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*Boundless Mercy
Misericordia Inagotable*



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OVERVIEW

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 25, 2016

See pages 7-15 for the Youth Day schedule.

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

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 26

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)
 – Santiago Fernandez, Pedro Rubalcava, Rudy Lopez & Estela Garcia-Lopez
 Music (Hall B)
 – WAL
 1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 2 Workshops
 3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 3 Workshops
 5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies
 7:45 - 9:45 pm Film Showcase 2016 (Convention 201)
 8:00 pm Concert (Arena)
 – "JOB: The New Testament"
 9:00 pm Taizé Prayer (Convention 303)

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 27

7:30 am - 3:00 pm On-site registration
 7:50 am Morning Praise (Arena)
 8:30 am Keynote Address (Arena)
 – Sr. Helen Prejean
 10:00 - 11:30 am Period 4 Workshops
 11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH
 11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
 – John Angotti, Lorraine Hess & Meredith Augustin
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 – Sarah Hart, ValLimar Jansen & Estella Garcia-Lopez
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 5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies
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 – "Fiesta Latina"
 8:30 pm Sacred Illuminations 2016 (Convention 213)
 9:00 pm - 12 mid Young Adult Dance (Marriott)

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 28

7:15 am Morning Rosary (Conv. 303)
 8:00 - 11:00 am On-site registration
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 8:30 am Morning Address:
 English: Fr. James Heft
 Spanish: Hna. Bracamontes
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 11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH
 11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
 – Fr. Rob Galea
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 – John Burland, Andrew Chinn & Michael Mangan
 1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 8 Workshops
 3:30 pm Closing Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)



2016 THEME REFLECTION

William Shakespeare wrote: "Open thy gates of mercy, gracious God! My soul flies through these wounds to seek out thee."

In the midst of our limitations and shortcomings we encounter a God who is infinite. Our theme for Religious Education Congress 2016 – Boundless Mercy – takes its inspiration from the Gospel story of Jesus meeting the woman at the well and from the Jubilee Year of Mercy convoked by Pope Francis.

In his letter *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis writes, "Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive" (no. 3). We see this mercy and love in Jesus as he speaks to the Samaritan woman and promises to give her "living water." I invite you all to join us at the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim,

"...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you ... may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge" (Eph 3:17-19).

– Fr. Christopher Bazyouros
 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 300 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 may register online at www.RECongress.org by credit card, or use the Registration Form on the **inside back cover** to register by check or money order through the mail.

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, ticketed workshops, concerts, liturgies and exhibits (name badges required) throughout the three days. Fees for the Congress days are:

\$70 – by January 8, 2016 deadline **\$80 – after January 8, 2016**

NOTE: If you have not mailed in your Registration Form by February 1, 2016, please register online or on site at the Convention Center. Online registration lasts through Sunday of Congress.

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- Maps to the Anaheim Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, hotel workshops and Anaheim-area restaurants
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- Office of Religious Education staff and program offerings
- Tech Center schedule
- Workshop recording form
- Restaurant guide information
- Endowment Fund “Thank You”



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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 was installed as its first bishop.



ART EXHIBIT See how local talent has captured the images of God's Boundless Mercy in and around our local community. This exhibit will also provide an opportunity to explore our own understanding of God's mercy. Come spend some time, let your heart be touched. (Arena Lobby)



ENTERTAINMENT Admission to Congress includes free lunchtime and evening concerts presented by the well-known and loved Congress artists. Enjoy the variety of musical expressions using sounds and rhythms from around the world – in addition to our Friday evening Film Showcase and Sacred Illuminations on Saturday night.

SPEAKERS Over the four days, Congress 2016 will offer 300 workshops presented by 200 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And our featured Keynote (in English) is on Saturday with our English and Spanish Addresses on Sunday.



SACRED SPACE Sacred Space provides a quiet place to pray in the chapel, participate in the sacrament of reconciliation or walk the labyrinth, where you can mindfully reflect on your life as you journey toward a fuller life in God. Included this year, you can pray the Stations of the Cross focusing on the victims of human trafficking, modern-day slaves. You are invited to stand in prayerful solidarity with the victims.





LITURGIES Congress annually offers a number of liturgies of different character. This year we present Black Culture, Care of the Earth & La Protección de la Tierra, Church on the Margins, Contemplative, Indonesian, Mass of Compassion, Nigerian, Spanish, Syriac, Vietnamese and Young Adult as well as evening prayer and a Taizé service. (See page 22.)

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)



EXHIBIT HALL One of the perks of registering for Congress is the Exhibit Hall – showcasing over 250 companies ...

AND LOOK what's new this year! Come check out the new music stage located in the southeast corner of the Exhibit Hall, highlighting a variety of your favorite Congress artists.



SOME RECONGRESS MILESTONES

The origins of the Religious Education Congress spring from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD, a ministry that began in Los Angeles in 1922.

1956 The first "CCD Institute" is held at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. Some 500 people attend the two-day conference.

1957 The event moves to Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School in Los Angeles; in subsequent years it is held at Loyola University and Immaculate Heart College.

1967 The dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego join the Los Angeles Archdiocese to host the first three-day "Southern California Confraternity Congress."

1970 The annual "Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress" moves to the Anaheim Convention Center and utilizes some of the surrounding hotels.

1971 The first Youth Rally is held for high school students and sets the pattern for what has become Youth Day, held on Congress Thursday.

1972 Los Angeles Cardinal Timothy Manning presides at a jubilee Mass at Congress commemorating the 50th anniversary of the CCD program.

1973 The CCD office is renamed the Office of Religious Education and the Congress event becomes the "Religious Education Congress."

1983 Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson becomes Director of the Office of Religious Education; on his staff is Youth Ministry Consultant, Sr. Edith Prendergast.

1987 Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC, is appointed as Director of the Office of Religious Education and becomes the first non-ordained person in this post.

1998 Sunday's "ninth period" workshop is replaced by two Sunday morning addresses; the Closing Liturgy is now changed from 5:15 p.m. to begin at 3:30 p.m.

2006 Paulette Smith is appointed Event Coordinator and Jan Pedroza as Programming Coordinator of the Religious Education Congress.

2008 RECongress hosts a dinner in honor of Sr. Edith Prendergast's 20-plus years of leading the Religious Education Congress.

2015 Sr. Edith Prendergast retires as Director effective June 30, 2015. She is succeeded by Fr. Christopher Bazyouros who works in the Office of Religious Education.

2016 RECongress 2016 falls on the 60th anniversary of the first CCD institute and the 49th year of a "Religious Education Congress."

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You can check our site on the Web at www.RECongress.org for updates – or sign up for our Emailing Updates filled with important information.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to each one of you attending Congress 2016!

In this Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, it is appropriate that the theme that brings us together is Boundless Mercy.

In announcing this Jubilee Year, our Holy Father reminds us that mercy “reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity” and is “the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.” And he calls us to remember that we must make mercy the path that we walk in our Christian life. As he writes, mercy is the “bridge that connects God and man.”

It is my hope that this weekend of prayer, fellowship and formation will be an opportunity for each one of you to enter into a deeper encounter with the gift of mercy that we have received from our loving Father. May we allow his presence to touch our hearts ever more deeply and have a conversion so that we can overcome everything that keeps us away from him and embrace a life renewed by his healing mercy. In this way, we can be docile instruments in the hands of the Lord, and become “bridges” in the lives of those around us, helping them to connect with God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I entrust these days to the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary and ask God to abundantly bless each one of you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to Congress 2016!

It fills me with joy to extend to you a heartfelt invitation to join us for the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. What a blessing to those who join us every year and share their stories and desires to proclaim the Good News!

Our theme for this year, *Boundless Mercy*, takes its inspiration from the Gospel account of Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well, as he promises a spring of living water springing up in each of us for eternal life. It also reflects the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy convoked by Pope Francis. Our Holy Father implores us to “constantly contemplate the mystery of mercy” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 2). What does it mean in this day and age to be agents of God’s mercy? To seek the mercy of God in the face of Jesus? Our theme challenges us to not see the mercy of God as an occasional happenstance but as the context in which we live and move and have our being.

This mercy springs forth in the variety of workshops, liturgies, entertainment and resources that are offered throughout the weekend. Come and be replenished deep in your spirit and be challenged to live the Gospel by our national and international speakers.

Together with all the many activities, you will find opportunities to encounter God in Sacred Space, in walking the Labyrinth and our Art Exhibit area, as well as in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you for your gracious support of our Congress and participation in your communities through ministry, leading others to encounter the riches of God’s mercy – that are never ending!

I look forward to greeting you at Congress 2016.

Sincerely,

Fr. Chris Byzouras

Fr. Christopher Byzouras
 Director of Religious Education
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles



WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS



Dear Friends,

We are so looking forward to welcoming each and every one of you to the Religious Education Congress. Our 2016 theme, “Boundless Mercy,” is drawn from the Sunday readings of the third Sunday of Lent, which reminds us that we are invited into a relationship with a God of second chances. A God who offers mercy over judgment and who offers us hope for the journey of life. We are not only recipients of this unearned gift but we are invited to be agents of this mercy in our own relationships and daily encounters.

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 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 us 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
Congress Event Coordinator

Jan Pedroza
Congress Program Coordinator
Coordinator, Early Childhood

A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR OF CATECHIST FORMATION

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with a heart overflowing with joy and steeped in humility that I add my voice to those welcoming you to the 2016 Religious Education Congress. This year’s theme, *Boundless Mercy*, is at once an invitation to reflect and a call to action.

Pope Francis reminds us “to contemplate the mystery of mercy” so that we might “become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives.”

How will your experience of the Religious Education Congress prepare you to be a *more effective sign*? The answer to that question begins with yet another invitation to reflect and call to action: the *Registration Guidebook* you hold in your hands.

In its many pages you will find workshops that are engaging, enriching and challenging for growth and spiritual maturity. From the theoretical to the practical, the mystery of God’s *Boundless Mercy* will be explored and rejoiced when we descend on Anaheim in February. To make the most of that experience, I encourage you to seek out workshops to meet the needs of your catechetical ministry and your own personal faith journey.

For Certified Catechists and Master Catechists of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, all Congress workshops can be used toward your recertification hours.

I look forward to meeting many of you and hearing how you and your ministry continue to be *transformed*.

Dione Grillo
Coordinator of Catechist Formation (English)





A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR

Dear Friends,

Youth Day is here again! It is a special day that celebrates the gift that young people are to our Catholic faith. Young people are the present and future of our Church; their presence is an invitation for all to encounter Christ in our midst. Let us come together as a Church to deepen our relationship with Christ through Eucharistic liturgies, workshops, prayer and more. Join us as we allow the joy that young people bring to radiate through us, sending us forth as #hopebound people.

Youth Day is planned, from beginning to end, by a committee composed of adults and young people from across the Los Angeles 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. The day is already taking shape and a few surprises await. The dialogue is already live on social media, so join the conversation today! The handle is @LAYouthDay across all platforms and we encourage you to use the hashtags #hopebound and #LAYouthDay.

The following pages in this Guidebook offer information about opportunities for young people and adults, how to prepare attendees for the day, and a reflection on the theme prepared by young people for young people. You will also find instructions for registering online or by mail. When registering for the day, make sure to select a track and take note of the schedule for the track you selected. You will see that this year we have adjusted the schedule of the day in order to add an extra workshop. We hope this addition and a few other changes will enrich all attendees' experience of the day.

I encourage you to frequently visit our Web site www.RECongress.org/YD where you will find the most current information about the day, including resources for engaging young people through social media leading up to, during and after Youth Day. Our team looks forward to celebrating with you at Youth Day 2016! Thank you for your willingness to share this great day with young people from your parish and school. I leave you with a special invitation written by young people serving on the Youth Day Coordinating Team. Please share this message with all the young people considering attending Youth Day.

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Blessings,

Christina Lamas
Associate Director
Coordinator for Youth Ministry
Office of Religious Education



A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATING TEAM

Welcome, Jesus Lovers,

Do you know why we are going to Youth Day? Are you ditching class? Peer pressure? Perhaps you're required to attend? We get it, we've been there. One thing you may not notice right now is that God wants you to be here. You were meant to be here!

Our theme for the day is #hopebound. Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. Many of us hope for good grades. We hope for our parents to buy us the new iPhone. Seniors hope for college acceptance. We hope for many things, but our biggest hope should be that the outcome is what God desires of us. That's what it means to be #hopebound – to fully put your trust in God.

We hope you enjoy this day and can open up to the wonderful experience awaiting you. You can offer all your doubts, worries, troubles and problems to God and engulf yourself in his love. So remember, whatever your thoughts and feelings may be, remember to stay #hopebound.

PREPARING FOR THE DAY

Youth Day 2016 takes place on Thursday of the Second Week of Lent. Here are the readings of the day along with a theme reflection prepared by young people for young people:

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

All of the readings have one connection: hope. We are called to let that hope lead us to Christ. This is why the theme #hopebound was chosen. It is a call to be bound to hope. This hope is what fuels us to go and serve Christ. The term implies that we are "bound to something" and will drop everything in order to complete the mission.

There are a couple of dictionary definitions for the word "bound." One is to be tied down by something, which is not what our theme is about. Another is to be inexplicably drawn to something and heading toward it with eagerness and enthusiasm, which is exactly what we want people to feel at Youth Day. We often use the term "homebound" as a way to communicate our desire to be "home" and we strive to reach that destination no matter what. We want people at Youth Day to be inexplicably drawn to hope in the Lord and head toward it with eagerness and enthusiasm. Therefore, this year's theme is an invitation people can use to explain how they are bound to hope and are led closer to Christ.

YOUTH DAY

TRACK 1

8:00 AM

– GENERAL SESSION ARENA

For those registered for Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2016 begins in the Arena, with energetic **Sarah Hart** and **Steve Angrisano** 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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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 approximately at 8:45 am.)*

KEYNOTE

Immediately following the liturgy, Track 1 participants will remain in the Arena for our featured speaker, **Dr. Ansel Augustine**. He will focus on our theme for the day, **#hopebound**.



11:45 AM – LUNCH

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

12:45 PM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Track 1 participants will be able to attend two of the 14 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.

3:15 PM – PRAISE/WORSHIP & SENDING



To complete the day, Track 1 participants may choose between the energetic sending forth musical groups of **WAL** in Hall B and **Jeremy and Ryan** in the third-floor Ballroom. 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 be **#hopebound** every day and everywhere – in our parishes, our schools, our homes and the entire world – participants will be sent out to be missionary disciples.

REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

All high school students (grades 9-12 only) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with an Adult Chaperone, who must attend with the group. For the initial group of 1 to 10 youth, there must be two Adult Chaperones. An additional Chaperone must be included with every additional group of up to 10. Chaperones are required to stay with their group throughout the day. Each group chooses Track 1 or Track 2 (Arena access allowed only during assigned times) and then selects the Convention Center workshops of their choice. 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 BY THE JANUARY 8 DATE FOR THE FEE INCREASE. Please understand that there is limited seating for the event. If Youth Day fills to capacity prior to the January cut-off date, we will close the day and return your registration. Try to register as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but please understand there are no exceptions.

To enter the Arena for either Track 1 or Track 2, please line up and use the fountain doors nearest the Hilton Hotel. We allow the exact number of participants as there are seats in the Arena. So please know 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. Please remember that we will clear out the Arena at mid-day.



VOLUNTEER FOR THE DAY

Want more than just to attend the day? Check our site at www.RECongress.org/YD for complete details about all the ways you can be more involved at Youth Day 2016 or email us at layoutday@gmail.com. There is a Training Day on December 19 and some of these positions require attendance on that day.

SPIRIT SQUAD – Throughout the day, the Spirit Squad will pump up the crowd with games and chants, promote our theme, and transition participants to their events.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Are you good with social media? #LAYouthDay needs you! We are seeking a team of high school-aged youth to help us with social media during Youth Day.

EMCEES – We are looking for high schoolers to introduce speakers and help with general sessions. If you like performing before large crowds, come be part of this great day!

ARENA LITURGY CHOIR & BAND – We need youth voices and musical talent for the Arena Liturgy Choir & Band. (Check site for rehearsal dates and audition information.)

LITURGICAL MOVEMENT – “I’m not a dancer,” you say? Can you keep time to music? We are seeking youth (girls and boys!) to participate as Ministers of Liturgical Movement.

All young people wishing to take part in any volunteer opportunity must register for the event and attend all trainings/rehearsals with supervision. Any expenses incurred while participating in these efforts is the responsibility of the adult registering the young person.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY

We invite any adult not chaperoning a parish or school group to be a volunteer for our event. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone – and to enjoy our event free of charge. To volunteer for Youth Day 2016, all adults must be compliant with their Diocese’s Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks) including compliance with required Safe Environment Adult Training. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to learn 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 layoutday@gmail.com or at (559) 259-8232. Come join the fun!

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LOS ANGELES YOUTH DAY

NEW FOR THE DAY

For the first time, Sacred Space will be a part of Youth Day. Sacred Space provides a quiet place to pray in the chapel and the opportunity to walk the labyrinth, where you can mindfully reflect on your life as you journey toward a fuller life in God. Included this year, you can pray the Stations of the Cross focusing on the victims of human trafficking, modern-day slaves. You are invited to stand in prayerful solidarity with the victims. Hours: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

LOGOWEAR FOR THE DAY

Attention Group Leaders: Order your official Youth Day T-shirts in *advance* through PAL (Peace and Love) Campaign! 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 \$3 more. All orders with payment must be received by January 25, 2016, for direct shipping.

This special pre-order discount pricing is valid through January 25, 2016:

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

Hoodie Sweatshirts: \$30* (\$35, with limited quantity)

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

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

Please order online at www.palcampaign.com/layoutday or email layoutday@palcampaign.com. Please email if you have any questions.

APP FOR YOUTH DAY

Keep watch on our Web site for the Youth Day app, made for iOS. With this app, you can stay up-to-date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them over social media and viewing their Web sites. Youth Day is more than just a one-day experience and this app will help you keep connected with the day's speakers and musicians.

SUPPORTING OTHERS ON THE DAY

In an effort to enhance the ORE's work in developing youth leaders and to support the work of other key organizations, there will be a collection during Youth Day liturgies. Some of the collection will go to help young people who need assistance in attending programs at the local, regional and national levels. We also share the collection with different organizations each year; for 2016 we have chosen Saving Innocence (www.savinginnocence.org). This non-profit aims to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children and restore human worth. Share this information with your group and emphasize how their contributions can continue the formation, education and quality of life for others. Thank you in advance.

TRACK 2

8:00 AM – GATHERING & PRAISE/WORSHIP



For those who register for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2016 begins with the opportunity to experience one of two energetic gatherings: **WAL** will perform in Hall B and the third-floor

Ballroom will host **Jeremy and Ryan**. Young people from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese will also be part of these great events. Groups are welcome to attend either of these high-energy gatherings – you get to choose that day!



8:45 AM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

After our opening event, Track 2 participants will be able to attend two of the 14 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.

11:15 AM – LUNCH

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

12:15 PM – GENERAL SESSION ARENA



For Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day continues in the Arena with **Sarah Hart** and **Steve Angrisano** on hand to get everyone energized, followed by young people from the Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities throughout the afternoon.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 the Archdiocesan Youth Choir and instrumentalists under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita. *(Please note that this liturgy will begin approximately at 1 pm.)*



KEYNOTE



Immediately following the liturgy, Track 2 participants will remain in the Arena for our featured speaker, **Dr. Ansel Augustine**. He will focus on our theme for the day, **#hopebound**.

3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

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ARENA KEYNOTE Both Youth Day tracks get to see our Arena speaker. In addition to the Arena Keynote, you make your choice of two Convention workshops from the remaining 14 sessions held in the Convention Center meeting rooms.

STEP UP THE HOPE

In this keynote, Dr. Ansel Augustine, along with The Psalm 119 Step Team of the New Orleans Archdiocese, will help us look at who we are as children of God. We will learn how to look at life, especially when we face challenges. God is always “in step” with us, and we must remember that no matter what we face, we already have victory in Christ and, therefore, are called to live in hope.



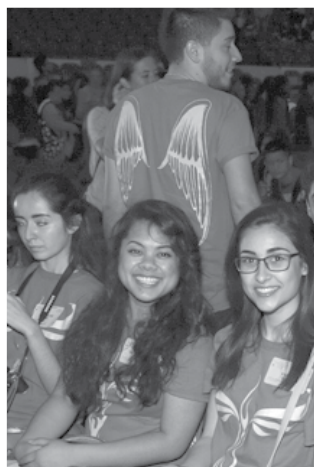
Dr. Ansel Augustine & The Psalm 119 Step Team

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked for over 15 years in his native New Orleans and is presently Director of the Office of Black Catholic



Ministries for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He also serves on the faculty for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana

and is on the Board for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Augustine has presented workshops at youth rallies and national conferences around the country and has written various publications related to ministry.



A BEYOND BORING: READING THE BIBLE FOR A CHANGE HALL B

Reading the Bible can seem boring, intimidating or pointless. So *why* would God give us the Scriptures? What does He want you to take from His Book, does it really matter to your life, and why should you care? Come laugh and learn with Mark Hart, as he dispels the myths, gives practical advice and, basically, kicks the devil in the face.



Mark Hart

Mark Hart is Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. The best-selling and award-winning author and co-author of over a dozen books has traveled the globe speaking to millions.

Hart is a regular guest on several Catholic radio programs, a co-host on SiriusXM Radio, and producer of a weekly podcast for Life Teen. He has a popular DVD Bible Study series “T3” and “Altaration.” His latest books include “Behold the Mystery” and “Zealous: Following Jesus with Guidance from St. Paul.”

B “I DON’T BELIEVE IN GOD; I BELIEVE IN SCIENCE” CONVENTION 210

“I don’t believe in God; I believe in science,” states Esqueleto, Nacho’s tag team partner in the movie “Nacho Libre.” Was Esqueleto right? Must we choose between science and faith? Science and modern atheists present believers in God with real challenges that can feed our natural questions and doubts. Come to this open discussion about the universe, science and God. Your doubts, your questions and those hard questions your friends ask are here.



Robert Feduccia Jr.

Robert Feduccia was formerly General Manager at Spirit & Song and is now Executive Director and Producer for Mission Eighty5 at Saint Mary’s Press. He is founding Director of the national Youth Liturgical Leadership Program and an instructor for the Permanent Deacon Formation Program at Saint Meinrad Seminary and the formation program at the School of Theology in Indiana and for the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn. Feduccia has been keynote speaker and retreat leader at liturgical conferences, diocesan youth conferences and college events.

C PROUDLY PROCLAIM CONVENTION 213

Our faith is supposed to be shared in an enthusiastic, contagious and compelling way. How are you doing with that? This workshop is about evangelization as a way of life for young Catholic faithful. Come learn about healthy ways to share the Word and practical tips on how to live out the New Evangelization in the modern world.



Doug Tooke

Doug Tooke, Executive Director of Reach Youth Ministry and owner of Monarch Catholic Ministries, directs youth ministry events in the Diocese of Helena, Mont., where he formerly served as diocesan Director of Faith Formation. He has over 20 years of professional ministry experience and has traveled to more than 75 dioceses in the past 15 years teaching, training youth ministers, keynoting conventions and presenting at events, including World Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry.

D KEEP CALM & LOVE JESUS: DEALING WITH STRESS AND CHAOS EVERY DAY CONVENTION 206

Life can be really chaotic – what with school and family, dating and trying to look and act your best, the chaos can sometimes overtake what should be the most important thing in your life: your relationship with Jesus Christ. Katie Prejean is a teacher, youth minister, graduate school student, fiancée, friend, and dog-mom who keeps a busier schedule than anyone she knows, and she’s learned (the hard way) how to balance the daily stresses of life and her relationship with Jesus. We’ll spend time learning how to find balance and peace as you try to maintain your sanity.



Katie Prejean

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

E THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE, SEX & RELATIONSHIPS CONVENTION 207

This talk 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 session exposes the lies of culture and reveals our true identity in Christ. Through funny stories and compelling witness, Mary Bielski will reveal the message of hope for purity and freedom found in Jesus.



Mary Bielski

Based in New Orleans, Mary Bielski is a national speaker, youth minister and founder of ALLAHIM Ministries. With 15 years in youth ministry and 12 years as a speaker, she has presented to teens and adults across the nation, at high schools, parish and diocesan rallies and young adult retreats and conferences, including the Steubenville Youth Conference and Life Teen-Inspiration. Bielski focuses on a variety of topics, including prayer, the Holy Spirit, sacraments, chastity and the theology of the body.

F “HEY, YOU! YEAH, YOU!” WHAT IS GOD SAYING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE? (VOCATION DISCERNMENT MADE EASY!) CONVENTION 209

Do you know what you want to do? Have you known since you were 2? Do you wish God would just tell you? Everyone has a vocation in life – it’s the way we will give and receive love. How can you get a handle on your future? What are some wrong ways and some right ways to discern your vocation in life? It doesn’t have to be *that* confusing. :-)



Sr. Helena Burns, fsp

Sr. Helena Burns, a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, is a movie reviewer for Life Teen. She is writer-director of the documentary on the life of Blessed Fr. James Alberione, founder of the Daughters of St. Paul, a co-producer on www.The40Film.com, and on the vocation team of the Daughters of St. Paul. Sr. Burns has presented media literacy talks and seminars since the 1990s, and since 2006 she has presented Theology of the Body talks to teens and adults across the United States and Canada.

REMEMBER: When you register, you choose one session from among these seven workshops and one session from the group of workshops on the next pages.

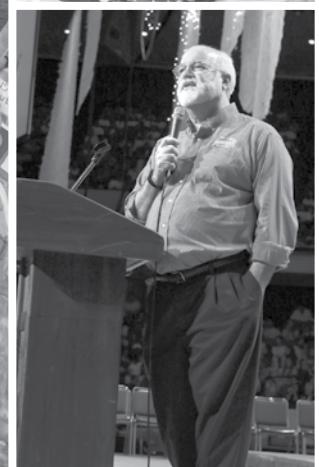
G BFFS FROM HEAVEN CONVENTION 208

In this hands-on workshop led by Brother Mickey McGrath, we will discover how saints and angels of every color and culture can lead us from our fears and anxieties to a place of self-confidence and faith instead. Following a brief look at Bro. Mickey’s own art and the stories behind it, we will be guided through quiet meditation and colorful activity to uncover our own capacity for creativity and inner peace. The results will become part of a mural depicting our “BFFs from Heaven” right here in our midst.



Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath

Bro. Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is an artist, author and popular speaker at retreats and religious education conferences throughout the country. He also creates art for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and many Catholic publishers. Bro. McGrath has won awards for his books “Go to Joseph” and “Good Pope John XXIII,” which was presented to Pope Francis. His latest works are “Dear Young People: Inspiration from Pope Francis for All” and a series of videos based on his most popular books.



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H MESSY, MADNESS, MAYHEM: FAMILIES! HALL B

We all have families. There's stuff we like and stuff that drives us crazy! They come in all varieties. Sometimes we compare and wish for different. Where's the hope? Where's God in our family?



Mike Patin

"Faith Horticulturist" Mike Patin lives in Lafayette, La., and has worked in ministry since 1984 as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan youth minister for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He has spoken to groups ranging from 10 to 23,000 in over 130 dioceses in the United States and Canada on the issues of Catholic faith, positive attitude, using your gifts and living life fully. Patin has published two books: "A Standing Invitation" and "This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry."

I SHARE YOUR STORY CONVENTION 210

Snapchat has made it easier than ever to share our "story." But sharing our "real" story is more than a snap. People say healthy communication is important – but how do I share who I "really" am, in ways that make sense and with people who matter to me?



Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

For 20 years Roy Petitfils has ministered among youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, a counselor in private practice and a speaker, Petitfils has presented at conferences, workshops and parish missions in over 30 dioceses throughout North America. He has written many articles, has a syndicated monthly column and has published several books, including "What Teens Want You To Know (But Won't Tell You)" and "What I Wish Someone Had Told Me About the First Five Years of Marriage."

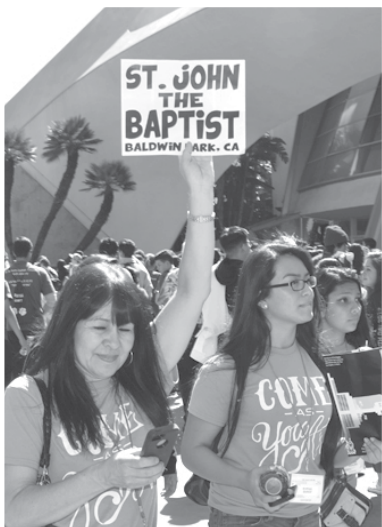
J CREATED TO RELATE CONVENTION 213

We were created for relationships. From the moment we are born, they are central to who we are and who we become. Through our interactions with our parents and family, and through our friendships, we learn the most valuable lessons of life. Building strong relationships in youth ministry is an art. This workshop will provide practical ways to build solid relational ministry that will ultimately point young people to a relationship with Christ.



Bob Perron

Bob Perron is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.V. He is one of the most popular Catholic speakers in the United States and Canada, and for over a decade, he has presented in more than 60 dioceses. Perron has been keynote presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference and moderated workshops at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. His most recent book is entitled "Lessons Learned From a God-Sized Family: In a Me-Sized World."



K A BAR OF SOAP HOPE ... HUMAN TRAFFICKING: WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO FIGHT IT!

CONVENTION 204

Human trafficking is the second leading crime in the United States. Believe it or not, *you* and your friends could be victims of this tragedy. Come and find out how vulnerable someone might be to becoming trafficked, how they are exploited, and what the “red flags” are. Help us help the victims by giving them “hope” as we label SOAP with the National Human Trafficking Hotline phone number.



Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS

Theresa Flores is a human trafficking survivor, best-selling author, licensed social worker 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 governor of Ohio for her efforts and was honored with the 2013 Christian Service Award from the University of Dayton for her work with SOAP.

L GOD IS MY H.E.R.O. CONVENTION 207

Come to this workshop if you want to find out why God is the greatest of all superheroes. He is omnipotent and omniscient. (If you do not know what these two words mean you need to be at this workshop!) Come and find out why God is my Hero and why He can be yours as well. He gave us four reasons and they will be revealed only to those who want to receive His super powers!



Rev. Joseph A. Espallat II

Fr. Joe Espallat is Pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Church in the Bronx, N.Y., as well as Director of Hispanic Charismatic Renewal for the New York Archdiocese and of the Hispanic Charismatic Catholic Center in the Bronx. Before this, he was assigned by Cardinal Timothy Dolan to open up an Office for Youth Ministry, where he became Director and is now Spiritual Advisor. Growing up in Manhattan, he speaks three languages: English, Spanish and Street! Fr. Espallat is also founder of the ministry, “Messengers of Christ.”

M FINDING HOPE IN THE MIDST OF PAIN AND TRAGEDY CONVENTION 209

Come meet Rosario Rodriguez, an innocent victim and miraculous survivor of two violent crimes. She will share how, after spending years struggling with depression and questioning her dignity and worth, she found hope and healing through the grace of the sacraments and in forgiving her assailants.



Rosario Rodriguez

Rosario Rodriguez has spent most of her life working in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom with different Catholic ministries, from campus ministry and RCIA to working with inner-city youth, the poor and the homeless. In Los Angeles, she has worked in Hollywood at Act One, an organization training Christian writers and producers. Most recently she is sharing her story with gang members, with the Los Angeles Police Department, and at prisons.

N HOPEBOUND IN PRAYER CONVENTION 203

In saying, “Come follow me!” (Matt. 4:19), Jesus is offering an invitation rooted in hope. This is also an invitation intimately bound up with the practice of prayer, for prayer connects us with God and others. It leads us into the heart of love in which we discover what we need – not what we want – to grow in our desire to follow Christ. Bind your Youth Day in an experience of prayer, hopeful reflection and deepening commitment to the practice of love. This interactive workshop explores practices of prayer and contemplation through Scripture, music, conversation, silence and a brief overview of a tradition that spans thousands of years.



Ted Miles

Baltimore native Ted Miles first worked in Belize and Guatemala in a two-year Jesuit Volunteer position. For nearly 30 years since then, he has served in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development. For 10 years now, Miles has worked for Catholic Relief Services as Relationship Manager for Youth and Religious Education and Coordinator of the Youth & Religious Education Outreach for the United States. He has spoken nationally and internationally on behalf of CRS.



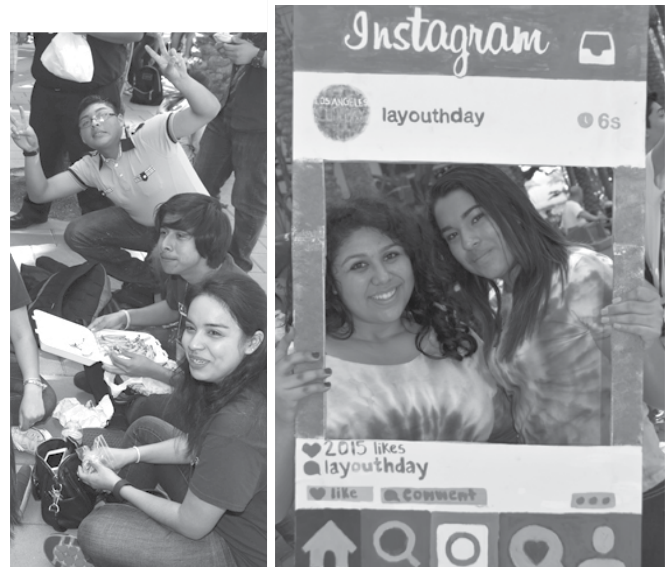
Sarah Kroger

Singer/songwriter Sarah Kroger first performed publicly at Life Teen camps and Steubenville Youth conferences. In the short time she has been composing and performing, she has participated in a range of national and international events, including the JubilMusic International Christian Music Festival in San Remo, Italy, World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and countless other parish and youth events across the United States. Kroger is published with Oregon Catholic Press/SpiritandSong.com.



Ben Walther

Ben Walther began writing songs while serving as a worship leader in college. He taught religion for over five years and spent 13 years in parish and school ministry. He has served as a diocesan event worship leader, retreat host and conference speaker. Walther now teaches religion at St. Paul Catholic School in North Canton, Ohio. A recent addition to the OCP/ SpiritandSong.com family, his CD is titled “Make Your Home in Me.”



YOUTH DAY

WHO MAY ATTEND?

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

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$30 per person. After January 8, 2016, 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. Another Chaperone must be included with every additional group of up to 10 youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day. Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and must remain 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 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.

Chaperones/Adult participants attending Youth Day at the Religious Education Congress with their group must be compliant with their diocese's Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks) including compliance with required Safe Environment Adult Training. The contact person must be able to produce records indicating completion of these awareness sessions should he/she be asked. **Please contact your parish or school for more information on these guidelines for your diocese.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early because of the limited number of seats. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. Please note we often reach capacity **before the registration fee increase on January 8, 2016.** If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. *Sorry, there are no exceptions to this guideline.*

NAME BADGES

All registered persons receive a name badge that serves as their admission to Youth Day. Each person must wear their 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. The name badge color also identifies the track to which you are 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 begin to be mailed after January 15, 2016, 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. Everyone **MUST** be registered for the day (including Chaperones and priests – even if they are coming for Mass only). A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. **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. 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 they are coming for Mass only.
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 8, 2016 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 8, 2016, the Youth Day Registration fee will increase to \$35 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by December 27, 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 two workshops from the listings on the previous pages. The same workshops are offered for both tracks.

Workshop Note: 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, FEBRUARY 25, 2016 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

**REGISTER ONLINE
AT ARCHLA.ORG/
YDREGISTRATION**

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

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

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

– For Office Use Only –	
Stamp Number	_____
Total Registrants	_____
Check Number	_____
Total Amount	_____

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

It is the responsibility of the Contact Person to ensure that all attending adults are in compliance with their Diocese's Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks) performed by their Diocese.

Name _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____
Address _____ Other Phone (_____) _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
Email _____

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

SELECT TRACK AND WORKSHOPS

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

* Indicates Diocesan compliance with Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks), including compliance with required Safe Environment Adult Training.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Track 1 – and choose | <input type="checkbox"/> Track 2 – and choose |
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| 1ST Choice _____ | 1ST Choice _____ |
| 2ND Choice _____ | 2ND Choice _____ |
| Convention Workshop H-N: | Convention Workshop H-N: |
| 1ST Choice _____ | 1ST Choice _____ |
| 2ND Choice _____ | 2ND Choice _____ |

ADULT CHAPERONE

*Compliant? First Name Last Name
REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Compliant and Adult)

Adult?	*Compliant?	First Name	Last Name
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\$30	\$35
By Jan. 8	After Jan. 8
\$60	\$70
\$90	\$105
\$120	\$140
\$150	\$175
\$180	\$210
\$210	\$245
\$240	\$280
\$270	\$315
\$300	\$350
\$330	\$385

Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 8, 2016.

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 form with check or money order to: RECONGRESS, PO BOX 761157, LOS ANGELES CA 90076-1157
– you may duplicate this form –

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 am - 3:00 pm
On-site registration
& Program Book Pick-up
(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)
– Santiago Fernandez,
Pedro Rubalcava, Rudy Lopez &
Estela Garcia-Lopez
Music (Hall B)
– WAL

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)

7:45 - 9:45 pm
Film Showcase 2016
(Convention 201)

8:00 pm
Concert
– “JOB: The Now Testament”

9:00 pm
Taizé Prayer
(see page 22)

**Registration & Program Book
Pick-Up**
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
New location!
(Northwest side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting
Noon (Marriott) San Diego

OPENING RITE & WELCOME

“BOUNDLESS MERCY”

We come together in joyful celebration in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, aware of God’s *boundless mercy* of grace and goodness for us. Come, let us join our voices in a chorus of praise and gratitude. This energetic gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

Archbishop José Gomez	Helena Buscema	Sarah Hart	Nicole Masero
Fr. Christopher Bazyouros	Karla Carrillo	Marty Haugen	Emily McKinley
Paulette Smith	Andrew Chinn	Lorraine Hess	Monica Miller Luther
Jan Pedroza	Jeanne Cotter	Frank Jansen	Ann Myers
John Flaherty	Harrison Crenshaw	ValLimar Jansen	Kristina Ortega
Tony Alonso	Gary Daigle	Mary Janus	Donna Peña
Donna Anderle	Chris de Silva	Jeremy & Ryan	Pedro Rubalcava
David Anderson	Christine Engelfried	Mel Kennedy	Brenda Smith
John Angotti	Santiago Fernández	Kristin Kissell	Ginny Temple
Steve Angrisano	Rob Galea	Peter Kolar	Trevor Thomson
Ed Archer	Noelle Garcia	Gaile Krause	WAL
Meredith Augustin	Estela García-López	Liam Lawton	Chris Walker
Betsey Beckman	Dolores Gomez	Rudy López	John West & the
Anna Betancourt	Laura Gomez	Michael Mangan	Valyermo Dancers
John Burland	David Haas	Jesse Manibusan	... and many others

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



SANTIAGO FERNANDEZ, PEDRO RUBALCAVA, ESTELA GARCIA-LOPEZ & RUDY LOPEZ

“Sing Mercy / Cantemos Misericordia”

Come and nourish your spirit during this lunchtime concert with four of the most active pastoral musicians in the country. They will share their faith-filled testimony through their stories and songs and will lend their voices to lead us in sung prayer. Your spirit will be lifted and your heart will be delighted.

Ven y alimenta tu espíritu durante este concierto al mediodía con cuatro de los músicos pastorales más activos en el país. Ellos compartirán su testimonio de fe a través de sus experiencias y música y prestarán sus voces para guiarnos en la oración cantada. Tu espíritu se exaltará y tu corazón quedará encantado.

WAL – WE ARE LOVED

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

We Are Loved. What we all need to know is we are infinitely, passionately, unconditionally loved by God. We want everyone’s hearts bursting open to immeasurable lengths, emanating awe, inspiring light and love from Christ. When we accept His Love in the walls of our hearts, we can do great things in His name. Join WAL (formerly Jacob and Matthew) as we give thanks and praise through song.



FILM SHOWCASE 2016

Convention 201 – 7:45 - 9:45 pm



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

EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm



“JOB: The Now Testament – A Musical of Hope & Healing”

Where is God in the midst of innocent suffering? – asks those who doubt God’s presence in our lives. John Angotti has created a musical that allows us to be become fully engaged in this story of hope and healing that is not only entertaining, but a tool for evangelization and catechesis.

PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 **Moral Loneliness in Our Lives and Ministry: The Deeper Reality Beneath Our Longing for a Soul Mate (*)**
- Fr. Ronald Rolheiser
- 1-02 **Teens and Social Media (*)**
- Sr. Helena Burns
- 1-03 **Is Your Heart in the Eucharist of Jesus?**
- Fr. Robert Fabing
- 1-04 **Many More Stories and Songs of Jesus (*)** - Sr. Paule Freeburg & Christopher Walker
- 1-05 **The Newly Revised and Translated Rite of Marriage: A Way to Celebrate Love, Communion and Covenant (*)**
- Fr. Richard Fragomeni
- 1-06 **Teachers, Transformation and Technology: Teachers Guiding Students to Change Our World (*)** - Dan Friedt
- 1-07 **Loving God: A Sacrifice of Praise**
- Greer Gordon
- 1-08 **Walk with Christ: Praying and Singing as the Beloved of God** - David Haas
- 1-09 **The Magic Bullet: Where Ministries Go Wrong ... and How We Can Change It (*)**
- Mark Hart
- 1-10 **Blessed are the Disenchanted: Finding God in a World of Meh (*)** - Sarah Hart
- 1-11 **Rest, Renew, Live – A Place for Grace in Our Life (*)** - Rev. Terry Hershey
- 1-12 **Sparks from Ashes: Young Adult Evangelization (*)** - Paul Jarzembowski
- 1-13 **Do You See What I See: From a Catholic Schoolteacher's Perspective (*)**
- Dr. Sandra Kennedy
- 1-14 **Praying in Color: Doodling and Coloring as a Path to Prayer (*)** - Sybil MacBeth
- 1-15 **The "Culture of Encounter" and Social Justice (*)** - Fr. Bryan Massingale
- 1-16 **Catch Me Lord! I'm Falling: The New Testament on Peter (*)** - Fr. J. Patrick Mullen
- 1-17 **Catholic Schools in an Increasingly Hispanic Church (*)** - Dr. Hosffman Ospino
- 1-18 **A Theology of Food, Communion and the Domestic Church** - Fr. Leo Patalinghug
- 1-19 **Created to Relate (*)** - Bob Perron
- 1-20 **Hurts So Good – Ministering to Adolescents Who Self-injure (*)** - Roy Petitfils
- 1-21 **They Could Trample Me: Ministering to Young Adolescents (*)** - Katie Prejean
- 1-22 **Mission Matters: The Social Dimension of Evangelization (*)** - Sr. Theresa Rickard
- 1-23 **The Bible Across Cultures (*)**
- Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher
- 1-24 **Where Is There a God Like You? – Micah 7:18-20 (*)** - Sr. Maureen Sullivan
- 1-25 **Francis, Families and the Synod: Where Do We Go From Here? (*)** - Michael Theisen
- 1-26 **The Church in a Digital World: Sharing Good News (*)** - Msgr. Paul Tighe
- 1-27 **Spiritual Friendship: The Art of Receiving and Offering Gentle Wisdom**
- Dr. Robert Wicks
- 1-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (The Vietnamese Martyrs: Witnesses to God's Boundless Mercy) (*)** - Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen & Prof. Le Xuan Hy

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 **Be Fearless for Me: Courage and the Gospel of the Marginalized (*)**
- Fr. Gregory Boyle
- 2-02 **A House of Prayer for All People: Liturgy, Music and Daily Life** - Tony Alonso
- 2-03 **Gotta Move! Sing, Dance, Pray! (*)**
- Donna Anderle
- 2-04 **Bringing the Music and Spirit of Taizé to Your Community** - David Anderson
- 2-05 **Lessons from the David Stories**
- Bishop Robert Barron
- 2-06 **RCIA: Evangelization and Faith Formation in the Pre-Catechumenate (*)**
- Mary Birmingham
- 2-07 **Let's Pray! Let's Sing! An Engaging Way to Teach Catholic Prayer to Children (*)**
- John Burland
- 2-08 **Sing With Boundless Joy! (*)**
- Andrew Chinn & James Wahl
- 2-09 **Crossing the Sacred Threshold: Mindfulness in the Dying Season**
- Jeanne Cotter & Dr. Jaena Wisniewski
- 2-10 **Beyond Content: Engaging the Heart, Not Just the Head (*)** - Richard Curran
- 2-11 **Why Should I Go to Church? (*)**
- Fr. John Cusick
- 2-12 **Why Does God Want to Forgive Me? The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Teens (*)**
- Fr. Paul Farren
- 2-13 **The Influence of Music on the Lives of Teens (*)** - Noelle Garcia
- 2-14 **The Bees Are Back! (*)** - Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, Martin Marklin, John Flaherty
- 2-15 **So What? I Mean, Really, So What? (*)**
- Fr. Joseph Kempf
- 2-16 **Mission-centered Ministry: What Difference Does Our Mission Make? (*)**
- Douglas Leal
- 2-17 **The Season of the Nativity: Celebrating the Incarnation with Embodied Practices (*)** - Sybil MacBeth
- 2-18 **Ever Ancient, Ever New: New Media for the New Evangelization (*)**
- Fr. James Martin, Keith Maczkiewicz, Joseph Simmons & Jason Welle
- 2-19 **The Holy Family: Models of Mercy for Today's World (*)**
- Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath
- 2-20 **The Names of God (*)**
- Dr. Megan McKenna
- 2-21 **Called to Discipleship: Removing Our Sandals Before the Sacred Ground of the Other (*)** - Ted Miles & Ben Walther
- 2-22 **Faith Formation for Ministry with the Special Needs Community (*)**
- Mary O'Meara
- 2-23 **A Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion (*)**
- Joe Paprocki
- 2-24 **Pope Francis and the Environment: Caring for Mother Earth and Her Children**
- Fr. Thomas Reese
- 2-25 **Same Lord, New Soundtrack (*)**
- Anna Scally
- 2-26 **Connecting with Generation C (*)** - Victor Valenzuela
- 2-27 **"Harvolic": Lessons Learned from Working for Two Worldwide Brands (*)**
- Matthew O'Donnell Weber
- 2-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (The Boundless Mercy of God) (*)**
- Bishop Joseph Thien Van Vu

🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions.
Arena sessions in color.

PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 **Encounter: Significance Over Success (*)** - Mike Patin
- 3-02 **Aw Snap! The Pastor Wants Me to Start a Young Adult Ministry** - Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera
- 3-03 **The Good News About Desire, Sex and the Path to Freedom (*)** - Mary Bielski
- 3-04 **Demystifying the Book of Revelation (*)**
- Fr. William Burton
- 3-05 **Ancient and Holy Truths in the Language of the New Generation** - Dallas Carter
- 3-06 **Effective Prayer with Children! It's Easier Than You Think! (*)** - Steven Ellair
- 3-07 **The Quinceañera and Its Capacity to Truly Reach Hispanic Families (*)**
- Santiago Fernández
- 3-08 **God's Mercy Alive Through Ministry to the Poor (*)** - David Fields & Fr. Perry Henry
- 3-09 **Love Is Our Mission with LGBT Catholics: Church and Family Fully Alive (*)**
- Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet
- 3-10 **A Friend Indeed: Helping Someone in Grief (*)** - Amy Florian
- 3-11 **My Journey from Teen Rebellion, Depression and Addiction, to Priesthood**
- Fr. Rob Galea
- 3-12 **Education in Faith and the Challenges of High School Theology (*)**
- Dr. Thomas Groome
- 3-13 **Incarnation Anyway: The Spirituality of Why God Became Human (*)**
- Fr. Daniel Horan
- 3-14 **Women at the Crossroads (*)**
- ValLimar Jansen
- 3-15 **Celebrating Merciful Liturgy**
- Fr. Jan Michael Joncas
- 3-16 **Neuroscience and Contemplative Practices (*)** - Anne Kertz Kernion
- 3-17 **Sing Mercy, Sing Justice, Sing Mission (*)**
- Michael Mangan
- 3-18 **Black and Catholic: The Gift and Challenge Today (*)** - Fr. Bryan Massingale
- 3-19 **Mercy and the Spiritual Life (*)**
- Fr. Jonathan Morris
- 3-20 **Reconciling the Polarized Church the Pope Francis Way (*)** - David O'Brien
- 3-21 **"Ask Fr. Tony" – Answering the Questions on Faith, Hope and Love (*)**
- Fr. R. Tony Ricard
- 3-22 **The Importance and Beauty of the Eastern Catholic Churches (*)** - Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith & Very Rev. David Petras
- 3-23 **From Maintenance to Mission (*)**
- Doug Tooke
- 3-24 **Missionaries of Mercy: The Reflection Component of Youth Service Projects (*)**
- Bishop Joseph Tyson
- 3-25 **What Are You Waiting For? 100 Tips for Becoming a Missionary Parish (*)**
- David Wells
- 3-26 **Becoming a Parent is a Gift, While Parenting Itself is a Learned Skill (*)** - Char Wenc
- 3-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Things You Need to Know about Marriage Nullity) (*)**
- Fr. Truc Nguyen

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 3:00 pm
On-site registration & Program Book Pick-up (Prefunction Lobby)

7:50 am
Morning Praise (Arena)

8:30 am
Keynote Address (Arena) – Sr. Helen Prejean

10:00 - 11:30 am
Period 4 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Music (Arena)
– John Angotti, Lorraine Hess & Meredith Augustin

Music (Hall B)
– Sarah Hart, ValLimar Jansen & Estela Garcia-Lopez

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)

8:00 pm
Concert (Arena)
– “Fiesta Latina”

8:30 pm
Sacred Illuminations 2016 (Convention 213)

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

Registration & Program Book Pick-Up
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
New location! (Northwest side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting
Noon (Marriott) San Diego

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 7:50 am

As we begin a new day, join in lifting our voices in prayer and thanksgiving for God’s Boundless Mercy. Our presider, Margaret Matijasevic, will be joined by Gary Daigle, Chris de Silva and Laura Gomez to lead us in this sung celebration of morning praise.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE



Prejean

SR. HELEN PREJEAN, CSJ

Arena – 8:30 am

“Boundless Mercy and the Compassion of Christ” 🎧

How far can the compassion of Christ reach? Even to murderers of the innocent? Even to terrorists like Osama bin Laden? Even to illegal immigrants who pour over the borders into our country? Even to atheists who hate and despise religion? In this Keynote address, Sr. Helen Prejean will share how the mercy of God shapes and directs her life and how it compels us to serve beyond our limits.

Sr. Helen Prejean, a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph, is author of “Dead Man Walking.” The human rights activist speaker has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the death penalty and helping to shape the Catholic Church’s newly vigorous opposition to state executions. She is presently at work on another book, “River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey.”

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

JOHN ANGOTTI, MEREDITH AUGUSTIN & LORRAINE HESS

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

It’s time to get up! Join WLP artists John Angotti, Meredith Augustine and Lorraine Hess for lunchtime entertainment with music to move your heart and your feet.



Angotti Augustin Hess



Hart Jansen Garcia

SARAH HART, VALLIMAR JANSEN & ESTELA GARCIA-LOPEZ

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

“Sing of God’s Mercy ~ Cantando la Misericordia de Dios”

¡Ven y canta durante tu almuerzo! Come and spend your lunchtime with three talented “sistas,” *con tres hermanas en Cristo talentosas*, from different walks of life. Sarah, ValLimar and Stella will come together to share one faith, *se unirán para compartir una misma fe a través de la oración cantada*, through worship and praise. Your spirit will be moved and your heart will be lifted, *tu espíritu se conmoverá y tu corazón se elevará* by the sung prayer and praise of these gifted women.

SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT

DONNA PEÑA, ANNA BETANCOURT & ESTELA GARCIA-LOPEZ

Arena – 8:00 pm

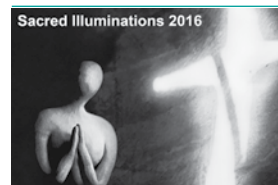
“Fiesta Latina”

Come experience an enchanted evening of sight, sound and spirit, featuring Donna Peña, Anna Betancourt and Stella Garcia performing with an all-female mariachi band. To accent this captivating evening, they will be joined by the beautiful twirl and flow of Folkloric dancers. All of this says “*Fiesta!*” All of this says “*mujer.*”



Peña Betancourt Garcia

SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2016



Sacred Illuminations 2016

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 Abbey (*) - Fr. James Martin**
- 4-02 Dancing with Monks and Mystics (*)
- **Betsy Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 4-03 Divine Mercy in the Womb of God (*)
- **Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 4-04 The Church in Action: A Field Update from Today's Top Humanitarian Emergencies
- **Caroline Brennan**
- 4-05 Engaging New Parents Through Baptism and Beyond (*) - **Paul Canavese**
- 4-06 Gotta Sing, Gotta Pray (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 4-07 The Courageous Parish (*)
- **Richard Curran**
- 4-08 "Aid in Dying" and the Ethics of Physician-Assisted Suicide (*)
- **Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro**
- 4-09 God's Anger Lasts but a Moment, His Mercy FOREVER! (*) - **Fr. Joseph Espallat II**
- 4-10 The Challenge Still Before Us: Implementing Vatican II with Pope Francis (*)
- **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 4-11 Church in the 21st Century: Continuing the Renewal and Reform (*)
- **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-12 The RCIA: Who Really Belongs? (*)
- **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 4-13 Soul & Science of Healing: Bridge Between Ministry and the Healing Arts (*)
- **Richard Groves**
- 4-14 Born to Dance: Let's Break Out the Wine and Live from the Inside Out (*)
- **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-15 The Name of God is Relationship (*)
- **Fr. Daniel Horan**
- 4-16 The Laughter, the Tears and the Boundless Mercy in the Heart of God (*)
- **Fr. Joseph Kempf**
- 4-17 Sex and the Cinema: A Christian Approach to How the Media is Forming Our Values
- **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 4-18 This is the Time: Songs for the Seasons (*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 4-19 "The Quality of Mercy Is Not Strain'd" (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 4-20 What Do Young Adults Have to Offer the Church? (*) - **David O'Brien**
- 4-21 Encountering Islam: Catholics and Muslims and the Challenges of Today (*)
- **Jihad Turk**
- 4-22 Forgive Us Our Trespasses as We Execute Those Who Trespass Against Us? (*)
- **Fr. Gregory Boyle, Javier Stauring & Mike Farrell**
- 4-23 Commuter Spirituality: Lessons Learned from Migrant Workers (*)
- **Bishop Joseph Tyson**
- 4-24 The Skills of Christ-like Leadership (*)
- **Char Wenc**
- 4-25 The 12 Steps of AA and the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius ... Parallel Paths (*)
- **Fr. Thomas Weston**
- 4-26 The Challenge and Gift of Being Present to Others, Ourselves and God
- **Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (People of God: The Christian Faithful) (*) - **Rev. Peter Viet Ho**

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 **Songs of Mercy - Tony Alonso, Jeanne Cotter, Chris de Silva, David Haas, Marty Haugen, Fr. Jan Michael Joncas, Liam Lawton & Donna Peña**
- 5-02 Molehill to Mountaintop: Transforming Everyday Prayer into Profound Moments of Grace as a Young Adult
- **Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera**
- 5-03 Reverse Thinking: The Joy of the Gospel Reveals that Everything is Under Review (*) - **John Angotti**
- 5-04 Building Bridges to the Heart of Discipleship (*) - **Leisa Anslinger**
- 5-05 Reaching the Next Generation of Ministry Leaders: A Mission of Mercy (*)
- **Dr. Ansel Augustine**
- 5-06 Formation of Unbaptized Children and Teens in the RCIA (*)
- **Mary Birmingham**
- 5-07 Songs of Mercy and Celebration: Echoing the Message of Jubilee (*) - **John Burland**
- 5-08 "Reaching the Multitudes" – Effective Content and Viral Concepts - **Dallas Carter**
- 5-09 Life Changes: Swim or Struggle? (*)
- **Fr. James Clarke**
- 5-10 Spirituality for Blended Families: A Stepmom's Story of Finding Faith, Following Love and Feeding a Family (*)
- **Robin Davis**
- 5-11 Mercy in the Street and in the Home (*)
- **Msgr. Raymond East**
- 5-12 Transgender in the Church: One Bread, One Body (*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 5-13 The Sacrament of Boundless Mercy: Pondering the Seven Gifts of the Eucharist (*)
- **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 5-14 Why You Always Marry the Wrong Person: Toward a Practical Spirituality of Marriage (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 5-15 The Power of Beauty (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 5-16 Our Vocation Is Love: Called to Be a Catholic Artist (*) - **Heather King**
- 5-17 From Surviving to Thriving (*)
- **Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie**
- 5-18 Reaching the Marginalized (*)
- **Jesse Manibusan**
- 5-19 Renewing the Face of the Earth: Scriptural Support for *Laudato Si'* (*)
- **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 5-20 Making Core Values into Core Memories: The "Inside Out" of Values and Virtues in Media (*) - **Sr. Rose Pacatte**
- 5-21 Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues ... (*) - **Sr. Helen Prejean**
- 5-22 Synod on the Family: What Happened, Why It Matters - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 5-23 The Spirituality of Administration: Pathways for Inspirational Leadership (*)
- **Julianne Stanz**
- 5-24 The Lost Art of Sacred Symbols (*)
- **Johan van Parys**
- 5-25 Spiritual Care for Your Choir and Music Ministers (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 5-26 Moving with God's Inexhaustible Mercy Within Us (*) - **John West**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Youth Leadership in the Church: An Everyday Journey of Holiness) (*) - **Sr. Vuong Do**

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 **All Lives Matter: Recognizing the Inherent Dignity of All (*)**
- **Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 6-02 All Things Catholic: What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church (*)
- **John Allen Jr.**
- 6-03 The Community of Earth (*)
- **Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 6-04 Crossing the Great Divide – Creating Events for Whole Parish Communities (*)
- **Steve Angrisano**
- 6-05 True Stories of Survival on the Streets (*)
- **Sr. Kathleen Bryant**
- 6-06 At Table with Jesus: "Do This in Memory of Me" (*) - **Fr. William Burton**
- 6-07 God's Gift of Intimacy: A Catholic Understanding of Human Sexuality (*)
- **Fr. Luke Dysinger**
- 6-08 Preparing Youth for Confirmation Through the Life of the Parish (*) - **Tom East**
- 6-09 Science, Faith and Atheism (*)
- **Robert Feduccia**
- 6-10 Eucharist and the Real Presence: The Modern Contribution to the Conversation
- **Fr. Edward Foley**
- 6-11 The Gospel of Luke: The Drama of It All! (*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 6-12 Leadership and Social Justice: How Catholic Parishes and Schools Can Change Our World (*) - **Dan Friedt**
- 6-13 Challenging Conversations: Strategies for Working through Ministerial Conflicts - **Ann Garrido**
- 6-14 Video and Film for Evangelization, Catechesis and Community Building (*)
- **Fr. David Guffey**
- 6-15 Mere Spirituality: The Spiritual Life According to Henri Nouwen
- **Wil Hernandez**
- 6-16 Walking with Young Adults: Transition and Pilgrimage (*) - **Paul Jarzembowski**
- 6-17 Gratitude as a Spiritual Practice: Opening to Boundless Mercy (*) - **Douglas Leal**
- 6-18 Margins, Mission, Mercy: Following Jesus the Galilean Reject (*)
- **Dr. Timothy Matovina**
- 6-19 Examining the Catholic Myths and the Legal Impact on the Family after a Civil Divorce and Church Annulment: A Necessary Dialogue (*) - **Fr. Truc Nguyen & Hon. Richard Montes**
- 6-20 Adoring Food: Pastoral Theological Presentation on the Eucharist
- **Fr. Leo Patalinghug**
- 6-21 The Second Step in Spirituality: The Deeper Secrets Inside the Gospels (*)
- **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 6-22 Science at the Doorway to God: An Assessment of the Universe, Near-Death Experiences, and the Shroud of Turin (*)
- **Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 6-23 What Happens When We Accompany Families in Their Faith Journey? (*)
- **Michael Theisen**
- 6-24 Five Steps to Telling a Great Story: How to Teach Like Jesus (*) - **Nick Wagner**
- 6-25 Gut Check: The Thread of Love (*)
- **Matthew O'Donnell Weber**
- 6-26 "The Perfect Family Doesn't Exist": Encouraging Boundless Mercy in the Home (*) - **David Wells**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Vietnamese-American Families and Communities Learning from the Vietnamese Martyrs) (*) - **Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen & Prof. Le Xuan Hy**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:15 am
Morning Rosary
(Convention 303)

8:00 - 11:00 am
On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

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

8:30 am
Morning Address
English: Fr. James Heft
Spanish: Hna. Maria Bracamontes

10:00 - 11:30 am
Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Music (Arena)
– Fr. Rob Galea
Music (Hall B)
– John Burland, Andrew Chinn
& Michael Mangan

1:00 - 2:30 pm
Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm
Liturgy (Arena)
Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

**Registration & Program Book
Pick-Up**
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
New location!
(Northwest side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs
(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)

A.A. Meeting
Noon (Marriott) San Diego



MORNING ROSARY

Convention 303 – 7:15 am



Haas

Come Celebrate “The Rosary with St. James”

Come join David Haas in praying a new and contemporary path with the Rosary – through a new set of mysteries focusing on discipleship. Through song and wisdom from St. James and others from the cloud of witnesses, we will begin our final day of Congress drawing up a beloved devotion pointing us toward action. Bring your rosary if you have one – if not, we will have one for you!

SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am



Vann

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, may we go forth, recognizing God’s *boundless mercy* all around us.

SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS

Convention Ballroom AB – 8:30 am



Heft

FR. JAMES L. HEFT, SM

“Pope Francis, the Environment and U.S. Politics” 🎧

Is Pope Francis overstepping the boundary between Church and state? Is he smart in endorsing the current scientific consensus on climate change? Is his criticism of capitalism fair? Is he polarizing rather than uniting Catholics? Join Fr. James Heft as he leads us in an examination of these issues in our Church today.

Fr. James Heft, a Marianist priest, is Professor and President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He is author and editor of 12 books and 190 articles, and in 2011, the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities honored him with the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for his service to Catholic higher education.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

FR. ROB GALEA

“Something About You”

Fr. Rob Galea will share stories and songs about his search for God – a journey from “victim” to “victor.” Come share in this heartfelt and inspirational music, featuring songs from his latest releases.

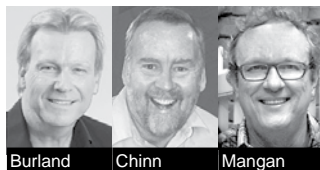


Galea

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

JOHN BURLAND, ANDREW CHINN & MICHAEL MANGAN

“Sing and Celebrate – Aussie Style!”



Burland

Chinn

Mangan

Come and say “G’day” to this Aussie trio of John Burland, Andrew Chinn and Michael Mangan as they share their infectious songs of faith in an uplifting and fun-filled lunchtime singalong.

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm



Gomez

ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDER

As our Religious Education Congress 2016 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 share God’s Boundless Mercy with all, in joy, in pain and in struggle. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2016, under the musical direction of John Flaherty.



Flaherty

PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 **The Global War on Christians: Dispatches from the Front Lines (*)**
- **John Allen Jr.**
- 7-02 **The Racial Divide in the United States (*)**
- **Bishop Edward Braxton**
- 7-03 **From the Front Lines of Crises: Humanitarian Emergencies Through the Lens of Women**
- **Caroline Brennan**
- 7-04 **Moving in the Direction of Mercy (*)**
- **Sr. Kathleen Bryant**
- 7-05 **Building a Strong Children's Choir**
- **Jaime Cortez**
- 7-06 **Identity with Integrity: Journeys of LGBT Catholics** - **Arthur Fitzmaurice**
- 7-07 **Empowering Young Adult Leadership and Receiving Them in Parish Life (*)** - **Fr. Dave Dwyer & Rosie Chinae Shawver**
- 7-08 **Bringing Sacrament Preparation to Life! (*)** - **Steven Ellair**
- 7-09 **Live Fully While You Live – Pass On a Legacy When You Die (*)** - **Amy Florian**
- 7-10 **Paul's Teaching and Eucharistic Living**
- **Fr. Edward Foley**
- 7-11 **The Catechumenate as the Inspiration for All Catechesis: Why and How? (*)**
- **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 7-12 **Leading in Grace: Serving God**
- **Greer Gordon**
- 7-13 **Can Man Live Without God? (*)**
- **Darrell Hall**
- 7-14 **What Does the Bible Really Say About "Mercy"? (*)** - **Fr. Felix Just**
- 7-15 **Emerging Trends in Youth Ministry: The Pain and the Promise (*)**
- **Robert McCarty**
- 7-16 **Meeting Jesus (*)** - **Fr. James Martin**
- 7-17 **From Access to Belonging (*)**
- **Mary O'Meara**
- 7-18 **Small Christian Communities: Evangelization from the Inside Out (*)**
- **Sr. Theresa Rickard**
- 7-19 **Shared Parishes and Intercultural Life (*)**
- **Pedro Rubalcava**
- 7-20 **Physician-Assisted Suicide: Responding to a New Problem of Cultural Decline (*)**
- **Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 7-21 **Forming Adults as Missionary Disciples: Five Creative Strategies (*)**
- **Julianne Stanz**
- 7-22 **Building a Culture of Encounter: Humanizing the Social Networks (*)**
- **Msgr. Paul Tighe**
- 7-23 **Augustine of Hippo: A Person of Faith in a Time of Crisis and Confusion (*)**
- **Fr. Thomas Weston**
- 7-24 **The Heart and Soul of Unity for Couples (*)** - **Dr. John Yzaguirre**
- 7-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (A Society in Need of Mercy) (*)**
- **Bishop Joseph Thien Van Vu**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 **A Restless Humanity in Search of Meaning (*)** - **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 8-02 **How to Coach Parents to Form Their Own Children in Faith (*)** - **Paul Canavese**
- 8-03 **Effective Contemporary Music Ministry: Color Inside the Lines, But Use Bright Colors! (*)** - **Craig Colson**
- 8-04 **A Deeper Appreciation of Some of Our Favorite Gospel Stories (*)** - **Fr. John Cusick**
- 8-05 **Food as a Language for Family (*)**
- **Robin Davis**
- 8-06 **Encounter and Mission: The Adolescent Disciple's Journey (*)** - **Tom East**
- 8-07 **Freedom and Forgiveness: A Fresh Look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation (*)**
- **Fr. Paul Farren**
- 8-08 **Will Wonders Never Cease! (*)**
- **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 8-09 **Jesus and "The X Factor" (*)**
- **Fr. Rob Galea**
- 8-10 **Mentoring in Ministry (*)**
- **Ann Garrido**
- 8-11 **Deep Change: Meeting God During Time of Transition and Failure (*)**
- **Richard Groves**
- 8-12 **Catholic Video-maker's Forum (*)**
- **Fr. David Guffey**
- 8-13 **Laudato Si': Singing and Praying the Canticle of Creation with Francis**
- **Marty Haugen**
- 8-14 **Keys to Proclaiming the Word: The Task of Catechesis (*)**
- **Dr. Sandra Kennedy**
- 8-15 **The Celtic Heart of Mercy**
- **Liam Lawton**
- 8-16 **What Are We Hoping? Stories of Mercy for Lent and Easter**
- **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 8-17 **The Spiritual Bridge: Moses to Jesus (*)**
- **Rabbi Michael Meyersohn**
- 8-18 **Light in the Darkness (*)**
- **Fr. Jonathan Morris**
- 8-19 **Genesis, Evolution and the Image of God (*)** - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 8-20 **Liturgical Celebrations as "Source and Summit" of Christian Hope (*)**
- **Johan van Parys**
- 8-21 **How to Evangelize Like a Rock Star – In a Subtle, Catholic Kind of Way (*)**
- **Nick Wagner**
- 8-22 **Using Boundless Energy to Form Boundless Faith! (*)** - **James Wahl**
- 8-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Youth Leadership: A Witness to Love) (*)**
- **Sr. Vuong Do**

🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions. Arena sessions in color.



The ORE Booth at the center of Exhibit Hall A.

LITURGIES/PRAYER SERVICES



Arena Closing Liturgy



Young Adult Liturgy



Contemplative Liturgy



Spanish Liturgy



Vietnamese Liturgy

THE LITURGIES

at the Religious Education Congress have grown as they have embraced a wonderfully diverse church. We have worked diligently to inculcate the liturgy to authentically reflect the church of Los Angeles, where, within the Los Angeles Archdiocese, liturgy is celebrated every Sunday in no fewer than 40 different languages.

This Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, as called for by Pope Francis, has already inspired many people and given the Church great energy moving into the next year. It also had great impact on our work in preparation for Congress 2016. This jubilee year, along with Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, sparked some wonderful creativity in our liturgy preparations. Our hope is that the liturgies of Congress may be a Spirit-filled encounter with Christ Jesus and a celebration of the life of the Church. We invite you to experience a liturgy from among the many cultures represented.

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Church on the Margins	Rev. Greg Boyle	Jesse Manibusan / Donna Peña / Harrison Crenshaw
Contemplative	Rev. Pat Mullen	Liam Lawton
General	Mmgr. Ray East	Jaime Cortez & Family
Indonesian	Bishop Oscar Solis	Soerini Kheung
Nigerian	Rev. Ikechukwu Ikeocha	Nigerian Community
Spanish	Archbishop José Gomez	Peter Kolar / Anna Betancourt

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

In addition to our liturgies, we offer non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers). 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)	Cambria Tortorelli	Lorraine Hess
Taizé Prayer (9 pm)	—	David Anderson

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE (7:50 am)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Praise	Margaret Matijasevic	Gary Daigle / Chris de Silva / Laura Gomez

SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

Black Culture	Rev. Jeffery Harvey	Cliff Petty
Care of the Earth	Rev. Dan Horan	Bro. Rufino Zaragoza
La Protección de la Tierra	Rev. Domingo Rodriguez	Santiago Fernandez / Rudy López / Pedro Rubalcava / Estela García-López
Mass of Compassion	Rev. Michael Kennedy	Trevor Thomson
Syriac	Rt. Rev. Aphram Mushe	Syriac Community
Vietnamese	Bishop Joseph Thien Van Vu	Vietnamese Community
Young Adult	Rev. Joseph Espailat	Meredith Augustin / Chris Nuno / Lauren Warner

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

In addition to these liturgies, we also offer non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers) led by Tricia Hoyt, Director of Evangelization, Family Ministry and Adult Formation at St. Patrick Church in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Tricia Hoyt	Tony Alonso / Jeanne Cotter
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SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Liturgy (8 am)	Bishop Kevin Vann	Congress Choir 2016
Closing Liturgy (3:30 pm)	Archbishop José Gomez	Congress Choir 2016

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

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

The Religious Education Congress annually presents the Multicultural Exhibit, a collaborative effort with the Archdiocesan Office of Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry. This provides opportunities for attendees to interact with the diverse ethnic communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. You will find a variety of cultural and religious artifacts, expressions of faith or 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.



Filipino Community



Korean Community



Polish Community



Indonesian Community



American Indian Community

Assemblies

ASIAN AND PACIFIC PRESENCE

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

IN THE ASIAN PERSPECTIVE

ASIAN WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 1-70 Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen & Prof. Le Xuan Hy
- 2-70 Bishop Joseph Thien Van Vu
- 3-70 Rev. Truc Quang Nguyen

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 4-70 Rev. Peter Viet Ho
- 5-70 Sr. Vuong Do, FMA
- 6-70 Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen & Prof. Hy Xuan Le

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 7-70 Bishop Joseph Thien Van Vu
- 8-70 Sr. Vuong Do, FMA

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE LITURGIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- Indonesian - 5:15 pm
- Bishop Oscar Solis, presider

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- Vietnamese - 5:15 pm
- Bishop Joseph Thien Van Vu, presider

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Young Adult Ministry at Congress 2016

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, February 27 at 5:15 pm

Fr. Joseph Espailat, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the New York Archdiocese, will celebrate the liturgy with music led by Meredith Augustin, Chris Nuno and Lauren Warner! 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, February 27, 9:00 pm - midnight

Cost: \$7 per person

After a full day of workshop, networking and celebrating liturgy, our DJs will mix the beats to keep the party going into the night. All young adults 18 to 39 are welcome. Picture ID is required for admission. Complimentary water stations are provided as well as a no-host bar. NO outside containers are permitted.

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

- 3-02: "Aw Snap! The Pastor Wants Me to Start a Young Adult Ministry"
- 5-02: "Molehill to Mountaintop: Transforming Everyday Prayer into Profound Moments of Grace as a Young Adult"

Sr. Kathleen Bryant

- 7-04*: "Moving in the Direction of Mercy"

Dallas Carter

- 3-05: "Ancient and Holy Truths in the Language of the New Generation"
- 5-08: "Reaching the Multitudes" – Effective Content and Viral Concepts

Fr. Dave Dwyer & Rosie China Shawver

- 7-08*: "Empowering Young Adult Leadership and Receiving Them in Parish Life"

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

- 5-14*: "Why You Always Marry the Wrong Person: Toward a Practical Spirituality of Marriage"

Sarah Hart

- 1-10*: "Blessed are the Disenchanted: Finding God in a World of Meh"

Paul Jarzembowski

- 1-12*: "Sparks from Ashes: Young Adult Evangelization"
- 6-16*: "Walking with Young Adults: Transition and Pilgrimage"

Fr. James Martin, Keith Maczkiewicz

- 2-18*: "Ever Ancient, Ever New: New Media for the New Evangelization"
- 4-01*: "The Abbey (Arena)"

David O'Brien

- 4-20*: "What Do Young Adults Have to Offer the Church?"

Fr. Robert Spitzer

- 6-22*: "Science at the Doorway to God: An Assessment of the Universe, Near-Death Experiences, and the Shroud of Turin"

Matthew O'Donnell Weber

- 2-27*: "Harvolic": Lessons Learned from Working for Two Worldwide Brands
- 6-25*: "Gut Check: The Thread of Love"

Katherine Angulo

- 4-53*: "Ministerio Juvenil ¡Un tesoro escondido!"

Fr. Augustino Torres

- 3-58*: "Espiritualidad de jóvenes"
- 8-57*: "Liderazgo en el ministerio juvenil"

Hna. Ondina Cortés

- 4-54*: "Reconciliación personal y social del joven adulto"
- 7-52*: "Ay de mi si no evangelizo": Jóvenes adultos en misión"

Congress 2016 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.**

Adult Faith Formation

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African-American Perspective

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Campus Ministry

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Catechesis

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Christian Initiation

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Confirmation

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Ecclesiology/Church

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Hispanic Perspective

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Human Growth & Development

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Restorative Justice

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OUR WORKSHOPS

, both in English and Vietnamese, appear in this Workshops section, with descriptions of the sessions presented by our 200 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics. New this year, you will find all the Arena sessions highlighted, numbered as -01 and listed first in each of the periods.

In addition, throughout this section, you will find milestones from our 60-year history of the Religious Education Congress, originally begun as an Institute of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program, popularly known as CCD.

I-01 MORAL LONELINESS IN OUR LIVES AND MINISTRY: THE DEEPER REALITY BENEATH OUR LONGING FOR A SOUL MATE ARENA

Our deepest loneliness is not emotional, but moral. More than longing for someone to sleep with sexually, we long for someone to sleep with morally. In our depth, we often feel we are *unanimity-minus-one*, hence our poignant longing for a soul mate. What is moral loneliness? From where does it derive? What's its role in our spiritual journey? How does it play out in our lives? What is its invitation to a deeper grace, and what are its specific dangers?



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 has 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 currently 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-02 TEENS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Our world is increasingly a media world. Teens are constantly wired, plugged in, communicating. Media devices are potential portals for connection, entertainment, education, information and inspiration. But they also have a dark side. Who is helping young people navigate their social media world? Are we adults giving them media skills, tools and modeling good media habits? This workshop will offer insight and life hacks to help teens (and everyone!) be media-savvy, media-literate and media-virtuous.



Sr. Helena Burns, FSP

Sr. Helena Burns, a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, is a movie reviewer for Life Teen. She is writer-director of the documentary on the life of Blessed Fr. James Alberione, founder of the Daughters of St. Paul, a co-producer on www.The40Film.com, and on the vocation team for the Daughters of St. Paul. Sr. Burns has presented media literacy talks and seminars since the 1990s, and since 2006 she has presented Theology of the Body talks to teens and adults across the United States and Canada.

I-03 IS YOUR HEART IN THE EUCHARIST OF JESUS?

Is the Eucharist of Jesus the heart of your life? Why would you answer “yes” to this question? And why would you answer “no”? Do you wish the Eucharist of Jesus were the heart of your life? In this session, Fr. Bob Fabing will take an in-depth look at these questions, bringing to light the gift of this sacrament and the driving force of Christ Jesus that is home to all people. Fr. Bob will use his music and poetry to aid in pondering these questions and seeking their resolutions.



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. He is also founder and Director 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 composer of 12 CDs of liturgical music with Oregon Catholic Press and author of five books.

I-04 MANY MORE STORIES & SONGS OF JESUS

Experiencing the joy of children listening to the true simplicity of the Gospel message and responding from their own profound spirituality can be very rewarding and enriching for us. Children's natural spirituality is deepened by hearing Gospel stories and then singing Gospel songs written just for them. Join Christopher Walker and Sr. Paule Freeburg to see how fulfilling it is to share “Many More Stories and Songs of Jesus” with young children.



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 and based in Mountain View, Calif. She has an extensive background in religious education for 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, choral conductor and speaker. 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.

IN 1967

, with the cooperation of the dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego, the agenda for the first three-day “CCD Congress” (previously known as the CCD Institute) was set. The purpose, as stated by officials, was “to provide an atmosphere of Christian unity ... for the benefit of each and the common good of all mankind.”

I-05 THE NEWLY REVISED AND TRANSLATED RITE OF MARRIAGE: A WAY TO CELEBRATE LOVE, COMMUNION AND COVENANT

Marriage liturgies are opportunities to celebrate the core values of our Christian faith. Study the newly revised and translated rite of marriage and consider pastoral recommendations that could revitalize the depth of this liturgical moment in the life of the parish and in the lives of couples joining in this sacrament at the service of communion.



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. He has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children, among other subjects. In addition to his teaching, preaching and other duties, Fr. Fragomeni serves as Spiritual Director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian-American parish in Chicago's Little Italy.

I-06 TEACHERS, TRANSFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY: TEACHERS GUIDING STUDENTS TO CHANGE OUR WORLD

Are you a Catholic schoolteacher who would like a better understanding of how to use technology more effectively? Are you also looking for strategies that will transform your teaching to address the learning of all students? Today, mobile and personal technology has called teachers to examine their pedagogy. In this dynamic, interactive presentation, Dan Friedt will take you on a journey with the latest apps and strategies to support your work in the classroom. The heart of this presentation is how you can become a transformed teacher who uses technology to support students on their learning journey.



Dan Friedt

Dan Friedt is Principal at St. Angela School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has 36 years of teaching experience from kindergarten to grade 12, with 18 years of administrative experience, and is recognized as an Apple Distinguished Educator (2013). Friedt has presented throughout North America, including the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec, as well as in California.

I-07 LOVING GOD: A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

At its core, Christian life is about love of God. For God so loved us that the Christ, the Messiah, was sent into the world. In and through Christ Jesus, we have the opportunity for relationship with God. The active pursuit of God's love results in the radical transformation of our hearts into compassionate reflections of God's mercy in the world. All of this is the result of generations upon generations of believers offering God "a sacrifice of praise." Through a scriptural and theological analysis of what it means to offer God "a sacrifice of praise," this workshop will explore the necessity of a life of prayer for all the baptized and the forms of prayer available in and through Christian tradition.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer. She served in administration at the University of Massachusetts and at Regis College in Weston, Mass., and was a diocesan director in Washington D.C., Oakland, Boston and Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Gordon was one of eight American women invited by the Vatican to respond to John Paul II's encyclical on women. The first woman to deliver a Baccalaureate Address for Boston University, Greer is a frequent speaker at RECongress, having delivered the Keynote and Sunday Morning Addresses.

I-08 WALK WITH CHRIST: PRAYING AND SINGING AS THE BELOVED OF GOD

Come for a time of prayer and song, where we will celebrate how our spiritual life connects more deeply with our liturgical journey as the Body of Christ. We will pray, sing, reflect, celebrate and mark time with each other with the liturgical arts of proclamation, song, dance and communal prayer, uniting our hearts with the music and stories of our faith, as we pound the pilgrim path to strengthen our search for God. As God's blessed works of art, we will give thanks not for what we have or what we do, but celebrate who we are as God sees us – as the Beloved.



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!" – a formation program for high school and college-age youth. Haas has composed over 50 original collections and recordings of liturgical music with GIA Publications and has been active as a conference and workshop speaker, concert performer and recording artist for over 30 years. He has spoken internationally and has authored more than 20 books.

I-09 THE MAGIC BULLET: WHERE MINISTRIES GO WRONG ... AND HOW WE CAN CHANGE IT

Ministry sure is glamorous ... and, oh, so easy, isn't it? There never seem to be enough dollars in the basket or laborers in the parish vineyard. Thousands come to Mass; thousands more do not. The same few souls appear to do a majority of the work. So, where is the disconnect? What's the good news? What do we try next? How do we "turn a corner" in our ministries and parish programs once and for all? We know the challenges. Come pray, laugh and learn with Mark Hart as he proposes a few solutions.



Mark Hart

Mark Hart is Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. A best-selling and award-winning author, he has traveled the globe speaking to millions. Hart is a regular guest on several Catholic radio programs, co-host on SiriusXM Radio, and produces a weekly podcast for Life Teen. He has a popular DVD Bible Study series, "T3" and "Altation," and is co-author of over a dozen books; his latest include "Behold the Mystery" and "Zealous."

I-10 BLESSED ARE THE DISENCHANTED: FINDING GOD IN A WORLD OF MEH

It's a selfie world. We are all victims of this social media-crazed, busy, noisy, self-absorbed planet. This often leads us to boredom, distraction and a troubling sense that we are "less than" everyone else. Where is God in the midst of all this? How does it affect our faith? With stories, songs, prayer, sharing and general good vibes, come participate in a workshop that will reveal what God really wants to say to and through us. Lose the "meh," dive a little deeper and learn what it means to fully live a life inspired by God and informed by faith!



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 across the United States and abroad. Hart has performed for countless parishes, conferences and conventions, and for Pope Francis in 2013. She has written several retreats for parish, women's and adult catechesis, which she herself presents. She is a Grammy-nominated artist and her songs have been recorded by numerous performers and are found in many hymnals.

I-11 REST, RENEW, LIVE – A PLACE FOR GRACE IN OUR LIFE

Have you known times when life is just "too much"? When that happens where do we go for the reservoir of strength and grace that assures us we cannot be undone by life's unkindness or sadness? Terry Hershey reminds us that we cannot access that reservoir as long as we are running with a deficit – without time, resolve, heart or fortitude. When we see only the deficit, we are owned by fear. We shut down and don't listen to our heart. So, where do we rest, renew and replenish? Any one of us can be selfish, petty, fearful and controlling, but today we are reminded that we also have the capacity to be vulnerable, forgiving and generous.



Rev. Terry Hershey

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

I-12 SPARKS FROM ASHES: YOUNG ADULT EVANGELIZATION

On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent each year, an increased number of young adults and inactive Catholics return to church, at least for a short while. This session will explore the meaning behind such an incredible phenomenon and creative ways we can turn these brief moments into boundless milestones for young adults on their journey of faith. We will also consider how church

leaders can learn from this particular moment of return to enhance the community's year-round outreach to and ministry with men and women in their 20s and 30s.



Paul Jarzembowski

Based in Washington, D.C., Paul Jarzembowski works for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, serving as key staff for the bishops' initiatives on youth and young adult ministries and World Youth Day USA. Prior to this, he was Executive Director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. Jarzembowski has consulted with over 250 dioceses, parishes and Catholic organizations in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and at the Vatican.

I-13 DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE: FROM A CATHOLIC SCHOOLTEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE

What we see in life depends on lots of things. What is it that contributes to how we see or how we form our perspectives? What are the perceptions we hold as Catholic schoolteachers? It's important to ask ourselves these questions from time to time to make sure that our answers reflect the call of Jesus in our lives. This session will discuss perspectives and perceptions that Catholic schoolteachers might hold in regard to their ministry, their faith and their students and how these perspectives and perceptions contribute to our teaching as Jesus did.



Dr. Saundra Kennedy

As a Catholic schoolteacher, Dr. Saundra Kennedy has taught at the elementary, junior high and high school levels. She began working in Catholic publishing 26 years ago, serving as a national consultant, speaker and contributor to catechetical basal series. Based in New Orleans, Dr. Kennedy has presented keynotes and workshops at diocesan events across the country, as well as the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Presently, she serves as Our Sunday Visitor's Senior National Curriculum Consultant.

I-14 PRAYING IN COLOR: DOODLING AND COLORING AS A PATH TO PRAYER

Sometimes doodling and coloring are just a way to relax and de-stress. Other times, they are a way to be with God. When words fail, the mind wanders and the body protests, the childlike practices of coloring and doodling can help us to pray. In this participatory workshop, we will pray for others, explore a word of Scripture and learn how to create our own prayer coloring pages. No artistic skill necessary! Bring paper, pen, colored markers or pencils (if desired) and a hard surface to draw on.



Sybil MacBeth

Author Sybil MacBeth is a dancer, doodler and teacher. She combines her experience of 15 years as a community college mathematics professor with her lifelong love of prayer to offer workshops and retreats on Praying in Color. Her 2007 book "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God" has been translated into Korean, Spanish and Italian. Author of four other books, MacBeth's latest offering is titled "The Season of the Nativity: Confessions and Practices of an Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Extremist."

I-15 THE “CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER” AND SOCIAL JUSTICE 🎧

A core message of Pope Francis’ social teachings is the need for a “culture of encounter” in both the Church and society. Building on his addresses and homilies during his visit to the United States, we will explore the Pope’s affirmations of our social life – and the challenges he presents to U.S. Catholics, too.



Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wis., has served as a seminary and university professor for 20 years and currently is Associate Professor of Theology at Marquette University. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, Fr. Massingale has addressed most national Catholic conferences and numerous colleges and universities. He is a previous RECongress Keynote and past President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

I-16 CATCH ME LORD! I’M FALLING: THE NEW TESTAMENT ON PETER 🎧

There is probably no more attractive and distressing figure in all the Scriptures than Peter, who loves so passionately, speaks too quickly, fails catastrophically and repents so deeply. We all end up feeling better about ourselves when we study Peter’s life, and how, despite his failures, he remained so close to Jesus. In this workshop, we will immerse ourselves in the scriptural evidence to deepen our love for this great saint, and to find, through this study, a window into our Lord’s mercy and compassion.



Rev. J. Patrick Mullen

Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., and Pastor at the neighboring Junipero Serra Parish. He is author of two books and numerous articles. Fr. Mullen often presents to priests of various dioceses in the Southwestern United States and annually speaks at the L.A. Congress as well as other regional conferences, from San Diego to Detroit, as well as the Little Rock Bible Study Summer Conference and the Texas Catholic Conference.

I-17 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN AN INCREASINGLY HISPANIC CHURCH 🎧

Catholic schools have served as a major resource to help immigrant communities in the United States promote Catholic identity and social mobility. At a time when nearly 60 percent of U.S. Catholic children under age 18 are Hispanic, we need to examine with new eyes how Catholic schools are serving this population. This workshop introduces the findings from the National Survey of Catholic Schools Serving Hispanic Families (2015), conducted under the leadership of Dr. Hosffman Ospino. Come and learn from fresh data and analysis on a very important topic for the future of the Catholic community in the United States.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

Dr. Hosffman Ospino teaches 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. Having served as principal investigator for the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry (2011-2014), Dr. Ospino is currently working on a book on multicultural congregations as well as one on parishes with Hispanic ministries. His most recent book is titled “Evangelizaci3n y Catequesis en el Ministerio Hispano.”

I-18 A THEOLOGY OF FOOD, COMMUNION AND THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

In today’s world, relevant conversation can lead to conversion, and it all starts in the family home. Join award-winning chef and theologian, Fr. Leo Patalinghug, a.k.a. “The Cooking Priest,” as he brings our attention back to the “theology of the dinner table,” presenting a dynamic pastoral theology for the domestic church. Using family-based catechesis and starting with a “theology of food” as a lesson for Catholics families, Fr. Leo teaches us how God desires to feed us – from the Garden of Eden all the way to the Supper of the Lamb in Heaven.



Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a priest member of a Secular Institute of Consecrated Life called Voluntus Dei (The Will of God). Born in the Philippines and raised in the Baltimore area, he is a best-selling author, an internationally renowned speaker, host of “Savoring Our Faith” on EWTN and a SiriusXM Radio contributor. Fr. Patalinghug is founder and host of the Grace Before Meals movement and author of the book, “Grace Before Meals: Recipes & Inspirations for Family Meals & Family Life.”

I-19 CREATED TO RELATE 🎧

We were created for relationships. From the moment we are born, they are central to who we are and who we become. Through our interactions with our parents and family, and through our friendships, we learn the most valuable lessons of life. Building strong relationships in youth ministry is an art. This workshop will provide practical ways to build solid relational ministry that will ultimately point young people to a relationship with Christ.



Bob Perron

Bob Perron is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va. He is one of the most popular Catholic speakers in the United States and Canada, and for over a decade, he has presented in more than 60 dioceses. Perron has been keynote presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference and moderated workshops at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. His most recent book is titled “Lessons Learned From a God-Sized Family: In a Me-Sized World.”

I-20 HURTS SO GOOD – MINISTERING TO ADOLESCENTS WHO SELF-INJURE

Research shows that one in four adolescents cut, carve or burn themselves in order to feel better. You will not want to miss this session, especially if you have ever wondered: “What would make a teenager do this?” and “What can I do to help?”



Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

For 20 years Roy Petitfils has ministered among youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, a counselor in private practice and a speaker, Petitfils has presented at conferences, workshops and parish missions in over 30 dioceses throughout North America. He has written many articles, has a syndicated monthly column and has published several books, including “What Teens Want You To Know (But Won’t Tell You)” and “What I Wish Someone Had Told Me About the First Five Years of Marriage.”

I-21 THEY COULD TRAMPLE ME: MINISTERING TO YOUNG ADOLESCENTS

Katie Prejean teaches high school freshmen and has a recurring nightmare that large groups of children will one day trample her. Both of those facts make her an expert in how to minister to the most awkward kids on the planet: teens, tweens and everything in between. Effectively teaching and ministering to young people between the ages of 11 and 15 can be challenging, intimidating and exhausting, but in the end, it is perhaps the most rewarding ministry you will ever do. Come join in; we’ll discuss how to create a culture of encounter, how to share the truth joyfully, and what this age group needs the most. And don’t worry, Katie won’t trample you.



Katie Prejean

Katie Prejean teaches theology at St. Louis Catholic High School and is Youth Director at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, both in Lake Charles, La. She has spoken at events throughout the country, ranging from small sessions to the National Catholic Youth Conference. Prejean 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. She is presently working on her Master’s degree in theological studies.

I-22 MISSION MATTERS: THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF EVANGELIZATION

Pope Francis’ call to transform the parish into “a center of constant missionary outreach” is more important than ever. Now is the time to bring the healing message of Christ’s mercy to persons who are poor and marginalized – as Pope Francis says, to go “out from the sacristy and into the street.” This workshop presents pastoral approaches based on insights drawn from “The Joy of the Gospel” and the social doctrine of the Church. Participants will leave with practical ideas for how to do all parish ministry activities in a “missionary key.”



Sr. Theresa Rickard, OP

Sr. Theresa Rickard, a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, N.Y., is President and Executive Director of RENEW International. Before joining RENEW, she ministered in two inner-city parishes in the South Bronx, was Director of Vocation and Formation ministry for her congregation, and was a member of the New York Archdiocese Parish Mission Team. Sr. Rickard is author of “The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Advent 2015” and “We Preach Christ Crucified,” and blogs for RENEW under “God in the Stuff of Life” and is an avid sports fan.

I-23 THE BIBLE ACROSS CULTURES

In this session, we will explore two issues in biblical interpretation: 1) the Bible itself as a writing that engages different cultures; and 2) why modern “cross-cultural” analysis of the Bible represents an exciting frontier of biblical interpretation in the 21st century.



Prof. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher has taught for 26 years at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is Associate Director for Graduate Studies in Theology. He has received numerous awards for teaching and for research, including a Fulbright award. Dr. Christopher has published over 40 scholarly articles and 14 books. In addition to his primary focus on the Old Testament, he maintains particular interest in theological issues related to African-American and Native-American history and experience.

I-24 WHERE IS THERE A GOD LIKE YOU? – MICAH 7:18-20

Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD (bio 8-01)

The prophet Micah reflects on this God who pardons our sins, delights in forgiveness and continues to have compassion on us. We too are overwhelmed by God’s boundless mercy. In the song, “Greater” by MercyMe, the lyrics state: “I hear a voice and he calls me redeemed.” We are redeemed. Our role is to bring those in our ministries to a point where they also are able to say: “I hear a voice and he calls me redeemed.” So much depends on our concept of this God. Do we fear this God? Does this God truly love unconditionally? The response to these questions will be the focus of this presentation.

I-25 FRANCIS, FAMILIES AND THE SYNOD: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Pope Francis chose “family” as the foundational element in reviving the Church, spending much of the past two years teaching, listening and accompanying leaders and parents alike toward a deeper and richer sense of what it means to be church in the world. What impact will Francis’ methods and models, along with the insights and outcomes of the Extraordinary Synod, have upon the daily practice of faith among our families and faith leaders? Let’s join together to reflect on the possibilities.

**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 serves as Director of Training and Formation for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C., where he also is National Coordinator for the Strong Catholic Families Initiative. He resides with his family in Rochester, N.Y.

I-26 THE CHURCH IN A DIGITAL WORLD: SHARING GOOD NEWS

This workshop will focus on establishing criteria to ensure that the Church maintains an appropriate presence in the environment of social media. The following issues will be addressed: the mission of the Church; the nature of digital culture; the digital presence of believers and Church institutions; and the language of the networks. The workshop will articulate a strategy for appropriate engagement and evangelization by the Church.

**Msgr. Paul Tighe**

Msgr. Paul Tighe, a priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland, served as Head of the Department of Theology at the Mater Dei Institute in Dublin before moving to the Vatican. In 2007 he was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. Msgr. Tighe has been involved with various initiatives of the Holy See in the area of social media, including the Vatican's use of Twitter and development of the Pope app.

I-27 SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP: THE ART OF RECEIVING AND OFFERING GENTLE WISDOM

A spiritual friend is one who calls us to be all we can be without embarrassing us that we are where we are. Understanding the wondrous, practical and simple dynamics of spiritual friendship helps us accept, offer and embrace this relationship informally and formally with family, friends, co-workers, acquaintances and those in a special position to offer to, or receive from, us gentle, clear companionship.

**Dr. Robert J. Wicks**

Dr. Robert Wicks is Professor Emeritus at Loyola University Maryland. He has taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology and social work, and has published over 50 books. His latest books are "Availability: The Challenge and the Gift of Being Present" and "Conversations with a Guardian Angel." In 2006, Dr. Wicks received the first annual Alumni Award for Excellence in Professional Psychology from Widener University.

I-70 Các Thánh Tử Đạo Việt Nam: Chứng Nhân Lòng Thương Xót vô bờ của Chúa

Đức Thánh Cha nhận xét là cả chức sắc trong một xã hội ngày nay cũng tránh trách nhiệm, sợ mất giờ riêng, nên khó kiếm những giáo lý viên trung thành dân thân nhiều năm. Ngược lại, Các Thánh Tử Đạo Việt Nam hy sinh giây phút của cuộc đời, sống Niềm Vui Tin Mừng, yêu người không điều kiện. Là con cháu các ngài, chúng ta rút những bài học để sống Niềm Vui Tin Mừng trên đất Mỹ ngày nay.

THE VIETNAMESE MARTYRS: WITNESSES TO GOD'S BOUNDLESS MERCY

Pope Francis lamented that even pastoral leaders today "avoid any responsibility that may take away from their free time" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, #81). In contrast, the Vietnamese Martyrs lived the joy of the Gospel, loving others boundlessly. In this session, we examine their lives to see what we can draw from their heritage, to live the joy of the Gospel in America today.

**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

Fr. Joseph 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 his religious congregation Incarnatio Consecratio Missio (ICM).

**Lê Xuân Hy**

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. Le Xuan Hy teaches psychology and pastoral theology, directs the Catholic Studies Program, heads the Institute for Human Development, and holds The Reverend Louis Gaffney, SJ Chair at Seattle University. He served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist to Israel.



2-01 BE FEARLESS FOR ME: COURAGE AND THE GOSPEL OF THE MARGINALIZED ARENA

Pope Francis insists that the credibility of the Church rests in how we bring the Gospel to the marginalized. Fr. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, will explore the invitation of Jesus to be courageous in living the Gospel at the margins. Drawing upon 30 years of working with gang members, Fr. Boyle will focus this reflection on joy, hope and the courage of tenderness.



Fr. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ

Author and speaker Fr. Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest, is founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang rehabilitation program in the United States, now in its 26th year. The native Angeleno was transformed by his work in Bolivia, Mexico and Folsom State Prison in Northern California, and when he returned to the Boyle Heights community of Los Angeles he started what would become Homeboy Industries. Fr. Boyle is also author of the N.Y. Times best-selling book, "Tattoos on the Heart."

2-02 A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE: LITURGY, MUSIC AND DAILY LIFE

Music is one of the most profound ways in which we give voice to our praise and lament before God through all the seasons of life. This workshop will inspire reflection on ways in which music-making, inside and outside of liturgy, shapes and expresses our belief about one another and about God.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso is one of the most prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music. His latest release is "A House of Prayer" with GIA Publications. He presents at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. Alonso formerly served as Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston, Ill. An emerging theologian, he is currently a doctoral student at Emory University in Atlanta.

2-03 GOTTA MOVE! SING, DANCE, PRAY!

Here is a creative movement workshop for teachers who work with children, from kindergarten through the sixth grade. Tap into the creative spirit and energy of your students. Come ready to move and learn how to weave into your classroom activities some of our favorite songs and dances from several collections of music for young people by OCP artists Mark Friedman and Janet Vogt.



Donna Anderle

Donna Anderle is an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer who is nationally known. 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 continues to give workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concerts, and has choreographed for major national youth conferences. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video with Oregon Catholic Press.

2-04 BRINGING THE MUSIC AND SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Learn more about the mission and songs of the Taizé community. Find out ways to introduce this simple prayer to your local community and beyond. Find out why so many are drawn to the life, spirit and song of this international, ecumenical monastic community.



David Anderson

David Anderson is Vice President for Church Music and Senior Editor for GIA Publications, in addition to being Director of Music at his parish, Ascension Church in Oak Park, Ill. For the past 22 years, his home parish has welcomed hundreds for a monthly service of prayer and song in the spirit of Taizé. Anderson presents at various conferences throughout the year on topics of liturgy and music for the parish. He frequently leads services and retreats that incorporate the spirit of music of the Taizé community.

2-05 LESSONS FROM THE DAVID STORIES

The cycle of stories dealing with King David, found in First and Second Samuel, are among the most compelling, psychologically rich and theologically significant texts that have come down to us from the ancient world. From these great narratives, we learn about sin and grace, courage and duplicity, heroism and corruption. Throughout, we are provided with an incomparably vivid presentation of the ever-faithful God of Israel. In this talk, Bishop Robert Barron will explore some of the splendor of the David stories.



Bishop Robert Barron

Most Rev. Robert Barron is a prominent theologian, a podcasting bishop, media evangelist and author. The Chicago native was appointed in 2015 as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. In 2000, he launched Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and appears regularly on EWTN and Word on Fire's YouTube Channel. Bishop Barron lectures extensively in the United States and abroad and he has published numerous books, essays and DVD programs. He is a frequent commentator in the media on faith and culture.

2-06 RCIA: EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION IN THE PRE-CATECHUMENATE

This session will unpack the period of pre-Catechuminate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the faith formation intended by the rite. We will explore the vision of the period – that evangelization and conversion of heart are primary to the context – and make practical applications for the parish.



Mary Birmingham

Mary Birmingham is Director of Liturgy, Music and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Fla. She has been involved in RCIA ministry on a national level since 1992 and is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechuminate. Birmingham travels extensively throughout the United States and Canada providing diocesan workshops in the areas of Christian initiation and sacramental and liturgical catechesis.

2-07 LET'S PRAY! LET'S SING! AN ENGAGING WAY TO TEACH CATHOLIC PRAYER TO CHILDREN

The journey in faith for children encompasses many Catholic prayers that children come to know and use on a regular basis. As religious educators, we are tasked with teaching these prayers to our children and students – and sometimes the families we serve. Incorporating song into faith formation to teach and join in traditional prayer has a positive impact on learning and makes the role of the catechist, teacher and parent much easier. Join John Burland as he shares the treasure of Catholic prayer through easy-to-use, engaging and prayerful music resources for children and families.

**John Burland**

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

2-08 SING WITH BOUNDLESS JOY!

Pope Francis said, "Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but of having encountered a person: Jesus, in our midst." Join WLP artists James Wahl (from North Carolina) and Andrew Chinn (from Australia), as they share songs, stories and strategies for the early childhood classroom that bring the joy of knowing Jesus to young children. See how music can be used to teach Scripture, lead prayer and celebrations, and draw children deeper into their faith. This workshop is designed for those who teach young children (3-8) ... and for the young at heart as well!

**Andrew Chinn**

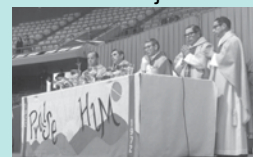
Andrew Chinn worked as a teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has performed in more than 2,000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released nine CDs, five DVDs and five picture books for children. In 2013 he became part of the WLP family, which now distributes his music in North America.

**James Wahl**

WLP composer James Wahl has been performing children's music for over 15 years. He has presented at various diocesan youth events in the dioceses of Phoenix and Raleigh, N.C., over past 10 years. Wahl is currently Director of Music at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Raleigh, and previously ministered in California, and at SS. Simon and Jude Cathedral in Phoenix. He has a CD of original music for young children titled "Standin' On the Rock."

IN 1972

Los Angeles Archbishop Cardinal Timothy Manning (center at altar) presided at an Arena jubilee Mass commemorating the 50th anniversary of the beginnings of a formal religious education program (CCD) in the Diocese of Monterey-Los Angeles begun by Bishop John J. Cantwell.

**2-09 CROSSING THE SACRED THRESHOLD: MINDFULNESS IN THE DYING SEASON**

In terminal illness, there is an urgent invitation to cross the sacred threshold into both meaning and loving connection. This workshop is for patients, caregivers, clergy, pastoral ministers, family members, friends and health-care advocates. Together, we will explore end-of-life issues from medical and spiritual perspectives. Dr. Jaena Wisniewski provides clinical experience and health-care advocacy strategies, while musician/storyteller Jeanne Cotter creates the spiritual environment where we can sensitively attune to the dying season.

**Jeanne Cotter**

Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, parish mission director and prolific inspirational speaker. For over a decade she has performed her original piano works and songs throughout the United States and Canada. Cotter shares a bounty of knowledge, grounded in her own story and what she calls "the authority of experience." Her latest works include "Tender Hearted" and "The Old Gravel Road."

**Jaena Wisniewski, MD**

Dr. Jaena Wisniewski is a pathologist who has been in practice for 10 years as Partner at North Pathology Associates in Robbinsdale, Minn., and Chief of Pathology at North Memorial Health Care in Saint Paul, Minn. Dr. Wisniewski works with oncologists, critical care doctors and nurses. She is Chair of the Blood Management Committee and has presented for webinars, fundraisers and conferences.

2-10 BEYOND CONTENT: ENGAGING THE HEART, NOT JUST THE HEAD

Witnessing the awakening of the mind gives us great joy and a spring in our step. Witnessing the awakening of the soul takes our breath away and even changes us. We are more than teachers: We are evangelizers. Explore the difference between those who teach knowledge and those who transform lives.

**Rich Curran**

Rich Curran is founder and Executive Director of the Parish Success Group. Having served as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., Curran is a regular presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry conferences and other national, regional and diocesan Catholic conferences, parish and school events. He has keynoted at 30 diocesan conferences and is a regular presenter of parish missions at parishes and schools.

2-11 WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH?

This might be the most frequently asked question today. Sad to say, it might be the most seldom answered question, too. This workshop will answer that question with a simple, declarative sentence. And then we will explore how the many dimensions of Catholic Mass help us appreciate why we *should* go to Mass.



Rev. John C. Cusick

Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, was creator, coordinator and Director of the diocese's Young Adult Ministry from 1970 to 2013. He resides at Old St. Patrick's Church in downtown Chicago, has spoken at numerous national and international conferences and is a part-time adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. In June 2014, he received The Spirit of the Conference Award for Service on behalf of Lay Ministry from the National Association of Lay Ministers.

2-12 WHY DOES GOD WANT TO FORGIVE ME? THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR TEENS

This workshop unwraps the gift of the sacrament of reconciliation for teens. It addresses the questions: Who am I? How does God relate to me? What is forgiveness? Is forgiveness possible? The sacrament of reconciliation is introduced in the context of God's relationship with the young person. The sacrament is a powerful expression of God's love for and trust in the one who celebrates. The sacrament calls teens to reflect on their own lives and on the confidence that God has in them.



Fr. Paul Farren

Fr. Paul Farren, a native of Ireland, is Director of Religious Education in the Diocese of Derry, Northern Ireland, where he is also Administrator of St. Eugene's Cathedral. He teaches adult religious education courses in the diocese and gives presentations throughout Ireland, England and the United States. In 2014, Fr. Farren formed the Derry Youth Community, a diocesan community of young people ministering to teens. His latest book is titled "The Light of Forgiveness."

2-13 THE INFLUENCE OF MUSIC ON THE LIVES OF TEENS

There is one thing every human being, no matter age, race or creed, has in common: love of music. Music can impart powerful social messages and capture the attention of teenagers. Society "gets" the influence of music from the marketing standpoint. It's time for us to "get" it from the perspective of our call to evangelize!



Noelle Garcia

Noelle Garcia is a Catholic recording artist with World Library Publications. She travels the country speaking at parishes and conferences, appearing at events including CNN's "Latino in America" documentary, EWTN's weekly show "Life on the Rock," in addition to World Youth Day 2008, the National Catholic Youth Conference, and the L.A. Congress. She is married to fellow musician and youth minister, David Garcia, and lives in Dodge City, Kan.

2-14 THE BEES ARE BACK!

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls us to care for all creation. In the Roman Missal, we find that the bees have returned to the Exsultet. Learn about the meaning of the Exsultet, the music you can use and the candle that it praises. Illumine your appreciation of Easter and deepen your respect for bees! Human survival is dependent on the work of the bee. Life on Earth depends on bees. Albert Einstein said, "Once we lose the bees, the human race has only four more years to exist."



Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik

Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik is currently Pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. After ordination and two associate pastorships, he served as Priest-Secretary to then Archbishop (now Cardinal) Roger Mahony. He held that post for 10 years until the Cardinal appointed him to the Cathedral pastoral post on February 1, 1999. On July 1, 2016, Msgr. Kostelnik will conclude his term as first Pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.



Martin Marklin

Martin Marklin has been fascinated by paschal candles since he was an altar server at Holy Cross Parish in St. Louis. In 1975, he began creating paschal candles and worked to perfect a wax-inlay process. Ten years later he started his own business, Marklin Candles, based in Contoocook, N.H. – one of about seven U.S. liturgical candle companies. Marklin, a woodworker by training, made candles for the U.S. visits of Pope Francis, John Paul II and Benedict XVI.



John K. Flaherty

John Flaherty has been involved in music and educational ministry for over 20 years as an educator, elementary school principal, music director, liturgy director and composer. He is presently on the Campus Ministry team at Loyola Marymount University, where he serves as Director of Liturgy and Music. Flaherty has served as the chairperson of the Liturgy Committee and Music Director for the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress since 1991.

2-15 SO WHAT? I MEAN, REALLY, SO WHAT?

What difference *does* all this make? Whatever our life calling, sometimes there is just so much to discourage us. We try so hard. We have some successes. We are set back by many failures. Sometimes we wonder why we do what we do. Yet, could the question "So what?" actually rekindle for us, and for those we serve, joy and meaning in our daily living? Fr. Joe Kempf offers several key perspectives and concrete strategies that will make a profound difference in your ministry – and in you.



Rev. 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 "No One Cries the Wrong Way" and a number of children's books, including "My Sister is Annoying," and "Don't Drink the Holy Water." He has a CD of guided prayer reflections and four volumes of DVDs under the "Big Al LIVE" series.

2-16 MISSION-CENTERED MINISTRY: WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES OUR MISSION MAKE? 🔊

You probably have a carefully crafted mission statement for your community, organization or ministry, but what difference does it really make in how your ministry is practiced? Do we really need a mission separate from the one given to us by Jesus? Being mission-centered is one of the qualities of truly transformational parishes and ministries. We'll share practical advice on what a good mission looks like and some of the traps we need to avoid. We'll also explore how a mission can help focus our ministry, making it more effective, more attractive to others, and even help avoid burnout.

**Douglas Leal**

Douglas Leal is Director of Mission Services for St. Joseph Health, based in Irvine, Calif., and previously led the Division of Adult Faith Formation for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He has worked as a management consultant and as a professional actor and director. Leal has presented at numerous conferences, including the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, the Catholic Bible Institute, and Theology on Tap. He is author of the skill-building book for lectors, "Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!"

2-17 THE SEASON OF THE NATIVITY: CELEBRATING THE INCARNATION WITH EMBODIED PRACTICES 🔊

Sybil MacBeth (bio 1-14)

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany celebrate God's coming into the world as flesh and blood. This is a season for delighting in and engaging all of the senses – smell, taste, sight, hearing and touch. Learn simple, sensory ways to experience this rich season each day at home – whether you are 5 or 85. We will sing, move, pray in color, engage Scripture and celebrate the season of the Incarnation with our whole body. Enrich the chaos of the "Christmas" season with playful and prayerful practices.

2-18 EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW: NEW MEDIA FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🔊

Fr. James Martin, Editor at Large for America Media, hosts a panel of writers and editors from The Jesuit Post (TJP). Staffed by Jesuits in formation, TJP regularly publishes articles, spiritual reflections and essays that share the Gospel in light of trends and issues in popular culture. The panel will share what this ministry has taught them about how to engage young Catholics and seekers: by speaking "as one friend to another" (to quote St. Ignatius). Online communities and social media have formed a new marketplace of ideas where people gather and share. Come explore what the work of TJP shows us about communicating faith and evangelizing young people today.

**Fr. James Martin, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Editor at Large of America magazine. He is author of several award-winning books, including "Together on Retreat," "Between Heaven and Mirth," "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything," "My Life

with the Saints" and, most recently, "The Abbey." Fr. Martin is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups and has presented at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress over the past several years.

**Keith Maczkiewicz, SJ**

Keith Maczkiewicz joined the New England Province of Jesuits in 2008. He has served as a Campus Minister in high schools and at universities, including Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. Maczkiewicz has offered retreats at the Jesuit houses in Barrington, Ill, and in Los Altos, Calif. He currently serves as Associate Editor for The Jesuit Post.

**Joseph Simmons, SJ**

Joseph Simmons is a Jesuit of the Wisconsin Province, currently studying theology at Boston College in preparation for ordination to the priesthood in 2017. He taught at Marquette University High School in Milwaukee, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Minneapolis and at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. Simmons has been writing and now editing for the Jesuit Post since its launch in January 2012.

**Jason Welle, SJ**

After several years working as a flight attendant and serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in southeastern African country of Malawi, Jason Welle entered the Jesuits in 2006. He has worked at Seattle University, studied Spanish in Colombia, and traveled Mexico's migrant corridor. He joined The Jesuit Post in 2013, and just finished a term as Managing Editor. Welle will be ordained to the priesthood in June.

2-19 THE HOLY FAMILY: MODELS OF MERCY FOR TODAY'S WORLD 🔊

Using the colorful images and stories from his trilogy of art books on Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Bro. Mickey McGrath will offer unique and inspirational glimpses into the life of the Holy Family and their relevance for us in our 21st-century, multicultural church. The themes of respect for women and a thirst for social justice will be highlighted alongside the simple details of ordinary family life. A joyful and moving look at life, death and love – all the elements that make ordinary families quite extraordinary indeed.

**Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath**

Bro. Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is an artist, author and popular speaker at retreats and religious education conferences throughout the country. He also creates art for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and many Catholic publishers. Bro. McGrath has won awards for his books "Go to Joseph" and "Good Pope John XXIII," which was presented to Pope Francis. His latest works are "Dear Young People: Inspiration from Pope Francis for All" and a series of video presentations based on his most popular books.

2-20 THE NAMES OF GOD

Among the 99 names for God in Islam is God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Jesus tells us we must be as merciful and as compassionate as our Father/ God is toward all. Names reveal truth, but they also call us not only to preach and proclaim, but to practice as witness to our belief in God. What does it mean to be merciful and/or compassionate today in our personal relationships, in Church and in the world? Come try out the cloak of mercy and compassion in story, example and hope.



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 universities, colleges and pastoral institutes worldwide and presents 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.

2-21 CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP: REMOVING OUR SANDALS BEFORE THE SACRED GROUND OF THE OTHER

Pope Francis tells us, “The Church must look more closely and sympathetically at others whenever necessary. In our world, [we] can make present the fragrance of Christ’s closeness and his personal gaze” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 169). God invites us to accompany others, so they may know the companionship of God – and so we may know it more deeply with them. Using prayer, music, photographs and storytelling, explore the themes of missionary discipleship and accompaniment through the Sacred Ground of our sisters and brothers who live on the margins and discover how these concepts shape our call to serve.



Ted Miles

Baltimore native Ted Miles first worked in Belize and Guatemala in a two-year Jesuit Volunteer position. For nearly 30 years since then, he has served in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development. For 10 years, Miles has worked for Catholic Relief Services as Relationship Manager for Youth and Religious Education and Coordinator of Outreach for the United States. He now speaks nationally and internationally on behalf of CRS.



Ben Walther

Ben Walther began writing songs while serving as a worship leader in college. He taught religion for over five years and spent 13 years in parish and school ministry. He has served as a diocesan event worship leader, retreat host and conference speaker. Walther now teaches religion at St. Paul Catholic School in North Canton, Ohio. He is a recent addition to the OCP/SpiritandSong.com family; his CD is titled “Make Your Home in Me.”

2-22 FAITH FORMATION FOR MINISTRY WITH THE SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY

In this workshop, faith formation leaders will be guided in best-practice models, methodologies and resources. Mary O’Meara will use “Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization” as the teaching guide to better help special needs students and their families grow in the knowledge, understanding and living out their faith as valued members of their parish communities.



Mary O’Meara

Mary O’Meara serves the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., as Executive Director of the Department of Special Needs. She is a presenter at national conferences for children with disabilities and special needs and at diocesan workshops across the United States. O’Meara serves on the Executive Board of the International Catholic Foundation for the Service of Deaf Persons and is Course/Certificate Designer for the University of Dayton’s Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation Certificate in Disability Ministry.

2-23 A CHURCH ON THE MOVE: 52 WAYS TO GET MISSION AND MERCY IN MOTION

Pope Francis is eager for our parishes to become places of boundless mercy. In response, several popular books and seminars have proposed ways to “rebuild” and “renovate” the Church according to Francis’ vision. Unfortunately, these proposals require “rock star” pastors, large budgets and an upper middle-class demographic. In this workshop, pastoral minister, catechist, author and speaker Joe Paprocki offers 52 exciting, practical, realistic and viable transformation strategies. We can change the way average parishes think, function, worship, form people in faith and engage the world to truly become a Church on the move where we encounter *boundless mercy*.



Joe Paprocki, DMin

Joe Paprocki has over 35 years of experience in pastoral ministry and is presently National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press in Chicago. He has presented in over 100 dioceses in North America, including Alaska, Hawaii and Canada. An author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis, Paprocki serves as a catechist at Evergreen Park, just outside of Chicago, and blogs about the experience.

2-24 POPE FRANCIS AND THE ENVIRONMENT: CARING FOR MOTHER EARTH AND HER CHILDREN

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis tells us what he learned from scientists about threats to the environment and why he thinks this is a moral issue. He explains the causes of the environmental crisis in our political and economic systems and how we should respond to what is the most important challenge of the 21st century.



Thomas J. Reese, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Reese is a senior analyst at the National Catholic Reporter. From 2006 to 2013, he was Senior Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, where he focused on religion and public policy.

From 1998 to 2005, he was editor of America magazine. Fr. Reese is author of several books, including "Archbishop: Inside the Power Structure of the American Catholic Church." He frequently appears on television and radio discussing Catholic issues and is often quoted in the press.

2-25 SAME LORD, NEW SOUNDTRACK 🎧

How did Jesus do it? He met people and knew instantly what they needed. Could we claim this in our ministry with young people? Jesus is in tune with the soundtrack of their lives. His message is also constant as is the change in music teens listen to. Learn ways to incorporate the real needs of young people, honor their culture and tap into the music of their hearts to improve your ministry. Arrive to this workshop ready to laugh, listen, share and walk away with four proven strategies.



Anna Scally

Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media, is a columnist for their Top Music Countdown online resource and host of the audio show, "Burning Issues." She has made over 2,300 presentations at youth rallies, training events, retreats and adult education days and major conferences for religious educators in North America. Serving on the Board of Directors for the Catholic Youth Foundation USA, Scally has presented at RECongress for over 20 years. Her most recent book is titled, "Keys to Happiness."

2-26 CONNECTING WITH GENERATION C 🎧

"Generation C" is being defined as people who are under 25 years of age. The reason for the "C" label is that they are connected, creative, curious and seeking community and good content. One of the things that may be missing from the "C" generation is Christ. In the spirit of the New Evangelization, we need to develop new and engaging ways to connect with this generation and not just evangelize, but catechize as well. In this workshop, we will explore who is Gen C and possible strategies on how to reach out to this group. Online and social media activities will be shared during this session.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela is a National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources for William H. Sadlier, Inc. He has been in ministry for 20 years including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training, and writing and developing new materials. Valenzuela has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent, he is fully bilingual and bicultural. He is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Barry University in Miami.

2-27 "HARVOLIC": LESSONS LEARNED FROM WORKING FOR TWO WORLDWIDE BRANDS 🎧

Harvard University and the Catholic Church are two of the most recognizable worldwide institutions and brands. Loyola Press author Matt Weber spends his day job as Director of Digital Communications Strategy for the Harvard Graduate School of Education – and his lunch hours

and nights as a host and producer for the CatholicTV Network. Drawing from his experiences leading the Harvard University brand and shaping the conversation on his new CatholicTV show, "The Lens," Weber will provide useful tips and insights for best positioning your school/parish ministry with an authentic "digital heart and soul."



Matthew O'Donnell Weber

Since 2009, Matt Weber has appeared as a host and producer on CatholicTV. He is also Director of Digital Communication Strategy at Harvard University, where he produces their Graduate School of Education's podcast "The Harvard EdCast." Weber, author of the book, "Fearing the Stigmata," is a frequent contributor at Harvard University and to "Busted Halo" and the Huffington Post. For the past three years, he has had national speaking engagements at colleges, parishes and national educator gatherings across the country.

2-70 Lòng Thương Xót Hải Hà 🎧

Lịch sử cứu độ cũng là lịch sử diễn tả lòng thương xót của Chúa đối với con người. Thiên Chúa của Kitô hữu được trình bày như Đấng Sáng tạo, Đấng Giải phóng và Đấng Che chở (Quan phòng). Lòng thương xót của Ngài thể hiện cách đặc biệt qua Chúa Giêsu Kitô, Đấng Cứu độ trần gian. Qua Đức Giêsu, Thiên Chúa đã trở nên gần gũi con người và đồng hành với họ. Chúng ta cần nhận ra lòng thương xót của Ngài đối với nhân loại và đối với đời sống cá nhân mỗi người.

THE BOUNDLESS MERCY OF GOD 🎧

The history of salvation is also a history that express the mercy of God for humanity. God of the Christians is presented as the Creator, the Liberator and the Divine Protector (Providence). His mercy is shown especially through Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the World. Through Jesus, God became intimate with humankind and companioned with them. We need to realize His mercy for humanity as well for each individual.



Đức Cha Giuse Vũ Văn Thiên

Đức Cha Giuse Vũ Văn Thiên sinh ngày 26 tháng 10 năm 1960 tại Hải Dương, chịu chức Linh Mục ngày 24 tháng 1 năm 1988 và được bổ nhiệm giúp giáo xứ Mỹ Đông và cha còn hỗ trợ lo cho trên 10 nhà thờ xung quanh. Ngày 6 tháng 11, 2002 Đức Giáo Hoàng Gioan Phaolô II đã bổ nhiệm Cha Thiên làm Giám Mục Giáo phận Hải Phòng và được Phong chức Giám Mục ngày 2 tháng 1, 2003. Hiện tại Đức Cha Giuse Vũ Văn Thiên đặc trách lo cho giới trẻ của Hội Đồng Giám Mục Việt Nam.

Bishop Joseph Thien Van Vu

Bishop Joseph Thien Van Vu, born on October 26, 1960, was ordained a priest on January 24, 1988 for the Hai Duong Province in Vietnam and served at My Dong Parish and provided pastoral over 10 parishes. Pope John Paul II appointed Fr. Vu as Bishop of Hai Phong on November 6, 2002 and was ordained on January 2, 2003. Currently, Bishop Vu heads the Episcopal Commission for Youth of the Vietnamese Bishops' Conference.

3-01 ENCOUNTER: SIGNIFICANCE OVER SUCCESS

ARENA

Pope Francis has been making “culture of encounter” a theme of his papacy. What specifically does this mean? How do we do this in ordinary ways and in our evangelizing efforts/ministry in the Church?



Mike Patin

“Faith Horticulturist” Mike Patin lives in Lafayette, La., and has worked in ministry since 1984 as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan youth minister for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He has spoken to groups ranging from 10 to 23,000 in over 130 dioceses in the United States and Canada on issues of Catholic faith, positive attitude, using our gifts and living life fully. Patin has published two books: “A Standing Invitation” and “This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry.”

3-02 AW SNAP! THE PASTOR WANTS ME TO START A YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

It always takes courage to start something new. In this session, we will look at invitation, communication and evangelization strategies to help equip young adults to lead among their peers. We’ll explore dynamic and engaging strategies to start building Christ-centered community. Young adult ministry is an exciting place to be, so let’s get there together.



Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera

Clarissa Aljentera is Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation and Media Resources at the Chicago Archdiocese’s Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry. She is a speaker and consultant, appearing at regional and parish conferences around the Chicago area and nationally, and author of “The Parish Guide to Social Media: How Social Networking Can Recharge Your Ministry.” Originally a newspaper reporter from California, Aljentera now performs “improv” and writes rap based on Scripture.

3-03 THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT DESIRE, SEX AND THE PATH TO FREEDOM

This talk addresses the two hottest topics on the planet: Sex and God. St. John Paul II “marries” these two topics through his compelling vision for love and life. Using a mix of real-life examples, theology and cultural references, Mary Bielski will answer questions about our deep desires for intimacy, sex, our bodies and provides a vision and path to fulfill our unique call to greatness.



Mary Bielski

Based in New Orleans, Mary Bielski is a national speaker, youth minister and founder of ALLAHIM Ministries. With 15 years in youth ministry and 12 years as a national speaker, she has presented to over 75,000 teens and adults across the nation, at high schools, parish and diocesan rallies and young adult retreats and conferences, including the Steubenville Youth Conference and Life Teen-Inspiration. Bielski focuses on a variety of topics, including conversion, prayer, the Holy Spirit, sacraments, chastity and the theology of the body.

3-04 DEMYSTIFYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

In America today, the loudest voice in the discussion of the Book of Revelation has been the “Rapturist’s” – a voice characterized by the “left behind” books and movies. This popular interpretation is at odds with mainstream biblical studies and does not attend to the apocalyptic genre of which the book is part. Yet, without understanding this peculiar style of writing, we risk misunderstanding the book itself and miss its pointed message. In our session, we will recapture the challenge this enigmatic book continues to pose to us and to our society.



Fr. William L. Burton, OFM

Fr. Bill Burton, a Franciscan friar of the Sacred Heart Province, began his 20-year teaching career as a professor of undergraduate and graduate courses in Biblical Studies at Quincy University in Illinois and at DePaul University in Chicago. Currently an Assistant Professor of Scripture and a spiritual director, Fr. Burton has published several articles in The Bible Today and a DVD series. He leads parish Bible study, retreats and workshops, study tours and pilgrimage travels throughout the Holy Land, Greece and Turkey.

3-05 ANCIENT AND HOLY TRUTHS IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE NEW GENERATION

Hebrews 13:8 makes it clear that Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Utilizing advancing technologies and the power of social media, we will take a look at how we have been empowered to engage in unprecedented opportunities to bring Christ’s Truth and the beauty of Catholic tradition and culture to a new generation.



Dallas Carter Jr.

Hawaiian native Dallas Carter is a small business owner, Catholic apologist, national Catholic speaker, marketer, lecturer and consultant. He also is a Diocesan Catechist for the Diocese of Honolulu, Hawaii, and since 2004 has been part of the diocesan faculty, lecturing in theology. Carter appears annually at the Faith Formation Conferences in Oahu, Kauai and Maui, and presented at the 2012 National Conference for Catechetical Leadership in San Diego.

3-06 EFFECTIVE PRAYER WITH CHILDREN! IT’S EASIER THAN YOU THINK!

Ever get stuck when it comes to prayer with children? Looking for new and creative ideas? Then sign up for this workshop! We will explore how essential prayer is for children and learn easy (and fun!) skills for creating powerful prayer experiences.



Steven Ellair

Steven Ellair is a Senior Editor and National Presenter, Content Passioneer and Curriculum Manager with Saint Mary’s Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 25 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 12 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for 18 years.

3-07 THE QUINCEAÑERA AND ITS CAPACITY TO TRULY REACH HISPANIC FAMILIES 🗣️

As the Church of United States continues to celebrate this most beloved Latino tradition, parish ministers have realized that, in embracing this celebration, they have a unique opportunity to truly reach Hispanic families. In this interactive session, Santiago Fernandez will review the liturgical celebration step by step, present various musical options and discuss opportunities for evangelization and catechesis as you work with families in your own parish. Come ready to sing!

**Santiago Fernandez**

Active in parish ministry for the past 30 years, Santiago Fernandez is Music Minister at the Church of the Holy Family in Novi, Mich. He also serves as a clinician and composer for Oregon Catholic Press and is a frequent speaker and workshop presenter at events and conferences around the country. Fernandez was Music Director for the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry and served as Music and Liturgy Coordinator for the First National Encuentro for Hispanic Youth in 2006.

3-08 GOD'S MERCY ALIVE THROUGH MINISTRY TO THE POOR 🗣️

This workshop will create an awareness about poverty and a heightened sensitivity about it. One of the objectives is to instill in everyone a sense of responsibility and empowerment to the tools and resources available to overcome or survive financial and other difficulties. Everyone can suffer some type of poverty, but people have at their hands the ability to provide assistance and offer support to our brothers and sisters in need, in a Christian manner.

**David R. Fields**

For more than 20 years, Southern Californian David Fields has been a dedicated Vincentian with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Los Angeles Council, where he currently is Executive Director. He served as President of St. Elizabeth Conference in Altadena, District President of the San Gabriel Council, Chair of the Council's Vincentian Services Committee, and member of the L.A. Council's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Fields has also served as President of the Black Catholic Association of Altadena and Pasadena.

**Fr. Perry Henry, CM**

Since 2014, Vincentian priest Fr. Perry Henry has served as Director of the DePaul Evangelization Center in Montebello, Calif., where he regularly presents ministry formation programs. He was Provincial for the Western Province of the Congregation of the Mission. Fr. Henry was Pastor of St. Joseph Church in New Orleans from 1996 to 2010, where he led the rebuilding of the parish following Hurricane Katrina and established the Rebuild Center, which provides relief and recovery assistance to the chronically homeless.

3-09 LOVE IS OUR MISSION WITH LGBT CATHOLICS: CHURCH AND FAMILY FULLY ALIVE 🗣️

Pope Francis challenges the Church to acknowledge difficult pastoral situations and respond with love and mercy. The Synod on the Family has accordingly opened a space to hear the stories of families of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Catholics. In this workshop, we will present a brief background of Church teachings on homosexuality. Our focus will be discussing the writings surrounding the Synod and reflecting on how the Church and our families can grow fully alive through love and acceptance of LGBT Catholics.

**Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD**

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is Resource Director of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, based in Atlanta. He formerly served as Chair for the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons and has received the Archdiocese's Lumen Christi and Cardinal's Young Adult in Ministry Award. Dr. Fitzmaurice has contributed to America Media and appears in the 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.

3-10 A FRIEND INDEED: HELPING SOMEONE IN GRIEF 🗣️

A friend in need is a friend indeed. And we need each other most of all when life doles out inevitable grief and loss. Yet, because we are never taught what to say and what not to say, we perpetuate mistakes and platitudes that too often fail to comfort. Learn about grief itself – what the experience is like and what is normal. Learn practical strategies and words that are truly comforting. Look at the impact of faith when a person is grieving. Discover how to help your parishioners, friends and family become whole and heal back to life, so they can live it vibrantly and find joy.

**Amy Florian**

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant, instructor in a graduate ministry program at Loyola University Chicago, and CEO of Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals to support clients in transition and loss. Florian has 30 years of parish and conference experience and has authored over 90 articles and three books, including "No Longer Awkward: Communicating with Clients through the Toughest Times of Life."

IN 1957

, the second CCD Institute was held at Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School and saw attendance double in size. In subsequent years (1958-1966), attendance continued to increase at the venues



of Loyola University and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College. Here, in a 1962 photo, Cardinal James McIntyre celebrates Mass in the Immaculate Heart College Auditorium.

3-11 MY JOURNEY FROM TEEN REBELLION, DEPRESSION AND ADDICTION, TO PRIESTHOOD

Join Fr. Rob Galea as he recounts his personal story of coming through sadness, anxiety and anger to a place of hope. He will share this journey through story and music.



Fr. Rob Galea

Singer/songwriter Fr. Rob Galea is an ordained Catholic priest currently serving in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia. In addition to his series of recordings and CD releases, he has written a number of songs for various events and international conferences. Fr. Galea is founder of "Stronger," a youth program in and around Victoria state's Sandhurst Diocese, Perth and beyond. He performed at the 2011 World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain, and has appeared on several TV and radio shows in Europe, Canada and Australia.

3-12 EDUCATION IN FAITH AND THE CHALLENGES OF HIGH SCHOOL THEOLOGY

In their theology curriculum, Catholic high schools are uniquely situated to nurture the faith life of their students at a time when it is most strategic for their spiritual growth. Are we taking full advantage of this opportunity? The U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Curriculum Framework for Young People, when coupled with engaging and effective pedagogy, can help us to meet the challenges.



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 INCARNATION ANYWAY: THE SPIRITUALITY OF WHY GOD BECAME HUMAN

Why did God become human? The typical answer – "because of human sin" – suggests the Word would not have become flesh had humanity not sinned. However, a closer look at Scripture, the theological tradition and the insights of key Christian thinkers such as St. Paul, Irenaeus of Lyons, John Duns Scotus, Thomas Merton and Francis of Assisi, among others, 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 spirituality and theology of the Incarnation to renew our personal and pastoral understanding of Christology, especially in this Year of Mercy!



Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM

Franciscan priest Fr. Dan Horan, a speaker and columnist at America magazine, lives in residence at St. Anthony Shrine and Ministry Center in Downtown Boston. He is author of several books, including "The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton" and "The Last Words of Jesus," as well as numerous academic and popular articles. Fr. Horan has taught in New York at Siena College in Religious Studies and at St. Bonaventure University in the Department of Theology and has lectured throughout North America and Europe.

3-14 WOMEN AT THE CROSSROADS

Using her unique style of storytelling, music and inspirational message, ValLimar Jansen will lead participants through a journey in which they'll meet women of Scripture and tradition who encountered Jesus at a pivotal moment in their lives. What can we learn from them? What can they reveal to us about God's boundless mercy? What can they teach us about how to respond in faith?



ValLimar Jansen

Traveling to over 80 events annually, ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums, "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. She was the MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis. ValLimar and her husband, Frank, performed for over 300,000 people at the Loreto/Angora international papal event in Italy, broadcast on EWTN and across the world.

3-15 CELEBRATING MERCIFUL LITURGY

This session will be an exploration of celebrating mercy through the texts, music and gestures of the Eucharist, the sacrament of reconciliation, the anointing of the sick, and the Liturgy of the Hours. Various resources will be presented.



Fr. Jan Michael Joncas

Composer, author and speaker, Fr. Michael Joncas is Artist in Residence and Research Fellow in Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He has served as parochial vicar, campus minister and pastor. Fr. Joncas,

an ordained priest for the St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese, is author of six books and over 200 articles and reviews in journals including Worship, Ecclesia Orans, and Questions Liturgiques. He is also composer and arranger of over 300 pieces of liturgical music.

3-16 NEUROSCIENCE AND CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES

What do neuroscience and contemplative practices have in common? A lot more than you might think! Come join us in exploring our contemplative tradition, from the Desert Fathers and Mothers to the saints, mystics, Thomas Merton, Mother Teresa, Thomas Keating, and more. These spiritual guides provide timely advice on how to nurture silence and live in the present moment, enhancing our lives in myriad ways. We will see how the latest neuro-science findings support and affirm these contemplative practices, revealing that meditative prayer, mindfulness and gratitude can bring greater peace, compassion and joy to ourselves and others.



Anne Kertz Kernion

Anne Kertz Kernion is owner and artist of Cards by Anne, a greeting card company specializing in hand-calligraphied cards begun in 1986. She has taught theology at Carlow University in Pittsburgh for over a decade, and chemistry and religion courses at the nearby Community College of Allegheny County. Kertz is also a public speaker, gives retreats and teaches yoga. Her latest book is titled, "A Year of Spiritual Companionship."

3-17 SING MERCY, SING JUSTICE, SING MISSION

Music can help open our ears, eyes and hearts to core Gospel values. Join Australian composer Michael Mangan as he presents a vibrant and engaging intergenerational repertoire sure to inspire children and adults alike to experience and embrace the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Bring your voice and be ready to sing!



Michael Mangan

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The former elementary school music specialist teacher has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Mangan is a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, National Deputy Chair of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. His latest music collection is entitled "Sing Mercy."

3-18 BLACK AND CATHOLIC: THE GIFT AND CHALLENGE TODAY

Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD (bio 1-15)

This workshop explores the reality of black Catholic faith today, especially in light of the challenges of racial justice in our country. After looking at these challenges, we will examine the responses of the Catholic Church and then see the contributions that black Catholics can make as the quest for social justice continues.

3-19 MERCY AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

In this session – and in this Year of Mercy – Fr. Jonathan Morris will talk about letting go of resentment, anger and a misplaced passion for fairness to embrace the freedom of mercy.



Fr. Jonathan Morris

Fr. Jonathan Morris is currently Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Bronx, N.Y., and was parochial vicar at the historic St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in New York City. Fr. Morris previously served as Program Director for Sirius-XM's Catholic Channel and as Communications Advisor to New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan. He is The New York Times best-selling author of "The Promise," "God Wants You Happy," and "The Way of Serenity," and is regularly called on by the national media for ethical and moral commentary.

3-20 RECONCILING THE POLARIZED CHURCH THE POPE FRANCIS WAY

Aren't we all sick of hearing how "they" are like that and "they" just don't get it? Enough with the "us" and "them"! Are we Catholic or not? Is this Church big enough for all of us or not? Pope Francis is cutting through these divisive factions and offering a way forward as a community that is united enough to be a family even when we disagree. What is he doing, and can we adopt it in our lives?



David M. O'Brien

David O'Brien is Professor of Theology at Saint Leo University in Tampa, Fla., and works as Director of Faith Formation at St. Timothy Parish in Lady Lake, Fla. He is an international speaker on Catholic evangelization and social justice and recently returned from six months in Uganda working with child soldiers. O'Brien is author of "Catholic Strategic Peacebuilding" and "There's a Beer in My Handbag: Unusual Thoughts about Everyday Faith." He is caring for his aging parents and still grieving the loss of his 7-week-old baby.

3-21 "ASK FR. TONY" – ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS ON FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

Fr. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (bio 6-01)

In St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, the Apostle to the Gentiles asks, "How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach?" (10:14). In these two basic questions of faith, Paul points out that we need ministers of Christ who are willing to answer the questions the followers of Christ may want to ask. This interactive workshop will deal with some of the major questions of our faith. It will also allow participants to "Ask Fr. Tony" their questions about faith, hope and love.

3-22 THE IMPORTANCE AND BEAUTY OF THE EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES 🗣️

First, we must answer two important questions: What are the Eastern Catholics Churches? What is their origin? The answers will show that the Eastern Churches are an essential part of the universal Church of Christ, which would be incomplete without them. They are very relevant to the life of the Church today, and the beauty of their theology, spirituality and liturgy has enlivened the faith and are necessary for its health in the contemporary world.



Very Rev. David M. Petras

Rev. David Petras is a priest of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, which is headquartered in Parma, Ohio, and covers the Midwestern United States. Having formerly served as Pastor at St. Nicholas Church in Cleveland, Rev. Petras taught at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary from 1995 to 2013 and was Director of Spiritual Formation. He has been a member of the Orthodox Catholic Theological Consultation from 1984 to the present. In 2013, he retired and is living in Phoenix, where he teaches online courses.



Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith

Born and raised in the Hyde Park area of Los Angeles, Greek Catholic priest Fr. Alexei Smith is 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. In 2011, he was elected President of the Southern California Ecumenical Council, the first Catholic to hold this position. Fr. Smith is a frequent speaker at the L.A. Congress and at local interfaith venues.

3-23 FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION 🗣️

Empowering the young Catholic faithful as authentic witnesses is hard work! Through the lens of genuine discipleship formation, we will immerse ourselves in authentic realistic approaches. Come learn about creative leadership empowerment in youth ministry. This workshop will break open effective and practical means of developing healthy youth leaders in your faith community not just today, but for life!



Doug Tooke

Doug Tooke, Executive Director of Reach Youth Ministry and owner of Monarch Catholic Ministries, directs youth ministry events in the Diocese of Helena, Mont., where he formerly served as diocesan Director of Faith Formation. He has over 20 years of professional ministry experience and has traveled to more than 75 dioceses in the past 15 years teaching, training youth ministers, keynoting conventions and presenting at events, including World Youth Day and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry.

3-24 MISSIONARIES OF MERCY: THE REFLECTION COMPONENT OF YOUTH SERVICE PROJECTS 🗣️

Are we just clocking the hours, or are our service projects tied to deepening of our relationship with the Lord? Pope Francis speaks of God's "boundless mercy," a mercy that goes far beyond the human notions of fairness. Do those who engage in "required" service projects in our schools and parishes know this? Have we given them the tools to discover that they are "missionaries of mercy" for those they serve? If you've wondered about how those service hours in school curriculum and confirmation preparation can be better anchored in the spiritual life, this might be a workshop for you! Participants should come ready to network and share current best practices.



Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson, DD

Born and raised in Washington state, Bishop Joseph Tyson was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle in 2005 and named Vicar General. From 2008 to 2011, he served as Superintendent of Catholic Schools. Bishop Tyson is presently Bishop of the Diocese of Yakima, Wash. He is an active member in the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and sits on the Sub-Committee for Asia Pacific Affairs and is Region XII Chair, serving on the Administrative Committee and on the Plans and Priorities Committee.

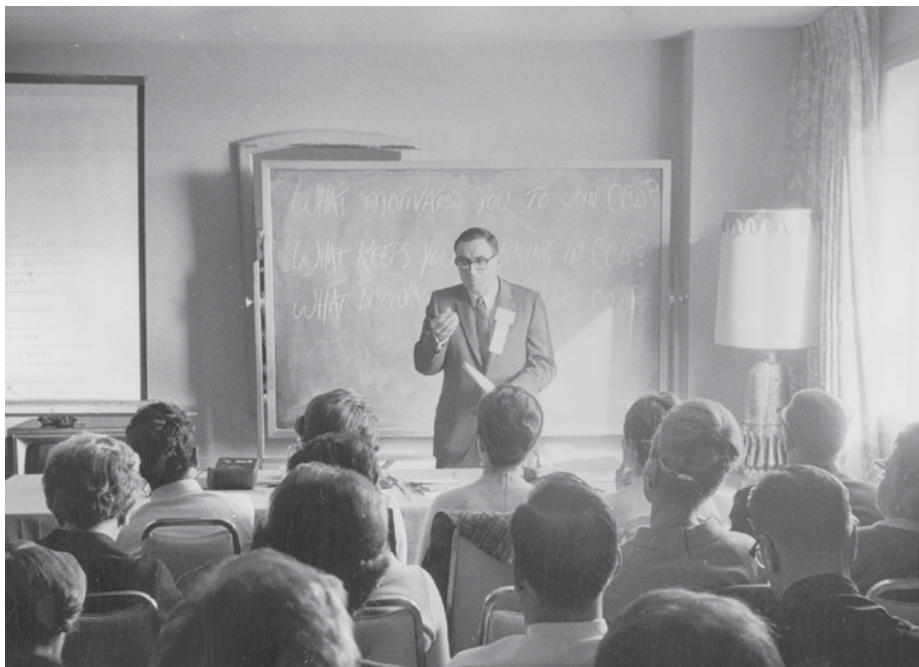
3-25 WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? 100 TIPS FOR BECOMING A MISSIONARY PARISH 🗣️

In July 2015, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales gathered delegates to consider the "how" of a New Evangelization. Pope Francis has given the Church a firm "why," but it is now time to put his *Evangelii Gaudium* into practice! Gathering the wisdom offered at that conference, a list of 100 tips has been compiled to help parish communities and individuals get excited, confident and active about the mission of the Church. In this workshop, David Wells will summarize these tips and suggest that whoever you are, or wherever you live, it is time for every one of us to get busy proclaiming the reason for the hope we have!



David Wells

David Wells began his career as a teacher before becoming a research assistant for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and the Adult Religious Education Adviser in the Diocese of Nottingham, England, where he is currently Diocesan Adviser for Evangelization. Wells has spoken at more than 350 conferences worldwide, in Europe and North America, and has guest lectured at three English universities; this will be his 15th appearance at Congress. He is author of two books, including "The Reluctant Disciple."



IN 1969 the “Southern California Confraternity Congress” is the last event held at the International Hotel, near the Los Angeles International Airport. With attendance growing each year, the event is outgrowing this facility as well. Meeting space is at such a premium that some workshops are actually held in hotel rooms. Beds and TV sets are moved aside to make room for the projection screens, portable chalkboards, the speakers and the catechists. The next year, Congress moves to much larger quarters at the Anaheim Convention Center, then still a part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

3-26 BECOMING A PARENT IS A GIFT, WHILE PARENTING ITSELF IS A LEARNED SKILL 🎧

A parent’s job is indeed challenging at times. Though it may be difficult to be consistent in parenting, it is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. Setting limits for our children provides them the security and boundaries they so need in this world. This workshop will empower parents with the wide range of skills to set limits with respect and love. Our goal is to empower and encourage everyone in their parenting journeys.



Char Wenc, MEd

Char Wenc, an internationally known professional speaker, coach and author, is President of Char Wenc Communications, which specializes in building positive 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.”

3-70 Những điều cần phải biết về việc tuyên bố Hôn Nhân vô hiệu 🎧

Những Thủ Tục Mới 2015 về sự Cứu Xét Hồ Sơ do Đức Thánh Cha Phanxicô – Những Ngăn Trở Tiêu Hôn và Ai Được Quyền Miễn Chuẩn.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MARRIAGE NULLITY 🎧

This session will discuss Pope Francis’ 2015 procedural norms – identifying the teaching of the Church on impediments to marriage and the appropriate dispensing of power by the Church’s competent authority.



Linh Mục Nguyễn Quang Trục

Năm 1975, LM Nguyễn Quang Trục cùng với gia đình rời khỏi Việt Nam và định cư tại California. Sau 8 năm làm việc Kỹ sư cha nghe tiếng Chúa kêu gọi và gia nhập Đại Chủng Viện St. John. Cha được thụ phong Linh mục năm 2000, Cha có cử nhân về Điện tử và Triết học; Cao học về Thần học và Giáo Luật tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện St. Paul University, Canada, Cha được mời giảng thuyết nhiều nơi về ơn gọi linh mục, về Giáo Luật, đặc biệt về Hôn Nhân và Văn Hóa Việt Nam. Hiện tại cha là Đại diện Tư Pháp của Tòa Án Hôn Phối thuộc Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles và là cha sở của Giáo xứ Cathedral Chapel of Vibiana, cũng thuộc TGP Los Angeles.

Rev. Truc Quang Nguyen

Among the thousands of Vietnamese refugees escaping Vietnam after the fall of Saigon, Fr. Truc Nguyen came to the United States in 1975 with his parents and seven siblings. Having worked professionally for eight years as an engineer, Fr. Nguyen entered the seminary in 1994. He was ordained a priest in January 2000 for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is currently Judicial Vicar for the Metropolitan Tribunal. He is also Pastor at the Cathedral Chapel of Saint Vibiana in Los Angeles, where he has served since 2010.

Workshops



4-01 THE ABBEY ARENA

In a different kind of session, come and hear Fr. James Martin read excerpts from his first novel, "The Abbey." Anne is a recently divorced woman struggling to make sense of the death of her young son. Mark is a handyman at a Trappist abbey, frustrated with a stalled career and the turns his life has taken. Paul is the abbot of the Abbey of Sts. Philip and James, and wonders about the loneliness he often feels. Come and see how God brings all three of these people together and what you might learn from how each of them encounters God.



Fr. James Martin, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Editor at Large of America magazine. He is author of several award-winning books, including "Together on Retreat," "Between Heaven and Mirth," "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything," "My Life with the Saints" and, most recently, "The Abbey." Fr. Martin is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups and has presented at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress over the past several years.

4-02 DANCING WITH MONKS AND MYSTICS

Through the centuries, monks and mystics have called us to a deep encounter with the boundless mercy of God. Come enter into six simple participatory dances based on the gifts of the mystics for our time. Dance with King David, kindle the Divine Fire with abbess Amma Syncretica, sail on a sacred voyage with St. Brendan, encounter God's greening power with Hildegard of Bingen, enter the flow of the river with poet Rainer Maria Rilke, and start a revolution of the heart with Dorothy Day! These are simple chants and dances for every body, commissioned and published by Abbey of the Arts.



Betsey Beckman, MM

Betsey Beckman, a freelance movement artist, teacher, performer, producer and author, is founder of The Dancing Word: Embodying the Sacred in Liturgy and Life, a ministry that includes her offerings in liturgical movement, choreography, storydance, SpiritPlay and spiritual direction. Beckman is also Director of Movement Ministry at her home parish of St. Patrick Church in Seattle, and collaborates with Abbey of the Arts in creating online retreats, overseas pilgrimages and prayer resources, including the recent "Dancing with Monks and Mystics" DVD.



Laura Ash

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Parish in Seattle, where she has supported the ministry of movement for over 20 years. She has presented with Betsey Beckman at a number of RECongress workshops over the last 14 years. Laura and her husband, David, have composed and published three collections of liturgical music and have created music for many dance offerings with Beckman. Their most recent work is music for the production, "Grace on the Margins," which debuted in April 2013.

4-03 DIVINE MERCY IN THE WOMB OF GOD

In the Old Testament, the word for "mercy" is derived from the same word as "womb." Therefore, one might say that Divine Mercy is "womb-love." This idea is found again and again in passages that depict God's care.



Dianne Bergant, CSA

Sr. Dianne Bergant, a member of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, is Distinguished Professor Emerita of Biblical Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She was President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and an active member of the Chicago Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue for the past 30 years. Sr. Bergant wrote the weekly column, "The Word," for America magazine (2002-06) and is now on the Editorial Board of Biblical Theology Bulletin.

4-04 THE CHURCH IN ACTION: A FIELD UPDATE FROM TODAY'S TOP HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

In this session, Caroline Brennan will share reports from the front lines of emergency and developmental work across the world, including recent events in Northern Iraq, the Syrian border, Eastern Ukraine and the Philippines. Perspective, stories and insights of the Church's response to the most pressing humanitarian crises of today will be discussed.



Caroline Brennan

Caroline Brennan is Senior Communications Officer, Global Emergency Response Team for Catholic Relief Services, and has worked in 22 countries. She was based in CRS' South Asia bureau in Delhi for three years covering emergency response in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Brennan was deployed to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake and to the Philippine islands struck by the 2013 typhoon. Previously, she worked with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants in Washington, D.C.

4-05 ENGAGING NEW PARENTS THROUGH BAPTISM AND BEYOND

Many families drift away from church during the stressful early childhood years. At parishes, we may struggle with the question of what we can offer them. We wonder how to communicate God's Boundless Mercy to them. This is when we need to help parents step into their role as the primary cultivators of faith for their children. But we need to start with where they are. This workshop will explore how can we use the baptism preparation process to evangelize and support new parents, how we can continue to keep young families engaged, and what resources are available to support leaders in this ministry.



Paul Canavese

Paul Canavese with his wife, Ann, are Co-Directors of The Pastoral Center and the Web site GrowingUpCatholic.com. Based in Alameda, Calif., their family operates a mini-urban farm. Paul focuses his ministry on coaching parents, daily life discipleship and evangelization, and helping parishes implement Pope Francis' vision. He is a presenter for The Pastoral Center at parish, deanery and diocesan events.

4-06 GOTTA SING, GOTTA PRAY 🎧

Music is a path to the heart and a path to faith. Come and join Australian Andrew Chinn on a journey through the school and liturgical year and see how music can be used to enhance teaching and learning, prayer and celebration, sacraments and liturgy. From September to June, from kindergarten to eighth grade, from Christmas to Holy Week, from baptism to confirmation through graduation, Andrew will share a range of songs, stories and strategies that will bring joy and depth to the faith life of your class, your school, your church. This session is geared for all who work with elementary school children.

**Andrew Chinn**

Andrew Chinn worked as a 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 performed in more than 2,000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released nine CDs, five DVDs and five picture books for children. In 2013 Chinn became part of the WLP family, which now distributes his music in North America.

4-07 THE COURAGEOUS PARISH 🎧

Rich Curran (bio 2-10)

Every Catholic parish in the world wants to grow and multiply, but few seem able to achieve it. Why? How can two parishes, in the same region with similar populations, produce such different levels of engagement? Both have the same ancestry, same sacraments, same love from God. The difference is behavioral. Tap into a few of the essential behaviors all growing parishes share. It's not an accident, it's courageous!

4-08 "AID IN DYING" AND THE ETHICS OF PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE 🎧

"Aid in dying" legislative proposals have defined the American public debate in various states, most recently in California with Senate Bill 128. The conversation, and the ethical challenge it entails, is here to stay, quite independent of its unsure legal trajectory. The challenge must be met by competent response on the part of the Catholic community. Far from demonizing the understandable appeal of a "good death," we work to unmask the hidden premises of legislative proposals favoring "aid in dying," their impact upon medicine's understanding of the physician-patient relationship, and society's commitment to the care of the elderly and the sick.

**Roberto Dell'Oro, PhD**

Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro is Director of the Bioethics Institute and a Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He has written three books, translated two from German and is published in national and international journals. Dr. Dell'Oro has presented papers on bioethical issues at the Pontifical Academy for Life and the 2014 International Conference on Autism, organized by the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers under the auspices of Pope Francis.

4-09 GOD'S ANGER LASTS BUT A MOMENT, HIS MERCY FOREVER! 🎧

If you think God can't forgive you or that He is angry with you, this is the talk you've been waiting for! We will take a look at how our most merciful Father has loved us from the beginning of time and how, even though we keep messing up, He continues to love us through our faults and weaknesses. As a matter of fact, God laughs at us continually because we don't seem to learn the lesson. If you want to laugh and cry, don't miss this session. You will leave renewed with a sense of purpose and be the "missionary disciples" that Jesus and Pope Francis need us to be!

**Rev. Joseph A. Espaillet II**

Fr. Joe Espaillet is Pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Church in the Bronx, N.Y., as well as Director of Hispanic Charismatic Renewal for the New York Archdiocese and of the Hispanic Charismatic Catholic Center in the Bronx. Before this, he was assigned by Cardinal Timothy Dolan to open up an Office for Youth Ministry, where he became Director and is now Spiritual Advisor. Fr. Espaillet is keynote speaker at youth rallies around the country and has led diocesan youth conferences along the East Coast and in Alaska and Texas,

4-10 THE CHALLENGE STILL BEFORE US: IMPLEMENTING VATICAN II WITH POPE FRANCIS 🎧

As important as it was, the Second Vatican Council represented an "unfinished building site" in which important work was left uncompleted. This workshop will offer an understanding of the work still to be done in completing the council's unfinished project, using the pontificate of Pope Francis as a guide.

**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College. He previously taught at the University of Toledo in Ohio and at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota and served as President of the Catholic Theological Society of America from 2013 to 2014. Dr. Gaillardetz has authored over 100 pastoral and academic articles and has written or edited 10 books, including "Keys to the Council" (co-authored with Catherine Clifford) and "When the Magisterium Intervenes..."

4-11 CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY: CONTINUING THE RENEWAL AND REFORM 🎧

Thomas Groome (bio 3-12)

Pope Francis is calling the Church to redouble our efforts in the great program of renewal and reform that the Holy Spirit launched on the Church and the world with the Second Vatican Council. This presentation will reflect on some pressing challenges in our time and how best to respond to them.

4-12 THE RCIA: WHO REALLY BELONGS?

Baptized uncatechized; baptized and never catechized in another Christian tradition; non-practicing baptized Catholic who missed First Communion and confirmation; practicing Catholic who missed confirmation; practicing Episcopalian who wants to become a Catholic – the list goes on and on. This workshop will focus on the question: Who belongs in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process?



Dr. Jerry Galipeau

Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Vice President and Chief Publishing Officer at World Library Publications in Franklin Park, Ill. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has authored numerous publications and has offered keynotes. Dr. Galipeau has presented workshops at all the major Catholic liturgical and catechetical conferences as well as diocesan conferences throughout the United States and Canada. He also maintains a blog for those interested in liturgy, music and initiation.

4-13 SOUL AND SCIENCE OF HEALING: BRIDGE BETWEEN MINISTRY AND THE HEALING ARTS

There is an explosion of scientific and clinical data regarding the inter-relationship among spirituality, human health and well-being. Yet many health-care professionals and those trained for ministry often miss the connection of science, medicine and the sacred work of healing. The Soul & Science of Healing offers a model where the lay minister and parish community of the future can provide a more holistic and integrated approach to dealing with spiritual pain and human suffering. This model especially speaks to younger generations of spiritual seekers, but also offers wisdom for care givers and ministers of all ages, cultures and backgrounds.



Richard F. Groves

Richard Groves is an internationally respected teacher of the sacred art of living and dying. A chaplain for 30 years, he has spoken throughout North America as well as internationally in Asia, Europe and Africa. He and his late wife, Mary, are co-founders of the Sacred Art of Living Center in Bend, Ore. Groves has served as a retreat director for numerous programs including health-care and faith-community professionals. His latest work is titled "The Anamcara Project."

4-14 BORN TO DANCE: LET'S BREAK OUT THE WINE AND LIVE FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Rev. Terry Hershey (bio 1-11)

In our hearts, we are all dancers. God wants us to be our true selves – joyous, aware and living each moment with arms wide open, responding to the love of the Beloved. So why do we choose to live guarded and afraid, our days filled with hurry and noise? Fear labels and dismisses and restricts. The voice of *grace* tells us we are more than our labels, more than our fear. The Hopi say, "To watch us dance is to hear our heart speak." So, in

this workshop, let's dance. Terry Hershey will help us learn what it means to dance free from our limitations of fear, insecurity or pain; and how, in the eyes of the Beloved, we are free to love, free to serve, free to live.

4-15 THE NAME OF GOD IS RELATIONSHIP

Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM (bio 3-13)

While some philosophers claim that the name of God is "pure being" and some theologians claim that the primary name of God is "the good," Fr. Dan Horan suggests the name of God is best understood as "relationship." Beginning with the way God reveals who God is to creation throughout Scripture and moving toward a deeper look at what the spiritual wisdom of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis and others tell us about God, this workshop encourages contemporary women and men to reconsider how they imagine their Creator and renew their understanding of faith in the modern world.

4-16 THE LAUGHTER, THE TEARS AND THE BOUNDLESS MERCY IN THE HEART OF GOD

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

What if God laughed – so much more often than you thought? What if God wept – more tenderly than you ever pictured? What if the mercy in the heart of God were indeed boundless – beyond anything you could ever earn, deserve or imagine? What if there were ways for you to experience all of that in your *own* heart? Would you like a taste? Using stories, demonstrations and the wisdom and insight of 35 years of parish priesthood, Fr. Joe Kempf (and his helpers) will lead you – and help you lead the children entrusted to your care – more deeply into the heart of God.

4-17 SEX & THE CINEMA: A CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO HOW THE MEDIA IS FORMING OUR VALUES

Whether we like it or not, the media is now a major player in forming the hearts, minds and values of our young people, especially in regard to sexuality. How did we get here? What's happening now? What can we do about it?



Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, based in Sydney, Australia. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome and a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. A popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress, Fr. Leonard is author of nine books, including "What Are We Doing on Earth for Christ's Sake?" and, his latest, "What Are We Hoping For?"

4-18 THIS IS THE TIME: SONGS FOR THE SEASONS**Michael Mangan (bio 3-17)**

So much of our liturgical “circle of life” is contained in the songs we sing. Australian composer Michael Mangan will lead us on a musical journey through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter as he shares his passion for vibrant, inclusive and meaningful music in parish and school liturgy, and in catechesis.

4-19 “THE QUALITY OF MERCY IS NOT STRAIN’D”**Megan McKenna (bio 2-20)**

The line from Shakespeare’s “The Merchant of Venice” begins a prayer: “...we do pray for mercy; and that same prayer doth teach us all to render the deeds of mercy.” These words – mercy, pity, compassion, justice – what do they mean? How do we express them beyond words in our deeds and priorities? How do we look like our God for others? Come listen, obey and catch a glimpse of mercy’s power and presence.

4-20 WHAT DO YOUNG ADULTS HAVE TO OFFER THE CHURCH?**David M. O’Brien (bio 3-20)**

Are Catholics in their 20s and 30s really as absent and apathetic they say we are? Maybe the Church is trying to catch up with how we experience and express our deep faith and desire to live the Kingdom that Jesus preached. How do we take our place in the Church and hold onto our unique insights and contributions? How do we help our peers see that the Church is a place where they can find meaning, direction and guidance as they make the biggest decisions of their lives?

4-21 ENCOUNTERING ISLAM: CATHOLICS & MUSLIMS AND THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY

This workshop will explore the historical and theological relationship between Islam and Catholicism with a focus on contemporary challenges such as ISIS, the environment, and Islam in America.

**Jihad Mohammed Turk**

Jihad Turk, the former Imam/religious leader at the Islamic Center of Southern California in Los Angeles, is founding President of Bayan Claremont, an Islamic graduate school at the Claremont School of Theology in California. Imam Turk is a Palestinian-American Muslim who spent his college years traveling and exploring the Muslim world, studying Arabic at the Islamic University of Medina and Farsi in Iran at the University of Tehran and in Qum. Turk has been featured on the History Channel, CNN, and in the Los Angeles Times.

IN 1973

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson became Director of the Office of Religious Education. On his staff was **Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC**, who served as Consultant for Youth Ministry and would become the first woman Associate Director for the Office. In 1987, Cardinal Roger Mahony appointed Sr. Prendergast as Director of the Office of Religious Education and became the first non-ordained person to hold this position.

**4-22 FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE EXECUTE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US?**

This session invites you to participate in one of the most merciful actions people of faith can participate in: to self-reflect, understand and put into action our faith teachings as they relate to the use of the death penalty as a form of justice. Chaplain Javier Stauring will moderate a panel of inspiring and insightful speakers, including gang intervention expert Fr. Greg Boyle, activist Mike Farrell, and a family member of a homicide victim. As Pope Francis notes: “The death penalty is contrary to the sentiment of humanitas and to divine mercy, which must be the model for human justice.”

**Rev. Greg Boyle, SJ**

Fr. Greg Boyle is founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang rehabilitation program in the United States, now in its 26th year. The native Angeleno and Jesuit priest was 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, which serves former gang members. 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 discussed alcoholism, environmentalism, children of divorce and the death penalty and enriching the lives of the disabled. Farrell also served on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and is 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. In addition, he oversees three restorative justice programs: Ministry to Victims of Crime, Ministry to Families of the Incarcerated, and Ministry to the Formerly Incarcerated.

IN 1970 the annual Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress was moved to the Anaheim Convention Center. The happy result was over 10,000 in attendance and use of the several surrounding hotels.



4-23 COMMUTER SPIRITUALITY: LESSONS LEARNED FROM MIGRANT WORKERS

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson (bio 3-24)

Do you spend inordinate amounts of time in a car? Do you find yourself trying to become more rooted spiritually even though you're constantly on the move? Bishop Joseph Tyson from the Diocese of Yakima, Wash., will share 10 key lessons he's learned from the migrant ministry in which he and his seminarians have been engaged that apply to people on the move who desire to grow spiritually in their love of Christ and love of neighbor.

4-24 THE SKILLS OF CHRIST-LIKE LEADERSHIP

Char Wenc, MEd (bio 3-26)

Have you ever walked into a church and felt a sense of community? As a parishioner, do you feel you are valued in this environment? Does your parish model the virtues of integrity, responsibility and respect? It is the ability to treat people well that is the success in our churches; it is knowing how to listen, talk, write and establish rapport with others. This is key to successful leadership. This session will empower everyone to lead with Christ ... successfully!

4-25 THE 12 STEPS OF AA AND THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF IGNATIUS ... PARALLEL PATHS

Some people credit/blame the Jesuits with helping write the 12 Steps of Recovery. This is not true. Bill Wilson, one of the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, did not meet his first Jesuit until 1940 when he was five years sober. Ignatius of Loyola developed a way of living and thinking that fosters a life of gratitude and service. Many have commented on the similarities of these two spiritual paths. In this session, Fr. Thomas Weston will examine these two powerful experiences and tell the story of these two pilgrims.



Rev. Thomas C. Weston, SJ

Fr. Tom Weston has been working with alcoholics and addicts since 1976. The Jesuit priest is a leader of retreats for people in recovery from addiction and serves as Superior of the Jesuit Community of Oakland, Calif. Fr. Weston has spoken at conferences for over 30 years. His world travels served him in past rolls as Director of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, working with Jesuit Retreat and Renewal Ministries, and teaching at Loyola High School in Los Angeles.

4-26 THE CHALLENGE AND GIFT OF BEING PRESENT TO OTHERS, OURSELVES AND GOD

Robert J. Wicks (bio 1-27)

Sitting in a small kitchen in an apartment just off Harvard Square near the center of Cambridge in Massachusetts, author Robert Wicks discussed with spiritual writer Henri Nouwen the true importance of the attitude of "availability." That encounter over 30 years ago was to prove transformative as he began a lifelong journey of fathoming the balance of being present to others, himself and God. Starting with the intriguing scriptural image of "pruning," in this presentation he shares the result of this journey by addressing such themes as faithfulness, openness, darkness, true prayer and experiencing, in Nouwen's words, "a quiet stream" within.

4-70 Cộng Đoàn Dân Chúa: Đức Tin của người Tín Hữu

Ai là người Kitô hữu? Ai thuộc về dân của Chúa, về Giáo Hội: Ai là thành viên? Dựa vào Giáo luật, thuyết trình viên nhằm bàn thảo vài khía cạnh của giáo hội học về đề tài "Kitô hữu."

PEOPLE OF GOD: THE CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL

Who are the Christian faithful? Who belongs to the people of God, to the Church: who is a member? Using his canonical background, the presenter aims to discuss some ecclesiological perspectives on the topic of the "Christian faithful."



Cha Phêrô Hồ Việt

Cha Phêrô Hồ Việt 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. Cha đã từng phục vụ cho các giáo xứ đa dạng văn hóa. Hiện tại cha là Phụ Tá Tư Pháp và Giám đốc Tòa An Hôn Phối cho Giáo Phận Orange.

Rev. Peter Viet Ho

Fr. Viet Peter Ho was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Orange, California, in 2000. He completed canon law studies at the Gregorian Pontifical University in Rome in 2008. Since then, he has served in several multicultural parishes and is currently Adjutant Judicial Vicar and Director for the Marriage Tribunal for the Diocese of Orange.



5-01 SONGS OF MERCY ARENA

Come and celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy, convoked by Pope Francis, with GIA artists Tony Alonso, Jeanne Cotter, Chris de Silva, David Haas, Marty Haugen, Fr. Michael Joncas, Liam Lawton, Donna Peña and friends, as they present beautiful songs on compassion, forgiveness and care, intertwined with moments of reflection, readings from Scripture and prayer. During this session, we will embody the Pope's call for us to be merciful, and inspire those assembled to put their faith into action.

**Tony Alonso**

Tony Alonso, among the prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music, has recently released "A House of Prayer" with GIA Publications. He presents at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. Alonso formerly served as Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He is currently a doctoral student at Emory University in Atlanta.

**Jeanne Cotter**

Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, parish mission director and prolific inspirational speaker. For over a decade she has performed her original songs throughout the United States and Canada. Cotter shares a bounty of knowledge, grounded in her own story and what she calls "the authority of experience." Her latest works include "Tender Hearted."

**Chris de Silva**

Chris de Silva is a composer, arranger and recording artist with GIA Publications and has appeared at national conferences and diocesan and parish retreats around the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. De Silva has served several parishes in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is presently Associate Director of Music and Liturgy at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

**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!" Haas has been a concert performer and recording artist for over 30 years, and has spoken internationally and authored over 20 books and composed over 50 original recordings with GIA.

**Marty Haugen**

For more than 35 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Australia and the Pacific Rim. Haugen has over 35 recordings and 400 published editions; his works appear in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and other Protestant denominations.

**Fr. Jan Michael Joncas**

Composer, author and speaker, Fr. Michael Joncas is Artist in Residence and Research Fellow in Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. Fr. Joncas is author of six books and over 200 articles and reviews in journals including *Worship and Ecclesia Orans*. He is also composer and arranger of over 300 pieces of liturgical music.

**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 has written two books. Fr. Lawton has recorded a number of TV specials including two on PBS. He has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States, and is one of the most frequent L.A. Congress presenters.

**Donna Peña**

Donna Peña is a musician, composer, playwright and visual artist, whose work is wrapped in her Mexican and Cherokee Indian heritage. Peña is a conference presenter and performance artist who has published with GIA, OCP and WLP. Formerly musician/manager for *Mariachi Flor y Canto*, she currently performs with her family as *La Familia Torres-Peña Music Group*.

5-02 MOLEHILL TO MOUNTAINTOP: TRANSFORMING EVERYDAY PRAYER INTO PROFOUND MOMENTS OF GRACE AS A YOUNG ADULT

Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera (bio 3-02)

There are dull and difficult moments in our week that make us blind to God's mercy and grace. As young adults, we may find that our spiritual gas tank is always on empty. We will examine ways in our busy and over-connected lives that can draw us closer to God no matter how small or insignificant they seem. The guides for our conversation will be the lives of saints, Sacred Scripture and Scripture-based rap.

5-03 REVERSE THINKING: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL REVEALS THAT EVERYTHING IS UNDER REVIEW

This workshop will offer liturgical and pastoral strategies through the lens of mercy. By first identifying what

the result of worship is, we are able to develop strategies that will create worship and catechesis relevant to the people of God in their everyday lives. John Angotti brings his experience in parish and school life, his expertise in pastoral studies, and years of traveling as a music missionary to share what thinking in reverse can do for your school or parish programs.

**John Angotti**

Based in Memphis, Tenn., John Angotti is a full-time music missionary providing concerts, workshops, retreats and worship. He is a frequent presenter at parish missions as well as regional and diocesan conferences across the United States and abroad. Angotti is an accomplished composer, with numerous publications under the World Library Publications label. In 2013, John Angotti Music Mission (JAMM) debuted his original musical, "Job: The NOW Testament."

5-04 BUILDING BRIDGES TO THE HEART OF DISCIPLESHIP

As people who lead or serve in our parish, we know how important it is to help others grow in faith and embrace living as good stewards, as people who recognize that all they are and have are gifts from God, and to return these gifts with gratitude. Explore how each of us, and our parishes, may build bridges to those around us, making a difference in the lives of family members, friends and fellow parishioners, and building a stronger parish as we do so.



Leisa Anslinger

Leisa Anslinger is Co-Director of Catholic Life and Faith, a pastoral resource center for stewardship leaders. She is co-author of the Bridges Leadership Series, including "Building Bridges to the Heart of Discipleship" and "Turning Hearts to Christ." Anslinger is a founding team member of the Catholic Strengths and Engagement Community. She is a presenter at national, regional and diocesan conferences and in-service days, and speaks and writes on catechesis, stewardship, parish engagement and strengths development.

5-05 REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MINISTRY LEADERS: A MISSION OF MERCY

In this session, we will look at the "world" in which our youth live and how we can best reach them with the Gospel message so they can share it with their peers. We will look at the best ways to share faith with young people and how to empower them to do the same with those around them.



Dr. Ansel Augustine

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

IN 2003

Adrian Whitaker retires after Congress 2003, with 18 years of service as Congress Coordinator. That year, RECongress brings together 21,261 registrants, 171 speakers, 362 volunteers, and 220 exhibitors, and 14,349 in attendance for Youth Day.



That same year, **Mary Lou McGee** is appointed as interim Congress Coordinator. Mary Lou had previously served as Adult Education Consultant for the Office of Religious Education and as Coordinator for their Pathways program.

5-06 FORMATION OF UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN AND TEENS IN THE RCIA

Mary Birmingham (bio 5-06)

This session will address challenges and strategies regarding the formation of unbaptized children and teens within the framework of the four periods of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We will explore what the RCIA intends: that there is only one catechumenate rite – not a separate rite for children and one for teens – adapted in an age-appropriate manner for each specific age group. We will consider the vision of the rite in tandem with the practical, living reality of family life in most parishes.

5-07 SONGS OF MERCY AND CELEBRATION: ECHOING THE MESSAGE OF JUBILEE

John Burland (bio 2-07)

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have been called to be "merciful like the Father" and to share the Good News that God loves us. John Burland will share a variety of engaging songs that celebrate and affirm God's mercy and love in our world. These songs are suitable for children at the elementary level and incorporate gesture, traditional prayer and communal song. Come join us as we echo in song the message of Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

5-08 "REACHING THE MULTITUDES" – EFFECTIVE CONTENT AND VIRAL CONCEPTS

Dallas Carter Jr. (bio 3-05)

Many catechetical leaders have started using social media as a great way to engage the New Evangelization. However, questions remain on how to reach the multitudes. In this session, we will discuss the most effective "traction" and "retention" techniques to build your online presence.

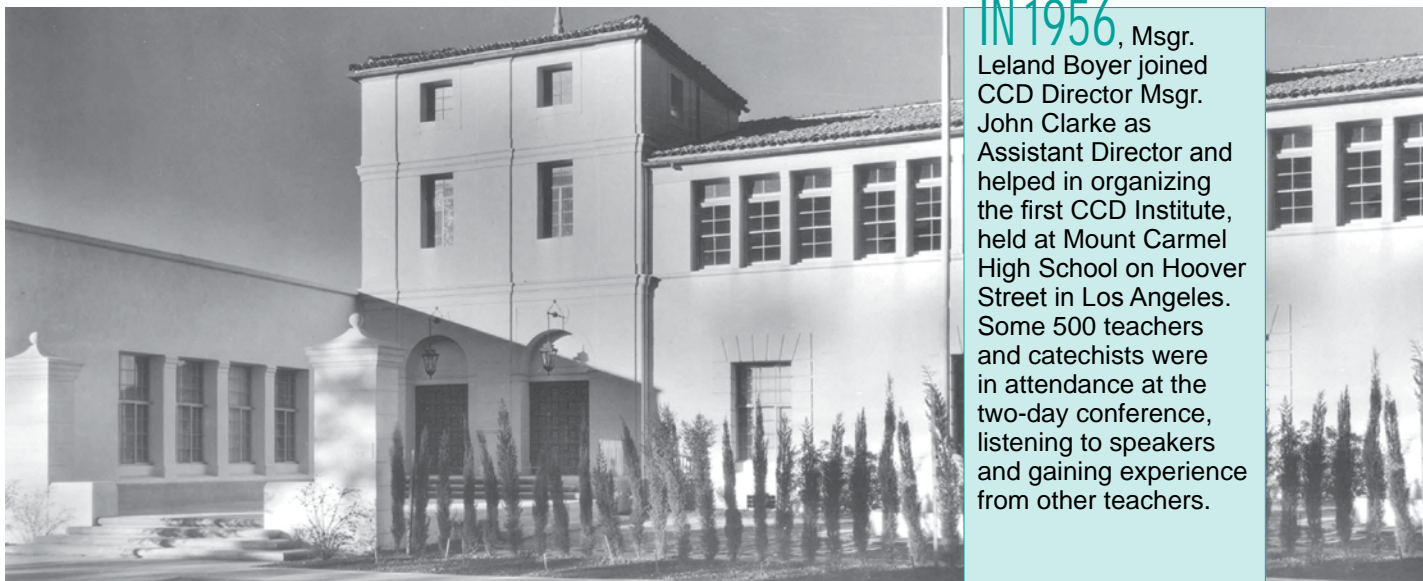
5-09 LIFE CHANGES: SWIM OR STRUGGLE?

Changes and transitions, whether chosen or imposed, are an inevitable part of life. However, we can often confuse the two and experience unnecessary suffering and anxiety. In this workshop, we will look at the states of transition and develop a spirituality that will help us negotiate smoothly and happily the many changes we face as we progress through our lives.



Rev. James Clarke, PhD

Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of Spiritual Formation and 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 and counseling, Fr. Clarke also serves as Chair of the Spirituality Commission for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and as Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles. He is fluent in English and Spanish and his work has taken him around the globe.



IN 1956, Msgr. Leland Boyer joined CCD Director Msgr. John Clarke as Assistant Director and helped in organizing the first CCD Institute, held at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. Some 500 teachers and catechists were in attendance at the two-day conference, listening to speakers and gaining experience from other teachers.

5-10 SPIRITUALITY FOR BLENDED FAMILIES: A STEPMOM'S STORY OF FINDING FAITH, FOLLOWING LOVE AND FEEDING A FAMILY 🎧

With over 23 million blended families in the United States today, one in three people is a member of a stepfamily. After marrying a widower with three young children, Robin Davis learned firsthand the unique challenges for communication, parenting and sharing faith in a blended family. She will share her experiences of how she used food to connect with her new family and how her new family restored her faith.



Robin Davis

Robin Davis is Editorial Director at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, where she works as Editor of their award-winning alumni magazine. Before joining the staff at Kenyon, she was Food Editor for the Columbus Dispatch. Born and raised in Ohio, Davis spent 13 years on the West Coast as a restaurant critic and food writer for the San Francisco Chronicle and as Assistant Editor at Bon Appétit magazine in Los Angeles. Her latest book, "Recipe For Joy," was published in spring 2013.

5-11 MERCY IN THE STREET AND IN THE HOME 🎧

God's boundless mercy is the core of the Gospel we proclaim. How do we get this urgent message through the church doors and onto the streets? Come share how your rebuilt, amazing parish broadcasts the mercy message. We will share best practices.



Msgr. Raymond G. East

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

5-12 TRANSGENDER IN THE CHURCH: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY 🎧

Gender identity and expression – even the word “transgender” – have found their way into secular and ecclesial discourse. Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice will speak from a decade of experience ministering with transgender and other marginalized Catholics as he moderates a panel with Fr. Bryan Massingale and two transgender Catholics. Fr. Massingale will consider theological and pastoral perspectives, and the transgender Catholics will offer narratives of their spiritual journeys. All will suggest ways we can respond to those who are transgender or discerning their gender identity. Insights from Church history, theology and bioethics will help explore the beauty of gender diversity within our faith communities.



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is Resource Director of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, based in Atlanta. He formerly served as Chair for the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons and has received the Archdiocese's Lumen Christi and Cardinal's Young Adult in Ministry Award. Dr. Fitzmaurice has contributed to America Media and appears in the Ignatian News Network's YouTube series on pastoral care of LGBT Catholics.



Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wis., has served as a seminary and university professor for 20 years and currently is Associate Professor of Theology at Marquette University. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, Fr. Massingale has addressed most national Catholic conferences and numerous colleges and universities. He is a previous RECongress Keynote and past President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

5-13 THE SACRAMENT OF BOUNDLESS MERCY: PONDERING THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE EUCHARIST

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni (bio 1-05)

The Eucharist is the third and climatic moment of Initiation into the Body of Christ. It is the sacrament of God's inestimable mercy, offered to the Church by Christ in the Holy Spirit. Examine the depth of this mercy and learn the seven gifts that are offered to us and to all creation as we "proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again!" Consider this conference session, and walk in wisdom with this sacrament of *boundless mercy!*

5-14 WHY YOU ALWAYS MARRY THE WRONG PERSON: TOWARD A PRACTICAL SPIRITUALITY OF MARRIAGE

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (bio 4-10)

One of the greatest challenges facing contemporary marriage is our culture's obsession with romance and passion and a belief that God has chosen one perfect person to be our life partner. This workshop will challenge the issue with a more bracing and practical spirituality of marriage aimed at sustaining the marriage commitment for a lifetime.

5-15 THE POWER OF BEAUTY

What is "beautiful" and why is it what it is? What is it about music, poetry or a sunrise that so uplifts and delights the human spirit? Why does beauty captivate and evoke joy, awe and wonder? What secret power does it possess that enables it to touch and transform us? Beauty is the glow of the true and the good radiating from every ordered state of being. God reveals the true, the good and the beautiful through the wonders of nature, the universe, humankind, Jesus and the power of Love.



Darrell Hall

Darrell Hall is the former Principal at St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. He has taught religious education for 35 years and has spoken at national conferences across Canada, including the Catholic Educator's Conference, Catholic Christian Outreach's "Rise Up" conferences, and Reverence for Life conferences, in addition to various parishes, senior high schools and retreats. Hall has published a book on Christian apologetics titled, "I Am Convinced: God, the Truth and You."

5-16 OUR VOCATION IS LOVE: CALLED TO BE A CATHOLIC ARTIST

Twenty years ago, Heather King traded lawyering for the precarious life of a creative writer. Since then, she's published several memoirs and now writes the arts-and-culture column for the Los Angeles archdiocesan newspaper. Her watchwords: obedience, fidelity, integrity. Her material: the tragicomedy of daily life. Her "marketing strategy": Christ. Join Heather as she discusses mining families, friends and complete strangers for stories; how

to pay rent while earning slave wages; and the bountiful rewards of freedom, joy and wild-card opportunities that come with following your heart's true desire. As Thérèse of Lisieux observed, "Our vocation is love!"



Heather King

Heather King is a sober alcoholic, a former attorney and author of several memoirs. Her column, "Credible Witnesses," appears monthly in Magnificat magazine and she writes weekly for The Tidings, the Los Angeles Archdiocese newspaper. King blogs and is author, most recently, of "Stumble: Virtue, Vice and the Space Between." She has been a keynote speaker at a variety of parishes, universities and conferences, including the 2014 Catholic Media Association Conference. She also leads recovery and Catholic retreats nationwide.

5-17 FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING

Cunning, baffling and powerful, addiction affects us all, directly or indirectly. This presentation will be of interest to those wanting to recover from any addiction, those struggling to journey with them, and anyone seeking to learn more about the addictive process and the 12-Step program. We will address being fully human, dealing with emotions, the nature of addiction, the importance of fellowship, forgiveness, mercy, grieving and the healing power of the 12 Steps. We will also explore the unique way first nations, Judeo-Christian and 12-Step spirituality come together to form a spirituality of recovery.



Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI

Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate, has spent over 30 years ministering among the aboriginal peoples of north and central Saskatchewan, Canada. In 2006, he was appointed Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas, Manitoba, Canada, and retired as Archbishop Emeritus. Archbishop Sylvain's new role is as Chaplain and Spiritual Director at the North Retreat Center in St. Albert, Alberta. The accomplished author's latest book is titled, "Walk A New Path" about addictions awareness.

5-18 REACHING THE MARGINALIZED

Wake up now, because there's *nothing* easy in this session. Jesse Manibusan will share "the three easy steps" to reach the marginalized: Honesty, humility, and a courageous compassion are the way of the missionary disciple. Let us bring our faith, hope and joy, along with our oft-hidden skepticism, arrogance and assumptions. Be surprised, invigorated, informed and inspired. And bring friends!



Jesse Manibusan

Evangelizer, energizer and encourager, Jesse Manibusan has over 30 years in ministry as a liturgical minister, youth worker, parish associate, catechist, parish mission and retreat director. Founder of Over the Fence ministries, Manibusan has presented at conferences worldwide, including national youth and pastoral musician conferences and international World Youth Days in Denver, Toronto, Rome, Cologne, Sydney, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro. He has a number of CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.

5-19 RENEWING THE FACE OF THE EARTH: SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT FOR LAUDATO SI' 🔊

Fr. J. Patrick Mullen (bio 1-16)

Pope Francis made rich use of the Scriptures to support his critically important teaching on the relationship between humanity and the rest of creation. This workshop will examine this treatment and then expand beyond it to equip catechists and preachers with the tools necessary to use the Scriptures as effectively as possible. The goal is to build a deeper consciousness of the value of the created world and our relationship with it.

5-20 MAKING CORE VALUES INTO CORE MEMORIES: THE "INSIDE OUT" OF VALUES AND VIRTUES IN MEDIA 🔊

As cinema continues to tell us who we are and ought to be, this interactive presentation will consider the place of character education in basic human formation within the context of popular culture and film specifically. Participants will be led in an exercise to articulate and teach values and examine how these can bridge life and faith, integrating catechesis and spirituality in everyday life. A resource booklet will be provided.

**Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP**

Sr. Rose Pacatte, a Daughter of St. Paul, is a media literacy education specialist, author, noted print and online film and television critic, and an online facilitator for the University of Dayton's catechetical Virtual Learning Community.

Most recently she taught a communication and media literacy course in Nairobi, Kenya, and served on the Catholic jury at the Venice Film Festival in 2015. Sr. Pacatte is Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Culver City, Calif. Her latest book is "Martin Sheen: Pilgrim on the Way."

5-21 DEAD MAN WALKING: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES ... 🔊

Sr. Helen Prejean is a storyteller from the South. During this session, she will relate how she became involved with the Ministry Against the Death Penalty and stories about the many special people she has met along the way. Having witnessed and accompanied six men to their execution, she is passionate about the mission of abolishing the death penalty. She sees no dignity or justice in this punishment.

**Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ**

Sr. Helen Prejean, a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph, is author of "Dead Man Walking." The human rights activist speaker has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the death penalty and helping shape the Catholic Church's newly vigorous opposition to state executions. Based in New Orleans, Sr. Prejean travels the world speaking about her ministry. She is presently at work on another book, "River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey."

5-22 SYNOD ON THE FAMILY: WHAT HAPPENED, WHY IT MATTERS

Thomas J. Reese, SJ (bio 2-24)

What happened at October's Synod on the Family, and why does it matter? Topics will include the process, divorce and Communion, annulments, church treatment of gays, and how it can support families in crisis.

5-23 THE SPIRITUALITY OF ADMINISTRATION: PATHWAYS FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP 🔊

"Me, an administrator?! How did that happen?" We might not want to think of ourselves as administrators but there is a reason the word "administration" has the word "ministry" imbedded within it. Combining humor with practical insight, coupled with her experience as a parish and diocesan leader, Julianne Stanz will outline creative and practical pathways for leadership and administration with a deep focus on cultivating the spiritual values necessary for inspirational leadership.

**Julianne Stanz**

Originally from Ireland, Julianne Stanz is a nationally known speaker, retreat leader and storyteller with workshop and presentation experience both locally and nationally. She is Director of New Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., where she was Adult Faith Formation and Young Adult Ministry Director. Stanz also serves as a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization, and is co-author, with Joe Paprocki, of the book, "The Catechist's Backpack."

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5-24 THE LOST ART OF SACRED SYMBOLS 🔊

For centuries, we have surrounded ourselves with Christian symbols. We place them in our churches, our homes, our towns and even around our necks. Sad to say, many people have lost the art of interpreting these symbols and thus have lost access to these daily reminders of our faith. In this workshop, we will look at the origin and role of some of the most important Christian symbols. We will discuss ways in which to return these symbols to their due place of importance in our liturgy, in our catechesis and in our lives.

**Johan M. J. van Parys, PhD**

Since 1995, Dr. Johan van Parys has served as Director of Liturgy and the Sacred Arts at The Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. He is a Visiting Assistant Professor in Theology at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn., and a national consultant and speaker for RCL Benzinger. Dr. van Parys is a liturgical and art consultant for numerous dioceses, cathedrals and parishes. He is author of two books and several magazine pieces, a monthly contributor to Liguorian magazine and writes a weekly blog.

5-25 SPIRITUAL CARE FOR YOUR CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTERS

An active spiritual life that is linked to music helps us be authentic and inspiring music ministers. Come and explore this journey from personal prayer through music rehearsal to Sunday worship.



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.

5-26 MOVING WITH GOD'S INEXHAUSTIBLE MERCY WITHIN US

The Gospel often calls us to be like little children with their boundless energy and loving spirits. It invites us to dance with their spirit and that of the angels, the promise of heaven just before us. Come enjoy this sacred recreation and the joy of God with us, Emmanuel. 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 President of Nardin Academy in Buffalo, N.Y. His experience with the Religious Education Congress began in 1970, and since 1991, he has served on the Congress Liturgy Committee. West is a national and international workshop leader and lecturer in the field of medieval, sacred and liturgical dance at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, the University of Nations in Kona, Hawaii, and Bathurst College in Australia.

5-70 Lãnh Đạo Trẻ trong Giáo Hội: Cuộc Hành Trình nên Thánh

Các lãnh đạo và giáo lý viên sẽ trở thành những người đào luyện đức tin nên chứng tá cho người trẻ để giúp họ trở thành người Kitô hữu tốt và công dân chân thật.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH: AN EVERYDAY JOURNEY OF HOLINESS

Empower youth leaders and catechists with the means to become protagonists of their faith formation, showing youth with their example how to become leaders by being good Christians and honest citizens.



Sơ Đỗ Vương, FMA

Năm 1979 Sơ Đỗ Vương và gia đình rời Việt Nam bằng thuyền đến Thái Lan và đã lưu lại Thái Lan 5 tháng. Sau đó chính phủ Hoa Kỳ cho phép gia đình Sơ vào định cư tại Hoa Kỳ. Sơ lớn lên tại Nam California và sinh hoạt với giới trẻ đoàn Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể. Sau 6 năm làm việc với nghề trị liệu. Sơ theo tiếng gọi của Chúa và đã gia nhập Dòng Daughters of Mary Help of Christians năm 2003 và khấn lần cuối 2013. Hiện tại Sơ Đỗ Vương là Giáo sư Toán lớp Tiểu học và cũng là Bê trên nhà ở Laredo, Texas.

Sr. Vuong Do, FMA

In 1979, Sr. Vuong Do and her family escaped Vietnam by boat to Thailand. She lived with her family in Thailand for five months before her family could emigrate to America. She grew up in Southern California and worked with the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth for nearly two decades. After six years as an occupational therapist, she joined the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians in 2003 and taught religion at the elementary and junior high levels and helped prepare young adults in missionary work. Sr. Do made her final vows in 2013. She is currently a junior high math teacher and Superior for her community in Laredo, Texas.

IN 1967

the first Southern California Confraternity Congress is held at the LAX-area International Hotel (the property located at Sepulveda and Century boulevards), with a registration fee of \$5. An estimated 3,000 teachers are expected, but more than 7,000 attend, causing major problems with services and programming.

Then-Tidings writer Al Antczak (later Editor) recalled waiting 10 minutes to get on a very crowded elevator.



6-01 ALL LIVES MATTER: RECOGNIZING THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF ALL 🗣️ **ARENA**

Why do we have to say, “Black lives matter”? Why do we have to preach, “Who am I to judge?” Why do we have to “March for Life”? Shouldn’t the human race already understand that everyone has been created in the image and likeness of God? Unfortunately, we still live in an era where folks are judged “not by the content of their character” but rather by their race, creed, religion, sex and even sexual orientation. This interactive workshop will focus on the human dignity and equality of all and how we can promote and defend that equality in churches, schools and homes. In the eyes of God, “All lives matter!”

**Fr. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv**

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, currently teaches theology at St. Augustine High School in his native New Orleans. He is also an instructor at Xavier University's Institute for Black Catholic Studies 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.

6-02 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC: WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH 🗣️**John L. Allen Jr. (bio 7-01)**

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

6-03 THE COMMUNITY OF EARTH 🗣️**Dianne Bergant, CSA (bio 4-03)**

Contemporary cosmology reminds us of the interconnectedness of all material creation. This reality is frequently referred to as “community of Earth.” Several biblical passages from both the Old and the New Testaments will be examined to demonstrate this.

6-04 CROSSING THE GREAT DIVIDE – CREATING EVENTS FOR WHOLE PARISH COMMUNITIES 🗣️

There's a lasting impact on parish families when we minister effectively to the *whole* family. Nothing replaces experiencing things together. Increase your effectiveness as a faith-sharer, religious educator, community builder and youth minister. Learn to facilitate programs that children, teens, parents and grandparents will all remember! Walk away with a greater understanding of why and how we build strong communities. Plus, laugh a lot, maybe cry a little ... and be renewed in your own commitment to the craziness of parish ministry!

**Steve Angrisano**

Steve Angrisano is a musician, inspirational speaker and workshop presenter based in Texas. He has been featured at countless diocesan events and numerous major conferences, including the L.A. Religious Education Congress and Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Pastoral Musicians Conference, and seven World Youth Days. His latest offerings are “Leading Us Home: Music for Prayer and Worship,” “A New Day: Music for Prayer and Liturgy” and a book, “Essential Songs for Youth Ministry.”

6-05 TRUE STORIES OF SURVIVAL ON THE STREETS 🗣️

There has been a market for our children that exploits them and is often hidden from public scrutiny. In this session, women survivors will speak about their personal experience of trafficking on our streets and will share their wisdom to help us understand how we can protect the most vulnerable. Young people are often lured by job possibilities that turn out to be forms of human trafficking. Learn about the ways youth are recruited into sex trafficking. How does your merciful heart respond to the plight of young people enslaved behind closed doors? Allow the stories to awaken mercy within and move us into action.

**Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC**

Sr. Kathy Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. She has authored numerous articles and books and presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States. Sr. Bryant's special interests are in spirituality, formation, women's spiritual development and the abolition of human trafficking.

6-06 AT TABLE WITH JESUS: “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME” 🗣️**Fr. William L. Burton, OFM (bio 3-04)**

Jesus' early followers – Paul and the author of Luke/Acts in particular – understand and advance Jesus' ministry in terms of his “table fellowship.” What does he eat? With whom does he eat? Where does he eat? And what is Jesus teaching us by these scenes dealing with food and dining? What do these New Testament scenes tell us about the Eucharist? Ultimately, the question to be answered is this: Why did Jesus ask that we remember him by means of the Eucharistic meal? When seen in the context of first-century Judaism and Hellenism, this question is not as difficult to answer as we might think!

IN 2005

Vikki Shepp, co-coordinator of Youth Day, is appointed as Congress Coordinator. That year, RECongress 2005 totaled 36,331 registrants, 210 speakers, 379 volunteers, 214 exhibitors with 1,553 representatives, and 14,586 in attendance for Youth Day.



6-07 GOD'S GIFT OF INTIMACY: A CATHOLIC UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN SEXUALITY

In this workshop, we will reflect on Catholic teaching concerning human sexuality. The capacity for intimacy is a gift from God, intended to be lived out in different contexts depending on one's vocation and gifts. All are called to exercise the virtues of friendship, chastity and modesty, while some are called to the sacrament of matrimony or to consecrated celibacy. In addition to these varied ways of living out our sexuality, we will also discuss the "Theology of the Body," the practice of Natural Family Planning, and the significance of the recent Synod on the Family.



Fr. Luke Dysinger, OSB, MD, PhD

Born in Fullerton and raised in Huntington Beach, Calif., Fr. Luke Dysinger is a Board Certified doctor. In 1980, he joined St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif. For the past 16 years, the Benedictine monk and priest has been Professor of Moral Theology and Church History at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. Fr. Dysinger continues to lecture in bioethics to medical staff, give annual seminars at the International Conference on Patristics at Oxford University, and present workshops and retreats at St. Andrew's Abbey.

6-08 PREPARING YOUTH FOR CONFIRMATION THROUGH THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

The sacrament of confirmation strengthens an adolescent's bond to the Church in preparation for mission and witness. What if we used the life of the parish to form youth and prepare them for active discipleship? This workshop will explore practical ways to connect youth to mentors and open up the ministries of the faith community as a way to prepare youth for confirmation and renew family faith.



Tom East

Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development, based in Gig Harbor, Wash. Previously, he was Director of Youth Ministry and Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. East is a popular speaker at major youth ministry, religious education and catechetical conferences across the country, as well as those sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development. He is editor and author of numerous books, including "Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry."

6-09 SCIENCE, FAITH AND ATHEISM

In this session, we will first become familiar with the major talking points from the "New Atheists" and through an examination of the most recent, cutting-edge research we will see the impact it is having on Catholic youth and young adults. Second, we will become familiar with the Catholic Church's approach to science. Finally, we will present a spirituality that is relevant to today's cultural circumstance, which incorporates doubt, science and relationship with a loving God.



Robert Feduccia Jr.

Robert Feduccia was formerly General Manager at Spirit & Song and is now Executive Director and Producer for Mission Eighty5 at Saint Mary's Press. He is founding Director of the national Youth Liturgical Leadership Program and an instructor for the Permanent Deacon Formation Program at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana as well as for the formation Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn. Feduccia has been keynote speaker and retreat leader at liturgical conferences, diocesan youth conferences and college events.

6-10 EUCHARIST AND THE REAL PRESENCE: THE MODERN CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONVERSATION

Over the past several centuries, seismic changes have occurred in the frameworks employed in the West for understanding and explaining the nature of reality. These changes in disciplines, such as philosophy and the emerging social sciences, had enormous impact on Eucharistic theology as 20th-century theologians searched for new ways to explain the mystery of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist. This session will consider how contemporary theologians and even the digital age shed new light on this ancient mystery.



Edward Foley, OFM Cap

Capuchin priest Fr. Edward Foley is the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality, and Professor of Liturgy and Music at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he was founding Director of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program. He is also past President of the North American Academy of Liturgy. Fr. Foley has lectured in over 60 dioceses and has written over 300 book chapters, articles and reviews. The award-winning author has 23 books in print, most recently "Theological Reflection Across Faith Traditions."

6-11 THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: THE DRAMA OF IT ALL!

In this year of Luke's Gospel, come and join Anne Frawley-Mangan in an interactive and fun workshop! You will discover practical ways to help children engage with this Scripture by involving their mind, body and spirit through the creative process of drama. Be prepared to move, play and enjoy!



Anne Frawley-Mangan

An experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist, Anne Frawley-Mangan specializes in using the Arts (particularly drama) to enhance religious education and liturgy. She lives in Brisbane, Australia, and presents workshops and keynotes nationally and internationally as well as World Youth Days in the diocese. Currently, she is Creative Director for Litmus Productions and teaches at Holy Spirit Seminary in Queensland and Australian Catholic University in Sydney.

6-12 LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE: HOW CATHOLIC PARISHES AND SCHOOLS CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD 🔊

Dan Friedt (bio 1-06)

Catechists and teachers are being challenged by Pope Francis' call to our youth to change the world by living the Gospel. Whether you are teaching in a Catholic school or are a catechist in a parish religious faith-formation program, leadership with a social justice attitude can be learned and lived by every single child in that school or parish setting. In this dynamic, practical presentation, Dan Friedt demonstrates how children from kindergarten to grade 12 can use the power of "The Five Stages of Social Justice" and "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" to become leaders for a lifetime.

6-13 CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS: STRATEGIES FOR WORKING THROUGH MINISTERIAL CONFLICTS

Do you find yourself stuck in the same disagreements over and over again? Are you avoiding a situation in the hope that it will just go away? Come and learn a framework for analyzing the conflicts that pop up in any ministry and gain a set of skills to help engage the difficult conversations that must ensue.

**Ann M. Garrido**

Ann Garrido, is Associate Professor of Homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Mo., and a Consultant/Mediator with Triad Consulting Group, a conflict mediation and communications team based in Cambridge, Mass. Her teaching and research has focused on Christian conflict management and administration. Garrido is a recognized formation leader for the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She is author of "Redeeming Conflict" and "Preaching to the Choir."

6-14 VIDEO & FILM FOR EVANGELIZATION, CATECHESIS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING 🔊

Religious education and family ministry have never been more challenging. How do we engage people in ways that are relevant and meaningful to them? Film, television and video engage on the level of story, potentially drawing people to a deeper faith. This workshop will present best practices and new ideas for using media for classrooms, family enrichment and parish formation events. Included will be keys and templates for classroom movie discussions, family movie nights and parish movie events. We will present ideas for incorporating media links in existing parish communication to promote ongoing evangelization and faith development.

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

Fr. David Guffey, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, serves as National Director for Family Theater Productions, based in Hollywood, Calif. He has taught in religious formation programs at Moreau Seminary in Notre Dame, Ind., and at Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colo. Fr. Guffey has presented over 80 retreats and workshops on social justice,

art and culture, spirituality and faith over the past 20 years to parish, religious, school and diocesan groups in the United States, East Africa, Rome, Bangladesh and France.

6-15 MERE SPIRITUALITY: THE SPIRITUAL LIFE ACCORDING TO HENRI NOUWEN

As a prolific writer, Henri Nouwen addressed a multitude of wide-ranging topics, but only insofar as they bore directly upon his main thrust: our life in the Spirit. Never did he stray from this sole emphasis! To the most basic question – "What constitutes the very essence of our spiritual life?" – Nouwen's conceptual trilogy (solitude, community, ministry) provides the most solid answer as it represents a balanced conception of what authentic spirituality is about. It is spirituality pure and simple, without the unwanted trappings: mere spirituality indeed! This workshop focuses on Nouwen's own articulation of the substance of our spiritual life.

**Wil Hernandez, PhD, Obl OSB**

Dr. Wil Hernandez, an Oblate of Saint Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., is an international retreat leader, trained counselor, spiritual director and founder and Executive Director of Center-Quest. He is author of a trilogy on Henri Nouwen; his most recent book is "Mere Spirituality: The Spiritual Life According to Henri Nouwen." Hernandez has presented at Spiritual Directors International conferences and over the past 10 years has led seminars and courses on Nouwen across the United States, Canada and abroad.

6-16 WALKING WITH YOUNG ADULTS: TRANSITION AND PILGRIMAGE 🔊

Paul Jarzembowski (bio 1-12)

In a global world, people in their 20s and 30s are always on the move; their adult experiences are rapidly changing with each passing year. Ministry with these men and women can be challenging because of this seemingly chaotic reality. We will explore ways in which church leaders can accompany young adults through transitional moments and walk with them toward Christ through the ministry of pilgrimage and merciful accompaniment.

6-17 GRATITUDE AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: OPENING TO BOUNDLESS MERCY 🔊

Douglas Leal (bio 2-16)

Looking for boundless mercy? Try endless gratitude! Gratitude can open us up to recognize and receive the mercy of God, allow us to be merciful to ourselves, and give us the "mellow heart" we need to extend mercy and forgiveness to others. Plus, there's good evidence that practicing gratitude makes us happier! We'll explore the place of gratitude in the spiritual life, and examine some very practical ways to increase gratitude in ourselves and teach others to do the same.

6-18 MARGINS, MISSION, MERCY: FOLLOWING JESUS THE GALILEAN REJECT

Pope Francis has called us to the margins, to missionary discipleship, and to act with mercy. He has also reminded us that these callings stem from a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, the Son of God who became human as a rejected Galilean and invites us to follow him in the Galilees and Jerusalems of our time. This workshop will examine Jesus' Galilean origins, its significance for understanding the mystery of what God has revealed in Christ, and its implications for our life of discipleship today.



Dr. Timothy Matovina

Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he also serves as Co-Director of the Institute for Latino Studies. He is author of "Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church." Matovina has offered presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and various theological topics for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the United States and is a frequent and popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress.

6-19 EXAMINING THE CATHOLIC MYTHS AND THE LEGAL IMPACT ON THE FAMILY AFTER A CIVIL DIVORCE AND CHURCH ANNULMENT: A NECESSARY DIALOGUE

Divorce is not a myth but a reality in many unfulfilled marriages. The social and spiritual impact has a permanent effect on the family. The focus of this workshop is an attempt to understand the process of civil divorce and Church annulment especially in light of Pope Francis' recent reform of the marriage nullity process. Both presenters will examine actual marriage cases to assist families seeking healing through God's mercy and rebuilding the family's relationships after a civil divorce and a declaration of nullity by the Church.



Rev. Truc Quang Nguyen

Among the thousands of Vietnamese refugees escaping Vietnam after the fall of Saigon, Fr. Truc Nguyen came to the United States in 1975 with his parents and seven siblings. Having worked professionally for eight years as an engineer, Fr. Nguyen entered the seminary in 1994. He was ordained a priest in January 2000 for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is currently Judicial Vicar for the Metropolitan Tribunal. He is also Pastor at the Cathedral Chapel of Saint Vibiana in Los Angeles, where he has served since 2010.



Hon. Richard Montes (ret.)

Retired Judge Richard Montes served on the Municipal Court for Alhambra, Calif., and the L.A. County Superior Court. With posts as Deputy District Attorney and hearing officer for the National Labor Relations Board, the attorney was also Mayor for the city of San Gabriel, Calif. Judge Montes has been an active member of several Catholic parishes and several parish councils, and has served on the Peace and Justice Commission for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is a frequent lecturer to various groups of lawyers and judges.

6-20 ADORING FOOD: PASTORAL THEOLOGICAL PRESENTATION ON THE EUCHARIST

Rev. Leo Patalinghug (bio 1-18)

Based on the popular book, "Epic Food Fight: A Bite-Sized History of Salvation," this expansive topic touches on ecclesial salvation history, bite-sizing deep moral and sacramental theology, while incarnating a dynamic Catholic orthodoxy in the modern world. Delving into the mystery of the Mass, as a priest, theologian and chef, Fr. Leo Patalinghug draws out a rich pastoral theology of the Eucharist.

6-21 THE SECOND STEP IN SPIRITUALITY: THE DEEPER SECRETS INSIDE THE GOSPELS

Spirituality has stages. Initially the struggle is to get our lives together, to be essentially good people and good Christians. But where do we go from there? What lies beyond the essentials, the basics? How do we move from struggling to get our lives together to trying to give our lives away? How do we move from being a good person to being an exceptional one? This session will examine a number of invitations from the Gospels that invite us to a deeper, more mature discipleship.



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 has 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 currently 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.

6-22 SCIENCE AT THE DOORWAY TO GOD: AN ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIVERSE, NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES, AND THE SHROUD OF TURIN

New satellite data and contemporary theorems give more probative evidence of a creation of physical reality than ever before. The Southampton University Study of Near-Death Experiences (2014) adds to the large body of medical evidence supporting the possibility of human consciousness surviving bodily death. Three new dating tests in 2012 show the strong likelihood that the Shroud of Turin originated at the time of Jesus, and new physical evidence shows the probability of the body emitting a brief intense burst of vacuum ultraviolet radiation tantamount to several billion watts. Fr. Robert Spitzer will discuss these developments and their significance for faith in a culture of growing unbelief.

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

Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is President of the Magis Center at Christ Cathedral in Orange County, Calif., and of the Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership, based in Michigan. He served as President of Gonzaga University from 1998 to 2009 and has published eight books and many scholarly articles. Fr. Spitzer gives over 90 public presentations each year and appears on radio and television, including "Larry King Live" (debating Stephen Hawking), the "Today" show, the History Channel and PBS, among others.

6-23 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ACCOMPANY FAMILIES IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY?

Michael Theisen (bio 1-25)

It's amazing what happens when we walk with parents and families along their journey of faith instead of waiting for them to hurry up and arrive at the place we expect them to be. What might we come to know more deeply about parents and family life, the process of faith transmission and the presence of God if we dare accept the ministerial pace of accompaniment in our faith formation efforts? Let's find out ... together!

6-24 FIVE STEPS TO TELLING A GREAT STORY: HOW TO TEACH LIKE JESUS

Do you struggle with sharing your faith story? Would you like to become more confident in telling your story? Are you looking for examples for connecting real life to Gospel teaching? Do you know the right balance between storytelling and doctrinal instruction? Do you want to learn how to connect the seeker's story with Jesus' story?

**Nick Wagner**

Based in San Jose, Calif., Nick Wagner is co-founder and Director of TeamRCIA.com, an online resource for Catholic parishes. He has more than 25 years' experience as a leader and trainer in liturgical and catechetical ministries, serving as a diocesan director of worship and a parish liturgist, and is a regular faculty member in the San Jose Institute for Leadership in Ministry. A writer and editor, Wagner is author of many publications, including his latest entitled, "The Heart of Faith: A Field Guide for Catechumens and Candidates."

6-25 GUT CHECK: THE THREAD OF LOVE

Matthew O'Donnell Weber (bio 2-27)

Matt Weber had it all. A new book, new home, new wife, new dog, new job – and then it all came crashing down. Reflecting on a near-death experience at age 29 with several hurdles to follow, Weber examines the profound thread of love in his attempts at a physical, marital and spiritual comeback and looks back on how the fruits of spiritual wisdom at a young age are often the welcomed byproducts of life's many curveballs.

6-26 "THE PERFECT FAMILY DOESN'T EXIST": ENCOURAGING BOUNDLESS MERCY IN THE HOME

David Wells (bio 3-24)

Pope Francis warns us how ideal and unreal images of perfect family life can make us feel inadequate, dissatisfied and unable to live the family life we desire. In this session, we will look at what Pope Francis encourages us to teach families so that Boundless Mercy might be first experienced at home. We will first summarize what he says about families, and then we will consider how best to communicate it meaningfully. This practical and challenging session is for anyone who works with or ministers to children, young people or adults whose family life can sometimes seem to be struggling and at odds with the deeper aspirations of the Church.

6-70 Lãnh Đạo Gia Đình và Cộng Đoàn VN tại Mỹ: Bài học từ Các Thánh Tử Đạo VN

Rev. Giuse Nguyễn Việt Hưng, ICM & Prof. Lê Xuân Hy, PhD (1-70)

Gia đình và cộng đoàn ngày nay phải đương đầu với văn hoá sự chết. Chúng ta có thể học cách lãnh đạo gia đình và cộng đoàn từ các Thánh Tử Đạo VN. Các ngài theo Tin Mừng, xây dựng các tình thân vừa truyền giáo vừa mang sức sống cho cả mình lẫn người khác. Các ngài vừa đáp ứng, vừa thánh hoá văn hoá.

VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES LEARNING FROM THE VIETNAMESE MARTYRS

Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen, ICM & Prof. Hy Xuan Le, PhD (bio 1-70)

Families and communities today face tremendous cultural challenges. Leaders can learn to navigate these troubled waters from the Vietnamese Martyrs, who used the Good News as their guiding stars in building pastoral relationships that nurtured themselves and others. They adapt and simultaneously transcend the culture.



7-01 THE GLOBAL WAR ON CHRISTIANS: DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT LINES ARENA

Eighty percent of all acts of religious persecution in the world today are directed against Christians, but in the West it is often difficult to conceive of Christianity as a persecuted minority. Yet, every day in the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and parts of sub-Saharan Africa, Christians pay in blood for their faith in a rising tide of legal oppression, social harassment and direct physical violence. Christians today form the most persecuted religious body on the planet, and too often, its new martyrs suffer in silence. This session will sketch the global war against Christians and highlight what we can do about it.



John L. Allen Jr.

John Allen is Associate Editor of The Boston Globe and Crux, the Globe's Web site covering Catholicism. He serves as Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN and was a prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter for 16 years. Author of 10 best-selling books, Allen writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications and pens a weekly Internet column, "All Things Catholic." He is also a popular speaker in the United States and internationally.

7-02 THE RACIAL DIVIDE IN THE UNITED STATES

The racial divide in the United States was drawn from the dramatic events in cities around the country. It was intended to open minds and hearts as we try to deal with such tragedies that include deaths of young men of color during confrontations with local white police officers or neighborhood watch persons; unprecedented unrest (including not only peaceful demonstrations, but also violence and senseless destruction of property); and published surveys/media commentaries suggesting

the gulf exists between the way black people and white people view these events is wider than many people had thought. That gulf has been termed a racial divide.



Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, PhD, STD

Bishop Edward Braxton, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, served the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Diocese of Lake Charles, La., until his installation in 2005 as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville, Ill. He has taught at The Catholic University of America, the University of Notre Dame, Harvard University Divinity School, and the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Bishop Braxton's 2015 pastoral letter, "The Racial Divide in the United States," is used as a resource in the United States and abroad.

7-03 FROM THE FRONT LINES OF CRISES: HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES THROUGH THE LENS OF WOMEN

Caroline Brennan (bio 4-04)

The images from the world's global crises rarely feature those at the heart of them: Women. Join Caroline Brennan as she shines a spotlight on the issues facing women in today's most pressing humanitarian crises, and the unique needs and the impact of the Church's work on behalf of women and girls.

7-04 MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF MERCY

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC (bio 6-05)

A God of *boundless mercy* always invites us to life! How do you go about discovering which paths will lead you to more life? Our Catholic tradition provides us with a discernment process and tools that help us align our lives with God's will. Explore some ideas for yourself (or others) to experience God's incredible mercy as your life unfolds.



IN 2008 the Office of Religious Education hosts a dinner in honor of Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC, and her 20 years of leading the Religious Education Congress. Among the 500 in attendance are (left to right) Congress Event Coordinators Paulette Smith (2007-present) and Congress Program Coordinator Jan Pedroza (2003-present), former Director Sr. Edith, and former Congress Coordinators Vikki Shepp (2005-06), Mary Lou McGee (2004), and Adrian Whitaker (1985-2003).

7-05 BUILDING A STRONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Discover ways to turn your children's choir into the next generation of pastoral musicians in our Church. There will also be ideas of good repertoire for children and how to encourage some voices to become leaders of song in the Mass.



Jaime Cortez

Jaime Cortez has been a full-time pastoral musician in the Phoenix Diocese for 29 years. He is a teacher and clinician, a recording and concert artist and a songwriter of liturgical pieces. Cortez, published by OCP Publications, is one of the prominent writers of bilingual music; his music appears in all the major hymnals of the Catholic Church. He has presented at national conferences, including the Southwest Liturgical Conference, the East Coast Conference, and the Hispanic Pastoral Musician Conference.

7-06 IDENTITY WITH INTEGRITY: JOURNEYS OF LGBT CATHOLICS

How can someone be Catholic and lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT)? Many of us try to repress our sexuality in order to be perfect Catholics. When that doesn't work, we seek community outside the Church. We tend either to choose one and reject the other or to compartmentalize these parts of our lives. This does not work! We cannot truly be ourselves until we begin the journey to integrate faith and sexuality. In this workshop, a diverse panel of Catholics, educators, minorities and LGBT persons will share how we seek to live authentically as we journey to claim our whole identity with integrity.



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is Resource Director of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, based in Atlanta. He formerly served as Chair of the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons and has received the Archdiocese's Lumen Christi and Cardinal's Young Adult in Ministry Award. Dr. Fitzmaurice has contributed to America Media and appears in the Ignatian News Network's YouTube series on pastoral care of LGBT Catholics.

7-07 BRINGING SACRAMENT PREPARATION TO LIFE!

Steven Ellair (bio 3-06)

If it's time for new life and new ideas for effective sacrament preparation in your parish or school, don't miss this energizing workshop! Focus will be on key strategies and engaging activities that will bring sacrament preparation to the next level with children.

7-08 EMPOWERING YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP & RECEIVING THEM IN PARISH LIFE

According to a 2015 study, when asked about religion affiliation, 36 percent of young adults age 18-24 claim "none," giving rise to the nickname "the nones." More than 90 percent of Catholic high school seniors attend

IN 2013

, on December 2, Paulette Smith, Congress Event Coordinator, is named an Associate Director for the Office of Religious Education (ORE), as announced by then-ORE Director Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC. Paulette has served the Office of Religious Education for many years. In 2006, she was appointed (along with Jan Pedroza) as Co-coordinator of the Religious Education Congress.



non-Catholic colleges, which means that even non-Catholic schools play a pivotal role in the future vitality of the Church in America. How do we empower high school students to seek their faith in college? How does college campus ministry develop Church leadership? Once out of college, how can a young adult integrate into parish life? These questions will be explored in a panel discussion led by Fr. Dave Dwyer and Rosie Shawver.



Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP

Paulist priest Fr. Dave Dwyer is Executive Director of Busted Halo Ministries and Publisher of BustedHalo.com. He hosts the weekday Sirius-XM Radio "The Busted Halo Show" and co-hosts "Conversation with Cardinal Dolan" on EWTN.

Fr. Dwyer has appeared on CNN, Fox News, The History Channel, NBC News, The Today Show, The New York Times and The Daily Show. Fr. Dwyer formerly worked in Campus Ministry at the universities of Colorado and of Texas and developed ministry programs for the Military Archdiocese.



Rosie Chinae Shawver, MDiv

Rosie Shawver, a native of Southern California, began her work experience volunteering at Annunciation House, a home for immigrants in El Paso, Texas. She then moved to Albuquerque, N.M., to become Director of Campus Ministry at the University of New Mexico and then worked at Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., as the Parish and Faith Community Outreach Liaison. Today, she is Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Southern California's Caruso Catholic Center in Los Angeles.

7-09 LIVE FULLY WHILE YOU LIVE – PASS ON A LEGACY WHEN YOU DIE

Amy Florian (bio 3-10)

Facts: 1) In 70 percent of deaths, decisions must be made for treatment/non-treatment; 2) if you want to donate your organs, it isn't enough to sign your driver's license; and 3) most people would rather pass on a legacy of life lessons rather than possessions. So what documents must be in place for you to remain in control of decisions that affect your end-of-life treatment? What's a binding way to indicate you want to donate organs? How can you pass on your wisdom to kids and grandkids? This is not about ethics of end-of-life decisions; instead, explore the most effective ways to ensure that your medical, financial and legacy wishes are known and honored.

Workshops

IN 1976

Pope Paul VI establishes the Diocese of Orange, which had been part of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles until March 24, 1976. Los Angeles Auxiliary **Bishop William Johnson** is appointed as the first Bishop of Orange, and the existing Holy Family Church in Orange is designated as the cathedral for the new diocese in California.



7-10 PAUL'S TEACHING AND EUCHARISTIC LIVING

Edward Foley, OFM Cap (bio 6-10)

"Irascible" Paul was also "integrated" Paul. At the birth of Christianity, St. Paul understood that following Jesus could not be reduced to engaging in the Jesus rituals; rather, it required living the Jesus life in communion. This exploration of the Corinthian challenges that Paul faced allows us to consider how this same "challenge" confronts contemporary worshipping communities.

7-11 THE CATECHUMENATE AS THE INSPIRATION FOR ALL CATECHESIS: WHY AND HOW?

Dr. Jerry Galipeau (bio 4-11)

Both the General Directory and the National Directory for Catechesis reflect the Church's directive and vision that the Catechumenate (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) inspires all of the Church's catechetical activity. This is a powerful and potentially revolutionary vision when put into practice. Discover the theory behind the principle and what it means to put the vision into practical parish application for the RCIA and for all catechesis.

7-12 LEADING IN GRACE: SERVING GOD

Dr. Greer G. Gordon (bio 1-07)

In the community of believers, leaders are expected to have two fundamental objectives: obedience to the Will of God and service to the People of God. Because of these fundamentals, the models of leadership in the Church appear to be restrictive and demanding. After a brief review of her 2015 session on servant leadership, Dr. Greer Gordon will present a concrete discussion of the inherent tensions between types of leadership and the structure of the Church, and ways to develop, enhance and maintain lay leadership. Additionally, this session will address the formation of a leadership stance that is directive, yet collaborative; bold, yet rooted in tradition; and spiritual, yet functional in a secular society.

7-13 CAN MAN LIVE WITHOUT GOD?

Darrell Hall (bio 5-15)

Can man live without God? Yes, in a physical sense, but is it reasonable? No, because you cannot build a coherent ethical foundation without first establishing the purpose and destiny of human life. If life is meaningless and absurd, why should ethics serve any purpose except my own? Why should I subject myself to anyone else's moral convictions? In our search for morality and happiness outside of God, we have effectively lost all three – God, morality and happiness.

7-14 WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY ABOUT "MERCY"?

We so often pray, "Kyrie eleison" or "Lord, have mercy." But what does the Bible really say about the mercy of God? How does Jesus show God's mercy, through his life, his teachings and his actions? And how do the Sacred Scriptures challenge us to put mercy into practice concretely today? This workshop will explore the biblical themes of mercy, compassion, pity, forgiveness and kindness. It will help us better know what we are asking for when we pray for God's mercy, and how God also expects us to act mercifully toward others.



Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD

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 – the University of San Francisco, Santa Clara and Loyola Marymount. 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 has seven audio-lecture programs with Now You Know Media and maintains a large, internationally recognized website of "Catholic resources."

7-15 EMERGING TRENDS IN YOUTH MINISTRY: THE PAIN AND THE PROMISE

Robert J. McCarty, DMin

What's new in youth ministry? Its leaders must be future-oriented because pastoral ministry to, with, for and by young people is changing – rapidly. This workshop will describe the shifting societal and Church landscape, identify ministerial trends and provide a blueprint for our ministry. We need to assess the territory and develop new ministry maps if we are to build foundations under our dreams for the young Church.



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the Washington, D.C.-based National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, which offers youth ministry resources, training, conferences and leadership. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. McCarty provides training in ministry skills and issues internationally. He also serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.

7-16 MEETING JESUS 🔊**James Martin, SJ (bio 4-01)**

Come and see! Come and encounter the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith, as Fr. James Martin invites you into the Gospel narratives to learn more about the person at the center of our lives. Fr. Martin, author of “Jesus: A Pilgrimage,” will provide historical details, spiritual insights and biblical exegesis to deepen your appreciation of the fully human, fully divine Son of God.

7-17 FROM ACCESS TO BELONGING 🔊**Mary O’Meara (bio 2-22)**

In this workshop, we will explore the notion of persons with special needs moving past being simply “recipients” of the faith, toward being *agents* of the Gospel message. Ways for including persons with disabilities and special needs in the life of the parish, across that person’s lifespan, will also be discussed. As the Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities states, “We are a single flock under the care of a single shepherd. There can be no separate Church for persons with disabilities.”

7-18 SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES: EVANGELIZATION FROM THE INSIDE OUT 🔊**Sr. Theresa Rickard, OP (bio 1-22)**

Whether personal or communal, the encounter with Christ and others touches our hearts and moves us to share the Good News. Such encounters provide insight and help us to integrate faith-knowledge with faith-action. Small parish communities provide the optimum environment, motivating members to become missionary disciples and evangelizers. This session provides practical ways to launch and grow parish small groups with a focus on mission.

THE BEGINNINGS

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 to teach refugees of the Mexican Revolution.



Bishop Cantwell had appointed Fr. Leroy Callahan, pastor of San Antonio de Padua in East Los Angeles, to work in this ministry. The first CCD program was established at Immaculate Conception Church on 9th Street in Los Angeles in 1922, followed by parish units established throughout the Archdiocese, with then-Fr. (later Archbishop) **Robert E. Lucey** as the first Director of the new program.

7-19 SHARED PARISHES AND INTERCULTURAL LIFE 🔊

An ever-growing number of our parishes celebrate liturgy and provide ministries in two or more languages or cultural contexts, but not without challenges. Jesus prayed that we “may all be one,” and our pastoral efforts continue to reflect that prayer. We will dialogue about what it takes to develop a plan for achieving communion from diversity. We’ll take a look at our community’s life of prayer and formation of a multicultural spirituality; we’ll sing songs, look at documents, resources and dialogue about best practices.

**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. Rubalcava has taught at the Tepeyac Institute in El Paso, Texas, the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif., and the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. Since 1985, he has been a frequent speaker at liturgy and other ministry conferences on the national, diocesan and parish levels.

7-20 PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE: RESPONDING TO A NEW PROBLEM OF CULTURAL DECLINE 🔊**Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD (bio 6-22)**

A new wave of assisted-suicide legislation and initiatives has been sweeping the country. California is the latest state to have approved such legislation. Many Catholics have asked why the Church is taking an active position in a question of seemingly private choice in civil society. Fr. Robert Spitzer will discuss why assisted suicide is a fundamental justice issue – giving freedoms to one group that impose onerous burdens to die on other groups: the vulnerable, the disabled and the economically and socially marginalized. He will also explain the cultural effects of assisted suicide in the Netherlands. Catholics have an important part to play in this social issue.

7-21 FORMING ADULTS AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: FIVE CREATIVE STRATEGIES 🔊**Julianne Stanz (bio 5-23)**

Pope Francis asks us to form and send out “missionary disciples” from our ministries. What does this mean? In our parishes, we often meet adults at the most joyful and hope-filled moments of their life – when they get engaged, are married, at baptism and when they seek out faith formation for their children. We also encounter parishioners at moments of intense struggle and pain – through death, brokenness and moments of questioning. This workshop will give participants five practical and effective ways to encounter, form and send out missionary disciples to change the world.



IN 1970 the annual Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress was moved to the Anaheim Convention Center. Prior to the move, building officials worried that the Anaheim Room (pictured) and other venues would be empty.

7-22 BUILDING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: HUMANIZING THE SOCIAL NETWORKS 🎧

Msgr. Paul Tighe (bio 1-26)

In this workshop, we will focus on identifying the possibility of the social networks, realizing their potential to be places of dialogue and authentic human growth. In particular, Msgr. Paul Tighe will seek to clarify how Christian believers, together with others of goodwill, can work to ensure that the social networks promote a greater sense of unity within the human family.

7-23 AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO: A PERSON OF FAITH IN A TIME OF CRISIS AND CONFUSION 🎧

Rev. Thomas C. Weston, SJ (bio 4-25)

Augustine is the most influential writer/thinker in the Latin Church, after St. Paul and before Thomas Aquinas. For 900 years he was the voice of orthodoxy and reason. He lived in a time of chaos, conflict, rebellion and barbarian invasions. Manichaeism, Pelagianism and Donatism were heresies that were destroying the Christian community. In this session, Fr. Thomas Weston will present the conflicts and the accomplishments of Augustine as he comes to an understanding of the Gospel and human society in the late-fourth and early-fifth centuries. He is brilliant, creative and passionate, and he gives us the good example of doing the same in the 21st century.

7-24 THE HEART AND SOUL OF UNITY FOR COUPLES 🎧

Our experience of authentic happiness in married life corresponds to the level of unity that we live as spouses. Unity is a gift from God that requires our daily commitment to a Trinitarian lifestyle. In this presentation, Dr. John Yzaguirre integrates psychological and spiritual approaches necessary for a Trinitarian lifestyle, where we welcome each other with compassionate acceptance, practice unconditional self-giving and prioritize a life of communion and mutuality. When we are united as Jesus wants, we experience the fullness of joy for which we are searching.



Dr. John Yzaguirre

Dr. John Yzaguirre is a psychologist and author specializing in family life and Catholic spirituality. He co-directs the California Prosocial Institute with his wife, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, with whom he has co-authored "Thriving Marriages." He has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. Besides his active private practice in Irvine, Calif., Dr. Yzaguirre offers marriage and family formation seminars at churches throughout the United States.

7-70 Một xã hội đang cần lòng thương xót 🎧

Đức Cha Giuse Vũ Văn Thiên (2-70)

Trong xã hội, khi con người đứng đưng với Thượng Đế, thì họ cũng đứng đưng với nhau, ngay cả trong hững mối liên hệ thân thiết. Tình trạng xã hội bất ổn do chiến tranh, bạo lực, đói khát, tệ nạn xã hội là nguyên nhân của việc loại trừ Thiên Chúa khỏi cuộc sống hằng ngày. Mỗi tín hữu hãy là những người quảng diễn lòng thương xót của Chúa qua việc sống có trách nhiệm, quan tâm đến nhau và tôn trọng người khác.

A SOCIETY IN NEED OF MERCY 🎧

Bishop Joseph Thien Van Vu (bio 2-70)

In our society, when people are indifferent to God, they are also indifferent to each other, even in intimate relationships. The unstable status of society – due to war, violence, hunger and other social evils – are the cause of the exclusion of God from daily life. Every faithful person needs to become someone whose life shares God's mercy through responsible living, with care and respect for one another.



8-01 A RESTLESS HUMANITY IN SEARCH OF MEANING 🎧 **ARENA**

During this Year of Mercy, we focus not only on God, the source of Boundless Mercy, but also on the recipients of that mercy. We are aware of our failings and wounded natures – and our need for the One who created us. This need is expressed in prayer, in literature, in music. One song in particular will be the focus of this presentation, “Need You Now,” by Plumb. The song claims: “Everybody’s got a wound to be healed ... I want to believe there’s meaning here ... trying to hear that still small voice above the noise.” Pope Francis responds: “God invites us to a conversation. God waits for us. God does not tire of forgiving.” This session will examine the conversation to which we are called.

**Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD**

Sr. Maureen Sullivan is a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York. After 26 years of teaching theology, she is now Professor Emerita at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. She also serves as a religion consultant for the William H. Sadlier Publishing Company. A popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, Sr. Sullivan has written two books on Vatican II: “101 Questions and Answers on Vatican II” and “The Road to Vatican II: Key Changes in Theology.”

8-02 HOW TO COACH PARENTS TO FORM THEIR OWN CHILDREN IN FAITH 🎧**Paul Canavese (bio 4-05)**

Catechists cannot substitute for parents. For faith formation to last a lifetime, parents must be involved in the process. Parents want this, but often feel intimidated and don’t know where to start. This challenge is the very heart of evangelization and precisely the point at which we can show them the mercy of the church as we welcome and assist them. This workshop will present: 1) the role of parents, as taught by the Church; 2) practical ways parishes can engage, coach and empower parents; and 3) suggested resources to support parish leaders in this ministry. Special attention will be placed on sacramental preparation.

8-03 EFFECTIVE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC MINISTRY: COLOR INSIDE THE LINES, BUT USE BRIGHT COLORS! 🎧

Starting and leading a weekly parish youth liturgy is challenging, but fun. This workshop explores effective ways to make liturgies more engaging to young people, led by young people. You don’t have to sacrifice rubrics or richness!

**Craig Colson**

Craig Colson is a published composer with World Library Publications. He has directed music since 1993 in the Phoenix area and is currently Music and Liturgy Director at St. Francis Xavier Church. Skilled in piano, guitar, voice,

percussion and drums, Colson has spoken at Life Teen music conventions and conferences in the areas of liturgy and music. He also provides music suggestions and writes articles for the Life Teen liturgy planning guides.

8-04 A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF SOME OF OUR FAVORITE GOSPEL STORIES 🎧**Rev. John C. Cusick (bio 2-11)**

We all have a list of our favorites, from books and movies, athletic events, places we have visited, songs, and historical and political heroes. We can say the same about our favorite Gospel stories. Let’s revisit some of them (the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, the Adulterous Woman, the Nativity, Jesus and Peter, the Death of Christ, and a few more if time permits). If we deepen our understanding of their images, symbols and culture, each story can become an even more important part of our spiritual lives.

8-05 FOOD AS A LANGUAGE FOR FAMILY 🎧**Robin Davis (bio 5-10)**

Sharing a meal with someone is one of the most personal and universal experiences of life. When Robin Davis, author of “Recipe For Joy,” married a widower with three young children, she felt wholly unequipped to take on full-time motherhood. But she did know how to cook (she had made a career out of it). Robin will share her story of how she used the dinner table as a way to bond with her new family with food as a language they could all understand.

IN 1974

the Youth Day Mass that is held in the Anaheim Convention Center Arena numbers 9,000. Cardinal Timothy Manning concelebrates the Mass with 80 priests who especially work with young people.



8-06 ENCOUNTER AND MISSION: THE ADOLESCENT DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

Tom East (bio 6-08)

Youth and college-age young adults are making big decisions about their lives, their priorities and their relationships. This is the moment to help them choose Christ as the center of their commitments. The disciples' journey moves from encounter to relationships, through formation to mission. This workshop will explore ways to accompany, support and form youth and college-age young adults as active young disciples. We will explore practical, effective ways to help youth live and love their Catholic faith, and grow in their friendship with Christ.

8-07 FREEDOM AND FORGIVENESS: A FRESH LOOK AT THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Paul Farren (bio 2-12)

This workshop explores the sacrament of reconciliation as a powerful gift given by God – a gift that has the power to renew the Church. This renewal comes when we focus on the two people who confess – God and the penitent – within the context of the praying community. God is the primary confessor, when he declares his forgiveness for and trust in the one who is celebrating the sacrament. How the friendship between God and the penitent is renewed is explored using the Rite of Penance and St. Peter in the Gospel.

8-08 WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE!

Anne Frawley-Mangan (bio 6-11)

Children are filled with wonder. They intuitively use their imaginations to see and engage with the world – and our awesome God. The challenge is to keep this wonder alive as they get older. In this fun and interactive workshop, you will learn skills and techniques that will help you discover creative ways that drama encourages wonder-filled experiences.

8-09 JESUS AND “THE X FACTOR”

Fr. Rob Galea (bio 3-11)

After much thought, prayer and discernment, Fr. Rob Galea recently appeared on the 2015 TV series, “The X Factor Australia.” In this workshop, he will be talking (and singing) about connecting today’s pop culture and pop music with our Catholic Christian faith.

IN 1970 the focus of Congress is on the catechist – referred to as “CCD worker or teacher” – and his or her skills in the classroom. Workshop topics include themes relevant to what is going on in society, like “The Theology of Ecology” and “The ‘Switched-On’ Generation: God, Love and Rock and Roll,” and the latest in audio and visual media tools are showcased in workshops like “Super 8 Movies and the CCD Student.”

8-10 MENTORING IN MINISTRY

Ann M. Garrido (bio 6-13)

Excellence in ministry requires not only knowledge of Scripture and church teaching, but the ability to use that knowledge pastorally on behalf of God’s people – an art that involves skill, reflection and time. This workshop offers mentorship tools and processes for those entrusted with the pastoral development of the next generation of ministers in the Church.

8-11 DEEP CHANGE: MEETING GOD DURING TIME OF TRANSITION AND FAILURE

Richard F. Groves (bio 4-13)

Change in life is inevitable. Authentic spirituality teaches how to deal with the suffering that can be associated with stressful times. While we often find periods of “unchange” consoling, mystics of the great spiritual traditions all agree that God is especially accessible to us when life seems to be dissolving through the “sacrament of failure.” This workshop explores “the mystery of deep change,” as author Susan Plummer describes it, and how one can live hopefully through times of unknowing. The secret is learning how to trust that, while life’s biggest changes at first can be unsettling, a whole new world of spiritual possibility is often being revealed.

8-12 CATHOLIC VIDEO-MAKER'S FORUM

Fr. David L. Guffey, CSC (bio 6-14)

With cheaper cameras and access to Internet platforms, there has been an explosion of Catholic video content. Amid all the options, how do audiences find that content? Holy Cross Family Ministries recently commissioned the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University to conduct a study of the faith life and media use of U.S. Catholic families. Fr. David Guffey will show how this research can help. This workshop will bring together video-makers of all levels of skill and sophistication to share ideas about producing impactful videos and engaging target audiences for education, inspiration and evangelization.

8-13 LAUDATO SI': SINGING AND PRAYING THE CANTICLE OF CREATION WITH FRANCIS

Marty Haugen (bio 5-01)

The first words of Francis of Assisi’s beautiful canticle of creation – “Praise be to you, my Lord” – open Pope Francis’ powerful encyclical on the environment. Echoing Pope Paul VI, Pope Francis calls all people on Earth to a “radical change in conduct.” How can our liturgies, especially the sacrament of the Eucharist, reflect and participate in the spirit of this encyclical? How are we bound up through the Paschal Mystery in the life of all creation?

TODAY the Religious Education Congress supports the diverse needs of parish leaders by offering workshops in evangelization, liturgy, theology, Scripture, spirituality, morality, parish leadership, detention ministry, peace and justice, as well as adult, elementary and early childhood catechesis and youth ministry.

8-14 KEYS TO PROCLAIMING THE WORD: THE TASK OF CATECHESIS

Dr. Saundra Kennedy (bio 1-13)

Our key objective as catechists, who echo the person of Jesus, is to proclaim God's Word to those to whom we minister. Thus, we embrace Jesus' mission to "Go ... make disciples of all nations." As catechists, how do we go about doing this? What might we do to ensure that the disciples of Jesus today come to know and understand God's Word and their own mission? This workshop will discuss the goal of catechesis – proclaiming the Word and making new disciples – in light of "The Six Tasks of Catechesis" outlined in the General and National Directories for Catechesis.

8-15 THE CELTIC HEART OF MERCY

Liam Lawton examines the meaning of mercy in Celtic spirituality. "Advancing in holiness" meant having an awareness of God in all things and all people. The creative energy going out from God is ever-present, ever-changing, and thus challenges us to reflect in our daily lives the mercy and compassion in Jesus Christ. In the Celtic world, all human relations must be characterized by mercy and not just self-interest – a real challenge for living today! Through word and song, Liam Lawton explores this theme.



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 has written two books. Fr. Lawton's music has been performed for many state occasions in Ireland and elsewhere. He has recorded a number of TV specials including two on PBS and one BBC special for the United Kingdom. He has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States, and is one of the most frequent presenters at the Los Angeles RECongress.

8-16 WHAT ARE WE HOP-ING? STORIES OF MERCY FOR LENT AND EASTER

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (bio 4-17)

Though you could be forgiven for not knowing it, the Church actually describes Lent as a "joyful season." How can we rediscover stories and images of God's *boundless mercy* that are meant to fill us with joy as we are set free in Christ.

8-17 THE SPIRITUAL BRIDGE: MOSES TO JESUS

Jews and Christians tend to see a disconnect between Moses and Jesus – one a man of law, the other of faith. In this workshop, we will explore the deep spiritual connections between these two men of God. Our focus will be on how they both brought their people to faith in and obedience to God.



Rabbi Michael Mayersohn

Based in Southern California, Rabbi Michael Mayersohn is a Reform Rabbi who teaches the Bible, both Hebrew and New Testament, offering Jewish insights into Sacred Scriptures. Since 2003, he has spoken at over 20 churches in Orange County and San Diego in California and in Arizona, teaching Christians the Jewish roots of Christianity and context of the life and ministry of Jesus. Rabbi Mayersohn has been a presenter at the Religious Education Congress since 2010 and is author of "Are We Sinners?"

8-18 LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Fr. Jonathan Morris (bio 3-19)

Join Fr. Jonathan Morris as he suggests practical approaches to making our homes and parishes bright with the light of Christ!

8-19 GENESIS, EVOLUTION & THE IMAGE OF GOD

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

Christianity has always been fascinated with key texts in Genesis, such as the *Imago Dei*, the "image" of God. In this session, we will take up Genesis 1-3 once again, but suggest how Genesis opens a dialogue with aspects of evolutionary thought: dialogue rather than rejection!

8-20 LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS AS "SOURCE AND SUMMIT" OF CHRISTIAN HOPE

Johan M. J. van Parys, PhD (bio 5-24)

Though we celebrate our faith and nourish our hope on a weekly basis, this does not prevent occasional bouts with disbelief and despair. In such difficult times, it is especially important to participate in the liturgy to affirm our faith and strengthen our hope. This workshop will look at the liturgy as the "source and summit" of our Christian life. We will be reaffirmed in our understanding of the liturgy as the "source and summit" of Christian hope while learning methods by which to strengthen this knowledge and experience among parishioners.

IN 2006

RECongress, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education, marks its 50th annual event (beginning with the first CCD "institute" in 1956). That year, Congress has for its theme "Step into Freedom"/"Paso a la Libertad."



IN 2015

Following nearly three decades of service, **Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC**, retires as Director of the archdiocesan Office of Religious Education, effective June 30.



She is succeeded by **Fr. Christopher Bazouros**, who has served at several different churches in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Prior to his appointment as Director, he served as Consultant for Adult Faith Formation in the Office of Religious Education.

8-70 Lãnh Đạo Trẻ: Nhân Chứng cho Tình Yêu

Sơ Đỗ Vương, FMA (5-70)

“Nếu chúng ta không cho họ Chúa Giêsu, thì chúng ta chưa cho đủ” – Đức Giáo Hoàng Benedict XVI Emeritus. Giúp giới trẻ càng thêm thấm nhuần trong tình yêu với Chúa Giêsu, Người là ánh sáng soi dẫn trên con đường lãnh đạo.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP: A WITNESS TO LOVE

Sr. Vuong Do, FMA (bio 5-70)

“If we don’t give them Jesus, we don’t give enough,” said Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. This session will help young people deepen their relationship with Jesus, who is a beacon of leadership.

8-21 HOW TO EVANGELIZE LIKE A ROCK STAR – IN A SUBTLE, CATHOLIC KIND OF WAY

Nick Wagner (bio 6-24)

Pope Francis said, “The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you.” How do you do that in a normal, everyday way that doesn’t involve standing on a street corner with a large sign? In this workshop, we will explore how Catholic evangelization happens and how we can be more effective evangelists. You will learn: why evangelization is crucial to conversion; what evangelization looks like for Catholics; and how to strike up spiritual conversations – without seeming weird. This workshop will change the way you think about, and do, evangelization.

8-22 USING BOUNDLESS ENERGY TO FORM BOUNDLESS FAITH!

Pope Francis urges us to work “tirelessly” for the Gospel – quite a challenge when your work is with young children! Come and join WLP artist James Wahl, from St. Francis of Assisi Parish in North Carolina, as he shares music and strategies that enable those working with young children to channel that energy toward an encounter with Jesus. Explore how, in a culture where children are surrounded by media from their earliest days, it is vital that our message of faith be tailored with quality and fun. This workshop is geared to anyone working with children ages 3 to 8.

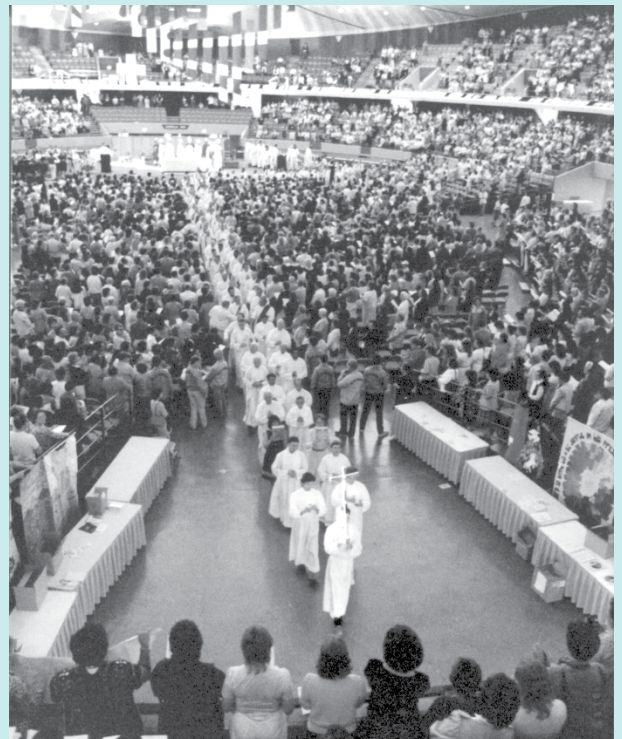


James Wahl

Composer James Wahl has been performing children’s music for over 15 years and has presented at various diocesan youth events over past 10 years for both the dioceses of Phoenix and Raleigh, N.C. Currently Director of Music at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Raleigh, Wahl previously ministered in California and at SS. Simon and Jude Cathedral in Phoenix. He has a CD of original music for young children titled “Standin’ On the Rock.”

IN 1984

the recession at the Closing Liturgy in the Anaheim Convention Center Arena brought to a close Congress 1984, held March 22-25 with the theme, “The Lord is With Us” / “El Señor está con Nosotros.”





TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

William Shakespeare escribió: “¡Abre las puertas de misericordia, Dios misericordioso! Por medio de estas heridas mi alma vuela a buscarte.”

En medio de nuestras limitaciones y defectos nos encontramos con un Dios que es infinito. Nuestro tema del Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2016 – “Misericordia Inagotable” – se inspira por la historia en el Evangelio del encuentro de Jesús con la mujer en el pozo y del Año Jubilar de Misericordia convocado por el Papa Francisco.

En su carta, *Misericordiae Vultus*, escribe el Papa Francisco, “La misericordia siempre será más grande que cualquier pecado y nadie podrá poner un límite al amor de Dios que perdona” (3). Se manifiesta esta misericordia y amor en Jesús cuando él habla con la mujer Samaritana y promete darla “agua viva.” Yo les invito a ustedes a venir al Congreso de Educación Religiosa en Anaheim,

“...de manera que Cristo habite por la fe en sus corazones; y que... sean capaces de comprender con todos los santos cual es la anchura, la longitud, la altura y la profundidad, y de conocer el amor de Cristo que sobrepasa el conocimiento” (Ef 3:17-19).

– Rev. Christopher Bazyouros
Director, 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 300 conferencias 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 8 de enero, 2016); \$80 (después del 8 de enero, 2016). 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.

JUEVES – 25 DE FEBRERO

(Horario de Día de los Jóvenes en las páginas 8-9)
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Inscripción

VIERNES – 26 DE FEBRERO

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**)
– Santiago Fernández,
Pedro Rubalcava, Rudy López
& Estela García-López
Música (**Sala B**)
– WAL
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
7:45 - 9:45 pm “Film Showcase” 2016
(Convenciones 201)
8:00 pm **Concierto (Arena)**
– “JOB: The Now Testament”
9:00 pm Oración taizé
(Convenciones 303)

SÁBADO – 27 DE FEBRERO

7:30 am - 3:00 pm Inscripción
7:50 am Alabanza matutina (**Arena**)
8:30 am Asamblea General (Arena, sin
traducción)
– Hna. Helen Prejean
10:00 - 11:30 am 4ª Sesión de Conferencias
11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm Música (**Arena**)
– John Angotti, Lorraine Hess
& Meredith Augustin
Música (**Sala B**)
– Sarah Hart, Vallimar Jansen
& Estela García-López
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
8:00 pm **Concierto (Arena)**
– “Fiesta Latina”
8:30 pm Iluminaciones Sagrado
(Convenciones 213)
9:00 pm - 12:00 Baile (Marriott)

DOMINGO – 28 DE FEBRERO

7:15 am Rosario (Convenciones 303)
8:00 - 11:00 am Inscripción
8:00 - 9:30 am Liturgia Eucarística
(Arena)
8:30 am Asamblea de la mañana
Español:
– Hna. María Bracamontes
Inglés:
– Rev. James Heft
10:00 - 11:30 am 7ª Sesión de Conferencias
11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm **Música (Arena)**
– Pbro. Rob Galea
Música (Hall B)
– John Burland, Andrew Chinn
& Michael Mangan
1:00 - 2:30 pm 8ª Sesión de Conferencias
3:30 pm Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)

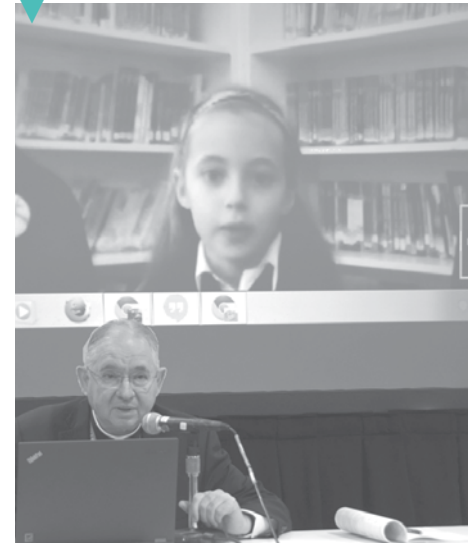
EVENTOS

ENTRETENIMIENTO La admisión al Congreso incluye tiempo libre para el almuerzo y conciertos por la tarde – que van desde música Cristiana contemporánea a autores y compositores Latinos – el Viernes por la tarde tendremos la muestra de Cine, y el Iluminación Sagrada en Sábado.



LITURGIAS El Congreso anualmente ofrece una serie de liturgias de carácter diferente. El Congreso 2016 ofrece 17 liturgias eucarísticas, incluso cuidado de la tierra, español, indonesio, la iglesia en los márgenes, misa de la compasión, cultura negra, nigeriano y vietnamitas, así como oración de la tarde y servicios de taizé. *(Consulte la página 22.)*

EVENTOS La sala de exposiciones (“Hall A”) es uno de los lugares más lleno de vida del Congreso. Durante el fin de semana asegúrate de ver que está pasando en el stand ORE. El Centro Tecnológico estará adyacente y es allí donde se llevara a cabo el viernes el Chat con el Arzobispo José Gomez y la transmisión en vivo de “Busted Halo.”



CONFERENCIAS Durante los cuatro días, el Congreso 2016 ofrecerá conferencias con temas que van desde el crecimiento personal, la música y temas espirituales – se ofrecen en tres idiomas: español, inglés y vietnamita. Nuestra asamblea general, conocida como “Keynote” en inglés, es el sábado y nuestra asamblea en español el domingo.



ESPACIO SAGRADO Descubra la tranquilidad en medio del caos del Congreso. En el tercer piso del Centro de Convenciones se puede encontrar una capilla, el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y de un laberinto. Disfrute de una escapada con la música. *(Viernes a domingo)*



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.





UN MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Les doy una calurosa bienvenida a cada uno de ustedes aquí presentes en el Congreso 2016!

En este Año de la Misericordia declarado por el Papa Francisco, es muy apropiado que el tema que nos reúna sea Misericordia inagotable.

Al anunciar este Año Jubilar, el Santo Padre nos recordó que la misericordia “revela el misterio de la Santísima Trinidad” y es “el acto último y supremo con el cual Dios viene a nuestro encuentro.” Asimismo, nos ha invitado a tener presente que la misericordia debe ser el camino por el cual peregrinamos en nuestra vida cristiana. En sus palabras, la misericordia es “la vía que une Dios y el hombre.”

Espero que este fin de semana de oración, formación y de compartir les ofrezca la oportunidad de abrirse a un encuentro más profundo con el don de la misericordia que hemos recibido de nuestro Padre amoroso. Permitamos que su presencia toque hondamente nuestro corazón y experimentemos una conversión, para que así podamos vencer todo aquello que nos aleja de Él y vivamos renovados por su misericordia sanante. De este modo podremos llegar a ser instrumentos dóciles en las manos del Señor, y nos transformaremos en puentes, en esas “vías” en la vida de las personas que nos rodean, ayudándolos así a llegar al Dios que es Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo.

Confío estos días a la amorosa intercesión de nuestra Santísima Madre María y le pido a Dios que bendiga abundantemente a cada uno de ustedes y sus seres queridos.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

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

SALUDO DEL DIRECTOR

¡Bienvenidos al Congreso 2016!

Me llena de alegría extenderte desde lo más profundo de mi corazón una invitación para reunirte con nosotros en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Angeles en Anaheim. ¡Es una bendición tenerte cada año compartiendo tu historia y renovando tu pasión de proclamar la Buena Nueva!

Nuestro tema para este año, *Misericordia Inagotable*, se inspira del encuentro de Jesús con la mujer Samaritana en el pozo, en el cual él promete un manantial de agua viva que brota a borbotones en cada uno de nosotros para la vida eterna. También el Papa Francisco convocó el Año Extraordinario de Jubileo de Misericordia. En su carta de invocación, él nos urge a “contemplar constantemente el misterio de misericordia” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 2). ¿Qué significa, en esta época, el ser misioneros de misericordia? ¿A buscar la misericordia en el rostro de Jesús? Nuestro tema nos desafía a entender la misericordia, no como una cosa que uno hace de vez en cuando, sino como el ambiente en que vivimos y nos movemos y somos.

Contemplamos esta misericordia en una variedad espléndida de talleres, liturgias, conciertos y recursos que se ofrecen todo el fin de semana. ¡Ven! Nuestros conferencistas te ayudarán a renovarte en espíritu y corazón y a desafiarte a vivir por el Evangelio.

Al igual que con esas actividades, tendrás otras oportunidades de encontrar a Dios en el Espacio Sagrado, en caminar el Laberinto, en la exhibición de arte y en el Sacramento de Reconciliación.

¡Mil gracias por tu apoyo al Congreso y tu participación en los ministerios de tu comunidad, guiando a los demás a encontrar las riquezas inagotables de la misericordia de Dios!

Te esperamos en el Congreso 2016.

Sinceramente,
Fr. Chris Bazzyouros

Rev. Christopher Bazzyouros
Director de Educación Religiosa



BIENVENIDO

MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL CONGRESO



Queridos amigos y amigas:

Queremos darles la bienvenida a cada uno de ustedes al Congreso de Educación Religiosa. Nuestro tema del 2016, "*Misericordia Inagotable*," surge de las lecturas del tercer domingo de Cuaresma que nos recuerda que estamos invitados a una relación con un Dios que nos da segundas oportunidades. Un Dios que ofrece misericordia en lugar de un juicio y esperanza para el viaje de la vida. No sólo somos beneficiados por este don sino que también somos invitados a ser misericordiosos en nuestras relaciones y encuentros cotidianos.

Nuestro fin de semana promete ser gratificante y enriquecedor, comenzando con la vitalidad del Día de la Juventud y continuando con una variedad de oportunidades para enriquecerse. Como siempre, el Congreso que es una reunión internacional es una maravillosa oportunidad para renovar amistades y conocer a nuevas personas de diferentes partes del mundo. Asegúrate de pasar tiempo en la Sala de Exhibiciones que ofrece una variedad significativa de recursos y representantes de compañías con un servicio personalizado.

La descripción de las conferencias, lista de eventos, información de hospedaje, correos electrónicos e información de cómo inscribirse están incluidas en la Guía de Registro y son actualizadas con regularidad en nuestra página de internet www.RECongress.org. Información adicional se puede obtener en el correo electrónico del congreso congress@la-archdiocese.org o llamando a la oficina del Congreso al (213) 637-7346.

Si conoces a otros que se sentirán enriquecidos al participar en el Congreso, por favor comparte con ellos tu experiencia y extiéndeles una invitación personal a que nos acompañen durante el fin de semana. ¡Nos encantaría verlos!

Para todos los que no nos pueden acompañar en Anaheim, les recordamos que pueden ver el evento en vivo a través de nuestra página www.RECongress.org/Live.

Ansiosamente esperamos estar con ustedes muy pronto, mientras nosotras también hacemos nuestra misión el ser personas que podamos ver más claramente y reconocer más profundamente la presencia de Dios en nuestros encuentros cotidianos el uno con el otro.

Paulette Smith
Directora Asociada
Coordinadora de Eventos

Jan Pedroza
Coordinadora de Programación
Coordinadora de Programa de Pre-Escolar

MENSAJE DE LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Muy queridas compañeras y compañeros en el ministerio catequético:

Se acerca el tiempo en el que volveremos a encontrarnos para celebrar otro Congreso de Educación religiosa en el elegante Centro de Convenciones de la ciudad de Anaheim.

Cada año nuestro buen Dios nos inspira para que meditemos en temas que nos hablan de su persona, de su bondad y de su inmenso amor para todas sus criaturas, especialmente la humanidad. Este año nos está invitando por medio del Papa Francisco a pensar en su inagotable Misericordia. Él quiere que recordemos que su misericordia es infinita y desea que reflexionemos en que la misericordia debe de ser el camino por y para el encuentro que nos lleva a nuestra unión humana y divina.

Me complace el recordarles que en cada uno de los congresos de Educación Religiosa en Anaheim, vivimos días llenos de variados intereses; en el aspecto religioso/espiritual, como el crecimiento en nuestra fe dado al gran número de presentadores/ presentadoras altamente cualificados, materiales para el desempeño de nuestros ministerios y por sobre todo, la alegría del reencuentro con las personas con las que compartimos el placer de participar cada año en cada uno de los Congresos de Educación Religiosa. Hasta tener la dicha del reencuentro del 25 al 28 de Febrero del 2016 un abrazo cariñoso.

Lourdes González-Rubio
Coordinadora de Ministerios Catequéticos (esp.)



¡Adultos Jóvenes en el Congreso 2016!

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



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, 27 de febrero a las 5:15 pm

Padre Joseph Espaillat, Director de Juventud y Jóvenes Adultos de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, presidirá nuestra liturgia para adultos jóvenes con la música dirigida por Meredith Augustin, Chris Nuno y Lauren Warner. 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, 27 de febrero, 9:00 pm - media noche

Costo: \$7 por persona

Después de un día completo de conferencias, convivir con otras personas y haber celebrado la liturgia, nuestro DJs mezclará una variedad de ritmos musicales para continuar la fiesta por la noche. Todos los jóvenes adultos de 18 a 39 años son bienvenidos. Identificación con foto es requerida para la admisión. Tendremos estaciones de agua de cortesía, así como un bar del hotel. NO se admitirán botellas ni contenedores de agua.

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.)

Katherine Angulo

4-53*: "Ministerio Juvenil ¡Un tesoro escondido!"

Hna. Kathleen Bryant

7-04*: "Moving in the Direction of Mercy"

Dallas Carter

3-05: "Ancient and Holy Truths in the Language of the New Generation"

5-08: "Reaching the Multitudes" – Effective Content and Viral Concepts

Hna. Ondina Cortés

4-54*: "Reconciliación personal y social del joven adulto"

7-52*: "Ay de mi si no evangelizo": Jóvenes adultos en misión

Rev. Dave Dwyer & Rosie Chinae Shawver

7-08*: "Empowering Young Adult Leadership and Receiving Them in Parish Life"

Hna. Catherine O. Encarnacion

2-53*: "Cuidemos la tierra"

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

5-14*: "Why You Always Marry the Wrong Person: Toward a Practical Spirituality of Marriage"

Sarah Hart

1-10*: "Blessed are the Disenchanted: Finding God in a World of Meh"

Paul Jarzembowski

1-12*: "Sparks from Ashes: Young Adult Evangelization"

6-16*: "Walking with Young Adults: Transition and Pilgrimage"

Rev. James Martin, K. Maczkiewicz, J. Simmons, J. Welle

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Rev. Peter Neeley

1-56*: "Ven a ver la Misericordia de Dios en la frontera"

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7-56*: "A veces tenemos que perdonar y a veces tenemos que pedir perdón"

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ASAMBLEA GENERAL



HNA. MARIA DEL CARMEN BRACAMONTES AYÓN, OSB

“La Misericordia: Un don entrañable que recrea la vida” 🎧

La misericordia es un dinamismo que nos impulsa a transformar situaciones de muerte en condiciones de vida. El texto del Buen Samaritano ilustra que la vida Cristiana es vivir en relación que sana, que transforma y que dignifica. Esta realidad implica el mandamiento central: Amar a Dios y amar a las hermanas y hermanos como así mismo/a; nos revela las dimensiones místico-proféticas de nuestra identidad Cristiana; y nos capacita para ser recreadoras/es de vida en abundancia para el mundo.

Sala B – Domingo, 8:30 am

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.

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- 8-58 RICA: Invitación a evangelizar y hacer presente el rostro de la misericordia (*) - **Rev. Richard Vega**
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- 3-51 **Lo creado y lo construido: Lugares de encuentro y celebración (Hall B) - Rev. Juan Luis Calderón**
- 3-52 Ritmo, Oración y Movimiento (Rhythm, Prayer, Move) (*) - **Lisa Ferlita Bagladi y Pedro Rubalcava**
- 3-53 El sistema familiar y su funcionamiento (*) - **Julia Cano Valero**
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- 3-55 Fuentes latinoamericanas y Jesuitas del ministerio del Papa Francisco (*) - **Rev. Allan Figueroa Deck**
- 3-56 Redescubriendo mi espiritualidad: La importancia de ser consentido, vivir consentido y actuar consentido (*) - **Marco Elias-Juarez**
- 3-57 Apertura del corazón ante una mirada de amor (*) - **Lic. Juan Pablo Saju**
- 3-58 Espiritualidad de jóvenes (*) - **Fr. Augustino Torres**
- 3-59 La gestión del conflicto en grupos de fe (*) - **Sr. Xiskya Valladares Paguaga**

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- 6-51 **La sanación interior y la misericordia van de la mano (*) - Ernesto Vega**
- 6-52 La misericordia de Dios en el más allá (*) - **Rev. Dr. Rogelio Alcántara Mendoza**
- 6-53 Salud mental en la sociedad actual (*) - **Julia Cano Valero**
- 6-54 Descomunicados en un mundo más comunicado que nunca: Ventajas, desventajas y retos del mundo de los celulares, iPads, tabletas, computadoras... (*) - **Marco Elias-Juarez**
- 6-55 Cantos para el Año de la Misericordia - **Peter Kolar**
- 6-56 Siempre serán nuestros hijos: Cuidado pastoral para/con los católicos gay y lesbianas en nuestra parroquia, nuestra comunidad y en el hogar - **Javier Plascencia y Yunuen Trujillo**
- 6-57 ¿Por qué los Movimientos Apostólicos son importantes en la respuesta a la primer encíclica del Papa Francisco? (*) - **Roberto Adrian Rojas**
- 6-58 Vivir en cristiano en la era del Internet (*) - **Sr. Xiskya Valladares Paguaga**
- 6-59 Lectura hispano-catequética de *Laudato Si'* del papa Francisco (*) - **Luigi Zanutto**



I-51 DISCÍPULOS QUE FASCINAN, MULTIPLICAN Y ACOMPAÑAN SALA B

Estamos llamados a ser un pueblo de alegres discípulos en misión, aquí y ahora. Esta sesión explora la manera en que Jesús fascina a las personas, forma a sus discípulos y los acompaña en su jornada de fe. ¡Ven y aprende a ser un discípulo misionero al estilo de Jesús y déjate enviar por él, pues la cosecha es abundante!



Alejandro Aguilera-Titus

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus tiene 30 años de experiencia ministerial con énfasis en formación y catequesis, pastoral juvenil y familiar y justicia social. Es un conferencista y escritor reconocido a nivel nacional como teólogo práctico y pastoralista en contextos multiculturales. Actualmente, Aguilera-Titus es Director de la Pastoral Hispana en Estados Unidos Bajo el Secretariado de la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Además, es profesor adjunto en Mount Saint Mary's Seminary en Emmetsburg, Maryland.

I-52 EL COMBATE ESPIRITUAL Y LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS

Es una realidad que el bautizado desde que tiene uso de razón entabla una lucha para alcanzar su meta que sólo termina con la muerte. Lucha que es un auténtico combate espiritual en el que cuenta con la ayuda de la misericordia divina. Es muy importante descubrir a los enemigos, conocerlos y saber sus estrategias para poder hacerles frente. En esta lucha la misericordia de Dios sale al encuentro del cristiano en todo momento.



Pbro. Dr. Rogelio C. Alcántara Mendoza

Ordenado en la Arquidiócesis de México, Padre Rogelio Alcántara ha sido Director de Educación católica por más de 10 años y actualmente dirige la Comisión para la Doctrina de la Fe con sede en la Ciudad de México, México. También Padre Alcántara es Doctor en Antropología Teológica y Profesor Universitario en materias filosóficas y teológicas. Actualmente es profesor de mariología en la Universidad Católica Lumen Gentium en México. Conferencista nacional e internacional con temas teológicos y autor de "El Manuscrito del Purgatorio" en dos ediciones y "Cuaresma: Una nueva oportunidad."

I-53 SANACIÓN, SALVACIÓN Y SEGUIMIENTO EN JESÚS – ¡LA CLAVE PARA MANTENER LA FE EN NUESTROS HOGARES!

En un mundo en donde la generación Z (nuestros hijos) están siendo evaluados, aconsejados y dirigidos por las redes sociales muchas veces la desesperanza los confunde y los aleja de su fe y sus familias. Jesús nos da las herramientas para criar a nuestros hijos: a través de la eucaristía recibimos el alimento espiritual; por medio de la confesión recibimos sanación misericordiosa y el perdón; con los sacramentales tenemos protección y en la Biblia encontramos la fortaleza. Compartamos con nuestros hijos estos regalos y por medio de nuestro ejemplo vivamos la misericordia de nuestra fe como familia.



Katherine Angulo

Nació en México, fue criada en Colombia y es fluente en inglés, español y francés, Katherine Angulo ha trabajado por más de 30 años en el ministerio juvenil, ministerio pastoral a nivel de iglesia, ministerio universitario en las diócesis de Raleigh (North Carolina), Richmond (Virginia), Knoxville (Tennessee) y la Arquidiócesis de Miami (Florida). Actualmente es Directora de Youth Ministry de la diócesis of Raleigh, North Carolina, donde vive desde hace cinco años. Presentadora nacional para NCCA / CYM, la Universidad de Notre Dame en Indiana y para el programa Fortaleciendo Familias en la Fe.

I-54 PORTAVOCES DEL LLAMADO: SIETE PASOS PARA ATRAER Y RETENER VOLUNTARIOS PARA EL MINISTERIO

Dios en su generosidad y misericordia escogió compartir su misión de amor con cada uno de nosotros para que al participar recibamos el regalo de Dios mismo. Esta invitación debe ser compartida con amor, humildad y alegría. Pero, ¿por qué en muchas ocasiones es difícil atraer y retener a voluntarios para los diferentes ministerios en nuestras parroquias? ¿Porque son frecuentemente las mismas personas las que participan mientras la gran mayoría se mantienen a distancia? Un sistema efectivo para reclutar voluntarios debe seguir el ejemplo de Jesús como modelo y aplicar prácticas concretas y organizadas que den resultados. Este taller cubrirá los siete pasos más esenciales para incrementar el número y calidad de voluntarios dedicados al ministerio.



Elsy Arévalo, MA

Actualmente Elsy Arévalo es Directora Asistente del Programa de Desarrollo y Ayuda Comunitaria en el Centro de Religión y Espiritualidad de la Universidad Loyola Marymount en Los Angeles. Tiene más de 10 años de experiencia trabajando en puestos claves de liderazgo en el sector no lucrativo: como Directora del Instituto de Mentores, Directora del Proyecto de Mentores de California y Directora de Asistencia Técnica del Proyecto de Mentores para el Departamento de Educación de Estados Unidos. Arévalo ha presentado conferencias a nivel nacional en foros y ha desarrollado el currículo y materiales de capacitación.

I-55 LA CULTURA MÉXICO-AMERICANA Y LA IGLESIA DE HOY

¿Dónde están los hispanos, nacidos en los Estados Unidos, en nuestra Iglesia hoy? ¿Hay algo único en esta identidad en la que nuestra Iglesia le puede acompañar? ¿Encontrará su cultura expresión e identidad en la Iglesia? ¿Cómo podemos atender las necesidades de los hispanos, nacidos en los Estados Unidos, en nuestra Iglesia actual?



Obispo Gerald R. Barnes

El Obispo Gerald Barnes fue instalado como Segundo Obispo de la Diócesis de San Bernardino, California, en 1996. Nació en Phoenix, Arizona, y fue criado en Los Angeles, ha servido previamente como Obispo auxiliar de la Diócesis de San Bernardino por el Papa Juan Pablo II. Además de su liderazgo en la parroquia local, el Obispo Barnes sirvió como presidente in-

mediato del Comité de Migración y Servicios a Refugiados de la USCCB. Actualmente sirve como presidente del subcomité de Asuntos Hispánicos y es miembro del Comité para la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia.

I-56 VEN A VER LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS EN LA FRONTERA

La visión de “Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera” es ayudar a manejar la migración entre Estados Unidos y México de una manera justa, humana y viable. Su misión es promover la misericordia en 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 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 des protegidos en California, México y Centro América, en parroquias, escuelas y centros de detención. Actualmente, es director de programas de la organización “Kino Border Initiative” y es Co-director de programas educativos. Rev. Neeley trabaja con migrantes deportados de Estados Unidos a Nogales, México y con migrantes en movimiento hacia los Estados Unidos. Es co-director de los “Kino Teens” programa para involucrar jóvenes en las cuestiones migratorias a nivel nacional en Estados Unidos y en México.

I-57 MENSAJE URGENTE DEL VATICANO II A LAS MUJERES

Dora Tobar van der Mensbrugge (biografía 5-51)

El mensaje del Papa Pablo VI a las mujeres, en la clausura del Concilio Vaticano II, es un clamor profético y urgente que sigue siendo actual y muy importante. Conozcamos ese llamado y miremos sus consecuencias frente a los graves problemas del mundo de hoy.

I-58 EXPERIMENTANDO LA MISERICORDIA INAGOTABLE DEL SEÑOR EN LOS ESCRUTINIOS Y EL RITO PENITENCIAL DEL RICA

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) invita a que los “elegidos” experimenten la Misericordia Inagotable del Señor en los escrutinios. Examinaremos como celebrar los escrutinios, la música que acompaña los ritos y cuál es el enfoque de estas celebraciones. También, tomaremos en cuenta el Rito Penitencial para los candidatos y como nuestros hermanos pueden encontrar la misericordia en la celebración de la confesión.

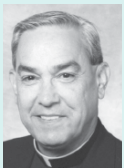


Rev. Richard Vega

Desde el 2012, el Padre Richard Vega es párroco de Santa Francis de Roma en Azusa, California. Antes de tomar este puesto sirvió por seis años como Presidente de la Federación Nacional de Consejos Presbiterales (2006-12). El Padre Vega también es miembro del Sociedad Mexicana de Liturgistas y era Tesorero de North American Forum on the Catechumenate; ha sido conferencista para las oficinas de Educación Religiosa y de Culto Divino en Los Angeles y Chicago. Actualmente es Presidente de la Comisión Litúrgica de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.

2-51 LA MEMORIA HERIDA Y SUS CONSECUENCIAS SALA B

La misericordia y la compasión son experiencias íntimamente conectadas a la vida de fe. Vivimos momentos de gran angustia cuando nuestra vida espiritual se encuentra acosada y acusada por la memoria herida, situaciones tristes del pasado que nunca se olvidan. ¿Cómo seguir sirviendo en el ministerio con conciencia de culpa?



Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

El padre Domingo Rodríguez fue superior general y vicario general de Siervo Misionero de la Santísima Trinidad, ahora es predicador y facilitador de retiros, misiones y talleres de las comunidades hispanas en USA, México y Centro América. Es columnista del periódico católico para las arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey; San Juan, Puerto Rico; y la diócesis de Rockville Center, Nueva York. Padre Rodríguez fue también presidente del Consejo Nacional Católicos de Pastoral Hispana y vicepresidente de la Asociación Nacional de Sacerdotes Hispánicos.

2-52 LOS CAMBIOS DE LA VIDA: ¿NADAR O LUCHAR?

Los cambios y las transiciones, ya sean elegidas o impuestas, son una parte inevitable del trascender de la vida. Sin embargo, a menudo podemos confundir los dos, lo cual nos puede llevar a experimentar sufrimiento y la ansiedad innecesaria. En esta conferencia, vamos a ver las etapas que conlleva una transición y desarrollar una espiritualidad que nos ayudará a analizar determinada y felizmente los muchos cambios que enfrentamos a través de nuestras vidas.



Rev. James Clarke, PhD

El padre Jim Clarke es el Director de Formación Espiritual y Profesor Asistente de Teología Espiritual del Seminario de San Juan en Camarillo, California. El Padre Clarke actualmente se desempeña como Presidente de la Comisión de Espiritualidad del Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, y es un Director Espiritual Asociado en la casa de Oración de Cardenal Manning para Sacerdotes. Habla con fluidez el inglés y español, su trabajo y educación lo han llevado a Israel, México, Canadá, África, Europa, Australia, Guam y Samoa Americana.

2-53 CUIDEMOS LA TIERRA

¿Cuál será la mejor manera de cuidar nuestra tierra? Hay muchas teorías y principios a escoger para vivir mejor, sanamente y en armonía con la naturaleza, como personas. El ser humano es “la única criatura en la tierra que es consciente.” Además, como personas de fe y comprometidas a educar en la fe, nos exige mucho más de nuestra vida cotidiana. Por medio de los siete principios de Educación Ambiental desarrollado por Miriam-P.E.A.C.E., vamos a reflexionar y contemplar maneras más adecuadas de aplicarlos en nuestras vidas, y reflejar que fuimos creados/as a imagen y semejanza de Dios.



Hna. Lourdes Catherine Encarnación, MM

Hermana Cathy Encarnación, nació en Manila, Filipinas, es la más joven de 10 hijos e hijas. Y ahora es tía y tía abuela de más de tres docenas de niños. Antes de entrar con las Hermanas de Maryknoll en 1996, Hermana Encarnación enseñó en la escuela primaria y después trabajo en una organización ambiental. Actualmente está asignada en Panamá, en la provincia de Darién, donde convive con el bosque tropical, una de las áreas del mundo más rica en biodiversidad, donde imparte talleres en Educación Ambiental.

2-54 TEOLOGÍA DEL MATRIMONIO Y EL PROCESO DE NULIDAD MATRIMONIAL

Todo director de programa de educación religiosa y catequista tiene contacto directo con padres que han pasado por una separación matrimonial y, cuando viven en unión libre, no reciben los sacramentos. Muchos de ellos desean volverse a casar en la Iglesia Católica. Desafortunadamente, existe mucha confusión y falsos entendimientos sobre estas cuestiones. Ante esta realidad, la Iglesia necesita ministros parroquiales quienes puedan guiar con misericordia y orientar adecuadamente. El taller ofrecerá un repaso de la teología matrimonial, las razones para una declaración de nulidad matrimonial y proceso a nivel parroquial y tribunales diocesanos. Se aplicará a la cultura Hispana en los Estados Unidos.



Hna. Karla Felix-Rivera, VDMF, JCL

Como misionera de la Fraternidad Misionera Verbum Dei, la Hna. Karla Felix-Rivera lleva 16 años dedicándose a la evangelización ofreciendo retiros, talleres y conferencias en español e inglés a adultos, matrimonios y jóvenes en parroquias y diócesis en los Estados Unidos. Hna. Felix trabaja para el Tribunal Metropolitano de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles como Defensora del Vínculo matrimonial y ha presentado el proceso de nulidad matrimonial a ministros parroquiales. Actualmente estudia un Doctorado en Derecho Canónico en St. Paul's University en Canadá.

2-55 NIÑOS Y JÓVENES EN EL PROCESO DE RICA, ¿QUÉ HACER CON ELLOS?

El tener niños y jóvenes de edad catecúmena presenta retos. ¿Por qué no ponerlos en los programas de Primera Comunión y Confirmación? El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) nos dice que personas de edad catequética deben ser recibidas por medio del Catecumenado si no han sido bautizadas. Existe cierta

confusión y resistencia hacia el programa porque parece facilitar el esperar hasta que sean mayores y premiarlos con una preparación más fácil y ligera que a los demás. ¿Cómo comprender mejor los procesos del RICA y la participación de la comunidad en la preparación de estas personas? ¿Cómo integrar estos principios de evangelización y catequesis en los otros programas para que todos se beneficien de lo que se le ofrece a los catecúmenos? Esta conferencia será una exploración de posibilidades y una investigación de los procesos y etapas del RICA para saber cómo aplicarlos con los niños y jóvenes de la comunidad.



Rev. Fr. Pedro J. López

Hijo de mexicanos que emigraron a los Estados Unidos, Padre Pedro López nació en Ventura, California, donde se crio en un hogar bilingüe y bicultural. Su servicio sacerdotal le llevó a conocer nuevas culturas y servir en parroquias multiculturales en El Monte y Santa Fe Springs y ahora es párroco de Our Lady of Guadalupe en Santa Bárbara, California. Padre López es un consultante a la Oficina del Culto Divino Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles y enseña programa avanzado de Liturgia para la Diócesis de San Bernardino, California, donde tiene un programa de formación de Diáconos Permanentes.

2-56 AUTO-ESTIMA: UNA FORMA CONSCIENTE DE CAMBIAR TU VIDA

En este taller, hablaremos de la importancia de cambiar los pensamientos negativos y limitantes a pensamientos positivos edificantes. Es importante saber el impacto que tienen las palabras y como es que pueden destruir o construir su auto-estima y de los que le rodean. Atrévete a cambiar tu vida de una forma consciente y descubrir el efecto de como nutrir tu cuerpo y mente atreves de afirmaciones positivas.



Lic. Rosa I. Montes-Jaime

Rosi Montes-Jaime es madre, esposa y la fundadora de Soluciones para Familia (Solutions 4 Families, Inc.), su organización ha tenido un gran éxito en la comunidad Latina tocando más de 50,000 familias en estos últimos cinco años. Rosi ha estado muy activa en la región de San Pedro, California, desde 1999 donde el Obispo Dennis Patrick O'Neil apoyo a que llegara a ser quien es ahora. Con su experiencia en psicología y educación ha implementado numerosos seminarios con éxito en muchas iglesias para la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, así como en escuelas y centros comunitarios. Además de su amor por los niños, Rosi fue catequista por muchos años, y ha enseñado en todos los niveles de educación.

2-57 QUÉ FUERZA NECESITAMOS PARA PODER COMPADECERNOS DE LOS DEMÁS

Hoy vivimos muchos problemas: económicos, familiares, sociales, políticos, educativos y culturales. Que nos causan sufrimientos personales, familiares y comunitarios. Frecuentemente, quienes los sufren se sienten con preocupaciones, sufrimientos, angustias, tristezas, penas, malestares. Es necesario que vivamos realmente estas relaciones humanas de modo que quienes tienen problemas sientan nuestra presencia, comprensión,

apoyo, solidaridad, compasión y colaboración. Así podrán solucionar sus dificultades, salir de lo que les preocupa, reintegrarse a su familia, a su vecindario, a su comunidad, a la sociedad, y nuevamente vivir en la Iglesia y celebren su fe en su parroquia o ministerio. Nosotros también debemos recurrir a nuestra fe, a la fuerza e impulso de Dios, para que podamos caminar hacia la vida que Él nos ha dado y que nos ha prometido realizar plenamente.



Pbro. Clodomiro Siller Acuña

Nació en Saltillo Coahuila, México, e inició su educación en una escuela para indígenas en Oaxaca, el padre Clodomiro Siller es un sacerdote diocesano de Tehuantepec. 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 Comité de Garantes del Tribunal Permanente de los Pueblos.

2-58 LOS CATEQUISTAS COMO DISCÍPULOS PORTADORES DE LA DIGNIDAD HUMANA 🗣️

¿Cómo defendemos este privilegio de la dignidad que Dios nos ha otorgado por derecho propio? ¿Qué relación existe entre la forma de proteger la dignidad humana en la actualidad y los Mandamientos de la Ley de Dios? La invitación está hecha y los/las catequistas y evangelizadores debemos tatuar en el corazón los derechos de cada persona para poder llevar a cabo nuestro ministerio. Asiste a esta conferencia, donde analizaremos como proteger y cuidar la dignidad humana. ¡Ser discípulo implica este compromiso! Te espero ...



Lupita Vital Cruz

Originaria del Estado de Jalisco, México, Lupita Vital tiene una gran experiencia en la rama de la catequesis, ha trabajado en este ministerio por los últimos 25 años en las diócesis de Tabasco y Guadalajara en México, y San José en California. En 2014 le otorgaron el premio "Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ" por una sobresaliente contribución a la Teología Hispana y a la Formación en el Liderazgo ministerial del Instituto Hispano de Berkeley y la Universidad de Santa Clara. Desde 2009 funge como Directora del Apostolado Hispano para la Diócesis de San José, California. Es autora del libro "Un Año Lleno de Gracia: Lecturas y Reflexiones para el Año Cristiano Comenzando con el Adviento."

3-51 LO CREADO Y LO CONSTRUIDO: LUGARES DE ENCUENTRO Y CELEBRACIÓN SALA B

Dios es el Creador y nos encontramos con Él en el mundo y la historia. Por otro lado, nuestras experiencias litúrgicas y catequéticas suelen estar muy separadas de la creación, ya que suceden habitualmente dentro de una edificación hecha por manos humanas. Reflexionaremos juntos sobre los espacios donde aprendemos y celebramos la fe. Veremos tanto la historia de nuestras iglesias, como su significado simbólico. Además, plantearemos la urgente necesidad de ver la creación como lugar de encuentro con Dios para ampliar nuestros horizontes espirituales y experienciales, a la luz de la Carta Encíclica, *Laudato Si'* del Papa Francisco.



Rev. Juan Luis Calderón

Padre Juan Calderón llegó a Estados Unidos de España el 2001 como Subdirector del Centro Guadalupe por la Arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey y Director del Instituto Hispano de Formación Pastoral. Ahora, es Vicario parroquial y Director de Educación Religiosa en la Iglesia de Joseph of the Palisades en West New York, New Jersey. El padre Calderón es Profesor del Instituto de Liderazgo de la U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops. Conferencista principal de congresos en Nueva York, New Jersey, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia y New England.

3-52 RITMO, ORACIÓN Y MOVIMIENTO (RHYTHM, PRAYER, MOVE) 🗣️

Experimenta una nueva forma de oración con ritmo, respiración y movimiento. Este método de oración corporal te introducirá a nuevas formas de sanación y paz interior por medio de la combinación de movimiento, acompañados con música y canto. Ven a aprender cómo aplicarlo a tú rutina de ejercicio para una mejor salud espiritual y física. Utilizaremos música y ritmos especialmente preparados para profundizar la oración y espiritualidad. Traigan ropa y calzado cómodo.



Lisa Ferlita Bagladi

Lisa Bagladi ha practicado la oración y música por más de 30 años. Combinando su experiencia como bailarina profesional, músico y ministro pastoral, ha impartido cursos en estudios en el área de Chicago, así como talleres de oración en conferencias parroquiales, diocesanas y nacionales en los Estados Unidos. Su proyecto más reciente (rPm) es una colaboración con el artista Pedro Rubalcava. También es una consultante de parroquial con J.S. Paluch Co./Library World Publications.



Pedro Rubalcava

Pedro Rubalcava es un compositor conocido y presentador de música litúrgica. Es Director del Ministerio Hispano en Oregon Catholic Press en Portland, Oregon. Ha sido director de ministerios litúrgicos parroquiales, co-director de pastoral juvenil diocesana en San Diego, California, y coordinador de pastoral parroquial. Rubalcava es conferencista frecuente en el Congreso de Los Angeles, así como en congresos litúrgicos de educación religiosa a nivel nacional, diocesano y parroquial.

3-53 EL SISTEMA FAMILIAR Y SU FUNCIONAMIENTO

La familia es la célula social básica donde el ser humano encuentra los cuidados, la protección y las primeras enseñanzas para la vida en sociedad. Su objetivo es criar personas felices y competentes. No siempre las estructuras familiares consiguen estos objetivos. Como debe funcionar el sistema familiar, cuáles son sus objetivos, su estructura, sus límites y de qué manera podemos saber que cumple o no su papel. Esta conferencia se dedicará a ver con detalle los índices de funcionamiento del sistema familiar y como debe ser la actuación de los padres y adultos dentro de la familia. Se hablará del papel adecuado y saludable de los padres y de las madres así como de los errores más frecuentemente cometidos por estos.



Julia Cano Valero

Julia Cano Valero nació en el sur de España, donde es Profesora de la Universidad de Cádiz desde 1982. Doctora en medicina, imparte la asignatura de Psicología Médica en Facultad de Medicina y la Psiquiatría Forense en Criminología, en la Facultad de Derecho. Una especialista en psiquiatría trabaja en la práctica privada como médico psiquiatra. Es miembro de la Sociedad española de Psiquiatría Legal y del Grupo de Estudios Psiquiátrico-Legales de Andalucía, y Vocal por Andalucía de la Sociedad Española de Psiquiatría. Fue responsable de un grupo de Girl Scouts durante su adolescencia y juventud.

3-54 REVITALIZANDO LA MISIÓN CATEQUIZADORA DE LA FAMILIA

La familia es el entorno apropiado para la proclamación de Cristo. La familia Hispana tiene una tendencia natural a transmitir la fe y los valores morales a través de las tradiciones y la religiosidad popular, con un sentido de celebración comunitario y cultural. ¿Cuáles retos enfrenta hoy en la transmisión de la fe a las siguientes generaciones? ¿Qué recursos y estrategias prácticas hay para apoyarla y equiparla en su tarea de catequizar?



María G. Covarrubias

María Covarrubias es Directora del Ministerio para la Catequesis y autora de la Iniciativa Diocesana para el Matrimonio y la Familia de la Diócesis de San Bernardino, California. Tiene 24 años de experiencia en catequesis y es Presidenta de la Federación Nacional para la Catequesis con Hispanos. Master Catechist desde 1995 en los programas de formación básica y avanzada de catequistas. Ha sido conferencista a nivel local, regional y nacional, incluyendo en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Angeles y la Federación para la Catequesis con Hispanos.

3-55 FUENTES LATINOAMERICANAS Y JESUITAS DEL MINISTERIO DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

La misericordia de Dios ocupa un lugar central en el ministerio universal del Papa Francisco. Además de las fuentes bíblicas para este enfoque, el mensaje del Papa tiene profundas raíces en los métodos pastorales que florecieron en América Latina desde el Concilio Vaticano II en los documentos de los obispos latinoamericanos, las conferencias de Medellín hasta Aparecido, las comu-

nidades de base, la teología de la liberación y la doctrina social de la Iglesia. Todo esto se combinó con la pedagogía ignaciana, es decir, la espiritualidad del fundador de los Jesuitas. El papa Francisco es un experto en esta espiritualidad que pone la experiencia personal de la misericordia de Dios en primer lugar. ¿En qué consiste esta extraordinaria visión pastoral, cómo se desenvuelve y cómo se puede impactar la vida personal, a la familia y parroquia, a los movimientos apostólicos y a la vida cívica de los hispanos en los Estados Unidos?



Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ

El Rev. Allan Deck, un jesuita, lleva casi 40 años de servicio a la Iglesia como administrador de una parroquia latina, director diocesano de la pastoral hispana en Orange County y asesor de los obispos de California y de los Estados Unidos. El Rev. Deck es fundador del Instituto Hispano de la Escuela Jesuita de Teología en Berkeley, California, del Instituto Loyola para la Espiritualidad en Orange, California, y co-fundador de la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos.

3-56 REDESCUBRIENDO MI ESPIRITUALIDAD: LA IMPORTANCIA DE SER CONSENTIDO, VIVIR CON-SENTIDO Y ACTUAL CON-SENTIDO

Descubrir o redescubrir la propia espiritualidad dentro del ministerio conlleva al compromiso de Ser, vivir y actuar con-sentido en una sociedad que pierde el rumbo y el sentido de su misión. En este taller, se ofrecerán elementos de espiritualidad Cristiana, de psicología y experiencias clínicas que ayudaran a descubrir que somos seres espirituales o redescubrir que la espiritualidad puede ayudar a enfocarse más en el Ser mejor que la actitud egoísta del Tener. También, proporcionara elementos para aprender a vivir con-sentido y consentidos por un Dios que está siempre presente, que busca y se deja encontrar, que mira primero y se deja mirar.

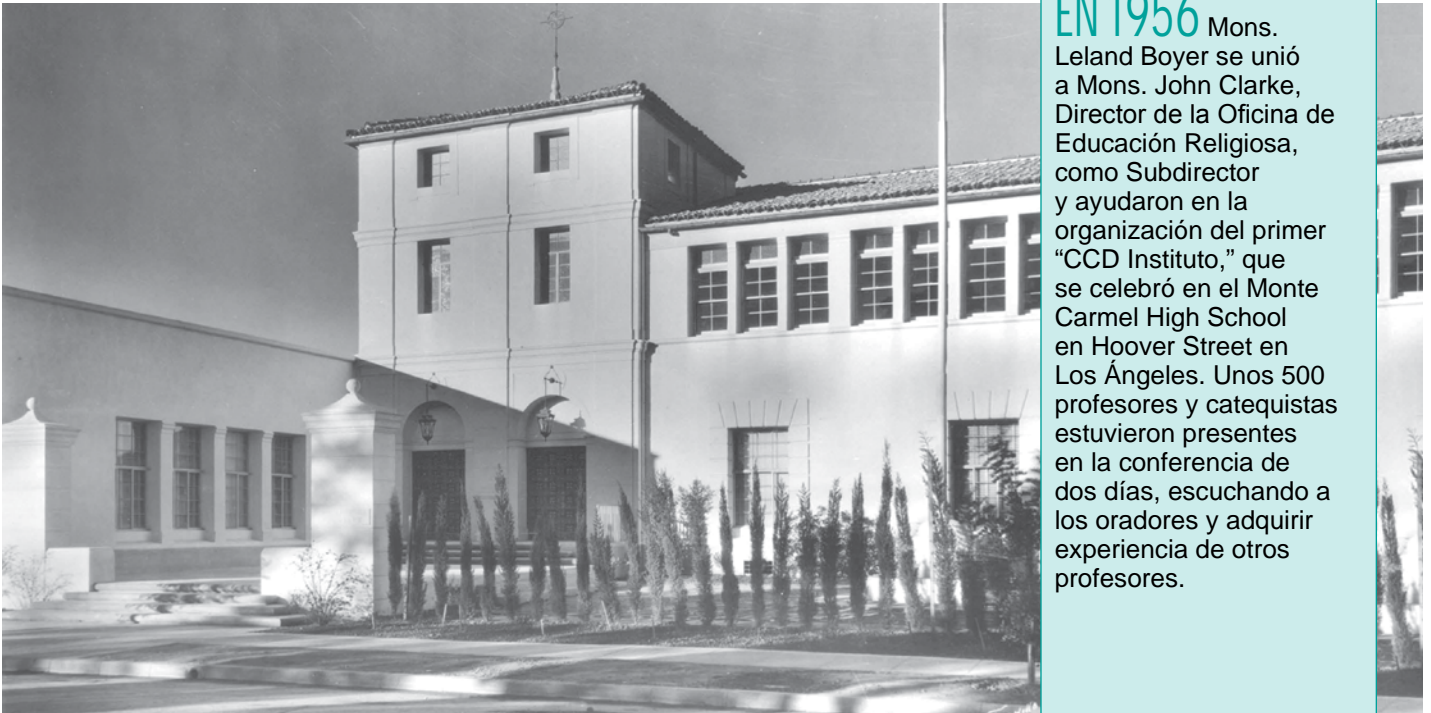


Marco A. Elias-Juarez

Marco A. Elias-Juarez colabora como instructor de temas teológicos para las Diócesis de Reno, Nevada, y Sacramento y San Bernardino en California. Es Profesor invitado en la Universidad Loma Linda para impartir Psicología Multicultural. Él es Director de la Oficina Diocesana para las Transiciones en la Diócesis de San Bernardino y Director Asociado del Departamento Oficina para la Protección de los Niños y de los Jóvenes. Elias también trabaja como terapeuta familiar y de pareja para Caridades Católicas en San Bernardino-Riverside.

3-57 APERTURA DEL CORAZÓN ANTE UNA MIRADA DE AMOR

Muchas veces nos desanimamos porque nos sabemos imperfectos o porque descubrimos que hemos fallado. Pero en las Sagradas Escrituras descubrimos que, conociendo Dios nuestros errores, nos alienta con su misericordia a que confiemos en él y en su cuidado. En esta presentación, investigaremos en la Sagrada Escritura como Jesús tantas veces ha mirado con misericordia a tantos que los necesitaban: Su mirada liberó a Zaqueo (Lc 19,2) y a Mateo de la esclavitud del dinero (Lc 5,27-28); a la Magdalena de buscar la felicidad solamente en una criatura (Lc 8,2); hizo llorar a Pedro luego de la traición (Lc 22,54), y aseguró el Paraíso al ladrón arre-



EN 1956 Mons. Leland Boyer se unió a Mons. John Clarke, Director de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa, como Subdirector y ayudaron en la organización del primer “CCD Instituto,” que se celebró en el Monte Carmel High School en Hoover Street en Los Ángeles. Unos 500 profesores y catequistas estuvieron presentes en la conferencia de dos días, escuchando a los oradores y adquirir experiencia de otros profesores.

pentido (Lc 23,43). Veremos a través de estos ejemplos como el Señor ha hecho lo mismo y de mil otras manera, creando en nosotros la paz que necesitamos y sintiendo el poder sanador que tiene su misericordia. Como conclusión y con un corazón renovado intentaremos aplicar y volver a sentir la misericordia del Señor.



Lic. Juan Pablo Saju

El Lic. Juan Saju, nació en Mendoza, Argentina, ha escrito tres libros, dos en chino y uno en Inglés. Enseñó Biblia en el Instituto Bíblico de Hong Kong y ayudó a traducirla al chino en el Instituto Bíblico Franciscano de Hong Kong. El Lic. Saju participó en la creación y el desarrollo de una editorial en Asia. Se interesa y dedica parte de su tiempo a la transmisión de la fe a través de los diferentes métodos que ofrecen los medios de comunicación. Se encuentra escribiendo un libro llamado, “La Iglesia en la Carta de Pablo a los Efesios.”

3-58 ESPIRITUALIDAD DE JÓVENES 🎧

¿Has estado trabajando en la pastoral juvenil y sentido un poco de desánimo? Pues tal vez tenemos que volver a la fuente. El Señor siempre nos concede lo que necesitamos en la oración. Sin embargo, la oración es mucho más profunda que decir algunas palabras o cantar una canción. Es el desarrollo de la vida interior que es sumamente importante. ¿Pero cómo se desarrolla esa vida en el contexto cotidiano de un ambiente bilingüe/bicultural para un joven hispano viviendo en este país?



Rev. Agustino Miguel Torres, CFR

El padre Agustino Torres es Director de Evangelización de los Frailes Franciscanos de la Renovación, co-fundador de Catholic Underground y fundador de Corazón Puro, un movimiento que comenzó en el Bronx, Nueva York, que se centra

en enseñar el verdadero significado de la sexualidad humana a través de los escritos de Juan Pablo II “Teología del Cuerpo.” Continúa evangelizando a la juventud por medio de proyectos de desafío para el joven buscando un amor radical por Jesús a través de la palabra y el ejemplo.

3-59 LA GESTIÓN DEL CONFLICTO EN GRUPOS DE FE 🎧

En todo grupo humano surgen los conflictos, problemas de relaciones normales por nuestras diferencias. También sucedió entre los Doce Apóstoles de Jesús. Sin embargo, a veces la implicación en el problema nos impide tomar suficiente distancia para solucionarlo adecuadamente. En este taller, ofreceremos algunas pautas a seguir para que los conflictos ayuden a crecer al grupo, desde la práctica del Evangelio y desde algunas nociones del funcionamiento humano de las comunidades. Cómo conocernos mejor, cómo aprender a dialogar y de qué manera afrontar las dificultades del grupo son algunos de los conceptos básicos para vivir en cristiano los conflictos.



Hna. Xiskya Lucía Valladares Paguaga

La hermana Xiskya Valladares, pertenece a la Congregación de la Pureza de María, es nicaragüense. Actualmente trabaja como profesora y jefe del gabinete de comunicación de la universidad CESAG en Mallorca, España, donde es co-fundadora del proyecto iMisión. Ella enseña cursos y ponencias sobre comunicación institucional, evangelización digital, nueva evangelización y evangelización a través de la fotografía y el uso de redes sociales. 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.”

Español

4-51 EL CORAZÓN Y EL ALMA DE LA UNIDAD EN LA VIDA MATRIMONIAL 🗣️ SALA B

Nuestra experiencia de felicidad matrimonial auténtica corresponde al nivel de unidad que vivimos. La unidad es un don de Dios que requiere nuestro compromiso diario a vivir un estilo de vida Trinitario. En este tema el Dr. John Yzaguirre integra perspectivas psicológicas y espirituales que son necesarias para vivir un estilo de vida Trinitario: como acogernos con aceptación radical, como entregarnos incondicionalmente y como dar prioridad a una vida de comunión. Cuando estamos unidos como Jesús quiere, experimentamos la plenitud de la felicidad que tanto deseamos.



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, con la que ha escrito el libro "Casados y Felices." Ha dado conferencias en Estados Unidos, Canadá, México, Europa y Australia. Además de su práctica privada en Irvine, California, ofrece sus programas de formación y vida familiar en muchas iglesias de Estados Unidos.

4-52 LA FAMILIA: PROTAGONISTA PRINCIPAL DE LA MISERICORDIA Y LA CATEQUESIS 🗣️

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus (biografía 1-51)

Si el valor más apreciado por nuestro pueblo es la familia, ¿cómo podemos involucrar a la familia en una mejor práctica de la misericordia de Dios, y en la formación de la fe de generaciones presentes y futuras? Esta sesión ofrece cinco principios claves para que la familia sea una fuente inagotable de misericordia y enseñanza de la fe en nuestras comunidades hispanas/latinas.

4-53 MINISTERIO JUVENIL ¡UN TESORO ESCONDIRDO! 🗣️

Katherine Angulo (biografía 1-53)

Cada uno de nosotros sabemos que estamos llamados a conocer, amar y servir a Jesús. Pero, ¿cómo podemos hacer eso? ¿Cómo aprendemos a vivir activamente nuestra fe hasta el punto que otros nos puedan reconocer como verdaderos católicos? Para los jóvenes, esta es una pregunta que muchas veces los intimida y limita. En esta conferencia para padres, ministros juveniles y jóvenes, vamos a recibir ejemplos concretos de cómo crear un grupo juvenil en nuestras parroquias que guíe a los jóvenes a seguir a Jesús, a discernir su vocación y a manejar los obstáculos que la vida les puede presentar como jóvenes discípulos.

4-54 RECONCILIACIÓN PERSONAL Y SOCIAL DEL ADULTO JOVEN 🗣️

Los adultos jóvenes añoran con frecuencia sentir paz interior, sentirse integrados humana y espiritualmente. La reconciliación es un proceso personal que implica san-

ación interior, experiencias de perdón y transformación. Personas reconciliadas pueden contribuir a la reconciliación social en nuestro mundo dividido, marcado por el prejuicio y la violencia. Los jóvenes adultos serán agentes de cambio en esta sociedad en la medida que vayan haciendo ese camino interior. Este taller analiza el origen de algunos conflictos personales y sociales y ofrece herramientas para lograr una mayor integración humana y espiritual, una verdadera reconciliación.



Hna. Ondina Cortés, RMI, PhD

Hna. Ondina Cortés, nació en Cuba y emigro a Miami, donde descubre su vocación y decide ser Misionera Claretiana. Estudio en Colombia y al regresar trabaja con campesinos migrantes. Dedicó 20 años a la pastoral juvenil en Miami. Como Directora de la Oficina de Pastoral Juvenil, organiza la pastoral juvenil Hispana y participa en el Primer Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana. En los veranos organiza misiones en México y República Dominicana con jóvenes adultos. En la universidad St. Thomas en Miami es Profesora de Teología Práctica.

4-55 ¡DESCUBRAN SU CASTILLO INTERIOR CON SANTA TERESA DE ÁVILA! 🗣️

¿Te gustaría tener un mejor entendimiento de la jornada mística de Santa Teresa de Jesús? ¿Anhelas experimentar un encuentro más profundo y personal con Dios? Santa Teresa compara al alma con un castillo interior que tiene siete aposentos o moradas, equivalentes a siete niveles de interiorización desde donde nos relacionamos con Dios. A través de esta oración a solas y en silencio, la persona va interiorizándose, o sea, va uniéndose a Dios que está en su interior. En esta sesión, se darán a conocer estas moradas y se estudiará a fondo este maravilloso modelo de oración íntima con Dios.



Santiago Fernández

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por 30 años. Trabaja actualmente como Director de Música en la Parroquia de La Sagrada Familia en Novi, Michigan, y como presentador de talleres para OCP. Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, 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 el 2006.

EN 1957

el segundo "Instituto de CCD" se celebró en Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School en Los Angeles y la asistencia del año anterior se duplicó. En los años siguientes (1958-1966), la asistencia siguió



aumentando en las sedes de la Universidad de Loyola y el Immaculate Heart College. En una foto de 1962, el cardinal James McIntyre celebra misa en el Auditorio de Immaculate Heart College.

4-56 MÁRGENES, MISIÓN, MISERICORDIA: SIGUIENDO A JESÚS EL RECHAZADO DE GALILEA 🎧

El papa Francisco nos llama a los marginados, a ser discípulos misioneros y a vivir con misericordia. También nos recuerda que estas llamadas vienen de un encuentro personal con Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios quien se hizo hombre como un galileo rechazado y quien nos invita a seguirle en los Galileas y Jerusalenes de nuestros tiempos. Este taller examina los orígenes de Jesús en Galilea, el significado de Galilea para entender el misterio de lo que Dios nos revela en Cristo, y las implicaciones de todo esto para nuestro caminar como discípulos.

**Dr. Timoteo Matovina**

Dr. Timoteo Matovina tiene más de 30 años de experiencia sirviendo entre los católicos hispanos. Ha dado conferencias sobre temas pastorales y teológicos en numerosas diócesis, institutos pastorales y programas de formación. Es autor del libro, "Catolicismo Latino: La transformación de la Iglesia en Estados Unidos." Actualmente, Matovina es Profesor de Teología y co-Director del Instituto de Estudios Latinos en la Universidad de Notre Dame en South Bend, Indiana.

4-57 JÓVENES Y LA MISERICORDIA EN LA MIGRACIÓN 🎧**Rev. Peter G. Neeley, SJ (biografía 1-56)**

La Misericordia empieza en la casa. Tenemos que ser misericordiosos con nosotros mismos antes de ser lo con los demás. "Kino Teens" es un grupo de jóvenes estudiantes de preparatoria quienes aprenden de ser compasivo con ellos mismos antes de ir a trabajar y acompañara a los/las migrantes. 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/las jóvenes en escuelas católicas o parroquias pueden formar un grupo de estudiantes interesada en el tema y "Kino Border Initiative" los apoya con asesoría profesional.

4-58 ¡ABORDEMOS LA MISERICORDIA EN LA CATEQUESIS PARA NIÑOS! 🎧

¿Es importante que los niños experimenten la misericordia? ¿Cómo hacer palpable la misericordia en la vida cotidiana de los niños? ¿Es posible educar para la misericordia? Descubre y aprende diversas formas para acercar a los niños a tener una experiencia de la misericordia de Dios, porque la misericordia es fuente de alegría, serenidad y paz (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 2).

**María Elena Ocegueda Juárez**

Nació en Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, María Elena Ocegueda descubrió desde muy temprana edad su vocación a la catequesis y aprendió el valor del trabajo en la comunidad. Actualmente presta su servicio pastoral como Secretaria Ejecutiva de la Sección Diocesana de Evangelización y Catequesis en la Arquidiócesis de Guadalajara. También es Coordinadora del Departamento de Elaboración de Materiales, Subdirectora Ejecutiva del Instituto Superior de Catequética, y Directora de Ediciones Casa del Catequista. Formadora de catequistas desde 1990 como Profesora de catequética en la Escuela Diocesana de Catequesis, en la Universidad Marista de Guadalajara y en el Instituto Superior de Catequética.

4-59 EN EL CANSANCIO DEL PERDONAR 🎧**Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST (biografía 2-51)**

Existe el agotamiento físico que conocemos muy bien. Pero existe también el agotamiento emocional y mental. No todos conocen o se niegan a aceptar este tipo de cansancio. El amor, por ejemplo, corre el peligro de cansarse y poco a poco se muere. El perdonar es aún mucho más frágil que el amor. ¿Y qué hacemos al cansarnos de amar y perdonar?

5-51 LA FAMILIA: INSTRUMENTO DE SALVACIÓN – SÍNODO 2015 🎧 **SALA B**

El Sínodo de la familia y los últimos documentos de la Iglesia afirman que la Familia cristiana es un elemento esencial para la Nueva Evangelización de la Iglesia y del mundo entero. Esto quiere decir que madres, padres e hijos, a través de sus relaciones, pueden renovar la Iglesia y cambiar el mundo. ¿Cómo puede ser esto posible? ¿Qué tiene de especial el amor familiar que puede salvarnos del mal?

**Dora Tobar van der Mensbrugge**

Desde joven, Dora Tobar ha servido a la Iglesia en distintos ministerios, especialmente en la formación religiosa, tanto a nivel popular como universitario. En los últimos años se ha dedicado especialmente a la investigación y desarrollo de programas de formación espiritual y vida familiar como la Catequesis Familiar, formación de jóvenes a la castidad, discernimiento de vocacional al amor y vida de pareja. Diseñó el programa denominado "La Pareja Feliz" y fue redactora en jefe de la página en la red para las parejas hispanas de la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos. Actualmente dirige la oficina de vida Familiar y Ministerio Hispano de La Diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana.

5-52 SEXUALIDAD Y AFECTIVIDAD EN LA VIDA CRISTIANA 🗣️

Procuraremos un acercamiento a la sexualidad y la afectividad humana que nos permita desarrollar una conciencia integral de la misma y un claro sentido de la dignidad humana. Reflexionaremos sobre las dimensiones física, psicológica, espiritual y cósmica de nuestro ser sexual y sobre la necesidad de integrar estos aspectos de la misma, con el objetivo de superar una idea que, generalmente, la reduce únicamente al aspecto de la genitalidad.



Hna. Maricarmen Bracamontes

Hna. Maricarmen Bracamontes es religiosa benedictina del Monasterio "Pan de Vida" en Torreón, Coahuila, México. Es Coordinadora General del Centro de Desarrollo Integral de las Mujeres Santa Escolástica, A.C., y asesora en la formación inicial y permanente en Comunidades Eclesiales y Congregaciones Religiosas en las áreas señaladas: espiritualidad bíblica, teología de la vida consagrada, teología pastoral, desarrollo humano integral de las personas, sexualidad y afectividad en la vida cristiana. Hace parte del Equipo de Teólogas y Teólogos Asesores de la Presidencia de la Confederación de Religiosas y Religiosos de América Latina y el Caribe desde el 2006.

5-53 BASES SOCIOLOGICAS Y PSICOLÓGICAS PARA UNA BUENA ESPIRITUALIDAD 🗣️

Las dificultades básicas para tener una espiritualidad saludable, tiene mucho que ver con haber drenado los elementos negativos que han quedado grabados desde la infancia, así mismo saber encontrar las fuentes propias de energía y vitalidad.



Rev. Carlos Rafael Cabarrús Pellecer, SJ

Además de ser un autor prolífico, el Dr. Carlos Cabarrús, un jesuita guatemalteco, ha sido maestro de novicios para los Jesuitas, es conferencista internacional y Director del Instituto Centroamericano de Espiritualidad para laicos y religiosos, donde he impartido cursos y charlas a nivel mundial. Rev. Cabarrús es las vicerrectorías de Integración Universitari y miembro del Consejo Directivo de la Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala, donde es actual Director del Movimiento Ignaciano de Formación Integral, para la provincia Centroamericana.

5-54 LOS SÍMBOLOS SACRAMENTALES EN TIEMPO DE CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO

Rev. Juan Luis Calderón (biografía 3-51)

Los sacramentos se realizan utilizando objetos y gestos del mundo natural (agua, aceite, lavar, etc.). Pero vivimos en un momento crucial de la historia de la humanidad, ante una crisis ecológica que parece irreversible. La destrucción del planeta y el abuso de los recursos naturales afectan a la vida de la humanidad en la tierra. Y por eso también afecta a su espiritualidad. Reflexionaremos sobre los elementos naturales que usamos en la liturgia, su funcionalidad y simbolismo, así como sobre su efecto en nuestra espiritualidad litúrgica. También sobre cómo estas simbologías se afectan con los cambios del mundo moderno y la crisis ecológica, inspirados por la Carta Encíclica, *Laudato Si'*, del Papa Francisco.

5-55 MADRES AL PIE DE LA CRUZ Y EL PODER DEL PERDÓN 🗣️

¿Qué es vivir la Justicia Restaurativa? ¿Cómo acompañamos a las madres y familias que pierden a su ser querido por medio de un crimen violento? ¿Cómo apoyamos a las madres y familias que pierden a su ser querido que ha cometido estos crímenes violentos y van a una prisión por toda su vida? Por medio de esta presentación la audiencia tendrá la oportunidad de ser testigo de la conversación entre madres que rompen con las barreras que la sociedad les ha impuesto. La verdad es que estas personas han sufrido la misma suerte y sufren la pérdida de sus hijos, hermanos, etc. Usted será testigo del poder que tienen las madres y hermanos que viven la Justicia Restaurativa y el verdadero poder del perdón. Cuando por medio de Jesús y el diálogo entre ellas/os llegan a ser un ejemplo de vida y resurrección para su familia y comunidad.



Rita Chairez

Rita Chairez, nació en Zacatecas, México, se mudó a Los Angeles y ahora vive en Boyle Heights, California, donde ella ha participado activamente con Misión Dolores y Proyecto Pastoral los últimos 20 años. Comenzando como organizadora comunitaria para Proyecto Pastoral, ella ahora está sentada como representante de la comunidad en la mesa directiva. En 2008, comenzó a trabajar con la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa en el Arzobispado de Los Angeles como Coordinadora para el Ministerio de Víctimas. Chairez ahora trabaja como Coordinadora de Programas Sanando Corazones Restaurando la Esperanza. Continúa trabajando con los encarcelados en el sistema penitenciario.



Amalia Molina

Originaria de El Salvador, Amalia Molina ha trabajado con inmigrantes, presos y sus familias ofreciendo talleres, organizando grupos de apoyo y diferentes servicios. Su experiencia la ha llevado a dar presentaciones en diferentes estados del país, incluyendo la Universidad de Georgetown en Washington, D.C., y Loyola University en Chicago, entre otros. Ella sirvió como Directora de la oficina de "Familias de los encarcelados" en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles y ahora es Directora Ejecutiva del Centro de Justicia Restaurativa. Molina es autora de "El Poder del Amor," su experiencia en una cárcel de inmigración.

5-56 LA FAMILIA, ESCUELA DE MISERICORDIA 🗣️

José-Román Flecha Andrés (biografía 7-51)

Después de un Sínodo dedicado al tema de la familia, en este taller nos preguntamos como ha de ser la familia cristiana. ¿Cómo escuchar y anunciar el Evangelio? ¿Cómo celebrar los sacramentos de la fe? ¿Cómo vivir los valores cristianos en el hogar? ¿Cómo orar en familia? ¿Cómo pueden vivir en cristiano las familias que sufren en tantas situaciones difíciles?

5-57 JUSTICIA Y MISERICORDIA: FORMACIÓN SISTEMÁTICA EN LA VIDA DE LA IGLESIA 🗣️

Nuestras estructuras parroquiales necesitan ser fortalecidas a través de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia involucrando a nuestros agentes pastorales e invitándolos

a tomar conciencia de una educación sistemática en las tareas de promoción humana y el desarrollo por todos los medios de la justicia y la paz.



Pbro. Walter Godofredo Guerra Calderon

Padre Walter Calderon, un sacerdote diocesano en Santa Ana, El Salvador, es Profesor de Sociología en la universidad de los Padres Jesuitas, UCA en San Salvador, El Salvador, y previamente fue responsable de Caritas para Centroamérica y México durante 10 años. Actualmente Padre Calderon es párroco en Asunción Los Naranjos, Juayúa, Sonsonate, El Salvador, donde es responsable de pastoral social en la diócesis. Es autor de "Testigos de la Fe," sobre de los sacerdotes diocesanos martirizados.

5-58 ¿CREO EN EL ESPÍRITU SANTO? UN EXAMEN DE CONCIENCIA PARA REAVIVAR MI DISCIPULADO

Hna. Hilda Mateo, MGSpS, DMin (biografía 8-51)

Con su primera encíclica *Laudato Si'*, sobre el cuidado de nuestra casa común, el Papa Francisco nos reta a poner la justicia ecológica en el centro de nuestros intereses políticos, económicos y eclesiales. Sin embargo, eso no se logrará jamás si no nos enamoramos de *todo ser viviente*. En el Credo, afirmamos que creemos en el Espíritu Santo, "dador de vida," pero ¿qué implica en la realidad, según la tradición bíblica, actuar según el Espíritu? Con este tema reflexionaremos sobre lo que comprende este artículo de nuestra fe en nuestra vida cotidiana como Cristianos/as y nos proporcionará cinco pasos concretos para evaluar si nuestros ministerios están reflejando la acción vivificante del Espíritu Santo.

5-59 LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS EN UNA IGLESIA CADA VEZ MÁS HISPANA

Las escuelas católicas han servido como un gran recurso para ayudar a las comunidades inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos a promover la identidad católica y la movilidad social. En este momento, cerca del 60 por ciento de los niños católicos estadounidenses son hispanos y necesitamos examinar de manera renovada como las escuelas católicas les sirven. Este taller presenta los resultados de la Encuesta Nacional de Escuelas Católicas Sirviendo a Familias Hispánicas (2015) llevada a cabo por el Dr. Hosffman Ospino y su equipo. Exploremos datos y análisis frescos sobre un tema clave para el futuro de la comunidad católica en los Estados Unidos.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

El Dr. Hosffman Ospino es profesor de teología pastoral y educación religiosa en la Universidad Jesuita Boston College, donde también es director de programas de postgrado en ministerio hispano. Su trabajo académico y pastoral le ha llevado a dar conferencias en Norteamérica, Latinoamérica y Europa. La investigación del Dr. Ospino se enfoca en el dialogo entre fe y cultura. Fue el investigador principal del estudio nacional de parroquias católicas con ministerios hispanos (2011-2014). Su libro más reciente es "Evangelización y Catequesis en el Ministerio Hispano." Actualmente se encuentra trabajando en un libro sobre parroquias católicas con ministerio.

EN 1974 el Día de la Misa de la Juventud, que se celebra en la Arena en el Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim, 9,000 personas asistieron. Cardenal Timoteo Manning concelebra la Misa con 80 sacerdotes que trabajaron especialmente con los jóvenes.



6-51 LA SANACIÓN INTERIOR Y LA MISERICORDIA VAN DE LA MANO SALA B

Desde la teología espiritual y la psicología, estaremos explorando los mecanismos de defensa del ego y la gran misericordia de Dios que nos quiere restaurar, sanar y transformar. Veremos formas de dejarnos amar por Dios para que dejemos traslucir su misericordia a través de nosotros y nos compartamos más auténticamente. Este taller te dará consejos prácticos para edificar tu autoestima, comprenderte y comprender a los demás, para que sirvas con humildad y amor en tu ministerio.



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 Angeles. Lleva dos años como maestro de preparatoria, y desde 2003 es conductor del programa "Hacia Cristo con María" en El Sembrador, y tiene un CD titulado, "Baños de Luz," sobre meditación y la sanación interior. Vega es conferencista en congresos regionales, retiros y congresos para la comunidad hispana. En la actualidad, está en proceso de obtener una maestría en teología pastoral con concentración en la dirección espiritual.

6-52 LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS EN EL MÁS ALLÁ

Pbro. Dr. Rogelio C. Alcántara Mendoza (biografía 1-52)

Las verdades de la fe sobre el más allá nos muestran el amor misericordioso de Dios. Pero, ¿cómo se puede experimentar la misericordia de Dios después de la muerte? ¿Cómo se manifiesta la Misericordia de Dios a la hora de la muerte, en el juicio particular y en la sentencia definitiva?

6-53 SALUD MENTAL EN LA SOCIEDAD ACTUAL

Julia Cano Valero (biografía 3-53)

En el mundo en el que vivimos esta en evidencia que los trastornos mentales están aumentando. Las personas, niños, jóvenes y mayores, cada vez con mayor frecuencia sufren de estrés, de angustia, de depresión y de otros trastornos mentales. En esta conferencia, hablaremos del riesgo que corremos de perder nuestro equilibrio mental y de los factores que influyen en que eso ocurra, así como también de las herramientas y estrategias que podemos emplear para protegernos. Partiendo de la definición de salud mental como capacidad de amar y trabajar reflexionaremos sobre el riesgo de perderla y el reto de conservarla. Desde el punto de vista de la prevención de los trastornos mentales más frecuentes y de sus consecuencias.

6-54 DESCOMUNICADOS EN UN MUNDO MÁS COMUNICADO QUE NUNCA: VENTAJAS, DESVENTAJAS Y RETOS

Marco Elias-Juarez (biografía 3-56)

En nuestro mundo de los celulares, iPads, tabletas, computadoras y otros, establecer relaciones interpersonales profundas y significativas en los ministerios es un reto cada vez mayor. Los

medios electrónicos de comunicación se han convertido en una herramienta excelente, pero nunca podrán reemplazar la presencia y la interacción cálida con otro ser humano. En este taller, se reflexionará acerca del papel que juegan los medios electrónicos para conectar y/o desconectar al ser humano, y se proporcionarán algunas alternativas, desde la psicología social, para fortalecer el valor maravilloso e insustituible de la comunicación y de las relaciones interpersonales.

6-55 CANTOS PARA EL AÑO DE LA MISERICORDIA

Venga y descubra música que enfatiza el mensaje y las enseñanzas bíblicas sobre la misericordia, así resonando con el llamado del Santo Papa a un Año de la Misericordia para la Iglesia mundial. Escuche y aprenda obras bellas y poderosas de diferentes compositores, interpretadas en vivo, que exploran los diversos aspectos de la misericordia, sean para la Misa, grupos de oración o la meditación personal.



Peter Kolar

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6-56 SIEMPRE SERÁN NUESTROS HIJOS: CUIDADO PASTORAL PARA/CON LOS CATÓLICOS GAY Y LESBIANAS EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA, NUESTRA COMUNIDAD Y EN EL HOGAR

En este taller, tendremos un diálogo sobre el enfoque pastoral que debemos practicar con los Católicos LGBT que viven la misa, sirven en nuestras parroquias y son parte de nuestra comunidad católica. Participantes del panel compartirán sus historias personales y su trayecto de fe, además de compartir como su experiencia personal ha traído aceptación, entendimiento y un lazo más profundo con los miembros de sus familias a través de la Buena Nueva del Evangelio. Líderes de ministerios parroquiales, catequistas, profesores y padres son todos bienvenidos a esta sesión.



Javier Plascencia

Javier Plascencia es un Miembro de El Ministerio Católico con Personas Gay y Lesbianas de La Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles y ha trabajado en el Comité de Educación de dicho Ministerio, participando en la investigación, preparación y presentación de temas relacionados asuntos LGBT, has dado numerosas presentaciones en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, Co-Fundador del Ministerio "Siempre Serán Nuestros Hijos," (un Ministerio de apoyo para padres de personas LGBT, sus familias y amigos) en Diamond Bar, California. Ha participado como panelista en varios Congresos de Educación Religiosa, en los Congresos Regionales de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, University Series, y el programa de aculturamiento para sacerdotes extranjeros.

**Yunuen M. Trujillo**

Yunuen Trujillo ha trabajado por 10 años con grupos de jóvenes adultos. Como parte del Equipo Arquidiocesano de Pastoral Juvenil, y conferencista y coordinador regional, también conductor de radio "PJLA Radio-TV" (Pastoral Juvenil de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, California.) y editor de PJLA noticia en línea. Su especialidad en el ministerio es justicia social y doctrina social de la iglesia. Actualmente forma parte del grupo, "Siempre Serán Nuestros Hijos", grupo de apoyo para padres y familiares de católicos LGBT, y el Ministerio Católico con Personas Gay y Lesbianas (CMLGP), ministerio arquidiocesano.

6-57 ¿POR QUÉ LOS MOVIMIENTOS APOSTÓLICOS SON IMPORTANTES EN LA RESPUESTA A LA PRIMER ENCÍCLICA DEL PAPA FRANCISCO? 🗣️

Los movimientos eclesiales laicos son un reflejo de la perenne vitalidad del Espíritu Santo en la Iglesia. En los Estados Unidos estos grupos se han convertido en el hogar espiritual y en espacios de formación en la Fe para cientos de miles de familias hispanas que allí se sienten bienvenidas y valoradas. La elección del Papa Francisco, primer papa hispano, y sus enseñanzas han sido acogidas con enorme entusiasmo y predisposición para vivirlas y transmitirlos. La primera encíclica, *Laudato Si'*, sobre la necesidad de "cuidar nuestra casa común" tiene ecos profundos en la cultura hispana. ¿Cómo pueden los movimientos laicos responder a este llamado? ¿Por qué su respuesta es importante? Ven a este taller para enriquecer tu comprensión sobre la encíclica y encontrar respuestas a nivel personal y ¡comunitario!

**Roberto Adrián Rojas**

Nacido en Mendoza, Argentina, Roberto Rojas tiene extensa carrera internacional como educador incluye 20 años de enseñanza en varios niveles. Fue miembro del equipo de instructores del Instituto para el Liderazgo en el Ministerio en la Diócesis de San Jose, California, y actualmente en el Instituto para Ministerio Pastoral en la Diócesis de Orange, California. Desde el 2013 Roberto trabaja en Catholic Relief Services (CRS) primero como Gerente de Relaciones para la Región Oeste de los Estados Unidos y actualmente como Asesor Nacional para Ministerio Hispano en los Estados Unidos.

6-58 VIVIR COMO CRISTIANO EN LA ERA DEL INTERNET 🗣️

Hna. Xiskya Lucía Valladares Paguaga (biografía 3-59)

Internet llegó para quedarse. Muchas personas se han visto envueltas en una nueva cultura digital desconocida frente a otros más jóvenes que han nacido en ella (nativos digitales). En esta conferencia, ofreceremos las claves básicas para vivir como cristiano esta Era del Internet. Veremos algunos de los riesgos existentes y cómo afrontarlos, cómo cristianizar la cultura digital y cómo acompañar a los jóvenes en su formación cristiana también en el uso de la tecnología. Qué dice la Iglesia al respecto, cómo vivir a comunidad y la comunicación en los nuevos tiempos, y qué posibilidades evangelizadoras podemos aprovechar, son algunos de los aspectos que se tratarán.

6-59 LECTURA HISPANO-CATEQUÉTICA DE LAU-DATO SI' DEL PAPA FRANCISCO 🗣️

El papa Francisco imprime en esta encíclica su espíritu latinoamericano. Se fundamenta en los datos de las ciencias pero los lee con inteligencia sensible: detrás de los datos, discierne los dramas humanos que se esconden. Refleja la experiencia pastoral latinoamericana: Medellín, Colombia; Puebla, México; y Aparecida, Portugal. Muchas expresiones son típicas nuestras: la casa común, el grito de la Tierra y el grito de los pobres, el cuidado, el cambio de paradigma, etc. La estructura de la encíclica consagrada el método latinoamericano: ver, juzgar, actuar y celebrar. En nuestra exposición ayudaremos a llegar en profundidad y captar el espíritu que ha forjado la encíclica.

**Pbro. Luigi Zanotto**

Padre Luigi Zanotto, un misionero comboniano, es Pastor de St. 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 Angeles, las diócesis del Nordeste de Estados Unidos y universidades en la formación de líderes de pastoral. Previamente 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."

EN 1969

el "Southern California Confraternity Congress" fue el último evento realizado en el International Hotel, cerca del aeropuerto internacional de Los Angeles. Con la asistencia creciendo cada año, el evento fue superando las instalaciones. Espacio de encuentro fue en un premio de tal manera que algunos talleres se llevaron a cabo en realidad en habitaciones de hotel. Las camas y televisores fueron movidos a un lado para dejar espacio a las pantallas de proyección, pizarras portátiles, los altavoces y los catequistas. El próximo año el Congreso fue trasladado a las habitaciones mucho más grandes en el Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim, entonces todavía una parte de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles.



7-51 LA MISERICORDIA: DON Y TAREA SALA B

En este Año Santo de la Misericordia en esta conferencia, tratamos de descubrir, celebrar y anunciar la misericordia con que Dios perdona nuestros pecados. Además nos preguntamos si sabemos perdonarnos a nosotros mismos. Y, finalmente, pensamos la responsabilidad moral de practicar la compasión y la misericordia con las personas que sufren a nuestro alrededor.



Pbro. José-Román Flecha Andrés

Padre José-Román Flecha es sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, en la que ha sido párroco. Es profesor emérito de la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca, donde es miembro del Comité de Bioética. Por muchos años ha sido profesor universitario, conferencista en numerosos países, invitado en varias universidades internacionales, al instituto de pastoral de Los Angeles y al Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Angeles. Padre Flecha es miembro de la Comisión de Estudios en la Congregación para la Educación Católica (Santa Sede), del Comité Científico del "Instituto Paolo VI" de Brescia, Italia, y del comité de bioética para el asesoramiento del Banco Nacional de ADN. Trabaja apostólicamente en Los Angeles, California; Buffalo, Nueva York; y en Arizona, Panamá, Costa Rica y en Chile.

7-52 "AY DE MI SI NO EVANGELIZO": JÓVENES ADULTOS EN MISIÓN

Hna. Ondina Cortés, RMI, PhD (biografía 4-54)

Todos los bautizados participamos de la vocación misionera de la Iglesia, pero la Iglesia confía de manera especial en los jóvenes para esta tarea. ¿Qué significa ser un joven misionero? ¿Cuáles son los retos que enfrenta? Esta conferencia presenta las claves de la nueva evangelización según el Papa Francisco en el documento, "La Alegría del Evangelio." También ofrece recursos para alimentar y desarrollar una espiritualidad misionera, y formas prácticas de transmitir la Buena Nueva entre los jóvenes de forma audaz y creativa.

7-53 ESPIRITUALIDAD DE LA CREACIÓN

Lourdes Catherine O. Encarnación, MM (biografía 2-54)

"Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo ...": Varias culturas subrayan la importancia de la buena salud de la comunidad para la buena salud de cada miembro. Las calamidades "naturales" que experimentamos en el mundo, nos llaman a despertar, mirar, escuchar y darnos cuenta de todo esto que está sucediendo. ¡Felizmente, hoy, el mismo Papa Francisco nos da una guía para reflexionar: la encíclica *Laudato si'*! En esta conferencia, vamos a explorar esta pregunta por medio de tres principios del universo – diferenciación, interioridad, comunión – "la trinidad cósmica que preside el organismo del universo," iluminada por la Sagrada Escritura.

7-54 TEOLOGÍA LATINA PARA LA PASTORAL LATINA

A veces se tiene la impresión de que la teología tiene poco que conversar con la pastoral. Sin embargo, la teología

latina de los Estados Unidos nació (y sigue naciendo) desde la realidad de nuestras comunidades (incluidas las realidades pastorales). La teología no da "recetas" pero nos ayuda a ver mejor y, sobre todo, a mejor descubrir, formular y evaluar nuestras preguntas y posibles respuestas ante las necesidades reales de nuestras comunidades. En este taller, nos enfocaremos en la importante conversación entre la pastoral y la teología latinas en los Estados Unidos.



Dr. Orlando Espín

Dr. Orlando Espín es Profesor de Teología Sistemática en la Universidad de San Diego, California, y considerado uno de los principales teólogos latinos de los Estados Unidos. Ha sido dos veces Presidente de la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Dr. Espín es autor o editor de 10 libros y de más de 400 artículos teológicos en revistas especializadas de todo el mundo.

7-55 COMUNICACIÓN: LUZ Y VIDA PARA LAS FAMILIAS

Lic. Rosa Montes-Jaime (biografía 2-56)

Esta conferencia te iluminará en el área de la comunicación y diálogo con el propósito de mejorar la calidad familiar. Ven y explora técnicas de comunicación por medio de ejercicios los cuales serán fáciles de implementar con tu familia, y enviar el mensaje de Cristo en nuestras relaciones.

7-56 A VECES TENEMOS QUE PERDONAR Y A VECES TENEMOS QUE PEDIR PERDÓN

Lic. Juan Pablo Saju (biografía 3-57)

Es impagable la tranquilidad que sentimos cuando somos perdonados. Pero es una constante en la vida de muchos de nosotros que a pesar de que hemos recibido el perdón igual sentimos el corazón herido. Muchas veces es porque falta el que nosotros también perdonemos al otro para sentirnos sanos en nuestro interior y con un corazón libre y sin ataduras. En esta disertación veremos en la Sagrada Escritura y en la vida de tantos hombres y mujeres que experimentando el perdón de Dios han sabido perdonar y han logrado la alegría y la paz que sus almas anhelaban. Viendo sus ejemplos lo intentaremos aplicar a nuestra vida para cumplir con el deseo del papa Francisco en su Bula de la Misericordia: "¡Cómo deseo que los años por venir estén impregnados de misericordia para poder ir al encuentro de cada persona llevando la bondad y la ternura de Dios!" (n. 5).

7-57 LA MISERICORDIA Y LA COMPASIÓN EN EL NUEVO TESTAMENTO

Pbro. Clodomiro Siller Acuña (biografía 2-58)

Israel ha pasado por situaciones difíciles y de dominación. En tiempos de Jesús el vivir la fe y practicar la religión se habían complicado debido a las severas normas que aplicaban los sacerdotes, escribas y fariseos. En

estas circunstancias muchas experiencias ordinarias, o de pobreza y enfermedad eran consideradas y juzgadas como pecados o posesiones diabólicas. Jesús retoma el sentido originario del plan de Dios. La misericordia y compasión de Dios son la evidencia de que el Reino de los Cielos es de los pobres, los afligidos, los humildes, los hambrientos, los misericordiosos, los perseguidos por la justicia, los que hacen la paz. Jesús nos enseñó: Que él es el camino. Al vivir nuestra fe y los ministerios pastorales con los que servimos en nuestra comunidad hay que darles esas características de misericordia y compasión.

7-58 CULTIVANDO LA ESPIRITUALIDAD EN NUESTRAS FAMILIAS

“Los padres son los primeros responsables de la educación de sus hijos” (CIC, 2223). Como catequistas se nos olvida lo que el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos dice claramente que la formación en la fe está situada en el hogar. Este taller presentara cinco ideas para fomentar, crecer y apoyar la espiritualidad en el hogar. Ideas y manualidades creativas serán parte de la conversación. La meta de este taller es de equipar a los catequistas para que luego ellos puedan fortalecer la catequesis en nuestras casas.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela es consultor bilingüe a nivel nacional de William H. Sadler, Inc. Por más de 20 años ha trabajado en el ministerio hispano. 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 está inscrito en un programa de doctorado en la Universidad Barry en Miami.

7-59 2016: UN AÑO DECISIVO PARA LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS

Pbro. Luigi Zanotto (biografía 6-59)

Es el año de las elecciones presidenciales y es el año de preparación al V Encuentro de la pastoral hispana. En política el voto hispano es determinante. Cualquier candidato a la presidencia la podrá alcanzar si cuenta con el voto hispano. En religión la comunidad hispana representa el futuro del catolicismo en los Estados Unidos. Este es el momento de tomar conciencia de la realidad histórica y asumir nuestra responsabilidad preparándonos a dar nuestra respuesta cualificada.

EN 1970

la anual “Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress” fue movida al Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim. El feliz resultado fue más de 10.000 asistentes y el uso de los varios hoteles de los alrededores.



8-51 TONANTZIN GUADALUPE: LA PEDAGOGÍA DEL DIOS DE LA MISERICORDIA

SALA B

Al proclamar el 2016 como el Año Santo de la Misericordia, el Papa Francisco nos está invitando a centrar nuestra vida Cristiana y toda acción pastoral en la *misericordia* de Dios. Tal vez se nos ha enseñado a buscar la “misericordia” en el contexto del perdón, ¿pero hemos aprendido como padres de familia, agentes de pastoral y sobre todo catequistas a formar discípulos misioneros con la “pedagogía de la misericordia”? Este tema nos indicará pasos concretos teológicos que establece Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con San Juan Diego que nos sirven como modelo para formar a las personas desde la experiencia y vivencia de la *misericordia*.



Hna. Hilda Mateo, MGSpS, DMin

La hermana Hilda Mateo, originaria de Miami, Florida, de padres cubanos, es bilingüe, bicultural y en los últimos 20 años ha centrado su ministerio en la formación de agentes pastorales Hispanos, tomando la Teología Guadalupana como paradigma y pedagogía para la organización y desarrollo de comunidades evangelizadoras que aprendan a integrar sus experiencias de fe, cultura e inmigración. Hna. Mateo es facilitadora de talleres y actualmente vive en Los Angeles sirviendo como directora de la investigación y difusión del Carisma Sacerdotal-Guadalupeño para su comunidad religiosa, Misioneras Guadalupanas del Espíritu Santo, en la provincia de los Estados Unidos.

8-52 “COMO TÚ, OH PADRE, ESTÁS EN MÍ Y YO EN TI, QUE TAMBIÉN ELLOS ESTÉN EN NOSOTROS”

Elsy Arevalo, MA (biografía 1-54)

Dios se encuentra en toda la creación y de una forma especial en el corazón de los seres humanos. Santa Teresa de Avila nos recuerda que al camino hacia el interior es nuestro tesoro más valioso ya que es aquí “donde los intercambios más secretos entre Dios y el alma se llevan a cabo.” Ella nos apunta hacia la oración como la puerta de entrada a este castillo. ¿Qué podría ser más atractivo que encontrarnos con Dios? Y, sin embargo, nos cuesta mucho llegar a ese espacio de encuentro, transformación y entrega. En este taller, exploraremos este llamado a estar en y con Dios, los retos que encontramos en el camino y las guías que los místicos de la tradición Cristiana nos pueden ofrecer.

8-53 INDICADORES DE UNA ESPIRITUALIDAD SANA

Carlos Rafael Cabarrús Pellecer (biografía 5-53)

Trabajar con lo que dificulta la espiritualidad sobre todo la culpa mal sana y los fetiches de Dios, para abrirse a la experiencia del Dios de Jesús.

Español

8-54 MONSEÑOR ROMERO: SU PREDILECCIÓN POR LOS POBRES

Pbro. Walter Guerra Calderon (biografía 5-57)

Mons. Óscar Romero de El Salvador, con su profunda espiritualidad y su preocupación por los excluidos de nuestro sistema, ha impactado nuestra Iglesia y nuestro mundo. Como sacerdote y como obispo consagró su ministerio a anunciar con valentía la necesidad de hacer realidad el mandamiento del amor protegiendo a los más vulnerables.

8-55 EL CATEQUISTA SIGNO DE LA MISERICORDIA

María Elena Ocegueda Juárez (biografía 4-58)

En la actualidad, ¿Cuál será la misión fundamental del catequista? ¿Qué te dice el binomio Catequista-Misericordia? ¿Puedo como catequista ser signo del obrar misericordioso del Padre? Contempla el misterio de la misericordia de Dios en tu vida y, con tus gestos, palabras, actitudes y acciones sé signo de ella ya que la misericordia abre el corazón a la esperanza de ser amados no obstante el límite de nuestro pecado (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 2).

8-56 ¡LA NUEVA EVANGELIZACIÓN EN LA ERA DE LAS REDES SOCIALES!

Roberto Adrian Rojas (biografía 6-57)

En la “Alegría del Evangelio,” el Papa Francisco nos invita a llevar la Buena Nueva a todo ámbito de nuestra vida, pública y privada. En el mundo actual uno de los nuevos y grandes foros en los que la gente se reúne son las redes sociales. ¡La Iglesia ha respondido a esta realidad y ya está usando estos medios! Nosotros como discípulos no debemos tener miedo o prejuicios contra las nuevas tecnologías, sino estar a la vanguardia y ser protagonistas del momento histórico que nos toca vivir. Te invitamos a este taller para aprender cómo aprovechar e integrar estos recursos en tu ministerio y en tu vida.

8-57 LIDERAZGO EN EL MINISTERIO JUVENIL

Rev. Agustino Miguel Torres, CFR (biografía 3-58)

Empezando desde este punto de referencia, este taller se enfocará en la gran necesidad de entrenamiento en el discipulado de los jóvenes. Los líderes que van a guiar a las jóvenes tienen que saber cómo crear otros discípulos. Pero esto no solamente se dice se hace ¿Cómo ir de las bancas y ponerse las chanclas hoy en día en este mundo moderno?

8-58 RICA: INVITACIÓN A EVANGELIZAR Y HACER PRESENTE EL ROSTRO DE LA MISERICORDIA

Rev. Richard Vega (biografía 1-58)

Estamos a la mitad del Año de la Misericordia. Como Evangelizadores de la Buena Nueva, ¿cómo es que el RICA proclama y vive la misericordia del Señor? Nuestros hermanos vienen en busca de Cristo en sus vidas, ¿qué mensaje y que rostro les mostramos ante la fragilidad, la flaqueza y la pobreza de sus vidas? El rostro que les manifestamos da indicación de quien es el Dios que los invita a la vida en las aguas bautismales.

8-59 EVANGELIZANDO CON EL PODER DE LA MISERICORDIA

Lupita Vital Cruz (biografía 2-53)

Dios desea nuestra felicidad, plenitud y alegría en nuestra vida. ¿Cómo se logra esto en este mundo tan materializado? El Papa Francisco nos dice que: “La misericordia no es contraria a la justicia sino que expresa el comportamiento de Dios hacia el pecador, una posibilidad para examinarse, convertirse y creer.” Debemos de superar la justicia hacia el camino de la misericordia. Analizaremos lo que nos enseña la Bula que el Papa nos ha dado para este Año de la Misericordia. Uno de sus puntos principales es el perdón.

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- Seleccionar “Ver más” (o presionar el dibujo).
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RECONCILIACIÓN

Tendrá la oportunidad de recibir el sacramento de reconciliación en español el viernes y/o el sábado en el Espacio Sagrado o capilla en la sala 304 (tercer piso), de **11:30 am a 1:00 pm** y de **2:30 pm a 3:30 pm**.

CAPILLA

Durante el Congreso la capilla estará localizada en el Espacio Sagrado (sala 304) para oración y adoración ante el Santísimo y estará abierta de viernes a domingo, de **10 am a 3 pm**.

GRABACIÓN DE LAS CONFERENCIAS

El Congreso grabará la mayoría de las conferencias y la grabación oficial corre por cuenta de "CSC Digital Media." Se prohíbe cualquier otra grabación personal. Para más información consulte la red: www.RECongress.org o el libreto-guía.

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Las personas que se inscriban para el Congreso de Educación Religiosa pueden comprar entradas a Disneyland a precio especial antes de su llegada. Hay precios especiales para boletos de Twilight Convention (entrada después de las 4 pm), 1-día 1-parque, multi-día y los boletos Park Hopper (para los dos parques). Esta oferta sólo está disponibles en línea en disneytickets.disney.go.com/store/ZMRB16A y deben comprarse antes del miércoles, 24 de febrero de 2016. Este oferta no está disponible en el parque de Disneyland, y los boletos son válidos del jueves, 18 de febrero 2016 hasta el lunes, 29 de febrero 2016.

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- Si necesita que un asistente le acompañe a sus conferencias y otros eventos del congreso, adjunte su tarjeta de registración con la suya, y envíela en el mismo sobre con una nota explicando que ambos necesitan ser registrados en las mismas conferencias. Es esencial que se registre antes del **20 de enero de 2016**.
- Las distancias entre el centro de convenciones y hoteles vecinos son bastante grandes. Si así lo desea, usted puede pedir ser registrado sólo para conferencias dentro del centro de convenciones, es muy importante que incluya una nota con su tarjeta de registro al tiempo de enviarla.
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Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes sobre su capacidad para asistir o disfrutar del congreso debido al acceso de discapacidad o problemas de movilidad, no dude en ponerse en contacto con Rob Williams en RECMobility@recongress.org. Durante el Congreso puede acudir al Equipo de Movilidad que está situado justo fuera de las Oficinas Centrales del Congreso "Headquarters" (AR-1), en el pasillo entre la sala de exhibiciones y la entrada de la Arena.

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La Oficina de Educación Religiosa ha establecido un fondo de apoyo (Endowment Fund), que se alimenta de donaciones el cual permite la formación continua de los líderes catequéticos ofreciéndoles becas escolares para estudios avanzados. Deseamos que cada director/a de educación religiosa y cada director/a de pastoral juveniles, tengan la oportunidad de obtener el grado universitario de maestría en Estudios Religiosos. Si usted desea contribuir a este fondo y ser mencionado en la guía del programa del congreso como benefactor, favor de enviar su donativo a la dirección que se proporciona a continuación. Tendremos una colecta especial para este fondo durante las liturgias del sábado.

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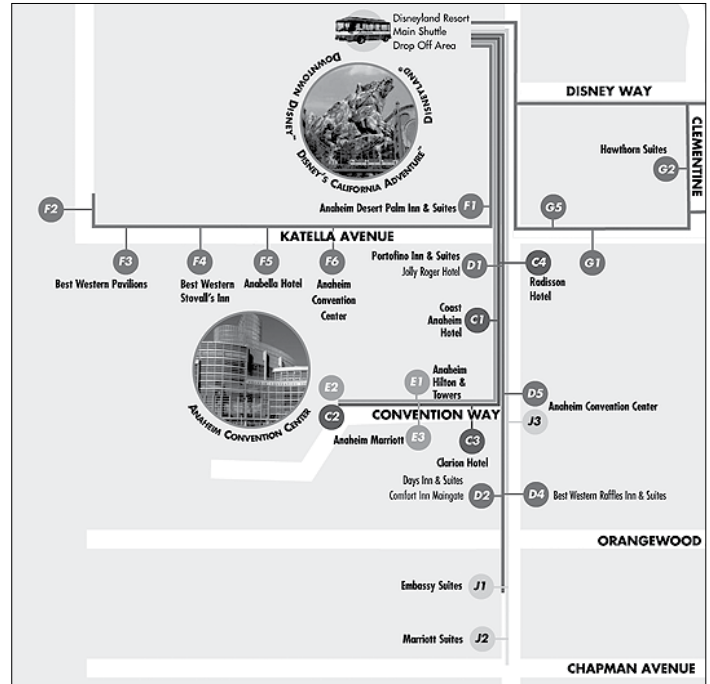
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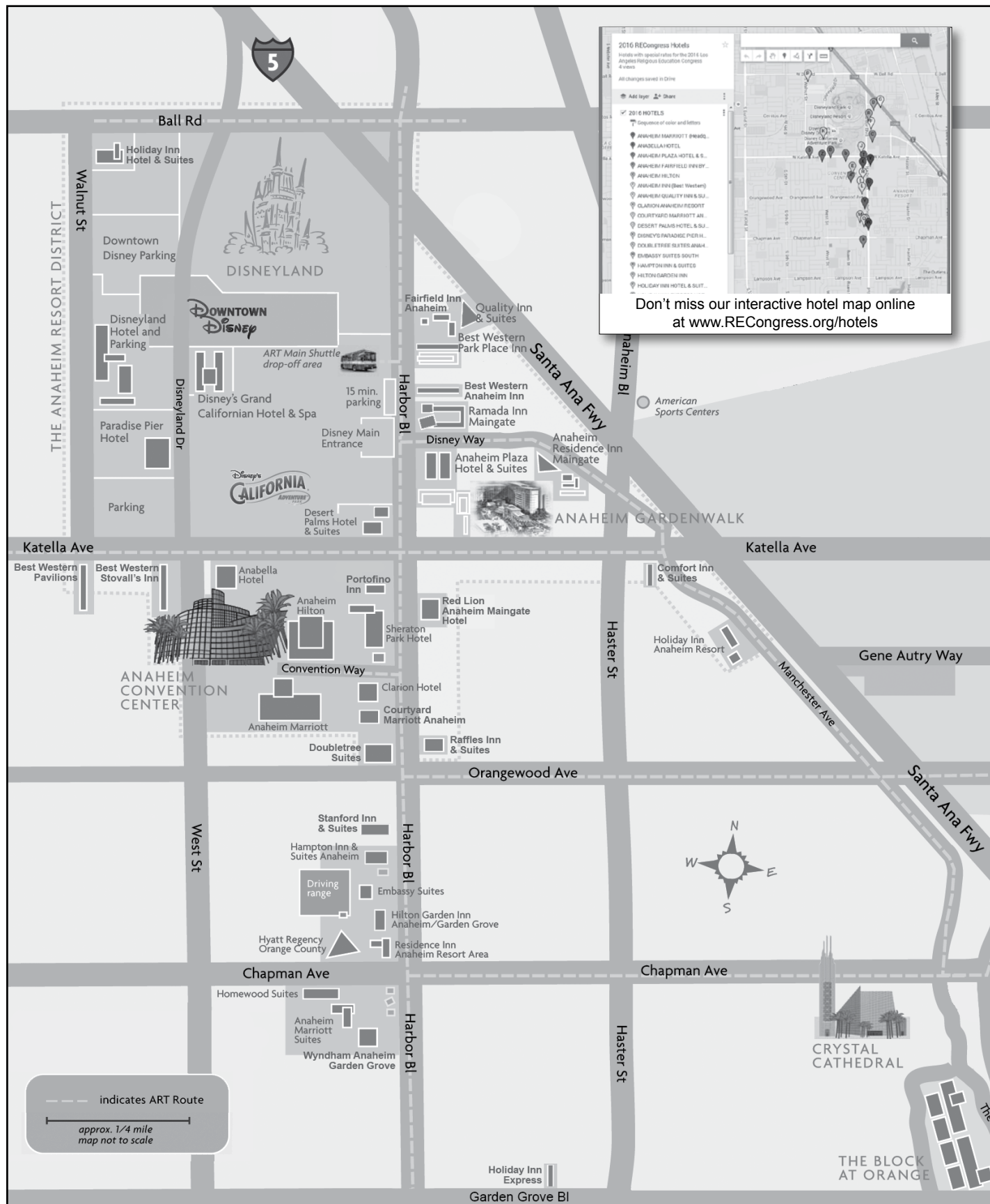
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February 26-28, 2016

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<p>To earn 1.0 unit (10 hours over two days):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>To earn 1.5 units (15 hours over three days):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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- ❖ **To register**, fill out the form below, and FAX 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

- ❖ **To receive credit**, submit your paper (typed, double-spaced), along with a list of all the sessions you attended, on or before **March 14, 2016** (two weeks after Congress)
 - Send your materials by **email** (CRS@lmu.edu), or **FAX** (310-338-2706), or **regular mail** to:
Center for Religion & Spirituality, 1 LMU Drive, Suite 1863, Los Angeles, CA 90045-2659

REGISTRATION FORM – LMU EXTENSION

RELX 870.01 / CRN 80487 – R.E. CONGRESS: Two Days (1.0 unit for \$60)

RELX 871.01 / CRN 80488 – R.E. CONGRESS: Three Days (1.5 units for \$90)

FULL NAME _____
Title First Middle Last Suffix

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

EMAIL _____

Please submit this form along with the appropriate registration fee on or before **February 26, 2016**.
 Make checks payable to “Loyola Marymount University,” or call to give credit card information for payment.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PASTORAL / CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Mount Saint Mary's University of Los Angeles offers you one *Continuing Education Unit (C.E.U.)* for attending workshops and Keynotes at the 2016 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. This C.E.U. is recorded by the American Council on Education.

EARN ONE C.E.U. BY ATTENDING SEVEN CONGRESS WORKSHOPS.*

EARN .8 C.E.U. BY ATTENDING FIVE CONGRESS WORKSHOPS.*

- a. Earn .8 C.E.U. by attending **five** workshops.
Earn 1 C.E.U. for **seven** workshops. (0001)
- b. Earn 1 C.E.U. in any of these areas by attending **four** of seven workshops in the desired area:
 - Catechist recertification (0002)
 - 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.).

1. C.E.U. credit is awarded nationally for attendance at conferences, seminars, workshops and classes providing adult-learning experiences.
2. C.E.U. credit is used toward advancement in some professions or as proof of continuing education.
3. C.E.U. credit is processed by Mount Saint Mary's University and recorded by the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.
4. C.E.U. credit offers proof of attendance for recertification or certification credits as a religion teacher.
5. The non-refundable fee for either .8 C.E.U. or 1 C.E.U. is \$35.

*** All General Arena Keynotes (non-liturgies) also count toward workshop credit.**

For complete info, please contact: Sonia Rosales • 213.477.2640 • SRosales@msmu.edu

Mount Saint Mary's University Continuing Education for Pastoral / Catechetical Ministry Congress 2016

I wish to enroll for 1 Continuing Education Unit (1 C.E.U.) I understand I must attend 7 workshops at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to obtain this credit.

I wish to enroll for .8 Continuing Education Unit (.8 C.E.U.) I understand I must attend 5 workshops at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to obtain this credit.

Circle one: 0001 0002 0003 0004 0005 0006

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ SS# _____

Return to: Graduate Religious Studies
Mount Saint Mary's University
10 Chester Place
Los Angeles, CA 90007

\$35 enclosed (Check payable to Mount Saint Mary's University)
No registration will be honored without accompanying payment.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER BY MAIL: February 19, 2016

HOTEL FACILITIES/HOSPITALITY

We ask that everyone observe the rules and regulations of the hotels regarding food and beverages in their rooms. Hotel regulations regarding food are as follows:

- 1. THE CITY OF ANAHEIM PROHIBITS THE USE OF ANY TYPE OF COOKING APPLIANCES.** This includes microwave ovens, warming ovens, toasters or any type of similar appliances.
- 2. FOOD AND BEVERAGES – OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY HOTEL CATERING DEPARTMENTS – ARE FORBIDDEN IN ROOMS.** Notices will be filed with the management if anything is found in the rooms by housekeeping personnel. Hotel management will take appropriate action.

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.

BANQUET / CATERING CONTACTS ONLY		
DOUBLETREE:	Deborah Fisher	(714) 383-7020
HILTON:	Kelly Brown	(714) 740-4293
MARRIOTT:	Jim Neilson	(714) 703-3114
SHERATON:	Melissa Ponce	(714) 740-4190

CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

The following regulations have been given to the Congress Office regarding policies. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

1. No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center parking lots.
2. No free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

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.

PARKING

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/recording.htm. An order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

SERVICES FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2016 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 January 8, 2016, 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.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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 20, 2016.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large, so 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.
- NOTE: The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Alpha Drugs Pharmacy at either of their two locations in Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; or 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your ability to attend or enjoy RECongress due to handicap access or mobility concerns, please feel free to contact Rob Williams at REcmobility@recongress.org. RECongress’ Mobility Team will be available to help with wheelchair transport, special seating and any access issues within Congress. You can find the Mobility Team located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area.

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 1, 2016.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.

REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$70. Postmarked after January 8, 2016 is \$80.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by December 27, 2015. There are **NO REFUNDS** after this date.
3. If you have not mailed in your registration by **February 1, 2016** please register online at www.recongress.org.
4. Online registration remains open through Sunday, February 28, 2016. If you register online after January 28, 2016, 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 begin to be mailed after JANUARY 6, 2016. 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.
8. **Sharing tickets is not allowed. Each person who attends Congress must register individually.**

ON-SITE REGISTRATION/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a "jump start" on Congress! Register or pick up your Congress Program Book and badge holder beginning **Thursday, February 25, 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 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 1 de febrero, 2016.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.

RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$70 (U.S.). Después del 8 de enero, 2016 será \$80.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 27 de diciembre, 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 **1 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 28 de febrero del 2016. Si se registra en línea después del 28 de enero, 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 serán enviados por correo después del 6 de enero, 2016. 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.
8. **No aceptamos que compartan los boletos del Congreso. Cada persona que asista debe inscribirse individualmente.**

INSCRIPCIÓN/RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Registrar o recoja su libro y porta acreditaciones a partir del día **jueves 25 de febrero, 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

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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

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