sagrado

9:00 pm - 12:00 Baile (Marriott)

DOMINGO – 15 DE MARZO

8:00 - 11:00 am Inscripción

8:00 - 9:30 am Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)

8:30 am Asamblea de la mañana

Español:
Dra. María Aquino

Inglés:
Diana Macalintal

10:00 - 11:30 am 7ª Sesión de Conferencias

11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO

11:45 - 12:30 pm **Música (Arena)**
– David Haas

Música (Hall B)
– Donna Peña Vallimar
Jansen, Anna Belancourt y Dolores Gomez

1:00 - 2:30 pm 8ª Sesión de Conferencias

3:30 pm Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)



TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

El tema que se ha elegido para el Congreso 2015 – “Ver” – surge del encuentro extraordinario del ciego, en el evangelio de Juan (9:1-41). Reflexionando en esa escena sorprendente, nuestras imaginaciones se estiran, somos atraídos a ver debajo de la superficie para descubrir la paradoja: El ciego es el que ve, mientras que los que “ven” están sepultados en su propia obscuridad.

La ceguera espiritual toma posición central del intercambio y es el desafío para que todos vean a niveles más profundos, a ver con el corazón como se sugiere en el siguiente diálogo:

“¿Por qué todos aquí se encuentran tan felices, excepto yo?” preguntaba el discípulo.
“Porque todos han aprendido a ver la bondad y la belleza en todo lugar,” dijo el maestro.
“Y ¿por qué yo no puedo ver la bondad y la belleza en todo lugar?”
“Porque no puedes ver afuera lo que no te permites ver dentro de ti.”

En estos precisos momentos, Dios está trabajando en el mundo, haciendo milagros, compartiendo luz y vida. ¿Podemos ver sus obras maravillosas? ¿Estamos conscientes de su presencia en cada aspecto de la vida, en la creación, en el gozo, en el dolor y en la lucha? Dios está allí. ¿Dónde estamos nosotros? Paulo Coelho, autor de “El Alquimista,” dice: “Puedes quedarte ciego si miras cada día igual que a otro – cada día trae su propio milagro.”

Se nos anima, pues, a renovar nuestra visión, a abrirnos a la luz transformadora de Cristo y a guiar a otros a ver de forma diferente.

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

¿QUÉ ES EL CONGRESO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA?

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es el evento más grande de su clase en los Estados Unidos. Su objetivo continúa siendo el de ofrecer capacitación y formación espiritual a aquellas personas involucradas en el ministerio catequético y otros ministerios relacionados con la catequesis. Hoy en día, sin embargo, el Congreso va más allá de la formación de los educadores religiosos. El Congreso congrega a más de 40,000 participantes durante los cuatro días en que se celebra, ofreciendo más de 280 talleres con una amplia gama de temas sobre la espiritualidad, música religiosa, desarrollo personal, estudios bíblicos y catequesis.

Regístrese ya a este enriquecedor fin de semana, vital para el crecimiento y formación de ministros de la iglesia. Complete el formulario de inscripción que se encuentra en la parte interna de la contraportada de este cuaderno. También puede visitarnos en el internet en www.RECongress.org; allí puede usar su tarjeta de crédito para pagar su inscripción.

LUGAR Y PRECIO

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa se lleva a cabo en las instalaciones del Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim, ubicado en 800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, California, al Sur de Disneyland y Disney California Adventure.

COSTO: \$70 (antes del 23 de enero, 2015); \$80 (después del 23 de enero, 2015). El costo de inscripción cubre la admisión a todos los eventos: exposiciones, conciertos, liturgias de los tres días y a las conferencias (debe de presentar sus boletos de inscripción para entrar a éstas).

NOTA: También pueden inscribirse, en persona, durante el congreso. Solamente presenten su formulario completo junto con la cuota de inscripción.

Te invitamos al Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles 2015, la reunión anual más grande de su tipo en el mundo. El Congreso comienza el jueves, 12 de marzo con el Día de la Juventud, un evento para jóvenes de preparatoria. Y el fin de semana, viernes a domingo, es para adultos y jóvenes – con más de 200 conferencistas presentados más de 300 conferencias, incluyendo entretenimiento a la hora del almuerzo y por la noche, la liturgia, la Sala de Exposiciones y mucho más. Encuéntranos en línea en Facebook (RECongress), en Twitter (LACongress), en Pinterest (LACongress) e Instagram (LACongress)!



EN VIVO Vea la Ceremonia de Oración y Bienvenida en la Arena en viernes que se transmitirá en vivo en el Sala B. Con la creciente popularidad de nuestras transmisiones, RECongress.org/LIVE es otro lugar para ver el evento de la Arena durante la mañana.
(Solo viernes, 8:30-9:30 am, Sala B)



CONFERENCISTAS Durante los cuatro días, el Congreso 2015 ofrecerá conferencias con temas que van desde el crecimiento personal, la música y temas espirituales – se ofrece en tres idiomas: español, inglés y vietnamita. Nuestra función “Keynote” (en inglés) es el sábado y nuestra asamblea en español el domingo.



EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE Este año contamos con el artista, autor y orador Hermano Mickey O’Neill McGrath, oblato de San Francisco de Sales. Su trabajo y el ministerio se han ofrecido en USA Today y periódicos católicos de todo el país. En el arte y el texto, Bro. Mickey ilustrará hermoso e inspirador. (Arena Lobby)



MUESTRA DE CINE Este año la Muestra de Cine, en colaboración con la Universidad Loyola Marymount, presenta fragmentos de una serie de ficción, cortos, documentales, experimentales y películas de dibujos animados, cuyos elementos temáticos se basa en la doctrina social católica, la justicia, el ministerio, la espiritualidad y la teología. (Viernes)



ESPACIO SAGRADO Además de la capilla, la adoración eucarística, el sacramento de la reconciliación y un laberinto, este año en el Espacio Sagrado oren el Vía Crucis por medio de una exposición artística de los artefactos de indocumentados dejan atrás al atravesar la frontera entre los Estados Unidos y México. (Viernes a domingo)



LITURGIAS El Congreso anualmente ofrece una serie de liturgias de carácter diferente. El Congreso 2015 ofrece 17 liturgias eucarísticas, incluso cultura australiana, celta, contemplativa, filipino, español, tongano, vietnamita y adultos jóvenes, así como oración de la tarde y servicios de taizé. (Consulte la página 22.)



DOMINGO Acompañen a Donna Peña, ValLimar Jansen, Anna Betancourt y Dolores Gomez para un evento musical que anima y alienta a través de una matiz de sonidos en gracias y alabanza al Dios de la vida. (11:45 am, Sala B)



EXPOSICIONES Uno de los beneficios de registrarse para el congreso es la Sala de Exposiciones – mostrando más de 250 empresas como expositores que van desde el arte religioso a la música, de las editoriales a las instituciones educativas, además de una variedad de ministerios. (Lista de expositores en las páginas 90-91.)

BIENVENIDO

UN MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

¡Bienvenidos al Congreso 2015! Me alegra que estén aquí, aprovechando esta oportunidad para conocer mejor a Jesús y para crecer en su fe.

El tema del Congreso este año, “VER,” está tomado de la bella historia del Evangelio de San Juan sobre el ciego que fue curado y además recibió el don de la fe.

El Papa Francisco, hablando sobre este pasaje, dice que ésta es también la historia de nuestras vidas. Nos dice que nosotros también tenemos que “abrirnos a la luz de Cristo llevar fruto a nuestra vida ... para que, como nos recuerda San Pablo, podamos comportarnos como hijos de la luz, con humildad, paciencia, misericordia.”

Rezo para que su participación en estos días de formación, fraternidad, oración y alabanza los ayude a comprender la fe católica de manera más profunda y enriquezca su relación con Jesucristo, para que así Él siempre sea el centro de sus vidas y ministerio.

Encomiendo estos días a la Santísima Virgen María y pido a Dios que los bendiga abundantemente a lo largo del fin de semana.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

José H. Gomez
+ José H. Gomez
Arzobispo de Los Ángeles

SALUDO DE LA DIRECTORA



Queridos Amigos:

Nuevamente es para mí un privilegio darles una cordial bienvenida al Congreso 2015. Cada año nos bendicen con su presencia, su entusiasmo y compromiso constante de compartir la Buena Nueva de nuestra rica historia y tradición católica.

El tema escogido para este Congreso del 2015 – “Ver” – está inspirado en el encuentro extraordinario del ciego con Jesús (Juan 9:1-41) el cual nos reta a nuevamente Ver por debajo de la superficie, a Ver más profundamente y ampliamente. Nos invita a no solo abrir nuestros ojos físicos, sino también los ojos del corazón, los ojos de nuestros recuerdos y percibir la presencia de Dios en todos los aspectos de la vida, en la alegría, en el dolor y en las penas.

El creciente y asombroso número de conferencias, liturgias, oportunidades de entretenimiento y recursos disponibles durante el fin de semana son fuente de enriquecimiento y crecimiento espiritual para ustedes y sus comunidades de fe. Vengan, inspírense, crezcan y renuévense con la sabiduría y el conocimiento que comparten los conferencistas nacionales e internacionales.

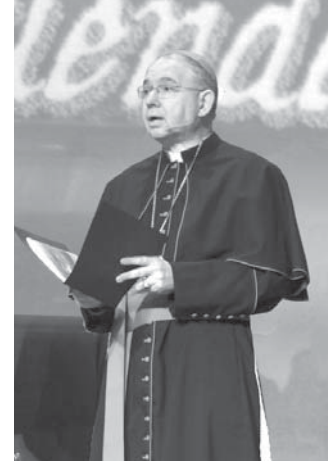
Dentro de todas las actividades ofrecidas, siempre existe la oportunidad de pasar un momento de silencio y tranquilidad en el Espacio Sagrado, caminar el Laberinto, disfrutar de la exposición de arte y celebrar el Sacramento de Reconciliación.

Nuevamente, les doy las gracias por su apoyo y abrir su vida a la luz transformadora de Cristo mientras guían a otros a Ver las maravillas de la presencia sanadora de Dios.

Espero saludarlos en el Congreso del 2015.

Sinceramente
Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC

Hna. Edith Prendergast
Directora de Educación Religiosa
Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles



MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL CONGRESO



Queridos amigos y amigas:

Como coordinadoras del Congreso de Educación Religiosa, con gran alegría les damos la bienvenida al Congreso del 2015 cuyo tema es “Ver” / “See.”

Nuestro fin de semana promete estar lleno de experiencias enriquecedoras. Comenzando con el entusiasmo y vitalidad del Día de la Juventud, y continuando el fin de semana con una gran variedad de oportunidades para enriquecerse. Como siempre el Congreso ofrece la oportunidad de renovar amistades y conocer a nuevas personas de diferentes partes del mundo que asisten a esta reunión internacional. Asegúrense de pasar algún tiempo en la Sala de Exhibiciones la cual ofrece una variedad de recursos y representantes de compañías para atenderles de forma personalizada.



En la guía de registro uno encontrará una descripción de las conferencias, lista de eventos, horarios, lugares de hospedaje e información de cómo inscribirse al Congreso por correo o internet. En nuestra página de internet – www.RECongress.org – estaremos regularmente actualizando la información del evento. Si deseas obtener información adicional envíanos un correo electrónico a congress@la-archdiocese.org o llámanos al (213) 637-7346.

Para los que no pueden acompañarnos en Anaheim, recuerden que pueden ver nuestro evento en vivo a través de la red en www.RECongress.org/Live.

Esperamos verlos pronto en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa, mientras nosotras también continuamos nuestra misión para ver más claramente y reconocer más profundamente la presencia de Dios en nuestro encuentro diario de unos con otros.

Paulette Smith
Directora Asociada
Coordinadora de Eventos

Jan Pedroza
Coordinadora de Programación

MENSAJE DE LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Muy queridas compañeras y compañeros en el ministerio catequético:

Mi corazón salta de alegría cada año cuando me toca volverles a escribir para invitarles a otro enriquecedor Congreso de Educación Religiosa y que nuestro buen Dios nos conceda la oportunidad de llegar a este momento ansiado año tras año. ¡Bendito sea!

El tema de este año, “Ver,” está inspirado en el pasaje de San Juan durante el insigne encuentro del hombre ciego con Jesús (Jn. 9:1-41). Este pasaje nos desafía a todas las personas creyentes a vivir con nuestra atención focalizada en Jesús, a mirar hacia adentro de una manera más profunda y amplia, mucho más allá de los ojos y más hondo de la mirada exterior; esto es llegar al corazón de la memoria.

El tiempo con su velocidad característica nos acerca con mayor prontitud a este tan esperado fin de semana. Como siempre tendremos las y los mejores presentadores y presentadoras nacionales e internacionales a la medida de nuestras necesidades. Gran variedad de liturgias celebradas de acuerdo a nuestras multiétnicas comunidades.

La infinidad de compañías editoras de materiales que nos ayudarán a enriquecernos teológica, intelectual y espiritualmente. El espacio de oración invitándonos a hacer una pausa y descansar, en fin que la espera se hace urgencia por que llegue pronto nuestro encuentro, y ... hasta vernos les abrazo con singular afecto,

Lourdes González-Rubio
Coordinadora de Ministerios Catequéticos (Ep)



¡Adultos Jóvenes en el Congreso 2015!

Un ministerio para y desde los jóvenes de 18 a 39 años

El Sínodo Arquidiocesano de Los Ángeles nos llama a construir “grupos juveniles” sólidos en nuestras parroquias, en nuestras regiones pastorales y en nuestra Arquidiócesis. El Congreso de Educación Religiosa ofrece numerosas oportunidades para promover y capacitar a los adultos jóvenes en este vibrante ministerio. Este fin de semana es una excelente ocasión para que ellos renueven y revigoricen su vida espiritual y su compromiso en nuestra iglesia.

Los adultos jóvenes están especialmente invitados a participar y compartir los diferentes momentos de oración, música, ambiente y alegría durante el congreso. Acompáñanos en la variedad de experiencias orientadas principalmente para ellos.



LITURGIA DE ADULTOS JÓVENES

Sábado, 14 de Marzo a las 5:15 pm

Rev. Marc Reeves, SJ, de la Universidad Loyola Marymount de Los Ángeles presidirá nuestra liturgia para adultos jóvenes con la música dirigida por Jacob & Matthew Band. Ven a dar culto con otros jóvenes de todo el mundo en esta celebración que destaca los dones de los adultos jóvenes.



BAILE PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Sábado, 14 de Marzo, 9:00 pm - media noche

Costo: \$7 por persona

Esta tradición anual del Congreso es una oportunidad para reencontrarse con viejos amigos y hacer nuevos. Después de un día completo de conferencias, convivir con otras personas y haber celebrado la liturgia, nuestro DJ mezclará una variedad de ritmos musicales para continuar la fiesta por la noche. Todos los adultos jóvenes de 18 a 39 años son bienvenidos. Se requiere identificación para entrar.

TE INVITAMOS A CONSIDERAR ESTOS CONFERENCIAS PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Las siguientes conferencias abarcarán los temas de formación psicológica y espiritual de los adultos jóvenes. Extendemos una invitación particular a todos ellos y a quienes sirven en este ministerio. Sugerimos también la lectura de esta guía para una selección de conferencias que respondan a sus necesidades e intereses. (Las conferencias con un asterisco serán grabadas.)

Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera

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

Katherine Angulo

1-51*: “Ignora el miedo pero no lo que lo causa – ¿Cómo hablarles de Dios a tus hijos?”

Luis Benavides

6-51*: “Cómo transmitir a los niños el gusto por la Palabra de Dios”
7-51*: “Cómo preparar un encuentro de catequesis o pastoral de manera atractiva para los niños y jóvenes de hoy

Julia Cano Valero

3-54*: “Adolescencia violenta y delincuencia juvenil”
6-53*: “Aspectos psiquiátricos de la violencia sobre la mujer

Rev. Allan Deck, SJ

2-52*: “La Formación Religiosa de Adultos en *Evangelii Gaudium*”

Dra. Katherine DeVries

3-22*: “Bereavement Ministry to Young Adults”
5-09*: “Young Adult Ministry, Step by Step”

Rev. Peter Neeley, SJ

6-57*: “Ven y ver la realidad fe la frontera”
7-55*: “Jóvenes y el futuro de inmigración”

Dra. Verónica Rayas

4-55*: “¿Nos confirmamos y después qué? Formados discípulos después de la confirmación”
8-55*: “La sabiduría de nuestras abuelas: Celebrando los rituales en nuestras familias

Juan Pablo Saju

4-57*: “Conocer a Jesús para ser eficaces en el liderazgo parroquial”
8-56*: “La misión instrumento esencial del líder parroquial

Hna. Xiskya Valladares Paguago

5-56*: “El rol profético de los jóvenes como factor de cambio”
7-56*: “El uso de internet como medio de evangelización

Matthew Weber

8-22*: “Renewing Young Adult Catholic Imagination”

Aguilera-Titus, Alejandro	3-51*, 4-51*
Angulo, Katherine	YD, 1-51*
Aquino, Dra. María Pilar	5-51*, Key*
Bañuelas, Msgr. Arturo	3-52*, 5-03*
Benavides, Luis	6-51*, 7-51*
Bravo Perez, Rev. Benjamín	3-53*, 5-52*
Calderón, Rev. Juan Luis	1-52, 6-52
Cano Valero, Julia	3-54*, 6-53*
Chávez Sánchez, Mons. Eduardo	3-55*, 5-53*
De Blas Saéz, P. Mariano	6-54*, 8-51*
Deck, Rev. Allan	2-52*
Dell'Oro, Dr. Roberto	4-04*, 7-52*
Espín, Dr. Orlando	7-53*
Fernandez, Rev. Eduardo	1-53*, 4-52*, 7-07*
Fernandez, Santiago	2-51, 4-15
Finke, Rudolf	5-54*
Flecha, Rev. José-Román	1-54*, 7-54*
Frias, Luz Elena	5-57*
García-Mina Freire, Ana	2-53*, 4-53*
Hernandez, Hna. Glenda Valeska	6-55*, 8-52*
Hoover, Brett	8-53*
Jones, Richard Alan	1-55*, 8-11*

López, Rev. Pedro	2-54*
Matovina, Dr. Timothy	4-54*, 6-15*
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Montenegro, Juan Carlos	2-55*
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Valenzuela, Víctor	3-57*, 6-23*
Valladares Paguago, Sr. Xiskya	5-56*, 7-56*
Vega, Ernesto	3-58*
Vega, Fr. Richard	8-58*
Yzaguirre, John	4-58*, 7-25*
Zanotto, Rev. Luigi	6-58*, 7-57*
Zuniga, Douglas	5-57*

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ASAMBLEA GENERAL

Domingo, 8:30 am



DRA. MARÍA PILAR AQUINO

“Ver al mundo: Prácticas de gratitud” 🎧

En base a una comprensión teológica de la gratitud, esta sesión propone que el fomento de la gratitud abre oportunidades, tanto para afirmar valores religiosos en beneficio de la convivencia social, como para intervenir constructivamente en la transformación de situaciones adversas.

MISAS ESPAÑOL

Viernes y Sábado – 5:15 pm

Combinando la música, el ritual y el espíritu de los participantes que hablan dos idiomas – español e inglés. Estas misas honrarán la riqueza y los talentos de nuestras culturas y afirmarán nuestra llamada a celebrar la unidad en la diversidad.

CATEGORÍAS

Español

Administración/Mayordomía

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Asuntos de la Mujer

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Catequesis

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Crecimiento y Desarrollo Humano

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Eclesiología

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Ecuménico

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Escrituras

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Espiritualidad

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Evangelización

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Familia/Clases para Padres

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Formación para Adultos

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Iniciación Cristiana

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Inmigración

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Jóvenes Adultos

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Liderazgo Parroquial

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Liturgia

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Medios de Comunicación

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Música

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Perspectivo Hispano

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Pre-Escolar

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Primaria

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Sacramentos

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Sexualidad Humana

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Tecnología

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Temas de la Vida

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Teología

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CONFERENCIAS

Viernes, 13 de Marzo

SESIÓN 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-51 Ignora el miedo pero no lo que lo causa – ¿Cómo hablarles de Dios a tus hijos? (*)
- **Katherine Angulo**
- 1-52 Vivir en el Misterio: La experiencia de Dios y Biblia en la catequesis
- **Rev. Juan Luis Calderón**
- 1-53 El arte en la religiosidad popular: una puerta sagrada al encuentro con Dios y su pueblo santo (*) - **Rev. Eduardo Fernández y Dra. Nancy Pineda-Madrid**
- 1-54 Cómo educar la conciencia (*)
- **Rev. José-Román Flecha**
- 1-55 Niños que Huyen: Los duelos que están corriendo a nuestros niños de México y Centro América y las maneras en cual la Iglesia pudiera ofrecer su auxilia (*)
- **Richard Alan Jones**
- 1-56 La mirada interior (*)
- **Rev. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana**
- 1-57 Denles ustedes de comer (*)
- **María Sedano**

SESIÓN 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-51 La vivencia de la fe a través de la música - **Santiago Fernández**
- 2-52 La Formación Religiosa de Adultos en *Evangelii Gaudium* (*)
- **Rev. Allan Deck**
- 2-53 Aprender de los fracasos (*)
- **Ana García-Mina Freire**
- 2-54 RICA: Iniciación en la fe y renovación de la Iglesia (*) - **Rev. Pedro López**
- 2-55 Inteligencia Emocional – liderazgo juvenil (*) - **Juan Carlos Montenegro**
- 2-56 Justicia restauradora (*) - **William Portillo**
- 2-57 Ver nuestra realidad de migrantes (*)
- **Rev. Clodomiro Siller Acuña**

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SESIÓN 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-51 Líderes excelentes, parroquias excelentes (*) - **Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**
- 3-52 “Ver” como los profetas y místicos (*)
- **Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas**
- 3-53 Ritos familiares preparatorios a la primera comunión (*)
- **Rev. Benjamín Bravo Perez**
- 3-54 Adolescencia violenta y delincuencia juvenil (*) - **Julia Cano Valero**
- 3-55 El laico es elegido por Santa María de Guadalupe (*)
- **Mons. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez**
- 3-56 El ministerio hispano en parroquias católicas: Resultados de un estudio nacional (*)
- **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 3-57 Comunicándonos con lo sagrado: 10 ideas creativas usando símbolos de la religión popular para la catequesis (*)
- **Victor Valenzuela**
- 3-58 Preparen los caminos al Señor (*)
- **Ernesto Vega**

Sábado, 14 de Marzo

SESIÓN 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-51 Jesús, pastor que encuentra y acompaña (*) - **Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**
- 4-52 Sacramentos como puertas a lo sagrado y como ritos de pasaje (*)
- **Rev. Eduardo Fernandez**
- 4-53 Quererse para querer (*)
- **Ana Garcia-Mina Freire**
- 4-54 María de Galilea, María de Latinoamérica (*) - **Dr. Timoteo Matovina**
- 4-55 ¿Nos confirmamos y después qué? Formados discípulos después de la confirmación (*) - **Dra. Verónica Rayas**
- 4-56 “No hay peor ciego que el que no quiere ver” (*) - **Rev. Domingo Rodriguez Zambrana**
- 4-57 Conocer a Jesús para ser eficaces en el liderazgo parroquial (*) - **Juan Pablo Saju**
- 4-58 Saber pedir lo que necesitamos (*)
- **John Yzaguirre**

SESIÓN 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-51 Ver al mundo: Las mujeres construyendo la paz (*) - **Dra. María Pilar Aquino**
- 5-52 Temas y ritos de paso, o sea, de Pascua en la formación religiosa (*)
- **Rev. Benjamín Bravo Perez**
- 5-53 Santa María de Guadalupe, la mujer vestida del Amor (*)
- **Mons. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez**
- 5-54 Puntos centrales de la educación sexual en la catequesis (*) - **Rudolf Finke**
- 5-55 Los sacramentos: Renovación de nuestra vida espiritual - **Rafael Moreno**
- 5-56 El rol profético de los jóvenes como factor de cambio (*)
- **Hna. Xiskya Valladares Paguago**
- 5-57 ¡Retiros que inspiran! Una estrategia pastoral de preparación para los sacramentos de la reconciliación y Eucaristía (*) - **Giovanni Perez, Luz Elena Frias y Douglas Zuniga**

SESIÓN 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-51 Cómo transmitir a los niños el gusto por la Palabra de Dios (*) - **Luis Benavides**
- 6-52 Ver el Misterio: Biblia, liturgia y mistagogia
- **Rev. Juan Luis Calderón**
- 6-53 Aspectos psiquiátricos de la violencia sobre la mujer (*) - **Julia Cano Valero**
- 6-54 La Eucaristía: Misterio de amor infinito (*) - **P. Mariano de Blas Saéz**
- 6-55 ¿Por qué tengo miedo? (*)
- **Hna. Glenda Valeska Hernandez**
- 6-56 La unidad de los sacramentos de iniciación (*) - **Dr. Jose Antonio Medina**
- 6-57 Ven y ver la realidad fe la frontera (*)
- **Rev. Peter Neeley**
- 6-58 La tierra explota (*) - **Rev. Luigi Zanotto**

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SESIÓN 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-51 Cómo preparar un encuentro de catequesis o pastoral de manera atractiva para los niños y jóvenes de hoy (*) - **Luis Benavides**
- 7-52 Al centro de la ética cristiana: Papa Francisco y la ternura de Dios (*)
- **Dr. Roberto Dell’Oro**
- 7-53 “¿Quién es humano?” La pregunta clave en el cristianismo (*) - **Dr. Orlando Espín**
- 7-54 Amor y alegría: El fruto del Espíritu (*)
- **Rev. José-Román Flecha**
- 7-55 Jóvenes y el futuro de inmigración (*)
- **Rev. Peter Neeley**
- 7-56 El uso de Internet como medio de evangelización (*)
- **Sr. Xiskya Valladares Paguago**
- 7-57 Naveguen mar adentro (Mc 6,45) (*)
- **Rev. Luigi Zanotto**

SESIÓN 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-51 Actitudes positivas en la vida (*)
- **P. Mariano de Blas Saéz**
- 8-52 La tentación (*)
- **Hna. Glenda Valeska Hernandez**
- 8-53 Convivencia en la parroquia multicultural (*) - **Brett Hoover**
- 8-54 Los movimientos apostólicos en la Iglesia (*) - **Dr. Jose Antonio Medina**
- 8-55 La sabiduría de nuestras abuelas: Celebrando los rituales en nuestras familias (*)
- **Dra. Verónica Rayas**
- 8-56 La misión instrumento esencial del líder parroquial (*) - **Juan Pablo Saju**
- 8-57 Ver la migración según el plan de Dios (*)
- **Rev. Clodomiro Siller Acuña**
- 8-58 Ver y proclamar (*) - **P. Richard Vega**



I-51 IGNORA EL MIEDO PERO NO LO QUE LO CAUSA – ¿CÓMO HABLARLES DE DIOS A TUS HIJOS?

¿Cómo introducir en nuestros hogares la oportunidad de hablar de nuestra fe? ¿Cómo enseñarles a los hijos a dar su testimonio? ¿Cómo hablarles de las enseñanzas de la iglesia? ¿Cómo crear oportunidades de oración como familia? En esta conferencia, compartiremos técnicas y/o experiencias que se pueden utilizar para ayudar a los padres a dialogar sobre Dios con sus hijos efectivamente.



Katherine Angulo

Nació en México y creció en Bogotá, Colombia. Katherine Angulo es fluente en inglés, español y francés. Ha trabajado por más de 14 años en ministerio juvenil, ministerio pastoral a nivel de iglesia, y ministerio universitario en las diócesis de Richmond, Virginia; Knoxville, Tennessee; y la Arquidiócesis de Miami, Florida. Y es en la actualidad el personal del Departamento de Formación Católica y Evangelización como Director de la Pastoral Juvenil de la Diócesis de Raleigh, Norte Carolina.

I-52 VIVIR EN EL MISTERIO: LA EXPERIENCIA DE DIOS Y BIBLIA EN LA CATEQUESIS

La mistagógica es la parte de la catequesis que introduce en la experiencia del Misterio. Frente a la tentación racionalista de una catequesis intelectualizada y concentrada en aprender y memorizar oraciones y fórmulas teológicas, se impone la necesidad de llevar al nuevo cristiano a un proceso de vivencia de lo que se cree. Estableceremos las bases para un acercamiento experiencial a la catequesis y dar el salto de la teoría sobre Dios a la relación con Él desde la Biblia como ámbito esencial de conocimiento y relación con Dios.



Rev. Juan Luis Calderón

El padre Juan Calderón llegó a Estados Unidos desde España el año 2001 como Subdirector del Centro Guadalupe en la Arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey. Actualmente es Vicario parroquial y Director de Educación Religiosa en la Iglesia de San Rocco en Union City, y en la Iglesia de José de Palisades en West New York, como en Nueva Jersey. Es director del periódico New Jersey Católico, y es Profesor del Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program de la Diócesis de Las Vegas, Nevada. El P. Calderón es conferencista en congresos en todo el país.

I-53 EL ARTE EN LA RELIGIOSIDAD POPULAR: UNA PUERTA SAGRADA AL ENCUENTRO CON DIOS Y SU PUEBLO SANTO

Últimamente, el Papa Francisco nos ha estado recordando de la gran riqueza espiritual que se encuentra en expresiones religiosas populares. Por medio de sus altares, procesiones y vigiliass – repletas de cantos, símbolos, danza, drama sagrado y comida – este pueblo santo no solo celebra en una forma sensual los grandes misterios de la fe sino también pasa sus tradiciones a nuevas generaciones. Tomando ejemplos de formas de arte que se encuentran en la religiosidad popular, este taller aporta una oportunidad para reflexionar teológicamente sobre cómo Dios se hace presente por medio de estos momentos sacramentales.



Rev. Eduardo C. Fernández, SJ

Además de dar clases de teología hispana y pastoral en la Escuela Jesuita de Teología en Berkeley, que ahora pertenece a la universidad de Santa Clara, el Jesuita P. Eduardo Fernández se dedica a escribir, dar talleres y retiros y colaborar en algunas parroquias. También ha hecho pastoral con universitarios. Ha escrito varios libros, entre ellos una introducción a la Teología Hispana en los Estados Unidos llamada “La Cosecha” en versión castellana y Mexican-American Católicos.



Nancy Pineda-Madrid, PhD

Nació en Albuquerque, Nuevo México, y creció en El Paso, Texas. Dra. Nancy Pineda-Madrid es Profesora Asociada de Teología y Ministerio Latina/o en Boston College, donde ha enseñado desde 2005. Dra. Pineda-Madrid es autora de “Suffering and Salvation in Ciudad Juárez” y la colección donde ella fue la coeditora, “Hope: Promise, Possibility and Fulfillment.” Está escribiendo un libro sobre la Virgen de Guadalupe.

I-54 CÓMO EDUCAR LA CONCIENCIA

Son muchas las voces que tratan de alejarnos del camino recto y del bien. La conciencia moral es el lugar donde nos encontramos con Dios. Educar la conciencia es la clave de la moralidad, de la libertad interior y de la felicidad. En esta sesión, nos recuerda la doctrina bíblica y el modo de educar nuestra conciencia y la de los demás.



Rev. José-Román Flecha

El P. José-Román Flecha es un sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, donde ha sido párroco. Es profesor en la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca y profesor invitado por varias universidades internacionales. El P. Flecha es miembro de una Comisión de Estudios en la Congregación para la Educación Católica (Santa Sede), y ha realizado trabajo apostólico en Chile, Venezuela, Panamá, Costa Rica y China así como en Buffalo, New York; Los Ángeles, California; y Phoenix, Arizona.

I-55 NIÑOS QUE HUYEN: LOS DUELOS QUE ESTÁN CORRIENDO A NUESTROS NIÑOS DE MÉXICO Y CENTRO AMÉRICA Y LAS MANERA EN CUAL LA IGLESIA PUDIERA OFRECER SU AUXILIA

En el 2014, un número aproximado de 60,000 menores de edad cruzó a Estados Unidos desde México y Centro América. Todos estos niños han sido forzados de sus hogares y de sus familias por la violencia, inseguridad y abusos que suceden en sus comunidades. Esta presentación explicará las razones por las cuales esto está pasando, el costo para las familias americanas, y dará sugerencias sobre lo que podemos hacer para remediar esta situación como Iglesia.



Richard Alan Jones

Rick Jones, con sede en San Salvador, El Salvador, actualmente es Director Adjunto para la Solidaridad Global y Justicia para América latina y el Caribe para Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Durante los últimos 20 años ha trabajado en causas de construcción de paz, derechos humanos y desarrollo en América Latina. Fue Director en El Salvador y Sub-Director en Nicaragua. Ha dado temas en universidades, simposios e institutos en las Filipinas y los Estados Unidos.

SESIÓN 1

10:00 - 11:30 AM • VIERNES, 13 DE MARZO

I-56 LA MIRADA INTERIOR 🕊 SALA B

Requisito del crecimiento en la vida espiritual es el “conócete a ti mismo/a.” La invitación en este taller es verte a ti mismo/a y cuestionarte cómo has manejado tu proceso de crecimiento. ¿Cómo manejas tus “manías,” tus fallas diarias, tus frustraciones, tus heridas del pasado? ¿Te sientes víctima o protagonista de tu vida? El eterno riesgo de los buenos es de ser muy espirituales pero con cara de amargados. ¡Que Diosito nos perdone!



Domingo Rodriguez Zambrana, ST

El P. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana es el Vicario General de los Siervos Misioneros de la Santísima Trinidad y también es facilitador de retiros, misiones y talleres. Es columnista del periódico católico para las arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey, San Juan, Puerto Rico y la diócesis de Rockville Center, New York. P. Rodríguez fue también presidente del Consejo Nacional Católicos de Pastoral Hispana y vicepresidente de la Asociación Nacional de Sacerdotes Hispanos.

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I-57 DENLES USTEDES DE COMER 🕊

Jesús pidió a sus discípulos que dieran de comer a las multitudes. Los discípulos le contestaron que cómo podían hacerlo con tan pocos recursos, pero cuando se pusieron a servir se dieron cuenta que tenían más que suficiente y aun tuvieron sobras. Los catequistas, discípulos/as de hoy, también son llamados por Jesús para alimentar a las personas con el alimento de la Palabra de Dios; y quizás como los discípulos de ayer también se pregunten, ¿cómo puedo yo con lo poco que tengo y soy dar de comer a tanta gente? En este taller, reflexionaremos sobre los dones y talentos que Dios nos ha dado personalmente y comunitariamente, para así ser más eficaces en alimentar al mundo.



Maria H. Sedano

Maruja Sedano es la directora de la Oficina de Catequesis y Ministerio Juvenil en la Archidiócesis de Chicago, Illinois. Previamente fue directora asociada responsable de Educación Religiosa de Adultos y del Instituto Bíblico en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, donde trabajó por 26 años. Por más de 10 años Sedano sirvió en el Comité de Evangelización y Catequesis de la Conferencia Católica de Obispos en Estados Unidos. Más de 30 años de experiencia entrenando líderes y catequistas, dando talleres y conferencia en Latinoamérica, España y los Estados Unidos.



SESIÓN 2

VIERNES, 13 DE MARZO • 1:00 - 2:30 PM

2-51 LA VIVENCIA DE LA FE A TRAVÉS DE LA MÚSICA

¿Qué tanta importancia tiene la música en tu vida de fe? ¿Tienes algún canto favorito que te conmueva profundamente y te acerque a Dios? ¿Qué es lo que hace que la oración cantada sea tan bella y significativa, especialmente dentro de la misa? En esta sesión, Santiago Fernández nos hablará acerca de este tema tan importante y personal para cada uno de nosotros. Reflexionaremos acerca del canto en la misa y en la oración personal, en retiros y en otros entornos que todos compartimos como creyentes católicos. No te pierdas esta oportunidad de aprender, cantar y ampliar tu entendimiento del canto como parte integral de tu identidad católica.



Santiago Fernández

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por 25 años. Él trabaja actualmente en la parroquia de La Sagrada Familia en Novi, Michigan, como director de música y también como presentador de talleres para OCP. Charlas y talleres en eventos nacionales, regionales, diocesanos y parroquiales por los últimos ocho años. Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, director musical del National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, Instituto Fe y Vida y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006.

2-52 LA FORMACIÓN RELIGIOSA DE ADULTOS EN EVANGELII GAUDIUM 🕊

Bajo el liderazgo del Papa Francisco la Iglesia vive un momento fuerte de reforma o cambio. El documento clave del papado actual es el documento *Evangelii Gaudium*, que levanta una serie de ideas y líneas de acción pastoral. Entre ellas están la “conversión pastoral,” la samaritanidad y la misión. ¿Cómo se relacionan estos enfoques con la catequesis y especialmente con la formación de adultos? El P. Allan Deck iluminará este tema con los resultados de sus investigaciones en la Argentina que incluyeron entrevistas con los grandes colaboradores del Papa.



Rev. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ

Reconocido nacional e internacionalmente como experto en la pastoral hispana en los Estados Unidos, el padre Allan Deck lleva casi 40 años de servicio a la Iglesia como administrador de una parroquia latina, director diocesano de la pastoral hispana en Orange County, California, y asesor de los obispos de California y de los Estados Unidos. El padre jesuita es fundador del Instituto Hispano de la Escuela Jesuita de Teología en Berkeley, California; y del Instituto Loyola para la Espiritualidad en Orange, California; es Catedrático de Valores Sociales Católicos y Profesor de Teología en la Universidad Loyola Marymount en Los Angeles.

2-53 APRENDER DE LOS FRACASOS 🗣️ **SALA B**

Los éxitos y fracasos entretujan nuestra existencia, son inherentes a la naturaleza humana. Expresan nuestra potencialidad y nuestra limitación, nuestra grandeza y fragilidad. El éxito, al igual que los fracasos, nos son indispensables para vivir y, sin embargo, son una de las experiencias más difíciles de asumir. ¿Cómo podemos afrontar los fracasos? ¿Cómo podemos extraer de ellos una sabiduría válida para la vida? El objetivo de esta conferencia es poder responder a estas preguntas y encontrar claves de comprensión y de actuación.

**Ana García-Mina Freire**

Ana García-Mina Freire es Vice-rectora de Servicios a la Comunidad Universitaria y Estudiantes de la Universidad Pontificia de Comillas en Madrid, España. Es autora de diversas obras sobre temas relacionados con los ámbitos psicológicos y socia-

les. García-Mina es investigadora en programas de investigación y desarrollo del Ministerio de Trabajo y Asuntos Sociales. A lo largo de estos últimos años ha sido miembro del consejo de redacción de la revista de Teología Pastoral "Sal Terrae" y colaboradora de la revista "Catequistas."

2-54 RICA: INICIACIÓN EN LA FE Y RENOVACIÓN DE LA IGLESIA 🗣️

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) no se puede llevar a cabo sin la participación activa de la comunidad creyente. Pero, para que esta comunidad tenga una participación activa, ella necesita ver y comprender quién es y cuál es su misión. Para muchos católicos esto requiere ser renovados en la fe y comprender de mejor manera el mandato que Cristo dio a su Iglesia – "Vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones." Este mandato llama a la Iglesia a vivir lo que proclama y caminar con su Señor. Para celebrar el RICA, llamando a otros a la conversión requiere que nosotros, la Iglesia, demos ejemplo de fe y que acompañemos a los que acuden a ella pidiendo conocer mejor a Dios y a Cristo. Sólo así puede la Iglesia celebrar de manera correcta y efectiva el RICA. ¿Cómo hacer para que la comunidad de la parroquia participe en estos procesos de fe, conversión y renovación? Se proporcionarán posibles estrategias y métodos para despertar y fortalecer la fe de la comunidad y ayudarla a mejor cumplir con la misión de la Iglesia.

**Rev. Pedro J. López**

Hijo de padres mexicanos que emigraron a Estados Unidos, el P. Pedro López nació en Ventura, California, en donde se crió en un hogar bilingüe y bicultural. Su servicio sacerdotal le ha llevado a conocer nuevas culturas y servir en parroquias multiculturales. El P. López es Párroco de Saint Pius X Church en Santa Fe Springs, California, de 2004 al presente. De 1991-95 fue Director Auxiliar de la Oficina del Culto Divino en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, y continúa asesorando a esta Oficina. Presenta programas de Liturgia Avanzada en Los Ángeles y San Bernardino, y el programa de formación de los Diáconos Permanentes en la Diócesis de San Bernardino.

2-55 INTELIGENCIA EMOCIONAL – LIDERAZGO JUVENIL 🗣️

En 2014 tuve la oportunidad de ir a una experiencia corta de misiones en la República de Angola, sur de África, cuando el Obispo Tirso Blanco me dio algunos libros para que los leyera. Uno de ellos hablaba sobre la "Inteligencia Emocional." Esta técnica la apliqué en el campamento de verano donde tenemos 238 jóvenes sirviendo como líderes. Los resultados fueron impresionantes. Así que si quiere saber más sobre Inteligencia Emocional no se pierda esta charla, es perfecta para catequistas, líderes de grupos juveniles e incluso para cualquier persona que está en contacto con jóvenes. Entre los temas que estudiaremos están: cómo ayudar a que el joven esté consciente de quién es él como persona, que esté consciente de la sociedad que le rodea, que aprenda a manejar sus emociones y por último que aprenda a manejar la forma cómo se relaciona con otras personas.

**Juan Carlos Montenegro**

Juan Carlos Montenegro, es una persona que ha entregado toda su vida a trabajar con los jóvenes, ha trabajado como misionero en la mitad de la selva Amazónica y ha tenido la oportunidad de participar en varios congresos internacionales. "JC" como le conocen los jóvenes gracias a la experiencia que tiene de 17 años de la pastoral juvenil ha logrado escribir tres libritos: "El Negocio de la Salvación," "Pastoral Juvenil del Otro Mundo" y su última publicación, "Intencionalmente Catequista," que ha sido publicado en Perú y en Ecuador.

2-56 JUSTICIA RESTAURADORA 🗣️

La conferencia se va enfocar en profundizar la justicia restauradora de Dios y de su iglesia en las personas cuando se desvían del camino. El hijo pródigo regresa a casa buscando una segunda oportunidad y así mismo toda persona merece ser visto con los ojos misericordiosos de Dios, sin pre-juicio y como dice la escritura "como nueva criatura." También, vamos a observar cómo cada acción tiene consecuencias y para que exista una verdadera restauración debe de existir un verdadero arrepentimiento y acciones concretas a favor de la misma. William Portillo no es un reportero sino un testigo de esta misma justicia restauradora y va a compartir su gran testimonio de conversión en donde participó en la fundación de una de las pandillas salvadoreñas más temidas mundialmente y cómo hoy es un agente de esperanza para la iglesia compartiéndole al mundo que si él pudo cambiar, tu también lo puedes hacer.

**William Duane Portillo**

William Portillo, nació en Los Ángeles, California, es predicador laico misionero y consejero sobre toda clase de adicciones. Es fundador y presidente honorario del movimiento católico de Prevención y Rescate en muchas parroquias a nivel nacional. Portillo lleva 23 años predicando la palabra de Dios a nivel internacional en eventos masivos (congresos), retiros e imparte talleres de superación personal. Formador de líderes, voluntarios y predicadores laicos. Es autor de artículos publicados en la red.

SESIÓN 2

1:00 - 2:30 PM • VIERNES, 13 DE MARZO

2-57 VER NUESTRA REALIDAD DE MIGRANTES

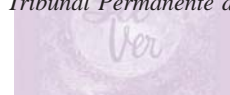
Los humanos tenemos un cuerpo que físicamente está hecho para emigrar. Es el resultado de un largo proceso que comenzó cuando empezamos a caminar erguidos en dos pies. Entonces como humanidad nos dispersamos al mundo entero. Actualmente las causas de la emigración humana están principalmente en resolver limitaciones apremiantes. Para resolver nuestros problemas migratorios actuales debemos ver claramente todas las dificultades que nos impulsaron a venir acá; descubrir consciente y analíticamente sus causas, conocer su relación con el sentido humanitario de la emigración, ver cuáles son las soluciones y las exigencias legales necesarias de los mismos, descubrir qué medios necesitamos para lograr esas soluciones, y proponernos claramente el horizonte

social, cultural y religioso en el que nos queremos situar para vivir dignamente nuestra vida.



P. Clodomiro Siller Acuña

Sacerdote diocesano de Tehuantepec, Oaxaca, México. P. Clodomiro Siller Acuña es Coordinador del área de Investigación y Consultoría del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas en la Ciudad de México, donde colabora desde hace 40 años. Fue secretario ejecutivo de la Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Indígena del Episcopado Mexicano y director del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas. Asesora a varias diócesis de México, América Latina y los Estados Unidos. Es miembro del Consejo Consultivo de la Dimensión de Indígenas del Episcopado Mexicano, y miembro del Comité de Garantes del Tribunal Permanente de los Pueblos.



SESIÓN 3

VIERNES, 13 DE MARZO • 3:00 - 4:30 PM

3-51 LÍDERES EXCELENTE, PARROQUIAS EXCELENTE

Ven y descubre las cualidades de un líder católico excelente y los pasos para construir comunidades de fe fuertes y dinámicas. La sesión explora el arte de dar la bienvenida, crear sentido de pertenencia, formar líderes y lograr la corresponsabilidad en parroquias con pastoral hispana/latina.



Alejandro Aguilera-Titus

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus tiene 30 años de experiencia pastoral con énfasis en la formación de líderes, catequesis, espiritualidad, pastoral juvenil y planeación pastoral. Su trabajo pastoral a nivel parroquial, diocesano, regional y nacional lo han convertido en un teólogo práctico de gran influencia en la pastoral Hispana/Latina en Estados Unidos. Actualmente es Director de la Pastoral Hispana en Estados Unidos bajo el Secretariado de la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia (USCCB).

3-52 “VER” COMO LOS PROFETAS Y MÍSTICOS

Esta presentación es una introducción básica a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre justicia social y una reflexión de cómo vivirlas en nuestras comunidades fronterizas y globales. Profetas y místicos/as ven el cumplimiento de la esperanza en el desarrollo de nuestro compromiso y solidaridad con los pobres.



Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas

Mons. Arturo Bañuelas es originario de la diócesis de El Paso, Texas, donde actualmente ejerce como Párroco de la iglesia de San Marcos y Administrador de la iglesia de San Juan Bautista. En 1989, fue co-fundador de la Academia de Teólogos Católicos Hispánicos de los Estados Unidos que ha ganado el reconocimiento internacional. Mons. Bañuelas también fue el director fundador del Instituto Tepeyac. Es miembro de varios consejos y comisiones y presenta conferencias en las diócesis por todo el país.

3-53 RITOS FAMILIARES PREPARATORIOS A LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

En la liturgia de la primera comunión se entrega a la persona (niño/a, joven, adulto/a) aquellos instrumentos que recibió en el bautismo (agua, Biblia, nombre, cirio, cruz y en ocasiones sal). Son cosas que deberían de ser tema central de la formación religiosa preparatoria a los sacramentos de iniciación. Sin embargo, frecuentemente, se prefiere emplear otros manuales en los que no se explica el significado de estos objetos. De ahí la importancia no solo de enseñar lo que significan sino sobre todo de celebrarlos como rituales familiares para recordar el bautizo. Con la sesión tendremos oportunidad intercambiar preguntas y respuestas.



Rev. Benjamín Bravo Perez

Nacido en Michoacán, México, Benjamín Bravo es sacerdote de la arquidiócesis de México y párroco de San Sebastián en Ciudad de México. Especialista en formas prácticas pastorales que respondan a desafíos de las ciudades, especialmente de las grandes urbes. Ha podido entrelazar esta práctica en la elaboración de una teología de la ciudad.

3-54 ADOLESCENCIA VIOLENTA Y DELINCUENCIA JUVENIL

La expresión de conductas violentas en menores y jóvenes es un hecho preocupante que parece ir en aumento y que suscita enorme preocupación en la sociedad. El ser humano en desarrollo, el adolescente, en el proceso de conseguir su identidad y su autonomía, puede expresar agresividad en ocasiones, presentar conductas violentas o incluso iniciar el camino de la delincuencia. Reflexionaremos sobre cuáles son las circunstancias que facilitan y mantienen este fenómeno, sus causas, los factores familiares y los modelos y valores sociales que siembran la semilla de la violencia en los menores. Veremos qué psicopatología puede estar relacionada con

ello: jóvenes con problemas de salud mental que entran en el sistema judicial antes que en los hospitales. Comentaremos algunos casos para entender el problema, para saber cómo se puede atender y hablaremos de cómo prevenirlo. No solo es la responsabilidad de muchos profesionales, también lo es de la sociedad en su conjunto y de todos los adultos.



Julia Cano Valero

Julia Valero, nacida en el sur de España (Cádiz), es Doctora en Medicina, especialista en psiquiatría y Magister en Psiquiatría Legal. Es Profesora Asociada en el Departamento de Neurociencias de Universidad de Cádiz. Trabajo como médico psiquiatra en consulta privada. Perito en procedimientos judiciales. Vocal por Andalucía de la Sociedad Española de Psiquiatría. Responsable de grupo de Girl Scouts durante la adolescencia y juventud. Docencia en la Universidad desde el año 1982. Participación en cursos, congresos y seminarios de psiquiatría y criminología. Imparte asignatura de Psicología Médica en Facultad de Medicina y la Psiquiatría Forense en Criminología, Facultad de Derecho. Universidad de Cádiz.

3-55 EL LAICO ES ELEGIDO POR SANTA MARÍA DE GUADALUPE

Santa María de Guadalupe eligió a Juan Diego, el laico humilde mensajero de su amor, un laico que tuvo la gracia de conocer de manera directa a la Madre de Dios, un laico fue el primero quien supo sobre la misión que Ella llevaba a cabo, un laico que fue el primero en experimentar el paraíso, un laico que supo que Ella tenía la dicha de ser su madre. Fue un laico, san Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, el mensajero del amor de Dios, por medio de Santa María de Guadalupe.



Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez

Dr. Eduardo Chávez, nació en la Ciudad de México, fue ordenado por la Arquidiócesis de México. Trabajó con éxito como Postulador de la Causa de Canonización de San Juan Diego. Es cofundador del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupeños, y es Canónigo de la Basílica de Guadalupe, en donde continúa su trabajo como Director del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupeños, así como Asesor Cultural de la Basílica de Guadalupe. Ha publicado más de 38 obras, especialmente sobre el tema de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

3-56 EL MINISTERIO HISPANO EN PARROQUIAS CATÓLICAS: RESULTADOS DE UN ESTUDIO NACIONAL SALA B

Cerca del 25 por ciento de todas las parroquias católicas en los Estados Unidos ofrecen servicios pastorales directamente a la población de habla hispana. Esta es una realidad que está transformando profundamente la experiencia católica en el país. Después de tres años de investigación de estas comunidades (2011-2014), el Estudio Nacional de Parroquias Católicas con Ministerio Hispano está arrojando sus primeros resultados. En esta presentación, exploraremos estadísticas importantes, tendencias, preguntas, transiciones y estrategias para planear mejor el ministerio y la catequesis con los católicos hispanos tanto a nivel local, regional y nacional.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

El Dr. Hosffman Ospino es profesor de teología pastoral y educación religiosa en la Universidad jesuita Boston College en donde también es director de programas de postgrado en ministerio hispano. Su trabajo académico y pastoral le ha llevado a hacer presentaciones en Latinoamérica, Europa y Norteamérica. Su libro más reciente es "Evangelización y Catequesis en el Ministerio Hispano." Él fue el investigador principal del estudio nacional de parroquias católicas con ministerio hispano. Actualmente se encuentra trabajando en un libro sobre parroquias multiculturales.

3-57 COMUNICÁNDONOS CON LO SAGRADO: 10 IDEAS CREATIVAS USANDO SÍMBOLOS DE LA RELIGIÓN POPULAR PARA LA CATEQUESIS

La catequesis nos da la oportunidad de utilizar modos creativos e interesantes para la formación en la fe. Desafortunadamente, muchos catequistas sólo hacen el uso de lo verbal y lingüístico para comunicar la fe. El lenguaje de la catequesis debe de ser lleno de símbolos y creencias populares como los santos, la Virgen María, los rosarios, los escapularios, etc. En esta sesión, veremos cómo tomar nuestras creencias populares y utilizarlas efectivamente en la catequesis. Ideas prácticas serán compartidas para implementar en sus parroquias.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela es consultor bilingüe a nivel nacional de William H. Sadler, Inc. Por más de 20 años ha estado trabajando en el ministerio hispano. Valenzuela ha sido maestro de secundaria y ha colaborado en diversos ministerios parroquiales incluyendo pastoral juvenil y educación religiosa, donde tiene una gran experiencia preparando materiales. Nació en Arizona de padres mexicanos, ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida en el área de la bahía. Actualmente vive en Alameda, California.

3-58 PREPAREN LOS CAMINOS AL SEÑOR

Basado en la cita bíblica de Lucas 3:3-20, "Preparen los caminos al Señor," presenta un marco de referencia espiritual para cualquier líder ministerial o cualquier adulto caminando en la fe, para desarrollar una senda espiritual hacia el balance entre la humildad y la autoestima en tu vida. Ven y reflexiona el contenido de este pasaje bíblico desde el ángulo de la psicología y la espiritualidad. Te dará unas herramientas internas para desarrollar una relación más profunda con Dios, con tu persona y con tu ministerio, y te asistirá en el desarrollo espiritual y de una nueva visión de liderazgo para ti y las personas que colaboran contigo.



Ernesto Vega

Ernesto Vega es Coordinador del Ministerio de Formación de Fe para adultos de habla hispana en la Oficina de Educación Religiosa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Lleva dos años de maestro de preparatoria, y es conductor del programa "Hacia Cristo con María" desde 2003 en El Sembrador. Vega es conferencista en congresos regionales, retiros y congresos para la comunidad hispana. En la actualidad, él está en el proceso de obtener una maestría en teología pastoral con concentración en la dirección espiritual.

4-51 JESUS, PASTOR QUE ENCUENTRA Y ACOMPAÑA ☪

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus (biografía 3-51)

Ven y descubre los pasos que da Jesús en su labor evangelizadora. Estos pasos nos permiten ver con claridad cómo Jesús sabe encontrarse con las personas y acompañarlas en su vida diaria, sobre todo en los momentos más difíciles. ¡Aprende a hacer tú lo mismo en tu comunidad!

4-52 SACRAMENTOS COMO PUERTAS A LO SAGRADO Y COMO RITOS DE PASAJE ☪

Rev. Eduardo C. Fernández, SJ (biografía 1-53)

¿De dónde venimos y a dónde vamos? Además, ¿cómo sabemos si vamos por el buen camino? Durante la historia, los seres humanos se han hecho estas preguntas esenciales. En la celebración de sacramentos, un Dios generoso que se hace presente por medio de la Palabra, ritos sacramentales y la asamblea, nos abraza y nos anima para seguir adelante a lo largo de las etapas de la vida humana. Durante estos tiempos de iniciación, alimentación, maduración, perdón, sanación, compromiso y vocación, los sacramentos nos abren puertas al mundo sagrado repleto de gracia. Por medio de imágenes y relatos de varias culturas, este taller explora la relación entre sacramentos y ritos de pasaje en la familia humana.

4-53 QUERERSE PARA QUERER ☪

Ana García-Mina Freire (biografía 2-53)

La valoración que tenemos de nosotros mismos influye profundamente en nuestra vida. Las decisiones que tomamos, el estilo de relaciones que establecemos, el rendimiento en el trabajo o en el estudio, la forma de estar con los hijos ... están condicionadas por ese juicio evaluativo que hacemos de nosotros mismos, por eso que en psicología llamamos “auto-estima.” El objetivo de esta conferencia es analizar esta dimensión tan fundamental del desarrollo psicológico y ver cómo podemos potenciarlas en nuestro ser.

4-54 MARÍA DE GALILEA, MARIA DE LATINOAMÉRICA ☪

María de Nazaret ha sido una hermana en la fe para millones de creyentes en los 20 siglos del Cristianismo. Examinaremos a María en el contexto de Galilea del primer siglo, en la Biblia, y en la fe cristiana, con enfoque particular en las comunidades latinas de las Américas.



Dr. Timoteo Matovina

Dr. Timoteo Matovina tiene más de 30 años de experiencia sirviendo entre los católicos hispanos. Ha dado presentaciones sobre temas pastorales y teológicos en numerosas diócesis, institutos pastorales y programas de formación. Actualmente es Profesor de Teología en la Universidad de Notre Dame en South Bend, Indiana, donde también es Director Ejecutivo del Instituto de Estudios Latinos. Entre sus libros, Dr. Matovina es autor de “Catolicismo Latino: La transformación de la Iglesia en Estados Unidos.”

4-55 ¿NOS CONFIRMAMOS Y DESPUÉS QUÉ? FORMADOS DISCÍPULOS DESPUÉS DE LA CONFIRMACIÓN ☪

Nuestros jóvenes reciben el sacramento de la confirmación llenos de entusiasmo y de alegría. Ellos han tenido un encuentro con Jesús y se sienten llamados a compartir la Buena Nueva. Acompáñanos en este taller, en donde exploramos qué tipo de formación ministerial necesitamos ofrecer para que crezcan como discípulos/as. La atención se centrará en proporcionar oportunidades de crecimiento en teología del ministerio, el desarrollo del liderazgo, la espiritualidad y la justicia social.



Verónica Rayas, PhD

Dra. Verónica Rayas es la Directora de la Oficina de Formación Religiosa de la Diócesis de El Paso, Texas. Fue Coordinadora de Programas para el Instituto Tepeyac en la Diócesis de El Paso y antes fue co-directora de la Pastoral Juvenil de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. Tiene una amplia experiencia en varios ministerios como catequista, ministerio de jóvenes, profesora de escuelas católicas y asociada pastoral. Dra. Rayas ha presentado conferencias en Dallas, Texas, y Washington, D.C.

4-56 “NO HAY PEOR CIEGO QUE ET QUE NO QUIERE VER” ☪

Domingo Rodriguez Zambrana, ST (biografía 1-56)

Reconocemos que somos seres libres. La invitación en este taller es poder caer en la cuenta de cómo todos somos impactados por nuestros prejuicios. Somos libres para admitirlos y superarlos, o permanecer encerrados en ellos, porque “así soy yo.” Miremos algunos de nuestros prejuicios: 1) sobre la raza (blancos/negros); 2) el género (masculino/femenino); 3) comunidad de fe (los “iluminados”/la chusma). ¿Quieres ver con mayor claridad?

4-57 CONOCER A JESÚS PARA SER EFICACES EN EL LIDERAZGO PARROQUIAL ☪

En las Sagradas Escrituras no solo podemos encontrar a grandes líderes que nos sirvan de ejemplo, entre ellos nuestro Señor Jesucristo, sino también las enseñanzas de la palabra respecto a las cosas necesarias para ser un líder eficaz. En esta presentación analizaremos las virtudes de estos grandes líderes bíblicos, y veremos cómo aplicarlo en nuestra vida diaria y en la parroquia. Así también analizaremos los defectos de la falta de formación en el liderazgo. Y terminaremos reflexionando con los participantes qué objetivos podemos considerar necesarios para ser más eficaces en nuestro liderazgo parroquial.



Lic. Juan Pablo Saju

Juan Pablo Saju, nació en Mendoza, Argentina, y vive en Guaymallén, Argentina, es gerente general de Agape International Enterprise. Fue traductor de la Biblia China del griego al chino en el Instituto Bíblico Franciscano y fue profesor de Biblia en el Instituto Bíblico Diocesano de Hong Kong. Entre sus varias experiencias profesionales participó en la creación y el desarrollo de una editorial en Asia. Ha escrito tres libros, dos en chino y uno en Inglés, “Comentario a la carta de Pablo a los Gálatas.” Tiene un libro en proceso en la carta de Pablo a los Efesios.

4-58 SABER PEDIR LO QUE NECESITAMOS 🗣️ SALA B

Cuando las personas que más queremos no satisfacen nuestras necesidades es muy común que acabemos quejándonos, criticando o que nos resignemos y nos alejemos emocionalmente de ellos. Desafortunadamente ninguna de estas conductas resuelve esa situación. En su charla, el Dr. John Yzaguirre ofrecerá un método más efectivo para comunicar nuestras necesidades que activan nuestra asertividad y favorecen el desarrollo de la reciprocidad.

**Dr. John Yzaguirre**

El Dr. John Yzaguirre es un psicólogo y autor que se especializa en la integración de la psicología y la espiritualidad católica en la vida familiar. Actualmente dirige el Instituto Prosocial de California junto con su esposa, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, con la que ha escrito el libro "Casados y Felices." Ha dado conferencias en Europa, Australia, Canadá, México y los Estados Unidos. Además de su práctica privada en Irvine, California, ofrece sus programas de formación y vida familiar en muchas iglesias de Estados Unidos.

**5-51 VER AL MUNDO: LAS MUJERES CONSTRUYENDO LA PAZ** 🗣️

La intervención de las mujeres en los procesos que apoyan la construcción de la paz es, y ha sido significativa alrededor del mundo. A menudo, sus prácticas no han recibido suficiente visibilidad ni reconocimiento. Este taller da centralidad a la contribución de las mujeres a la construcción de la paz y sus implicaciones para una espiritualidad cristiana de solidaridad.

**Dra. María Pilar Aquino**

Dra. María Pilar Aquino es Profesora de Teología y Estudios Religiosos en la Universidad de San Diego en California. Tiene más de 30 años de trabajo como profesora universitaria y conferencista en prominentes foros nacionales e internacionales. Actualmente la Dra. Aquino presta servicios profesionales en el comité de nominaciones de la Sociedad Teológica Católica de América, en el comité editorial de varias revistas teológicas internacionales, y en el comité internacional de asesoría al Foro Mundial de Teología y Liberación, Consejo Permanente del Foro Social Mundial.

5-52 TEMAS Y RITOS DE PASO, O SEA, DE PASCUA EN LA FORMACIÓN RELIGIOSA 🗣️

Rev. Benjamín Bravo Perez (biografía 3-53)

No pocos de los asistentes a la formación en la fe o catequesis se encuentran en la etapa previa a la adolescencia. En dicho período el preadolescente descubre realidades que hasta entonces le eran desconocidas o que no lo cuestionaban; por ejemplo: la evolución o pasos de la especie humana, el desarrollo del cuerpo y del sexo, el paso doloroso de la vida a la muerte y a su vez, el paso de la adolescencia a la adultez. De ahí la conveniencia de abordar estos temas y celebrarlos en ritos familiares dentro de los programas de la educación de la fe.

5-53 SANTA MARÍA DE GUADALUPE, LA MUJER VESTIDA DEL AMOR 🗣️ SALA B

Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez (biografía 3-55)

Santa María de Guadalupe es la Mujer del Apocalipsis: "Una mujer vestida de sol, con la luna bajo sus pies y está a punto de dar a luz." La Luz es el Amor omnipotente de Dios, un amor lleno de misericordia, un amor que nos hace familia en la única "casita sagrada," un amor que nos hace ser una civilización y cultura de la vida. Un amor que nos motiva a dar lo mejor de nosotros mismos, un amor que nos hace Iglesia, un amor que nos santifica y nos salva, un amor que nos hace ser servidores de los hermanos, de una manera especial de los más necesitados. Un amor que nos hace plenamente felices.

5-54 PUNTOS CENTRALES DE LA EDUCACIÓN SEXUAL EN LA CATEQUESIS 🗣️

Este taller pondrá énfasis en los aspectos religiosos y espirituales de la sexualidad humana. Querer ir más allá del aspecto de enseñanza técnica, fisiológica, hormonal y anatómica de sexualidad y tratará las tres dimensiones de la sexualidad humana – sexo, eros, ágape – en sus aspectos particulares y su mutua complementación, como lo demuestra la encíclica del papa Benedicto XVI sobre el "amor cristiano": eros y ágape son el alma de la sexualidad en su forma masculina y femenina.

**Rudolf A. Finke**

Nacido en Alemania, con 29 años al chaco argentino trabajando en pastoral rural y luego en Paraguay con estudiantes y catequistas en zonas rurales. Desde 1984 en Wilmington, California, Finke es director de desarrollo integral comunitario, trabajando en pastoral y como consejero entre la comunidad latina. Tiene 18 años en la formación de catequistas y maestros catequistas dando talleres y cursos en 14 diócesis en los Estados Unidos. Por 40 años ha tenido sesiones semanales de reflexión bíblica y participa en programas de TV y radio (El Sembrador) por 10 años, y radio 1020 AM por 15 años.

5-55 LOS SACRAMENTOS: RENOVACIÓN DE NUESTRA VIDA ESPIRITUAL

¿Sientes que tu vida espiritual está estancada? ¿Tu relación con Dios se ha convertido en algo monótono y repetitivo? Se ha enfriado ese fuego que te motivaba a orar y querer saber y experimentar al Señor en tu vida. En esta sesión, por medio de oración, cantos y alabanzas, experimentaremos los sacramentos como una respuesta que se nos propone para “revivir” y “renovar” en nuestras vidas la Alianza de Amor que Dios ha hecho con nosotros.



Rafael Moreno

Rafael Moreno es un cantante y compositor de música católica de origen mexicano. A los 14 años, se integró a la Renovación Carismática donde experimentó un fuerte deseo de componer música cristiana. Arquitecto de profesión y músico por vocación, se dedica profesionalmente a la producción musical, así como a evangelizar a través de la música católica, con más de 34 años de experiencia. Actualmente él proporciona dirección, producción y formación musical para el apostolado “San Juan Pablo II” en Montebello, California.

5-56 EL ROL PROFÉTICO DE LOS JÓVENES COMO FACTOR DE CAMBIO

Un taller pensado especialmente para jóvenes con ganas de comprometer sus vidas y hacer algo por este mundo, con una motivación evangélica. Porque Jesús dijo: “Con los hombres esto es imposible, pero con Dios todo es posible” (Mateo 19:26). Con la convicción de que podemos cambiar este mundo pero tenemos que aprender a convertir las dificultades en oportunidades. En el taller, se darán algunas pistas para ello, así como para descubrir cuál es el papel irrenunciable del joven católico en este mundo actual y encontrar juntos caminos que abran nuevas esperanzas y posibilidades de cambios.



Hna. Xiskya Lucia Valladares Paguaga

La Hermana Xiskya Valladares, es nicaragüense y pertenece a la Congregación de la Pureza de María, vive en Mallorca, España. Actualmente trabaja en El Centro de Enseñanza Superior Alberta Giménez (CESAG) como profesora de enseñanza media y universitaria, así como cofundadora del proyecto iMisión. La Hermana Valladares es muy conocida en las redes sociales y la prensa como “La Monja Tuitera.” Escribió el libro, “#Arezaryadormir 99 Tuits para la Esperanza y el Futuro.” Ha participado en muchas entrevistas en radio, TV y prensa escrita y digital en España y Latinoamérica, en Univisión, TVE y otras más.

5-57 ¡RETIROS QUE INSPIRAN! UNA ESTRATEGIA PASTORAL DE PREPARACIÓN PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN Y DE LA EUCARISTÍA

¿Te gustaría presentar experiencias espirituales enriquecedoras para las familias de los niños que, por primera vez, celebraran los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y Eucaristía? Entonces, ¡éste es tu taller! Ven a explorar ideas prácticas fundamentadas en teología y catequesis sólidas como cimientos pastorales en vez de retiros im-

personales y regañones. Este taller es ideal para aquellas personas que organizan retiros en los programas parroquiales de la educación religiosa y las escuelas católicas, y también para aquellas personas que desean fomentar una práctica espiritual en el seno familiar.



Giovanni O. Perez

Giovanni Perez es el Consultor de la Catequesis Primaria para la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Ha servido como Director de Educación Religiosa por más de 20 años en dos parroquias distintas de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Su experiencia ministerial incluye trabajos con la niñez, jóvenes, encarcelados, evangelización y catequesis. Perez ha dado presentaciones en congresos regionales de la Arquidiócesis de L.A., talleres, retiros y conferencias a nivel parroquial e interparroquial.



Luz Elena Frias

Luz Elena Frias se graduó de Cal State Long Beach con su maestría en educación y credencial bilingüe. Ella es una profesora elemental de tercer grado para el Distrito de Escuela de ABC en Cerritos, California. Frias ha enseñado la educación religiosa durante 15 años y está actualmente en Early Childhood Board de la Archidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Ella ha impartido talleres múltiples en la Archidiócesis e incluso en el Congreso de Anaheim.



Douglas Ernesto Zuniga

Nacido en Nicaragua, Douglas Zuniga es Maestro Catequista de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles y colabora con la División de Educación Primaria. Fue Coordinador de Educación Religiosa de la parroquia Nuestra Señora del Santo Rosario en Sun Valley, California. Su experiencia incluye la formación de catequistas a nivel básico y avanzado por medio de los cursos de formación en la fe, tanto inglés como en español. Zuniga trabaja como diseñador de publicaciones para una compañía de equipo médico local.



Uno de los lugares más populares de Congreso es el pabellón A/sala de exposiciones A. El Congreso del 2015 contara con 489 stands en los cuales estarán representadas más de 200 compañías – donde uno podrá encontrar desde artículos religiosos a música, casas editoriales a instituciones educativas, así como los diferentes ministerios de la Arquidiócesis.

6-51 CÓMO TRANSMITIR A LOS NIÑOS EL GUSTO POR LA PALABRA DE DIOS 🗣️

La Biblia y el lenguaje infantil. Los niños y la Palabra de Dios. Un trato respetuoso y solemne. Líneas interpretativas de la Palabra de Dios con los niños: los hechos, los personajes y las normas de vida. Episodios de la Biblia más adecuados para trabajar con niños. Recursos, dinámicas y metodología para acercar a los niños la Palabra de Dios. Cómo elegir una Biblia para niños. La celebración de la entrega de la Palabra a los niños.

**Luis M. Benavides**

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6-52 VER EL MISTERIO: BIBLIA, LITURGIA Y MISTAGOGIA

Rev. Juan Luis Calderón (biografía 1-52)

El Misterio de la fe se vive de modo excelente en la Biblia y en la liturgia. Pero tantas veces, esos lenguajes no parecen cercanos a los modos de hablar corrientes. Eso hace que se produzca una preocupante fractura entre vida y culto. Se ve como indispensable una catequesis que permita a los creyentes introducirse en la liturgia para entenderla, disfrutarla y vivirla, pero además, para trascenderla y convertirla en experiencia del Dios vivo y proyectarla en la vida diaria. Hablaremos de la liturgia encarnada en la existencia y no solamente como una expresión espiritualizada de nuestra fe.

6-53 ASPECTOS PSIQUIÁTRICOS DE LA VIOLENCIA SOBRE LA MUJER 🗣️

Julia Cano Valero (biografía 3-54)

La violencia en la pareja es un síntoma social, la salud mental es un enfoque para entenderla y atenderla. Cómo es la relación que se establece entre víctima y agresor, qué es la codependencia, que características y problemas tiene el hombre que maltrata a su mujer, qué le ocurre a la mujer víctima y como es la familia donde el maltrato es habitual, serán asuntos a tratar en esta sesión. Igualmente veremos qué les pasa a los hijos en este contexto. Los problemas emocionales, la dificultad para expresar necesidades y deseos, para entender al otro y la inmadurez en el amor (el amor inmaduro es egoísta) son elementos que sostienen relaciones dañinas que, con demasiada frecuencia, terminan en agresiones, asesinatos y suicidios. Veremos cómo se podría prevenir el problema, qué es lo que se está haciendo para ello y si se podrían hacer las cosas mejor. Las medidas que se toman, gran parte de ellas de tipo penal, no parecen estar mejorando el problema. Muchas mujeres siguen estableciendo rela-



Las Liturgias Eucarísticas siempre has sido una parte importante de la experiencia del Congreso. Este año ofreceremos durante el fin de semana 17 Liturgias diferentes así como servicios de oración.

ciones de riesgo, muchos hombres siguen utilizando a su mujer para descargar sus frustraciones. Es un drama tan frecuente, desgraciadamente, que merece una serena y profunda reflexión.

6-54 LA EUCARISTÍA: MISTERIO DE AMOR INFINITO 🗣️

La Eucaristía es el centro de la vida de la Iglesia y debe ser también el centro de nuestra vida cristiana. Lo único que hay en este sacramento es amor, un amor divino, infinito a cada hijo e hija de Dios. Jesucristo es sólo amor, todo amor y siempre amor para ti y para mí, para todos.

**Fr. Mariano de Blas Saéz, LC**

El P. Mariano de Blas es un sacerdote Legionario de Cristo, nacido en Ávila, España. Ha desarrollado una intensa actividad de formación de jóvenes y matrimonios como Director del CEYCA y del Instituto Cumbres, en la ciudad de México. En Monterrey y Guadalajara, México ha conducido grupos juveniles y fungió como consejero matrimonial. Actualmente radica en Los Angeles, colaborando en la estación Guadalupe Radio y en televisión, con el programa, "La Alegría de Vivir." Es un experto en los medios de comunicación social; ha escrito 11 libros en español. Se destaca por su capacidad de motivación.

6-55 ¿POR QUÉ TENGO MIEDO? 🗣️ **SALA B**

En esta sesión, cubriremos el origen del miedo y sus diversas manifestaciones; los diferentes tipos de miedos y sus enfermedades; y qué dice la Biblia y la psicología sobre el miedo y sobre cómo afrontarlo.

**Hna. Glenda Valeska Hernández Aguayo**

Hna. Glenda Hernández, conferencista en Europa y Latinoamérica, mejor conocida como "Hermana Glenda," cantautora de música cristiana contemporánea en conciertos y conferencias multitudinarios en Latinoamérica. Lleva 21 años como consagrada al Señor. Chilena con nacionalidad española, actualmente reside en Barcelona, España. Su ciudad natal, Parral, en Chile, la declaró "Servidora Ilustre" en el año 2003. Sus publicaciones recientes incluyen "El Señor es mi Pastor: Orar con los Salmos."

6-56 LA UNIDAD DE LOS SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACIÓN

En esta conferencia, los participantes entenderán la íntima relación teológica, catequética, litúrgica y pastoral entre el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Hablaremos de cómo la iniciación cristiana es un proceso que abarca diferentes etapas de la vida. Ofreceremos pistas para involucrar a toda la comunidad cristiana en los procesos pastorales que nos llevan a todos a una continua conversión y a ofrecer esa experiencia a los que buscan conocer más de Jesucristo en la Iglesia Católica.



Dr. José Antonio Medina

El Dr. José Medina ha sido profesor, catequista, presentador en España, México y los Estados Unidos. Ha enseñado en la mayor parte de los institutos de formación para el ministerio de las diócesis de California y Nevada. Actualmente es el Director de la formación de los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de San Bernardino y Consultor teológico para RECOSS en la Conferencia de Obispos de California. Es autor de los títulos "Diálogos Semanales con Jesús" (en seis volúmenes), "Temas Calientes para Jóvenes Cristianos" y "Con los Corazones Llenos de Gozo."

6-57 VEN Y VER LA REALIDAD EN LA FRONTERA

La visión de "Kino Border Initiative" es ayudar a manejar la migración entre Estados Unidos y México de una manera justa, humana y viable. Su misión es promover la frontera Estados Unidos/México y las políticas migratorias que afirman la dignidad de los seres humanos así como un espíritu de solidaridad binacional a través de asistencia humanitaria y acompañamiento directo al el/la migrante, educación social y pastoral con comunidades de ambos lados de la frontera, participación en redes de colaboración dedicadas a la investigación y promoción para transformar las políticas de inmigración locales, regionales y nacionales.



Rev. Peter G. Neeley, SJ

Rev. Peter Neeley, sacerdote jesuita por más de 30 años, ha trabajado con los más pobres y desprotegidos en parroquias, escuelas y centros de detención en California, México y Centro América. Actualmente, desde seis años, es Director Asociado de Programas Educativos de la organización "Iniciativa Kino Para la Frontera" y codirector de programas en educación. Rev. Neeley trabaja con migrantes deportados de Estados Unidos a Nogales, Mexico y con migrantes en movimiento hacia los Estados Unidos. Es Co-director de los "Kino Teens," un programa para involucrar a jóvenes en la cuestión de inmigración en un nivel nacional, en México y los Estados Unidos.

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6-58 LA TIERRA EXPLOTA

¿Nos hacemos a un lado? Pero, ¿dónde? A un enchufe en la cocina no se le puede conectar muchos aparatos eléctricos: revienta. La tierra ¡revienta, explota! Puede aguantar 6.000 millones de personas y somos ya más de 7.000; estamos alcanzando el límite de la temperatura que puede soportar la vida humana en el planeta; las armas se venden en el mercado del pueblo; la guerra por la energía no tiene control y los extremismos de todo tipo acaban con el equilibrio. ¿Qué hacer? No podemos escaparnos. O nos salvamos todos o nos asfixiamos todos. Hay que asumir nuestra responsabilidad ahora. Por el futuro de nuestros hijos. Una respuesta desde nuestra fe cristiana.



P. Luigi Zanotto

Padre Luigi Zanotto, misionero comboniano, es Pastor de Iglesia de Saint Lucy's en Newark, New Jersey, con profunda experiencia latinoamericana. Ha sido encargado nacional de catequesis y secretario ejecutivo de Biblia con los Obispos de México. Colabora con la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y con las diócesis del Nordeste de Estados Unidos y universidades en la formación de líderes de pastoral. Previamente P. Zanotto sirvió como representante en las Naciones Unidas de los Misioneros Combonianos y del ONG Africa Faith and Justice Network. Su última publicación es "Vayan y creen comunidad."

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7-51 CÓMO PREPARAR UN ENCUENTRO DE CATEQUESIS O PASTORAL DE MANERA ATRACTIVA PARA LOS NIÑOS Y JÓVENES DE HOY 🗣️**Luis M. Benavides (biografía 6-51)**

Cómo hacer que nuestros encuentros catequísticos y pastorales sean atractivos, interesantes y dinámicos. Preparación de un encuentro catequístico o pastoral con niños y jóvenes. Pasos del encuentro: motivación, presentación del mensaje evangélico, oración, actividades de expresión de la fe, actividades para compartir en familia. El manejo del tiempo. Metodología, dinámicas y recursos a aplicar durante el encuentro.

7-52 AL CENTRO DE LA ÉTICA CRISTIANA: PAPA FRANCISCO Y LA TERNURA DE DIOS 🗣️

En su Exhortación Apostólica, “La Alegría del Evangelio,” el Papa Francisco toma una perspectiva fresca hacia el corazón de la ética cristiana en el contexto del compromiso de la Iglesia hacia la nueva evangelización. Este taller examinará muy de cerca los puntos centrales del documento, tratando de entender su significado en nuestro contexto contemporáneo. De una forma particular, ¿cómo nuestro entendimiento de la ética cristiana se relaciona con nuestra imagen de Dios? ¿Cómo puede la Iglesia expresarse más fielmente a tal imagen en su compromiso con la evangelización, el reconocimiento de la centralidad en el pobre, la preocupación por el bien común? “El Hijo de Dios, al hacerse carne, nos llama a la revolución de la ternura” (n. 88). ¿Cómo articulamos tal declaración significativa en la práctica pastoral de nuestras comunidades?

**Roberto Dell'Oro, PhD**

Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro es el Director del Instituto de Bioética y profesor titular en el Departamento de Estudios Teológicos de la Universidad Loyola Marymount en Los Ángeles. Es profesor en las áreas de la bioética, la teología moral fundamental y teorías éticas.

Dr. Dell'Oro ha escrito tres libros, traducidos dos del alemán y está publicado en revistas nacionales e internacionales, tales como “Estudios Teológicos”; “Progreso de la Salud y Medicina” y “Salud y Filosofía.” Actualmente está trabajando en un cuarto libro.

7-53 “¿QUIÉN ES HUMANO?” LA PREGUNTA CLAVE EN EL CRISTIANISMO 🗣️

Lo clave en el cristianismo sea la pregunta, “¿Quién es humano?” y que respondamos a ella. No es suficiente saber definir o explicar lo que significa ser humano, sino reconocer quien lo es. Sobre esta pregunta descansa la posibilidad de afirmar tanto nuestra responsabilidad por todo prójimo como la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios.

**Dr. Orlando Espín**

Dr. Orlando Espín es Profesor de Teología Sistemática en la Universidad de San Diego, California. Fue expresidente de la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos Católicos en los Estados Unidos. Considerado uno de los principales teólogos latinos de los Estados Unidos, Dr. Espín es un autor y editor de nueve libros y de más de 400 artículos teológicos en revistas de todo el mundo.

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7-54 AMOR Y ALEGRÍA: EL FRUTO DEL ESPÍRITU 🗣️
SALA B**Rev. José-Román Flecha (biografía 1-54)**

El amor y la alegría son valores estimados por todas las personas. Es necesario educarnos para alcanzar esos ideales. El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que son fruto del Espíritu, como ya escribía San Pablo. Solo con amor y alegría es posible la evangelización. Ese camino nos propone esta sesión.

7-55 JÓVENES Y EL FUTURO DE INMIGRACIÓN 🗣️**Rev. Peter Neeley, SJ (biografía 6-57)**

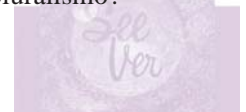
A cargo de la organización “Kino Border Initiative” (KBI), los “Kino Teens” es un grupo de jóvenes estudiantes de preparatoria. Proporciona a los estudiantes de preparatoria, la oportunidad de servir directamente a los migrantes deportados, participar en actividades educativas que se ofrecen a los grupos y organizaciones interesadas y hacer visitas de promoción a oficinas legislativas locales en el estado donde viven. Los jóvenes en escuelas católicas o parroquias pueden formar un grupo de estudiantes interesados en el tema y KBI los apoya con asesoría profesional.

7-56 EL USO DE INTERNET COMO MEDIO DE EVANGELIZACIÓN 🗣️**Hna. Xiskya Lucia Valladares Paguaga (biografía 5-56)**

Un taller pensado sobre todo para jóvenes adultos, pero también para cualquier persona adulta interesada en el tema de la evangelización a través de Internet. La finalidad es plantear posibles usos de la red como medio de evangelización, centrándose especialmente en las redes sociales. La ponente ofrecerá pistas sobre un uso de Internet que ayude a plantear preguntas sobre la vida, a intercambiar experiencias de fe, a prevenir la adicción a la red, a comprender la red como un “continente digital” que está por evangelizar y a descubrir la necesidad de testimonios católicos que sirvan de atracción a otros jóvenes y adultos que están más alejados de Dios o de la Iglesia.

7-57 NAVEGUEN MAR ADETRONTO (MC 6,45) 🗣️**P. Luigi Zanotto (biografía 6-58)**

Los 2015 años de historia de nuestra Iglesia es un tema importante para nuestros líderes pastorales. En esta conferencia, presentamos la historia de la Iglesia a partir del presente histórico: ¿Cuál es el rol del cristianismo en este momento único de la historia de la humanidad, donde todas las religiones se encuentran en cada esquina y la sociedad está marcada por el pluralismo?



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8-51 ACTITUDES POSITIVAS EN LA VIDA 🗣️

Fr. Mariano de Blas Saéz, LC (biografía 6-54)

Se presentan siete actitudes básicas para llevar una vida feliz y productiva: la actitud positiva; el entusiasmo; la fe que mueve montañas; la capacidad de decisión; la mentalidad de resultados; la perseverancia; y el amor como motor de la vida.

8-52 LA TENTACIÓN 🗣️

Hna. Glenda Valeska Hernández Aguayo (biografía 6-55)

¿Qué es? ¿Cómo reconocerla? ¿Por qué se produce? En esta sesión, vamos a ver a los diferentes tipos y clases de tentaciones según la Biblia. ¿Cómo afrontar la tentación? “No nos dejes caer en tentación, itinerario espiritual.”

8-53 CONVIVENCIA EN LA PARROQUIA MULTICULTURAL 🗣️

La encuesta nacional de parroquias con la pastoral hispana dice que el 43 por ciento de los fieles en estas parroquias son anglos, y el 14 por ciento de estas parroquias tienen misa en otro idioma – ni español ni inglés. ¿Cómo podemos “convivir” todos en parroquias con diversidad cultural? Por un lado, necesitamos crear un “ambiente de seguridad” en que cada cultura tenga la oportunidad de celebrar y crecer como comunidad de discípulos en su propio idioma. Al mismo tiempo, necesitamos la oportunidad de celebrar los vínculos de comunión que existen entre grupos de distintas culturas. En esta sesión, examinamos varias “herramientas” (y virtudes) que nos ayudan a negociar una convivencia en la parroquia multicultural.



Brett C. Hoover, PhD

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8-54 LOS MOVIMIENTOS APOSTÓLICOS EN LA IGLESIA 🗣️ SALA B

Dr. José Antonio Medina (biografía 6-56)

La Renovación Carismática, el Movimiento Familiar Cristiano, Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial, el Opus Dei – entre otras muchas organizaciones católicas nacieron como oportunidades para buscar la santidad en la vida ordinaria. De hecho han dado muchos frutos de santidad y se han convertido en una fuerza misionera extraordinaria. En este taller, exploraremos el origen moderno de los movimientos apostólicos, la teología que los sostiene y la importancia de su desarrollo en nuestras parroquias y en nuestras diócesis. Son una expresión de la diversidad de carismas que enriquecen a la Iglesia y de la acción poderosa del Espíritu Santo que no deja de suscitar nuevas formas de evangelización y de vida cristiana.

8-55 LA SABIDURÍA DE NUESTRAS ABUELAS: CELEBRANDO LOS RITUALES EN NUESTRAS FAMILIAS 🗣️

Verónica Rayas, PhD (biografía 4-55)

Tradicionalmente nuestros abuelos han sido portavoces y cargadores de ricas tradiciones religiosas-culturales que nos abren la puerta a lo sagrado en nuestras vidas. En este taller, exploraremos estas tradiciones para ver cómo podemos transmitir estas tradiciones sagradas y las lecciones catequéticas familiares. También consideraremos cómo las familias pueden desarrollar sus propios rituales y comenzar nuevas tradiciones de fe en la familia.

8-56 LA MISIÓN INSTRUMENTO ESENCIAL DEL LÍDER PARROQUIAL 🗣️

Lic. Juan Pablo Saju (biografía 4-57)

Con 13 años de misión en China, Juan Pablo Saju conoció a fructíferos líderes y misioneros de la iglesia en estas tierras. Esa experiencia unida al ejemplo que nos da el Papa Francisco en su misión y liderazgo es aplicable en las parroquias y demás comunidades apostólicas cristianas. En esta presentación, analizaremos qué elementos han convertido a estos hombres de fe en grandes líderes y misioneros y a partir de ahí analizaremos qué virtudes o instrumentos prácticos poseemos para lograr un liderazgo eficaz en nuestras comunidades cristianas.

8-57 VER LA MIGRACIÓN SEGÚN EL PLAN DE DIOS 🗣️

Clodomiro Siller (biografía 2-57)

La migración de la humanidad comienza con Adán y Eva cuando salen del paraíso. Continuando con la narración de Noé y consecuentemente con otras narrativas en toda la biblia encontramos el movimiento de la migración. Notamos también que la Sagrada Familia debe emigrar a Egipto para que Jesús no sea asesinado. Jesús realiza su misión migrando por Galilea y Judea. Jesús, para que continúe su obra envía a los apóstoles a todo el mundo. Nuestra Iglesia se ha extendido por toda la tierra. Al final, según nuestro comportamiento, migraremos al Reino de los Cielos.

8-58 VER Y PROCLAMAR 🗣️

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) puede ser momento transformativo para la parroquia. Veremos cómo el rito invita al discípulo a responder a las exigencias de nuestra vida en Cristo y a proclamar la Buena Nueva a los confines de la parroquia.



Rev. Richard Vega

El Padre Richard Vega es párroco de Santa Francis de Roma en Azusa, California. Previamente sirvió como Presidente de la Federación Nacional de Consejos Presbiterales (2006-12). Es miembro del SOMELIT (Sociedad Mexicana de Liturgistas) y era Tesorero de North American Forum on the Catechumenate; también ha sido conferencista para las oficinas de Educación Religiosa y de Culto Divino en Los Angeles y Chicago. El Padre Vega recientemente ha sido nombrado como Presidente de la Comisión Litúrgica de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.

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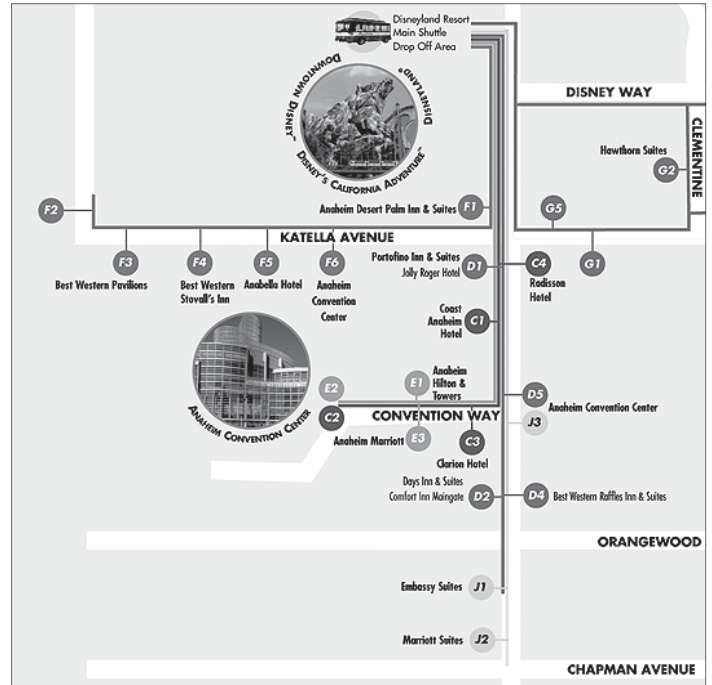
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ENDOWMENT FUND

The Office of Religious Education has established an Endowment Fund to support the ongoing training and formation of religious education leaders particularly by making scholarships available for catechetical leaders to pursue graduate studies. It is our hope that every Director of Religious Education and Director of Youth Ministry will be given the opportunity to receive a master's degree in Religious Education/Religious Studies. If you would like to contribute to this fund and be listed in the Congress Program Book as a Benefactor, Donor, Sponsor or Friend, please send your donation to the address below. In addition, there will be a collection for this fund at the Saturday evening liturgies.

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Office of Religious Education
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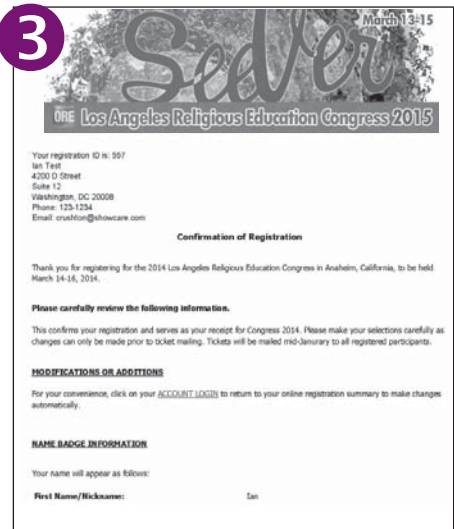
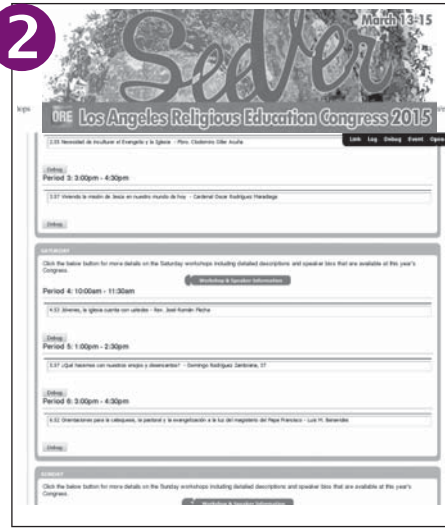
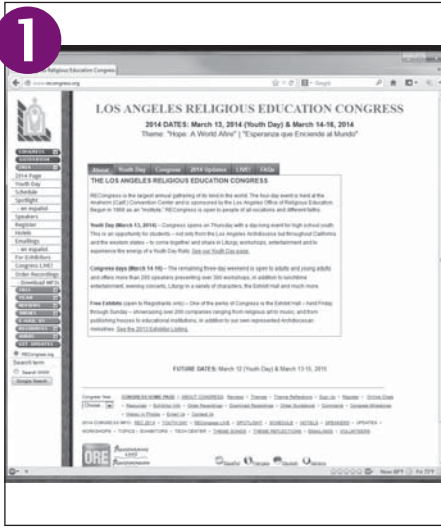
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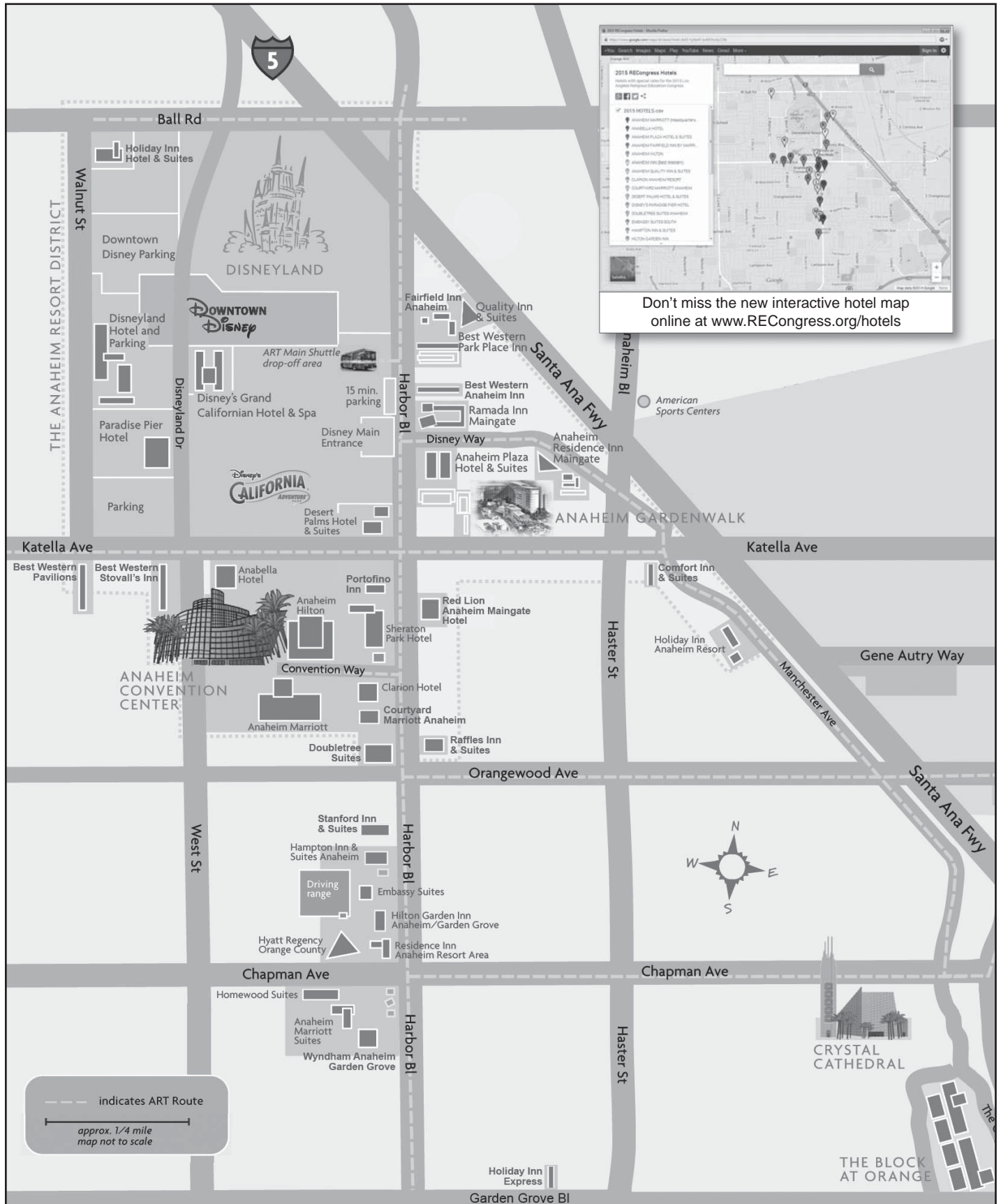
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ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER AREA HOTEL MAP

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ANAHEIM FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT 1460 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 772-6777	\$144	\$144	\$144	\$144		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
ANAHEIM HILTON 777 W Convention Way	(714) 750-4321	\$197 / \$202				Available	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
ANAHEIM INN (Best Western) 1630 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 774-1050	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$116		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
ANAHEIM QUALITY INN & SUITES 1441 S Manchester Ave	(714) 991-8100	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90		3:00 pm	Comp. breakfast; free parking/Internet; through Feb. 19
CLARION ANAHEIM RESORT 616 W Convention Way	(714) 750-3131	\$140.95 / \$160.95				Available	4:00 pm	\$13 parking; rate good through Feb. 19, 2015
COURTYARD MARRIOTT ANAHEIM 2045 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 740-2645	\$159	\$159				4:00 pm	\$14 parking; rate good through Feb. 19, 2015
DESERT PALMS HOTEL & SUITES 631 W Katella Ave	(714) 535-1133	\$151 / \$172 / \$193		\$151 / \$172 / \$193		All Suites	4:00 pm	WiFi; rate good through February 19, 2015
DISNEY'S PARADISE PIER HOTEL 1717 S Disneyland Dr	(714) 999-0990	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165		3:00 pm	dir.convention.groups@disney.com Rate through Feb. 19, 2015
DOUBLETREE SUITES ANAHEIM 2085 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-3000	\$139 / \$159		\$139 / \$159		All Suites	3:00 pm	\$8 parking; rate good through Feb. 19, 2015
HAMPTON INN & SUITES 11747 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-8800	\$124	\$124	\$124	\$124	All Suites	3:00 pm	Disc. \$3 parking; rate good through Feb. 19, 2015
HILTON GARDEN INN 11777 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-9100	\$129	\$129				3:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES 12867 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove 92843	(714) 530-3388	\$102 / \$112		\$102 / \$112		Available	3:00 pm	Free hot breakfast buffet; free parking; rate good through February 19, 2015
PARK PLACE INN (Best Western) 1544 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 776-4800	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$116		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
PAVILIONS (Best Western) 1176 W Katella Ave	(714) 776-0140	\$108	\$108	\$108	\$108		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
RAFFLES INN & SUITES (Best Western) 2040 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-6100	\$127 / \$187		\$127 / \$187			3:00 pm	Welcome reception; rate good through Feb. 19
RED LION HOTEL 1850 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-2801	\$147	\$147	\$147	\$147	Available	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
RESIDENCE INN ANAHEIM 11931 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove 92840	(714) 591-4000	\$129 / \$159					4:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
SHERATON PARK HOTEL 1855 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-1811	\$154 / \$209		\$154 / \$209		Available	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
STANFORD INN & SUITES 2171 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 703-1220	\$106 / \$143		\$106 / \$143			3:00 pm	Deluxe hot breakfast; WiFi; rate good through Feb. 19
STOVALLS INN (Best Western) 1110 W Katella Ave	(714) 778-1880	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 19, 2015
WYNDHAM ANAHEIM GARDEN GROVE (formerly Crowne Plaza) 12021 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 867-5555	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	Available	4:00 pm	Comp. parking; free Internet; rate good through Feb. 18

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March 13-15, 2015

In cooperation with the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY offers the opportunity to earn professional development (continuing education) credit for attending the Religious Education Congress, with two options:

To earn 1.0 unit (10 hours over two days):

- attend any **six** workshops (including keynote addresses) and at least **one** major liturgy;
- write a **1-2 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
- registration fee: **\$60**

To earn 1.5 units (15 hours over three days):

- attend any **eight** workshops (including keynote addresses) and at least **two** major liturgies;
- write a **2-3 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
- registration fee: **\$90**

- ❖ **To register**, fill out the form below, and either FAX it or mail it to the address below.
 - You may register by phone at 310-338-2799 or online at <http://academics.lmu.edu/extension/>
 - You may also register at Congress; just come by the LMU Booth in the Exhibit Hall.
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 - Hispanic Ministry certification (0003)
 - Master Catechist recertification (0004)
 - Liturgical recertification (0005)
 - High School cert./recertification (0006)
- c. To obtain one C.E.U. in any of the areas, 0002-0006, **four** of the seven workshops must be related to the desired area (**4 of 5** for .8 C.E.U.).

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5. The fee for either .8 C.E.U. or 1 C.E.U. is \$35.00. (non-refundable)

*** All General Arena Keynotes (non-liturgies) also count toward workshop credit.**

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For info, please contact: Sonia Rosales • (213) 477-2640 • SRosales@msmc.la.edu (SRosales@msmu.edu after Jan 1, 2015)

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Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all major hotels, and they have agreed to work very closely with us in providing a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms, as well. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at some of these facilities.

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1. No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center Parking lots.
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This is a violation of the Convention Center’s contract giving exclusive rights to Aramark Food Service, Inc. and Orange County Board of Health regulations.

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The parking fee at the Anaheim Convention Center is **\$15 each time you drive in**. NO PARKING PASSES will be available, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted. Camping and picnicking are NOT allowed.

NOTE: Cars will be ticketed if backed into designated head-in spaces. CARS WILL BE TOWED FROM RESTRICTED AREAS.

MESSAGE CENTER

If family or friends need to contact you during Congress, they may do so from **9 am to 6 pm** by phoning **(714) 765-8883 or (714) 765-8884** and leaving a message. You may also leave a message for friends you wish to contact.

WORKSHOP RECORDING

Many of the Congress workshops will be recorded by CSC Digital Media. **Individual audio/video recording is not allowed.** Further information about ordering audio CDs can be found online at www.RECongress.org/tapes.htm. An order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2015 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you have need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices by filling out the Request Form on the next page.

We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by February 14, 2015, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received. The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, you may request an interpreter upon your arrival.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask Interpreting Services, located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area. While we can accommodate most requests for last-minute changes, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.

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The Religious Education Congress Committee wants you to enjoy your Congress experience and offers the following options:

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other Congress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant’s – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by January 23, 2015.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large. However, the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.
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Registration

REGISTRATION

MARCH 12 (YOUTH DAY) & 13-15, 2015

REGISTRATION FORM

DO . . .

1. Affix address label on Registration Form (inside back cover). If address label is not correct, fill out registration card completely. Please be sure to clearly PRINT your Name, Address, ZIP Code, Phone Number and Email. A confirmation of registration will be sent to all those providing a valid email address.
2. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
3. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
4. Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.
5. Register by credit card online at www.RECongress.org.
6. Registration is available on-site during the Congress weekend.

PLEASE . . .

1. **DO NOT** make copies of the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after February 25, 2015.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.

REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$70. Postmarked after January 23, 2015 is \$80.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by January 23, 2015. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. If you have not mailed in your registration by February 25, 2015 please register on line at: www.recongress.org.
4. Online registration remains open through March 15, 2015. If you register online after February 25, 2015 you will receive a bar code along with your confirmation. Bring your bar code with you to Congress and print your tickets at one of the convenient kiosks at the on-site Registration Area.
5. **TICKETS will be mailed after JANUARY 1 2015. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.**
6. **Replacement tickets cost: \$30.**
7. You must present a printed ticket at workshops. Photographed tickets (via smartphone, iPad or tablet) or photocopies are NOT acceptable.

ONSITE REGISTRATION/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a "jump start" on Congress! Register or pick up your Congress Program Book and badge holder beginning **Thursday, March 12, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm.** Already registered? Bring your Congress workshop tickets with you to pick up your Program Book.

REMINDER: Congress is an adult/young adult-ONLY event. All workshops are directed to these age groups. If you bring your child(ren), you MUST register them and they must accompany you. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that they do not disturb the other attendees.

LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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1. Pegue la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su nombre, dirección, zona postal y número de teléfono y correo electrónico.
2. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
3. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
4. FIRME SU CHEQUE.
5. Se aceptan tarjetas de crédito en línea en www.RECongress.org
6. Inscripciones estarán disponibles durante el fin de semana del Congreso.

POR FAVOR . . .

1. **NO** reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. **NO** inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. **NO** envíe su registración después del 25 de febrero, 2015.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.

RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$70 (U.S.). Después del 23 de enero, 2015 será \$80.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 23 de enero, 2015. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del **25 de febrero**, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se le entregaran solamente a la persona que se registró y necesitará presentar identificación en el Centro de Convenciones.
4. La registración en línea permanecerá abierta hasta el 15 de marzo del 2015. Si se registra en línea después del 25 de febrero, recibirá un código con su confirmación. Traiga su código al Congreso e imprima sus boletos en uno de los quioscos en la área de registración.
5. **LOS BOLETOS se enviarán por correo después del 1 de enero, 2015. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA** con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.
6. **El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$30.**
7. Debera enseñar un boleto para entrar a los talleres. Boleto fotografados (smartphone, iPad o tablet) y/o fotocopiados NO son aceptables.

INSCRIPCIÓN/RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Registrar o recoja su libro y porta acreditaciones a partir del día **jueves 12 de marzo, por la noche desde las 5:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm** en el área de la Prefunciones del Centro de Convenciones. Ya se ha registrado? Traiga sus entradas taller Congreso con usted para recoger su libro.

El Congreso es un evento de educación religiosa para adultos/jóvenes adultos SOLAMENTE. Todos los talleres son dirigidos a estos grupos. Si usted debe traer a su niño/s, ellos deben ser registrados y deben estar acompañados. Le pedimos hacerse responsable de ellos para evitar distracciones a otros delegados.

REQUEST FORM FOR SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS

The Religious Education Congress staff will make every effort to assure that Congress 2015 is accessible to the Deaf or Hard of Hearing person. For those who would like to request an interpreter or use of Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs):

Please fill out and include this form along with your registration.

SERVICES

What services do you need? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter ALD

WORKSHOPS

I plan on attending the following periods (circle all that apply): FRI: 1 2 3 SAT: 4 5 6 SUN: 7 8

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Email: _____ Cell/Phone: _____

CHANGING REQUESTS

If you wish to add or change a request AFTER you arrive at Congress, check with Interpreting Services, located outside AR-1, in the Arena Lobby. While we can accommodate most last-minute requests, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.