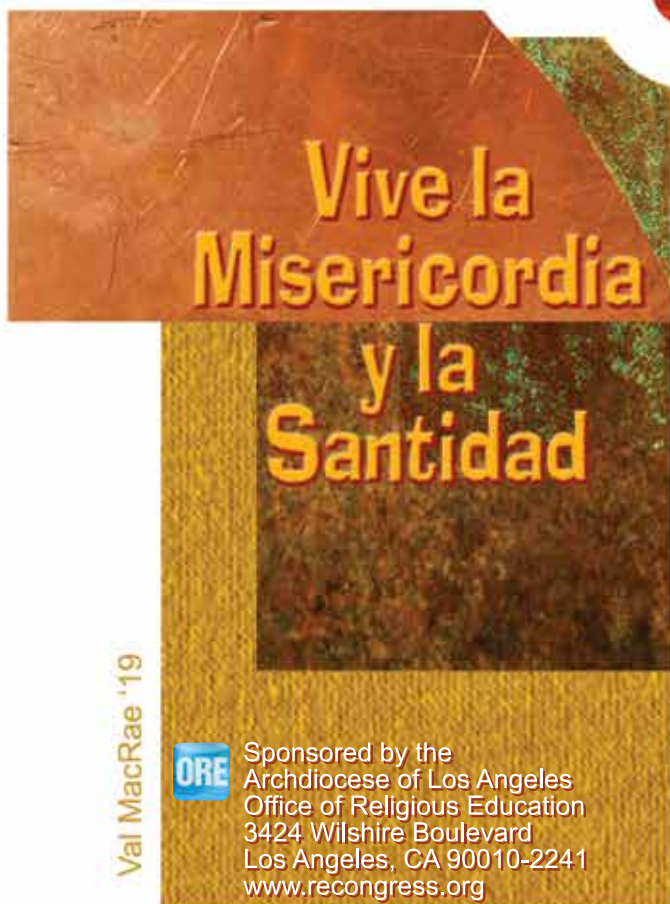
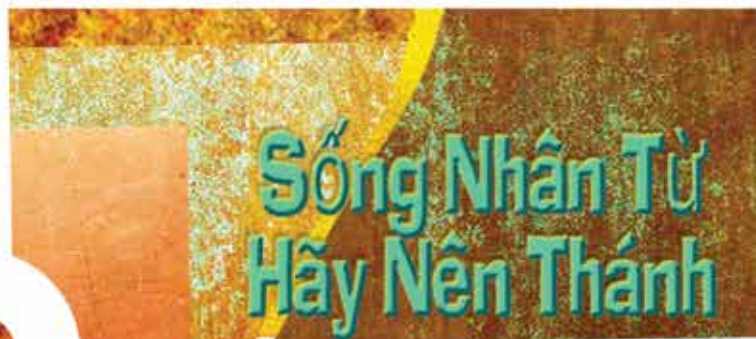
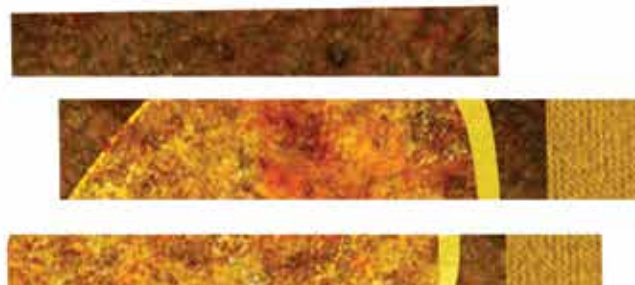
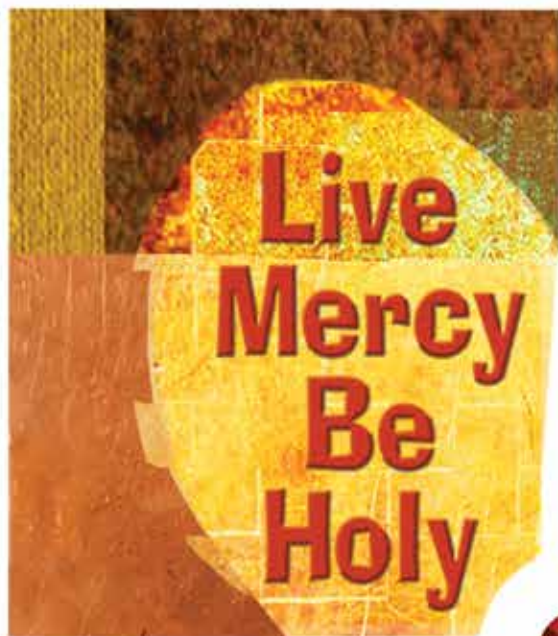


RECONGRESS

RENEW • EXPERIENCE • CELEBRATE



Val MacRae '19



Sponsored by the
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Religious Education
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241
www.recongress.org



February 20 - 23
2020

Anaheim Convention Center • 800 West Katella Ave. • Anaheim, CA 92802

OVERVIEW

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 20, 2020

See pages 7-15 for the Youth Day schedule.

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm On-site registration
(Hall B Prefunction area)
Program pick-up (ACC North)

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 21

7:00 am - 3:00 pm On-site registration
(Hall B Prefunction area)
Program pick-up
– ACC North Prefunction area
– Arena East Entrance (till 12)

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

10:00 - 11:30 am Period 1 Workshops

10:15 - 10:45 am RECongress Chat (**Hall A**)

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (**Arena**)
– Tony Alonso & Peter Kolar

Music (**Hall B**)

– Augustin & Hess

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 2 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 3 Workshops

5:15 pm Liturgies & Evening Prayer

7:45 - 9:45 pm Film Showcase 2020
(Convention 201)

8:00 pm Concert (**Arena**)
– “Women in Music”

9:00 pm Benediction (ACC North 251)

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 22

7:30 am - 2:30 pm On-site registration
(Hall B Prefunction area)
Program Book Pick-up
(ACC North Prefunction area)

7:50 - 9:30 am Morning Praise & Keynote
English (Arena)

– Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI

Morning Praise & Keynote

Spanish (Hall B)

– Bishop Daniel Flores

10:00 - 11:30 am Period 4 Workshops

10:30 am Front Row with Archbishop
Gomez (**Hall A**)

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (**Arena**)

– Pan-Asian Cultures

Music (**Hall B**)

– John Angotti & Craig Colson

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 5 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 6 Workshops

5:15 pm Liturgies & Evening Prayer

8:00 pm Concert (**Arena**)

– “Fiesta Latina”

8:30 pm Sacred Illuminations 2020
(ACC North 158)

9:00 pm Taizé Prayer
(ACC North 251)

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

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 23

8:00 - 11:00 am On-site registration/Program
pick-up (Hall B Prefunction)

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

10:00 - 11:30 am Period 7 Workshops

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (**Arena**)

– WAL

Music (**Hall B**)

– “Hi God!”

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm Closing Liturgy (**Arena**)



2020 THEME REFLECTION

Mercy and Holiness are two aspects of God’s essence, and God’s invitation for us to live out in turn. God insists, “Be holy, for I, your God, am holy” (Leviticus 19:2).

The Sunday readings that inspire the theme of the 2020 Religious Education Congress challenge us to continue believing in mercy and holiness in the midst of the struggle we experience in our personal lives, societies, Church, and our world. Mercy and holiness are inseparable for there is no holiness without mercy. The mercy of God is expressed through our acts of love, and when these acts are born out of compassion, we embody the call to be holy. When we respond to this invitation to be holy and merciful, we are blessed with the power to reignite the hope our world is aching for!

We invite you to participate in Religious Education Congress 2020 to continue deepening in this daring invitation to “Live Mercy – Be Holy.”

– Sr. Rosalia Meza, VDMF
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!** RECongress now draws 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 RECongress covers admission to all events, ticketed workshops, concerts, liturgies and exhibits (name badges required) throughout the three days. Fees for the Adult Days are:

\$75 – by January 10, 2020 deadline

\$85 – after January 10, 2020

NOTE: If you have not mailed in your Registration Form by January 31, 2020, please register online or on site at the Convention Center. Online registration closes 9 am Sunday of Congress.

CONTENTS

2020 LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

SPONSORED BY THE

Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Office of Religious Education
3424 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Web • www.RECongress.org

Email • congress@la-archdiocese.org

Info • (213) 637-7348

Register online at www.RECongress.org

Facebook • RECongress

Instagram • LACongress

Twitter • LACongress

Pinterest • LACongress



General Info

Youth Day

Assemblies

Workshops

Español

Travel/Hotels

Registration



va Mac-Rae 9

FEBRUARY 20, 2020 (YOUTH DAY) & FEBRUARY 21-23, 2020 (ADULT DAYS)

GENERAL INFORMATION

About RECongress	2-3
Adult Days Schedule	<i>Inside Front Cover</i>
Archbishop's Welcome	5
Asian/Pacific Events	19
Catechist Formation Coordinators' Welcome	6
Co-Coordinator's Welcome	6
Convention Center Information	99
Director's Welcome	5
Endowment Fund Information	97
Liturgies & Prayer Services	20-21
Ralph's Club Information	97
Speaker Categories (by topic)	23
Speaker Index (alphabetical)	4
Workshop Recording Information	99
Young Adult Events	22

YOUTH DAY (February 20)

Welcome from the Youth Day Coordinator	7
Youth Day Registration Form	15
Youth Day Registration Information	14
Youth Day Schedule	8-9
Youth Day Workshop Information	10-13

DAILY EVENTS / ASSEMBLIES

Friday, February 21	16
Saturday, February 22	17
Sunday, February 23	18

ADULT DAYS WORKSHOPS

Friday, February 21	24-41
Saturday, February 22	42-56
Sunday, February 23	57-66

SECCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

Conferencias	74
Eventos del RECongress	68-69
Eventos de los Adultos Jóvenes	72
Horario	67
Índice y Categorías	73
Información General	90
Informaciones de la Forma de Inscripción	100
Mensajes del Arzobispo y del Director	70
Mensajes de las Coordinadoras del RECongress	71
Mensaje del Coordinadores de Ministerios Catequéticos	71

EXHIBITORS/TRAVEL/HOTEL INFORMATION

Airline Tickets Information	96
Anaheim Area Map	92
Featured Advertisers	94
Hotel & Suites Information	93
Shuttle/Transportation Information	95

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Continuing Education Credit	
– Loyola Marymount University	98
Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Disabled Services	99
Deaf/Hard of Hearing Request Form	100
Parking Information	99
Registration Form	<i>Inside Back Cover</i>
Registration Form Information	100
Ticket/Program Book Pick-Up	100

At RECongress, be sure to pick up your Program Book, which includes:

- Daily schedule, workshops and highlights
- Maps to the Anaheim Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, hotel workshops and Anaheim-area restaurants
- Restaurant information guide
- Exhibitor listings and categories
- Office of Religious Education staff & program offerings
- Technology Center schedule
- Workshop recording form
- Endowment Fund "Thank You"

WHAT IS RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the nation's largest annual gathering of Roman Catholics of its kind! Our last RECongress brought together over 36,000 people for the four-day event! It is the diversity of languages, ages, workshops, liturgies and much more that keep people coming back year after year.



LIVE STREAMING

You can watch Friday's Opening Ceremony & Welcome from the Arena broadcast live on the screens in Hall B. Along with the growing popularity of our RECongress.org/LIVE streaming, this is another venue to view the morning Arena experience. *(Friday, Hall B, 8:30-9:30 am)*



SPEAKERS

Over the four days, we will offer nearly 300 workshops presented by 200 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – all offered in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And our featured 7:50 am Keynotes (one in English and one in Spanish) are held on Saturday within Morning Praise.



ART EXHIBIT

Each year at RECongress we feature a display of works of art that provide a visual artistic reflection on our RECongress theme. Past exhibits have ranged from photo displays of people, places and events to paintings and sculptures by various local and national artists. *(Arena Lobby)*



FILM SHOWCASE

In partnership with Loyola Marymount University's Center for Religion and Spirituality, RECongress annually presents excerpts from a number of feature films, shorts and documentaries whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, ministry, spirituality and theology. *(Friday evening)*



SACRED SPACE

In addition to the Chapel, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a Labyrinth, this year Sacred Space will highlight faith communities that respond with acts born out of compassion. God's invitation awaits to reveal your way to live mercy and be holy. *(Thursday through Sunday, ACC North)*



SACRED ILLUMINATIONS

A perennial feature at RECongress is *Sacred Illuminations*, a mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, invites you to surrender to the care and to the heart of God. *(Saturday evening.)*



ANAHEIM The Anaheim Convention Center has been home to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress since its move in 1970. When the Los Angeles event made its way to Anaheim, the city was still part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. It was on June 18, 1976, when Pope Paul VI established the Diocese of Orange.



YOUTH DAY Held on Thursday as the official opening of RECongress, this day-long event for high school youth is an opportunity for students – from throughout the western states – to come together and experience a liturgy, a keynote and two workshops all in a mix of high energy. (See pages 7-15.)



ENTERTAINMENT Admission to RECongress includes free lunchtime and evening concerts – ranging from contemporary Christian music to today’s leading composers and musical artists – in addition to our Friday evening Film Showcase and our Young Adult events on Saturday.



LITURGIES This year we offer 14 Eucharistic Liturgies of different character, including Celtic, Contemplative, Pan-Asian, African American Perspective, Vietnamese Perspective, Russian Greek Catholic, Spanish, Young Adult, as well as Evening Prayer, Taizé service and a Benediction. (See pages 20-21.)



VOLUNTEERS RECongress could not function without those people who give of their time. We have a need for volunteers for both Youth Day and our adult days. If you have attended in the past and would like to find out more about helping at this year’s event, please check www.RECongress.org/volunteers.htm for ways to help.



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



SPEAKER INDEX

ALPHABETICAL WITH WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Aclan, Bishop Alex	7-02*
Allen Jr., John	5-01*, 7-04*
Alonso, Tony	5-02
Anderle, Donna	5-03*
Angotti, John	6-02*, 8-02*
Angrisano, Steve	1-02*, 7-03*
Angulo, Katherine	4-51*, 8-52*
Arévalo, Elsy	3-01*
Arista, Ana	2-02
Ash, Laura	7-05*
Augustine, Dr. Ansel	3-01*, 5-04*
Barraza, Ana	1-52*, 7-52*
Barron, Bishop Robert	1-01
Bazyouros, Fr. Christopher	4-23*
Bean, Danielle	2-03*, 6-03*
Beckman, Betsey	7-05*
Bergant, Sr. Dianne	4-02*, 6-04*
Botsford, Steve	3-03, 8-03
Boyle, Fr. Greg	4-03*, 6-01*
Braxton, Bishop Edward	1-03*, 2-05*
Brummel, Doug	YD
Bryant, Sr. Kathleen	2-01*, 7-06*
Burland, John	3-04*, 5-05*
Burns, Rev. John	6-05*, 7-07*
Cano Valero, Dr. Julia	3-52*, 6-52*
Cavazos-González, Prof. Gilberto	2-04*, 4-52*
Chávez Sánchez, Dr. Eduardo	5-52*, 7-53*
Chavez-Kopp, Andrea	YD, 4-04*
Chinn, Andrew	1-04*, 8-04*
Clarke, Rev. Jim	2-06*
Colson, Craig	3-05*
Cuda de Dunbar, Emilce	5-53*, 8-53*
Cusick, Fr. John	1-05*, 5-06*
Dakin-Grimm, Linda	6-06*
Davis, Stephanie Clouatre	YD, 1-06*
Deck, Rev. Allan Figueroa	7-54*, 8-05*
Dees, Jared	8-06*
Di, Prof. Quyen	3-70*
Díaz, Iván	1-07*, 7-55*
Duffner, Jordan Denari	4-05*, 8-07*
Dwyer, Rev. David	4-06*
East, Tom	5-07*, 8-08*
Eldredge, Becky	3-01*, 6-07*
Elias-Juarez, Dr. Marco	2-52*
Ellair, Steven	2-07*, 6-08*
Ellsberg, Robert	4-07*, 8-09*
Espín, Dr. Orlando	5-54*
Estrella, Chris	YD
Felix-Rivera, Sr. Karla	3-06*, 7-56*
Fernandez, Rev. Eduardo	5-51*, 8-54*
Fernández, Santiago	1-53, 5-55*
Fitzmaurice, Dr. Arthur	3-07*, 4-08*
Flecha Andrés, Rev. José-Román	3-51*, 6-53*
Flores, Bishop Daniel	Key*
Florian, Amy	2-08*, 5-08*
Fragomeni, Fr. Richard	2-09*, 4-09*
Frawley-Mangan, Anne	3-08*, 5-09*
Gaillardetz, Dr. Richard	4-10*, 6-09*
Garrido, Ann	1-08*, 4-11*
Glemkowski, Tim	1-09*, 5-10*
Gordon, Dr. Greer	6-10, 8-10
Groome, Dr. Thomas	3-09*, 4-12*
Grzona, Ricardo	2-53*, 6-54*
Gutiérrez, Fr. Michael	5-58*, 7-58*
Haas, David	4-13, 7-08
Haase, Fr. Albert	1-10*, 8-11*

RECONGRESS SPEAKERS

Workshops are designated by two numbers separated by a dash. The first number indicates the period; the number after the dash is the workshop number. Workshop numbers -01 to -30 are in English; -51 to -60 are in Spanish; and -70 is in Vietnamese. Sessions -01 are in the Arena; Sessions -51 are in Hall B. "YD" denotes a Youth Day workshop. "Key" indicates the English or Spanish Saturday Keynote.

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

🔊 and (*) indicate recorded sessions

Hart, Sarah	1-02*, 8-01*
Haugen, Marty	6-11, 8-12
Hayes-Peirce, Sherry	7-09*
Healy, Dr. Jim	5-11*, 7-10*
Heidland, Sr. Miriam	2-10*, 7-07*
Hendricks, Kathy	1-11*
Hershey, Rev. Terry	1-12*, 4-14*
Horan, Rev. Daniel	5-12*, 8-13*
Huebsch, Bill	1-13*, 4-15*
Hurd, Bob	4-16
Hurteau, Dr. Robert	3-53*
Jansen, ValLimar	5-13*, 8-14*
Jarzembowski, Paul	2-11*, 6-12*
Jiménez Rodríguez, Fr. Manuel	4-53*, 8-55*
Joncas, Fr. Jan Michael	3-10, 6-11
Just, Rev. Felix	2-12*, 4-17*
Kempf, Fr. Joe	2-13*, 6-13*
Kertz Kernion, Anne	1-14*
Kolar, Peter	5-02, 8-56
Lawton, Liam	3-11
Leal, Douglas	7-11*
Leonard, Rev. Richard	2-14, 6-14
López, Sergio	YD, 2-54*
Luther, Monica	3-12*
Macalintal, Diana	1-15*, 7-12*
Manalo, Fr. Ricky	3-02*, 7-02*
Mangan, Michael	2-15*, 5-09*
Manibusan, Jesse	YD, 3-13*
Martin, Fr. Michael	3-14*, 8-15*
Martin, Rev. James	5-14*, 7-01*
Massingale, Fr. Bryan	3-15*, 5-15*
Matovina, Dr. Timoteo	4-54*, 6-55*
Maya, Sr. Teresa	2-51*, Key*
Mayersohn, Rabbi Michael	6-15*
McCarty, Robert	5-16*, 7-13*
McCormack, Sr. Patricia	1-16*, 6-16*
McCorquodale, Charlotte	3-16*, 6-17*
McGrath, Bro. Michael O'Neil	8-16*
McKenna, Megan	7-14*
Medina, Dr. José Antonio	3-54*, 5-56*
Melendrez, Joe	YD
Mongui-Casas, Leonardo	1-54*, 5-57*
Mullen, Fr. J. Patrick	1-17*, 5-17*
Muñoz-Visoso, Maria del Mar	6-56*, 8-57*
Murua, Marcelo	1-55*, 6-57*
Nawrocki, Suzanne	4-18, 8-17
Nguyen, Bishop Thanh	1-70*
Nguyen, Rev. Hy	4-70*, 7-70*

Nguyen, Sr. Mary	2-70*, 6-70*
Ocegueda Juárez, María Elena	1-56*, 4-55*
O'Malley, Timothy	6-18*, 8-18*
Ospino, Dr. Hosffman	7-15*, 8-51*
Ovando, Rev. Sergio	2-55*
Padgett, Chris	YD
Palazzi, Prof. Felix	2-56*, 7-57*
Palomo de Fernández, Constanza	5-55*
Paprocki, Joe	3-01*, 8-19*
Patalinghug, Rev. Leo	2-16*, 4-19*
Patin, Mike	YD, 3-17*
Perrino, Pamela	1-18*, 7-16*
Perron, Bob	YD
Petitfils, Roy	YD, 1-19*
Pham, Rev. Thinh	5-70*, 8-70*
Ponnet, Fr. Chris	3-07*
Prejean, Sr. Helen	5-18*, 7-17*
Prejean McGrady, Katie	YD, 2-17*
Prinz, Dr. Julia	3-55*
Purcell, Abbot Richard	2-18*, 8-20*
Ragasa-Mondoy, Jayne	7-02*
Ray, Cooper	5-19*, 8-21*
Ricard, Fr. R. Tony	1-20*, 7-18*
Rinaldo, John	YD, 1-21*
Rodríguez Zambrana, Rev. Domingo	1-51*, 4-56*
Rolheiser, Fr. Ronald	3-18*, 6-19*
Romero, Mario	8-58*
Romero, Sr. Maria	2-57*, 4-57*
Ruiz, Msgr. Lucio	2-58*, 4-58*
Ruzicki, Michael	3-19*, 7-19*
Salvatierra, Rev. Alexia	1-22*, 3-56*
Santos, Marilyn	2-11*, 6-58*
Searle, Susan	YD
Smith-Christopher, Prof. Daniel	3-20*, 7-20*
Solis, Bishop Oscar	3-02*, 7-02*
Soto, Luis	3-57*, 8-59*
Spitzer, Fr. Robert	5-20*
Sri, Dr. Edward	7-21*, 8-22*
Stanz, Julianne	3-01*, 6-20*
Suárez Trueba, Cecilia	3-58*, 5-21*
Sullivan, Sr. Maureen	3-21*, 7-22*
Tabares Ramírez, Héctor	1-57*, 6-51*
Thomson, Trevor	7-23*
Tobar Mensbrugge, Dr. Dora	1-58*, 4-59*
Tooke, Doug	YD
Torres, Rev. Augustino	3-59*, 6-59*
Trujillo, Lic. Yunuen	3-07*, 5-58*, 7-58*
Valenzuela, Victor	2-59*
Velez Caro, Dr. Olga	5-59*, 7-59*
Vidal, Bobby	2-06*
Wagner, Nick	1-15*, 6-21*
Wahl, James	1-04*, 4-20*
Walker, Christopher	2-19*, 5-22*
Walton, Greg	2-20*
Weddell, Sherry	3-22*, 5-23*
Weeman, Scott	3-23*
Wells, David	2-21*, 6-22*
West, John	2-22*
White, Dr. C. Vanessa	1-23*, 4-21*
White, Dr. Joseph	2-02, 6-23*, 8-23*
Wicks, Dr. Robert	1-24*, 4-01*
Wilson, David	YD
Yzaguirre, Dr. John	4-22*, 7-51*
Zagano, Dr. Phyllis	2-23*, 4-23*



A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the whole family of God here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I want to welcome you to our 2020 Religious Education Congress!

The theme that draws us together for this RECongress is “Live Mercy – Be Holy.”

We know that God wants us to be great. He calls us to share in his own holiness. Jesus said in his Sermon on the Mount: “You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Holiness does not mean separating ourselves from the world. Just the opposite. Holiness means loving God and loving our neighbor, right where we are, in the middle of the world. In our families, in our work, in our play, in everything we do.

The pathways of holiness are different for every one of us. But in everything we are called to follow the path of Jesus Christ, who also told us: “Be merciful as your Father in heaven is merciful.” So to be holy, we must live mercifully, spreading God’s mercy through the way we live our lives.

I pray that this weekend will be a time of renewal for you. May it also be a time when we rediscover “the universal call to holiness” – this awareness that we are created by the holy and living God, who calls us to be holy as he is holy and to be merciful as he is merciful.

In your prayers this weekend, please remember me and our ministry here in Los Angeles. I entrust you all to the loving heart of Our Blessed Mother Mary.

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Participants,

With great joy we welcome all of you to the 2020 Religious Education Congress!

This year, the theme of the Religious Education Congress, “Live Mercy – Be Holy,” is a radical invitation to create a more compassionate and loving world. We are invited to live out mercy and holiness because God sees our tremendous capacity to love.

We are highly aware of the many needs of our world, and at times, we may even feel overwhelmed by the news. Thankfully, our hearts and lives can respond to the suffering around us. God invites us, “Be holy, for I, your God, am holy” (Lv 19:2) and “Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48). We can respond with mercy through acts of love, and when these acts arise from a place of compassion, our response embodies God’s holiness.

We might think that only special people can be merciful or are worthy to be holy. Pope Francis, however, reminds us that “we are [all] called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves” (On the Call to Holiness in Today’s World, 14).

I invite you to explore this daring invitation to Live Mercy – Be Holy. Our world is in much need of these expressions of God’s love through us. This year’s theme will not only restore our own hope, but inspire, transform and challenge us to continue seeing the face of Christ in ourselves and in our faith communities.

I look forward to welcoming you,

Sr. ROSALIA MEZA, VDMF

Sr. Rosalia Meza, VDMF
Senior Director
Office of Religious Education

A MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends,

We warmly welcome you to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2020.

This extraordinary four-day event begins with a vibrant gathering of our youth reflecting on the theme “20/20 Through God’s Eyes.” You can read more of the specifics on the theme and all other Youth Day events on pages 7-15 of this Guidebook.

The weekend continues, inspired by the Adult Days’ theme, “Live Mercy – Be Holy,” which is drawn from the Scripture readings from the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. As Sr. Rosalia Meza states in her theme reflection, “Mercy and holiness are inseparable for there is no holiness without mercy. ... When we respond to this invitation to be holy and merciful, we are blessed with the power to reignite the hope our world is aching for!” May our weekend together inspire us to take up the challenge to go forth reignited and be hope for those who cross our path.

As the weekend unfolds, you can look forward to outstanding workshops offered in a variety of languages by some of the best national and international presenters. A variety of liturgical prayer opportunities provide time for prayer and reflection. Join us for amazing concerts, an inspiring Art Exhibit and learning about our diverse communities at the Multicultural Exhibit. In addition to Sacred Space, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation being offered, be sure to take some time to visit the Exhibit Hall. A wide variety of resources and company representatives will be on hand to offer you personalized service. Don’t miss out hearing a variety of musicians performing throughout the day at the Exhibit Hall Performance Stage. These are just some of the many highlights that await you!

Workshop descriptions and event listings, housing information, online and mail-in registration instructions are included in this Registration Guidebook and updated regularly on our web site at www.RECongress.org. You can obtain additional information by emailing congress@la-archdiocese.org or by calling the RECongress line at (213) 637-7348.

RECongress is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from all over the world and renew friendships. If you know of others whom you feel may be enriched by participating in RECongress, please share your experience with them and extend a personal invitation to join us for the weekend. We would love to see them! For those not able to join us in Anaheim, remember that our main English and Spanish events are available via our live stream at www.RECongress.org/Live.

Again, we look forward with joy to greet you at RECongress 2020.



Paulette Smith

Paulette Smith
Associate Director
RECongress Event Coordinator



Jan Pedroza

Jan Pedroza
RECongress Program Coordinator

A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATORS OF CATECHIST FORMATION

Dear Catechists,

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome you to the Religious Education Congress 2020.

Continuous and ongoing formation is what sustains us as missionary disciples. The over 250 workshops in English, Spanish and Vietnamese languages prepare us to more effectively carry out the different ecclesial ministries we exercise in our various communities. Our presenters come to us with a long history of experience, studies and ministerial reflections that will surely enrich our own discipleship journey.

The workshops vary in content, including liturgy, Scripture, spirituality and human development, among others. We encourage you to discern the workshops carefully and choose those that best fit your catechetical and personal formation needs. Also, keep in mind that all of the workshops offered at our Religious Education Congress meet the requirements for those seeking recertification either as a catechist or as a Master Catechist.

And so, it is with joy, that we look forward to your presence at RECongress 2020.

In Christ, our Holiness and Mercy,



Giovanni O. Perez Campos

Giovanni O. Perez Campos
Coordinator of Catechist Formation



Flor de Maria Luna

Flor de Maria Luna
Coordinator of Catechist Formation

“I pray that, in our desire to live as missionary disciples, mercy becomes a fundamental principle for us, until we reach the grace of holiness granted freely by the God of Mercy.”

“As we gather for this communal experience, may we receive from our Merciful God the grace to continue growing in holiness, while we strive to live mercy.”

A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR

Greetings!

On behalf of the Youth Day Coordinating Team, it is my honor to welcome you and the young people in your ministry to Youth Day 2020! Youth Day kicks off the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. The day brings together more than 12,000 Catholic young people from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese and beyond. Together with their Chaperones, young people will be invited to renew, experience and celebrate their Catholic faith. On this day, we encourage our young people to acknowledge their faith and hopefully encounter a more profound connection with Christ. We welcome all teens from different schools and parishes to come this day and leave with an inspiration to influence others to spread their faith among their peers and communities.



Youth Day still features two tracks; these tracks offer a staggered start and end time. All Youth Day participants will hear our Keynote speaker, experience the Arena general session, participate in a Spirit-filled Liturgy, and attend two workshops (chosen on site). All workshops will be in ACC North, the new Convention Center expansion space. When registering your group, you will only need general group information and the names of your Chaperones. Youth badges are able to be purchased without assigning a name to the badge.

As you continue to prepare, I invite you to dialogue with us online. Follow us across all social media platforms: @LAYouthDay. Use #LAYouthDay in your posts. Make sure to visit our website – www.RECongress.org/YD – for the most current information.

Thank you for your willingness to share this opportunity with those you serve. Our team looks forward to welcoming you at Youth Day 2020: **20/20 Through God's Eyes**.

Jenny Guzman
Coordinator of Youth Ministry Events

PREPARING FOR YOUTH DAY

Youth Day 2020 takes place on Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time. The readings of the day have helped to shape our theme, "20/20 Through God's Eyes," and the events of the day. Below you will find the readings, along with a theme reflection prepared by young people for young people.

- First Reading: James 2:1-9
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5,6-7
- Gospel: Mark 8:27-33

Each teen has a different perspective of how God sees them. Sometimes, we get caught up with comparing ourselves or judging others for what they have or don't have and we forget the important thing: God doesn't care about all the "riches." He cares that we see ourselves through his eyes. In the first reading, St. James reminds us that "you shall love your neighbor as yourself" but often, with social media, we are judging others, or worse, ourselves. No one likes to be judged, so why would we do it? Our vision is blurred when "we are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" because society forces us to live up to unrealistic expectations that can get exhausting and overwhelming. The Gospel of Mark reminds us that we can reject the things of the human world that keeps us away from seeing each other Through God's Eyes.

Teens and the whole church need to see "Through God's Eyes" to fight the injustices. Not judging a person for who they love or where they are from but rather loving them because they are who they are. Looking through his eyes, he shows us how perfect we are. Come and get ready to see yourself with those new lenses, **20/20 Through God's Eyes!**



Youth Day

TRACK 1

7:30 AM – DOORS OPEN

8:00 AM – ARENA SESSION

For those registered in Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2020 begins in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by **Sarah Kroger**. The General Session will also include:



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY



Track 1 participants will participate in a liturgy presided by **Archbishop José Gomez** from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. The music will be led by the Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita.

KEYNOTE

Our featured keynote speaker, **Doug Tooke**, is known for his presence in the digital world. He will challenge participants to Trust God in all circumstances as he breaks open the theme: **"20/20 Through God's Eyes."**



11:30 AM – LUNCH

Following the General Session, Track 1 participants will break for lunch. Food is available for purchase inside the Convention Center, in the Youth Day food court (Hall B), and outside in the Grand Plaza.

1:00 PM – FIRST WORKSHOP

Track 1 participants will be able to attend **two** of the 14 workshops offered. Note: You do not need to register ahead of time for any of the Youth Day workshops. Large groups are welcome to split into smaller groups as long as young people are chaperoned.

2:30 PM – SECOND WORKSHOP

Track 1 participants will be able to attend a second of the 14 workshops offered.

3:30 PM – DISMISSAL

After being reminded to be Jesus for others every day and everywhere – in our parishes and schools, homes and communities, online and in the entire world – participants will be sent out to live as missionary disciples.

REGISTERING

Youth Day is open to all young people of high school age in grades 9-12. We welcome those from both public and private school settings. Unfortunately, young people in 8th grade or those who have already graduated high school will not be permitted to attend.

Young people must register as part of a group and be accompanied by a Chaperone at all times. One Chaperone is needed for each group of 10 young people with two Chaperones being required for the first group of 10. Parents and Chaperones wishing to accompany young people at Youth Day must be 21 years of age and in compliance with their diocese's Safe Environment Policies.

When registering for the day, please select a Track. Our Tracks have a staggered start and end time. The workshops are chosen on site. We recommend that you become familiar with our offerings in advance.

Youth Day registration is \$40 per participant with special discount pricing of \$35 available until January 10, 2020. Youth Day often fills to capacity. Please register early to avoid disappointment. The last day to mail in registrations will be January 31, 2020. Registrations received after this date will be returned to the Contact Person.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

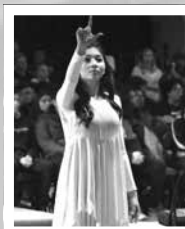
Adults not chaperoning young people are invited to volunteer on Youth Day. All volunteers assisting with Youth Day must be over the age of 21 and in compliance with their diocese's Safe Environment Policies. This includes fingerprinting, attendance at awareness sessions, and proof of active participation and good standing with your parish community. If you are unsure of what is required by your diocese, please contact your diocesan Youth Ministry Office.

Volunteers interested in serving at Youth Day are asked to be available for the entire day beginning at 6:30 am. Your service will conclude by 4:00 pm. All new and returning volunteers are asked to attend a Volunteer Meeting prior to the event as well as a morning gathering on the day of the event.

Youth Day volunteer positions include:

Area Captain: Those who are responsible for overseeing a specific area of space, such as the Arena or ACC North.

Chairperson: Those who are responsible for overseeing a specific room.





People Moving: Those who will assist with the traffic flow and crowd control during the day.

Hospitality: Those who serve as a welcoming face to young people. These individuals may also be used to assist in giving information and directing participants.

Prayer Team: Those who are committed to praying for the young people throughout the day.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact Anitra and Robert Gil at youthday@la-archdiocese.org.

LOGO WEAR

Make sure to get your official Youth Day logowear. T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts will be available on Youth Day. Sizes range from small to XXXL. Quantities are limited, so stop by early. Logowear can be purchased in our exhibit space in the lower 100 level of ACC North.

SACRED SPACE

Sacred Space provides a quiet place to pray, visit the chapel or walk the labyrinth. It offers a place to take a respite from the busy day and enter a space dedicated to facilitating a sense of spiritual rejuvenation through quiet prayer with Christ. Each year a themed multimedia exhibit is presented that both inspires and challenges the people of God to live the Gospel more fully.

Sacred Space will be open from 7:30 am-4:00 pm and can be found in ACC North 151 (lower level).

OFFICIAL HASHTAGS

Be part of the conversation. Join us online across all social media platforms with @LAYouthDay. Use the official Youth Day hashtag #LAYouthDay along with this year's hashtag in all your posts.

SUPPORTING OTHERS

Each year, a collection is taken during our Youth Day liturgies. A portion of this collection goes to support the Youth Ministry Division's efforts to form youth leaders and encourage youth participation in our programs and leadership camps. These funds make scholarships available for those local, regional and national opportunities. The primary portion of our collection is donated to key organizations to support their work. Our collection beneficiary organization will be announced prior to Youth Day.

TRACK 2

7:30 AM – DOORS OPEN

8:15 AM – FIRST WORKSHOP

Track 2 participants will begin the day by attending one of the 14 workshops offered. Note: You do not have to register ahead of time for any of the Youth Day workshops. Large groups are welcome to split into smaller groups as long as young people are chaperoned.

9:45 AM – SECOND WORKSHOP

Track 2 participants will be able to attend a second of the 14 workshops offered.

10:45 AM – LUNCH

Following the two workshops, Track 2 participants will break for lunch. Food is available for purchase inside the Convention Center, in the Youth Day food court (Hall B) and outside in the Grand Plaza. **Note:** You will not be permitted to enter the Arena prior to doors opening at noon.

12:15 PM – ARENA SESSION

For those registered in Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2020 continues in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by **Sarah Kroger**. The General Session will also include:



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Track 2 participants will participate in a liturgy presided by **Archbishop José Gomez** from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. The music will be led by the Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita.



KEYNOTE

Our featured keynote speaker, **Doug Tooke**, is known for his presence in the digital world. He will challenge participants to Trust God in all circumstances as he breaks open the theme: "20/20 Through God's Eyes."



3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

After being reminded to be Jesus for others every day and everywhere – in our parishes and schools, homes and communities, online and in the entire world – participants will be sent out to live as missionary disciples.



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 – all held in ACC North.

TITLE: HOLYNESS IS HARD?

SPEAKER: DOUG TOOKE

LOCATION: CONVENTION ARENA

The challenge to pursue holiness and sainthood seems difficult ... at first. In this keynote, Doug Tooke will show through story, Scripture and real-life practices that the pursuit is worth the risk!



Doug Tooke is Vice President of Ministry Advancement for ODB Films as well as an adjunct staff member with Life Teen International. He has over 25 years of professional ministry experience and has traveled to over 100 dioceses teaching, keynoting conventions and training youth ministers. Tooke is a recipient of the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. He, his wife and their five daughters all live in Helena, Mont.

TITLE: MASS CONFUSION WITH THE DOUG AND DAVE SHOW

SPEAKER: DOUG BRUMMEL & DAVID WILSON

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 161 (LOWER 100 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

Have you ever been confused at Mass about why we say this, the priest says that, why we sit, stand, kneel and sing? You won't want to miss this fun, faith-filled experience that explores the joy, beauty and history of the "source and summit" of our faith. This brand new "catechetical comedy" is a fast-paced, music-filled session that brings to life how we worship through the Mass with original music and an original format that engages all generations. Warning: Mass Confusion may induce unexpected laughter and learning ... all at the same time and may cause more participation and understanding of the Mass!



*Doug Brummel and Dave Wilson, together as The Doug and Dave Show, are Catholic Christian speakers, catechetical comedians, musicians and storytellers. Over the past 25 years, Doug has served over 1400 parishes and conferences with his *Lighten Up! Parish Family Missions* as well as presented at national youth, adult and family conferences. Dave is an established musician, singer, and storyteller for over 20 years.*

TITLE: LIFE – NO FILTERS: SEEING GOD IN THE STRESSES AND PRESSURES OF MY LIFE

SPEAKER: ROY PETITFILS, MS, LPC

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 155 (LOWER 100 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

Unlike Instagram, we can't always change what our reality looks like. Stress, peer pressure, anxiety, depression and relationship drama are real. But so is God's grace. In this session, come learn more about yourself and discover practical ways to deal with your real life.



For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered among youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice. Petitfils shares his natural humor to matters of faith at conferences and workshops. He hosts the popular podcast, "Today's Teenager," to help adults understand, reach and influence teens. He has spoken at TEDx and has published several articles and books, including "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."

TITLE: RELATIONSHIPS: WORTH THE RISK

SPEAKER: BOB PERRON

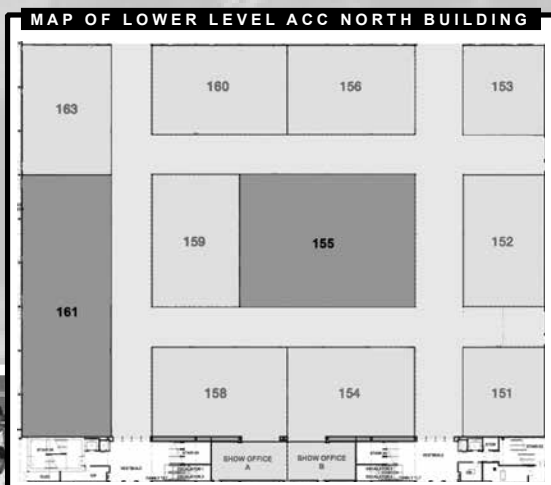
LOCATION: ACC NORTH 155 (LOWER 100 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

Let's face it, relationships can be tough. To be a good friend requires our willingness to be vulnerable and let someone really see us as we are – with our gifts, our talents and our unique weirdness. Yet, in the end, friendship is worth it.



For over a decade, Bob Perron has presented in more than 60 dioceses across the United States and Canada. He has been a keynote at the National Catholic Youth Conference and the L.A. Youth Day as well as a presenter of numerous workshops at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. His latest book is entitled "God Sized Family." Perron currently serves as Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, Fla.



TITLE: GET IN THE WORD! LET SCRIPTURE TAKE ROOT IN OUR LIVES

SPEAKER: JOE MELENDREZ

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 161 (LOWER 100 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

Words are powerful, they have the ability to build up or tear down. Words can be a form of witness and sharing what God has done in our lives. The Word of God is our source of nourishment and strength. Hebrews 4:12 says, "The word of God is alive and active." How can we let God's Word take root in our lives? We all have access to this divine resource that can inspire, encourage, transform, and so much more. In this session, we will learn and participate in the S.O.A.P. method, an easy, daily bible study tool that will deepen our understanding of Scripture and help us *Get in the Word!*



Billed as a Catholic performer who is "relevant, relatable and deep," Joe Melendrez is a speaker, musical performer, MC and retreat leader. He has presented at numerous national and diocesan youth conferences across the United States in addition to World Youth Days in Brazil and Spain and the God is Good Festival in Germany. His CDs include "Kingdom Come" and "Fully Alive," along with his latest release, "Chosen." Melendrez currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife and their daughter.

TITLE: #ISEEWWHATYOU DID THERE

SPEAKER: MIKE PATIN

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 255 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

Nearsighted. Farsighted. Double vision. Night blindness. There are countless challenges to physical vision. The same is true for spiritual vision. The challenges of school, family, friendships and more can blur our vision and make it difficult to see how we can live as disciples when there is so much going on. We'll take a different look at being vibrant, young Catholic disciples today.



Mike Patin, the "engaging Cajun," lives in Lafayette, La. He has served the church as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan staff person. Patin previously was with the CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese and, since 2003, he has been a full-time "faith horticulturist" addressing groups across the United States and Canada as parish mission presenter, trainer and retreat facilitator. He has published two books: "A Standing Invitation" and "This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry."

TITLE: SEEKING A DEEPER CONNECTION TO THE GOD WHO SEES US

SPEAKER: SUSAN SEARLE

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 258 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

"Anxiety can work against us by making us give up whenever we do not see instant results," Pope Francis warns. Your stress and anxiety may come from your addiction to constant stimulation, immediate gratification and other distractions that make you think you are not enough. God sees when you are struggling, and God wants you to know peace. Prayerful meditation and contemplation invite you to surrender your distractions to God and explore the restorative power of silence. In this workshop, we will practice a variety of meditative prayers to quiet the distractions in your head. Come prepared to turn inward, be still, and seek God's peace.



Based in Colorado Springs, Colo., Susan Searle is a Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services for The Center for Ministry Development (CMD) and is Project Coordinator for their Just5Days middle school missions and the YouthLeader high school programs. She also provides nationwide ministry workshops, trainings and teaches CMD courses for the Certificate in Ministry Studies. Searle has several published sessions for youth ministry and blogs quarterly for CMD.

TITLE: LIVING MY BEST LIFE: INTIMACY, SELF-CONTROL AND ANTI-FOOLISHNESS!

SPEAKER: CHRIS ESTRELLA

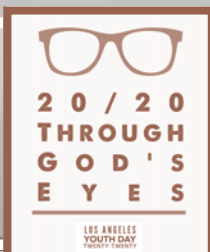
LOCATION: ACC NORTH 251 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

Yes, we know. We've heard it. The world is "noisy." And it's full of temptation ("Just one more episode!"). But one of the greatest temptations we face starts with the lie to ourselves that leads us into it: "We've been together for so long and we're in love"; "I could be doing something worse than this"; "God would probably agree"; and the almighty, "Just this once." Chris Estrella is going to charge right into these, challenging us to wake up, speak real and live in the truth! You were made for so much. Stop settling for weakness. Stand up and demand greatness. God offers nothing less.



Catholic music artist and speaker Chris Estrella is also coordinator of Liturgical Music for the Diocese of San Bernardino, Calif. The former youth ministry coordinator and confirmation catechist travels nationally presenting talks and worship experiences at conferences, parish missions, youth and young adult events (including three World Youth Days) and is a worship leader for youth and young adult liturgy and prayer. He is represented by Oregon Catholic Press - Spirit & Song.



TITLE: THE CARE AND KEEPING OF YOUR GROWN-UPS

SPEAKER: ANDREA CHAVEZ-KOPP

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 256 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

The loving adults in your life are terrified. They are worried about screen time, addiction, depression, lack of social interaction and way too many other things. The root of these fears is technology. The problem is, technology is awesome and it's here to stay. This session is about how teens can be leaders in ministry by accompanying their adults in their relationship with technology. It is easy to fear what is not understood. By positive role modeling and some communication and care, we can help bring our adults into the 21st century through patience, mercy and demonstrating holiness in digital spaces. Feel free to bring your favorite digital device to this interactive session.



Andrea Chavez-Kopp serves as Director of Formation and Digital Engagement for the National Catholic Education Association in Washington, D.C. She joined the NCEA staff in 2015 and has 19 years of teaching and ministry experience. Kopp has served in several leadership capacities including iPad Coordinator, Google Apps Administrator, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Confirmation Coordinator. She has served on several national committees including the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis.

TITLE: THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

SPEAKER: CHRIS PADGETT

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 252 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

God is a family. The way He has revealed Himself is through family imagery. But our families are messy and often broken. Why is family still important in this day? God never intended us to be alone. We were meant to be in community, to belong and feel love. This workshop looks at seven ways family is important – how we can not only just survive, but thrive! There will be a lot of practical examples, stories, laughter and time for questions.



Chris Padgett is speaker, author, musician and President of the non-profit ministry Catholic Family and Marriage. He has traveled the world for over two decades giving concerts, talks, parish missions and retreats. Padgett currently teaches with Catholic Distance University in between speaking and writing engagements. He has published numerous books and articles, and has also been involved in video, television and radio for many years.

TITLE: WHAT NEXT? DISCERNING VOCATION IN A “NOTHING MATTERS” WORLD

SPEAKER: KATIE PREJEAN MCGRADY

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 255 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

It's easy to believe that there's a purpose for our life. It's harder to figure out what that purpose is. And then, it's even harder to convince people that the path you're taking is good and right. So, what comes next? What will you do with your life? Where will you study and work, who will you marry, where will you buy a house, will you go to the seminary or the convent to become a priest or nun? What. Comes. Next?! Let's figure out how to ask – and answer – those questions together.



Katie Prejean McGrady is an international speaker, traveling to 38 states and three countries, and author of “Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist” and “Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus.” She is the host of The Electric Waffle, a podcast of conversational chaos about culture and Catholicism. McGrady was one of three delegates chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to attend the Pre-Synod gathering on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment at the Vatican.

TITLE: MERCY AND HOLINESS: STRONGER THAN ANY SUPERPOWER!

SPEAKER: JESSE MANIBUSAN

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 251 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

Marvel or DC? Pick a hero, any hero. The end game, however, will always be: How do our gifts – and the use or misuse of those gifts – transform us and our world? Life isn't a movie. There are no shortcuts. There are “cheats,” but the only way to live a life of lasting joy, hope and gratitude is through the power of mercy and holiness. Come see, hear and experience something truly super and heroic!



Jesse Manibusan, founder of Jesse Manibusan Music Ministries, has over 30 years of experience as a liturgical music minister, youth worker, catechist and parish mission director. He has presented at all the major youth conferences, including the L.A. Religious Education Congress, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry and several World Youth Days. Manibusan has performed at various conferences worldwide and has several CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.



TITLE: FINDING YOUR WAY AFTER LOSING YOUR WAY: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO USING YOUR INNER COMPASS

SPEAKER: SERGIO LOPEZ

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 252 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

No matter how hard we all may try in life, one thing is certain: We will eventually get lost. There is no way around it. Getting lost *is* part of the deal. Fortunately, God created us with an "inner gift" that too few of us ever discover and even less of us learn to use well. Come and explore through storytelling, art, music and prayer, practical ways for accessing your "inner compass." Together, we'll cover the basics of what it is and how to use it so that it can help you find your way through times of trouble.



Sergio Lopez is a faith-based activist, trainer and former youth minister from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Based in Simi Valley, Calif., he has worked for Catholic Relief Services since 2014, and is currently their Community Engagement Manager, organizing Catholic communities for global justice in the western United States. Lopez has presented at the Los Angeles Youth Day, the Religious Education Congress and the Archdiocesan Regional Congresses and has been a keynote at the Fresno Diocesan Encuentro and speaker at the Fresno Diocesan Youth Day and Congress.

TITLE: GOD SEES YOU

SPEAKER: STEPHANIE CLOUATRE DAVIS, OPA

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 256 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

You are loved, you are made on purpose, and you are created by God. These are promises of God; yet, we struggle to believe that we belong to Someone. How can we use these promises to fight feelings of loneliness, anxiety, worthlessness, sadness and hopelessness? Drawing on the wisdom of St. Ignatius, Stephanie Clouatre Davis offers concrete tools to help you see *through God's eyes*.



Stephanie Davis, an Associate with the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director and itinerant minister based in Covington, La. In her more than 20 years of ministry for the Catholic Church, she has directed hundreds of retreats and spoken at many conferences for teens, young adults and adults. Davis has spent more than 15 years teaching junior high, high school and college courses. She has devoted her life to teaching and developing youth and adult retreats and programs.

TITLE: LISTENING TO YOU: DELVING IN DEEP WITH YOUR QUESTIONS

SPEAKER: DR. JOHN M. RINALDO

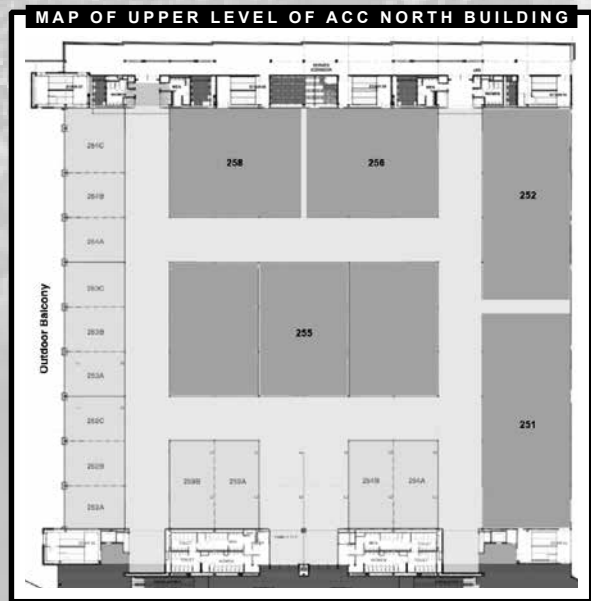
LOCATION: ACC NORTH 258 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

What do you want to talk about? Teens want to be heard, acknowledged and affirmed. Yet, too often leaders brush aside your thoughts and questions. Yet, Pope Francis himself has asked us adults to listen, and listen intently. In this session, we will be taking your questions about the Church, what it teaches, what it believes, and how it behaves. This is your time to ask questions. And it is our turn to listen to your wisdom and finally talk about the topics you want to talk about.



Dr. John Rinaldo is a coach and trainer for the Parish Success Group. He brings a wealth of pastoral ministry experience having served as a parish and diocesan director of youth and young adult ministry, a parish business manager, has served on the executive leadership team for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Dr. Rinaldo is also an adjunct professor at Santa Clara University in California.



WHO MAY ATTEND?

Youth Day is open to all young people of high school age in grades 9-12. We welcome those from both public and private school settings. Unfortunately, young people in 8th grade or those who have already graduated high school will not be permitted to attend.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Youth Day registration is \$40 per participant with special discount pricing of \$35 being available until January 10, 2020. **All young people, Adult Chaperones and priests attending with your group must be registered for the day.**

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

Young people must attend Youth Day with a parent or Chaperone or as part of a group.

All **Adult Chaperones** must be 21 years of age and in compliance with their diocese's Safe Environment Policies. Please contact your diocesan Youth Ministry Office if you are uncertain of your diocese's policies. Chaperones are to remain with their group for the entirety of the day. Chaperones are encouraged to participate and fully engage with the workshops and activities.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing Adult Chaperones with all necessary forms and emergency contact information for each young person attending Youth Day. Permission forms are to remain in the possession of the Contact Person. If asked, the Contact Person must be able to produce compliance records for each Adult Chaperone. Youth Day badges will be mailed to the Contact Person and are to be distributed prior to arriving at Youth Day.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Youth Day frequently fills to capacity. Once capacity is reached, Youth Day will close. Registrations will be accepted online and by mail. The last day to mail in a registration will be **January 31**. Online registration will close on **February 6**. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, or after we have reached capacity, your registration will be returned to the Contact Person.

BADGES:

All registered participants will receive a Youth Day Badge. This badge is to be worn in a visible place and will be required to gain access to Youth Day events and activities. The color of the badge identifies which track your group is part of. You will not be permitted in the Arena until the appropriate time for your track.

PLEASE distribute badges prior to arriving at Youth Day. We recommend distributing badges in the car/bus or before you leave your parish or school.

Youth Day packets will be mailed to the Contact Person prior to the event. Please check the packet IMMEDIATELY upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and participant has a badge.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be completed online by credit card or check, or by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form (next page) along with a check for the proper amount. Each person in your group **MUST** be registered for the day – including Chaperones and priests attending with your group.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page.

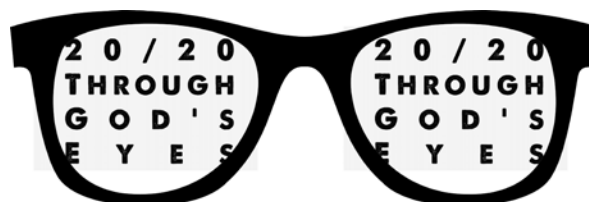
1. A maximum of 10 participants can be registered with each paid Adult Chaperone.
2. All participants in your group must be registered for the same track.
3. The Youth Day fee is \$40 per participant with special discount pricing of \$35 available until January 10, 2020 (U.S. dollars only).
4. Youth Day registrations will be accepted until January 31, 2020 by mail and February 6 online, or until Youth Day fills to capacity.
5. Please make checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS. Registrations and payments can be mailed to PO Box 761157, Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157.
6. Total payment must accompany the registration form. We are not able to accept payment installments.
7. Badges will be mailed prior to the event and sent to the Contact Person. Please check your packet immediately to verify that you received the correct number of badges.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing and received before January 3, 2020. There is a \$10 processing fee for all refunds.
9. HAVE QUESTIONS? Please call the registration line at (213) 637-7348.

TRACK AND WORKSHOP SELECTION:

Make sure to indicate on the registration form whether your group will attend Track 1 or Track 2. As a reminder, all members of your group must select the same Track. There is no need to select workshops in advance.

FOOD SERVICES:

Outside food is prohibited at the Convention Center. This includes catered meals, deliveries and large coolers. Food options are available throughout the Convention Center, in the Youth Day Food Court (Hall B) and the outdoor Grand Plaza. Lunch options in the Youth Day Food Court will be offered at a flat rate of \$10 (tax included).





YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

REGISTER ONLINE
AT ARCHLA.ORG/
YDREGISTRATION

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
A REMINDER: THERE IS NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY.

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY.

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

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

Youth Day

CONTACT (If attending, please also include your name below as a Chaperone.)

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).

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

SELECT TRACK

If a Track is not indicated, we reserve the right to make the assignment for your group.

TRACK 1 TRACK 2

TRACK 1 SCHEDULE		TRACK 2 SCHEDULE	
7:30 am	Doors Open	7:30 am	Doors Open
8:00 am	Arena Session	8:15 am	Workshop 1
11:30 am	Lunch	9:15 am	Passing
1:00 pm	Workshop 1	9:45 am	Workshop 2
2:00 pm	Passing	10:45 am	Lunch
2:30 pm	Workshop 2	12:15 pm	Arena Session
3:30 pm	Dismissal	3:45 pm	Dismissal

TOTAL NUMBER OF BADGES

One Chaperone is required for up to every 10 youth. A quick rule of thumb is 10 percent of your group plus one. For example, a group of 50 attendees requires six Chaperones; a group of 86 would require nine Chaperones.

Quantity of YOUTH badges _____
Quantity of ADULT badges _____

> Total quantity of badges _____

Example  Your group requires 8 + 1 extra = 9 Chaperone badges

GROUP CHAPERONES

By checking this box, you are acknowledging that the Chaperones listed are at least 21 years of age and in compliance with your diocese's Safe Environment Policies and Procedures.

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SERVICES • Any special service needs? Sign Interpreter Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) Wheelchair access

Number in group requiring assistance: _____

Mail form with check or money order to: RECONGRESS, PO BOX 761157, LOS ANGELES CA 90076-1157

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 am - 3:00 pm

On-site registration & tickets
(Hall B Prefunction area)
Program Book Pick-up areas:
– ACC North Prefunction area
– Arena East Entrance (till noon)

8:30 - 9:30 am

Opening Ceremony & Welcome
(Arena)
Concurrent Live Streaming
(Hall B)

10:00 - 10:30 am

RECongress Chat
(Tech Center - Hall A)

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 1 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– Tony Alonso & Peter Kolar

Music (Hall B)
– Meredith Augustin & Lorraine Hess

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 2 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Period 3 Workshops

5:15 pm

Eucharistic Liturgies
& Evening Prayer
(see pages 20-21)

7:45 - 9:45 pm

Film Showcase 2020
(Convention 201)

8:00 pm

Concert (Arena)
– “A Celebration
of Women in Music”

9:00 pm

Exposition & Benediction
(ACC North 251)

Exhibit Hours

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

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 9:00 pm
(ACC North 151 - lower level)
Reconciliation: 11:30 am - 3 pm
(ACC North 153 & 156)

Speaker Signings

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

Massage Chairs

(Hall A Prefunction area)

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott) San Diego

OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME

Arena – 8:30 am

“LIVE MERCY – BE HOLY”

We are a people thirsting for holiness, for love and mercy, who are called to walk with Jesus and to grow in holiness, to seek his Kingdom through works of justice for the poor and vulnerable. Come, let us “Live Mercy – Be Holy.” Our gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

Archbishop José Gomez	Andrew Chinn	Marty Haugen	Kristina Ortega
Sr. Rosalia Meza, VDMF	Craig Colson	Lorraine Hess	Cooper Ray
Paulette Smith	Fr. Cyprian Consiglio	Valimar Jansen	Brenda Smith
Jan Pedroza	Jaime Cortez	Mary Janus	Elisha Soriano
John Flaherty	Harrison Crenshaw	Mel Kennedy	Emily Temple
Tony Alonso	Phoebe Crenshaw	Kristin Kissell	Trevor Thomson
Donna Anderle	Chris de Silva	Peter Kolar	Transfiguration Church
David Anderson	Iván Díaz	Gaile Krause	Dance Troupe
John Angotti	Chris Estrella	Liam Lawton	Mark Voris
Steve Angrisano	Santiago Fernández	Rudy López	James Wahl
Ed Archer	Estela García-López	Michael Mangan	WAL
Meredith Augustin	Dolores Gomez	Jesse Manibusan	John West & the
Betsey Beckman	Laura Gomez	Monica Miller Luther	Valyermo Troupe
Anna Betancourt	David Haas	Ann Myers	Rufino Zaragoza
John Burland	Kim Harris	Linda Nguyen	and many more...
Helena Buscema	Sarah Hart	Paul Nguyen	

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

CONVENTION ARENA:

TONY ALONSO & PETER KOLAR

“¡Azúcar!”

Join Tony Alonso, Peter Kolar and friends for an all-star performance celebrating the joy of the Gospel through the rhythms and “sabor” of Cuba.

Acompaña a Tony Alonso, Peter Kolar y amigos en una presentación estelar que celebra la alegría del Evangelio por medio de los ritmos y sabor de Cuba.



Alonso Kolar



Augustin Hess

CONVENTION HALL B:

MEREDITH AUGUSTIN & LORRAINE HESS

Join WLP performing artists Meredith Augustin and Lorraine Hess for a lunchtime concert that will nourish your soul and heal your heart!

FILM SHOWCASE 2020

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, social justice, ministry, spirituality and theology.



Women Spirit Rising

EVENING CONCERT

Convention Arena – 8:00 pm

“A Celebration of Women in Music”

Join us for an evening where we celebrate gathering as women, creating a community for that moment and reflecting on feminine spirituality. Honor the women who inspire us in Scripture, in our traditions and from our lives. This concert will celebrate women, performed by women composers.

“Women Spirit Rising” © M. Southard C.S.J., www.marysouthard.org. Used with permission.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE & KEYNOTE

Arena – 7:50-9:30 am

Our Saturday morning Keynote Address is situated *within* the context of Morning Praise. Please make sure that you arrive at the beginning so that you enjoy the full experience.



Keynote: Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI

“Called to Compassion: Witnesses of God’s Mercy in the World” 🎧

We have been called to follow Jesus Christ at a fascinating time in history, when everything seems to be changing or challenged. We are called to lives of compassion so we can live with mercy and strive to holiness. Compassion needs to be an everyday, one person at a time, concrete step toward another human being. Witnessing to God’s mercy requires a life of holiness, of constant striving to make God’s promise real today.

FRONT ROW WITH ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ

Performance Stage, Hall A – 10:30 am

Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez will host an interactive discussion live from the Hall A Performance Stage and online via Facebook. Grab a front row seat in the hall and on Facebook Live to be part of the conversation.



Gomez

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

CONVENTION ARENA:

“Celebrating Pan-Asian Cultures”

Join in a musical lunchtime concert experience celebrating the Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese and other cultures that unite us all in our songs of praise to God.



CONVENTION HALL B:

JOHN ANGOTTI & CRAIG COLSON

“It’s Time to Get Up & Give God Higher Praise!”

Bring your lunch and come rock out with World Library Publications artists John Angotti and Craig Colson with their amazing band. It’s contemporary music to give God praise and get you on your feet!



Angotti

Colson

EVENING CONCERT

Convention Arena – 8:00 pm



“Fiesta Latina”

Join many of your favorite OCP artists for a lively evening celebration of diverse Latino cultures, featuring some of the most beloved songs known by many in the community.

SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2020

ACC North 158 – 8:30 pm

Join us for *Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound*. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND will bring us to encounter in a deeper way, the love and power of the Father’s love, transforming the reality of our daily lives.



Sacred Illuminations 2020

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 2:30 pm

On-site Registration & tickets
(Hall B Prefunction area)

Program Book Pick-up
(ACC North Prefunction area)

7:50 am - 9:30 am

English (Arena)

Morning Praise & Keynote
– Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI

Spanish (Hall B)

Morning Praise & Keynote
– Bishop Daniel Flores

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 4 Workshops

10:30 am

Front Row with Archbishop
Gomez (Hall A)

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)

– Celebrating the
Pan-Asian Cultures

Music (Hall B)

– John Angotti & Craig Colson

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 5 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Period 6 Workshops

5:15 pm

Eucharistic Liturgies
& Prayer Services
(see pages 20-21)

8:00 pm

Concert (Arena)

– *“Fiesta Latina”*

8:30 pm

Sacred Illuminations 2020
(ACC North 158 - lower level)

9:00 pm

Taizé Prayer
(ACC North 251 - upper level)

Young Adult Dance
(Marriott)

Exhibit Hours

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

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 9:00 pm
(ACC North 151 - lower level)
Reconciliation: 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
(ACC North 153 & 156)

Speaker Signings

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

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott) San Diego

SUNDAY EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 11:00 am

On-site registration &
Program Book Pick-up
(Hall B Prefunction area)

8:00 - 9:30 am

Liturgy (Arena)
Morning Eucharistic Liturgy

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
- WAL
Music (Hall B)
- "Hi God! Musical Celebration"

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm

Liturgy (Arena)
Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

Exhibit Hours

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Hall A)

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(ACC North 151 - lower level)
No Confession times on Sunday

Speaker Signings

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

Massage Chairs

(Hall A Prefunction area)

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott) San Diego

SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

Arena - 8:00 am

As we welcome a new day, we again 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 this morning's Eucharistic Liturgy. Nourished by Word and sacrament, may we go forth, quenched in our "Thirsting for Justice"!



Vann

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm



WAL

CONVENTION ARENA:

WAL

We are excited for you to join us, as we share our passion and God's gift of song with you. We will bring a high energy sound, share some of our original songs, and play well known contemporary music selections. We look forward to praying with you.

CONVENTION HALL B:

"Hi God! A Musical Celebration"

Come sing, dance and celebrate the music of Carey Landry and Carol Jean Kinghorn as they celebrate 50 years of engaging children and leading the young and the young at heart to Jesus! Join Carey, Carol Jean and friends for a musical journey of fun and inspiring children's worship!



Kinghorn & Landry

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena - 3:30 pm



Gomez

Flaherty

As our Religious Education Congress 2020 comes to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and to give thanks for the blessings of the weekend. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez as our presider, features the 200-plus voice RECongress Choir 2020, under the musical direction of John Flaherty. Let us go forth to spread God's love and mercy.



MULTICULTURAL EVENTS

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday

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 cultural communities 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.



Indonesian Community



Honduran Community



Samoan Community



Japanese Community



Lithuanian Community



Nigerian Community

Assemblies

ASIAN AND PACIFIC PRESENCE

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

IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC PERSPECTIVE

WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 1-70* Bishop Thanh Nguyen
- 2-70* Sr. Mary Nguyen
- 3-70* Prof. Quyen Di

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 4-70* Rev. Hy Nguyen
- 5-70* Rev. Thinh Pham
- 6-70* Sr. Mary Nguyen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 7-70* Rev. Hy Nguyen
- 8-70* Rev. Thinh Pham

LITURGIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Mass of the Cross in the Vietnamese Perspective - 5:15 pm
 Presider: Bishop Thanh Nguyen
 Music by: Rufino Zaragoza & Paul Nguyen

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Pan-Asian Liturgy - 5:15 pm
 Presider: Bishop Oscar Solis
 Music: Indonesian Community

LITURGIES & PRAYER



Honoring Our Ancestors



Mass for Promoting Harmony



Mass for Persecuted Christians



Byzantine Divine Liturgy



Young Adult Liturgy

OUR LITURGIES

Living in the gift, promise and spirit of the Second Vatican Council, we are compelled to embrace our multicultural, diverse and vibrant communities. In the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Sunday liturgies are celebrated in no fewer than 40 different languages. This year, inspired by the Masses for various needs in the Roman Missal, we offer each liturgy of a particular intention in the context of a unique culture. Our hope is for participants to come together in grateful prayer to encounter Christ present among us. In addition to our morning and afternoon Closing Liturgies on Sunday, we showcase these Friday and Saturday offerings:

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 21: THE 6TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)



CONTEMPLATIVE LITURGY

President: Rev. Cyprian Consiglio

Music by: Trevor Thomson

You are invited to still your mind from the busy-ness of the day and to focus on Christ, the fount of all grace. Come and enter into deep reflection on the connection between our faith, its call to holiness and its active expression in works of charity and mercy. [Language: English]



MASS OF CHARITY IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

President: Msgr. Ray East

Music by: Kim Harris

Join the African American community at the Tables of Word and Eucharist, to be filled with the love of God poured out in the virtue of Charity, the cornerstone of a holy Christian life! [Language: English]



JOYFUL NEWS: MASS FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF ALL PEOPLES

President: Bishop Daniel Flores

Music by: ValLimar Jansen

In this liturgy, you will have the opportunity to reflect on your unique call to share the joyful news of the Gospel through your own life, ordinary activities and everyday settings – especially in your practice of mercy and your growth in holiness. Pope St. Paul VI wrote in “On Evangelization in the Modern World” that “the task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church” – the mission of each and all of us! [Language: English]



MASS OF THE HOLY CROSS IN THE VIETNAMESE PERSPECTIVE

President: Bishop Thanh Nguyen

Music by: Rufino Zaragoza & Paul Nguyen

In the Gospel of the day, Jesus says that to be his disciples, we must take up our cross and follow him. This liturgy will help us reflect upon the mystery of the holy cross in our salvation, from the perspective of the Vietnamese community. [Languages: Vietnamese and English]



MASS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE / MISA DE PAZ Y JUSTICIA

President: Rev. Eduardo Fernandez

Music by: Santiago Fernandez & Anna Betancourt

Many of the holy saints showed God’s love to the world by practicing justice and mercy, and by building peace and reconciliation. This liturgy, celebrated in Spanish, reminds us that holy lives of true peace come from God’s call to act justly and be merciful to others. [Language: Spanish]

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

EVENING PRAYER - 5:15 PM

President: Lulu Santana

Music by: Meredith Augustin



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH BENEDICTION - 9:00 PM

Music by: Tony Alonso

Come to this hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and open your heart to the guidance of the Scriptures in your own encounter with Jesus. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” For centuries, this verse from Chapter 3 of John’s account of the Gospel has given courage and consolation to those seeking fullness of life in Christ. This evening, may the movement of the Spirit who comes from above reveal to you the love of God through Christ Jesus.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22: FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter dates back to the fourth century as a celebration of the role of the Pope, the successor of the Apostle Peter, in the life of the Church. On this day, we honor the Pontiff as a sign of unity and of Christ's pastoral care. All liturgies on this day celebrate this unifying ministry of the Pope in general, and we pray for Pope Francis in particular. Pope Francis reminds us of Jesus' invitation to be disciples and to practice mercy through the loving care of our neighbors, especially the poor, the lost and the downtrodden. As we are drawn together in Christ through baptism and the Eucharist, so does the Pope draw all people together into the mission of Jesus. Join us at one of these liturgies to experience many cultures and peoples gathered into one in praise to God!



CELTIC LITURGY

President: Rev. Richard Purcell

Music by: Liam Lawton

Enter into the Celtic spirituality of this Mass, drawn from the missionary St. Patrick and the monks who followed him, and from the many Irish immigrants who have enriched the Church in so many lands! [Language: English]



PAN-ASIAN LITURGY

President: Bishop Oscar Solis

Music by: Asian-Pacific Community

This liturgy will draw upon many of the Asian and Pacific Island cultures found here in Southern California to celebrate the mystery of our salvation through "Encountering Christ in Harmony." These words are taken from the 2018 U.S. bishops' efforts to be of service to the many Asian and Pacific Island Catholics who have deeply enriched the Church and culture of the United States.



SPANISH LITURGY

President: TBA

Music by: Stella Garcia-Lopez & Rudy Lopez

As we celebrate our unity in Christ today, we pray for the first Latin American Pope in his native language. The first footprints of Christian faith in our part of the country were left by Spanish missionaries, many led by St. Junipero Serra in fulfillment of Jesus' mandate to go and make disciples of all nations. We give thanks today that the seeds sown from their efforts have flourished and produced rich spiritual fruit. [Language: Spanish]



YOUNG ADULT LITURGY (TRILINGUAL)

President: Rev. Hung Pham

Music by: Ivan Diaz & Paul Nguyen

Successors of Peter have called out to young adults to live their faith with courage! Pope St. John Paul II: "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Pope Emeritus Benedict: "Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything." Pope Francis: "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!" Young adult brothers and sisters, come together at this Mass and be renewed in your call to holiness through lives of mercy – unity in diversity! [Languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese]



RUSSIAN GREEK CATHOLIC

President: Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith

Music by: Russian Greek Community

Join our brothers and sisters from the Russian Greek community of St. Andrew Church in El Segundo, Calif., to pray together for holiness and mercy, and to experience the Divine Liturgy. If you have never attended a Liturgy of the Eastern Catholic Church, then this is the perfect opportunity to learn about how our Catholic Christian faith, liturgy and spirituality developed in different places, and how Eastern cultures also shaped the celebration of the Eucharist.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

EVENING PRAYER - 5:15 PM

President: Clarissa Martinez

Music by: Jesse Manibusan

TAIZÉ - 9:00 PM

Music by: David Anderson



Closing Liturgy



Closing Liturgy



Sanctification of Human Labor



Arena Assembly



For Those Held in Captivity

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Young Adult Ministry at RECongress 2020



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 22, 5:15 pm – Marriott

This year our Young Adult Liturgy is trilingual (English, Spanish, Vietnamese) presided over by Fr. Hung Pham, SJ, Assistant Professor of Ignatian Spirituality at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif. Music will be led by Ivan Diaz and Paul Nguyen. 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 22, 9:00 pm-midnight – Marriott
Cost: \$7 per person

Keep a great RECongress Saturday going into the night. Our DJs will be spinning and taking your requests for an amazing time. Young adults 18 to 39 are welcome. Picture ID is required for admission. A no-host bar is provided, as well as complimentary water stations. NO outside containers are permitted.



WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

The following list of names and session numbers are workshops that focus on Young Adult issues or may be of interest to young adults and those in ministry to young adults. You can find additional speaker recommendations under the Young Adult listing on the next page. Review this Registration Guidebook and our website for topics that meet your specific needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

Robert McCarty, DMin

7-13* Engaging and Accompanying Young People: The Challenge and the Blessing!

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale

6-17* Applying Brain-Based Learning to Make Learning Stick and Faith “Sticky”

Abbot Richard Purcell, OCSO

8-20* A Church with Open Doors: A Monastic Approach to Youth Ministry

Cooper Ray

8-21* Planning and Implementing Effective Retreats

Andrew Chinn

1-04* Jesus, You Are Here for Me: Finding Hope Amid the Struggle of Mental Illness

Jordan Denari Duffner

4-05* Islam and Interreligious Dialogue: How Our Catholic Faith Calls Us to Dialogue and Action

Rev. David Dwyer, CSP

4-06* Pope Francis to Young Adults: “Grow in Holiness”

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

4-10* Friendship and Christian Vocation: Is Anyone Ever Really Single?

Sarah Hart

1-02* God Help Me! Getting Teens Excited About Mass

Paul Jarzembowski

2-11* Ministry with Young People Through an Intercultural Perspective

Anne Kertz Kernion

1-14* Neuroscience and Spirituality for Teens and Young Adults

Douglas Leal

7-11* “What Now, God?” Listening for God’s Call and Finding Our Path

Fr. Michael Martin, OFM Conv

3-14* “Who Do People Say That I Am?” What Young Adults Are Saying

...

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale

3-16* Aligning Our Vision of Youth and Young Adult Ministries with *Christus Vivit*

Timothy O’Malley, PhD

6-18* The Mercy of Marriage in a Hookup World

Katie Prejean McGrady

2-17* Burning Hearts: Helping Teens Meet and Fall in Love with Jesus Christ

Sherry Weddell

3-22 From Christendom to Missiondom: Forming Intentional Disciples in the New Normal

RECongress 2020 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 website for updates as well as the category listings of speakers by topics. **Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

1-01 1-08* 1-09* 1-10* 1-12* 1-17*
 1-23* 2-01* 2-06* 2-12* 3-01* 3-09*
 3-13* 3-14* 3-15* 3-18* 3-21* 3-22*
 4-01* 4-03* 4-05* 4-06* 4-07* 4-09*
 4-10* 4-11* 4-14* 4-15* 4-16 4-17*
 4-18 4-21* 4-22* 5-01* 5-03* 5-06*
 5-10* 5-11* 5-14* 5-17* 5-18* 5-22*
 6-01* 6-06* 6-07* 6-10 6-12* 6-14
 6-15* 6-19* 6-21* 7-01* 7-03* 7-05*
 7-10* 7-11* 7-12* 7-17* 7-22* 8-05*
 8-08* 8-09* 8-10 8-15* 8-16* 8-17
 8-18* 8-19*

AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

1-23* 2-05* 5-15* 8-16*

ASIAN-PACIFIC PERSPECTIVE

3-02* 7-02*

CATECHESIS

1-01 1-11* 1-13* 1-15* 1-19* 1-21*
 2-02 2-13* 2-14 2-16* 2-17* 3-03
 3-04* 3-09* 3-17* 3-21* 4-12* 4-19*
 4-20* 5-05* 5-07* 5-09* 5-10* 5-16*
 6-08* 6-13* 6-16* 6-17* 6-21* 6-23*
 7-09* 7-15* 7-16* 8-02* 8-03 8-06*
 8-17 8-19* 8-20* 8-23

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

1-15* 4-18 6-10 6-21* 7-15* 7-19*
 8-09*

CONFIRMATION

1-21* 5-07* 8-06*

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1-18* 3-19* 5-09* 6-23* 7-16* 8-04*

ECCLESIOLOGY/CHURCH

1-01 1-03* 1-23* 2-09* 2-23* 4-23*
 5-01* 6-09* 7-03* 8-15*

ECUMENICAL

1-22* 6-15*

ELEMENTARY

1-16* 2-02 2-07* 2-15* 2-19* 3-04*
 3-08* 3-19* 4-20* 5-05* 6-08* 6-16*
 7-16* 8-04*

EVANGELIZATION

1-05* 1-07* 1-09* 1-13* 1-16* 1-19*
 1-20* 2-06* 2-10* 2-12* 2-14 2-16*
 3-01* 3-02* 3-03 3-11 3-13* 3-14*
 3-17* 3-22* 3-23* 4-12* 4-15* 4-18
 5-01* 5-04* 5-06* 5-10* 5-12* 5-19*
 5-20* 5-23* 6-05* 6-12* 6-14 6-16*
 7-02* 7-09* 7-13* 7-15* 7-18* 7-21*
 7-22* 8-01* 8-03 8-21* 8-22*

FAMILY/PARENTING

1-04* 1-11* 1-16* 1-18* 2-03* 2-08*
 2-16* 2-20* 4-22* 5-08* 5-09* 5-11*
 6-03* 7-04* 7-10* 8-08* 8-18*

GAY/LESBIAN MINISTRY

2-20* 3-07* 4-08* 5-14*

HISPANIC PERSPECTIVE

1-22* 2-04* 3-07* 5-21*

HIV/AIDS

3-07* 4-08*

HUMAN SEXUALITY

4-10* 5-11* 6-18* 6-19* 7-10*

HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

1-10* 1-12* 1-24* 2-03* 2-10* 2-13*
 2-22* 3-05* 3-06* 4-11* 4-14* 4-21*
 4-22* 5-08* 5-21* 6-03* 6-05* 6-13*
 6-20* 7-07* 7-11* 8-05* 8-13*

ILLNESS / CAREGIVING

4-08*

INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

4-05* 8-07*

JUNIOR HIGH

3-08* 3-16* 5-16* 5-19* 5-20*

JUSTICE & PEACE

1-03* 1-20* 1-22* 2-01* 2-05* 3-15*
 4-02* 5-04* 5-15* 5-21* 6-04* 6-06*
 6-08* 7-03* 7-05* 7-14* 7-18* 8-01*
 8-10 8-12

LIFE ISSUES

1-03* 2-08* 3-06* 3-20* 3-23* 5-08*
 5-22* 6-04* 6-06* 7-07*

LITURGICAL MOVEMENT

3-12*

LITURGY

1-02* 1-05* 1-15* 2-15* 2-18* 3-10
 3-12* 3-19* 4-16 4-23* 6-11 6-23*
 7-04* 7-06* 7-12* 7-19* 8-12 8-20*

MEDIA

1-08* 2-14 4-04* 6-11 6-17* 8-07*

MORALITY

1-08* 3-15* 5-15* 7-21*

MULTICULTURAL

1-07* 2-11* 3-02* 3-13* 4-02* 5-02
 5-04* 7-02* 7-18* 7-20* 7-23* 8-16*

MUSIC

1-02* 1-04* 2-15* 2-18* 2-19* 3-04*
 3-10 3-11 3-12* 4-13 4-20* 5-02
 5-05* 5-13* 5-22* 6-02* 6-11 7-08
 7-12* 7-23* 8-04* 8-12 8-14*

PARISH LEADERSHIP

1-05* 1-09* 1-13* 1-17* 2-08* 3-01*
 3-05* 4-12* 4-15* 5-06* 5-17* 6-14
 8-02* 8-14* 8-15* 8-22*

PRAYER

1-06* 1-24* 2-07* 2-10* 2-18* 2-19*
 2-22* 4-01* 4-09* 4-13 5-13* 5-23*
 6-07* 6-20* 7-01* 7-06* 7-08 8-11*

PRAYER MOVEMENT

5-03*

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

2-01* 2-05* 4-03* 5-18* 6-01* 7-14*
 7-17*

SACRAMENTS

2-09* 3-06* 3-18* 3-23* 4-19* 6-01*
 6-02* 6-18* 7-04* 8-06*

SCRIPTURE

1-17* 2-12* 3-20* 4-02* 4-07* 4-17*
 5-17* 6-04* 6-15* 7-20* 8-17 8-19*

SPECIAL NEEDS

2-02

SPIRITUALITY

1-06* 1-10* 1-11* 1-12* 1-14* 1-18*
 1-24* 2-03* 2-04* 2-06* 2-07* 2-09*
 2-13* 2-22* 3-05* 3-11 3-18* 3-21*
 4-01* 4-03* 4-06* 4-07* 4-09* 4-11*
 4-13 4-14* 4-16 4-17* 4-19* 4-21*
 5-02 5-03* 5-12* 5-13* 5-14* 5-18*
 5-23* 6-01* 6-02* 6-03* 6-07* 6-10
 6-13* 6-19* 6-20* 7-01* 7-05* 7-06*
 7-08 7-14* 7-17* 7-20* 7-21* 7-23*
 8-02* 8-05* 8-09* 8-11* 8-13* 8-14*
 8-18* 8-21* 8-22*

STEWARDSHIP

7-22*

TECHNOLOGY

3-03 4-04* 7-09* 8-03

THEOLOGY

2-23* 3-20* 5-12* 6-05* 6-09* 7-07*
 8-10 8-13*

WOMEN'S ISSUES

2-04* 2-23* 3-08* 4-23* 8-01*

YOUNG ADULT

1-02* 1-04* 1-14* 2-11* 2-17* 3-14*
 3-16* 3-22* 4-05* 4-06* 4-10* 6-12*
 6-18* 7-11* 7-13* 8-07* 8-08* 8-23

YOUTH MINISTRY

1-06* 1-07* 1-14* 1-19* 1-20* 1-21*
 2-11* 2-17* 3-09* 3-16* 3-17* 4-04*
 5-07* 5-16* 5-19* 5-20* 6-17* 7-13*
 8-20* 8-21* 8-23

VIETNAMESE

1-70* 2-70* 3-70* 4-70* 5-70* 6-70*
 7-70* 8-70*

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 **The Real Presence in the Eucharist** - Bishop Robert Barron
- 1-02 **God Help Me! Getting Teens Excited About Mass** (*) - Sarah Hart & Steve Angrisano
- 1-03 **The Catholic Church and the Deadly Epidemic of Gun Violence in the United States** (*) - Bishop Edward Braxton
- 1-04 **Jesus, You Are Here for Me: Finding Hope Amid the Struggle of Mental Illness** (*) - Andrew Chinn & James Wahl
- 1-05 **Why Should I Go to Church?** (*) - Fr. John Cusick
- 1-06 **Seeing and Savoring Stillness and Silence with Teenagers Among #allthings** (*) - Stephanie Cloutre Davis
- 1-07 **I Pray to Dios! Tools to Embrace Hispanic Youth in Our Parish Ministries** (*) - Ivan Diaz
- 1-08 **Let's Talk About Truth** (*) - Ann Garrido
- 1-09 **Made for Mission: How to Change the Culture of Your Parish** (*) - Tim Glemkowski
- 1-10 **The Spiritual Journey: A Process of Transformation** (*) - Fr. Albert Haase
- 1-11 **The Family as the Heart of Mercy** (*) - Kathy Hendricks
- 1-12 **This Is the Life: Mindfulness, Finding Grace and the Power of the Present** (*) - Rev. Terry Hershey
- 1-13 **Promise and Hope: Accompaniment in the Parish** (*) - Bill Huebsch
- 1-14 **Neuroscience and Spirituality for Teens and Young Adults** (*) - Anne Kertz Kernion
- 1-15 **The Awe-Inspiring Rites of the RCIA: Training for Baptismal Living** (*) - Diana Macalintal & Nick Wagner
- 1-16 **Shifting Parents from the Parking Lot to Participation** (*) - Sr. Patricia McCormack
- 1-17 **"...On His Shoulders with Great Joy": Jesus as Model of Ministry** (*) - Fr. J. Patrick Mullen
- 1-18 **Meeting Young Children Where They Are and Walking with Them on Their Spiritual Journey** (*) - Pamela Perrino
- 1-19 **Accompanying Traumatized Teens** (*) - Roy Petitfils
- 1-20 **Jesus' Justice League: Superheroes of Faith** (*) - Fr. R. Tony Ricard
- 1-21 **Youth Group is Dead. Christ is Alive** (*) - John Rinaldo
- 1-22 **The Power of Ecumenism in an Immigration Crisis** (*) - Rev. Alexia Salvatierra
- 1-23 **Wise Guides on the Road to Sainthood: African American Ancestors of Faith** (*) - Dr. C. Vanessa White
- 1-24 **The Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart: Strengthening Your Inner Life in Challenging Times** (*) - Dr. Robert Wicks
- 1-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (The Cross – Mystery of Divine Love)** (*) - Bishop Thanh Nguyen

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 **Super Heroines and Heroes of Holiness and Mercy** (*) - Sr. Kathleen Bryant
- 2-02 **Adaptive Learning: Meeting Special Needs in Catechesis** - Ana Arista & Dr. Joseph White
- 2-03 **Finding Forgiveness in the Family** (*) - Danielle Bean
- 2-04 **Saint Mary: In the Image and Likeness of the Father of Mercies** (*) - Prof. Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez
- 2-05 **Martin Luther King Jr.: What If He Were Still Alive Today?** (*) - Bishop Edward Braxton
- 2-06 **The Power to Transform Your Parish** (*) - Rev. Jim Clarke & Bobby Vidal
- 2-07 **Effective Prayer with Children: It's Easier Than You Think!** (*) - Steven Ellair
- 2-08 **The Opioid Crisis: What You Need to Understand** (*) - Amy Florian
- 2-09 **Standing in Awe and Wonder and Praise: The Transformative Power of Humble Thanks** (*) - Fr. Richard Fragomeni
- 2-10 **Transformation from the Heart: Why Your Encounter with Jesus Changes the World** (*) - Sr. Miriam Heidland
- 2-11 **Ministry with Young People Through an Intercultural Perspective** (*) - Paul Jarzembowski & Marilyn Santos
- 2-12 **St. Paul as Organizer of Missionary Disciples** (*) - Rev. Felix Just
- 2-13 **Death by Comic Strip – Laughing, Loving and Letting Go** (*) - Fr. Joe Kempf
- 2-14 **God at the Movies** - Rev. Richard Leonard
- 2-15 **Sing Mercy, Live Mercy, Be Holy** (*) - Michael Mangan
- 2-16 **How to Keep Your Family Catholic and Happy: Practical and Realistic Help for Families!** (*) - Rev. Leo Patalinghug
- 2-17 **Burning Hearts: Helping Teens Meet and Fall in Love with Jesus Christ** (*) - Katie Prejean McGrady
- 2-18 **Do Not Aspire to Be Called Holy Before You Really Are!** (St. Benedict) (*) - Abbot Richard Purcell
- 2-19 **Speak, Sing, Pray – Spirituality for Our Grade School Children** (*) - Christopher Walker
- 2-20 **Accompanying LGBTQ Youth and Their Families** (*) - Greg Walton
- 2-21 **Be Who You Are – Teaching Holiness** (*) - David Wells
- 2-22 **Living Holy, Dancing the Living Spirit** (*) - John West
- 2-23 **What Are They Saying About Women Deacons?** (*) - Dr. Phyllis Zagano
- 2-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Growth in Holiness by the Divine Mercy)** (*) - Sr. Mary Nguyen

PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 **Start with Jesus: WE the Missionary People!** (*) - Elsy Arevalo, Dr. Ansel Augustine, Becky Eldredge, Joe Paprocki, Julianne Stanz
- 3-02 **Encountering Christ in Harmony: Celebrating the New U.S. Bishops' Response on Asian-Pacific Islander Cultures and Ministries** (*) - Fr. Ricky Manalo & Bishop Oscar Solis
- 3-03 **Flipped Catechesis: What Every Catechist Needs to Know** - Steve Botsford
- 3-04 **Firm in the Faith: Music for Catechesis with Children and Families** (*) - John Burland
- 3-05 **How to Bring Healing to Your Parish Staff or Ministry Group** (*) - Craig Colson
- 3-06 **Lord, Have Mercy on Us, We Are Married!** (*) - Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera
- 3-07 **Learning from Generations of LGBTQ Catholics** (*) - Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice, Fr. Chris Ponnnet & Lic. Yunuen Trujillo
- 3-08 **Girl Power! Equipping Girls for Leadership** (*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan
- 3-09 **Faith for the Heart** (*) - Dr. Thomas Groome
- 3-10 **The Hymn of the Day: An Enrichment of Roman Catholic Worship** - Fr. Jan Michael Joncas
- 3-11 **High is the Heavens** - Liam Lawton
- 3-12 **Live! Be! Finding the Movement in Our Prayers** (*) - Monica Luther
- 3-13 **The Way of Mercy & Holiness – Humility and Vulnerability** (*) - Jesse Manibusan
- 3-14 **"Who Do People Say That I Am?" What Young Adults Are Saying ...** (*) - Fr. Michael Martin
- 3-15 **The Virtue of Courage and the Moral Life** (*) - Fr. Bryan Massingale
- 3-16 **Aligning Our Vision of Youth and Young Adult Ministries with *Christus Vivit*** (*) - Charlotte McCorquodale
- 3-17 **Me Cry! Mercy! *Merci!*** (*) - Mike Patin
- 3-18 **The Penultimate Invitation to Holiness – Practicing Mercy as Jesus Practiced It** (*) - Fr. Ronald Rolheiser
- 3-19 **Children's Liturgy of the Word That is Prayerful, Formative and Exciting** (*) - Michael Ruzicki
- 3-20 **Ardi, Ape and Android: Dialogues with the *Imago Dei* in Genesis** (*) - Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher
- 3-21 **Overwhelmed by God: Are We Really Called to Be "Perfect"?** (*) - Sr. Maureen Sullivan
- 3-22 **From Christendom to Missiondom: Forming Intentional Disciples in the New Normal** (*) - Sherry Weddell
- 3-23 **Hope for Individuals and Families Affected by Addiction** (*) - Scott Weeman
- 3-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Live Mercy – Be Holy in Family)** (*) - Prof. Quyen Di

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

1-01 THE REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST ARENA

Vatican II says that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. However, recent polls show an insufficient understanding of the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is time for all of us – catechists, Catholic educators and evangelists – to pick up our game about this absolutely essential sacrament!

**Most Rev. Robert Barron**

Bishop Robert Barron is Auxiliary Bishop for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He is also host of "Catholicism," the award-winning PBS documentary. Bishop Barron is an Amazon best-selling author and has published numerous books, essays and articles on theology and the spiritual life. He is a religion correspondent for NBC and has also appeared on FOX News, CNN and EWTN. He has presented and given keynote addresses for many conferences and events all over the world.

1-02 GOD HELP ME! GETTING TEENS EXCITED ABOUT MASS

Creating liturgies that are both passionate and prayerful is one of the most important things we can do to bring about full, conscious and active participation by our young Catholic church. Are you willing to learn more and dive more deeply into the Mass personally, so that you become that living example of a person transformed by the mystery of the sacred liturgy? Make Mass mean more than the bribe of donuts or something "good Catholics" do. Come learn simple and effective ways to share the meaning of liturgy with young people and be prepared to laugh and sing loudly with musicians and storytellers Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano!

**Sarah Hart**

Based in Nashville, Tenn., Sarah Hart has been a singer, songwriter, retreat author and keynote speaker for over 20 years. Her itinerant ministry has taken her all over the United States and abroad, performing for countless conventions and events, and even for Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square. A Grammy-nominated songwriter, her songs have been recorded by numerous recording artists and have appeared in TV, film and commercials. Her writing can be found in hymnals across the globe.

**Steve Angrisano**

Musician, composer and youth minister, Steve Angrisano has made countless appearances from diocesan gatherings to major events around the world. He has been featured at numerous conferences, including seven World Youth Days. Angrisano has presented at several National Catholic Youth Conferences, the National Pastoral Musicians Conference, and the L.A. Congress & Youth Day. His works include the CD "Leading Us Home" and the book, "Essential Songs for Youth Ministry."

1-03 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & THE DEADLY EPIDEMIC OF GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

In the face of the endless series of mass murders of innocent people through gun violence, Bishop Edward Braxton asks the question: Is there nothing we Catholics can do? Acknowledging that he is not an expert on these matters, he argues that all Catholics have a responsibility to examine their hearts, study Scripture, attend to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and find ways to be true instruments of peace. After listing practical suggestions, he insists that we can all do something. *We must do what we can!*

**Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, PhD, STD**

Chicago native Bishop Edward Braxton was installed as bishop for the Diocese of Belleville, Ill. in 2005. He authored several books and many articles and has served on the faculties at The Catholic University of America, the University of Notre Dame, Harvard Divinity School, and the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Bishop Braxton's 2015 pastoral letter, "The Racial Divide in the United States," has been published in several journals and he has lectured on the issues addressed in the pastoral at a number of universities.

1-04 JESUS, YOU ARE HERE FOR ME: FINDING HOPE AMID THE STRUGGLE OF MENTAL ILLNESS

The Introduction to "The Rites for the Pastoral Care of the Sick" begins: "Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit." This is particularly true of mental illness, as individuals and families often are misunderstood, uncertain and alienated. Join musicians and parents Andrew Chinn and James Wahl as they share songs, stories and experiences of walking the journey of mental illness with their respective children, and how they encountered Christ along the way. This workshop is for those who minister to adolescents, teens and young adults living with mental illness and those who care for them.

**Andrew Chinn**

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has visited numerous Catholic elementary schools, performing in more than 2,000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released several CDs, DVDs and, in 2013, joined WLP who publishes and distributes his music in North America.

**James Wahl**

WLP composer James Wahl has been performing children's music for nearly 20 years. Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Raleigh, N.C., he previously ministered in California and in Arizona. Wahl is a musician/presenter at various national and diocesan youth events over past 10 years, including the National Catholic Educational Association, the Atlanta Eucharistic Congress and the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference. His latest work is "Sitting at the Kids' Table," a CD/songbook for young children.

1-05 WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH? 🗣️

It is no secret that Mass attendance in many of our churches continues to decrease. Obviously, there are many reasons as to why. One of the primary reasons is that people do not know why they should go to Mass, why it is important, and what is the meaning of this highest form of Catholic worship. This workshop will answer those questions in a simple declarative sentence. That answer will then be fleshed out and explained in each of the parts of Catholic Mass: Penitential Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Offertory, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Communion Rite, and Dismissal.



Rev. John C. Cusick

Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, served as creator, coordinator and Director of their Young Adult Ministry from 1970-2013. He was also an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame and at Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Pastoral Studies. He continues to speak at church conferences and preach parish missions locally and nationally. He published his first book, "Never Be Ordinary," in 2018.

1-06 SEEING & SAVORING STILLNESS AND SILENCE WITH TEENAGERS AMONG #ALLTHETHINGS 🗣️

Teenagers are bombarded by #allthethings, but like so many of us, they are seeking ways to combat the busyness and seek respite in an intimate relationship with God. Drawing on the 500-year-old prayer tools of St. Ignatius, Stephanie Clouatre Davis will demonstrate ways to help young people to pause, be still and savor the silence so they can engage in personal and imaginative prayer. Join Stephanie for some practical and practiced tools for prayer with young people.



Stephanie Clouatre Davis, OPA

Stephanie Davis, an Associate with the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director and itinerant minister based in Covington, La. In her more than 20 years of ministry for the Catholic Church, she has directed hundreds of retreats and spoken at numerous conferences for teens, young adults and adults. Davis has spent more than 15 years teaching junior high, high school and college courses, and has devoted her life to teaching and developing youth and adult retreats and programs.

1-07 I PRAY TO DIOS! TOOLS TO EMBRACE HISPANIC YOUTH IN OUR PARISH MINISTRIES 🗣️

Here is Survival Workshop 101 that explains Hispanic pop culture in the United States, faith, family values and communication. More than 60% of Catholics under 18 are Hispanic, and this demographic transformation in the Church is a great opportunity to evangelize the new generations. Discover great tools to engage Hispanic young people in parishes, youth ministries and schools. This workshop is inspired by the Fifth National Encuentro (V Encuentro) of Hispanic/Latina Ministry in the United States.



Ivan Diaz

Ivan Diaz is a songwriter, educator and clinician based in Miami. His latest release with Oregon Catholic Press, "Nuestra Alegria/Our Joy," was chosen as the official youth and young adult song for the V Encuentro. He is also Musical Director at St. Francis de Sales Church in Miami Beach, Fla.; Chorus Director for the National Catholic Youth Conference; and Director of Choral Studies for the Broward County Schools in Florida. Diaz presents at workshops and conferences across the country.

1-08 LET'S TALK ABOUT TRUTH 🗣️

As the country passes through another heated election cycle, questions of truth, lying and "fake news" become part of everyday conversation often causing tension among families, friends and fellow Christians. Discover four ways that the Catholic tradition talks about the word "truth" and consider how each of them gives us clues for how to live our faith in this challenging time.



Ann M. Garrido

Ann Garrido is Associate Professor of Homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, and Director of Spiritual Formation in their Master in Arts program. In addition, she is a Consultant with Triad Consulting Group, a conflict mediation and communications team based in Cambridge, Mass. Garrido's teaching and research has focused on Christian conflict management and administration. Her books include "Redeeming Administration," "Redeeming Conflict" and her most recent, "Let's Talk About Truth."

1-09 MADE FOR MISSION: HOW TO CHANGE THE CULTURE OF YOUR PARISH 🗣️

As the call to make missionary disciples rings out from every corner of the Church, many leaders, while inspired, lack clarity on how to make that a reality in their settings. This session gets eminently practical on actionable steps that can be taken to begin building a culture of missionary discipleship at your parish!



Timothy Glemkowski

Based in Littleton, Colo., Tim Glemkowski is an international speaker who is President and co-founder of Revive Parishes and founder of L'Alto Catholic Institute, a parish partnership program. He has traveled the globe giving hundreds of presentations over the last 10 years to audiences ranging from intimate gatherings to large conferences. His latest book is titled "Made for Mission: How to Change the Culture of Your Parish."

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

In 1956, in addition to the training programs for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) teachers held throughout the year and on one Sunday, a three-hour religious education meeting at Immaculate Heart College was held – this became the genesis of the Religious Education Congress.

1-10 THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY: A PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION 🗨️

The spiritual journey is the process of being conformed by the Spirit of God to the image of Christ for the sake of others. In this workshop, we'll explore the stages and dynamics of the spiritual journey, its challenges for 21st-century Christians, and see how ordinary people were transformed by their willingness to surrender to God's grace.

**Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**

Franciscan priest Fr. Albert Haase is a popular preacher, teacher, spiritual director and guest on talk radio shows. A former missionary to mainland China for over 11 years, he is an award-winning author of 11 books on popular spirituality, most recently, "Becoming an Ordinary Mystic: Spirituality for the Rest of Us," and presenter on five best-selling DVDs, including "The BE Attitudes: Ten Paths to Holiness." He is currently Chaplain at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple, Texas, in the Austin Diocese.

1-11 THE FAMILY AS THE HEART OF MERCY 🗨️

One way to view mercy in action is through the lens of family life. It's not always a perfect picture, but one that offers hope for our wounded world. The Holy Family illustrates how such mercy constitutes the heart of the home. Joseph's vigilance, Mary's spaciousness, and Jesus' redemptive love exemplify the "merciful moments" embedded in daily life. By drawing attention to them through our catechetical efforts, we transform those moments into a legacy for our own families and the families we serve.

**Kathy Hendricks**

Based in Colorado, Kathy Hendricks is the National Catechetical Consultant for William H. Sadler and contributing writer for their programs. She has presented keynotes and workshops at national and diocesan conferences and offers talks and retreats for catechists and leaders throughout the country. Hendricks is author of several books, including "Seeking Spiritual Balance in an Off-Kilter World" and "Heavenly Friends: An Introduction to the Beauty of Icons."

1-12 THIS IS THE LIFE: MINDFULNESS, FINDING GRACE AND THE POWER OF THE PRESENT 🗨️

Be Here. Now. This life is a gift. To be fully awake and fully alive. This clarity, this permission to savor today. Why are there so many days when we miss the gift? From his new book, Terry Hershey invites us to embrace the sacrament of the present, to see, hear, taste and touch grace, and find God's presence in our world. To stop the noise, distraction, compulsion to perform and fear of rejection. To make space to live today open, available, curious and surprised by joy. So, before we trade in our life for the life we "should" have, let us taste this one. What makes your heart come alive today?

**Rev. Terry Hershey**

Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author, dad, Protestant minister and landscape designer on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound near Seattle. The internationally renowned speaker and retreat facilitator regularly travels throughout the United States and Canada. His work has been featured on The Hallmark Channel, CNN, PBS and NPR and his gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest.

1-13 PROMISE AND HOPE: ACCOMPANIMENT IN THE PARISH 🗨️

Pope Francis has called on the whole Church to learn the art of accompaniment and make it the chief pastoral strategy in every parish. This offers us all a chance to really *live mercy and be holy*, one and the same thing. But how we do actually do this in a real parish? What does it mean to religious education, liturgy, pastoral care and other ministries? This workshop will demonstrate the method by which accompaniment is enacted in each parish program and provide concrete steps and suggestions to help you succeed as an "accompanying parish."

**Bill Huebsch**

Bill Huebsch has been a farmer, a writer, a diocesan administrator, a master catechist, a college professor and a spiritual director. He is on the adjunct faculty at the Institute for Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago. For many years, Huebsch has maintained a busy international lecture schedule; he has published more than 30 booklets and books on spirituality and ministry, including "Promise and Hope: How to Become an Accompanying Parish," "The Art of Accompaniment," and several others.

1-14 NEUROSCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS 🗨️

What spiritual practices can help our young people cope with anxiety and depression, both of which are increasing dramatically? In this session, we will explore current neuroscience and positive psychology research on mindfulness, silent prayer/meditation, nature and awe, resilience and empathy. What does our Catholic/Christian tradition say to our teens and young adults in these areas? What specific practices will nurture their spiritual lives, and ours as well? Come discover these important lessons that support our brain health and our physical and psychological well-being.

**Anne Kertz Kernion**

Anne Kertz Kernion is owner and artist of Cards by Anne. She taught theology at Carlow University in Pittsburgh for over a decade and now teaches chemistry and religion courses at the local Community College of Allegheny County. Kernion is a public speaker, retreat facilitator and teaches yoga. Her latest book is entitled "A Year of Spiritual Companionship."

1-15 THE AWE-INSPIRING RITES OF THE RCIA: TRAINING FOR BAPTISMAL LIVING 🗣️

The liturgy, especially the rites of Christian Initiation of Adults, trains the seekers and the faithful how to become who God created us to be. Through celebration and song, prayer and reflection, we will discover how ritual shapes us for Christian life.



Diana Macalintal

Diana Macalintal is a speaker and author on liturgy and the RCIA. Her latest publications include "Your Parish Is the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of the Community" and the liturgical year resource, "Living Liturgy." She is co-founder and Co-Director of the online resource, TeamRCIA. She has been keynote at several national gatherings, including the National Association of Lay Ministry, the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Los Angeles RECongress in addition to her appearances there as prayer leader.



Nick Wagner

Nick Wagner is co-founder and Co-Director of the online resource TeamRCIA.com. He has spoken at numerous parish, diocesan and national training events for over 25 years and has been an active team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Wagner also serves on the faculty at the Institute for Leadership in Ministry in the Diocese of San Jose, Calif. He is author of "Field Hospital Catechesis: The Core Content for RCIA Formation" and "Seek the Living God: Five RCIA Inquiry Questions for Making Disciples."

1-16 SHIFTING PARENTS FROM THE PARKING LOT TO PARTICIPATION 🗣️

Why do some parents rely on religious education programs to be the primary providers of faith formation for their children? How can catechists move parents from the parking lot to fuller participation? This presentation will provide practical, applicable, inspirational and compassionate insights for "backdoor" evangelizing that cultivate faith formation within parents as well as children.



Sr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM, EdD

Dr. Patricia McCormack, a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is an international formation-education consultant and serves as the Program Director for the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers. Her experience in education includes both classroom and administration experience at the elementary, secondary and college levels. In addition to publications, Sr. McCormack's ministry includes parent presentations as well as workshops, retreats and days of in-service to the educational community.

1-17 "...ON HIS SHOULDERS WITH GREAT JOY": JESUS AS MODEL OF MINISTRY 🗣️

Church ministers, lay and ordained, all have a particular call to model themselves after the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. Using the texts of the New Testament, this workshop will examine the practices of Jesus and unpack models of leadership for those with pastoral responsibilities or leadership roles in either the community or business.



Rev. J. Patrick Mullen

Fr. Patrick Mullen is Pastor of Padre Serra Parish in Camarillo, Calif., and retired Professor of Biblical Studies at nearby St. John's Seminary. He is author of "Dining with Pharisees" and the high school Scriptures introductory, "Sacred Scripture." Fr. Mullen speaks annually at the Religious Education Congress and to diocesan priests in Phoenix, Utah and seven of the 12 dioceses of California, as well as at diocesan conferences in Michigan, Maryland, Texas and throughout the Southwest.

1-18 MEETING YOUNG CHILDREN WHERE THEY ARE AND WALKING WITH THEM ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY 🗣️

Does working with preschool children ever leave you feeling like you are exhausted and tired? Learn how to harness their energy and joy into a meaningful learning experience. Rediscover the joy of learning through the eyes of young children. Learn how to meet your preschool children where they are to build meaningful learning opportunities as you walk the path with them on their faith formation journey while they discover God's love and mercy.



Pamela M. Perrino

Pam Perrino has been an early childhood advocate and educational consultant for Perrino Consulting since 2004. She has worked as an infant and toddler teacher, preschool teacher, director of a childcare center with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and Professional Development Coordinator for Ohio's Association for the Education of Young Children. Perrino also serves as an adjunct professor in the Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy program at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

1-19 ACCOMPANYING TRAUMATIZED TEENS 🗣️

Many teens have experienced trauma but often do not show the traditional signs. Yet traumatic experiences, combined with lower resilience in teens today, can affect how teens learn, experience and integrate faith. In this workshop, you'll learn the often unrecognized "tells" of trauma, and what role you as a catechist, minister or caring adult can do to help them experience the Good News.



Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered among youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice. Petitfils shares his natural humor with a common-sense approach to matters of faith at conferences and workshops. He hosts the popular podcast, "Today's Teenager," to help adults understand, reach and influence teens. He has spoken at TEDx and has published several articles and books, including "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."

1-20 JESUS' JUSTICE LEAGUE: SUPERHEROES OF FAITH 🗣️

In the 1960s, DC Comics debuted a group of superheroes called the Justice League. In this original band of friends, we meet Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, the Flash and a few other Defenders of the Universe. Although DC wanted us to believe that this was the first band of heroes to ever come together, we know of another group that joined as one and can handle far more than the Justice League. Jesus' Justice League has been defeating villains since the world began. This workshop will explore the lives of our spiritual superheroes and bring to light some of the newest members of Jesus' Justice League! Grab your cape! There are villains to fight!

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

Fr. Tony Ricard currently serves as Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish and as Campus Minister and Chair of Theology for St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also an Instructor for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University and Director of Knight Time Ministries. Fr. Ricard is a native of New Orleans and a former public schoolteacher. He has authored several books and has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation and in a total of 22 countries.

1-21 YOUTH GROUP IS DEAD. CHRIST IS ALIVE 🗣️

We just can't seem to shake the term "youth group." It's outdated, ineffective and not what we are called to do as Church with our young people. Simply put, "youth group" does not work, hasn't worked and will not work in the future. Yet, we still use the term. In this session, we will bury the term "youth group" once and for all and examine in detail what Pope Francis' *Christus Vivit* is calling us to. In that light, we will reflect on effective strategies to evangelize in our youth ministry and confirmation efforts through disciple-making catechesis.

**Dr. John M. Rinaldo**

Dr. John Rinaldo is a coach and trainer for the Parish Success Group. He brings a wealth of pastoral ministry experience having served as a parish and diocesan director of youth and young adult ministry, as a parish business manager, has served on the executive leadership team for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Dr. Rinaldo is also an adjunct Professor at Santa Clara University in California.

1-22 THE POWER OF ECUMENISM IN AN IMMIGRATION CRISIS 🗣️

In John 17:20-21, Jesus prays for the unity of his disciples. Unity in Christ is neither simple nor easy. However, social crisis – which causes great suffering – demands the most effective response possible. We are stronger together. This workshop will present models for effective Christian response to the immigration crisis that can bring Catholics, Protestants, Evangelicals and Pentecostals into deeper collaboration and truer unity.

**Rev. Dr. Alexia Salvatierra**

Rev. Alexia Salvatierra is an ordained Lutheran Pastor with over 35 years of experience in community ministry, including community development, organizing and advocacy. She serves as an Affiliate Professor in the Centro Latino and the School of Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Rev. Salvatierra was co-founder of the New Sanctuary Movement, the Evangelical Immigration Table, the Guardian Angels project for Unaccompanied Migrant Youth and M25 (Matthew 25/Mateo 25).

1-23 WISE GUIDES ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD: AFRICAN AMERICAN ANCESTORS OF FAITH 🗣️

Come learn about the six African American holy men and women and their causes for canonization: Venerable Augustus Tolton, Venerable Mother Henriette Díaz De-Lille, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, Servant of God Julia Greeley and Servant of God Thea Bowman. How did they persevere in times of challenge? What made them unique? How can they be our guides in our journey of faith and ministry? What is the process for canonization? Dr. Vanessa White will share her own stories of Sr. Bowman as well as her work with the cause for Fr. Tolton as she facilitates this session on the lives of our "saints" from the United States.

**Dr. C. Vanessa White**

Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Ministry at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she is also Director of the Certificate in Black Theology and Ministry and the Certificate in Pastoral Studies. She is a member of the Summer faculty at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies as well as adjunct faculty at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Dr. White is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator, spiritual director and teacher who lectures nationally.

1-24 THE SIMPLE CARE OF A HOPEFUL HEART: STRENGTHENING YOUR INNER LIFE IN CHALLENGING TIMES 🗣️

Dr. Robert J. Wicks (see bio 4-01)

One of the greatest gifts we can share with others is a sense of our own peace. However, we can't share what we don't have. By discussing psychological and spiritual approaches to maintaining a healthy perspective and enhancing resilience, Dr. Robert Wicks, an expert on the prevention of secondary stress (the pressures experienced in reaching out to others), offers insights into the process of reaching out without being pulled down. Topics include toxic compassion; developing your own self-care program; knowing the four "voices" we need in our circle of friends; benefiting from inner darkness; and deepening your own rule of prayer.

PERIOD 1

10:00 - 11:30 AM • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

1-70 THẬP GIÁ – MẦU NHIỆM CỦA TÌNH YÊU THIÊN CHÚA

Thánh Giá là dấu hiệu Tình Yêu của Thiên Chúa: “Thiên Chúa yêu thế gian đến nỗi đã ban Con Một, để ai tin vào Con Người thì khỏi phải chết, nhưng được sống muôn đời” (Jn 3:16) và, “Không có tình yêu nào cao cả hơn tình yêu của người đã hy sinh tính mạng vì bạn hữu của mình” (Jn 15:13). Trong buổi thuyết trình này, xin mời quý vị suy tư bốn chiều kích về tình yêu của Thiên Chúa trong đời sống Kitô hữu: Sự liên hệ với Thiên Chúa, Sự liên hệ với Giáo Hội, Sự liên hệ với Gia Đình, Sự liên hệ với Xã Hội, Thế Giới.

THE CROSS – MYSTERY OF DIVINE LOVE

The cross is a sign of Divine Love: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3:16) and “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). In this workshop, participants are invited to reflect on the four different dimensions of Divine Love in their Christian lives: relationship with God; relationship with the Church; relationships with family; and relationships with the world.



Giám mục Nguyễn Thái Thành

Đức Cha Nguyễn Thành sinh tại Nha Trang, Việt Nam. Năm 1979, sau khi bị tù đầy vì Đức Tin dưới chế độ Cộng Sản. Đức cha và gia đình đã vượt biển trên chiếc thuyền nhỏ, gặp nhiều bão tố, Nhưng một lòng tin thác Tin tưởng nơi Chúa, họ đã cập bến Phi Luật Tân an toàn và định cư tại Beaumont, Texas. Đức cha Nguyễn tiếp tục giáo dục nghề nghiệp và được thụ phong linh mục vào ngày 11 tháng 5 năm 1991 cho Giáo phận Thánh Augustinô, Florida, nơi ngài phục vụ cho đến khi được bổ nhiệm làm Giám mục Phụ tá cho Giáo phận Orange, California, và được thụ phong giám mục vào ngày 19 tháng 12, 2017.

Most Rev. Thanh Thai Nguyen

Bishop Thanh Nguyen was born in Nha Trang, Vietnam. In 1979, after suffering religious persecution under the Communist government, he and his family fled the country in a small boat and spent 18 days at sea. They all arrived safely in the Philippines and later settled in Beaumont, Texas. Bishop Nguyen continued his vocational education and was ordained a priest on May 11, 1991 for the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, where he served until his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Orange, Calif., and ordained bishop on December 19, 2017.



PERIOD 2

1:00 - 2:30 PM • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

2-01 SUPER HEROINES AND HEROES OF HOLINESS AND MERCY ARENA

Need a little inspiration? Stories have power to move us, especially true stories of people who have made a deep impact on other lives. Their creative genius might change the way you think about holiness! God used them in unexpected ways. Let this be the impetus for you to launch out into a fresh witness of holiness and mercy in our world never seen before! There is only one saint like you. No journey like yours. No one else can live YOU to the fullest! Who is to say that you aren't a super heroine in your parish, your neighborhood, your community? Maybe part of your heroism is your invisibility. That has power!



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, lives in Dublin, Ireland and serves on her order's leadership team. She has ministered as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter revealing her passion for justice, spirituality, formation, women's spiritual development and the abolition of human trafficking. Sr. Bryant has authored numerous articles and books and has presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States.

2-02 ADAPTIVE LEARNING: MEETING SPECIAL NEEDS IN CATECHESIS

We know the Gospel message is for everybody, but how can we make it more accessible for children and teens with diverse learning needs? In this session, co-presented by a seasoned catechetical leader and a child psychologist, we'll explore what our Church teaches about inclusion of persons with disabilities and learn basic skills that catechists and catechetical leaders can use to ensure that everyone can encounter Christ in our Church.



Ana M. Arista

Ana Arista is Director of Faith Formation at Saint William Church in Round Rock, Texas, one of the largest Catholic parishes in the South. She has over 20 years' experience in early childhood education and has worked as an early childhood teacher, curriculum specialist and child development center director. She has presented at diocesan and national conferences across the country. Arista is co-author of the “Allelu!” early childhood religion series from Our Sunday Visitor.



Joseph D. White, PhD

Based in Austin, Texas, Dr. Joseph White is a child and family psychologist as well as Director of Catechetical Resources for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He previously worked as a parish catechetical leader and spent seven years as Director of Family Counseling and Family Life in the Diocese of Austin, Texas. A frequent guest on Catholic radio and television, Dr. White is author of 11 books and numerous articles on catechesis and ministry.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

In 1956 Msgr. Leland Boyer joined Msgr. John Clarke 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 attended the two-day conference, listened to speakers and gained experience from other teachers.

2-03 FINDING FORGIVENESS IN THE FAMILY 🗣️

Pope Francis tells us that the most important words we can say in family life are “please,” “thank you” and “sorry.” In this workshop, we focus on the power of “sorry” and the healing power that God’s mercy can bring to family relationships. How can we learn to forgive and begin to heal after experiencing pain and loss in family life? What are some of the ways in which we are called to live out God’s mercy with our spouses, siblings, parents and children? This talk offers spiritual support for the “walking wounded” who have experienced the everyday wounds of imperfect love in family life, with encouragement to trust in God’s unfailing, infinite mercy.

**Danielle Bean**

Based in New Hampshire, Danielle Bean is Brand Manager for CatholicMom, part of the Holy Cross Family Ministries, and former Publisher and Editor-In-Chief of Catholic Digest magazine. She is author of several books for women, including “Momnipotent,” “You’re Worth It!” and her newest books, “You Are Enough” and “The Manual for Women.” Bean is also creator and host of the Girlfriends podcast and a popular speaker on a variety of subjects related to Catholic family life, parenting, marriage and the spirituality of motherhood.

2-04 SAINT MARY: IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF THE FATHER OF MERCIES 🗣️

This workshop will consider how Mary, the mother of Jesus and the Church, invites us to be the image and likeness of God the Father of Mercies, as based on the Sermons of St. Joan of the Cross, a Spanish Franciscan Sister. St. Joan was a mystic, a pastor and a preacher in the early 1500s. She preached to her parishioners, to her sisters, to bishops and the royal family. Her sermons contained a unique view of Mary as a model of holiness and mercy who intercedes for sinners. In her mercy, she wants to assume everyone with her into heaven.

**Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez, OFM**

Fr. Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez, former pastor and youth evangelizer, is a Franciscan Friar and Professor of Spirituality working at the Pontifical Academy of Mary and the Pontifical University Antonianum in Rome. He has given retreats, parish missions and academic conferences in the United States, Mexico, Europe and South America. Fr. Cavazos-Gonzalez is author of several books and is currently writing on the Mariology of Spanish Franciscan mystic and pastor, Santa Juana de la Cruz Vasquez Gutierrez.

2-05 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.: WHAT IF HE WERE STILL ALIVE TODAY? 🗣️

Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton (see bio 1-03)

What if the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were still alive today? What if the gunshot wound had not been fatal? What if Dr. King, at 91, was among us, like Moses whose eyes were not dimmed? In this presentation, Bishop Edward Braxton will examine factors that are exacerbating the racial divide today. From Rev. Dr. King’s perspective, what would the troubadour for justice and peace have to say about the world today? What would be his response to political discourse increasing the racial divide and the fact of his “dream?” Has the Catholic Church advanced that dream?

2-06 THE POWER TO TRANSFORM YOUR PARISH 🗣️

Within the story on the Road to Emmaus lays a power that can transform your parish. Jesus offers to us a model of evangelization: Jesus shares with the two on the road a compelling vision for life, he models for us what spiritual accompaniment looks like, and shows us what disciples do when they are filled with missionary zeal! In this session, individuals will learn six spiritual practices for renewal they can begin to put into practice in their lives now. These spiritual practices are a way of life that can be lived by any baptized person who seeks to infuse into ministry the transformative power and light of the Gospel on the Road to Emmaus.

**Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD**

Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. With an extensive academic background in the fields of spirituality, adult education, counseling, ritual and depth psychology, Fr. Clarke is also an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles. He is fluent in English and Spanish and is widely traveled with his work and further education, which has taken him to Israel, Mexico, Canada, Africa, Europe, Australia, Guam and American Samoa.

**Bobby Vidal**

Bobby Vidal has served as an evangelization consultant with archdioceses, parishes and national evangelization apostolates for more than 25 years and is currently Associate Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He was keynote for Boston Archdiocese’s first conference on Intentional Discipleship and was keynote of the Evangelization Summit in the Diocese of Orange, Calif. Vidal has contributed to “Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples” and co-authored a multi-media training program.

2-07 EFFECTIVE PRAYER WITH CHILDREN: IT’S EASIER THAN YOU THINK! 🗣️

Do you ever get stuck when it comes to prayer with children? Are you looking for new and creative ideas to incorporate into the classroom? Then come to this workshop! Together, we will explore easy (and fun!) ways to create dynamic prayer experiences and learn how to nurture young pray-ers.



Steven Ellair

Based on the East Coast, Steven Ellair is Editorial Director and a national speaker with Saint Mary's Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for nearly 30 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic schoolteacher and archdiocesan educational consultant. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for 16 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for the past 25 years.

2-08 THE OPIOID CRISIS: WHAT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND

Have you faced opioid abuse or death among your parishioners or staff? If you haven't yet, you will. This crisis is reaching epidemic proportions in this country. A person's job or position offers no protection, and yet parishes and people in general have very little training on the issues. This info-packed session gives important background information on the nature and causes of opioid addiction, along with unique aspects of grief they trigger in families. Then it equips you with practical steps you can take to educate, help prevent, and when necessary, support those who are affected.



Amy Florian

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant and CEO of Corgenius Inc., a company that teaches professionals how to support clients in transition and loss. She has 30 years of parish and conference experience, has taught in the graduate ministry department of Loyola University Chicago for 10 years, and has authored over 150 articles and four books. Florian travels the country presenting workshops, training sessions and retreats.

2-09 STANDING IN AWE AND WONDER AND PRAISE: THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF HUMBLE THANKS

At the center of our Catholic tradition is the celebration of the Eucharist. It is the third and only repeatable sacrament of initiation, crowning baptism and confirmation. The Eucharist serves as a "school of peace," according to the catechesis of St. Pope John Paul II. Attend this workshop and ponder this wonderful gift of love. Appreciate anew the transformative power of giving humble thanks and praise, our duty and salvation, and the source and summit of true peace.



Rev. Richard Fragomeni

Fr. Richard Fragomeni, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also Chair of the Department of Word and Worship. He has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the Catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children, among other subjects. In addition to his teaching and preaching duties, Fr. Fragomeni serves as spiritual director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian American parish in Chicago's Little Italy.

2-10 TRANSFORMATION FROM THE HEART: WHY YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHANGES THE WORLD

The most powerful Gospel you will ever proclaim is by how you live your day-to-day life. An authentic, vibrant love of Jesus Christ is captivating to behold, and a sign needed in the world today. How do we practically live this out? What gets in the way of reflecting God's mercy, love and truth in the world? In this workshop, we will explore the deepest desires of the human heart, how Jesus continually calls, pursues and heals each one of us, and why surrendering our hearts and lives to him every day is the most important decision we will ever make.



Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

Sr. Miriam Heidland is a former Division I athlete who joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) in 1998. Her story has been featured on EWTN's "The Journey Home," and at the SEEK Conference, Relevant Radio and other outlets. She currently is Assistant to the SOLT Sisters' General Superior and speaks regularly on the topics of conversion, authentic love, forgiveness, healing ... and sports! Sr. Heidland is author of the book, "Loved As I Am," and her podcast, *Abiding Together*, can be found on iTunes.

2-11 MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH AN INTERCULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

We are a diverse and global Church, especially in our ministries with youth and young adults. In *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis' summons to young people, the Holy Father encourages us to look beyond our local, cultural and individual realities – and to be international, intercultural, intergenerational and interconnected (#168-178). When our ministries are holy, whole and holistic, they can truly be effective and impactful on youth and young adults. This session will also look at the English and Spanish translations of *Christus Vivit*, and what we can learn from one another through humility, dialogue and intercultural and intergenerational exchange.



Paul Jarzembowski

Paul Jarzembowski is Assistant Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth and is the National Coordinator for World Youth Day for the United States. He previously served as Executive Director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. Jarzembowski has presented to over 300 dioceses, parishes and Catholic organizations in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and at the Vatican.



Marilyn Santos

Marilyn Santos is Associate Director of the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. She previously served as Director of Mission Education in the National Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. Santos has held leadership positions in youth, young adult and cultural diversity ministries in the Atlanta Archdiocese; the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and the Diocese of Metuchen, N.J. She also served as President of the national Catholic network, *La RED*.

2-12 ST. PAUL AS ORGANIZER OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES 🗣️

We often think of St. Paul in isolation, as if he single-handedly preached the Christian faith throughout the ancient world. Yet, Paul never worked alone; he always had many associates. Moreover, in every place where Paul and his co-workers established a “church” (a local community of believers), they also trained the new Christians to participate in their expanding missionary efforts. This workshop will explore what we can learn from Paul’s life and teachings for our own efforts at forming communities of missionary disciples.

**Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD**

Jesuit priest Fr. Felix Just is Minister of the Loyola House Jesuit Community in San Francisco, Calif. He formerly taught at all three Jesuit universities in California – Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. He conducts many adult faith formation programs for parishes and dioceses, and leads biblically based days of prayer, parish missions and retreats. Fr. Just has produced seven audio-CD programs with Now You Know Media and also maintains the internationally recognized website, catholic-resources.org.

2-13 DEATH BY COMIC STRIP – LAUGHING, LOVING AND LETTING GO 🗣️

Have you ever felt like laughing and crying at the same time? In life, the good and the bad, the hilarious and the heartbreaking, simply do not cancel each other out. Using real-life stories and the humor of some of his favorite comic strips, Fr. Joe Kempf offers us important perspective and helpful coaching as we face life’s heartaches. What do we say to someone who has just buried a loved one or experienced some other tragedy? What can we expect of ourselves – or others – when we are grieving? As we laugh and cry, love and let go, where is God to be found?

**Fr. Joe Kempf**

A diocesan priest from St. Louis, Fr. Joe Kempf is founder and President of the non-profit Gospel Values, Inc. He is author of “Don’t You DARE Forgive. Unless ...,” “No One Cries the Wrong Way” and a number of books for children, including “My Sister is Annoying,” “Don’t Drink the Holy Water” and “Sometimes Life Is Just Not Fair.” Fr. Kempf has also published a CD of guided prayer reflections as well as several videos.

2-14 GOD AT THE MOVIES

Many people now spend more time looking at their small screens than they spend looking at trees and books combined. Our big stories are often online or at the multiplex; yet, many of us have friends we have never even met. We may not like some of the contemporary films that present religious themes, but, as well-informed evangelizers, we better know what they are saying about what we hold dear.

**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 10 books, including his latest, “Hatch, Match & Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to Sacraments.”

2-15 SING MERCY, LIVE MERCY, BE HOLY 🗣️

Inspire your parish or school to embrace an attitude of mercy as they sing about it! Music is the perfect way to plant a message and mission into hearts and minds in our Sunday liturgies and religious education classrooms. Australian composer and teacher, Michael Mangan will lead us in a range of powerful songs that will help our faith communities focus on God’s mercy, and on a call to holiness through being merciful.

**Michael Mangan**

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. A former elementary Specialist Music Teacher, he has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan is President of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, and Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane.

2-16 HOW TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY CATHOLIC AND HAPPY: PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC HELP FOR FAMILIES! 🗣️

Explore ways to help families stay rooted in their Roman Catholic faith and traditions. Help answer your family’s questions about what we believe and why we do things as Catholics. This session will help inspire hope and offer practical ways to share your faith in a more effective way. This is suitable for families, parish priests, catechists and lay ministers trying to create and support family evangelization efforts. This will address all stages of family development (from toddlers and teens to adult children who have strayed from their faith). It will help make theology and doctrine more understandable for our participants.

**Fr. Leo Patalinghug**

Born in the Philippines and raised in the Baltimore area, Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a priest-member of the secular institute Voluntas Dei (The Will of God). He is founder and host of “Plating Grace,” as well as the founder and Chairman of The Table Foundation. Fr. Patalinghug, a sought-out speaker and best-selling author, is host of “Savoring Our Faith” on EWTN and of the podcast, “Shoot the Shiitake,” and winner of “Throwdown with Bobby Flay” on the Food Network.



RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

Since 1957, to accommodate the growing attendance, the “CCD Institute” moved from Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School to Loyola University, and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles in 1963 (pictured).

2-17 BURNING HEARTS: HELPING TEENS MEET AND FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS CHRIST 🗣️

We’re facing a crisis of disaffiliation, scandal, confusion and doubt, and we get the opportunity to respond to those crises with hearts full of joy, minds ready to tackle problems creatively, and a zealous love of Jesus. How do we translate that to young people, and do for them what Jesus did on the road to Emmaus: Set their hearts on fire?



Katie Prejean McGrady

Katie Prejean McGrady is an international speaker, traveling to 38 states and three countries, and author of “Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist” and “Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus.” She is the host of *The Electric Waffle*, a podcast of conversational chaos about culture and Catholicism. McGrady was one of three delegates chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to attend the Pre-Synod gathering on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment at the Vatican.

2-18 DO NOT ASPIRE TO BE CALLED HOLY BEFORE YOU REALLY ARE! (ST. BENEDICT) 🗣️

Nearly 1,500 years ago, St. Benedict wrote his Rule for monks in which he set out the way monastic life should be lived. It has long been recognized that St. Benedict’s wisdom can be applied to many situations beyond the cloister. Chapter 4 of the Rule of St. Benedict gives a list of “tools” that we can use to help us live better lives – to be holy. This workshop will offer insights from the Rule of St. Benedict and various monastic customs, and suggest ways in which they can be applied to our daily lives and enlighten different pastoral situations.



Abbot Richard Purcell, OCSO

Trappist monk Fr. Richard Purcell is Abbot of the Cistercian Monastery, Mount Melleray Abbey in Waterford, Ireland. For several years he was on the staff at Cistercian College, a high school for boys on the grounds of Mount St. Joseph Abbey in Roscrea, Ireland, where he taught religious education, music and French in addition to being a member of the chaplaincy team. Fr. Purcell is a member of the Irish Bishops’ Advisory Commission on Church Music and frequently presents diocesan music workshops and directs retreats.

2-19 SPEAK, SING, PRAY – SPIRITUALITY FOR OUR GRADE-SCHOOL CHILDREN 🗣️

Our grade school children’s spiritual lives are helped and mature by the way we encourage them to sing, speak and pray. Involving them in active listening, leading to a heartfelt response, sets up positive worship habits for the future. Come and see ways in which children can change from an uninvolved audience into willing participants in church.



Christopher Walker

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, a choral conductor, a presenter on liturgical music and broadcasts on the BBC Network about liturgical music and other related topics. He formerly served at the Clifton Cathedral in the United Kingdom and is currently Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker is a worldwide speaker on church music and liturgy, and his music for adults and children is sung in churches worldwide. His latest work is entitled “Love Beyond Knowledge.”

2-20 ACCOMPANYING LGBTQ YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES 🗣️

Greg Walton shares his journey as a Catholic parent of LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) kids and the transformation he and his wife underwent from an attitude of being faced with a calamity to one of being offered a call to love more deeply. Greg will encourage a dialogue about pastoral solutions to the isolation that LGBTQ children and their families often experience in their faith communities while providing a crash course on the important terms behind the acronym LGBTQIA+.



Greg Walton

The ministry of Catholic musician and speaker Greg Walton has taken him all over the United States, Canada and Europe, performing at local and national gatherings, including World Youth Day and the National Catholic Youth Conference. Walton is author of the Catholic social teaching program, “Ignorance is Not Bliss,” and his latest CD release is titled “King of My Heart.” He currently works as the Electronic Evangelization Coordinator for St. Philip Church in Franklin, Tenn., and plays weekly at nearby Catholic Church of the Nativity in Thompson’s Station.

2-21 BE WHO YOU ARE – TEACHING HOLINESS 🗣️

Some Catholics grow up with the idea that to be “holy” means to be more like other religious people. The problem is that our idea of religious people might be wrong; they may not be as we imagine them to be and we can’t be someone else. So, what does it mean to “be holy” and how can I teach holiness in a way that is good for me, good for my community and good for the world? In recent times, Pope Francis and Pope Benedict have spoken much about holiness. Let us look at what they teach and explore how we too might learn, live and then communicate a healthy grasp of holiness.

**David Wells**

David Wells is a religious education consultant whose career began as a teacher before becoming a research assistant for the Bishops' Conference in England and Wales. Since then, his work has taken him all over the world, speaking at more than 500 conferences worldwide and guest lectures in three English universities and two seminaries. Wells has published two books: "The Reluctant Disciple" and "The Grateful Disciple," and recently produced a DVD series titled, "Beloved Disciples." His new book is due out this Lent.

2-22 LIVING HOLY, DANCING THE LIVING SPIRIT 🕊

Through sacred dance, answer the ancient call to being fixed on living "holy." Learn to make your movements from the rising of your day through the counting of your daily steps, your interactions with children and others, even your sitting or lying down as the ongoing dance of the Living Spirit. Come to move and to be moved (Dt 6:5-7).

**John West, Obl. OSB, MA, MEd**

John West has led local, national and international workshops on medieval and sacred dance and liturgy. His articles appear in various liturgy and sacred dance journals. The Oblate of St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, is a noted choreographer, and Artistic Director for the Valyermo Troupe, and co-producer for Wordnet Productions. West also serves as a workshop clinician and member of the RECongress Liturgy Committee.

2-23 WHAT ARE THEY SAYING ABOUT WOMEN DEACONS? 🕊

The papal Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women has submitted its report. The 2019 Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon region has made its recommendation. Will the Catholic Church restore women to the ordained diaconate? Are women icons of Christ?

**Dr. Phyllis Zagano**

Dr. Phyllis Zagano is Senior Research Associate-in-Residence and adjunct Professor of Religion at Hofstra University in New York. A leading expert on women in ministry, she has authored or edited hundreds of articles and 23 books, including "Holy Saturday: An Argument for the Restoration of the Female Diaconate in the Catholic Church" and "Women Deacons: Past, Present, Future." She was appointed to the 2016 Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

The first Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program, better known as CCD, was established at Immaculate Conception Church on 9th Street in Los Angeles in 1922; followed by parish units established throughout the Archdiocese, with Fr. Robert E. Lucey as the first Director. This program in Los Angeles became a prototype for other diocesan catechetical programs across the Southwest, throughout the United States as well as being introduced in Latin America.

2-70 SỐNG LÒNG THƯƠNG XÓT ĐỂ NÊN THÁNH GIỮA ĐỜI THƯỜNG 🕊

Mọi người Kitô hữu đều được mời gọi nên thánh và đều được Chúa tín nhiệm gởi cả tấm lòng Người. Đó là một ơn gọi rất cao cả như lời Người dạy: "Anh em hãy nên hoàn thiện như Cha anh em trên trời là Đấng hoàn thiện" (Mt 5:48). Nên thánh vừa là một chuỗi cảm nghiệm sự ngọt ngào của ân sủng, vừa là một cuộc chiến gian nan không ngừng, và được đâm rễ vững nền nơi "mảnh đất" của lòng thương xót. Dầu ranh giới giữa thánh thiện và tội lỗi, giữa ánh sáng và bóng tối là mong manh vô cùng. Nhưng hãy can đảm lên, vì Thầy đã thắng thế gian!

GROWTH IN HOLINESS BY DIVINE MERCY 🕊

Every Christian, of whatever rank or status, is called to holiness, as Jesus said: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). The key to holiness is understanding God's grace. Then, we can experience the beauty of God in our lives as we grow in holiness by the transforming power of God's grace. However, our call to holiness, it also asserts, is a constant battle and if we do not realize this, it warns, we will be prey to failure or mediocrity. "Goodness and perfection are rooted on mercy" (Pope Francis). Although being holy is not easy and path to holiness is almost always gradual, "But be brave! I have conquered the world!" (Jn 16:33).

**Soeur Maria Nguyễn Thị Hồng Quê, OP**

Sơ thuộc Dòng Đa Minh Tam Hiệp, Việt Nam – Đặc trách Chương Trình Chuyên Đề Giáo Dục, Ban Mục Vụ Gia Đình TGP. TP.HCM. Sơ tốt nghiệp Thạc sĩ Tư Vấn tâm lý tại Manila, Philippines; Cử nhân Công tác xã hội – Thần học tại Việt Nam. Với hơn 230 chuyên đề, các khóa huấn luyện, tình tâm, Sơ luôn đồng hành và khuyến khích giáo dân trong và ngoài nước tích cực sống đạo giữa đời.

Sr. Mary Hong Que Nguyen, OP

Sr. Mary Nguyen, a member of Tam Hiep Dominican Sisters based in Bien Hoa, Vietnam, is Director of Education for Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) Archdiocese's Family Ministry Committee. She earned degrees in theology and social work in Vietnam, and a master's degree in psychology/counseling in the Philippines. Sr. Nguyen is a marriage guidance counselor, giving talks on leadership, living skills, psychological problems and marriage throughout the United States and abroad, including Australia and Canada.



3-01 START WITH JESUS: WE THE MISSIONARY PEOPLE! 🎧 ARENA

Becoming a vibrant parish is the result of small, intentional steps initiated by parish leadership but also accepted by each disciple personally. If our people are renewed, our parishes will be renewed. “We the people” are the ones who will renew our parishes but only if we have been renewed by the Lord Jesus Christ who wants disciples not merely admirers. In this unique presentation filled with joy, humor and practical insights, five popular RECongress speakers will set forth a vision for reaching people and practical ways by which we can become a community of missionary disciples that set the world on fire.



Elsy Arevalo, MA

Elsy Arevalo currently serves as Assistant Director for Program Development and Community Outreach in the Center for Religion and Spirituality at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. In her work with the Latino community, she founded and oversees a three-year Spiritual Direction program led in Spanish. Arevalo has also served in key leadership positions in the non-profit sector and serves as a presenter at nationwide forums and conferences.



Dr. Ansel Augustine

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked for over 20 years in his hometown of New Orleans, and around the country in the fields of youth, young adult and black Catholic ministry. He is on the faculty of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana and is former Director of the Office Black Catholics Ministry for the New Orleans Archdiocese.

Dr. Augustine has presented at various national conferences and has written numerous publications related to ministry.



Becky Eldredge

Becky Eldredge is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, retreat facilitator and author of the book “Busy Lives & Restless Souls.” With two decades of ministry experience, she has led youth and young adult retreats, parish missions, Ignatian retreats and days of reflection. Eldredge has presented at the Spiritual Director’s International Conference, the Ignatian Spirituality Conference, and has appeared as a panelist at the U.S. bishops’ Convocation of Catholic Leaders.



Joe Paprocki, DMin

Based just outside of Chicago, Joe Paprocki is the National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press. He has nearly four decades of experience in pastoral ministry and has presented in over 150 dioceses in North America. Paprocki is author of numerous books, including his most recent, “Living the Sacraments: Finding God at the Intersection of Heaven and Earth.” He blogs about the catechetical ministry at catechistsjourney.com.



Julianne Stanz

Julianne Stanz is Director of Discipleship and Leadership Development for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and a consultant to the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. Born in Ireland, Stanz is a nationally known speaker, retreat leader and storyteller. She has extensive workshop and presentation experience and is author of several articles and books, including her latest, “Start with Jesus: How Everyday Disciples Will Renew The Church.”



Asian-Pacific Islanders are now the fastest growing minority population in the United States. The recently approved U.S. bishops’ pastoral, “Encountering Christ in Harmony,” helps guide our Church in addressing the pastoral needs of these communities. These two workshops (Sessions 3-02 & 7-02) and our Saturday liturgy are intended to

encourage collaborative reflection and action, offer a model of how to better minister toward and alongside our Asian and Pacific sisters and brothers, and provide skill-building opportunities for parish leaders, with a goal of building faith-filled communities.

3-02 ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN HARMONY: CELEBRATING THE NEW U.S. BISHOPS’ RESPONSE ON ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER CULTURES AND MINISTRIES 🎧

There is cause for rejoicing: The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently issued a new pastoral response, “Encountering Christ in Harmony,” which weaves together the rich tapestry of Asian-Pacific Islander communities, cultures and faith practices. Join

us for a dynamic overview full of pastoral suggestions, as we celebrate this important moment in U.S. Catholic history.



Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, PhD

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



Most Rev. Oscar Solis

When Philippine-born Bishop Oscar Solis was ordained an auxiliary for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2004, he became the first Filipino-American bishop, and served as Episcopal Vicar of San Pedro Pastoral Region. In 2017, he was named to become the 10th bishop of Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah. Bishop Solis is a member of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and Chair of the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs.

3-03 FLIPPED CATECHESIS: WHAT EVERY CATECHIST NEEDS TO KNOW

Flipping the classroom is an educational approach that reverses the traditional methodology to education. In this way the students become familiar with lesson content at home before the lesson begins and you may review responses and adapt session content, making more of session time. Come and learn how to flip catechesis in three steps: create a flipped lesson; send it out; review the responses prior to your next lesson. Bring your device!

**Steve Botsford**

Based in Georgia, Steve Botsford is Senior Director of Digital Catechesis for Sadlier Publishing. He has served over 10 years in parish ministry as a youth minister and director of religious education and is a master catechist in the Atlanta Archdiocese. Botsford was part of the Digital Disciples Network committee, which developed the Digital Disciple Technology Competencies for Ministry. He blogs about catechesis and technology at transformingcatechesis.com and contributes to Sadlier's text series, "We Believe" and "Share."

3-04 FIRM IN THE FAITH: MUSIC FOR CATECHESIS WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES 🎧

Music has the ability to enrich learning, celebration and the understanding of our faith. In this workshop, composer and educator John Burland will share a variety of songs suitable for children and families at the elementary level. Each song builds knowledge and reinforces the teachings of our Church. These catechetical songs will cover several themes, including Scripture, doctrine and sacraments. John will also show how the addition of prayerful gesture/movement can further enhance the teaching and learning process. Come join us as we stand firm in the faith and celebrate the gift of our Church.

**John Burland**

John Burland is an educator and composer who has been recording religious music for children and adults. He is a keynote speaker, workshop leader and published author in the area of music and catechesis. For the past 20 years Burland has been working in Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia. He is currently the Education Officer: Liturgy/Music for Sydney Catholic Schools, where he conducts workshops and faith celebrations. He is also a National Music Consultant for Bayard, Inc. in North America.

3-05 HOW TO BRING HEALING TO YOUR PARISH STAFF OR MINISTRY GROUP 🎧

At times, parish staff members, who are supposed to be the leaders of the community, are wounded by life's difficulties and carry those wounds with them even as they try to lead. This workshop will explore practical steps to bring your parish staff closer together to be the example they should be to the entire parish at large. Craig Colson has over 25 years of experience working on parish staffs and has had multiple experiences with different dynamics among the staff. He will share that expertise with you in a way that motivates, inspires and provides insights

you will be able to use from the moment you return to your community after RECongress.

**Craig Colson**

Craig Colson has been a music and liturgy director in the Phoenix area since 1993 and has served the Phoenix Diocese at many diocesan events. He is former Liturgy Liaison for Life Teen International and still provides music suggestions for the Life Teen liturgy planning guides. Colson has been a presenter at national conferences and several diocesan conventions and Youth Days around the country. His latest works include the collection "Higher Praise" as well as a collection of psalm responses titled "Psalms for the Church."

3-06 LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US, WE ARE MARRIED! 🎧

Some say marriage is no longer relevant. After all, aren't fewer people getting married in the Catholic Church? We beg to differ. This workshop highlights the beauty and power in the words exchanged at the altar through a theological and pastoral approach. We will also review the stages of marriage to help both happily married and struggling couples face the normal challenges of life. Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera will present the fresh perspective of a missionary who works with thriving married couples and experiences the painful reality of failed marriages. This session is intended for those married, divorced, seeking to get married or who work with married couples.

**Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera, VDMF, JCL**

Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera's fascination for evangelization began in 1993 when she was introduced to the *Verbum Dei* Missionary Fraternity. As a missionary, she regularly offers retreats and workshops in various dioceses in the United States. She holds a Licentiate in Canon Law and serves the Diocese of Sacramento as a Diocesan Tribunal Judge. Through her work in the marriage nullity process, Sr. Felix-Rivera discovered the need to develop workshops on marriage.

3-07 LEARNING FROM GENERATIONS OF LGBTQ CATHOLICS 🎧

This workshop will explore evolving attitudes toward LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) Catholics and implications for the future Church. What can we learn from the Church's leadership during the HIV/AIDS crisis from the 1980s? Why are some LGBTQ Catholics the most loyal apologists while others move to other denominations? Is the Church listening to the voices of LGBTQ and other youth? Is the Church serving LGBTQ Hispanic/Latinx people? This workshop will highlight tenets of successful pastoral ministry in order to learn how we might continue building the Church with LGBTQ Catholics.

**Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD, MTS**

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is a freelance speaker and minister who currently resides in Uganda, in East Africa. He has served 14 years as Chair of the Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has

received their *Lumen Christi* and the Cardinal's Young Adult awards. Dr. Fitzmaurice has spoken at various professional and religious conferences. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.



Fr. Chris Ponnet

Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet serves as Director for the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and as the archbishop's Spiritual Director for Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. Since 1994, Fr. Ponnet has also served as Pastor and Chaplain at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. He has spoken for many years at the RECongress and regional congresses in addition to other local and national gatherings.



Yunuen Trujillo

Yunuen Trujillo is a lecturer and lay minister with a specialty in social justice ministry, social doctrine of the church, immigration, sanctuary movement, religious freedom and inclusive LGBTQ ministry. As part of the Archdiocesan Young Adult Ministry in Spanish, she has been regional coordinator responsible for formation programs. Currently, Trujillo is part of the Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons and recently obtained her Juris Doctor (law) degree.

3-08 GIRL POWER! EQUIPPING GIRLS FOR LEADERSHIP

There is a rumble, a stirring in the Catholic Church. And it's getting louder. We want women in leadership roles! Religious education classrooms have a vital role in ensuring that our girls grow into women who lead. This workshop will ask questions. Name the elephants in the room. Look for answers. Most of all it will encourage, inspire and equip you with creative ways to raise up the next generation of wonder women!



Anne Frawley-Mangan

Based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Anne Frawley-Mangan teaches at Holy Spirit Seminary and at Australian Catholic University and is also Sacramental and Pastoral Coordinator at All Saints Parish in Albany Creek. She is an experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist who specializes in using the arts to enhance religious education and liturgy. Frawley-Mangan is also Creative Director of Litmus Productions, which produced "Good News: Dramas from Luke's Gospel."

3-09 FAITH FOR THE HEART

For the first 1,000 years, Christian faith appealed primarily to human desires, and St. Augustine of Hippo is the model of this approach ("Our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee"). Then the second 1,000 years appealed primarily to reason, with Thomas Aquinas as the epitome. Of course, faith needs both – the monastic and scholastic – but, for our postmodern time and today's "nones," "dones" and "spiritual but not religious," we must appeal again to the heart to engage them (new or anew) with the truths, values and spiritual wisdom of Christian faith.



Dr. Thomas Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry and Director of their doctoral program. The award-winning author has written or edited numerous articles and essays and 10 books. Dr. Groome has made over 800 public presentations throughout the last 40 years, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators, Catholic educators and pastoral ministers. This marks his 38th year of giving presentations at the LA Congress.

3-10 THE HYMN OF THE DAY: AN ENRICHMENT OF ROMAN CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Arising from medieval Sequences and Lutheran Scripture-based hymns, the Hymn of the Day can enrich Roman Catholic worship by representing the appointed scriptural proclamations and reinforcing the preaching based on them. Explore and sing together hymn texts specific to particular celebrations in Advent, Christmas-tide, Lent and Triduum.



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 a parochial vicar, a campus minister and a pastor. Fr. Joncas, ordained as a 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.

3-11 HIGH IS THE HEAVENS

This workshop explores the influence of Celtic spiritual traditions and beliefs on the worship of today. Writing from the Celtic perspective, "High is the Heavens" is a new musical collection from Liam Lawton. Each song has its own story, with its roots in the past, but written for a contemporary Church. Liam Lawton endeavors to build a bridge bringing the uniqueness of this ancient tradition into finding the same God in our modern world.



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 several TV specials including two on PBS. He has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States and was commissioned to compose the Psalm setting for 2019 Papal Mass in Dublin, Ireland, as well as the Offertory Music for the 2018 Beatification of Brother Solanus Casey at Ford Field in Detroit.

3-12 LIVE! BE! FINDING THE MOVEMENT IN OUR PRAYERS 🗣️

Join us as we find ways to encourage assemblies to pray with the whole body. From gestures to our favorite parables to incorporating American Sign Language to enhance liturgical celebrations, you will leave reignited to fully and actively participate in prayer services and liturgies! Be ready to move, pray and gather many ideas to keep students and colleagues praying with more than just words.

**Monica Luther, EdD**

For over 23 years, Dr. Monica Luther has offered her movement ministry at prayer services, concerts, liturgies and conferences with assemblies at RECongress and the Los Angeles Archdiocese Regional Congress as well as across the country. She has over 15 years of teaching in public schools and 13 years teaching adult learners and facilitating professional development. Dr. Luther works as a national staff developer for public school education and as Assistant Principal at Buena Park Junior High School in Buena Park, Calif.

3-13 THE WAY OF MERCY & HOLINESS – HUMILITY AND VULNERABILITY 🗣️

“Be strong. Be brave. Don’t show weakness”: Nice sentiments, true. But our faith speaks a deeper transforming truth – be merciful, be humble, be holy. It’s the life of Jesus, his Paschal Mystery. No short cuts and no “Cliffs Notes.” Come and be prepared to “let go and let God.” In the process, we’ll be more inspired to live what we believe and teach!

**Jesse Manibusan**

Jesse Manibusan, founder of Jesse Manibusan Music Ministries, has over 30 years of experience as a liturgical music minister, youth worker, catechist and parish mission director. He has presented at all the major youth conferences, including the L.A. Religious Education Congress and several World Youth Days. Manibusan has performed at various conferences worldwide and has several CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.

3-14 “WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT I AM?” WHAT YOUNG ADULTS ARE SAYING ... 🗣️

Understanding how emerging generations understand faith is critical to being messengers of the faith. Join a discussion around how the Church needs to message the Good News in language that rings true in *their* ears (not necessarily *my* ears).

**Fr. Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv**

Franciscan priest Fr. Michael Martin was named Director of the Catholic Center at Duke University, N.C. in August 2010. A lifelong educator, Fr. Martin has held a variety of teaching, coaching and administrative positions since his ordination. He has served on a number of boards and commissions and is a highlighted presenter on strategic issues facing the Church, campus ministry and Catholic schools today. In 2007, he received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal for service to the Church from Pope Benedict XVI.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

It was on January 13-15, 1967 that the first Southern California Confraternity Congress was held at the LAX-area International Hotel (the property located at Sepulveda and Century boulevards, currently the Hyatt Regency) with a registration fee of \$5. An estimated 3,000 teachers were expected, but more than 7,000 attended, causing major problems with services and programming. Then-Tidings newspaper writer Al Antczak (later to become Editor) recalled waiting 10 minutes to get on a crowded elevator.

3-15 THE VIRTUE OF COURAGE AND THE MORAL LIFE 🗣️

As St. Thomas Aquinas teaches, “Courage is the precondition of all virtue.” In short, without courage, it is impossible to live a moral life. This presentation explores what Catholic moral tradition means by “courage” and its role in ethical decision-making. It also considers some concrete situations where courage is essential in responding to contemporary ethical challenges.

**Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD**

A priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, Fr. Bryan Massingale is Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, he has lectured extensively on ethical and racial justice issues both throughout the United States and internationally. Fr. Massingale has presented at numerous colleges and universities and at most of the national Catholic conferences. He is a past keynoter at the Los Angeles Congress. His book is titled “Racial Justice and the Catholic Church.”

3-16 ALIGNING OUR VISION OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES WITH CHRISTUS VIVIT 🗣️

Pope Francis, the Synod Fathers and thousands of young people have been actively engaged in dialoguing and reflecting upon pastoral ministry with the young church. In *Christus Vivit* (and other Synod documents), we see a vision for ministry with youth and young adults emerging. With the growing numbers of young people becoming disaffiliated with religion, it is critical that we examine how our vision and practice of youth and young adult ministry needs to change so that we can turn this tide. We will reflect upon how our personal, parish and national visions might be aligned with the insights gained from the synodal process and *Christus Vivit*.

**Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD**

Louisiana native Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale has been President of Ministry Training Source since 2000. Her professional career in Catholic youth ministry and lay ecclesial ministry has spanned almost four decades serving in parish, school, diocesan and university ministry settings. Dr. McCorquodale serves as an international educator, researcher and consultant for the fields of certification standards, youth ministry and e-learning, and has been awarded for her contributions nationally to the field of Catholic youth ministry.

3-17 ME CRY! MERCY! MERCI! 🗣️

A play on words? No ... what can the hungers and lives of teens today tell us about our strategies for encounter, outreach, evangelization and discipleship? The “alphabet soup” of their lives (and ours, for that matter) offers us “recipes” for our ministries. We’ll explore how mercy remains the lens for effectively serving young people.



Mike Patin

Mike Patin, the “engaging Cajun,” lives in Lafayette, La. He has served the church as a high-school teacher, coach and diocesan staff person. Since 2003, Patin has been a full-time “faith horticulturist,” addressing multi-generational groups across the United States and Canada as parish mission presenter, trainer, retreat facilitator and more. He is also author of “This Was Not in the Brochure: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry.”

3-18 THE PENULTIMATE INVITATION TO HOLINESS – PRACTICING MERCY AS JESUS PRACTICED IT 🗣️

Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful: That’s quite an invitation! It’s also the invitation that lies at the essence of all religion and all religious practice worthy of the name. It’s what, ultimately, makes for holiness. How is God merciful? How do we incarnate that? More importantly, how might the practice of biblical mercy help heal our bitter divisions with society and the Church today?



Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books have been translated into many languages, and his weekly column is carried by more than 80 publications worldwide. Prior to his present position, Fr. Rolheiser taught at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and served as Provincial Superior of his Oblate Province and on the General Council for the Oblates in Rome.



RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

The Golden Jubilee Mass at the 50th celebration of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in 1972 culminated in a Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Timothy Manning and his Auxiliary Bishops in the Convention Center Arena. Cardinal James McIntyre presided, while Archbishop Manning delivered the homily.

3-19 CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD THAT IS PRAYERFUL, FORMATIVE AND EXCITING 🗣️

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is a liturgical experience that opens young people to hear and respond to God’s Word in ways that enable them to be nurtured and challenged by its power. This workshop will provide a tried and tested vision, animating many adults and teenagers as leaders in this important ministry.



Michael Ruzicki

Based in Chicago, Michael Ruzicki is the Training and Events Manager at Liturgy Training Publications and served as Director of Music at Notre Dame de Chicago Church for the past six years. He is author of “Guide for Training Initiation Ministers: An Introduction to the RCIA” and “Signs and Symbols of the Liturgy” and is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Since 2017, he has served as the MC and conference coordinator for the National Gathering on Christian Initiation in Chicago.

3-20 ARDI, APE AND ANDROID: DIALOGUES WITH THE IMAGO DEI IN GENESIS 🗣️

If Ardi (*Ardipithecus ramidus*) hominid evolution raises questions about the rise of *homo sapiens*; if (the late) Koko the Gorilla achieved a 500-word capacity in American Sign Language; if Artificial Intelligence surpasses human capacity – then are the traditional Christian concepts of “The *Imago Dei*” up to these challenges? Though *Imago Dei* is traditionally about humans, in this session, Dr. Smith-Christopher will draw on his work on theology in the Book of Genesis and “The Image of God” (*Imago Dei*), as well as his love for science fiction(!), in order to propose why biblical theology can, and does, suggest creative responses to very modern challenges.



Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher is Professor of Theological Studies, Director of Peace Studies and Director of the New Zealand Study Abroad programs at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he has taught for 31 years. He has published over 40 scholarly articles and 14 books and has been honored with numerous awards for teaching and research. Dr. Christopher has also appeared on several TV documentaries for A&E and The History Channel.

3-21 OVERWHELMED BY GOD: ARE WE REALLY CALLED TO BE “PERFECT”? 🗣️

Before Vatican II, based on the Scripture quote calling us to be perfect like God, many Catholics believed that true holiness was reserved for priests and nuns. But the Council’s renewed understanding of Scripture required us to revisit our thinking ... seemingly in agreement with St. Augustine who claimed “there is no saint without a past and no sinner without a future.” Grounded in a renewed theology of grace, this workshop recalls the words of Yahweh to Jeremiah: “Before you were in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I consecrated you” (Jer 1:5). We have ALL been consecrated by our God and thus called to be holy.

**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. Sadler Publishing Company. 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."

3-22 FROM CHRISTENDOM TO MISSIONDOM: FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES IN THE NEW NORMAL

Catholics in the West live in a new world where God has no grandchildren and where faith is chosen or rejected rather than inherited. Every believing Catholic and Catholic community has to learn the skills of evangelizing and ministering in a setting where the larger culture does not support faith. Sherry Weddell will share the latest discoveries that she and her global network of collaborators are making in how to effectively evangelize and form disciples in our new normal.

**Sherry A. Weddell**

Sherry Weddell serves as co-founder and Executive Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute, which provides formation in parish and diocesan-centered evangelization and disciple-making. She and her team have worked directly with 170,000 Catholics in nearly 1,000 parishes and 195 dioceses across North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania. Weddell is author of "Forming Intentional Disciples" and "Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and the World."

3-23 HOPE FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES AFFECTED BY ADDICTION

Addiction devastates the lives of individuals, families and communities across the world. How can the Church provide helpful resources for those who are seemingly out of hope? In this session, Scott Weeman shares personal experience rooted in his own recovery journey while overlapping the sacramental life of the Church with 12-Step spirituality. He will tell how the Church can aid in healing those with addictions and unhealthy attachments by sharing stories of conversion, new life and hope.

**Scott Weeman**

Scott Weeman is founder and Executive Director of Catholic in Recovery as well as a registered Associate Marriage and Family Therapist. He coordinates with his wife, Jacqueline, the young adult ministry at Saint Brigid Parish in San Diego. Weeman has presented at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in addition to dozens of diocesan and parish events and conferences around the country. He is author of "The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments: A Catholic Journey Through Recovery."

3-70 SỐNG NHÂN TỬ ĐỂ NÊN THÁNH TRONG GIA ĐÌNH

Để có một gia đình hạnh phúc, các phần tử trong gia đình cần biết kiên nhẫn, hy sinh, tha thứ, nhẫn nhịn, nhân từ... Chúng ta yêu thương nhau, không phải chỉ yêu thân xác của nhau. Điều quan trọng hơn là chúng ta yêu linh hồn của nhau, để rồi được gặp lại nhau trên Thiên Đàng sau khi sống trọn vẹn cuộc sống trần gian. "Sống Nhân Tử để Nên Thánh trong Gia Đình" không phải là một khẩu hiệu, nhưng là một cách sống. Với cách sống đó, chúng ta được hưởng cả hạnh phúc trong cuộc sống này lẫn hạnh phúc vĩnh cửu đời sau.

LIVE MERCY – BE HOLY IN FAMILY

To live happily as a family, its members need to practice patience, sacrifice, forgiveness, endurance and mercy. We love each other – not just love of each other's bodies, but we must love each other's souls – so we can meet again in heaven after living a full life on earth. "Live Mercy – Be Holy in Family" is not a slogan, but a way of life to enjoy both happiness in this life and happiness in eternal life.

**Giáo Sư Tiến Sĩ Quyên Di**

Trước 1975, Giáo-sư Quyên-Di là Phụ-tá Giám-đốc Ban Tu-Thư, viện Đại-học Đà-Lạt. Hiện nay ông huấn-luyện giáo-chức dạy tiếng Việt trên toàn thế-giới. Phục-vụ trong Ủy-Ban Giáo-Lý Việt Nam tại Hoa-Kỳ gần 30 năm nay. Ông dạy ngôn-ngữ, văn-chương và văn-hóa Việt Nam tại UCLA & CSULB; dạy sư-phạm tại CSUF. Là giáo-sư thỉnh-giảng tại trường thần-học Oblate School of Theology. Ông cũng là linh-hướng và cố-vấn về gia-đình.

Prof. Quyen Di, PhD

Prior to 1975, Prof. Quyen Di was Assistant Director of Text-book and Curriculum Preparation at Dalat University in Vietnam. He trains Vietnamese-language teachers around the world and has been on the Vietnamese American National Catechetical Committee for nearly three decades. Prof. Di lectures at the University of California, Los Angeles and at California State University, Long Beach. He also teaches at California State University, Fullerton and is a visiting Professor at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. He is a trained spiritual director and family counselor who has authored 15 books.



SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 **Heartstorming: Creating a Place God Can Call Home (*) - Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 4-02 **Who Is My Neighbor: Them or Us? (*) - Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 4-03 **Your Joy Complete: Gang Members and Reclaiming the Mysticism of Jesus (*) - Fr. Greg Boyle**
- 4-04 **When Current Events Make You Cringe (*) - Andrea Chavez-Kopp**
- 4-05 **Islam and Interreligious Dialogue: How Our Catholic Faith Calls Us to Dialogue and Action (*) - Jordan Denari Duffner**
- 4-06 **Pope Francis to Young Adults: “Grow in Holiness” (*) - Rev. David Dwyer**
- 4-07 **A Living Gospel: Reading God’s Story in Holy Lives (*) - Robert Ellsberg**
- 4-08 **What Can Stigma Teach Us About Mercy & Holiness? (*) - Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice**
- 4-09 **What is Mercy Anyway? Five Insights into the Mercy that Makes Us Holy as God is Holy (*) - Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 4-10 **Friendship and Christian Vocation: Is Anyone Ever Really Single? (*) - Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 4-11 **Companions in Conflict (*) - Ann Garrido**
- 4-12 **Living Faith: Why and How to Evangelize (*) - Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-13 **Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace: The Prayer of St. Francis as a Path for Hope and Renewal - David Haas**
- 4-14 **You Become Real: The Power of Human Touch (*) - Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-15 **How Can I Serve You? Learning to be an Accompanist (*) - Bill Huebsch**
- 4-16 **Compassionate Christ, Compassionate People: Living the Holy Mercy of Christ - Bob Hurd**
- 4-17 **St. Paul’s Experience of God’s Mercy and His Call to Holiness (*) - Rev. Felix Just**
- 4-18 **Breaking Open the Word the Rite Way - Suzanne Nawrocki**
- 4-19 **Marriage Preparation and Ongoing Formation: How to Make This Sacrament a Source of Holiness for the World! (*) - Rev. Leo Patalinghug**
- 4-20 **Forming with Fun: Musical Catechesis for the Young Child (*) - James Wahl**
- 4-21 **Don’t Be Weary: Spiritual Practices for Health and Wholeness (*) - Dr. C. Vanessa White**
- 4-22 **How to Be a Happier Family (*) - Dr. John Yzaguire**
- 4-23 **The Future of Women in the Church: A Conversation (*) - Dr. Phyllis Zagano & Fr. Christopher Bazouros**
- 4-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Can a Catholic Disagree with the Church’s Teachings?) (*) - Rev. Hy Nguyen**

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 **Pope Francis and the Seven Year Itch: Where Things Stand After Seven Years of a Maverick Pope (*) - John Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 **Let Us Walk with Jesus/Caminemos con Jesús (*bilingual presentation*) - Tony Alonso & Peter Kolar**
- 5-03 **Live Wholly – Mind, Body, Spirit: A Mini Retreat and Movement Workshop (*) - Donna Anderle**
- 5-04 **Embracing and Celebrating Diversity (*) - Dr. Ansel Augustine**
- 5-05 **I Believe! Songs for Catechesis and Evangelization (*) - John Burland**
- 5-06 **Ministering to the “Nones” (*) - Fr. John Cusick**
- 5-07 **Sharing That Christ is Alive Through Confirmation Ministry with Youth (*) - Tom East**
- 5-08 **Widowed – How to Get Through (*) - Amy Florian**
- 5-09 **Grandparents: Rockin’ God’s Grand Plan! (*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan & Michael Mangan**
- 5-10 **Deaf Ears: How Pre-Evangelization and the *Kerygma* Help You Speak to People Where They Are Actually At (*) - Tim Glemkowski**
- 5-11 **How to Be Married and Stay Engaged (*) - Dr. Jim Healy**
- 5-12 **We Are All Called, Loved and Sent: Spiritual Wisdom from Pope Francis (*) - Rev. Daniel Horan**
- 5-13 **“God’s Gonna Trouble the Water”: The Healing Power of Jesus, with Music! (*) - Valimar Jansen**
- 5-14 **What Next for LGBTQ Catholics? (*) - Rev. James Martin**
- 5-15 **The Racism Pastoral: Contributions and Missed Opportunities (*) - Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 5-16 **Engaging Young People in God Talk! (*) - Robert McCarty**
- 5-17 **The Good, the Bad, and the Ornerly: Discipleship in the New Testament (*) - Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 5-18 **The Dead Man Walks: Unceasing Death Penalty Dialogue Bears Fruit (*) - Sr. Helen Prejean**
- 5-19 **Raising the Bar on Junior High Ministry (*) - Cooper Ray**
- 5-20 **Science, Miracles and Faith (*) - Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 5-21 **The New Face of Migration: Sharing the Migrant’s Journey from a Psychosocial Perspective (*) - Cecilia Suarez Trueba**
- 5-22 **Changing Lives Through the Way We Sing (*) - Christopher Walker**
- 5-23 **Finding God’s Presence in Missiondom (*) - Sherry Weddell**
- 5-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (“For All of You Who Were Baptized into Christ Have Clothed Yourselves with Christ” Gal 3:27) (*) - Rev. Think Pham**

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

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 **Unsettling Settled Ideas: Gang Members and the Marrow of the Gospel (*) - Fr. Greg Boyle**
- 6-02 **God’s Forgiveness (*) - John Angotti**
- 6-03 **Teaching Mercy and Compassion in the Family (*) - Danielle Bean**
- 6-04 **Can the Natural World Afford a Just War? (*) - Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 6-05 **The Theology of Suffering (*) - Rev. John Burns**
- 6-06 **Immigration: Who, Why and the “Catholic Way” to Respond (*) - Linda Dakin-Grimm**
- 6-07 **The Gift of the Inner Chapel (*) - Becky Eldredge**
- 6-08 **From Book Learning to Faith Living! (*) - Steven Ellair**
- 6-09 **Of Popes and Bishops: Re-Imagining Church Leadership in a Non-Hierarchical Key (*) - Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 6-10 **Faithful Presence: Prayer - Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 6-11 **The Liturgy as Artwork - Marty Haugen & Fr. Jan Michael Joncas**
- 6-12 **Reimagining Ministry with Young Adults (*) - Paul Jarzembowski**
- 6-13 **Please DON’T Forgive. Seriously. Unless ... (*) - Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 6-14 **A Contemporary Mission to Compassionate Holiness - Rev. Richard Leonard**
- 6-15 **Three Great Women of the Hebrew Bible (*) - Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**
- 6-16 **BEING a Catechist vs. WORKING AS a Catechist (*) - Sr. Patricia McCormack**
- 6-17 **Applying Brain-Based Learning to Make Learning Stick and Faith “Sticky” (*) - Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 6-18 **The Mercy of Marriage in a Hookup World (*) - Timothy O’Malley**
- 6-19 **The Real Obstacle to Holiness: Our Pathologically Complex Nature (*) - Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 6-20 **Renew, Refresh, Restore: Tending to Your Soul as a Minister (*) - Julianne Stanz**
- 6-21 **What Do We Tell the Catechumens About the Scandals? (*) - Nick Wagner**
- 6-22 **Live Mercy – Teaching Virtue in Cynical Times (*) - David Wells**
- 6-23 **Seasons of Faith: Sharing the Liturgical Year with Young Children (*) - Dr. Joseph White**
- 6-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (The Family: Home of Divine Mercy) (*) - Sr. Mary Nguyen**

4-01 HEARTSTORMING: CREATING A PLACE GOD CAN CALL HOME 🎧 ARENA

Amid the challenges of life there are many opportunities to experience in deeper ways the peace of God and to share it with those we meet every day. When we do this, God offers us not only new wisdom when we stand in the darkness but also provides the strength to offer a “spiritual smile of hope” to those who need it most. Topics include understanding “spiritual sadness”; exploring the amazing paradox of letting go; failure and “entertaining angels”; grace, really; unnecessary personal darkness; and exploring the three inner journeys all of us must take in the spiritual life.

**Dr. Robert J. Wicks**

Dr. Robert Wicks is Professor Emeritus at Loyola University Maryland. He has also taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology and social work as well as offering a number of commencement addresses. Dr. Wicks has published over 50 books. He is a recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Counseling Association's Division on Ethics and Values and has received the Papal Medal from Pope John Paul II for his service to the Church.

4-02 WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR: THEM OR US? 🎧

In the story of the Good Samaritan, the theologian asks Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus’ answer is startling for the theologian and for us. Divine mercy is always startling and incomprehensible. What is our response in the face of it? How might we mirror it?

**Dianne Bergant, CSA**

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, a Sister of St. Agnes of Fond du Lac, Wis., is the Carroll Stuhlmüller, CP Distinguished Professor Emerita of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She was President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and has been an active member of the Chicago Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue for the past 30 years. For more than 15 years, Sr. Bergant was the Old Testament book reviewer of *The Bible Today*, and wrote the weekly column “The Word” for *America* magazine in 2002-2005.*

4-03 YOUR JOY COMPLETE: GANG MEMBERS AND RECLAIMING THE MYSTICISM OF JESUS 🎧

Beyond belief in God is knowing the God of Jesus and inhabiting the mysticism of his tenderness. Join Fr. Greg Boyle as he shares stories of those he has met while traveling along that road.

**Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ**

From 1986-92, Fr. Greg Boyle served as Pastor of Dolores Mission in Los Angeles and, in 1988, along with parish community members started Homeboy Industries, now the largest gang rehabilitation program in the world. The author and speaker has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2017, Fr. Boyle received the University of Notre Dame's Laetare medal, the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholics.

4-04 WHEN CURRENT EVENTS MAKE YOU CRINGE 🎧

If your newsfeed has got you dodging tough questions and avoiding certain topics in your classroom or ministry, then this session is for you! It doesn't matter on which side of the political spectrum you fall, there are some challenging and scary things going on in our world. When adolescents and adults look to you for answers, it can feel like a minefield trying to serve others while staying out of hot water. This workshop will explore how grounding discussions of current events in building the skill of civil discourse and Catholic social justice can provide a “safe space” for ministers and teachers to navigate timely topics within appropriate boundaries.

**Andrea Chavez-Kopp**

Andrea Chavez-Kopp serves as Director of Formation and Digital Engagement for the National Catholic Education Association in Washington, D.C. She joined the NCEA staff in 2015 and has 19 years of teaching and ministry experience. Kopp has served in several leadership capacities including iPad Coordinator, Google Apps Administrator, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Confirmation Coordinator. She has served on several national committees, including the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis.

4-05 ISLAM AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE: HOW OUR CATHOLIC FAITH CALLS US TO DIALOGUE AND ACTION 🎧

At the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the Catholic Church declared its “high regard” for Muslims and people of other faiths. How can we live that out today, and communicate this teaching to our fellow Catholics? Jordan Denari Duffner, an author and scholar of Muslim-Christian relations, will discuss the Church's teaching on Muslims and interreligious dialogue, introduce some basics about Islam, and give examples of how Catholics and Muslims are engaging in dialogue and partnership today. She will also share how her own Catholic faith has been impacted by friendships with Muslims in the Middle East and in the United States.

**Jordan Denari Duffner**

Jordan Duffner, a leading Catholic voice on Muslim-Christian relations and interreligious dialogue, is author of the award-winning book, “Finding Jesus Among Muslims.” She is a doctoral student of Catholic-Muslim relations at Georgetown University, where she also serves as an Associate of their research project, the Bridge Initiative. A former Fulbright researcher in Amman, Jordan, Duffner writes about Catholicism and Islam and gives interviews and presentations around the country on interfaith relations.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

The first Youth Rally was held for students in 1971 and set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually attracts 14,000 on the Thursday opening of the Congress event.

4-06 POPE FRANCIS TO YOUNG ADULTS: "GROW IN HOLINESS" 🗣️

Fr. Dave Dwyer, SiriusXM radio host and expert in young adult ministry, will break down Pope Francis' document "Christ is Alive!" written following the recent Vatican synod on young people. Pope Francis encourages us that "through the holiness of the young, the Church can renew her spiritual ardor and apostolic vigor," and he offers young adults concrete advice for growing in holiness and discovering their personal vocation. This workshop, which is for young people or those who work with or care about them, will also touch on steps to be taken here in the United States to truly bring the pope's vision to life.



Rev. Dave Dwyer, CSP

Paulist priest Fr. Dave Dwyer is Executive Director of Busted Halo Ministries, publisher of BustedHalo.com and YoungAdultMinistryInaBox.com, presenter of the "Sacraments 101" videos and host of "The Busted Halo Show" on Channel 129 on SiriusXM radio. Fr. Dwyer has appeared on CNN, Fox News, NBC News as well as "Entertainment Tonight" and "The Daily Show." Fr. Dwyer worked in campus ministry at the universities of Colorado and Texas. Prior to his ordination, the native of Long Island, N.Y., directed and produced television for MTV, HBO and Comedy Central.

4-07 A LIVING GOSPEL: READING GOD'S STORY IN HOLY LIVES 🗣️

Drawing on a lifetime of reflection and writing about saints, Robert Ellsberg shows how the lessons of the saints are reflected not just in their words and deeds but in their lives – a "living gospel" – in which we can read God's story. Their journey of faith was marked not only by triumphs and victories, but also by doubts and failures, in their ongoing struggle to be faithful and in the full expression of their humanity. And in reading their stories we can learn to read God's story in our own lives.



Robert Ellsberg

Robert Ellsberg is Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Orbis Books, headquartered in New York, where he has worked for 32 years. A former Managing Editor of The Catholic Worker, he has promoted the life and legacy of Dorothy Day, editing her diaries and letters, and serving on the Historical Commission preparing her cause for canonization. He writes a daily piece on "Blessed Among Us" for Give Us This Day, and has written many award-winning books on saints, including "All Saints," "Blessed Among Us" and "A Living Gospel."

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

The first Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program, better known as CCD, was established at Immaculate Conception Church on 9th Street in Los Angeles in 1922; followed by other parish units throughout the Archdiocese. This program became a prototype for other diocesan catechetical programs across the Southwest, throughout the United States as well as being introduced in Latin America.

4-08 WHAT CAN STIGMA TEACH US ABOUT MERCY AND HOLINESS? 🗣️

What does it mean to be holy – to be perfect as God is perfect? Does having depression, addiction, HIV or other illnesses mean we are not holy? (Hint: No, it doesn't!) We will discuss how people feel stigmatized, and the impacts this can have on one's health. What does it mean to be merciful and holy in ministry with stigmatized people? What does it mean for stigmatized people to be merciful and holy to ourselves? We will discuss how the Church is called to work against stigma and help all marginalized people feel loved, regardless of why they are stigmatized.



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD, MTS

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is a freelance speaker and minister who currently resides in Uganda, in East Africa. He has served 14 years as Chair of the Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has received their Lumen Christi and the Cardinal's Young Adult awards. Dr. Fitzmaurice has spoken at various professional and religious conferences. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.

4-09 WHAT IS MERCY ANYWAY? FIVE INSIGHTS INTO THE MERCY THAT MAKES US HOLY AS GOD IS HOLY 🗣️

Rev. Richard Fragomeni (see bio 2-09)

The RECongress theme this year is about mercy and holiness. Both words are used a lot, and sometimes we take the experience of both for granted. Join Fr. Richard Fragomeni and meditate on what mercy can be and examine five insights that open up a transformation of mind and heart into becoming the mercy of Christ incarnate again in 2020. This workshop will inspire those who attend to a greater holiness of life in the middle of the chaos of living.

4-10 FRIENDSHIP AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION: IS ANYONE EVER REALLY SINGLE? 🗣️

Catholic theologies of vocation too often still focus on distinctive states of life (e.g., the priesthood, religious life, marriage, the single life). This presentation will explore the possibility that Christian friendship can provide a foundational perspective for considering our call to Christian holiness. This emphasis on friendship allows us to consider questions about marriage, religious life and the single life from a fresh perspective.



Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Theology at Boston College. He has authored or edited 14 books and over 150 pastoral and academic articles. He previously taught at the University of Toledo in Ohio and at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology in Texas. His most recent book is titled, "By What Authority: Foundations for Understanding Authority in the Church." In 2018, Barry University in Florida conferred on Dr. Gaillardetz the Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence.

4-11 COMPANIONS IN CONFLICT 🗣️

Ann M. Garrido (see bio 1-08)

When we are in times of tension with families, friends and fellow church members, we can end up feeling very isolated and alone. We feel as if we must be doing something wrong. No one else has these problems, do they? But a look at our Church's history reveals that conflict is a part of every Christian's life. We are not alone. We have companions on the journey and models of handling tension well. Come discover five saints who were no strangers to conflict and who may have clues to help us unknot our own tough relationships.

4-12 LIVING FAITH: WHY AND HOW TO EVANGELIZE 🗣️

Dr. Thomas Groome (see bio 3-09)

By baptism, all Christians are called to evangelize, to share their faith in persuasive ways with others. But to what end are we to share faith and what is the best way of doing so? A key to remember is that Christian faith is for living – to be alive, lived and life-giving for self and others. For this reason, it must deeply engage people's everyday lives – suggesting how to evangelize.

4-13 MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE: THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS AS A PATH FOR HOPE AND RENEWAL

This revered prayer that is attributed to St. Francis has nurtured and challenged the hearts of believers for centuries. Its centrality to the Christian life has been a necessary heartbeat for both the individual and universal call to holiness. We are called to "put on Christ" and so we look to the life and spirit of this poor man from Assisi. Through sung prayer, storytelling and sparks of challenge to consider, we will take time to travel the prayerful and discipleship-soaked journey of this amazing prayer-poem that speaks to what it means to follow Jesus in these times, for our individual spiritual life and as we move forward in community as the Body of Christ.

**David Haas**

David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry in St. Paul, Minn., as well as the Animator for the Order of Baptized Franciscans. He has composed and produced over 50 collections of original liturgical music and authored more than 35 books. Haas was founder and Executive Director for 19 years of "Music and Ministry Alive!" and has traveled throughout all 50 states as well as internationally as a conference speaker, workshop presenter, retreat leader and concert performer.

4-14 YOU BECOME REAL: THE POWER OF HUMAN TOUCH 🗣️

Rev. Terry Hershey (see bio 1-12)

We are, every single one of us, wounded. And broken. That is a gift. We are blessedly human, and no one of us is on this journey alone. That too, is a gift. It doesn't always feel that way, because we see brokenness and woundedness as impediments or disabilities, to be tidied up, overcome or prayed away. What we don't see is the invitation to befriend our brokenness. To allow our self to be loved for being this wonderfully imperfect me. Grace, it turns out, is WD-40 for the soul. Join Terry Hershey and the Velveteen Rabbit as we pause to hear the voice of grace, trust our sufficiency, embrace our wounds and become places of empathy, compassion and healing.

4-15 HOW CAN I SERVE YOU? LEARNING TO BE AN ACCOMPANIST 🗣️

Bill Huebsch (see bio 1-13)

Do you want to serve others in your parish as a pastoral accompanist? Do you want to train people in your parish or program to do so? As parishes adopt accompaniment, many people will be needed to assist in this ministry. Those who come forward will have to *live mercy and be holy!* Who can do this? How will you be trained? What is the commitment? What skills are needed? What guidelines will you be asked to follow? This workshop will be packed full of practical, concrete information based on real case studies and examples.

4-16 COMPASSIONATE CHRIST, COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE: LIVING THE HOLY MERCY OF CHRIST

In the liturgy, Christ gathers us through the bread of the Word and the bread of the Eucharist so that we can become instruments of his compassion and mercy in the world. St. Paul calls this "having the mind of Christ" (Phil 2:5). In short, Jesus' spirituality is to become ours. This session shows how the stages of the liturgy – from the Gathering to the Word, and from the Word to the Eucharistic Prayer, Communion and Sending – lead us progressively to greater and greater participation in Christ's *kenosis* or merciful self-giving. Bob Hurd will explore this theme in reflection and song.

**Bob Hurd**

Bob Hurd is a composer and author who teaches in the Graduate Theology and Ministry Program of Seattle University. He has 42 years of teaching at the college and graduate level, and over the same period, as a liturgical composer and workshop presenter. His widely used liturgical music is published by OCP and is featured in numerous hymnals in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Australia. In 2010 he received the National Association of Pastoral Musicians' "Pastoral Musician of the Year" award.

4-17 ST. PAUL'S EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S MERCY AND HIS CALL TO HOLINESS 🕊

Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD (see bio 2-12)

The letters of St. Paul teach us many things about Christian virtues in general, and mercy and holiness in particular. Paul recognized that although he was a great sinner, the astounding mercy of God not only offered him forgiveness and salvation, but also called him to a life of holiness and mission. Thus, he not only proclaimed God's mercy through his preaching and teaching, but also showed God's love in action through his life of missionary service. This workshop will explore how Paul's writings can help us also to experience God's mercy and lead us to holiness.

4-18 BREAKING OPEN THE WORD THE RITE WAY

Breaking open the Word (B.O.W.) in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults provides the opportunity for catechumens and candidates to make new discoveries about how God loves them. In B.O.W., the catechist helps people to stop, pause and look at the Word of God, pointing the way, letting them do their own seeing and helping them find the best vantage spot for them to see God for themselves. The session defines B.O.W., gives helpful suggestions about proclamation and preaching, and models a breaking-open session. Afterward, participants will have catechist's box filled with practical tools to allay fears about leading a B.O.W. session.



Suzanne Nawrocki, DMin

Dr. Suzanne Nawrocki is an adjunct Professor of Homiletics at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. A member of the Catholic Association of Homiletics, the Academy of Homiletics, and the international guild Societas Homiletica,

she also consults with the University of Notre Dame preaching initiative. In addition to her work with preachers, she gives a wide variety of workshops in parishes across the country. Her latest works include chapters in "Effective Preaching: Bringing People Into an Encounter with God."

4-19 MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND ONGOING FORMATION: HOW TO MAKE THIS SACRAMENT A SOURCE OF HOLINESS FOR THE WORLD! 🕊

Fr. Leo Patalinghug (see bio 2-16)

Based on his best-selling book, "Spicing Up Married Life," this presentation will help couples (dating, engaged and already married) see marriage as a powerful vocation to bring holiness into the world! This is good for priests, deacons and all ministers who work with pre-marriage classes, Retrouvaille ministries and even for teens and young adults discerning their possible future vocations. This session (the topic was one of the most popular at the 2018 World Meeting of Families in Rome) will also end with a special celebration of marriage!

4-20 FORMING WITH FUN: MUSICAL CATECHESIS FOR THE YOUNG CHILD 🕊

All catechists know that creativity is needed in order to teach the faith to young children. The "General Directory for Catechesis" states that adaptation to young people is urged, in order to translate into their terms the "message of Jesus with patience and wisdom and without betrayal." This workshop will explore the ingredients of children's music that engages and excites children, as they are formed in the pillars of our faith.



James Wahl

WLP composer James Wahl has been performing children's music for nearly 20 years. Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Raleigh, N.C., he previously ministered in California and in Arizona. Wahl is a musician/presenter at various national and diocesan youth events over the past 10 years, including the National Catholic Educational Association, the Atlanta Eucharistic Congress and the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference. His latest work is "Sitting at the Kids' Table," a CD/songbook for young children.

4-21 DON'T BE WEARY: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR HEALTH AND WHOLYNESS 🕊

Dr. C. Vanessa White (see bio 1-23)

Ministers and people of faith today are overwhelmingly busy and moving toward burnout, which has resulted in many physical, psychological and spiritual challenges. What can we retrieve from our spiritual tradition that can assist us today in living lives of wholeness and joy able to confront the challenges of today?

4-22 HOW TO BE A HAPPIER FAMILY 🕊

Happiness has often been an elusive pursuit due to the false belief that it would be found by changing the external circumstances of our lives. Recent psychological research on happiness has uncovered false myths about happiness and has identified effective behavioral strategies that can make us happier. Fortunately, they are under our control and within our reach. We can further deepen our joy if we also live a spirituality of unity because Jesus promised that when we live mutual love: "my joy will be yours and your joy will be complete" (Jn 15:11).



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, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored "Thriving Marriages." Dr. Yzaguirre has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. In addition to his active private practice in Irvine, Calif., he offers numerous marriage and family formation seminars at churches throughout the United States.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

Though the first "CCD institute" was held in 1956, the first "Youth Rally" didn't come about until 1971. That half-day event set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually brings together almost 13,000 youth and their Chaperones.

4-23 THE FUTURE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH: A CONVERSATION

This session is a conversation between Dr. Phyllis Zagano and Fr. Christopher Bazouros on the future of women in leadership and ministry in the Catholic Church. Do women have a place? How can women more fully participate in Church's leadership and ministry?

**Dr. Phyllis Zagano**

Dr. Phyllis Zagano is Senior Research Associate-in-Residence and adjunct Professor of Religion at Hofstra University in New York. A leading expert on women in ministry, she has authored or edited hundreds of articles and 23 books, including "Holy Saturday: An Argument for the Restoration of the Female Diaconate in the Catholic Church" and "Women Deacons: Past, Present, Future." She was appointed to the 2016 Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women.

**Fr. Christopher Bazouros**

Fr. Chris Bazouros has served the Los Angeles Archdiocese in various roles: he was Director of the Office of Religious Education; had previously served as Adult Faith Formation Consultant; and was involved in the Catholic Bible Institute and various programs in that field. Fr. Bazouros was a member of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission for five years and has presented workshops and facilitated retreats at numerous diocesan events. He presently serves as Administrator at St. John Chrysostom in Inglewood, Calif.

4-70 TÔI CÓ QUYỀN BẤT ĐỒNG VỚI GIÁO HỘI KHÔNG?

Nhiều người Công giáo bỏ Giáo Hội đơn giản vì họ thiếu căn bản giáo lý khi cho rằng Giáo Hội độc tài, và họ là những nạn nhân nô lệ cho những lời dạy mà họ không thể lên tiếng. Thực ra, Giáo Hội luôn cần đóng góp của giáo dân, nhưng những đóng góp cần tiên hành trong quy trình được chấp nhận. Đây là cách thức lên tiếng khi ta bất đồng với giáo huấn của Giáo Hội?

CAN A CATHOLIC DISAGREE WITH THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS?

Many Catholics have left the Church simply because of their lack of basic catechism. Some feel that they are obliged to obey the Church blindly, and that they have no voice in the Church's structure. This is not true. The Church does listen to the faithful. However, the voice of the faithful must be accompanied by Scripture, tradition and the magisterium. Then, how can a Catholic raise his or her voice in disagreement with the Church's teachings?

**Linh Mục Matthêu Nguyễn Khắc Hy, PSS**

Cha Hy Nguyen, một linh mục người Sulpician, đã được tân phong năm 1997. Sau sáu năm giảng dạy tại Đại học & Chung viện St. Mary ở Baltimore, Maryland, và ba năm tại Trường Thần học Oblate ở San Antonio, Texas, ông đã giảng dạy tại Đại học Công giáo Nước Mỹ ở Washington, D.C. Vào tháng 7 năm 2019, Fr. Hy được đặt tên là Hiệu trưởng Chung viện Giả định ở San Antonio, Texas.

Rev. Matthew Hy K. Nguyen, PSS

Sulpician priest Fr. Hy Nguyen was ordained in 1997. After six years of teaching at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore, Md., and three years at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, he taught at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In July 2019, Fr. Hy was named as Rector of Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas.

5-01 POPE FRANCIS AND THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH: WHERE THINGS STAND AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF A MAVERICK POPE

Pope Francis has been both popular and controversial especially within the Church in the United States. On the plane returning from Africa in September 2019, he said it was an honor to be criticized by the Americans. His leadership during a tumultuous time in the Church and the world has indeed been criticized by some, but he has also gained the gratitude of the marginalized by doing things such as prioritizing the poor and those in the peripheries and doing things like holding an Amazon synod. Seven years into Francis' papacy, John Al-

len unpacks what it's like to study and write about this pope and speculates on the surprises that are still in store.

**John L. Allen Jr.**

Based in Rome, John Allen is President and Editor of Crux, the independent Catholic news site in partnership with De Sales Media, the Los Angeles Archdiocese and Word on Fire. He is the Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN and author of 12 best-selling books on Vatican and Catholic affairs in addition to numerous articles in major publications worldwide. A popular speaker both in the United States and abroad, Allen is author of "Robert Barron: To Light a Fire on Earth" and "Shahbaz Bhatti: Martyr of the Suffering Church."

5-02 LET US WALK WITH JESUS / CAMINEMOS CON JESÚS (bilingual presentation)

Throughout his preaching and writings, Pope Francis invites Christians to a theology of *acompañamiento*. This bilingual workshop will explore in word and in song what it means to respond to that call in our ministries and in our daily lives in a way that brings healing and hope to a wounded world.

A través de su predicación y enseñanzas escritas, el Papa Francisco nos ha invitado como cristianos a una teología de acompañamiento. Esta sesión bilingüe examinará por medio de la palabra y el canto lo que significa responder a esta llamada para que podamos llevar a un mundo herido la esperanza y la sanación por nuestros ministerios y en nuestras vidas diarias.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso's music is sung in churches of a variety of Christian denominations throughout the world. The former director of music appears at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. Alonso is Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, where he also serves as Director of Catholic Studies. His most recent works include "A House of Prayer."



Peter Kolar

Peter Kolar is Editor for Spanish and Bilingual Resources at GIA Publications. A recording artist, composer and speaker in the area of music ministry, he recently served as composer/consultant for Spanish chant settings for the "Misal Romano, Tercera Edición." Kolar is a board member of the Southwest Liturgical Conference and is also Director of the Diocesan Choir in El Paso, Texas, where he resides with his wife and family.

5-03 LIVE WHOLLY – MIND, BODY, SPIRIT: A MINI RETREAT AND MOVEMENT WORKSHOP

Step away from your busy schedule to indulge in a mini movement retreat. Breathe, stretch, create, connect and interact while experiencing prayer in motion and joyful movement. Dance to the beautiful song "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole" by Mark Friedman – a reflection of this year's theme. Let go and tap into your artistic side through individual and group improvisations designed to inspire ideas you can weave into your own retreats. Wear comfortable clothes, kick off your shoes ... and be ready to be "in the moment"!



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 has choreographed for major conferences, including the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video with Oregon Catholic Press.

5-04 EMBRACING AND CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

God's beauty is expressed and manifested in and through cultural diversity. Our catholic (universal) faith is representative of this expression. In this presentation, Ansel Augustine will explore the beauty of various Catholic cultural expressions as well as strategies for overcoming obstacles that prevent us from embracing diversity.



Dr. Ansel Augustine

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked for over 20 years in his hometown of New Orleans and around the country in the fields of youth, young adult and black Catholic ministry. He is on the faculty of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana and is former Director of the Office Black Catholics Ministry for the New Orleans Archdiocese. Dr. Augustine has served on several youth ministry boards and has presented at various national conferences and has written numerous publications related to ministry.

5-05 I BELIEVE! SONGS FOR CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

John Burland (see bio 3-04)

Music can be incorporated into catechesis and evangelization to enable us to effectively proclaim what it is that we believe as Catholics. In this workshop, Australian composer and educator John Burland will demonstrate how music and gesture can be woven into religious education lessons and celebrations to deepen understanding and strengthen faith. Using song, John will also show that music is not just a valuable support for learning but an engaging and enlivening resource for evangelization. This session is suitable for children and families at the elementary level and beyond. Come join us as we celebrate our faith and proclaim, "We Believe!"

5-06 MINISTERING TO THE "NONES"

Rev. John C. Cusick (see bio 1-05)

The fastest growing religion is comprised of people known as the "nones" – who express no affiliation to any religion. This is having an effect on our Catholic faith. Sunday Mass attendance is down as well as baptisms and weddings. Many parish activities are attended by an aging population. Yet, the "nones" are present at many of our baptisms, weddings, funerals, first Communion and at times with family at Sunday Mass. Many "nones" are searchers and seekers. This workshop will offer concrete suggestions for each Catholic ceremony in order to welcome, teach and evangelize the "nones" and many others, too. Let's not continue to be a part of the problem if we can be a part of a creative solution.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

In 1987, Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC, was appointed by Cardinal Roger Mahony as Director of the Office of Religious Education and became the first non-ordained person to hold this position.

5-07 SHARING THAT CHRIST IS ALIVE THROUGH CONFIRMATION MINISTRY WITH YOUTH 🗣️

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit* (Christ is Alive), provides inspiring direction for all ministry with youth, including our ministry of confirmation. This workshop will explore the implications for our ministry, for families, for sponsors and for young confirmed disciples. This workshop will explore ways to recreate your preparation and follow-through for confirmation to share faith with youth and their families using all the resources of your parish community.

**Tom East**

Based in Gig Harbor, Wash., Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development. He formerly served as Director of Youth Ministry and Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. East is editor or author of numerous books, including "Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry." He is a popular speaker at youth ministry and religious education conferences nationwide and has presented at gatherings sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development and all the major national conferences.

5-08 WIDOWED – HOW TO GET THROUGH 🗣️

Amy Florian (see bio 2-08)

Has your spouse died? Do you minister with people who are widowed? Hear from someone who has been there herself, has advanced education in the field, and has continued to minister with grieving people for 30 years. Learn about grief, what it feels like, what is normal, and what some of the usual patterns are. Then move toward healing – what you and those you minister with can do to move toward wholeness. Finally, we'll briefly discuss a faith perspective that brings hope.

5-09 GRANDPARENTS: ROCKIN' GOD'S GRAND PLAN! 🗣️

Do you worry that holiness and faith aren't being passed on to your children's children? If so, this is the workshop for you! Join "Grannie Annie" and "Papa Michael" as they share ideas, games, songs and stories that will help open little hearts to experience God's love through you.

**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

Based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Anne Frawley-Mangan teaches at Holy Spirit Seminary and at Australian Catholic University and is also Sacramental and Pastoral Coordinator at All Saints Parish in Albany Creek. She is an experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist who specializes in using the arts to enhance religious education and liturgy. Frawley-Mangan is also Creative Director of Litmus Productions, which produced "Good News: Dramas from Luke's Gospel."

**Michael Mangan**

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. A former elementary Specialist Music Teacher, he has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New

Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan is President of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, and Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane.

5-10 DEAF EARS: HOW PRE-EVANGELIZATION AND THE KERYGMA HELP YOU SPEAK TO PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE ACTUALLY AT 🗣️

Timothy Glemkowski (see bio 1-09)

How do we reach people today who have tuned out to the faith? The key is to "start with why"! This session features practical tips and real-life applications for developing the art of reaching people through pre-evangelization and leading with the kerygma.

5-11 HOW TO BE MARRIED AND STAY ENGAGED 🗣️

It takes three types of intimacy for a marriage to flourish. Happily, these are also the basis of our Catholic Christian wedding vows. In down to earth and sometimes humorous ways, Dr. Jim Healy will show how to live these vows more fully and completely.

**Dr. Jim Healy**

Jim Healy has spoken in over 90 dioceses on marriage and family topics and his marriage materials are widely used. President of Rooted in Love since 1999, he was Director of the Office of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill., from 1989 to 2019. Dr. Healy has served as an advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Marriage and the Family. He was honored with the 2000 Family Ministry Award from the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers.

5-12 WE ARE ALL CALLED, LOVED AND SENT: SPIRITUAL WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS 🗣️

This workshop explores Pope Francis' insights for modern Christians who are seeking to better understand how to live a faithful life of holiness in the world amid contemporary challenges. Grounded in the Second Vatican Council's reaffirmation of the universal call to holiness, this spiritual wisdom affirms that all women and men have a vocation, that they are loved first by God and unconditionally, and that we are all then sent as "missionary disciples" into the world to announce the Gospel of mercy with our lives wherever we find ourselves.

**Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, PhD**

Fr. Daniel Horan is a Franciscan friar and theologian who teaches theology and spirituality at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and is a columnist for the National Catholic Reporter. He is author of academic and popular articles and his recent books include "Reading, Praying, Living Pope Francis's Rejoice and Be Glad." Fr. Horan previously taught at Boston College in Massachusetts, at Siena College and St. Bonaventure University in New York, and has lectured across Australia, New Zealand, Europe and North America.

5-13 “GOD’S GONNA TROUBLE THE WATER”: THE HEALING POWER JESUS, WITH MUSIC! 🎧

Many people are familiar with the coded spiritual, “Wade in the Water,” but have no idea about the biblical reference of the song. According to the Journal of Biological Chemistry, the brain and heart are composed of 73% water; the lungs are about 83% water; the skin contains 64% water; muscles and kidneys are 79%; and even the bones are 31% water. Perhaps, with music, God can “trouble the water” inside us. Using empirical, scientific data and her own personal experiences, Val-Limar Jansen will propose strategies regarding how lay ecclesial ministers can use music, in numerous settings, to promote emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing.



ValLimar Jansen

Based in California, 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. Jansen was MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis, was co-MC for the USCCB gatherings at the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, was an invited panelist for the US-CCB’s 2017 Convocation on Evangelization, and was a presenter at 2019 World Youth Day in Panama City, Panama.

5-14 WHAT NEXT FOR LGBTQ CATHOLICS? 🎧

Many LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) Catholics are secure in their knowledge of God’s love for them and their place in the Catholic Church. Yet, there are still many questions of how to proceed in the world and in a church that still opposes them in many places. We’ll look at how to be tough, be hopeful and be free, as a way to embrace God’s call to be who we are.



Rev. James Martin, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Editor at Large of the Catholic magazine America. He is author of several award-winning books as well as his most recent, “Building a Bridge,” and his upcoming “Learning to Pray.” A popular speaker, Fr. Martin has given presentations at the Religious Education Congress each year for the past several years and is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups. He has also appeared on several CNN documentaries.

5-15 THE RACISM PASTORAL: CONTRIBUTIONS AND MISSED OPPORTUNITIES 🎧

Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD (see bio 3-15)

In November 2018, the U.S. bishops issued their first major document on the sin of racism in almost 40 years, “Open Wide Our Hearts.” This presentation will look at the pastoral letter in light of the social challenges that face the nation, especially with the rise of white nationalism and its impact on our social discourse. It details both the new contributions that the letter makes to Catholic teaching and the obstacles that remain for effective action against this social evil.

5-16 ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN GOD TALK! 🎧

According to research, a factor leading to disaffiliation is the lack of opportunity to talk about faith issues! This session will provide practical skills on how to use symbols, analogy and metaphors in engaging young people in God talk. These skills are applicable to home, classes, youth ministry settings and in our conversations. Further, this session will identify spiritual practices, faith skills and rituals that enable young people to “talk” about God and faith and to live out their discipleship. Participants will also consider the importance of deep conversations so that questions and doubts can be verbalized. Let’s talk about young people and about God!



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty is a pastoral ministry consultant and trainer and has been in professional ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, diocesan and national settings. He is Project Coordinator for Saint Mary’s Press’ research project on disaffiliated young Catholics and author of “Faith Talk” and “The Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry: Fundamentals, Theory and Practice.” McCarty also serves as a volunteer in youth ministry and faith formation at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.

5-17 THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE ORNERY: DISCIPLESHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT 🎧

Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD (see bio 1-17)

Discipleship is a beautiful and satisfying response to the call of Jesus. It’s also hard. This workshop will dive into the biblical models, considering carefully how the disciples of Jesus both succeeded and failed. Our aim will be to obtain a compassionate understanding of the difficulties all disciples face and to build realistic expectations for ourselves and others.



CONVENTION CENTER TRIVIA:

In 1964, the Anaheim City Council approved plans for construction of an “Arenatorium” and exhibit complex, which included a 7,500-seat Arena, a 100,000-square-foot exhibit hall (Hall A) and 35,000 square feet of meeting space. Groundbreaking took place on May 7, 1965. The \$14.7 million complex officially opened its doors on July 12, 1967. (Our “CCD Congress” didn’t arrive to the facility, however, until February 20-22 of 1970.)

5-18 THE DEAD MAN WALKS: UNCEASING DEATH PENALTY DIALOGUE BEARS FRUIT 🗣️

Sr. Helen Prejean is known worldwide for her tireless dialogue with citizens and fellow Catholics on the necessity to end government killings. The author of “Dead Man Walking” and “The Death of Innocents” now brings to us “River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey,” which tells of her gradual awakening to the Gospel call to do justice, which led her to Death Row. She has been a dynamic partner in Catholic dialogue on the death penalty and is eager to share her behind-the-scenes account of Pope Francis’ declaration on August 2, 2018 that the death penalty can never be allowed under any circumstances.

**Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ**

Sr. Helen Prejean, a sister of the Congregation of St. Joseph, is author of “Dead Man Walking,” the book that has spawned an Academy Award-winning movie, a play and an opera. The human rights activist and 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. Based in New Orleans, Sr. Prejean travels the United States, Europe and Canada giving talks about her ministry.

5-19 RAISING THE BAR ON JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY 🗣️

Sure, they’re awkward and they can’t sit still, but they’re also not given enough credit for the depth to which they can live out their faith. Junior high teens hunger for more than pizza and Fortnite. As ministers, we must raise the bar of expectation and help these young teens encounter Jesus and lay the foundation of their faith that will impact the rest of their lives.

**Cooper Ray**

Speaker and musician Cooper Ray is presently Coordinator of Middle School Ministry at St. Ann Catholic Parish in Coppell, Texas. Drawing from 20 years of professional ministry experience as a retreat facilitator, liturgical musician and diocesan director, he has presented at countless diocesan, school and national events across the country, including the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, Catholic Heart Workcamp and the Steubenville Youth Conferences, among others.

5-20 SCIENCE, MIRACLES AND FAITH 🗣️

Amid the rapid decline of religious affiliation among youth, there is a curious irony – a Pew Research Center survey has found that the majority of millennials continue to believe in life after death (75%) and miracles (78%). The current scientific investigation of these phenomena has proven to be very effective in helping young people maintain their faith. Fr. Robert Spitzer will first explain the scientific investigation of life-after-death through peer-reviewed medical studies of near-death experiences, as well as seven miracles subject to considerable scientific scrutiny. He will then show how to relate this evidence to faith in God, Jesus and the Church.

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

Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Center at Christ Cathedral in Orange County, Calif., and President of the Spitzer Center. He was formerly served as President of Gonzaga University from 1998 to 2009, and has published 11 books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer gives over 90 public presentations per year and appears on radio and television, including “Larry King Live” (debating Stephen Hawking), the “Today Show,” the History Channel, PBS and EWTN.

5-21 THE NEW FACE OF MIGRATION: SHARING THE MIGRANT’S JOURNEY FROM A PSYCHOSOCIAL PERSPECTIVE 🗣️

The people who are forced to leave their homes because of the increasing violence in their home countries find themselves victims of violence during their uncertain journey. Finally, when they have reached their destination and begin to rebuild their lives, they are once again confronted by discrimination and the lack of resources and opportunities. This new migration trend represents several mental health challenges that first must be addressed before we can promote a healthy reintegration of all those who were forced to flee and have the potential to contribute to the enrichment of their hosting countries.

**Cecilia Margarita Suarez Trueba**

Based in Mexico City and head of Catholic Relief Services Mexico, Cecilia Suarez has over 15 years of experience in social programs with special expertise in Central American migration, farmworker rights, and at-risk youth. Additionally, she has managed rural sustainable agriculture projects that provide opportunities to farmers who are coping with the devastating impacts of climate change. She has presented for CRS in Baltimore and at the international Congress of Health and Migration in Puebla, Mexico.

5-22 CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE WAY WE SING 🗣️**Christopher Walker (see bio 2-19)**

Our music ministry can profoundly affect, inspire and change those who listen to us and sing with us at liturgy. Developing our own spirituality with our musical skills helps us lead our people on their weekly journey of faith rather than just performing for them. How we “get inside” the words we sing and make them our own helps us be authentic cantors and choir members. Come ready to sing!

5-23 FINDING GOD’S PRESENCE IN MISSIONDOM 🗣️**Sherry A. Weddell (see bio 3-22)**

A very important but seldom talked about factor in evangelization in our generation is the experience of the Presence of God. Sherry Weddell will cover the Church’s historic understanding of the four basic ways in which human beings experience the Presence of God and the profound implications of encountering the Presence of God for evangelization and the spiritual transformation and healing of individuals and communities.

PERIOD 5

1:00 - 2:30 PM • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

5-70 “PHÀM AI ĐÃ ĐƯỢC THANH TẮT TRONG ĐỨC KITÔ, THÌ ĐÃ ĐƯỢC MẶC LẤY ĐỨC KITÔ” (GALAT 3:27) 🕊

Buổi hội thảo sẽ tập trung vào vai trò quan trọng của các bí tích Khai Tâm trong Giáo Hội: Rửa Tội, Thêm Sức và Thánh Thể. Qua các nghi thức phụng vụ thánh và phát triển lịch sử, tham dự viên sẽ hiểu rõ hơn về mối liên hệ giữa ba bí tích này và tìm ra các phương cách giúp họ chu toàn ơn gọi nên thánh trong vai trò môn đệ Chúa Kitô qua đời sống hằng ngày.

“FOR ALL OF YOU WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE CLOTHED YOURSELVES WITH CHRIST” (GAL 3:27) 🕊

This workshop will present a study on the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. By focusing on the historical development and liturgical rites of the Church, participants will have a better understanding of the interrelationship of these three sacraments and

how they help Christians to live out their daily discipleship as a call to holiness.



Linh Mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh

Thụ phong linh mục cho Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles vào năm 2002, Cha Phạm Đức Thịnh đã phục vụ tại Giáo xứ Thánh Gioan Thiên Chúa ở Norwalk, California. Sau bốn năm phục vụ tại giáo xứ, cha đã được gửi sang Roma để theo học chuyên ngành phụng vụ tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Sant’Anselmo. Cha đã hoàn tất chương trình cao học của Phụng Vụ vào năm 2010, hiện cha đang làm giáo sư về Phụng Vụ tại Đại Chủng Viện Thánh Gioan, Camarillo, California.

Rev. Thinh Duc Pham

Ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2002, Fr. Thinh Pham served for four years as Associate Pastor at St. John of God Church in Norwalk, Calif. Upon completing his first assignment, he was sent to pursue graduate studies at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome. He completed his License in Sacred Liturgy in 2010 and is currently teaching liturgy at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif.

PERIOD 6

3:00 - 4:30 PM • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

6-01 UNSETTLING SETTLED IDEAS: GANG MEMBERS AND THE MARROW OF THE GOSPEL 🕊 ARENA

This workshop proposes a new paradigm of faithful living, born of standing with the excluded: moving from forgiveness to mercy. Join Fr. Greg Boyle as he shares the stories of those who live the Gospel.



Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ

From 1986-92, Fr. Greg Boyle served as Pastor of Dolores Mission in Los Angeles and, in 1988, along with parish community members started Homeboy Industries, now the largest gang rehabilitation program in the world.

The author and speaker has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2017, Fr. Boyle received the University of Notre Dame’s Laetare medal, the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholics.

6-02 GOD’S FORGIVENESS 🕊

God can work wonders through us, even when we ourselves have trouble forgiving others ... and ourselves! In this session, Catholic musician John Angotti shares his music and faith testimony on the meaning and challenge of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation.



John Angotti

Based in Nashville, John Angotti is a music missionary who travels worldwide presenting at concerts, workshops, retreats, missions and conferences. He is an accomplished composer with numerous publications under the World Library Publications label. John Angotti Music Mission (JAMM) debuted his original musical, “Job: The NOW Testament” in 2013. He is also a full-time Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Philip Catholic Church in Franklin, Tenn.

6-03 TEACHING MERCY AND COMPASSION IN THE FAMILY 🕊

Danielle Bean (see bio 2-03)

Our families are not just “domestic churches,” they are also “domestic schools” in which we learn how to love. A large part of that learning comes in the practice of mercy and compassion as we live them out with our parents, children, spouses, and brothers and sisters. How can we raise compassionate kids? How can we grow in mercy and love in our marriages, in our sibling relationships, and in our parenthood? In what ways does God call on us to know him better through the practice of mercy in a family? Participants will discover that we truly do God’s work in the small but meaningful ways we love and learn as a family.

6-04 CAN THE NATURAL WORLD AFFORD A JUST WAR? 🕊

Dianne Bergant, CSA (see bio 4-02)

The Church upholds the principles of “a just war.” However, these principles were formulated hundreds of years ago, well before we became aware of eco-sensitive issues. Might it be time to give that theory a new look?

6-05 THE THEOLOGY OF SUFFERING 🕊

The agony of betrayal, loss, grief and sorrow are often overwhelming and can so easily consume us. By faith, we know that the Incarnation of Jesus Christ gives new meaning to our every experience of suffering. How do we allow God’s mercy to heal us and God’s grace to bring order to our emotions? How do we find Christ in our experiences of suffering, and how can we make sense of his words, “My yoke is easy and my burden

light”? What does it look like to bear our wounds with dignity and carry the cross with Christ? This session will explore the nature of emotional pain and examine trust, surrender and emotional healing.



Rev. John Burns

Rev. John Burns, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is a promoter of vocations and of women’s religious and consecrated life. He speaks at national men’s and women’s conferences, preaches missions and directs retreats throughout the country and has appeared on Relevant Radio’s The Inner Life. Fr. Burns is author of “Lift Up Your Heart: A 10-Day Personal Retreat with St. Francis de Sales.” He works extensively with the Sisters of Life and the Missionaries of Charity, giving retreats and conferences for them.

6-06 IMMIGRATION: WHO, WHY AND THE “CATHOLIC WAY” TO RESPOND

In this workshop, we will explore why people migrate to the United States, with and without documents. We will look at the actual U.S. immigration law and the system migrants must navigate. Finally, we will examine long-standing Church teaching on welcoming the stranger, including its natural law basis and why it is often a “life issue.”



Linda Dakin-Grimm

Linda Dakin-Grimm is a Senior Consulting Partner at the Los Angeles office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP who practices law in California, New York and Washington, D.C. Commencing in 2016, Dakin-Grimm concentrated her practice on pro bono matters in the area of children in immigration proceedings. Dakin-Grimm speaks widely on faith and immigration-related issues in schools and parishes throughout Los Angeles as well as at legal conferences across the United States, Bermuda and London.

6-07 THE GIFT OF THE INNER CHAPEL

We carry a chapel within us – a sacred space, where God dwells. The gift of this inner chapel is that we are never alone: God is always with us and goes where we go. It is in this space we learn the promises of God so that we can share the Good News of these promises with the world. Becky Eldredge, an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, will offer ways to visit your inner chapel daily – amid the busyness – to harness the fuel and inspiration to go forth and spread the Good News!



Becky Eldredge

Becky Eldredge is a spiritual director, retreat facilitator and author of the book “Busy Lives & Restless Souls.” With two decades of ministry experience, she has led youth and young adult retreats, parish missions, Ignatian retreats and days of reflection. Eldredge has presented at the Spiritual Director’s International Conference, the Ignatian Spirituality Conference, and has appeared as a panelist at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Convocation of Catholic Leaders.

6-08 FROM BOOK LEARNING TO FAITH LIVING!

Steven Ellair (see bio 2-07)

Ever wonder how to motivate children to live their faith every day? Then don’t miss this workshop! We’ll dive in and look at creative classroom activities and engaging ways to make lessons come to life so that children have a whole new energy for faith and take it out into the world!

6-09 OF POPES & BISHOPS: RE-IMAGINING CHURCH LEADERSHIP IN A NON-HIERARCHICAL KEY

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (see bio 4-10)

In Roman Catholicism the term “hierarchy” is synonymous with a Catholic understanding of the gift of apostolic office exercised by the pope and bishops. This workshop will explore how we might continue to affirm the gift of an apostolic office in a non-hierarchical key.

6-10 FAITHFUL PRESENCE: PRAYER

Prayer is a relationship of faithful presence. In and through the faithful presence of God, believers are invited into a life of holiness. Still, we struggle to balance family life and work demands with our pursuit of God. We want to be faithful to God, but we just cannot seem to pull it all together. This workshop will offer practical insights on how to balance everyday life and the practice of prayer.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian who has served on the faculties at Regis College in Massachusetts and at the University of Massachusetts, and was a diocesan director in Washington, D.C., Boston and Baton Rouge. Her publications include “Symphonies of the Heart,” “Heritage and Vision,” the video program “Church and Ministry” and numerous articles for Give Us This Day. Based in Baton Rouge, Dr. Gordon is a theological consultant for a social service collective in South Louisiana.



RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

In 2008, RECongress hosted a dinner in honor of Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC, and her 22 years of leading the Religious Education Congress. Among the 500 in attendance were (left to right) Congress Event Coordinator Paulette Smith (2007-present) and Congress Program Coordinator Jan Pedroza (2001-present), Director Sr. Edith, and former Congress Coordinators Vikki Shepp (2005-06), Mary Lou McGee (2004), and Adrian Whitaker (1985-2003).

6-11 THE LITURGY AS ARTWORK

Based on contemporary theories of ritual communication, this workshop will encourage liturgical planners and participants to deepen their appreciation for sensate aspects of liturgical worship and their interaction.



Marty Haugen

For nearly 40 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented concerts, workshops and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. His music appears in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestant denominations. His latest works are "Choose to Hope" and "The Liturgical Ensemble." Marty and his wife, Linda, live in Minnesota.



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 a parochial vicar, a campus minister and a pastor. Fr. Joncas, ordained as a 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.

6-12 REIMAGINING MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis notes that ministries and programs for young adults around the world aren't always working (#202). Instead, we need new and creative models for the Church's outreach, pastoral care and formation efforts with young adults – and help them become merciful protagonists and missionaries in the world and in the Church. This session, designed for active Catholics – including pastors, lay leaders, youth and young adult ministers and parents – will explore some ideas that the Holy Father is asking us all to consider in our work with and engagement of young adults.



Paul Jarzembowski

Paul Jarzembowski is Assistant Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth and is the National Coordinator for World Youth Day for the United States. He previously served as Executive Director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. Jarzembowski has presented to over 300 dioceses, parishes and Catholic organizations in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and at the Vatican.

6-13 PLEASE DON'T FORGIVE. SERIOUSLY. UNLESS ...



Fr. Joe Kempf (see bio 2-13)

Everyone hurts. Sometimes, the wounds are awful. Why do so many people tell us it is important to forgive? What does that even mean? What helps the pain get better? Are there times we should NOT forgive? From his vantage point as a priest, Fr. Joe Kempf sees both the suffering of God's people and the goodness of those who choose life-giving ways to deal with their hurts. In this presentation, Fr. Joe offers concrete suggestions, real-life stories, much-needed perspective and hope for each of us as we make our way through all that life throws at us on the journey.

6-14 A CONTEMPORARY MISSION TO COMPASSIONATE HOLINESS

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (see bio 2-14)

By enjoying some media presentations on forgiveness and mercy, Fr. Richard Leonard will lead us in an exploration of the eight elements of Pope Francis' call for the Church to be merciful, and its implications for our pastoral practice.

6-15 THREE GREAT WOMEN OF THE HEBREW BIBLE



While the Hebrew Bible text is dominated by men, there are several important women who shape critical parts of the text and the teachings of the sacred message. We will focus on three: Hagar, Sarah and Rebecca. Hagar is not an Israelite, yet she is very important to our understanding of the lessons and insights of Genesis. Sarah seems to break the cultural norms of Israelite life and at the same time makes the story happen as it must. Rebecca also directs events to turn out the way the Israelite story has to unfold. We should not overlook these women of the Hebrew Bible, and paying attention to their stories provides critical understanding of the Israelite saga.



Rabbi Michael Mayersohn

Based in Orange County, Calif., Rabbi Michael Mayersohn is a Reform Rabbi who teaches the Bible, both Hebrew and New Testament, offering Jewish insights into Sacred Scriptures. Since 2003 the rabbi has taught and spoken at over 20 churches in Orange County, San Diego and Arizona, teaching Jewish roots of Christianity and Bible studies. He has presented at the Religious Education Congress since 2010. His latest book is entitled, "I Was There: The Jewish Olive Grower Who Knew Jesus."

6-16 BEING A CATECHIST VS. WORKING AS A CATECHIST

Sr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM, EdD (see bio 1-16)

Enrich your personal commitment to Jesus and affirm your catechist vocation. Consider the threefold aspects of your call: 1) witnessing; 2) mentoring; and 3) teaching. This presentation will consider the example of Pope

Francis for each characteristic and suggest practical ideas for personal application. The session may be replicated as a staff retreat.

6-17 APPLYING BRAIN-BASED LEARNING TO MAKE LEARNING STICK AND FAITH “STICKY”

Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD (see bio 3-16)

There are so many things competing for our attention every minute of every day. As those forming faith, how can we grab the attention of our learners and use the limited time we have to make what they learn stick? One solution is to examine the science behind “brain-based” learning. In this workshop, we will explore how does the way our brain works inform how we teach, and what does research tell us about having “sticky” faith? Finally, we will examine the impact of digital technology on the way the current generations learn, as well as, the important role adult relationships have on making faith “sticky.”

6-18 THE MERCY OF MARRIAGE IN A HOOKUP WORLD

Young adults fall in love in a hookup world. The hookup isn’t just about sex. Instead, it’s a fear of real communion, sharing a life with another person, beyond the briefest physical encounter. In this session, we’ll explore the various characteristics of a hookup culture and why

young adults participate in it. We’ll also turn to the sacrament of marriage, showing how the liturgical rite for this sacrament can serve as a medicine for a hookup culture. In marriage, we discover a restoration of communion that is fundamentally about friendship.



Timothy P. O'Malley, PhD

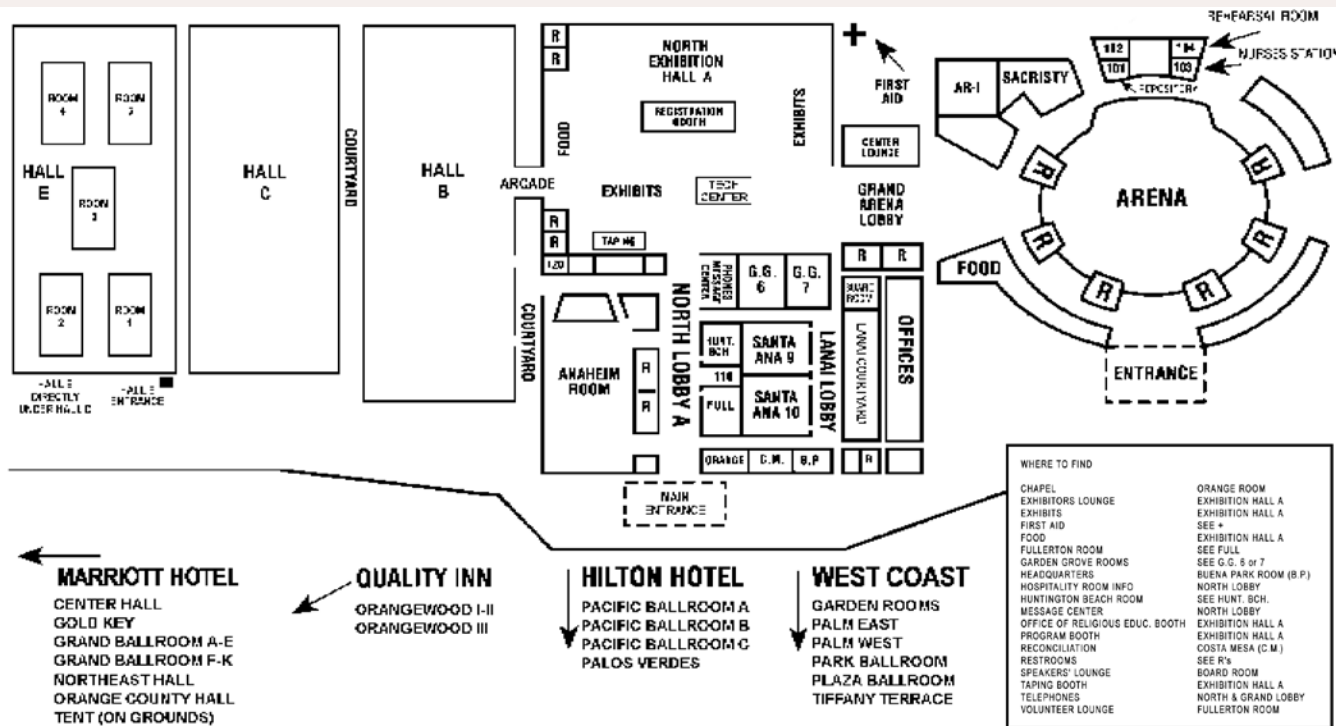
Dr. Timothy O'Malley is Director of Education at the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana and holds a concurrent position as teacher and researcher in their Department of Theology. Dr. O'Malley has made numerous public presentations at university, diocesan and national conferences. He is author of “Liturgical Formation in the RCIA” and “Off the Hook: God, Love, Dating, and Marriage in a Hookup World.”

6-19 THE REAL OBSTACLE TO HOLINESS: OUR PATHOLOGICALLY COMPLEX NATURE

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (see bio 3-18)

Spirituality tends to blame our struggles for holiness on original sin, on concupiscence, and then blame Adam and Eve. A closer examination, however, of both Scripture and Christian tradition places the roots of our struggles not in what’s wrong with us, but in what’s right with us. We are born with divine fire inside our souls and that fire does not find easy peace in this world. Our own over-charged nature is the real reason why we struggle “to will the one thing.”

Workshops



RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

A map showing locations from RECongress of 20 years ago (held February 11-14, 1999) looked very different from today, including use of the Anaheim Room and the Santa Ana rooms (now Hall A), use of the Hall E space and the renamed Quality Inn (now Clarion Hotel) and the West Coast Anaheim Hotel (now the Sheraton Park Hotel), and use of the tent at the Marriott Hotel.

6-20 RENEW, REFRESH, RESTORE: TENDING TO YOUR SOUL AS A MINISTER 🗣️

Jesus continually strived to heal the whole person: mind, body and soul. Oftentimes, we are so busy caring for others that we forget to fill up with spiritual fuel and food that sustains and nourishes us. When ministry seems overwhelming, we can find ourselves drowning as administration descends into “administrivia” and we can lose sight of our own needs. We might not want to think of ourselves as administrators but there is a reason that the word “administration” has “ministry” imbedded within it. Combining humor with practical insights, this workshop is a “mini pilgrimage” for your soul so that you can emerge renewed, refreshed and restored.



Julianne Stanz

Julianne Stanz is Director of Discipleship and Leadership Development for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. Born in Ireland, Stanz is a nationally known speaker, retreat leader and storyteller. She has extensive workshop and presentation experience both locally and nationally and is author of several articles and books, including her latest, “Start with Jesus: How Everyday Disciples Will Renew The Church.”

6-21 WHAT DO WE TELL THE CATECHUMENS ABOUT THE SCANDALS? 🗣️

Nick Wagner (see bio 1-15)

Yet another scandal about the Catholic Church starts blowing up Facebook and Twitter. And you have a meeting with the catechumens and candidates tonight. What are you going to say to them? Why would anyone want to join the Church right now? How do we keep proclaiming Good News in the face of all the bad news? Come discover how to be a sign of hope and a guiding light in troubled times.

6-22 LIVE MERCY – TEACHING VIRTUE IN CYNICAL TIMES 🗣️

David Wells (see bio 2-21)

It is easy to give in to cynicism. Cynicism can sound intelligent and wise. The problem is that with time cynicism can turn us into dour and unattractive people. Pope Francis is calling us to revive and then teach through the great virtues. Let the virtues of joy, tenderness, mercy and courage be our aim and our means. These virtues can help restore our enthusiasm and give credibility to our message. In this session, we will look at the virtues Pope Francis calls forth, what they might mean to us today, and how we might teach them to others. Let us live mercy and be holy.

6-23 SEASONS OF FAITH: SHARING THE LITURGICAL YEAR WITH YOUNG CHILDREN 🗣️

The seasons of the Liturgical Year give us a wonderful opportunity to immerse ourselves in the mysteries of our

faith. Even our youngest learners can experience the Liturgical Year when we present it in a developmentally appropriate, multi-sensory context. Join us as we discuss how to explore the colors and seasons of our Church with preschool and kindergarten children.



Joseph D. White, PhD

Based in Austin, Texas, Dr. Joseph White is a child and family psychologist as well as Director of Catechetical Resources for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He previously worked as a parish catechetical leader and spent seven years as Director of Family Counseling and Family Life in the Diocese of Austin, Texas. A frequent guest on Catholic radio and television, Dr. White is author of 11 books and numerous articles on catechesis and ministry and co-authored the “Allelu!” and “Alive in Christ” catechetical series.

6-70 GIA ĐÌNH – MÁI ẤM CỦA LÒNG THƯƠNG XÓT 🗣️

Soeur Maria Nguyễn Thị Hồng Quê, OP (tiểu sử 2-70)

Gia đình là nơi mà chữ tình luôn được vun đắp, là cái nôi của lòng thương xót, là mái ấm cho những trái tim mang đầy thương tích. Một gia đình có lòng thương xót khi các thành viên luôn biết nhạy bén, quan tâm tới cảm xúc của nhau. Ở nơi ấy, hạnh phúc không xuất phát từ tiền của, danh vọng, nhưng xuất phát từ một đời sống cầu nguyện và thực thi thánh ý Chúa. Bình an cũng không phải là “chăm ấm, nệm êm,” nhưng là bình an nội tâm gắn kết với thánh giá qua mọi chiều kích của cuộc sống.

THE FAMILY: HOME OF DIVINE MERCY 🗣️

Sr. Mary Hong Que Nguyen, OP (see bio 2-70)

Family is a place where love grows, a cradle of mercy and a home for wounded hearts. God has a never-ending willingness to show mercy. If God’s mercy can save the world, it can certainly save our families. By practicing mercy within our relationships, we will not only survive but our love will grow stronger. Our happiness does not come from money or fame but from a life of prayer and the exercise of God’s will. It is then that the inner peace given by God comes to us. As Paul notes, “Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:7).



SUNDAY WORKSHOPS

PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01** **What Happens When You Pray? (*)**
- **Rev. James Martin**
- 7-02** Casting the Net Far and Wide: Implementing the New Pastoral Response for Asian-Pacific Islander Communities (*) - **Bishop Oscar Solis, Bishop Alex Aclan, Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy & Fr. Ricky Manalo**
- 7-03** A Culture of Grace (*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 7-04** What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church: A 360-Degree Review of the Catholic Landscape (*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 7-05** Dancing Our Way to Holiness: The Soul's Slow Ripening (*)
- **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 7-06** The Three S's of Holiness: Surrender, Sacrifice, Single-heartedness (*)
- **Sr. Kathleen Bryant**
- 7-07** Seeking Healing Through Forgiveness (*) - **Rev. John Burns & Sr. Miriam Heidland**
- 7-08** Do Not Be Afraid, I Am With You: How Sung Prayer Nurtures Courage, Hope and New Beginnings - **David Haas**
- 7-09** What Would Jesus Post? (*)
- **Sherry Hayes-Peirce**
- 7-10** Making Happiness a Habit: Four Steps to a More Joyful Marriage (*) - **Dr. Jim Healy**
- 7-11** "What Now, God?" Listening for God's Call and Finding Our Path (*) - **Douglas Leal**
- 7-12** Called to Participate: How We Learn the True Christian Spirit (*)
- **Diana Macalintal**
- 7-13** Engaging and Accompanying Young People: The Challenge and the Blessing! (*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 7-14** Be Merciful as Our God Is Mercy Incarnate (*) - **Megan McKenna**
- 7-15** Christian Activism as a Practice of Holiness (*) - **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 7-16** The Time Is Now! Early Investment in Faith Formation Lasts a Lifetime (*)
- **Pamela Perrino**
- 7-17** River of Fire: An Account of the Spiritual Awakening That Led to Death Row (*)
- **Sr. Helen Prejean**
- 7-18** Knock, Knock! Who's There? (It's Me, Jesus!) (*) - **Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 7-19** The Scrutinies are Coming ... the Scrutinies are Coming! (*) - **Michael Ruzicki**
- 7-20** The Problem of Justice in the "Twelve Prophets": Critical Views of Ourselves? (*) - **Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 7-21** Beloved: Marriage Formation in a Post-Marriage Culture (*) - **Dr. Edward Sri**
- 7-22** Becoming the Face of Mercy (*)
- **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 7-23** Finding Christ on the Road (*)
- **Trevor Thomson**
- 7-70** Vietnamese Workshop (The Church and Sexual Morality – How to Care for the LGBTQ Community) (*)
- **Rev. Hy Nguyen**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01** **The Song of Women: Raising Their Voices in Our Church (*)** - **Sarah Hart**
- 8-02** God Here and Now (*) - **John Angotti**
- 8-03** Digital Discipleship: Like, Follow and Subscribe - **Steve Botsford**
- 8-04** We Are God's Hands: Songs to Celebrate and Teach Mercy to Children (*)
- **Andrew Chinn**
- 8-05** Affective Maturity and Discernment: Keys for the Formation of Ministers Today (*)
- **Rev. Allan Figueroa Deck**
- 8-06** Sacramental Preparation for Lifelong Encounters with Christ (*) - **Jared Dees**
- 8-07** Introduction to Islam: Tips for Catholic Educators and Journalists (*)
- **Jordan Denari Duffner**
- 8-08** Accompanying Young Adults in Discernment and Discipleship (*) - **Tom East**
- 8-09** Everyday Holiness (*) - **Robert Ellsberg**
- 8-10** Truth in the Heart - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 8-11** The Present Moment: A Sacrament and Ambassador (*) - **Fr. Albert Haase**
- 8-12** Music's Role in the "Field Hospital" Church - **Marty Haugen**
- 8-13** Loving the Dust We Are: Renewing Our Understanding of the Human Person (*)
- **Rev. Daniel Horan**
- 8-14** In Times Like These: A Time for Faith, A Time for Hope (*) - **Vallimar Jansen**
- 8-15** Catholic Leaders Today: Envision the Future or Be Eclipsed by It (*)
- **Fr. Michael Martin**
- 8-16** Saints and Prophets for a Church and World in Crisis (*)
- **Bro. Michael O'Neil McGrath**
- 8-17** It's Too Late to Put My Hand Down: Practical Help with Scriptural Interpretation for Ministry - **Suzanne Nawrocki**
- 8-18** The Mundane Mercy of Catholic Family Life (*) - **Timothy O'Malley**
- 8-19** Unleashing the Power of Scripture: Ministry Powered by the Word of God (*)
- **Joe Paprocki**
- 8-20** A Church with Open Doors: A Monastic Approach to Youth Ministry (*)
- **Abbot Richard Purcell**
- 8-21** Planning and Implementing Effective Retreats (*) - **Cooper Ray**
- 8-22** Forming Missionary Disciples (*)
- **Dr. Edward Sri**
- 8-23** *Christus Vivit*: Implications for Catechetical Leaders and Youth Ministers (*)
- **Dr. Joseph White**
- 8-70** Vietnamese Workshop ("Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts...") (Is 6:3) – The Bible and Liturgy) (*) - **Rev. Think Pham**

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



A group shot with Archbishop Gomez

7-01 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU PRAY? ARENA

One of the most confusing questions in the spiritual life is: What happens when you pray? Many people are baffled by what is supposed to happen, or can happen, when you close your eyes. We will explore how emotions, desires, memories, insights, words, images and feelings are ways that God has of communicating with us personally. Fr. James Martin will be drawing from his upcoming book, “Learning to Pray.”



Rev. James Martin, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Editor at Large of the Catholic magazine America. He is author of several award-winning books as well as his most recent, “Building a Bridge,” and his upcoming “Learning to Pray.” A popular speaker, Fr. Martin has given presentations at the Religious Education Congress each year for the past several years and is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups. He has also appeared on several CNN documentaries.

7-03 A CULTURE OF GRACE

In the sacraments, we experience a true foretaste of heaven. You have likely experienced it firsthand. Perhaps you’ve even thought, “If everyone knew what I knew, they would *all* be here!” Well ... they don’t know what they don’t know. In a culture steeped in consumerism, we have made even the reception of the sacraments a transaction. How do we bring greater richness to both our sacramental preparation and sacramental experiences so that our parish gathers not as consumers of sacraments but as a community steeped in a culture of God’s grace?



Steve Angrisano

Musician, composer and youth minister, Steve Angrisano has made countless appearances from diocesan gatherings to major events around the world. He has been featured at numerous conferences, including seven World Youth Days. Angrisano has presented at several National Catholic Youth Conferences, the National Pastoral Musicians Conference, and the L.A. Congress & Youth Day. His works include the CD “Leading Us Home” and the book, “Essential Songs for Youth Ministry.”

Asian-Pacific Islanders are now the fastest growing minority population in the United States. The recently approved U.S. bishops’ pastoral, “Encountering Christ in Harmony,” helps guide our Church in addressing the pastoral needs of these communities. These two workshops (Sessions 3-02 & 7-02) and our Saturday liturgy are intended to encourage collaborative reflection and action, offer a model of how to better minister toward and alongside our Asian and Pacific sisters and brothers, and provide skill-building opportunities for parish leaders, with a goal of building faith-filled communities.

7-02 CASTING THE NET FAR AND WIDE: IMPLEMENTING THE NEW PASTORAL RESPONSE FOR ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

The new U.S. bishops’ pastoral response, “Encountering Christ in Harmony,” offers us a model of how to better minister toward and alongside of our Asian and Pacific sisters and brothers. Join us for a dynamic panel discussion among key Asian-Pacific Islander leaders on how this may be implemented in your diocesan, parish and classroom settings.



Most Rev. Oscar Solis

When Philippine-born Bishop Oscar Solis was ordained an auxiliary for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2004, he became the first Filipino-American bishop, and served as Episcopal Vicar of San Pedro Pastoral Region. In 2017, he was named to become the 10th bishop of Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah. Bishop Solis is a member of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and Chair of the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs.



Most Rev. Alejandro Aclan

Born in Pasay City, Philippines, Bishop Alex Aclan was ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese at St. Vibiana Cathedral in 1993. In addition to administrative roles at three parishes, he also served on the Council of Priests, the Vocations Office and was Vicar for Clergy. He was elevated to Monsignor in 2017 and ordained a bishop on May 16, 2019. Bishop Aclan serves as the Episcopal Vicar for the San Fernando Pastoral Region and is a member of the U.S. bishops’ Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs.



Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy

Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy is Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Honolulu, Hawaii. She serves as Vice-President of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and is an advisory committee member to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs. Ragasa-Mondoy is co-producer of the award-winning “One ‘Ohana” video series, has published numerous diocesan catechetical resources and articles, and is author of “Cultivating Your Catechists.”



Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, PhD

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

7-04 WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH: A 360-DEGREE REVIEW OF THE CATHOLIC LANDSCAPE 🗣️

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

John Allen, a veteran observer of the Vatican and the global Catholic scene, will trace the major news headlines of the last year and tease out what they mean in terms of which personalities, movements and ideas in Catholicism seem to be gaining traction, and which seem to be falling by the wayside as the tides of history sweep on. He'll pay special attention to the Vatican and Pope Francis, but will also bring other key venues and major players into sharp focus.

7-05 DANCING OUR WAY TO HOLINESS: THE SOUL'S SLOW RIPENING 🗣️

How can we allow the temple of our bodies to be a dwelling place for the God of mercy? The path of Celtic Christianity teaches us many simple practices such as surrender, blessing each moment, holy pilgrimage and living closely to the earth. Come learn six simple movement prayers based on Celtic spirituality that can open your heart to mercy, deepen your call to holiness and become resources for your home community.



Betsey Beckman, MM

Betsey Beckman is a dancer, teacher, spiritual director, author and founder of The Dancing Word: Embodying the Sacred in Liturgy and Life. Her ministry includes liturgical movement, online prayer resources created with Abbey of the Arts, embodied arts retreats, and storytelling pilgrimages to sacred lands. The freelance choreographer presents internationally. Beckman is also Director of Movement Ministry at her home parish of St. Patrick Church in Seattle.



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. Laura and her husband, David, have composed and published three collections of liturgical music, have created music for many dance offerings with Betsey Beckman, and have composed the music for the musical "Grace on the Margins," which debuted in April 2013.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

Prior to 1998, the Religious Education Congress still had nine periods, with three sessions each day. However, beginning that year, the "ninth period" workshop on Sunday was removed and replaced by two Sunday morning keynote talks. The Closing Liturgy was also scheduled to begin earlier, at 3:30 p.m. Though the procedure was being tried on an "experimental basis," stated then-Director Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC, it has continued as the standard RECongress model.



7-06 THE THREE S'S OF HOLINESS: SURRENDER, SACRIFICE, SINGLE-HEARTEDNESS 🗣️

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC (see bio 2-01)

As we surrender to the Great Love and sacrifice our own agendas, we sense the wholeness, the holiness of God's holding it all together. God's invitation to jump-start each day is not easy! But they are the doorway into freedom, transformation and wholeness. Feeling pulled in too many directions? Come and hear a fresh invitation to holiness and mercy that is warm and welcoming.

7-07 SEEKING HEALING THROUGH FORGIVENESS 🗣️

Have you ever wanted to live a vibrant and abundant life, yet feel "stuck" with certain memories or experiences that you would rather forget? Have you wanted to be free of anger or resentment? At the very heart of our Catholic faith is the call to receive God's forgiveness and to share it. Being wounded by the injustice of another is part of human life, and only through the graced experience of forgiveness do we let go of the anger and resentment that accumulate around our wounds. In this workshop, we will delve into what forgiveness really is, how it sets us free, and how it brings Christ's powerful, healing love into our hearts and into the world.



Rev. John Burns

Rev. John Burns, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is a promoter of vocations and of women's religious and consecrated life. He speaks at national men's and women's conferences, preaches missions and directs retreats throughout the country and has appeared on Relevant Radio's The Inner Life. Fr. Burns is author of "Lift Up Your Heart: A 10-Day Personal Retreat with St. Francis de Sales." He works extensively with the Sisters of Life and the Missionaries of Charity, giving retreats and conferences for them.



Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

Sr. Miriam Heidland is a former Division I athlete who joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) in 1998. Her story has been featured on EWTN's "The Journey Home," and at the SEEK Conference, Relevant Radio and other outlets. She currently is Assistant to the SOLT Sisters' General Superior and speaks regularly on the topics of conversion, authentic love, forgiveness, healing ... and sports! Sr. Heidland is author of the book, "Loved As I Am," and her podcast, Abiding Together, can be found on iTunes.

7-08 DO NOT BE AFRAID, I AM WITH YOU: HOW SUNG PRAYER NURTURES COURAGE, HOPE AND NEW BEGINNINGS

David Haas (see bio 4-13)

Our sung prayer has the power to touch the human heart in times of pain and crisis, more than most medicines that are prescribed. Come together with your sisters and brothers to pray and sing "through, with, and in" Christ – to discover healing, peace, courage, strength and wisdom that we can access and call upon when we travel through the dark times.

7-09 WHAT WOULD JESUS POST? 🗣️

This experiential session will explore how digital communications can be a beacon and messaging tool for the faithful, fallen away and future generations of our Catholic family. Using interactive activities and examples from Scripture, we will explore how and why Jesus would use digital communications today and the seven themes he would center his posts around. Examples will be shared during the session to help attendees visualize how they can implement digital communication for catechesis and connecting the parish community.



Sherry Hayes-Peirce

Sherry Hayes-Peirce is a social media consultant, lector and welcome center volunteer at her parish, American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach, Calif. She is a contributing writer for Catholicmom.com, the Hawaii Catholic Herald and the "Living Catholic in the 808" series for the Honolulu Diocese. She has presented at national and local Catholic conferences held in Sacramento, Las Vegas and Dallas as well as custom presentations for the dioceses of Honolulu and San Diego.

7-10 MAKING HAPPINESS A HABIT: FOUR STEPS TO A MORE JOYFUL MARRIAGE 🗣️

Dr. Jim Healy (see bio 5-11)

Happiness in marriage comes, not so much from the "once in a lifetime" events (wonderful as they are), but by the things we do over and over again. What are these "habits of the heart" that lead to joy and fulfillment? They are firmly grounded in our Catholic faith, but social science research has also suggested their importance for human happiness.

7-11 "WHAT NOW, GOD?" LISTENING FOR GOD'S CALL AND FINDING OUR PATH 🗣️

What does it mean to have a calling or vocation in today's economy? These days, no one is expected to work at the same job for 40 years and retire with a gold watch. Even Jesus had two careers! Is God's call a once-in-a-lifetime event, or do we experience God's call in different ways throughout our adult lives? How do we know what God really wants us to do? We'll explore what Scripture and tradition have to say about work, career and vocation. We'll also review some practical discernment tools that can help answer these questions and help us minister to other adults and young adults wondering where God may be calling them next.



Douglas Leal

Douglas Leal is Vice President of Mission Integration with Providence St. Joseph Health in Orange County, Calif., and previously led the Division of Adult Faith Formation for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He has also worked as a management consultant and a professional actor and director. Leal is author of the skill-building book for lectors, "Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!" and co-authored the 2017 and 2018 editions of LTP's "Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Proclaimers."

7-12 CALLED TO PARTICIPATE: HOW WE LEARN THE TRUE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT 🗣️

We all know that liturgical participation is important. But it takes more than just showing up and doing a liturgical ministry to genuinely embody the true Christian spirit. It takes openness, discernment and conversion. To put it bluntly, we need to ask ourselves what good is it if the bread and wine change, but we don't? Together we will explore three levels of liturgical participation that will help us enter more deeply into the life-changing encounter with Christ who invites us at every liturgy to be formed by the Spirit to give glory to the Father by our lives.



Diana Macalintal

Diana Macalintal is a speaker and author on liturgy and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; her latest publications include "Your Parish Is the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of the Community" and the liturgical year resource, "Living Liturgy." She is co-founder and Co-Director of the online resource, TeamRCIA. She has been keynote at several national gatherings, including the National Association of Lay Ministry, the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Los Angeles RECongress in addition to her appearances there as prayer leader.

7-13 ENGAGING AND ACCOMPANYING YOUNG PEOPLE: THE CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING! 🗣️

Robert J. McCarty, DMin (see bio 5-16)

The research by Saint Mary's Press published in "Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics" focuses on young people who have left the Church. Now we need to identify the practical pastoral strategies that enhance affiliation and engagement with the faith community and examine implications for parish/school life, vocational discernment, liturgy and pastoral ministry. We will explore how young people are crafting a religious identity in a secular age and consider Catholicism as a comprehensive way of living. As ministry leaders and as caring individuals, we will explore what it means to accompany young people on their spiritual journeys.

7-14 BE MERCIFUL AS OUR GOD IS MERCY INCARNATE 🗣️

Mercy is the virtue of martyrs and mystics, prophets and poets and mature disciples of Jesus, the living breathing mercy of our God in flesh. Mercy looks like a stranger, "the other," the least and poorest, all awaiting our hospitality and friendship. Mercy is born of justice and embracing human dignity in our relationships with everyone and the earth itself. Someone once described it as "mercy singing in the night," God lying in wait for us, ready to leap out at us. Mercy breathes quietly, deeply in hidden corners. It is where our God hides, seeking us, breathing on us, as the Risen Lord breathed on his friends. Come, learn to feel his breath on you.



Megan McKenna

A New York native now living in Albuquerque, N.M., Megan McKenna travels internationally working with base communities, parishes, dioceses, religious orders and organizations. She is author of 49 books, including “The Book of the Poor”; her previous publication, “This Will Be Remembered of Her,” won a Catholic Press Association award. McKenna is an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA. She teaches at many universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world and presently works training elders in First Nations communities and dioceses in Canada and the United States.

7-15 CHRISTIAN ACTIVISM AS A PRACTICE OF HOLINESS

We live in a historical moment in which many Catholics in the United States are reconnecting with the practice of “speaking out in the name of the Gospel.” Whether we advocate about life, human dignity, peace, care of the created order, just treatment of immigrants, global solidarity, etc., there is a conviction that we have something to say because we believe in Jesus Christ. This workshop is an invitation to reflect on the relationship among holiness, contemplation and advocacy as part of Christian activism. We will look at some examples and explore their implications.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

Dr. Hosffman Ospino is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at Boston College’s School of Theology and Ministry, where he is also Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. He is author and editor of several books on Hispanic ministry, religious education and Catholic parish life. Dr. Ospino served as a principal investigator for the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry (2014) and for the National Survey of Catholic Schools Serving Hispanic Families (2016). He presently advances a National Study on Hispanic Vocations.



RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

In 1969, the “Southern California Confraternity Congress” was held at the International Hotel, near LAX. It was obvious that the event was outgrowing the facility – hotel rooms were used for workshop sessions; beds and TV sets were removed and chairs and projection screens brought in. Note the lamp in the corner and mirror on the wall behind the portable chalkboard.

7-16 THE TIME IS NOW! EARLY INVESTMENT IN FAITH FORMATION LASTS A LIFETIME

Pamela M. Perrino (see bio 1-18)

Participants will explore and investigate the guiding principles of a developmentally appropriate practice for children preschool through third grade. They will evaluate their faith formation instruction and approaches to develop strategies that are better aligned to the unique learning needs of our youngest catechists. The new strategies will create connections and mastery for young children.

7-17 RIVER OF FIRE: AN ACCOUNT OF THE SPIRITUAL AWAKENING THAT LED TO DEATH ROW

Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ (see bio 5-18)

“River of Fire” is the prequel book to “Dead Man Walking” and tells of Sr. Helen Prejean’s “slow” quickening to faith that does justice. For her, for a long time, faith in Jesus meant being charitable to those around and praying for God to comfort people suffering from injustice. In “River of Fire,” she tells of God’s gentle, relentless grace that woke her up to serve impoverished African Americans, who quickly became her teachers, introducing her to the “other America,” and, in turn, led her to Death Row.

7-18 KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO’S THERE? (IT’S ME, JESUS!)

Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (see bio 1-20)

Some of the funniest jokes are knock-knock jokes. They are funny because after “knock, knock” we have no idea “who’s there”! And, of course, we never expect the answer to be so ridiculous. Well, God tells us that there will come a time when we will hear a “knock” and we shouldn’t be surprised with who is at our door. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock” (Rv 3:20). This interactive workshop will explore the times that Jesus knocks at our doors. From the homeless man knocking on our churches to the immigrant knocking on our borders, Jesus is trying to enter our world. The big question is: Are you willing to open the door?

7-19 THE SCRUTINIES ARE COMING ... THE SCRUTINIES ARE COMING!

Michael Ruzicki (see bio 3-19)

There’s no need to fear the Scrutinies ... they are a chance to celebrate God’s love and mercy. Each year in Lent, the Church celebrates the three Scrutinies for the elect who are approaching the waters of baptism. What should we be doing before and after these liturgies to make them more impactful? This workshop will creatively examine the structure of the Scrutiny and allow those present to reflect on water, light and life through song, Scripture and reflection.

Workshops

7-20 THE PROBLEM OF JUSTICE IN THE “TWELVE PROPHETS”: CRITICAL VIEWS OF OURSELVES? 🔊

Prof. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher (see bio 3-20)

Can “justice” be a problem in prophetic books? Recent work on the so-called “minor” prophets (meaning “shorter,” not less important) has tended to read these 12 short books as finally *one* work intentionally edited together. But this raises some interesting problems with regard to a biblical theology of justice! In this session, Daniel Smith-Christopher will outline some of the latest work on “The Twelve Prophets,” and then focus on why this way of reading “one book” raises all kinds of possibilities – and a few thorny problems! As we know, what looks (at first) like a biblical “problem” can often become a significant insight for growth and learning.

7-21 BELOVED: MARRIAGE FORMATION IN A POST-MARRIAGE CULTURE 🔊

Does marriage matter anymore? That’s a question many ask today. But the sacrament of matrimony not only corresponds to our heart’s deepest desires, it leads to better lives and better societies. It is also at the very heart of God’s plan for human happiness. Discover how marriage is a “school of self-giving” in which men and women grow in Christ’s love, and how the key aspects of Christian marriage are at the service of the true love and happiness we desire in our married lives. Also, learn how the grace of the sacrament is available to couples so that they might participate more in Christ’s love and serve as a more profound sign of God’s love in the world.



Dr. Edward Sri

Theologian and author Dr. Edward Sri is an internationally known Catholic speaker who has spoken to hundreds of thousands of audiences – laity, catechists, clergy and religious. He is the host of the video series, “Symbolon,” and a founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), where he serves as Vice President of Formation. Dr. Sri is also adjunct professor at the Augustine Institute in Denver. He lives with his wife and children in Colorado.

7-22 BECOMING THE FACE OF MERCY 🔊

Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD (see bio 3-21)

The prophets used symbolic language to make God present to the people: a burning bush; a mother who cannot forget her child. But, in Jesus, we encounter the human face of God, and through Jesus we come to know the unconditional love and mercy of God. Pope Francis has called on us to become agents of this mercy. We have a mission to proclaim the mystery of God to others. But only when we come to know this God personally can others enter into God’s mystery through us. If we truly are the “face of God” to others ... when they see us, they will also see God.

7-23 FINDING CHRIST ON THE ROAD 🔊

Just like the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus, Jesus comes into our lives in mysterious, everyday ways, empowering us to become the people that God has made us to be. Through song, story and prayer, let’s discover, welcome and embrace the Christ in our midst.



Trevor Thomson

Trevor Thomson is Director of Music at Holy Name of Mary Parish in San Dimas, Calif. The full-time minister of music and liturgy has served as a recording artist and evangelist for 30 years. He is a published song writer and workshop presenter for Oregon Catholic Press and World Library Publications. Thomson has visited most of the United States as well as Canada and Italy through concerts, workshops, liturgies and prayer services. He has seven recordings, most recently the album, “In Shadow and In Light.”

7-70 GIÁO HỘI VỚI NHÓM LGBTQ VÀ THẮC MẮC VỀ TÍNH DỤC 🔊

Linh Mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, PSS (tiểu sử 4-70)

Lời giảng dạy của Giáo Hội về đời sống tính dục đã bị hiểu lầm, bóp méo và xuyên tạc đến độ nhiều bạn trẻ không chấp nhận vì tính vô lý của nó. Nhưng nếu nghiên cứu sâu xa và kỹ lưỡng, chúng ta hiểu được tại sao Giáo Hội có những lời dạy cần thiết này, đặc biệt là với cộng đồng LGBTQ.

THE CHURCH AND SEXUAL MORALITY – HOW TO CARE FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY 🔊

Rev. Matthew Hy K. Nguyen, PSS (see bio 4-70)

The moral teachings of the Church have been misunderstood, twisted and misinterpreted so much that many Catholics do not accept the Church’s teachings on sexual morality and view these teachings as illogical. However, when one explores the magnitude of the moral issues with all their possible dimensions, one understands why the Church teaches what she is teaching, especially with the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) community.



8-01 THE SONG OF WOMEN: RAISING THEIR VOICES IN OUR CHURCH 🎧 ARENA

The place of women in the history of the Church is varied and well documented. Yet, oftentimes in Christianity we have seen the voices and ministry of women ignored, overlooked or discounted. In this workshop, we will dig deeper into why the voices of women are so crucial to the ministry of Christ and to our Catholic faith and identity. Through storytelling, song and prayer, Sarah Hart will guide us through an understanding of this essential demographic in our past history and current times, and explore ways in which we can raise up the voices of women in our own communities of faith. Come prepared to dig deep, laugh, cry and sing loudly!

**Sarah Hart**

Based in Nashville, Tenn., Sarah Hart has been a singer, songwriter, retreat author and keynote speaker for over 20 years. Her itinerant ministry has taken her all over the United States and abroad, performing for countless conventions and events, and even for Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square. A Grammy-nominated songwriter, her songs have been recorded by numerous recording artists and have appeared in TV, film and commercials. Her writing is found in hymnals across the globe.

8-02 GOD HERE AND NOW 🎧**John Angotti (see bio 6-02)**

How can we wake up and see God in everyday experiences? How can we use what we see to respond through the liturgy and allow the liturgy to help us respond to our baptismal call each day? Come explore fresh ideas about what it means to be a disciple at any age, in any ministry role.

8-03 DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP: LIKE, FOLLOW AND SUBSCRIBE**Steve Botsford (see bio 3-03)**

Who and what is a “digital disciple”? This session explores the use of the new standards for technology in ministry, called the Technology Competency Standards for Digital Discipleship. Come and learn creative ways ministers can use online technologies and social media to promote Gospel values. This session is for anyone involved with ministry: technologist, director, coordinator or catechist.

8-04 WE ARE GOD'S HANDS: SONGS TO CELEBRATE AND TEACH MERCY TO CHILDREN 🎧

Here is a workshop for early childhood and elementary teachers. Pope Francis says that we need to think of mercy as a verb – it is something that we do. Come and join Australian Andrew Chinn as he shares songs, stories and strategies for children that will inspire them to bring mercy to life now, into their future and the future of our Church and world.

**Andrew Chinn**

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has visited numerous Catholic elementary schools, performing in more than 2,000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released several CDs, DVDs and, in 2013, joined WLP who publishes and distributes his music in North America.

8-05 AFFECTIVE MATURITY & DISCERNMENT: KEYS FOR THE FORMATION OF MINISTERS TODAY 🎧

Many of the documents of Pope Francis' magisterium include sections devoted to the spiritual principles of the themes in his documents. His public talks often treat themes related to the need to cultivate spirituality, especially affective maturity and discernment. What is the source of the critical importance of these spiritual qualities in the formation of adult ministers (priests, deacons, missionary disciples) today? How does one learn and cultivate these qualities? Why does the Holy Father insist so much on spirituality as fundamental to the reform of the Church sought by the Second Vatican Council and promoted by him with such urgency and effort?

**Fr. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Allan Figueroa Deck has served in both teaching, research and administrative positions at the California universities of Santa Clara and Loyola Marymount. The nationally known speaker has authored or edited nine volumes and more than 60 articles or chapters in books. Fr. Deck has served as founder and first Executive Director of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange and served as first Director of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

8-06 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR LIFELONG ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST 🎧

Parish sacramental preparation programs should be an experience of and a preparation for a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. Drawing on his years of experience as a creator of catechetical resources and as a parish catechist preparing kids for first Communion, first reconciliation and confirmation, Jared Dees will share the most effective ways to ensure that faith formation leads to a heartfelt encounter with Christ and a long-lasting love for him in the sacraments.

**Jared Dees**

Jared Dees is creator of the website *TheReligion-Teacher.com*, which provides resources to religious educators. Formerly Content Marketing Manager at Ave Maria Press, he has presented more than 75 workshops and keynote speeches at dozens of dioceses and parishes throughout North America. Dees is author of many books, including “31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator,” “To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach,” “Christ in the Classroom” and “Beatitales: 80 Fables About the Beatitudes for Children.”

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

In 1973, Msgr. John Barry began what became his 10-year term as Director of CCD. That year, the CCD office was renamed the Office of Religious Education and the Congress event became the "Religious Education Congress," which was held March 1-4 with the theme, "Who Do You Say I Am?" Workshops in Spanish were offered for the first time that year.

8-07 INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM: TIPS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATORS AND JOURNALISTS 🗣️

Jordan Denari Duffner (see bio 4-05)

Do Christians and Muslims believe in the same God? How are Catholicism and Islam similar, and how are they different? Author and scholar Jordan Denari Duffner will introduce attendees to Islam, give a window into the lives and experiences of Muslims, and offer concrete tips for teaching about Islam to Catholic learners of all ages. This session will also be useful for journalists, and will also touch on Catholic teaching on other religions.

8-08 ACCOMPANYING YOUNG ADULTS IN DISCERNMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP 🗣️

Tom East (see bio 5-07)

We are directed to walk with young people and provide accompaniment for them in their faith journey. This workshop will explore the journey of faith for young adults and the implications of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, for parents and ministry leaders working with young adults. Together, we will share some of the starting points for walking with young adults as they discern their role as missionary disciples.

8-09 EVERYDAY HOLINESS 🗣️

Robert Ellsberg (see bio 4-07)

The veneration of saints makes us think that holiness is only for prodigies of the spiritual life founders, mystics and martyrs. Relatively few canonized saints are drawn from "ordinary life" – the realm of work and family where most Christians live. In this session, Robert Ellsberg will draw on figures like St. Therese, Dorothy Day and the teachings of Pope Francis to recognize the pathways of "everyday holiness."

8-10 TRUTH IN THE HEART

Dr. Greer G. Gordon (see bio 6-10)

The Psalmist tells us that "God loves truth in the heart." In an electronic age of fictitious stories and intentional propaganda, truth appears to be hard to find. Yet, those who follow the path of Christ Jesus know that truth is neither elusive nor an illusion. For, God is Truth. This session will explore our contemporary age and the theology of God.

8-11 THE PRESENT MOMENT: A SACRAMENT AND AMBASSADOR 🗣️

Fr. Albert Haase, OFM (see bio 1-10)

In the 19th century, "Abandonment to Divine Providence," a work ascribed to the 18th-century Jesuit priest Jean-Pierre de Caussade, became an instant best-seller and one of the great works of spirituality. In our contemporary age, where "living in the present moment" is a current fad, this 19th-century text offers a Christian and mystical approach to the here and now. This workshop explores the mysticism of the present moment and offers both a technique for living in the present as well as a discussion of its practical effects.

8-12 MUSIC'S ROLE IN A "FIELD HOSPITAL" CHURCH

Pope Francis likens the mission of the Church to a "field hospital" that cleans and heals wounds. "This is the mission of the Church: to heal the wounds of the heart, to open doors, to free people, to say that God is good, [that] God forgives all," he states. In these times of crises, both for the Church and for the life of the world, how do faith communities live as a "field hospital" Church? All the baptized are called to a vocation as evangelists, healers and prophets. Music plays a critical role (as it has throughout the life of the Church). But how do we – together with God's Spirit – translate our songs and prayers into faithful living?



Marty Haugen

For nearly 40 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented concerts, workshops and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. His music appears in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestant denominations. His latest works are "Choose to Hope" and "The Liturgical Ensemble." Marty and his wife, Linda, live in Minnesota.

8-13 LOVING THE DUST WE ARE: RENEWING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN PERSON 🗣️

Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, PhD (see bio 5-12)

This workshop explores the latest developments in the spirituality and theology of human personhood. We begin with developing a greater appreciation for our place within the broader family of creation precisely as part of that same creation. We then examine how we might respond to the contemporary sociological, scientific and philosophical shifts in understanding identity and relationship. Finally, another aim of this workshop includes renewing our sense of sin and grace so that we might develop a mature faith and spirituality to live the Gospel life in the modern world.

8-14 IN TIMES LIKE THESE: A TIME FOR FAITH, A TIME FOR HOPE 🗨️

ValLimar Jansen (see bio 5-13)

ValLimar Jansen will present a model to re-create at your parish or diocese. In times like these, we need parish and civic events that promote faith, hope and unity. ValLimar will use music to foreground and provide reflection and meditation for numerous, two-minute stories that inspire compassion, service and love. Throughout the session, she will weave a tapestry of beautiful sacred music, visuals and two-minute stories from Scripture, the lives of holy men/women, as well as her personal experiences. Ritual and prayer create the framework for this session. Come and experience it, then go home and create your own event like this one!

8-15 CATHOLIC LEADERS TODAY: ENVISION THE FUTURE OR BE ECLIPSED BY IT 🗨️

Fr. Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv (see bio 3-14)

Who is setting the example of mission in our Church today? Too often we look to someone else when people are looking to us. As Church ministers, we can have a unique optic on the local church as well as a powerful role to play in building the Kingdom of God. However, we need to be engaged disciples who envision the future and empower its growth. Let's talk honestly about what that may mean personally and professionally.

8-16 SAINTS AND PROPHETS FOR A CHURCH AND WORLD IN CRISIS 🗨️

Saints and prophets have appeared throughout Church history as forward-looking voices of confidence, hope and healing. Using his own art and stories, Bro. Mickey McGrath will look at some modern prophets who offer us hope and healing in these challenging days of crisis in the Church. The sex abuse crisis is not THE problem, it is merely a symptom of much deeper problems of a Church in desperate need of healing and reform. The "heavenly BFFs" we will explore are women and men who were creative spirits and visionaries and, each in their unique way, inspire us to become spiritually mature, let go of fear, and move forward in faith and hope.

**Bro. Mickey O'Neill McGrath, OSFS**

Bro. Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is an artist, author, speaker and keynote presenter currently living and working in Camden, N.J. He is illustrator and author of 21 award-winning books, including "Be Who You Are," "Our Common Home" and his latest, "A Holy Mosaic." In addition, Bro. Mickey paints commissions for churches and schools throughout the United States. He is also a popular retreat leader and presenter in a variety of venues on the national Catholic circuit.

8-17 IT'S TOO LATE TO PUT MY HAND DOWN: PRACTICAL HELP WITH SCRIPTURAL INTERPRETATION FOR MINISTRY

Suzanne Nawrocki, DMin (see bio 4-18)

Now that you have committed to a ministry involving the Bible, delve into the methodology of Catholic Scripture study as presented in "The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church" by the Pontifical Biblical Commission. Methods and approaches for interpretation of texts will be detailed, advancing their possibilities and noting their limitations. This workshop will make God's Word more accessible to you and to those your ministry reaches.

8-18 THE MUNDANE MERCY OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE 🗨️

Timothy P. O'Malley, PhD (see bio 6-18)

Modern advertising is driven by the possibility of excitement – novelty wins! Family life is often nearly absent from such advertising, since it's far too mundane to cultivate consumer desire. In this session, we'll see how Catholic family life can function as a medicine against consumer desire insofar as we cultivate the disposition to see God acting within the context of the mundane. Participants in this workshop will walk away with five ideas for doing catechesis on the Christian family that avoids the kind of idealism that often sneaks in when teaching about the family in the Church.

8-19 UNLEASHING THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE: MINISTRY POWERED BY THE WORD OF GOD 🗨️

There is a revolution taking place among Catholics when it comes to the Bible. For too long, Catholics kept the Bible at arms-length, thinking that it was a "Protestant thing." Today, however, more and more Catholics are eager to ensure that their ministry is "powered by" God's Word in Scripture. In this engaging session, Joe Paprocki will explain what it means for your ministry to be "biblically animated" or powered by Scripture and will breakdown obstacles that continue to prevent Catholics from embracing the Bible as part and parcel of their ministry and spirituality.

**Joe Paprocki, DMin**

Based just outside of Chicago, Joe Paprocki is the National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press. He has nearly four decades of experience in pastoral ministry and has presented in over 150 dioceses in North America. Paprocki is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis, including his most recent, "Living the Sacraments: Finding God at the Intersection of Heaven and Earth." He blogs about the catechetical ministry at www.catechistsjourney.com.



RECONGRESS TRIVIA:
The Exhibit area in Hall A at RECongress 1999 (held February 11-14) offered 168 exhibitors in 272 booths. At the center of the hall was the rest area with the featured “Clock Tower.” Attendance that year drew 37,000 people.

8-20 A CHURCH WITH OPEN DOORS: A MONASTIC APPROACH TO YOUTH MINISTRY 🎧

Abbot Richard Purcell, OCSO (see bio 2-18)

In his 2019 Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis explains that our youth ministry needs to be inclusive and “show that we are a Church with open doors.” Young people are fascinated by monks and often captivated by a visit to a monastery, but how do monastic communities approach youth ministry? In this workshop, Fr. Richard Purcell will share his own experience of youth ministry from a monastic perspective and will explore what it is about monastic life that interests young people, and what the Rule of St. Benedict and the monastic tradition have to offer them on their faith journey.

8-21 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE RETREATS 🎧

Cooper Ray (see bio 5-19)

Retreats can be a pivotal experience on a young person’s faith journey. We want to develop retreats that are engaging and spiritually uplifting, but where do we even begin? This workshop will provide the basic framework for planning a retreat as well as provide some basic understanding to the dynamic and flow of an effective retreat that engages young people.

8-22 FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES 🎧

Dr. Edward Sri (see bio 7-21)

This presentation helps people from all walks of life – diocesan leaders, parish staff, volunteers, laity – live out the call to be “missionary disciples.” Discover the true meaning of discipleship in ways that will transform our parishes, ministries, families and communities. The more we live as “missionary disciples,” the more we will be the Lord’s instruments in evangelization. (This session is based on Dr. Edward Sri’s newest book on discipleship, “Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ.”)

8-23 CHRISTUS VIVIT: IMPLICATIONS FOR CATECHETICAL LEADERS AND YOUTH MINISTERS 🎧

Joseph D. White, PhD (see bio 6-23)

Pope Francis has a message for young people: “Christ is alive, and he wants you to be alive!” In *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis reflects on the work of the 2018 Synod of Bishops on Young People, The Faith, and Vocational Discernment and offers recommendations for those who minister to youth. In this session, we will walk through the document, discussing practical ways to implement Pope Francis’ message and vision.

8-70 “THÁNH! THÁNH! THÁNH! CHÚA LÀ THIÊN CHÚA CÁC ĐẠO BÌNH” (IS 6:3) – THÁNH KINH VÀ PHỤNG VỤ 🎧

Linh Mục Phạm Đức Thịnh (tiểu sử 5-70)

Buổi hội thảo sẽ tìm hiểu về mối liên quan “tuyệt đối” giữa Thánh Kinh và Phụng vụ. Từ các bản văn Kinh Thánh, các tham dự viên sẽ học hỏi về nguồn gốc của một số lời nguyện, dấu hiệu, biểu tượng và cử chỉ được sử dụng trong các nghi thức Phụng Vụ để họ có thể nắm bắt trọn vẹn các khía cạnh thiêng liêng của Phụng vụ, đặc biệt là trong việc cử hành Thánh lễ.

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF HOSTS...” (IS 6:3) – THE BIBLE AND THE LITURGY 🎧

Rev. Thịnh D. Pham (see bio 5-70)

This workshop will focus on the “indissoluble” connection between the Bible and the Liturgy. From the biblical references, participants will learn the roots and origins of selected prayers, signs, symbols and gestures used in the liturgical celebrations so that they could fully embrace the sacred aspects of the Liturgy, especially in the celebration of the Mass.



HORARIO



TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

Misericordia y Santidad son dos aspectos de la esencia de Dios, y Dios nos invita a vivir de esa manera. Dios insiste, "Sean santos, porque yo, el Señor su Dios, soy santo" (Levítico 19:2).

La lectura dominical que inspira le tema del Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2020 nos reta a que continuemos creyendo en la misericordia y la santidad en medio del conflicto que experimentamos en nuestra vida personal, en la sociedad, la Iglesia y en el mundo. La misericordia y la santidad son inseparables pues no podemos tener santidad sin misericordia. La misericordia de Dios es expresada a través de nuestros actos de amor, y cuando estos actos nacen de la compasión, encarnamos el llamado a la santidad. ¡Cuando respondemos a esta invitación de ser santos y misericordiosos, somos bendecidos con el poder para volver a encender la esperanza que nuestro mundo está luchando por tener!

Los invitamos a participar en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2020 para continuar profundizando en esta audaz invitación de "Vivir la Misericordia y la Santidad".

– Hna. Rosalia Meza, VDMF
Directora, Oficina de Educación Religiosa

¿QUÉ ES EL CONGRESO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA?

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es el evento más grande de su clase en los Estados Unidos. Su objetivo continúa siendo el de ofrecer capacitación y formación espiritual a aquellas personas involucradas en el ministerio catequético y otros ministerios relacionados con la catequesis. Hoy en día, sin embargo, el RECongress va más allá de la formación de los educadores religiosos. Este RECongress 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: \$75 (antes del 10 de enero, 2020); \$85 (después del 10 de enero, 2020). 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: Si no ha enviado su formulario de inscripción antes del 31 de enero del 2020, inscribase por internet o en el Centro de Convenciones. Inscripciones por internet se cerraran a las 9 am del domingo del RECongress.

JUEVES – 20 DE FEBRERO DE 2020

(Horario de Día de los Jóvenes en las páginas 7-15)
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Inscripción y boletos (área de prefunción de Sala B)
Distribución del Programa (prefunción de ACC North)

VIERNES – 21 DE FEBRERO

7:00 am - 3:00 pm Distribución del Programa – prefunción de ACC North – este de la Arena (hasta 12)
Inscripción y boletos (área de prefunción de Sala B)
8:30 - 9:30 am Ceremonia de Apertura 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)
– Tony Alonso y Peter Kolar
Música (Sala B)
– Augustin y Hess
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" 2020 (Convenciones 201)
8:00 pm **Concierto (Arena)**
– "Mujeres en música"
9:00 pm Exposición y Benedición (ACC North 251)

SABADO – 22 DE FEBRERO

7:30 am - 2:30 pm Inscripción y boletos (área de prefunción de Sala B)
Distribución del Programa (área de prefunción ACC North)
7:50 am - 9:30 am Alabanza matutina y Asamblea General
Español (Sala B)
– Obispo Daniel Flores
Inglés (Arena)
– Hna. Teresa Maya, CCVI
10:00 - 11:30 am 4ª Sesión de Conferencias
10:30 am Primera Fila con el Arzobispo Gómez (Sala A)
11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm Música (Arena)
– Las culturas pan-asiáticas
Música (Sala B)
– John Angotti y Craig Colson
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 Sagradas 2020 (ACC North 158)
9:00 pm Oración taizé (ACC North 251)
9:00 pm - 12:00 Baile para jóvenes (Marriott)

DOMINGO – 23 DE FEBRERO

8:00 - 11:00 am Inscripción y boletos
8:00 - 9:30 am Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am 7ª Sesión de Conferencias
11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm Música (Arena)
– WAL
Música (Sala B)
– "Hi God! A Musical Celebration"
1:00 - 2:30 pm 8ª Sesión de Conferencias
3:30 pm Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)

¿QUÉ ES RECONGRESS?

¡El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es la reunión anual más grande de católicos romanos de su tipo en el país! Es la diversidad de idiomas, edades, talleres, liturgias y mucho más lo que hace que la gente regrese año tras año.



TRANSMISIÓN EN VIVO Puede ver el Evento de Apertura del viernes en la Arena transmitiéndose en vivo en las pantallas de la Sala B. Además de nuestra transmisión **RECongress.org/LIVE**, esta es otra oportunidad para ver la experiencia de la Arena en la mañana sin tener que lidiar con la multitud. *(Viernes, Sala B, 8:30-9:30 am)*



CONFERENCISTAS El RECongress ofrecerá conferencias con temas que van desde el crecimiento personal, la música y temas espirituales – se ofrecen en tres idiomas: español, inglés y vietnamita. Otra vez este año nuestra asamblea general será el sábado a las 7:50 am – una en español en la Sala B y otro en inglés en la Arena.



EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE Cada año, el RECongress presenta una exhibición de obras de arte que provee una reflexión sobre el tema de RECongress. En años pasados ha sido por medio de fotografías, pinturas y esculturas. Pase para ver y experimentar las presentaciones de este año. *(en el Lobby de la Arena)*



MUESTRA DE CINE En colaboración con el Centro de Religión y Espiritualidad de la universidad de Loyola Marymount, presentamos una serie de ficción, documentales y películas de dibujos animados, cuyos elementos temáticos se basan en la enseñanza católica, la espiritualidad y la teología. *(Viernes por la tarde)*



ESPACIO SAGRADO Además de la Capilla, Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y el Laberinto, este año enfatizamos las comunidades de fe que responden con actos nacidos de la compasión. Dios te espera para revelar tu forma de vivir la misericordia y la santidad. *(De jueves a domingo, ACC North)*



ILUMINACIONES SAGRADAS Una característica anual del RECongress es Iluminaciones Sagradas: Una coreografía mística de luz y sonido. Este año la Hna. Marie Tulacz, SND, incorpora su más reciente fotografía de bellas artes y reflexión litúrgica, que te invitan a que te entregues al cuidado y corazón de Dios. *(Sábado por la noche)*



EN ANAHEIM

Iniciado como un “Instituto” en 1956, nuestro evento se convirtió en el “CCD Congress” y ahora se conoce como el “Congreso de Educación Religiosa”. Desde 1970 hemos estado en el Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim – cuando la Diócesis de Orange todavía era parte de Los Ángeles.



DÍA DE LA JUVENTUD

El RECongress comienza el jueves, 20 de febrero, con el “Día de la Juventud”, el evento es de alta energía. Es una oportunidad para que los estudiantes – de las secundarias – compartan una mezcla de conferencias, liturgias y manifestaciones animadas. *(Vea las páginas 7-15.)*



ENTRETENIMIENTO

La admisión al RECongress incluye conciertos gratuitos durante el almuerzo y por la noche – que van desde música Cristiana contemporánea a compositores y artistas Latinx líderes hoy en día – además de los eventos del Sábado para los Adultos Jóvenes. *(De viernes a domingo)*



LITURGIAS

Este año ofrecemos 14 liturgias eucarísticas de diferente carácter, incluyendo Celta, Contemplativa, Indonesia, Perspectiva Afroamericana, Perspectiva Vietnamita, Rusa Griega Católica, Español, Adulto Jóvenes, así como oración vespertina y servicio de Taizé. *(Consulte la páginas 20-21)*



VOLUNTARIOS

RECongress no podría funcionar sin esas personas que dan su tiempo. Necesitamos voluntarios para el Día de la Juventud y nuestros días para adultos. Si desea obtener más información sobre cómo ayudar este año en el evento, visite www.RECongress.org/volunteers.htm para ver formas en que puede ayudar.

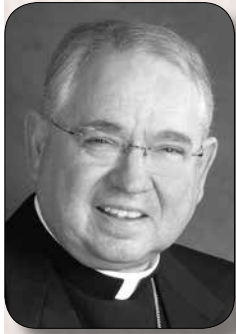


SALA DE EXPOSICIONES

Una de las ventajas de inscribirse es la admisión a la Sala A – con más de 250 compañías como expositores, desde arte religioso hasta música, desde editoriales hasta instituciones educativas, y una variedad de ministerios arquidiocesanos de Los Ángeles. *(De viernes a domingo)*



UN MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO DE LOS ANGELES



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En nombre de toda la familia de Dios de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, ¡quiero darles la bienvenida a nuestro Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2020!

El tema que no reúne en los días del Congreso es “Vive la Misericordia y la Santidad”.

Sabemos que Dios quiere que seamos grandes. Él nos llama a compartir en su propia santidad. En el Sermón de la Montaña, Jesús dijo: “Sean perfectos, como su Padre celestial es perfecto”.

La santidad no implica separación del mundo, sino todo lo contrario. Santidad significa amar a Dios y amar al prójimo en medio del mundo. En nuestras familias, en nuestro trabajo, en nuestro descanso, en todo lo que hacemos.

Los caminos de la santidad son diferentes para cada uno de nosotros. Pero en todo somos llamados a seguir el camino de Jesús, que también nos dijo: “Sean misericordiosos, como su Padre es misericordioso”. Para ser santos entonces, debemos ser misericordiosos, difundiendo la misericordia de Dios por la manera en que vivimos nuestras vidas.

Le pido a Dios que estos días sean un tiempo de renovación para todos ustedes. Que sea también un tiempo para redescubrir el “llamado universal a la santidad” – esta conciencia de que fuimos creados por el Dios santo y vivo, que nos invita a ser santos como él es santo, es decir, a amar como él ama.

En sus oraciones de este fin de semana, les pido que por favor recen por mí y por nuestro ministerio aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Los encomiendo a todos al corazón amoroso de Nuestra Santísima Madre María.

+ José H. Gomez

+ José H. Gomez
Arzobispo de Los Ángeles

UN MENSAJE DEL DIRECTOR DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA



Queridos participantes,

¡Con gran alegría les damos la bienvenida a todos al Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2020!

Este año, el tema del Congreso de Educación Religiosa, “**Vive la misericordia y la Santidad**”, es una invitación radical para crear un mundo más compasivo y amoroso. Estamos invitados a vivir la misericordia y la santidad porque Dios ve nuestra gran capacidad de amar.

Somos muy conscientes de las diversas necesidades de nuestro mundo, y a veces, incluso podemos sentirnos abrumados por las noticias. Afortunadamente, nuestros corazones y nuestras vidas pueden responder al sufrimiento que nos rodea. Dios nos invita, “Sé santo, porque yo, tu Dios, soy santo” (Lv 19:2) y “Sé perfecto, como tu Padre celestial es perfecto” (Mt 5:48). Podemos responder con misericordia a través de actos de amor, y cuando estos actos surgen de un lugar de compasión, nuestra respuesta encarna la santidad de Dios.

Podríamos pensar que solo las personas especiales pueden ser misericordiosas o dignas de ser santas. El Papa Francisco, sin embargo, nos recuerda que “estamos [todos] llamados a ser santos viviendo nuestras vidas con amor y dando testimonio de todo lo que hacemos, donde sea que nos encontremos” (Sobre el llamado a la Santidad en el Mundo Actual, 14)

Los invito a explorar esta atrevida invitación a vivir la Misericordia y la Santidad. Nuestro mundo necesita estas expresiones del amor de Dios a través de nosotros. El tema de este año no solo restaurará nuestra propia esperanza, sino que también nos inspirará, transformará y desafiará a seguir viendo el rostro de Cristo en nosotros mismos y en nuestras comunidades de fe.

Espero darles la bienvenida,

Sr. ROSALÍA MEZA, VDMF

Hna. Rosalía Meza, VDMF
Directora, Oficina de Educación Religiosa
Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles

UN MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL RECONGRESS

Queridos amigos y amigas:

Le damos la bienvenida al Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2020 de Los Ángeles.

Este extraordinario evento de cuatro días comienza con una reunión vibrante de nuestra juventud reflexionando sobre el tema “20/20 a través de los ojos de Dios”. Puede leer más detalles sobre el tema y todos los demás eventos del Día de la Juventud de las páginas 7- 14 de esta guía.

El fin de semana continúa, inspirado en el tema para adultos, “Vive la misericordia y la santidad”, que se extrae de las lecturas de las Escrituras del Séptimo Domingo en el tiempo ordinario. Como la Hna. Rosalia Meza afirma en su tema de reflexión, “La misericordia y la santidad son inseparables porque no hay santidad sin misericordia”.

A medida que pasa el fin de semana, puede disfrutar de las excelentes conferencias ofrecidas en varios idiomas por algunos de los mejores presentadores nacionales e internacionales y diversas oportunidades para la oración litúrgica para rezar y reflexionar. Únase a nosotros para conciertos increíbles, una exposición de arte inspiradora y aprenda sobre nuestras diversas comunidades en la exposición multicultural. Además del Espacio Sagrado, donde se ofrece el sacramento de la reconciliación, asegúrese de pasar un tiempo visitando la Sala de Exposiciones. Una amplia variedad de recursos y representantes de la compañía estarán disponibles para ofrecerle un servicio personalizado. ¡Estas son algunas de las cosas que te esperan!

Las descripciones de la conferencia y las listas de eventos, la información de alojamiento, las instrucciones de registro en línea y por correo se incluyen en esta Guía de registro y se actualizan periódicamente en nuestro sitio web en www.RECongress.org. Puede obtener información adicional enviando un correo electrónico a congress@la-archdiocese.org o llamando a la línea RECongress al (213) 637-7348.

RECongress es una maravillosa oportunidad para renovar amistades y conocer gente de todo el mundo. Si conoce a otras personas que cree que pueden enriquecerse al participar en RECongress, comparta su experiencia con ellos y extienda una invitación personal para unirse a nosotros durante el fin de semana. ¡Nos encantaría verlos! Para aquellos que no pueden unirse a nosotros en Anaheim, recuerden que nuestro evento está disponible a través de nuestra transmisión en vivo en www.RECongress.org/Live.

Nuevamente, esperamos saludarlo en RECongress 2020.



Paulette Smith

Paulette Smith
Directora Asociada
Coordinadora del Evento del RECongress



Jan Pedroza

Jan Pedroza
Coordinadora del Programa del RECongress

UN MENSAJE DEL COORDINADORES DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Es con gran entusiasmo que les damos la bienvenida al Congreso Arquidiocesano de Educación Religiosa 2020.

La formación continua es la que nos sustenta como discípulos misioneros. Los más de 250 conferencias en idiomas inglés, español y vietnamita nos preparan para desempeñar nuestros ministerios eclesiales con mayor eficacia. Cada conferencista viene con una nutrida trayectoria de experiencia, estudios y reflexiones ministeriales que seguramente, van a enriquecer nuestro propio camino de discipulado.

Las conferencias varían en contenido, incluyendo formación en liturgia, escrituras, espiritualidad y desarrollo humano, entre otros. Les animamos a que escojan sus talleres cuidadosa e intencionalmente en un proceso de discernimiento, prestando atención a sus necesidades ministeriales. Recuerden que los conferencias ofrecidos en nuestro Congreso de Educación Religiosa pueden ser utilizados por aquellos que buscan la recertificación tanto para catequistas de nivel básico como para Maestras de Catequistas.

Con gozo anticipado esperamos contar con su presencia para el Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2020.

En Cristo nuestra Santidad, y Misericordia,



Giovanni O. Perez Campos

Giovanni O. Perez Campos
Coordinador de Formación Catequista



Flor de Maria Luna

Flor de Maria Luna
Coordinadora de Formación Catequista

“Le pido a Dios que, en nuestro anhelo de vivir como discípulos misioneros, la misericordia sea un principio fundamental hasta alcanzar la gracia de la santidad otorgada gratuitamente por el Dios de Misericordia”.

“Que, al reunirnos en esta experiencia comunitaria de fe, podamos recibir de nuestro Dios Misericordioso la gracia de seguir creciendo en santidad, mientras nos esforzamos por vivir la Misericordia”.

¡Adultos Jóvenes en el RECongress 2020!

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 RECongress. Acompáñanos en la variedad de experiencias orientadas principalmente para ellos.



LITURGIA DE ADULTOS JÓVENES

Sábado, 22 de febrero a las 5:15 pm – Marriott

Este año, nuestra liturgia trilingüe de adultos jóvenes es celebrada por el Rev. Hung Pham, SJ, profesor asistente de espiritualidad ignaciana en la Escuela Jesuita de Teología en Berkeley, California. La música será dirigida por Ivan Diaz y Paul Nguyen. Venga y adore con otros jóvenes de todo el mundo en esta celebración que destaca los regalos de los adultos jóvenes.



BAILE PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Sábado, 22 de febrero, 9:00 pm-medianoche – Marriott
Costo: \$7 por persona

Mantén el sábado en la noche el ambiente del RECongress. Nuestros DJs pondrán el ambiente y tomaran peticiones para que te “Levantes” y que te la pases increíble. Son bienvenidos los adultos jóvenes de 18 a 39 años. Se requiere identificación con fotografía para entrar. Se venderán bebidas y tendremos una estación de agua de cortesía. NO se admitirán botellas ni contenedores de agua al entrar.

TE INVITAMOS A CONSIDERAR ESTAS 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.)

Iván Díaz

7-55* El camino a la santidad: Una invitación a todas las generaciones

Robert McCarty, DMin

7-13* Engaging and Accompanying Young People: The Challenge and the Blessing!

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale

6-17* Applying Brain-Based Learning to Make Learning Stick and Faith “Sticky”

Rev. Augustino Torres, CFR

6-59* Estrategias para iniciar un ministerio de jóvenes adultos

Andrew Chinn

1-04* Jesus, You Are Here for Me: Finding Hope Amid the Struggle of Mental Illness

Jordan Denari Duffner

4-05* Islam and Interreligious Dialogue: How Our Catholic Faith Calls Us to Dialogue and Action

Rev. David Dwyer, CSP

4-06* Pope Francis to Young Adults: “Grow in Holiness”

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

4-10* Friendship and Christian Vocation: Is Anyone Ever Really Single?

Sarah Hart

1-02* God Help Me! Getting Teens Excited About Mass

Paul Jarzebowski

2-11* Ministry with Young People Through an Intercultural Perspective

Anne Kertz Kernion

1-14* Neuroscience and Spirituality for Teens and Young Adults

Douglas Leal

7-11* “What Now, God?” Listening for God’s Call and Finding Our Path

Fr. Michael Martin, OFM Conv

3-14* “Who Do People Say That I Am?” What Young Adults Are Saying ...

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale

3-16* Aligning Our Vision of Youth and Young Adult Ministries with *Christus Vivit*

Leonardo Mongui-Casas, MA

1-54* La formación integral para mejores discípulos misioneros

Timothy O’Malley, PhD

6-18* The Mercy of Marriage in a Hookup World

Sherry Weddell

3-22* From Christendom to Missiondom: Forming Intentional Disciples in the New Normal

Alonso, Tony.....	5-02	Mongui-Casas, Leonardo.....	1-54*, 5-57*
Angulo, Katherine.....	4-51*, 8-52*	Muñoz-Visoso, María del Mar.....	6-56*, 8-57*
Barraza, Ana.....	1-52*, 7-52*	Murua, Marcelo.....	1-55*, 6-57*
Cano Valero, Dr. Julia.....	3-52*, 6-52*	Ocegueda Juárez, María Elena.....	1-56*, 4-55*
Cavazos-González, Prof. Gilberto.....	2-04*, 4-52*	Ospino, Dr. Hosffman.....	7-15*, 8-51*
Chávez Sánchez, Canónigo Dr. Eduardo.....	5-52*, 7-53*	Ovando, Rev. Sergio.....	2-55*
Cuda de Dunbar, Emilce.....	5-53*, 8-53*	Palazzi, Prof. Felix.....	2-56*, 7-57*
Deck, Rev. Allan Figueroa.....	7-54*, 8-05*	Palomo de Fernández, Constanza.....	5-55*
Díaz, Iván.....	1-07*, 7-55*	Prinz, Dr. Julia.....	3-55*
Elias-Juarez, Dr. Marco.....	2-52*	Rodríguez Zambrana, Rev. Domingo.....	1-51*, 4-56*
Espín, Dr. Orlando.....	5-54*	Romero, Mario.....	8-58*
Felix-Rivera, Sr. Karla.....	3-06*, 7-56*	Romero, Sr. Maria.....	2-57*, 4-57*
Fernandez, Rev. Eduardo.....	5-51*, 8-54*	Ruiz, Msgr. Lucio.....	2-58*, 4-58*
Fernández, Santiago.....	1-53, 5-55*	Salvatierra, Rev. Alexia.....	1-22*, 3-56*
Flecha Andrés, Rev. José-Román.....	3-51*, 6-53*	Santos, Marilyn.....	2-11*, 6-58*
Flores, Bishop Daniel.....	Key*	Soto, Luis.....	3-57*, 8-59*
Grzona, Ricardo.....	2-53*, 6-54*	Suárez Trueba, Cecilia.....	3-58*, 5-21*
Gutiérrez, Fr. Michael.....	5-58*, 7-58*	Tabares Ramírez, Héctor.....	1-57*, 6-51*
Hurteau, Dr. Robert.....	3-53*	Tobar Mensbrugge, Dr. Dora.....	1-58*, 4-59*
Jiménez Rodríguez, Fr. Manuel.....	4-53*, 8-55*	Torres, Rev. Augustino.....	3-59*, 6-59*
Kolar, Peter.....	5-02, 8-56	Trujillo, Lic. Yunuen.....	3-07*, 5-58*, 7-58*
López, Sergio.....	YD , 2-54*	Valenzuela, Victor.....	2-59*
Matovina, Dr. Timoteo.....	4-54*, 6-55*	Velez Caro, Dr. Olga.....	5-59*, 7-59*
Maya, Sr. Teresa.....	2-51*, Key*	Yzaguirre, Dr. John.....	4-22*, 7-51*
Medina, Dr. José Antonio.....	3-54*, 5-56*		

🔊 y * sesiones grabadas disponibles a la venta; **KEY** = Asamblea General; **YD** = Día de la Juventud

ALABANZA MATUTINA Y ASAMBLEA GENERAL

Convention Sala B – Sábado, 7:50 am



OBISPO DANIEL E. FLORES, STD

“Ojos abiertos, corazones vivos, manos a la obra: La Misericordia, acción de Dios en el mundo” 🔊

La obra de Cristo a través de la cual Él nos ofrece la salvación llega a tocarnos precisamente como acción de misericordia aliviando nuestras penas. Aceptar el amor del Señor con fe introduce dentro de nosotros el desarrollo dinámico de la gracia de Cristo mismo, y esta gracia está destinada a convertirnos en agentes de su acción misericordiosa en el mundo. La fe nos mueve a buscar a Jesús en el prójimo para corresponderle a Jesús el amor compasivo que nos ha dado. Nuestro esfuerzo de misericordia es expresión concreta de la gracia, dándonos ojos que ven, corazones vivos, y manos para trabajar. El único camino que conduce a la salvación es el camino que se abre al corazón misericordioso. Primeramente Dios, de esto hablaremos.

CATEGORIAS

Catequesis

1-52* 1-55* 1-57* 2-55* 2-57*
2-59* 4-51* 4-55* 4-56* 4-57*
5-56* 5-57* 6-51* 6-54* 6-57*
6-58* 7-52* 7-55* 8-54* 8-59*

Crecimiento y Desarrollo Humana

1-54* 1-56* 1-57* 1-58* 2-52*
2-54* 3-52* 3-53* 3-55* 4-58*
4-59* 5-53* 6-51* 7-54* 7-56*

Eclesiología

3-54* 5-52* 5-59* 7-53* 8-58*

Ecuménico

3-56* 4-53*

Escrituras

2-53* 2-55* 2-56* 3-55* 3-57*
4-53* 5-56* 7-57* 8-58* 8-59*

Espiritualidad/Oración

1-51* 1-53 1-55* 1-58* 2-51*
2-52* 2-53* 2-57* 3-51* 3-55*
4-52* 4-54* 5-55* 6-53* 6-55*
7-51* 7-54* 7-55* 7-56* 8-56

Evangelización

1-52* 1-58* 2-51* 2-53* 2-54*
2-57* 2-58* 2-59* 3-57* 4-51*
4-55* 5-51* 5-52* 5-56* 6-56*
6-58* 6-59* 7-52* 7-53* 7-55*
8-51* 8-53* 8-54* 8-55* 8-57*

Familia/Clases para Padres

3-51* 4-57* 5-55* 6-52* 6-53*
7-51* 8-52*

Formación para Adultos

1-51* 1-55* 1-56* 2-59* 3-52*
3-54* 4-55* 4-56* 4-57* 4-59*
5-53* 5-54* 6-52* 6-57* 7-51*
7-54* 7-56* 8-51* 8-58*

Homosexualidad

5-58* 7-58

Iniciación Cristiana

4-53* 6-57* 8-55*

Inmigración

3-56* 3-58*

Jóvenes Adultos

1-54* 4-59* 5-57* 5-58* 6-54*
6-59* 8-52*

Liderazgo Parroquial

1-54* 1-57* 2-54* 3-54* 4-51*
4-56* 5-57* 5-58* 6-51* 6-54*

Liturgia

1-53 3-59* 5-51* 6-55* 8-56

Mariología

4-54* 6-55* 7-57*

Medios de Comunicación

2-58*

Ministerio Juvenil

6-59* 7-55*

Moralidad

1-51* 3-51* 3-53* 6-53*

Multiculturalismo

6-56* 8-54*

Música

1-53 3-59* 8-56

Necesidades Especiales

1-52* 7-52*

Paz y Justicia

3-56* 3-58* 5-51* 5-53* 5-54*
5-59* 8-51* 8-53* 8-57*

Perspectivo Hispano

2-51* 2-56* 3-53* 3-58* 4-52*
4-54* 6-56* 6-58* 8-57*

Problemas de las mujeres

4-52* 6-52* 7-59* 8-53*

Sacramentos

3-59* 8-55*

Tecnología

4-58*

Temas de la Vida

1-56* 2-52* 3-52* 4-58* 5-55*
5-58* 7-59* 8-52*

Teología

2-55* 2-56* 2-58* 3-57* 5-52*
5-54* 5-59* 7-53* 7-57* 7-59*
8-59*

SESIÓN 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-51 **¿Por qué no creemos que podemos ser santos? (*) - Rev. Domingo Rodríguez**
- 1-52 **Principios básicos para la catequesis con personas con discapacidades (*) - Ana Barraza**
- 1-53 **La espiritualidad del músico litúrgico: ¿Estamos realmente viviendo lo que cantamos en misa? - Santiago Fernández**
- 1-54 **La formación integral para mejores discípulos misioneros (*) - Leonardo Mongui-Casas**
- 1-55 **La clave misericordia para vivir como cristianos del siglo XXI a la luz de Francisco (*) - Marcelo Murua**
- 1-56 **La santidad está más cerca de lo que pensamos (*) - María Elena Ocegueda**
- 1-57 **El liderazgo centrado en virtudes: Un camino seguro hacia la santidad (*) - Héctor Tabares Ramírez**
- 1-58 **Eucaristía y sanación (*) - Dra. Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**

SESIÓN 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-51 **Vive la misericordia y recaptura la alegría de tu ministerio (*) - Katherine Angulo**
- 4-52 **Santa María: Imagen y semejanza del Padre de Misericordias (*) - Prof. Gilberto Cavazos-González**
- 4-53 **Catequesis bíblico-narrativa: Para el Encuentro con Cristo (*) - P. Manuel Jiménez Rodríguez**
- 4-54 **María en la espiritualidad hispana (*) - Dr. Timoteo Matovina**
- 4-55 **El camino de la misericordia: Un reto para la catequesis actual (*) - María Elena Ocegueda**
- 4-56 **La búsqueda de la santidad en la Iglesia actual (*) - Rev. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana**
- 4-57 **Catequesis familiar (*) - Hna. María Romero**
- 4-58 **Felicidad y tecnología: Un desafío para el hombre (*) - Mons. Lucio Ruiz**
- 4-59 **El amor a sí mismo: Antídoto al egoísmo (*) - Dra. Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**

SESIÓN 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-51 **Como superar el desánimo en la vida familiar (*) - Dr. John Yzaguirre**
- 7-52 **Con propósito catequético y evangelizador hacia las personas con discapacidades (*) - Ana Barraza**
- 7-53 **La imagen del amor (*) - Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez**
- 7-54 **Madurez afectiva y descendimiento: Claves para la formación de ministros hoy (*) - Rev. Allan Figueroa Deck**
- 7-55 **El camino a la santidad: Una invitación a todas las generaciones (*) - Iván Díaz**
- 7-56 **Estresado y abrumado: “¡Ten piedad de mí, Señor!” (*) - Hna. Karla Felix-Rivera**
- 7-57 **“¡Alegrate María”: María como icono de la santidad y la misericordia (*) - Felix Palazzi**
- 7-58 **Siendo Iglesia de Encuentro con católicos LGBTQ: Los 5 pasos del modelo de encuentro de Jesús (*) - Lic. Yunuen Trujillo y P. Michael Gutiérrez**
- 7-59 **Violencia contra la mujer y la cruz de Cristo: ¿Un camino de santidad? (*) - Dra. Olga Velez Caro**

SESIÓN 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-51 **La compasión hace justicia: Un llamado para todos los días (*) - Hna. Teresa Maya**
- 2-52 **Más “mindfulness”, menos estrés y mayor bienestar (*) - Dr. Marco Elias-Juarez**
- 2-53 **Hacia una espiritualidad aterrizada en la cultura de los jóvenes (*) - Ricardo Grzona**
- 2-54 **Escuchar con el corazón: Introducción a los cuatro niveles de la escucha (*) - Sergio López**
- 2-55 **“Sed perfectos como vuestro Padre celestial es perfecto” (Mt 5,38) – Jesús nos llama a la santidad (*) - Rev. Sergio Ovando**
- 2-56 **Lectura del libro del Génesis 2,4: “Creados en santidad y justicia” (*) - Prof. Felix Palazzi**
- 2-57 **Espiritualidad y misión profética de los catequistas (*) - Hna. María Romero**
- 2-58 **La ternura como canal de comunicación desde el ministerio de Papa Francisco (*) - Mons. Lucio Ruiz**
- 2-59 **Formando discípulos misioneros llenos de misericordia y santidad (*) - Victor Valenzuela**

SESIÓN 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-51 **La justicia social al servicio de la encarnación del evangelio (*) - Rev. Eduardo Fernandez**
- 5-02 **Caminemos con Jesús/Let Us Walk with Jesus - Tony Alonso y Peter Kolar**
- 5-52 **La verdad de Guadalupe (*) - Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez**
- 5-53 **Misericordia y santidad: La propuesta del Papa Francisco para la transformación ecológica integral (*) - Emilce Cuda**
- 5-54 **Compasión: Misericordia solidaria (*) - Dr. Orlando Espín**
- 5-55 **La transmisión de la fe en la familia: Cómo mantener a los hijos cerca de Dios (*) - Santiago Fernández y Constanza Palomo de Fernández**
- 5-56 **La biblia en los ministerios (*) - Dr. José Antonio Medina**
- 5-57 **¿Cómo enamorarse de la Palabra? (*) - Leonardo Mongui-Casas**
- 5-58 **Herramientas para construir puentes con los católicos LGBTQ (*) - Lic. Yunuen Trujillo y P. Michael Gutiérrez**
- 5-59 **Un laicado “santo” comprometido con la justicia (*) - Dra. Olga Velez Caro**

SESIÓN 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-51 **El activismo cristiano como una práctica de santidad (*) - Dr. Hossfman Ospino**
- 8-52 **¡Pastoral juvenil en donde no se balconea la vida sino se vive! (*) - Katherine Angulo**
- 8-53 **La mujer en una Iglesia en salida: El lenguaje simbólico (*) - Emilce Cuda**
- 8-54 **Culturas y misión: El Evangelio encarnado (*) - Rev. Eduardo Fernandez**
- 8-55 **Pastoral renovada de los sacramentos de iniciación cristiana (*) - P. Manuel Jiménez Rodríguez**
- 8-56 **El derecho y el deber de cantar como pueblo de Dios - Peter Kolar**
- 8-57 **Abramos nuestros corazones: El racismo, un atentado contra la dignidad humana (*) - María del Mar Muñoz-Visoso**
- 8-58 **El Evangelio de los Cristianos de Antioquia (*) - Mario Romero**
- 8-59 **Tres días después ... Discípulos de Cana a la cruz (*) - Luis Soto**

SESIÓN 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-51 **Misericordiosos como el Padre (*) - Rev. José-Román Flecha Andrés**
- 3-52 **Reflexionando sobre la relación de ayuda y la comunicación constructiva (*) - Dra. Julia Cano Valero**
- 3-53 **¿Prohibidos los abrazos? La ética pastoral y las normas legales para los ministros pastorales (*) - Dr. Robert Hurteau**
- 3-54 **La Iglesia católica en el siglo XXI (*) - Dr. José Antonio Medina**
- 3-55 **¡Que vea! Una espiritualidad a través de la biblia (*) - Dra. Julia Prinz**
- 3-56 **El poder del ecumenismo en una crisis migratoria (*) - Rev. Alexia Salvatierra**
- 3-57 **La fe vence el miedo: El seguimiento de Jesús en el Evangelio de San Marcos (*) - Luis Soto**
- 3-58 **La nueva cara de la migración: Compartiendo el viaje de las personas migrantes desde una perspectiva psicosocial (*) - Cecilia Suárez Trueba**
- 3-59 **Lectores, ministros, músicos y su papel en la liturgia (*) - Rev. Augustino Torres**

SESIÓN 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-51 **Fundamentos esenciales del auténtico liderazgo: Misericordia de Dios en acción (*) - Héctor Tabares Ramírez**
- 6-52 **Infancia desvalida, familias destruidas: ¿Que podemos hacer? (*) - Dra. Julia Cano Valero**
- 6-53 **Los secretos de la felicidad (*) - Rev. José-Román Flecha Andrés**
- 6-54 **Christus Vivit: La enseñanza del papa para ser santos (*) - Ricardo Grzona**
- 6-55 **María en la devoción, en la liturgia y en la comunión de los santos (*) - Dr. Timoteo Matovina**
- 6-56 **Un solo cuerpo: La Iglesia, comunión en la diversidad (*) - María Muñoz-Visoso**
- 6-57 **El RICA: Camino para iniciar a la misericordia y la santidad al estilo de Jesús (*) - Marcelo Murua**
- 6-58 **Vino nuevo del Papa Francisco para la catequesis (*) - Marilyn Santos**
- 6-59 **Estrategias para iniciar un ministerio de jóvenes adultos (*) - Rev. Augustino Torres**



I-51 ¿POR QUÉ NO CREEMOS QUE PODEMOS SER SANTOS? 🗣️ SALA B

Aceptar el llamado universal a la santidad como lo hace el Capítulo V de la *Lumen Gentium*, no es fácil desde una espiritualidad no renovada. Con el beneficio de una visión del ser humano toma el lugar de encuentro de la Divinidad, entonces ese llamado se hace más persuasivo. Hemos heredado una larga historia de descrédito de nuestra condición humana. Si nos vamos a comprometer en alcanzar la santidad, tendríamos que rescatar nuestra reputación. Esta conferencia es para los que todavía se atreven a creer que podemos ser santos ... ¡sí, especialmente los casados!

**Rev. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST**

El padre Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, un Siero Misionero de la Santísima Trinidad, con sede en Los Angeles, es predicador y facilitador de retiros, misiones y conferencias de las comunidades hispanas en los Estados Unidos, Puerto Rico, 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. El padre Rodríguez fue párroco por 14 años. También, es presidente del Consejo Nacional Católicos de Pastoral Hispana y vicepresidente de la Asociación Nacional de Sacerdotes Hispanos.

I-52 PRINCIPIOS BÁSICOS PARA LA CATEQUESIS CON PERSONAS CON (DIS)CAPACIDADES 🗣️

Comenzando esta sesión con una oración que incorpore el lenguaje de señas americana (ASL), daremos un vistazo a los documentos de nuestra Iglesia católica que han moldeado la catequesis y la evangelización para las personas con (dis)capacidades. Aprenderemos sobre las diferentes modalidades de aprendizaje y cómo integrarlas a nuestro propio servicio. Descubriremos cómo los santos ignacianos fueron corresponsables creativos al catequizar a los más necesitados. Acabaremos con una oración incorporando movimientos kinestésicos.

**Ana Barraza**

Ana Barraza es oradora católica, líder catequético nacional del Loyola Press Speaker Corps y maestra titulada de Educación Especial (inglés y español). Actualmente sirve en la Diócesis de Sacramento, California. Barraza es bilingüe y ha prestado sus servicios como catequista, coordinadora de Pastoral Juvenil, líder catequética parroquial, música pastoral y directora de retiros por más de 25 años. Ella ha dedicado a impartir talleres de capacitación para catequizar y evangelizar a aquellos/as que sirven y/o son padres de personas con discapacidades.

TRIVIA DE RECONGRESS:

En 1956, además de los programas de capacitación para la Cofradía de la Doctrina Cristiana, mejor conocido como "CCD", los maestros celebraron durante todo el año y un domingo, se celebró una reunión de educación religiosa de tres horas en el Immaculate Heart College, que se convirtió en el génesis del Congreso de Educación Religiosa.

I-53 LA ESPIRITUALIDAD DEL MUSICO LITÚRGICO: ¿ESTAMOS REALMENTE VIVIENDO LO QUE CANTAMOS EN MISA?

En su documento, "Cantemos al Señor – La Música en el Culto Divina", los obispos estadounidenses nos dicen que, antes que nada, los músicos litúrgicos "son ministros que comparten la fe, sirven a la comunidad, y expresan su amor a Dios y al prójimo a través de la música". En esta sesión, Santiago Fernández nos hablara de la importante dimensión espiritual del ministerio litúrgico-musical. ¿Como estamos poniendo esto en práctica? ¿Cuánto tiempo le dedicamos al crecimiento espiritual de nuestros coros parroquiales? ¿Somos realmente modelo de servicio, amor y caridad en nuestras comunidades parroquiales? ¿Qué función tiene el canto como fuente de gracia y bendición en nuestras vidas? Se reflexionará en todo esto y más ... ¡vengan con el corazón abierto, los oídos atentos y sus bocas listas para alabar a Dios cantando y orando todos juntos!

**Santiago Fernández**

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por más de 30 años. Él trabaja actualmente en la parroquia de La Sagrada Familia en Novi, Michigan, como director de música y también como presentador de talleres para Oregon Catholic Press. Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, director musical de National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, Instituto Fe y Vida, y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006. También fue miembro del comité de liturgia para el V Encuentro del 2018.

I-54 LA FORMACIÓN INTEGRAL PARA MEJORES DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS 🗣️

Una de las grandes peticiones de los jóvenes – tanto en los espacios de escucha a nivel nacional como en el V Encuentro y a nivel mundial en el Sínodo de los Obispos y la consecuente exhortación *Christus Vivit* – ha sido la formación de los líderes juveniles. Trazaremos algunas líneas de acción importantes para que nuestros ministerios con jóvenes forjen verdaderos discípulos misioneros no solo a nivel teórico sino ante todo vivencial.

**Leonardo Mongui-Casas, MA**

Nació en Bogotá, Colombia, Leonardo Mongui es biblista y Magister en Pastoral Juvenil, se ha dedicado por más de 10 años a la formación del liderazgo pastoral y la Animación Bíblica de la Pastoral Juvenil en distintos lugares de Latinoamérica. Ha realizado su ministerio dentro de reconocidas instituciones como Central de Juventudes (Colombia), el Instituto Fe y Vida (Estados Unidos) y Sociedad Bíblica Colombiana, en donde ha coordinado procesos formativos para jóvenes y adultos. Es parte del equipo editorial de la Biblia Católica para Jóvenes y coordinó la Biblia Católica para la Fe y la Vida.

I-55 LA CLAVE MISERICORDIA PARA VIVIR COMO CRISTIANOS DEL SIGLO XXI A LA LUZ DE FRANCISCO

Las enseñanzas del Papa Francisco tienen como eje la misericordia. Para vivir como cristianos hoy debemos volver a las fuentes más hondas de nuestra fe y descubrir el rostro Todo Misericordioso del Dios de la Vida. “Misericordia” es el nombre para anunciar a Dios hoy y es el camino para vivir en santidad.



Marcelo A. Murua

Marcelo Murua es un catequista y formador laico con 25 años de experiencia en cursos de formación de biblia, catequesis y espiritualidad, presenciales y a distancia. Es miembro de la Sociedad de Catequistas Latinoamericanos y Coordinador Escuela Diaconado y Equipo de Animación Bíblica en la Diócesis de Bariloche, Argentina. Murua ha publicado más de 30 libros para distintas editoriales de habla hispana. Especialista en desafío de cursos de formación pastoral por internet, con más de 25 cursos en línea en BuenasNuevas.com

I-56 LA SANTIDAD ESTÁ MÁS CERCA DE LO QUE PENSAMOS

¿Crees que la santidad es sólo para personas excepcionales? ¿Te consideras tan humanamente débil y pecador que el camino de santidad queda muy lejos? Enfrentar nuestras debilidades no es fácil, pero hay una buena noticia: mientras más humano ... más claro el camino a seguir. ¡Mirar y actuar con misericordia, eso es santidad! La miseria de nuestro pecado es revestida por la misericordia del amor de Dios. Ven y descubre en esta sesión cuál es tu propio camino hacia la santidad.



María Elena Ocegueda Juárez

Nació en Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, María Elena Ocegueda se creció en una colonia popular al sur de la ciudad, donde descubrió desde muy temprana edad una vocación a la catequesis y aprendió el valor del trabajo en la comunidad. Actualmente es Secretaria Ejecutiva de la Sección Diocesana de Evangelización y Catequesis en la Arquidiócesis de Guadalajara. Es catequista desde 1990, su experiencia en la catequesis ha permitido dirigir y concretar diversos itinerarios y materiales catequísticos para la infantes y adolescentes. También, es Promotora del Desarrollo Humano, acompañante y facilitadora de grupos.

I-57 EL LIDERAZGO CENTRADO EN VIRTUDES, UN CAMINO SEGURO HACIA LA SANTIDAD

Sabemos que la persona hoy busca afanosamente el camino que la lleve a las más altas cumbres del éxito y la felicidad, y en esta acelerada búsqueda deshecha los más valiosos diamantes a la vera del camino, que son las virtudes, regalo divino (fe, esperanza, caridad) y conquista humana (justicia, prudencia, templanza y fortaleza). Reflexionaremos sobre uno de los tesoros que nos ha propuesto nuestra madre y maestra la Iglesia Católica como un camino seguro hacia la plena realización personal y lo que los católicos llamamos la santidad; y que los autores a su vez llaman hoy desarrollo del liderazgo.



Héctor Hugo Tabares Ramírez

Radica en Colombia, Héctor Tabares Ramírez es el Director Ejecutivo de la Fundación Central de Juventudes, institución emblemática y pionera de la Pastoral Juvenil en América Latina. En la actualidad, es asesor de la Conferencia Episcopal de Colombia en los departamentos de Cultura, Educación y universidades; y Pastoral Juvenil. Ha sido conferencista especializado en el tema de liderazgo en todos los momentos de vida por más de 30 años y fue el fundador de los Encuentros de Emprendedores y Empresarios Católicos en Colombia.

I-58 EUCARISTÍA Y SANACIÓN

La Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía trae para nosotros los bienes prometidos para el tiempo mesiánico: “los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, ... los oprimidos serán liberados”. Aproximémonos juntos a reflexionar sobre este misterio y preparémonos para empezar a gustar estar bendiciones.



Dora Tobar van de Mensbrugge

Dora Tobar es Directora de la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana. Es conferencista y profesora invitada en muchos institutos de formación pastoral y diócesis dentro de los Estados Unidos y otros países. Tobar es editora y colaboradora para varias publicaciones. Desafió el programa denominado “La Pareja Feliz” y fue jefe redactora de la página web para las parejas hispanas de la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos. Se ha dedicado especialmente a la investigación y desarrollo de programas de formación espiritual y vida familiar.

TRIVIA DE RECONGRESS:

En 1969, se celebró el “Southern California Confraternity Congress” en el International Hotel, cerca de LAX. Era obvio que el evento estaba superando las instalaciones: las habitaciones de hotel se usaban para sesiones de conferencia; se retiraron las camas y los televisores y se introdujeron sillas y pantallas de proyección. Observe la lámpara en la esquina y el espejo en la pared detrás de la pizarra portátil.



2-51 LA COMPASIÓN HACE JUSTICIA: UN LLAMADO PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS 🎧 SALA B

La compasión es el rostro de la misericordia. Esta conferencia invitara a los participantes a explorar cómo la compasión se vive en acciones concretas. El seguimiento de Jesús nos llama a ser cristianos comprometidos con el Reino de Dios. La compasión de la que habla Jesús es siempre un acto de justicia. La conferencia tomara tres enfoques: el llamado a la compasión que hace justicia en el Evangelio; la invitación de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia a la justicia; y la centralidad de una cultura del encuentro para que se viva la justicia en la vida diaria.

**Hna. Teresa Maya, CCVI**

Desde 1994, la Hermana Teresa Maya pertenece a la Congregación de las Hermanas de la Caridad del Verba Encarnado en San Antonio, Texas. Su experiencia ministerial es en el área de educación y ha servido como maestra, profesora de historia y administradora. Tiene una pasión por la formación de agentes para la pastoral hispana en los Estados Unidos. La Hermana Maya sirvió en la presidencia de la Conferencia de Religiosas de los Estados Unidos de 2016-19. Actualmente, sirve como Superiora General de su congregación.

2-52 MÁS MINDFULNESS, MENOS ESTRÉS Y MAYOR BIENESTAR 🎧

En esta conferencia, se proporcionará teoría y herramientas prácticas para que los/as participantes desarrollen la habilidad de mantener una “conciencia plena” (mindfulness) enfocada en lo positivo, en lo que proporciona paz y sentido y que lleguen a hacer que el mindfulness se convierta en un hábito de vida que les ayude a manejar mejor los miedos, la ansiedad y el estrés. También analizaremos como el mindfulness puede contribuir a la salud psicológica en nuestras vidas y en nuestro ministerio.

**Dr. Marco A. Elias-Juarez**

Marco Elías-Juarez es Director Asociado del Departamento de Planificación Pastoral y Transiciones por la Diócesis de San Bernardino, California. Ha colaborado como instructor de temas teológicos en la Diócesis de San Bernardino y conferencista en los Congresos Regionales y Arquidiocesano de Educación Religiosa de Los Angeles. Elías-Juarez también trabaja como terapeuta familiar y de pareja para Caridades Católicas en San Bernardino-Riverside y para el Colegio Comunitario de San Bernardino.

2-53 HACIA UNA ESPIRITUALIDAD ATERRIZADA EN LA CULTURA DE LOS JÓVENES 🎧

El maestro de religión se encuentra comúnmente con el dilema si la teoría que se enseñan se puede llevar a la práctica. ¿Los recursos de espiritualidad están presentes en las temáticas que se enseñan? En esta conferencia, mostraremos unas propuestas educativas que nos llevan de la teoría a la práctica de una espiritualidad encarnada en la cultura de los jóvenes actuales, respetando siempre la tradición y el magisterio de la Iglesia en los lenguajes actuales.

**Ricardo Grzona**

Ricardo Grzona fue rector de la Universidad Champagnat de Mendoza, Argentina, la ciudad donde nació. Dirigió Departamentos de Educación y Catequesis del CELAM, y actualmente es presidente de la Fundación Ramón Pané en Miami, Florida. Grzona ha dedicado su vida a formar en la espiritualidad bíblica a catequistas y jóvenes. Dirige los programas de Lectio Divina para jóvenes (www.cristonautas.com) y para niños (www.misioneritos.com) con miles de seguidores en todas las Américas.

2-54 ESCUCHAR CON EL CORAZÓN: INTRODUCCIÓN A LOS CUATRO NIVELES DE LA ESCUCHA 🎧

El arte de escuchar es una de las habilidades más importantes del liderazgo. Aunque nuestra cultura occidental idealiza al predicador carismático, un vistazo a las diversas culturas nos muestra que hay un poder en la escucha profunda que actualmente está ausente de gran parte del cristianismo contemporáneo. Esta conferencia interactiva explorará el tema de la escucha desde una perspectiva contemplativa y ofrecerá un marco que puede ayudar a ministros parroquiales a fortalecer esta capacidad esencial. Esta conferencia es para todos/as quienes desean responder al reto de Santa Benedicta a “escuchar con el oído del corazón”.

**Sergio López**

Sergio López es un agente de pastoral social profesional, un entrenador y un ex director de pastoral juvenil con más de 10 años de experiencia ministerial. Desde el 2014 el nativo de California ha estado trabajando para Catholic Relief Services y ahora como Gerente de Relaciones Comunitarias. López se ha presentado en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles y los Congresos Regionales, así como en el Día de la Juventud Diocesana de Fresno, el Instituto de Liderazgo Cristiano en Santa Bárbara, California, y el Centro para el Ministerio y el Desarrollo en Buffalo, Nueva York.

2-55 “SED PERFECTOS COMO VUESTRO PADRE CELESTIAL ES PERFECTO” (MT 5,38) – JESÚS NOS LLAMA A LA SANTIDAD 🎧

Como discípulos de Cristo, estamos llamados la santidad, pero una santidad sin límites de tal modo que seamos luz para el mundo, esto solo puede lograrse en una profunda búsqueda de la perfección teniendo como modelo la perfección – santidad divina. El capítulo 5 de Mateo nos muestra el modo de vivir la vida cristiana como un camino de imitación y filiación para que seamos dignos hijos de nuestro padre que está en los cielos. La santidad que se busca es aquella que llena el alma de alegría y gozo a la luz de las bienaventuranzas, buscando vivir la plenitud de la ley.

**P. Sergio Noe Ovando**

El padre Sergio Ovando es párroco de St. Catherine of Alexandria en Morgan Hill, California, y Profesor de Sagrada Escritura en el Instituto de Liderazgo de la Diócesis de San José. Como biblista ha centrado sus estudios en el Nuevo Testamento, especialmente en el Evangelio de San Mateo. El padre Ovando

oriundo de Argentina, ha servido a la Iglesia en Italia, Alemania, Ucrania y en los Estados Unidos. Sus 26 años de sacerdocio lo han expuesto a diversas culturas y lenguas, al mismo tiempo que ha tenido la experiencia misionera, tiempo y dedicación para la investigación y para estudios bíblicos, años de docencia en colegios, universidades y seminarios.

2-56 LECTURA DEL LIBRO DEL GENESIS 2,4: “CREADOS EN SANTIDAD Y JUSTICIA”

La Biblia y su uso es fundamental en nuestras comunidades. Con esta conferencia buscamos incentivar el conocimiento y el manejo de las Sagradas Escrituras. Queremos ofrecer una clave de lectura que permita ayudarnos a comprender la naturaleza y el tipo de relación que Dios ha querido como proyecto de salvación y santidad para el genero humano y la creación.



Prof. Felix Palazzi

El Profesor Felix Palazzi es un teólogo laico latinoamericano nacido en Caracas, Venezuela. Actualmente, es profesor adjunto de practica en el Colegio de Boston de la Escuela de Teología y Ministerio en Massachusetts. Sus responsabilidades administrativas anteriores incluyeron Director de Estudios Teológicos Avanzados y Director del Master en Teología Fundamental de los Estudios de Posgrado de la Universidad Católica Jesuita Andrés Bello en Caracas. El profesor Palazzi también fue profesor visitante en la Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana de Roma, en la Universidad Wien de Austria y en el Colegio de Boston. Pastoralmente, sirve a inmigrantes hispanos en el área de Boston, ofreciendo formación, grupos de lectura del Evangelio, charlas y acompañamiento espiritual.

2-57 ESPIRITUALIDAD Y MISIÓN PROFÉTICA DE LAS PERSONAS CATEQUISTAS

Ser catequista responde a un llamado porque es Dios quien toca el corazón de la persona y le pide que hable en su Nombre. Ser catequista es una vocación de vida, una misión, un reto que implica una enorme responsabilidad de hablar de la verdad y con la verdad. Todo buen catequista sabe que su formación debe ser integral y que ésta no termina nunca. A este tema la Congregación para la Evangelización de los pueblos nos recuerda que la espiritualidad profunda de la persona catequista es una necesidad, puesto que será su tarea de iniciar y acompañar a otros/as en el camino de la fe. El catequista como todos los cristianos, está llamado/a a la santidad de vida y siendo discípulo/a de Cristo es enviado/a anunciar el Reino.



Hna. María Romero, HJ

La Hermana María Romero es salvadoreña y religiosa de la Congregación de Hermanas Josefinas. Se dedicó a desempeñar la pastoral educativa en tres escuelas en El Salvador; Nicaragua y Costa Rica. Fue 19 años colaborado en la Pastoral Parroquial y Diocesana en las Diócesis de Joliet y Rockford, Illinois; Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, Texas; y la Arquidiócesis de New Orleans, Luisiana. Ha estado dirigiendo e impartiendo formación religiosa a catequistas, padres de familia y ministerio juvenil con adolescentes y jóvenes adultos.

2-58 LA TERNURA COMO CANAL DE COMUNICACIÓN DESDE EL MINISTERIO DE PAPA FRANCISCO

En medio de un tsunami informativo y de una cultura comunicacional marcada por la agresividad, el Papa Francisco ha hecho de la ternura un verdadero canal de comunicación. El Santo Padre está captando la atención de audiencias muy diversas de los públicos tradicionales de la Iglesia Católica, llevando el Evangelio a ámbitos que de otra forma no llegarían. La ternura como canal de comunicación pone al centro la vida de cada persona, especialmente de quienes, como explica el Papa, viven en las “periferias territoriales y existenciales”, es decir, descartados del desarrollo integral y de la dignidad de todos los seres humanos.



Mons. Lucio Ruiz

Mons. Lucio Ruiz es un sacerdote argentino experto en tecnología. Desde el 2000 realiza su servicio al Papa en distintos Dicasterios y oficinas de la Santa Sede. El Papa Francisco lo nombró miembro de la comisión “Vatican Media Center” para la reforma de los medios de comunicación del Vaticano y con la creación del nuevo Dicasterio de la Curia Romana en el 2015 el Santo Padre lo nombró Secretario de la Secretaría para la Comunicación.

2-59 FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS LLENOS DE MISERICORDIA Y SANTIDAD

Estamos en un momento clave en nuestra Iglesia y en nuestra sociedad. Las personas que vienen a nuestros programas de formación y de catequesis buscan algo nuevo e interesante. Buscan como poder redescubrir su fe y vivirla en este mundo de tecnología y avances modernos. En esta conferencia, veremos cómo los conceptos de misericordia y de santidad se pueden utilizar dentro de la catequesis para formar personas que están centradas en Jesús. Veremos cinco puntos claves que toda catequesis debe de incluir para ser efectiva con los niños, jóvenes y adultos que buscan la formación.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela es vicepresidente de la formación ministerial para Common Spirit Health. Por más de 30 años ha estado trabajando en el ministerio hispano. Ha sido profesor de secundaria y ha colaborado en diversos ministerios parroquiales incluyendo pastoral juvenil y educación religiosa, donde tiene una gran experiencia preparando materiales. Nació en Arizona de padres mexicanos, ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida en el área de la bahía. Actualmente vive en San Leandro, California.

TRIVIA DEL RECONGRESS:

El primer programa de la “Confraternity of Christian Doctrine”, más conocido como “CCD”, se estableció en la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción en la Calle 9 en Los Ángeles en 1922; seguido por las unidades parroquiales establecidas en toda la Arquidiócesis. Este programa en Los Ángeles se convirtió en un prototipo para otros programas catequéticos diocesanos en todo el suroeste, en todo Estados Unidos, y se introdujo en América Latina.

3-51 MISERICORDIOSOS COMO EL PADRE 🎧
SALA B

Vivimos en una sociedad marcada por la indiferencia y el rencor. Todos necesitamos el perdón y la misericordia de Dios. Y también la compasión y la cercanía de nuestros semejantes. ¿Cómo llegar a ser transmisores de ese comportamiento divino a nuestros hermanos/as? ¿Cómo educar a la juventud para que aprendan a ser misericordiosos/as? ¿Que se espera de nosotros/as y de nuestros ministerios? La conferencia pretende ofrecer algunas pistas.

**P. José-Román Flecha Andrés**

P. José-Román Flecha, es sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, en la que ha sido párroco. Profesor en la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca y en varias universidades internacionales, es un miembro de una Comisión de Estudios de la Santa Sede. Trabajo apostólico en California, Nueva York, Arizona, Panamá, Costa Rica y Chile. P. Flecha es Profesor Emérito de la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca y miembro del Comité Científico del "Instituto Paolo Vi" de Brescia en Italia. También, es miembro del Comité de Bioética para el asesoramiento del Banco Nacional de ADN y un miembro del Comité de Bioética de la Universidad de Salamanca.

3-52 REFLEXIONANDO SOBRE LA RELACIÓN DE AYUDA Y LA COMUNICACIÓN CONSTRUCTIVA 🎧

Ser útil a otras personas da sentido a la vida. Nosotros/as seguramente hemos experimentado alguna vez el auxilio de alguien a nuestro lado. La relación de ayuda que nos motiva tiene sus claves, sus dificultades y sus conflictos. Establecer una comunicación constructiva necesita una actitud básica de escucha, se requiere información y reflexión. No siempre las personas que necesitan ayuda la piden o la admiten; otras veces nos sentimos impotentes frente a una demanda de asistencia que sobrepasa nuestra capacidad de respuesta. Propongo una reflexión para estar preparados; terapeutas y psicólogos ofrecen claves para un eficaz ejercicio de la misericordia.

**Dra. Julia Cano Valero**

Dra. Julia Cano Valero, nació en el sur de España, es Profesora en la Universidad de Cádiz en Andalucía, España. Un médico psiquiatra con práctica privada y perito en procedimientos judiciales, es miembro de la Sociedad Española de Psiquiatría, de la Sociedad Española de Psiquiatría Legal y del Grupo de Estudios Psiquiatría-Legales de Andalucía. Durante su adolescencia y juventud, Dra. Cano fue responsable de un grupo Girl Scouts.

3-53 ¿PROHIBIDOS LOS ABRAZOS? LA ÉTICA PASTORAL Y LAS NORMAS LEGALES PARA LOS MINISTROS PASTORALES 🎧

Los ministros pastorales deben mantener en tensión tanto el respeto por todas las personas que están consagradas en las normas legales y las normas de ambiente seguro, como la convicción del Papa Francisco de que el ministerio pastoral ha de caracterizarse por en-

cuentros interpersonales fructíferos (EG 87-92). Esta sesión revisará el clima del ministerio pastoral actual, los requisitos legales por los cuales los ministros pastorales son responsables y señalará las mejores prácticas. Apreciaremos cómo otras profesiones que atienden a las personas han podido salvaguardar a los vulnerables mientras promueven entre los profesionales una preocupación real por las personas.

**Robert A. Hurteau, PhD**

Dr. Robert Hurteau es Director del Centro para la Religión y la Espiritualidad de Loyola Marymount University en Los Angeles. Es ex misionero y apasionado por entender cómo el Evangelio se encarna en la vida de los pueblos diversos. Desde que se convirtió en director en 2005, el Dr. Hurteau ha ampliado enormemente sus ofertas en teología y ministerio hispanos, y trabajó en colaboración con el Centro Católico Afroamericano de Evangelización de Los Angeles para crear un programa en Ministerio Afroamericano. Profesor adjunto de Mount Saint Mary's University y de LMU, conferencista sobre la consejería pastoral.

3-54 LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA EN EL SIGLO XXI 🎧

El Concilio Vaticano II desarrolló una eclesiología que unió los aspectos espirituales y los aspectos institucionales de una manera novedosa, integrando la sagrada escritura, la tradición y la fe de las comunidades. Esta eclesiología está presente en todos los documentos del Concilio, pero especialmente en *Lumen Gentium*. En esta conferencia, explicaremos los principales aportes de esta eclesiología y cómo se ha interpretado en los últimos años. Los participantes al estudiar este modelo tendrán los criterios para identificar las diversas eclesiologías que orientan los ministerios eclesiales y la visión pastoral de las diócesis y parroquias de hoy.

**Dr. José Antonio Medina**

El Dr. José Antonio Medina ha sido profesor, catequista y presentador en Estados Unidos, España y México. Ha enseñado en la mayor parte de los institutos de formación para el ministerio de las diócesis de California y Nevada. Actualmente es el Director de los programas de formación de los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de San Bernardino, California; Consultor teológico para RECOSS en la Conferencia de Obispos de California; y profesor en el Centro para la Religión y la Espiritualidad en Loyola Marymount University en Los Angeles.

3-55 ¡QUE VEA! UNA ESPIRITUALIDAD A TRAVÉS DE LA BIBLIA 🎧

Esta sesión se va a enfocar en el proceso de sanación que constituye bíblicamente la esencia de la llamada a la santidad. En la Sagrada Escritura, la santidad une la experiencia de la misericordia con la responsabilidad de la justicia. Así el deseo de poder ver conecta con la necesidad de tener ojos abiertos para otros. Usando arte y música, la conferencia va a ser interactiva, instructiva y con momentos contemplativos. La metáfora "del Ver" en el Evangelio y la "Mística de los Ojos Abiertos" entran la sesión en un aprendizaje de Espiritualidad bíblica enraizado en los ojos misericordiosos de Jesús curando y llamando a la santidad en un mismo movimiento de encuentro.



Julia D.E. Prinz, VDMF, PhD

Dra. Julia Prinz, Misionera Verbum Dei, es Profesora de Espiritualidad Cristiana de la Escuela Jesuita de Teología en la Universidad de Santa Clara en Berkeley, California, y Directora de la Iniciativa de Sabiduría y Acción. Participa en el trabajo de la comunidad con poblaciones inmigrantes en San Francisco desde 1995. Sirvió a su congregación como directora de un centro de formación en San Francisco y en equipos y consejos de formación en los Estados Unidos, España y Roma; del 2008 a 2015 como Provincial de los Estados Unidos. La Dra. Prinz es una conferencista frecuente en conferencias teológicas, simposios universitarios, congregaciones religiosas y reuniones diocesanas en Europa, Asia y América.

3-56 EL PODER DEL ECUMENISMO EN UNA CRISIS MIGRATORIA

En el Evangelio según San Juan 17:20-21, Jesús ora por la unidad de sus discípulos. El alcanzar la unidad en Cristo no es sencillo ni fácil. Sin embargo, las crisis sociales que hacen sufrir el pueblo exigen de nosotros las respuestas más eficaces. Somos más fuertes, capaces y poderosos cuando trabajamos en unidad. Esta conferencia presenta modelos para respuestas cristianas ecuménicas a la crisis migratoria que pueden unirnos como Católicos, Protestantes, Evangélicos y Pentecostales en una colaboración más profunda.



Rvda. Dra. Alexia Salvatierra

La Rvda. Alexia Salvatierra ha ministrado a la comunidad para más de 35 años, usualmente en contextos ecuménicos. Fue la co-fundadora del Nuevo Movimiento Santuario, la Mesa Evangélica para la Reforma Inmigratoria, y los Angeles de la Guardia. Esta enseñando ahora como profesora en cinco instituciones académicas cristianas, sirve como Pastora Asociada Luterana en Hope Lutheran Church en Hollywood, coordina la ONG Matthew 25/Mateo 25 para acompañar refugiados de Centroamérica y del Diplomado en la Respuesta de la Iglesia a las Crisis Migratoria del Centro Latino, y trabaja como consultante internacional. Es la autora de "Faith-Rooted Organizing" (Organizando al Pueblo Enraizado en la Fe).

3-57 LA FE VENCE EL MIEDO: EL SEGUIMIENTO DE JESÚS EN EL EVANGELIO DE SAN MARCOS

El Evangelio de San Marcos, también conocido como el Evangelio de Pedro, nos invita a seguir a Jesús "por el camino". Cargando la cruz y confiando plenamente en la misericordia de Dios. Si queremos confiar en el aun en medio de nuestras dificultades, el Evangelio de San Marcos es sin duda un evangelio para gente que está pasando por dificultades, que sufre y quiere confiar en Jesús por encima de todo.



Luis Soto

Luis Soto es Director de Hispanic Business Development del "Augustine Institute" en Denver, Colorado. Fue Director Ejecutivo del Ministerio Hispano y Centro San Juan Diego de la Arquidiócesis de Denver. Soto desarrollo la iniciativa Una Familia Bajo un Mismo Dios, la cual es un modelo de unidad e integración para parroquias que enfrentan diversidad cultural y el reto de la unidad. En reconocimiento a sus contribuciones a la Iglesia y la

Sociedad, Su Santidad el Papa Benedicta XVI entregó a Luis la medalla Benemerenti, uno de los reconocimientos más destacados a se ofrecen a laicos católicos en el mundo.

3-58 LA NUEVA CARA DE LA MIGRACIÓN: COMPARTIENDO EL VIAJE DE LAS PERSONAS MIGRANTES DESDE UNA PERSPECTIVA PSICOSOCIAL

¿Qué impacto tienen las nuevas tendencias migratorias en la salud mental de la población migrante? Las personas que están siendo forzadas a dejar sus hogares por la creciente violencia que viven en sus países de origen vuelven a ser nuevamente víctimas de severas formas de violencia durante la travesía incierta hacia su desconocido y lejano destino. Finalmente, cuando sienten haber llegado al lugar en donde podrán volver a rehacer su vida, vuelven a ser nuevamente retadas por la dura realidad de encontrarse nuevamente víctimas de discriminación, soledad y la dura realidad de comenzar una nueva vida sin recursos. Las nuevas caras de la migración nos presentan múltiples retos en materia de salud mental, que deben de ser atendidos prioritariamente para facilitar una integración sana en su nuevo destino.



Cecilia Margarita Suárez Trueba

Como directora del programa de Catholic Relief Services (CRS) en México, Cecilia Suárez tiene más de 15 años de experiencia en diversos programas sociales como la migración centroamericana, los derechos de los jornaleros agrícolas, jóvenes en riesgo, con un enfoque en la cohesión social y la construcción de la paz. Suárez ha tenido experiencia en proyectos de agricultura rural sostenible que brindan oportunidades a los agricultores afectados por los impactos del cambio climático. Suárez se ha presentado para CRS en Baltimore y en el Congreso internacional de Salud y Migración en Puebla, México.

3-59 LECTORES, MINISTROS, MÚSICOS Y SU PAPEL EN LA LITURGIA

Esta sesión presentará una visión general sobre el rol y preparación requerida para aquellos que sirven en la Liturgia, enfocándose específicamente y más a fondo en el rol de lectores, ministros y músicos. También ofrecerá información y recursos para servir dignamente en la liturgia.



Padre Agustino Miguel Torres, CFR

El Padre Agustino Torres, un Fraile Franciscano de la Renovación con sede en el Bronx, Nueva York, es dedicada a la evangelización, trabaja con los pobres y formando jóvenes. Es fundador y Presidente de Corazón Puro y Latinos por la Vida, Casa Guadalupe y Casa JPPII, casas de discernimiento para mujeres y hombres respectivamente. El Padre Torres es presentador en el programa, "Clic con Corazón Puro" en EWTN, y ahora tiene un programa en inglés. Él es un conferencista internacionalmente solicitado.

4-51 VIVE LA MISERICORDIA Y RECAPTURA LA ALEGRÍA DE TU MINISTERIO 🎧 SALA B

Durante la inauguración de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud 2019 en Panamá, El Papa Francisco nos invitó como discípulos de Jesús a que vivamos verdaderamente la misericordia y la caridad en nuestro ministerio. Él dice, “[un amor] que no aplasta, es un amor que no margina, que no se calla, un amor que no humilla ni avasalla. Es el amor del Señor, un amor de todos los días, discreto y respetuoso, amor de libertad y para la libertad, amor que cura y que levanta. Es el amor del Señor que sabe más de levantadas que de caídas, de reconciliación que de prohibición, de dar nueva oportunidad que de condenar, de futuro que dé pasado”. Esta sesión invita a las/os participantes a recuperar la alegría de sus ministerios y a recibir ideas concretas de cómo vivir constantemente la misericordia y caridad en cada aspecto de nuestra vida.

**Katherine Angulo**

Nació en México, pero creció en Bogotá, Colombia, Katherine Angulo habla inglés, español y francés. Ella lleva más de 20 años de experiencia en ministerio con los jóvenes. Actualmente es la Directora del Programa de Thriving in Ministry Initiative para el Instituto McGrath de la Universidad de Notre Dame en Indiana. Se ha presentado en eventos tanto diocesanos como nacionales, incluyendo National Catholic Youth Conference, National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, y el RE-Congress. Angulo también es la Editora de la revista católica para jóvenes que se llama “The Mark” y es la Productora Ejecutiva para el entrenamiento de voluntarios en línea Call to Accompany/Llamados a Acompañar.

4-52 SANTA MARÍA: IMAGEN Y SEMEJANZA DEL PADRE DE MISERICORDIAS 🎧

Esta conferencia reflexionara sobre como Santa María, la madre de Jesús y de la Iglesia nos invita a ser imagen y semejanza de Dios Padre de las Misericordias, basados en los Sermones de La Santa Juana, una hermana franciscana española. Juana era mística, párroca y predicadora a principios de 1500. Predicó a sus feligreses, a sus hermanas, a obispos y a la familia real. Sus sermones contienen una visión única de María como modelo de santidad y misericordia que intercede por los pecadores. En su misericordia quiere asumir a todos/as con ella en el cielo.

**Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM**

El padre Gilberto Cavazos-González, ex pastor y evangelizador de jóvenes, es fraile franciscano y profesor de espiritualidad que trabaja en la Academia Pontificia de María Internacional y la Universidad Pontificia Antonianum en Roma. Ha impartido retiros, misiones parroquiales y conferencias académicas en Estados Unidos, México, Europa y América del Sur. El p. Cavazos-González es autor de varios libros y artículos de espiritualidad franciscana en cristiana latina y está escribiendo un libro sobre la mariología de la mística y pastor franciscana española, Santa Juana de la Cruz Vásquez Gutiérrez.

4-53 CATEQUESIS BÍBLICO-NARRATIVA: PARA EL ENCUENTRO CON CRISTO 🎧

El Papa Francisco invitó a todo cristiano/a a encontrarse con Jesús o a dejarse encontrar con él/a. Camino pedagógico adecuado es la formulación por parte de las comunidades de fe de itinerarios narrativos fundados en la catequesis bíblica narrativa. En esta sesión, se dará a conocer los fundamentos filosóficos, teológicos, bíblicos y pedagógicos de la catequesis narrativa, así como formas concretas de actuación.

**Manuel José Jiménez Rodríguez**

Manuel Jiménez Rodríguez es presbítero y Director de Catequesis y Coordinador del Proyecto de Iniciación Cristiana en la Arquidiócesis de Bogotá, Colombia. Fue miembro del equipo de expertos en catequesis del CELAM para los países Bolivarianos; Asesor externo de la Conferencia Episcopal de Colombia en catequesis; y Docente del Instituto Teológico pastoral para América Latina. Rodríguez es Consultor del Pontificio Consejo para la Promoción de la Nueva Evangelización, y Coordinador del área de catequesis de Centro de formación para la nueva evangelización y catequesis Uniminuto en Colombia. También es Director de catequesis y coordinador del proyecto de iniciación cristiana en la arquidiócesis de Bogotá.

4-54 MARÍA EN LA ESPIRITUALIDAD HISPANA 🎧

Los hispanos tienen una profunda devoción a María y veneran muchas imágenes y santuarios. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es la más conocida y es la Patrona de América, pero todo país de Latinoamérica y el Caribe tiene como patrona una advocación mariana distinta. En esta conferencia, vamos a analizar el tesoro de la devoción hispana a María. También vamos a explorar formas para entender y profundizar en esta espiritualidad a la luz de toda la tradición católica sobre María.

**Timoteo Matovina**

Timoteo Matovina es profesor de teología en la Universidad de Notre Dame en Indiana. Es autor de numerosos libros y artículos sobre la historia, la teología, el ministerio y las tradiciones religiosas de los hispanos católicos. Sus libros más recientes en español son “María en la Fe Católica” y “Ministerio Hispano: Una Introducción”, ambos con Ave Maria Press.

4-55 EL CAMINO DE LA MISERICORDIA: UN RETO PARA LA CATEQUESIS ACTUAL 🎧

María Elena Ocegueda Juárez (vea biografía 1-56)

En una sociedad que se vive abandonada, desesperanzada, sin igualdad, rechazada y necesitada de la experiencia misericordiosa del amor, la catequesis debe ser el espacio vital donde resuene la voz de Dios: “Tampoco yo te condeno”. ¡Nada que un pecador arrepentido coloque delante de la misericordia de Dios queda sin el abrazo de su perdón! Aprendamos a romper el círculo de egoísmo que vive nuestra sociedad y seamos también instrumentos de misericordia, porque ella suscita alegría en el corazón y abre a la esperanza de una vida nueva.

4-56 LA BÚSQUEDA DE LA SANTIDAD EN LA IGLESIA ACTUAL

Rev. Domingo Rodríguez, ST (vea biografía 1-51)

Vivimos momentos de gran efervescencia en los ministerios laicales. La santidad es la única meta. Sin embargo, esa santidad se siente amenazada por algunas controversias en la doctrina, la polarización de grupos fieles al magisterio y situaciones pastorales que no nos ayudan. La comunidad parroquial, que se enriquece con esos ministerios se empobrece grandemente, cuando las/os fieles se identifican con ideas, opiniones y comportamientos que son controversiales. Miremos a lo que nos ha pasado desde el empeño de renovar la Iglesia. ¡Esta conferencia no se recomienda para los flojos en la fe!

4-57 CATEQUESIS FAMILIAR

Hna. María Romero, HJ (vea biografía 2-57)

El mandato misionero y profético de Cristo nos llama a cada uno a proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesús y a transmitir el mensaje a las generaciones presentes y futuras profesando, celebrando y viviendo la fe. Ante las familias, y en medio de ellas, debe volver a resonar siempre el primer anuncio, que “es lo más bello” lo más grande y al mismo/as tiempo lo más necesario. El Directorio General para la Catequesis (n. 226) plantea que los padres de familia son los primeros educadores en la fe de sus hijos. La familia es el espacio donde la catequesis se da de una forma natural y espontánea. Acompaña a la Hna. María Romero mientras comparte la importancia de la catequesis familiar y el impacto que durará toda la vida.

4-58 FELICIDAD Y TECNOLOGÍA: UN DESAFÍO PARA EL SER HOMBRE

Mons. Lucio Adrian Ruiz (vea biografía 2-58)

El desarrollo tecnológico y su aplicación a la vida cotidiana forman parte de nuestro hábitat natural. Su uso puede ser una gran ayuda, pero también un elemento disruptivo para la sociedad, en los ambientes familiares, educativos, laborales, etc. Una reflexión acerca de la persona humana permitirá comprender que la tecnología es un medio para el desarrollo y no un fin en sí misma. Con la persona humana al centro de todo desarrollo científico y técnico, las tecnologías tendrán una clara incidencia en la felicidad, un impacto positivo que estará al servicio de las personas y no al contrario, como a veces puede ocurrir.

4-59 EL AMOR A SÍ MISMO: ANTÍDOTO AL EGOÍSMO

Dora Tobar van de Mensbrughe (vea biografía 1-58)

La capacidad para amar a otros/as supone una persona capaz de salir de sí misma, de auto donarse. Esto es posible para quienes han aprendido a amarse a sí mismos/as. En esta conferencia, exploraremos lo que esto significa y las vías de liberación del propio yo que la salvación de Cristo nos ofrece para que libres, podamos salir al encuentro generoso con los/as otros.

5-51 LA JUSTICIA SOCIAL AL SERVICIO DE LA ENCARNACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO SALA B

El dicho de San Francisco de Asís – “predica el Evangelio, y si es necesario, usa las palabras” – es a menudo citado para demostrar que la fe y las obras de justicia no pueden ir separadas. Si deseamos colaborar con Dios al servicio de su Reino, esto es, acogiendo el modo en que Jesús se relaciona con Dios Padre, con el prójimo y consigo mismo/a, debemos aprender a hablar y a actuar de un modo comprensible y convincente para nuestro tiempo. Esta conferencia explora el modo en que las liturgias inculturadas y la religiosidad popular han llegado a ser medios poderosos de promoción de la llamada a la justicia social del Evangelio.



Rev. Eduardo C. Fernández, SJ

El padre Eduardo Fernández, sacerdote jesuita, imparte clases de misionología y teología y ministerio latino en la Escuela Jesuita de Teología de la Universidad de Santa Clara y la Unión Teológica de Graduados en Berkeley, California. También ha enseñado en la escuela secundaria y trabajó en el ministerio del campus universitario. Además, el padre Fernández publica, imparte conferencias y retiros, y ayuda en las parroquias locales. Su primer libro traducido al español es “La Cosecha: Teología Contemporánea en Estados Unidos” y su trabajo, “Católicos Mexicanos”, ganó un premio en teología pastoral.

5-02 CAMINEMOS CON JESÚS / LET US WALK WITH JESUS (presentación bilingüe)

A través de su predicación y enseñanzas escritas, el Papa Francisco nos ha invitado como cristianos a una teología de acompañamiento. Esta sesión bilingüe examinará por medio de la palabra y el canto lo que significa responder a esta llamada para que podamos llevar a un mundo herido la esperanza y la sanación por nuestros ministerios y en nuestras vidas diarias. (Tenga en cuenta el número de la conferencia.)



Tony Alonso

La música de Tony Alonso aparece en compilaciones e himnarios a través de denominaciones cristianas en todo el mundo. En 2015, este trabajo fue reconocido con una invitación a componer el salmo responsorial para la primera misa que el Papa Francisco celebró en los Estados Unidos. Ha presentado conferencias y eventos académicos y pastorales en América del Norte y Europa. Actualmente es Profesor Asistente de Teología y Cultura en la Escuela de Teología Candler de la Universidad de Emory, donde también se desempeña como Director de Estudios Católicos.



Peter Kolar

Peter Kolar es el Editor de Recursos en Español y Bilingües en la casa editorial GIA Publications. Es un pianista, compositor y presentador muy respetado. Recientemente servía como consultante a los obispos de los Estados Unidos para los cantos del “Misal Romano, 3ra edición”. Kolar es parte de la mesa directiva del Southwest Liturgical Conference. Actualmente, es Director del Coro Diocesano de El Paso, Texas, donde vive con su esposa e hijas.

5-52 LA VERDAD DE GUADALUPE 🔊

El Acontecimiento Guadalupano es un evento actual. Ciertamente, es un evento histórico de Santa María de Guadalupe que apareció del 9 al 12 de diciembre de 1531, en la colina del Tepeyac, al norte de la Ciudad de México a un humilde indígena laico, Juan Diego, como su mensajero para que se le construya una “casita sagrada” y el único que lo puede aprobar es el obispo, fray Juan de Zumárraga; quien pide una señal y la Virgen de Guadalupe se la ofrece por medio de san Juan Diego, hermosas flores. Desde la mirada indígena es una señal perfecta, pero esta se complementa con la imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe en la tilma de Juan Diego. Ahora la señal está en manos del obispo, quien dispone que se coloque en la ermita o “casita sagrada” que fue aprobada para que ahí la Virgen de Guadalupe manifieste, ensalce y ofrezca su Amor-Persona. La imagen se conserva desde hace 500 años.

**Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez**

Nació en la Ciudad de México, el Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez trabajó con éxito como Postulador de la Causa de Canonización de San Juan Diego. Es co-fundador del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos. Es Canónigo de la Basílica de Guadalupe, en donde continúa su trabajo como Director General del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos, así como Asesor Cultural de la Basílica de Guadalupe. A lo largo de su trabajo como postulador y hasta el día de hoy, el Canónigo Chávez ha hecho grandes contribuciones al estudio del evento guadalupano, dirigiéndose a las más importantes instituciones académicas internacionales y publicando más de 55 obras, especialmente en el tema del Acontecimiento Guadalupano.

5-53 MISERICORDIA Y SANTIDAD: LA PROPUESTA DEL PAPA FRANCISCO PARA LA TRANSFORMACIÓN ECOLÓGICA INTEGRAL 🔊

Ante una crisis ecológica, que es ambiental y social, con raíces humanas, según *Laudato Si*, el Papa Francisco propone el paradigma relacional como misión para una Iglesia en Salida. La misericordia, como otro modo de justicia, es el modo de interceder en el sistema económico actual que, según Francisco, mata. Practicarla, para que las relaciones egoístas que determinan lo social actualmente, se transformen en relaciones solidarias, implica un modo especial de entender la santidad, planteado por el actual pontífice en *Exultate Gaudete*. Se analizarán ambos conceptos para una teología pastoral del encuentro capaz de iniciar una transición ecológica.

**Emilce Fabiana Cuda de Dunbar**

Emilce Cuda es profesora-investigadora de la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Argentina, y también de la Universidad de Buenos Aires y de la Universidad Nacional Arturo Jauretche de Argentina. Es Profesora invitada en Boston College University, Northwestern University y De Paul University de Estados Unidos. Cuda es secretaria Académica de la Maestría FLACSO-UMET sobre Estudios del Trabajo, y Coordinadora del Grupo Internacional de Teólogos de CLACSO sobre Teología, Ética y Política. Fue Presidenta para América Latina de la CTEWC (Red mundial de teólogos moralistas) y asesora del CELAM (2016-2019). Su último libro publicado es “Para leer a Francisco: Teología, Ética Política”.

5-54 COMPASIÓN: MISERICORDIA SOLIDARIA 🔊

Arrancando con el significado original de cada una de las palabras del título, intentaremos definir la misericordia no principalmente como un sentimiento piadoso sino como un compromiso solidario. Descubriremos que la misericordia es compasión que se tiene que mostrar y hacer en la solidaridad que enfrenta a estructuras que deshumanizan. La misericordia libera o no es cristiana.

**Dr. Orlando O. Espín**

Dr. Orlando Espín es Profesor Emérito de Teología Sistemática en la Universidad de San Diego, California. Ha sido dos veces Presidente de la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Dr. Espín es autor y/o editor de 11 libros y de más de 400 artículos teológicos en revistas especializadas de todo el mundo. Es considerado uno de los principales teólogos Latinos de los Estados Unidos. En 2016 fue galardonado con el Premio “John Courtney Murray”, el premio más prestigioso en teología católica.

5-55 LA TRANSMISIÓN DE LA FE EN LA FAMILIA: CÓMO MANTENER A LOS HIJOS CERCA DE DIOS 🔊

Nos referimos a la familia como “iglesia doméstica” por ser una comunidad de fe, esperanza y caridad – el lugar en donde se da la educación en los valores cristianos como el amor y el servicio a Dios y al prójimo. En esta sesión, Constanza Fernández y Santiago Fernández hablarán de sus experiencias en familia. Madre e hijo compartirán las formas en que el hogar es enriquecido con la recepción de los sacramentos, la meditación en la Palabra de Dios, el rezo del rosario, el canto y la oración en familia. Se hablará también acerca del papel que los padres de familia tienen como los primeros anunciadores de la fe para sus hijos, con su palabra y con su ejemplo, y de la función del hogar como la primera escuela de vida cristiana.

**Constanza Palomo de Fernández**

Constanza Palomo de Fernández, una maestra de profesión, ha servido en la Iglesia católica desde hace 45 años. Se ha entregado a la predicación llevando el mensaje de Dios a comunidades hispanas en los Estados Unidos, República Dominicana y Haití. Ha participado en la formación de laicos, maestros, catequistas, predicadores y actualmente en la Formación de Formadores, impartiendo talleres de espiritualidad, oración y servicio. Actualmente reside en la Diócesis de Cuernavaca, Morelos, México.

**Santiago Fernández**

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por más de 30 años. Él trabaja actualmente en la parroquia de La Sagrada Familia en Novi, Michigan, como director de música y también como presentador de talleres para Oregon Catholic Press. Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, director musical de National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, Instituto Fe y Vida, y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006. También, fue miembro del comité de liturgia para el V Encuentro del 2018.



CENTRO DE CONVENCIONES TRIVIA:

En 1964, la Ciudad de Anaheim aprobó los planes para la construcción de un “Arenatorium” y un complejo de exhibiciones, que incluía una Arena de 7.500 asientos, una sala de exhibiciones de 100.000 pies cuadrados (Hall A) y 35.000 pies cuadrados de espacio para reuniones. El inicio de la construcción tuvo lugar el 7 de mayo de 1965. El complejo de \$14,7 millones abrió oficialmente sus puertas el 12 de julio de 1967. (Sin embargo, nuestro “Congreso CCD” no llegó a las instalaciones hasta el 20 y 22 de febrero de 1970).

5-56 LA BIBLIA EN LOS MINISTERIOS

Dr. José Antonio Medina (vea biografía 3-54)

A pesar de los avances en el estudio de la Escritura, aún hay catequísticas, predicadores, líderes de grupos y movimientos con un conocimiento muy limitado del tema. En ocasiones se utiliza para justificar las propias opiniones, pero no se respeta a la Palabra en lo que dice. En esta conferencia, ofreceremos los criterios emanados de los documentos eclesiales recientes y las herramientas y recursos disponibles para leerla e interpretarla. De esta manera, los participantes serán capaces de conectar a comunidades actuales con el espíritu de fe de aquellos/as que fueron los/as protagonistas de estos escritos sagrados. El objetivo es capacitar en la habilidad de interpretar y comunicar la Palabra de Dios.

5-57 ¿CÓMO ENAMORARSE DE LA PALABRA?

Leonardo Mongui-Casas, MA (vea biografía 1-54)

La Palabra de Dios tiene la capacidad de transformar nuestra vida personal, de renovar nuestros ministerios, pero en ocasiones no le permitimos estar en nuestra cotidianidad por diferentes prejuicios: “no la entiendo”, “temo interpretarla mal”, “no sé cómo orar con ella”. Aunque estos temores son latentes en muchos de nosotros, también es importante reconocer que en la riqueza de la Iglesia existen muchas maneras de acercarnos y enamorarnos de la Palabra. El objetivo de esta sesión es brindar algunas herramientas prácticas de acercamiento personal y comunitario a la Palabra para pasar de una simple lectura a una verdadera vivencia de la Palabra.

5-58 HERRAMIENTAS PARA CONSTRUIR PUENTES CON LOS CATÓLICOS LGBTQ

Esta conferencia está inspirada por el libro de Padre James Martin, SJ, “Tender un Puente: Como la Iglesia Católica y la Comunidad LGBTQ Pueden Entablar una Relación de Respeto, Compasión y Sensibilidad”. Compartiremos herramientas y ejercicios prácticos para que pueda desarrollar su capacidad de escuchar en la vida diaria – así como para desarrollar la empatía – ambas virtudes esenciales para la convivencia interpersonal. Estas herramientas son esenciales para construir puentes con la comunidad de católicos lesbianas, gays, bisexuales y transgénero ... y sus familiares. También son beneficiosas para todo ministerio.



Lic. Yunuen Trujillo

Radica en La Puente, California, Yunuen Trujillo es conferencista y ministra laica con especialidad didáctica y práctica en ministerio de justicia social, doctrina social de la Iglesia, migración y leyes, movimiento santuario, libertad religiosa y ministerio LGBTQ inclusivo. Como parte del Equipo de Pastoral Juvenil Arquidiocesana de Los Angeles (jóvenes adultos), Trujillo ha sido coordinadora regional y encargada de programas de formación religiosa. Actualmente forma parte del Ministerio Católico con Personas Gay y Lesbianas ministerio arquidiocesano.



Padre Michael Gutiérrez

El padre Mike Gutiérrez ha sido sacerdote diocesano católico durante 27 años. Como pastor de la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista en Baldwin Park, California, una comunidad de más de 10,000 familias, él lucha por los derechos de los inmigrantes y frenó el abuso dirigido a los residentes inmigrantes a manos de empresas de remolque y puntos de control innecesarios. El Padre Gutiérrez ha sido reconocido por la Legislatura del Estado de California, la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, la Cámara de Representantes de los Estados Unidos y muchas otras organizaciones por su firme apoyo a los problemas sociales en las comunidades donde ha servido. En 2016, el padre Gutiérrez y la parroquia comenzaron un ministerio LGBTQ para católicos en inglés y español.

5-59 UN LAICADO “SANTO” COMPROMETIDO CON LA JUSTICIA

El laicado está llamado a vivir la santidad en la Iglesia, pero no puede hacerlo ajeno a su compromiso con la justicia y la paz. Por tanto, se busca explicar la relación fe-justicia como auténtico camino de santidad.



Olga Consuelo Vélez Caro

Dra. Olga Vélez Caro, originaria de Colombia, es profesora titular e investigadora de la Facultad de Teología de la Pontificia Universidad Javeriana y de la Fundación Universitaria San Alfonso en Bogotá, Colombia. Ella ha ocupado diferentes cargos académicos y administrativos en la universidad. Dra. Vélez es miembro del Comité Teológico de la Conferencia Episcopal Colombiana y miembro fundador de la Asociación Colombiana de Teólogos y miembro de varios comités editoriales. También, es autora de libros y muchos artículos en temas de teología, pastoral, sobre la mujer, laicado, evangelización, paz y reconciliación.

6-51 FUNDAMENTOS ESENCIALES DEL AUTÉNTICO LIDERAZGO: MISERICORDIA DE DIOS EN ACCIÓN 🎧 **SALA B**

Para nosotros que peregrinamos en el tiempo presente, es de vital importancia conocer los criterios orientadores del liderazgo auténtico basado en creencias, principios, valores y actitudes, para no perdernos en un mundo caótico y confuso. Hemos tenido la fortuna de encontrarnos con el maestro y amigo Jesús, podemos identificar con claridad cuáles son los criterios orientadores del liderazgo auténtico, porque el mismo Jesús nos los enseñó, veremos cómo conocer, aplicar y dinamizar en nuestra vida, en nuestros apostolados y en los ministerios estas dinámicas como un camino de revelación de la misericordia para cada una de nuestras comunidades de fe.



Héctor Hugo Tabares Ramírez

Radica en Colombia, Héctor Tabares Ramírez es el Director Ejecutivo de la Fundación Central de Juventudes, institución emblemática y pionera de la Pastoral Juvenil en América Latina. En la actualidad, es asesor de la Conferencia Episcopal de Colombia en los departamentos de Cultura, Educación y universidades; y Pastoral Juvenil. Ha sido conferencista especializado en el tema de liderazgo en todos los mementos de vida por más de 30 años y fue el fundador de los Encuentros de Emprendedores y Empresarios Católicos en Colombia.

6-52 INFANCIA DESVALIDA, FAMILIAS DESTRUIDAS: ¿QUE PODEMOS HACER? 🎧

Dra. Julia Cano Valero (vea biografía 3-52)

Es obligación de los seres humanos de bien, colaborar en la atención a la infancia. La mejor inversión que puede hacer la humanidad es responsabilizarse de quienes serán los adultos del futuro. Vivimos en un mundo de extremos donde coexiste una infancia institucionalizada, desolada, producto de guerras y políticas injustas; junto a una infancia saciada, abúlica, enchufada al ciberespacio, etc. En ambos casos: necesitada de atención. Toda persona adulta es un vehículo de resiliencia para niños y niñas. Reflexionaremos sobre aportarles espacios seguros, como contrarrestar pautas educativas nefastas y experiencias catastróficas.

6-53 LOS SECRETOS DE LA FELICIDAD 🎧

P. José-Román Flecha Andrés (vea biografía 3-51)

En nuestra sociedad percibimos algunas actitudes que nos parecen inhumanas y deshumanizadoras. La causa de todas ellas parece ser siempre esta: todos/as buscamos ser felices, pero no siempre logramos encontrar el secreto de la verdadera felicidad. Por eso fracasamos tantas veces como personas, como familia y como miembros de una comunidad. Pero Jesús nos indicó los caminos para llegar a la meta de la felicidad. La conferencia pretende recordarnos ese itinerario.

6-54 CHRISTUS VIVIT: LA ENSEÑANZA DEL PAPA PARA SER SANTOS 🎧

Ricardo Grzona (vea biografía 2-53)

El Papa Francisco publicó su Exhortación Apostólica Post-Sinodal sobre la temática los jóvenes, la fe y el discernimiento vocacional. Evidentemente la santidad es el camino para llegar a una vocación. ¿Cómo ejercitarse en la vocación de ser santos? En esta conferencia, mostraremos las grandes líneas de la *Christus Vivit* y presentaremos unas alternativas para poder aplicarlas en los grupos de jóvenes y en la catequesis juvenil.

6-55 MARÍA EN LA DEVOCIÓN, EN LA LITURGIA Y EN LA COMUNIÓN DE LOS SANTOS 🎧

Timoteo Matovina (vea biografía 4-54)

Los santos nos recuerdan que la razón de nuestra existencia es llegar también nosotros/as a la santidad. María es la primera en la comunión de los santos. Ella nos acompaña en nuestro camino de la tierra a nuestra verdadera casa, el cielo. En este camino, los santos nos ayudan sobre todo de dos formas: son modelos de santidad a los que debemos imitar; y son intercesores que piden a Dios por nosotros/as. En esta conferencia, analizaremos nuestra llamada a venerar a María en nuestra vida de piedad y en la liturgia, y, en nuestra vida diaria, a imitar su santidad.

6-56 UN SOLO CUERPO: LA IGLESIA, COMUNIÓN EN LA DIVERSIDAD 🎧

La misión de la Iglesia es evangelizar, hacer discípulos en todas las naciones. San Pablo nos recuerda que somos miembros de un solo Cuerpo de Cristo y que todos hemos sido bautizados en un mismo Espíritu. Sin embargo, hemos recibido una diversidad de dones y carismas para bien de la comunidad. En esta sesión, exploraremos cómo los católicos hispanos, desde nuestra propia experiencia, estamos llamados a ejercer liderazgo en la Iglesia desde el servicio, la misericordia y la santidad, aportando nuestros talentos para fortalecer la comunión en la diversidad que es la Iglesia, semejanza del Dios uno y trino.



Maria del Mar Muñoz-Visoso

Mar Muñoz-Visoso es Directora Ejecutiva del Secretariado de Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB) en Washington, D.C., donde anteriormente se desempeñó como Subdirectora de Relaciones con los Medios de Comunicación. También, fue directora del Ministerio Hispano en la Arquidiócesis de Denver, Colorado, y editora y fundadora del periódico El Pueblo Católico, y primera Directora Ejecutiva del Centro San Juan Diego, un instituto pastoral y centro de educación y asistencia a la comunidad hispana en Denver.

SESIÓN 6

3:00 - 4:30 PM • SÁBADO, 22 DE FEBRERO

6-57 EL RICA: CAMINO PARA INICIAR A LA MISERICORDIA Y LA SANTIDAD AL ESTILO DE JESÚS



Marcelo A. Murua (vea biografía 1-55)

La catequesis de iniciación a la vida cristiana nos conduce al encuentro de Jesús, una persona que asumió la misericordia como la opción fundamental de su vida. Una catequesis centrada en la Palabra de cada domingo nos ayuda a conocer y promover el estilo de vida de Jesús para seguir sus pasos y ser santos en nuestra vida cotidiana.

6-58 VINO NUEVO DEL PAPA FRANCISCO PARA LA CATEQUESIS



El Papa Francisco ha publicado recientemente una revisión del Directorio General para la Catequesis (DGC), el documento que guía a la Iglesia sobre el ministerio de la formación en la fe. La primera edición en 1997 vinculó la catequesis, la evangelización y la misión y se convirtió en una herramienta indispensable para todos los comprometidos en el ministerio. Venga, vea y explore como el DGC revisado enfatiza la catequesis kerigmatica, una catequesis evangelizadora que lleva a las personas a en-

contrar y seguir a Cristo continuamente. ¡Juntos veremos cómo esta revisión nos inspira, nos pastorea y nos desafía a ser comunidades orientadas a la misión!



Marilyn Santos

Marilyn Santos es la Directora Asociada de la Secretaría de Evangelización y Catequesis en la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Anteriormente se desempeñó como Directora de Educación Misionera en la Oficina Nacional de las Obras Misionales Pontificias en los Estados Unidos. Ha ocupado puestos de liderazgo en ministerios de jóvenes, jóvenes adultos y diversidad cultural en la Arquidiócesis de Atlanta, Georgia; la Diócesis de Brooklyn, Nueva York; y la Diócesis de Metuchen, New Jersey. Santos se desempeñó como Presidenta de La RED, la Red Católica Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana.

6-59 ESTRATEGIAS PARA INICIAR UN MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES ADULTOS



Padre Agustino Miguel Torres, CFR (vea biografía 3-59)

En esta sesión, el Padre Agustino Torres ofrecerá estrategias y pasos prácticos para comenzar y mantener un ministerio de jóvenes adultos en nuestra parroquias y diócesis.

SESIÓN 7

10:00 - 11:30 AM • DOMINGO, 23 DE FEBRERO

7-51 COMO SUPERAR EL DESÁNIMO EN LA VIDA FAMILIAR

SALA B

La vida familiar puede desanimarnos y hacernos sentir incluso impotentes especialmente cuando sufrimos una crisis de decepción o pérdida de confianza o ausencia de “sentimientos de amor” o conflictos que no conseguimos resolver o falta de comunicación o incapacidad de perdonarnos y reconciliarnos. Ciertos límites y fallos de nuestros familiares o de nosotros mismos nos pueden hacer dudar sobre nuestro futuro familiar. Esta sesión ofrece estrategias psicológicas y espirituales para superar el desánimo y activar los cambios necesarios para restaurar y fortalecer la unidad en nuestras familias.



Dr. John Yzaguirre

El Dr. John Yzaguirre es 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, MDiv, MFT, 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.

7-52 CON PROPÓSITO CATEQUÉTICO Y EVANGELIZADOR HACIA LAS PERSONAS CON (DIS)CAPACIDADES



Ana Barraza (vea biografía 1-52)

Comenzaremos esta sesión con una oración integrando la noción de la respiración y la posición orante. Examinaremos las diferentes definiciones que existen cuando nos referimos a las disCapacidades o excepciones dándonos cuenta del propósito catequético y evangelizador al adquirir dicha información. Basándonos en “La Declaración de Bienvenida y Justicia para las Personas con Discapacidades”, profundizaremos sobre lo que nuestra Iglesia católica nos reta a llevar a cabo al tomar la laboriosa misión de servir a nuestros hermanos con disCapacidades. Concluiremos con el Ave Maria en audiovisual integrando el lenguaje de señas americano (ASL).

7-53 LA IMAGEN DEL AMOR



Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez (vea 5-52)

La Imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe es una verdadera Inculcación del amor de Dios en cada corazón. La Imagen es un portento pues está en una tilma, sin preparación, con diversas técnicas de pintura, pero “aprovechando” los huecos, los poros, las rasgaduras, los nudos del hilo; en pocas palabras, las imperfecciones para dar todo un mensaje que trasciende tiempo y espacio, es

una verdadera y portentosa inculturación del Evangelio. Ver y analizar la auténtica Imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe de cerca, mueve a contemplar ese signo sensible para profundizar en nuestra fe, caminando con la seguridad de la Madre de Dios y nuestra Madre, la Virgen de Guadalupe, en el hueco de su manto, en el cruce de sus brazos, especialmente en este mundo y en este momento, convirtiéndonos a cada uno de nosotros en el instrumento del Amor de Dios, imágenes de su Misericordia, para el mundo de hoy.

7-54 MADUREZ AFECTIVA Y DISCERNIMIENTO: CLAVES PARA LA FORMACIÓN DE MINISTROS HOY

Muchos de los documentos del magisterio del Papa Francisco incluyen una sección dedicada a los fundamentos espirituales de cada tema tratado en el documento. Sus charlas publicas frecuentemente abarcan temas relacionados con la necesidad de cultivar la espiritualidad, especialmente la madurez afectiva y el discernimiento. ¿Cómo se entienden estos aspectos de la espiritualidad? ¿En que reside la importancia de la espiritualidad para la formación de ministros adultos (sacerdotes, diáconos y misioneros discípulos)? ¿Cómo se aprenden y cultivan estos aspectos de la espiritualidad? ¿Porque insiste el Papa tanto en esto como fundamento de la reforma de la Iglesia entera que el Segundo Concilio Vaticano y él promueve con urgencia y tanto empeño?



Rev. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ

El sacerdote Jesuita Allan Deck lleva casi 40 años de servicio a la Iglesia como administrador de una parroquia latina, director diocesano de la pastoral hispana en Orange County y asesor de los obispos de California y de los Estados Unidos. El P. Allan 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 Hispánicos de los Estados Unidos. Patrocinado por Renew International, su programa para la formación en la fe y justicia social, La justicia brota de la fe, se estrena en diócesis y parroquias a través de los Estados Unidos. Su último libro se titula "Francisco, Obispo de Roma: La Revolución de la Misericordia".

7-55 EL CAMINO A LA SANTIDAD: UNA INVITACIÓN A TODAS LAS GENERACIONES

La iglesia necesita de mujeres y hombres valientes que quieran vivir en gracia de Dios y ser portadores de misericordia por doquier desde la cotidianidad. Su santidad el Papa Francisco en la exhortación apostólica, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, nos invita a ser santos/as "de clase media", refiriéndose a los padres que crían con tanto amor a sus hijos, en esos hombres y mujeres que trabajan para llevar el pan a su casa, en los enfermos, en las religiosas ancianas que siguen sonriendo. Esa es muchas veces la santidad "de la puerta de al lado", de aquellos que viven cerca de nosotros y son un reflejo de la presencia de Dios, o, para usar otra expresión, "la clase media de la santidad".



Iván Díaz

Iván Díaz es compositor, educador y conferencista de Oregon Catholic Press. Es Director Musical de la Iglesia San Francisco de Sales en Miami Beach, Florida; Director del Coro National Catholic Youth Conference, y Director de Coros Juveniles en Broward County Schools en Florida. Ha aparecido en EWTN y Jesus Christ Network. Su producción musical incluye "Honor y Gloria a Él" y "Vive tu Fe", y su más reciente canción, "Aquí Estoy/Here I Am", junto al padre Rob Galea fue la numero uno en la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Panamá 2019.

7-56 ESTRESADO Y AGOBIADO – "¡TEN MISERICORDIA DE MI, SEÑOR!"

De seguro en algún momento en el último mes has dicho: "me falta paz interior, traigo mucho en la mente, ando estresado/a y agobiado/a". A veces, parece que la solución para recobrar la paz interior es retirarse a una isla exótica o a un monasterio donde nadie te enfade. Pero, hay otra solución: aprende a distanciarte de lo que te causa estrés y a entrar al espacio sagrado dentro de ti donde tocas y gustas la presencia misericordiosa de Dios. Esta conferencia te dará herramientas que puedes incorporar en tu vida cotidiana de oración y te introducirá a los conceptos de quietud, contemplación y meditación de nuestra tradición católica.



Hna. Karla Félix-Rivera, VDMF, JCL

La Hna. Karla Félix-Rivera pertenece a la Fraternidad Misionera Verbum Dei y descubrió la riqueza de la contemplación en 1993. Su trabajo de evangelización consiste en desarrollar programas contemplativos e impartir retiros en varias diócesis para matrimonios, catequistas, maestros y adultos. Ha sido conferencista en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa (2016, 2017, 2018). Tiene una licencia en derecho canónico de la Universidad Católica de América, y el Obispo Jaime Soto la nombro Delegada de Religiosos y Juez en el Tribunal de la Diócesis de Sacramento.

7-57 "ALÉGRATE MARÍA": MARÍA COMO ICONO DE LA SANTIDAD Y LA MISERICORDIA

Prof. Felix Palazzi (vea biografía 2-56)

La alegría y la santidad no son opuestas. La alegría en María es una de las primeras afirmaciones que encontramos en el Evangelio de Lucas. En esta ponencia, buscamos resaltar lo que la Escritura y la Iglesia han afirmado y proclamado sobre la santidad y la alegría en la Madre del Señor. Esperamos ofrecer algunas claves que nos animen a vivir la santidad en medio de nuestra realidad.

SESIÓN 7

10:00 - 11:30 AM • DOMINGO, 23 DE FEBRERO

7-58 SIENDO IGLESIA DE ENCUENTRO CON CATÓLICOS LGBTQ: LOS 5 PASOS DEL MODELO DE ENCUENTRO DE JESÚS

Lic. Yunuen Trujillo y P. Mike Gutiérrez (vea 5-58)

Durante su misión terrenal, Jesús caminó las calles de la tierra santa y otros pueblos teniendo encuentros diarios con personas de todo tipo. Él nos deja un modelo de Encuentro en los Evangelios que es un verdadero tesoro para la práctica diaria de nuestra fe, para crecer en ministerio, y para mejorar nuestras relaciones con los demás, especialmente aquellos diferentes a nosotros. En esta conferencia, estaremos estudiando las características del Modelo de Encuentro de Jesús que hacen que la Iglesia primitiva florezca y estaremos desglosando los cinco pasos para poner este modelo en práctica, para ser una Iglesia de Encuentro en los tiempos de hoy, especialmente con Católicos LGBTQ (lesbianas, gays, bisexuales y transgénero).

7-59 VIOLENCIA CONTRA LA MUJER Y LA CRUZ DE CRISTO: ¿UN CAMINO DE SANTIDAD?

Dra. Olga Consuelo Velez Caro (vea biografía 5-59)

Cada vez se toma más conciencia de la urgencia de acabar con el sufrimiento y violencia que afecta especialmente a las mujeres. Por eso es necesario mostrar cómo la fe es instrumento de liberación y, concretamente, la cruz de Cristo – bien entendida – ayuda profundamente a hacerlo posible. La santidad, por tanto, no se entiende como resignación y aguante del sufrimiento sino como superación del mismo.



SESIÓN 8

1:00 - 2:30 PM • DOMINGO, 23 DE FEBRERO

8-51 EL ACTIVISMO CRISTIANO COMO UNA PRÁCTICA DE SANTIDAD

SALA B

Vivimos en un momento histórico en que muchos católicos en los Estados Unidos nos estamos reencontrando con la práctica de “alzar nuestras voces inspirados por el Evangelio”. Ya sea que hablemos en favor de la vida, la dignidad humana, el cuidado del orden creado, el trato justo hacia los inmigrantes, la solidaridad global, etc., existe la convicción de que tenemos algo para decir porque creemos en Jesucristo. Esta conferencia es una invitación a reflexionar sobre la relación entre la santidad, la contemplación y la defensa de una causa como parte del activismo cristiano. Miraremos algunos ejemplos y exploraremos ciertas implicaciones.



Dr. Hosffman Ospino

El Dr. Hosffman Ospino es profesor de teología pastoral y educación religiosa en la Universidad jesuita Boston College en donde también es director de programas de postgrado en ministerio hispano. Su trabajo académico y pastoral le ha llevado a hacer presentaciones en Norteamérica, Latinoamérica y Europa. Dr. Ospino es autor y editor de varios libros sobre ministerio hispano, formación en la fe y vida en parroquias católicas. Él fue el investigador principal del estudio nacional de parroquias católicas con ministerios hispanos (2014). También sirvió como co-investigador del estudio nacional de escuelas católicas al servicio de familias hispanas (2015). Actualmente avanza un estudio nacional sobre vocaciones hispanas.

8-52 ¡PASTORAL JUVENIL EN DONDE NO SE BALCONEA LA VIDA SINO SE VIVE!

Katherine Angulo (vea biografía 4-51)

El Papa Francisco constantemente llama a los jóvenes a ser misioneros valientes. En la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud él nos dice: “Queridos jóvenes, por favor, no balconeen la vida, métanse en ella. Jesús no se quedó en el balcón, se metió; no balconeen la vida, métanse en ella como hizo Jesús”. Este entrenamiento se mostrará pasos a seguir para crear una pastoral juvenil en donde se vive la vida en misericordia y caridad.

8-53 LA MUJER EN UNA IGLESIA EN SALIDA: EL LENGUAJE SIMBÓLICO

Emilce Fabiana Cuda de Dunbar (vea biografía 5-53)

El tema de la mujer en la Iglesia puede abordarse desde múltiples perspectivas. Desde la Teología del Pueblo, se propone la escucha de otro lenguaje, el simbólico, como unión en la diversidad. Ese lenguaje se expresa por fuera de la palabra, en símbolos y gestos, propios de la cultura popular. El lenguaje simbólico le da a la mujer la capacidad de hablar el lenguaje del pueblo, es decir, de los/as descartados, los/as de abajo, los/as que están a los márgenes. Su capacidad de escucha y comprensión son indispensables en este momento de transición ecológica al que nos llama Francisco.

**8-54 CULTURAS Y MISIÓN: EL EVANGELIO ENCAR-
NADO** 🗣️

Rev. Eduardo C. Fernández, SJ (vea biografía 5-51)

El misterio de Dios que se hace hombre como nosotros tiene enormes implicaciones en el modo en que proclamamos la Buena Noticia hoy, en un tiempo que se caracteriza por su gran diversidad cultural. Dios no ha escogido permanecer por encima de nuestra condición humana; al contrario, ha escogido asumir nuestra humanidad en todo excepto en el pecado. Esta conferencia analiza cómo la cultura, especialmente a través del arte, puede ser un poderoso vehículo de proclamación del Evangelio, y cómo la inculturación puede adquirir la función de proclamación del Evangelio de tal modo que pueblos con las culturas más diversas logren abrazarlo. Esta es nuestra tarea hoy como discípulos misioneros de Jesús.

**8-55 PASTORAL RENOVADA DE LOS SACRAMEN-
TOS DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA** 🗣️

Manuel José Jiménez Rodríguez (vea biografía 4-53)

La catequesis parroquial continúa realizándose bajo formas tradicionales que hacen de los sacramentos un apéndice celebrativo en los cursos parroquiales. Se hace necesario articular de modo adecuado las dimensiones de la iniciación cristiana, sacramentos y catequesis, de un modo renovado que permita a quien quiera llegar a ser discípulo de Jesús adherirse a su persona y a la comunidad que lo anuncia y testimonia. Igualmente, que continúe su crecimiento en la fe celebrando los sacramentos en comunidad.

**8-56 EL DERECHO Y EL DEBER DE CANTAR COMO
PUEBLO DE DIOS**

Venimos a Misa no para ser entretenidos pasivamente, sino para participar plenamente, conscientemente y activamente en el banquete de Dios. Es un papel de responsabilidad que nos toca como miembros de la asamblea. Pero muy a menudo tratamos la Misa como si fuera el cine o un espectáculo, y así el pueblo se queda desconectado de la acción del rito, cuando realmente somos participantes privilegiados en esta acción. Con la ayuda de nuestros músicos y el coro en quienes hemos puesto nuestra confianza, podemos lograr esta visión de la Iglesia en que “toda la asamblea está involucrada activamente en la música de la liturgia”. ¡Así que lleguen a esta sesión listos a cantar sus alabanzas a Dios!

**Peter Kolar**

Peter Kolar es el Editor de Recursos en Español y Bilingües en la casa editorial GIA Publications. Es un pianista, compositor y presentador muy respetado. Recientemente sirvió como consultante a los obispos de Estados Unidos para los cantos del “Misal Romano, 3ra edición”. Kolar es presentador en RECongress, en la Asociación Nacional de Músicos Pastorales, y en la Conferencia de Músicos Hispanos Pastorales del Suroeste. Es parte de la mesa directiva del Southwest Liturgical Conference. Actualmente, es Director del Coro Diocesano de El Paso, Texas, donde vive con su esposa e hijas.

**8-57 ABRAMOS NUESTROS CORAZONES: EL RAC-
ISMO, UN ATENTADO CONTRA LA DIGNIDAD
HUMANA** 🗣️

María del Mar Muñoz-Visoso (vea biografía 6-56)

Cada ser humano ha sido creado a imagen y semejanza de Dios, todos con la misma dignidad de hijos. Por eso, el racismo es un atentado contra la dignidad humana que no tiene cabida en el corazón del cristiano, en la Iglesia y en una sociedad justa. En su carta pastoral, “Abramos Nuestros Corazones”, los obispos de los Estados Unidos hacen un llamado a todos los católicos a luchar contra el racismo y la discriminación, identificando sus manifestaciones actuales, aprendiendo de los errores del pasado y defendiendo la justicia, la vida y la dignidad de toda persona.

**8-58 EL EVANGELIO DE LOS CRISTIANOS DE AN-
TIOQUIA** 🗣️

Cuando Lucas en Hechos de los Apóstoles nos relata que “fue en Antioquia donde por primera vez se llamó a los discípulos cristianos”, nos abre un mar de preguntas: ¿Quiénes eran estos grupos cuyo mensaje traspasó barreras étnicas y religiosas? ¿Cómo es que crearon controversia y rechazo entre otros grupos cristianos más conservadores? ¿Qué mensaje fue este que hasta el mismo Pablo se atrevió a llamarlo “mi evangelio”? En esta conferencia, descifraremos el misterio de estos cristianos helenistas y descubriremos como fue que en el escenario de la historia este evangelio terminó imponiéndose resultando ser vital para nuestra identidad cristiana.

**Mario P. Romero**

Mario Romero es instructor del Instituto Bíblico de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, y también del Instituto Emaús de la Diócesis de Orange (anteriormente IPM). Es miembro de la facultad del Programa Arquidiocesano para Maestros de Catequistas, del Programa Arquidiocesano para el Diaconado, de Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Angeles, del Loyola Institute of Spirituality en Orange County. Además de unos centros parroquiales de estudio bíblico.

**8-59 TRES DÍAS DESPUÉS: DISCÍPULOS DE CANA A
LA CRUZ** 🗣️

Luis Soto (vea biografía 3-57)

El Evangelio de San Juan comienza con la historia de una nueva creación, que culmina precisamente en el día siete en las bodas de Cana. En ese evento, María, la “mujer”, se hace presente para ofrecernos la clave necesaria para el seguimiento. Ella misma aparecerá de nuevo al pie de la cruz en el capítulo 19, para ser llamada de nuevo “mujer”. En ella encontramos el modelo de discípulo misericordioso como lo es aquel a quien seguimos. En esta conferencia, profundizaremos sobre el significado de nuestro seguimiento, nuestro sí al Señor como lo hizo María, para ser testigos de su amor y misericordia en el mundo entero. Un camino seguro a la santidad.

INSTALACIONES DEL HOTEL/ HOSPITALIDAD

Cada hotel tiene reglas especiales con respecto a los alimentos y bebidas. Favor de comunicarse con su hotel para más preguntas.

Sabiendo que muchas parroquias brindan hospitalidad para su grupo, nos hemos comunicado con los gerentes de servicio de comida de los hoteles principales y han acordado trabajar con nosotros para proveer una variedad de alimentos y bebidas a precios razonables. También pueden organizar banquetes en sus salas de reuniones. Para su conveniencia, hemos incluido a la persona de contacto para algunos de los hoteles.

CONTACTOS DE BANQUETE / CATERING

CLARION:	Emily Quinn	(714) 750-3131
DOUBLETREE:	Stephanie Mason	(714) 383-7021
HILTON:	Kelly Brown	(714) 740-4293
MARRIOTT:	Kim Leavy	(714) 748-2447
SHERATON PARK:	Kathy French	(714) 750-1811

REGLAMENTACION DEL CENTRO DE CONVENCIONES

Por favor respete todas las reglas para participantes del RECongress:

1. Está prohibido acampar o realizar picnic en el estacionamiento del Centro de Convenciones.
2. Ninguna organización privada, expositor o particular puede distribuir o vender alimentos o bebidas.

Esta es una clara infracción del contrato con el Centro de Convenciones, quien da derechos exclusivamente a Aramark Food Service, Inc. y también infringe reglamentos de la agencia de salud del condado de Orange.

ESTACIONAMIENTO

El estacionamiento del Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim cuesta **\$18 cada vez** que usted ingresa. **NO HAY PASES DE ESTACIONAMIENTO** disponibles y **NO ESTÁ PERMITIDO DEJAR SU VEHÍCULO DURANTE LA NOCHE**. Tampoco está permitido acampar o hacer picnic. **NOTA:** Estacione su vehículo sólo en las áreas indicadas. Será multado si se estaciona de reversa en un espacio para estacionarse de frente. Si deja su auto en un área restringida, será remolcado y usted cubrirá los gastos. Revise nuestro sitio www.RECongress.org/2020/updates.htm para ver información sobre el estacionamiento y un mapa.

GRABACIÓN DE LAS CONFERENCIAS

La mayoría de las conferencias serán grabadas por la compañía Conference Media. **Se prohíbe cualquier otra grabación personal.** Para más información sobre como ordenar un audio CD o MP3 consulte la red www.RECongress.org o el libreto-guía.

SERVICIOS PARA PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDAD AUDITIVA

Haremos todo lo posible para asegurar que el RECongress 2020 sea accesible para personas sordas y con problemas de audición. Háganos saber si necesita intérpretes o aparatos de asistencia auditiva completando el Formulario de solicitud en la página

siguiente.

Le recomendamos que se comunique con el personal del Congreso de Educación Religiosa antes del 17 de enero de 2020 al (213) 637-7348 para asegurarse de que se haya recibido su solicitud. La liturgia de clausura del domingo será interpretada. Los asientos especiales para todos los miembros de la comunidad sorda se encuentran en frente y a la derecha del escenario de la Arena. Si desea que se interprete otra misa, puede solicitar un intérprete a su llegada.

Si desea agregar, eliminar o cambiar una solicitud DESPUÉS de su llegada, busque a los Servicios de interpretación, ubicados a las afueras de la oficina central del RECongress (AR-1). Si bien podemos satisfacer la mayoría de las solicitudes de cambios de última hora, no podemos garantizar que haya un intérprete disponible.

PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDADES

El Comité del Congreso de Educación Religiosa desea que disfrute de su experiencia en el RECongress y le ofrece las siguientes opciones:

- Si necesita que un asistente le acompañe a sus conferencias y otros eventos del RECongress, adjunte su tarjeta de registración con la suya, y envíela en el mismo sobre con una nota explicando que ambos necesitan estar registrados en las mismas conferencias. Es esencial que se registre **antes del 17 de enero de 2020**.
- Las distancias entre el centro de convenciones y hoteles vecinos son bastante largas. El Centro de Convenciones no proporciona sillas de ruedas. Póngase en contacto con Scootaround para el alquiler de sillas de ruedas y scooters en Anaheim, incluyen los scooters de movilidad, las sillas de ruedas manuales, las sillas motorizadas y el vehículo eléctrico personal ultrapotátil. Para obtener más información, visite www.scootaround.com en línea o llame al (888) 441-7575.

Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes sobre su capacidad para asistir o disfrutar del RECongress debido al acceso para discapacitados o problemas de movilidad, no dude en ponerse en contacto con Rob Williams por email en REcmobility@recongress.org. Durante el RECongress puede acudir al Equipo de Movilidad que está situado justo fuera de las Oficinas Centrales del RECongress "Headquarters" (AR-1), en el pasillo entre la sala de exhibiciones y la entrada de la Arena.

VOLUNTARIOS NECESITADOS

Estamos muy agradecidos por los cientos de voluntarios que dan de su tiempo en RECongress. Anualmente necesitamos voluntarios, especialmente para nuestros días de adultos, incluido el voluntario de la conferencia (en inglés y español). Si estás interesado, por favor contacte a nuestra Coordinadora de Inglés Ana Gómez en RECvolunteer@la-archdiocese.org o nuestra Coordinadora de Español Ramona Meza en RECvoluntario@la-archdiocese.org.

Ministros de la Eucaristía para las liturgias en la Arena, por favor contacte a Maryann Nguyen en RECministers1@la-archdiocese.org o Keith Morlock en RECministers2@la-archdiocese.org.

Puede encontrar más información y necesidades adicionales de voluntariado en línea en www.RECongress.org/volunteers.htm.

FEATURED ADVERTISERS



THE PIZZA PRESS

Lunch salad & pizza
Only \$8.10
with Promo Code: Rel Ed.




Newly renovated, resort style hotel just five minutes from the Anaheim Convention Center!

Enjoy:

- Guestrooms with two king beds (available upon request)
- Bathrooms with double vanity sinks (available upon request)
- Mini-refrigerators in all guest rooms
- Free shuttle to/from the Convention Center

1700 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802 | (714) 772-5900
theanaheimhotel.com



**Listen Deeply
Look Within**

Explore the contemplative life of a Trappist nun at Redwoods Abbey

*Monastic Experience Weekend
April 23-26 and October 1-4, 2020
Apply: www.contemplativeretreat.org*

Meet us at the Trappist booth RECongress 2020

PROGRAMA DE CONTRIBUCIONES



Ralphs, uno de los supermercados más grandes en el sur de California, ayuda a escuelas, iglesias y otras

organizaciones sin fines de lucro. El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles recibe ayuda del programa de contribuciones “Ralphs Community Contributions Program.” Usted también puede ayudar. ¡Es fácil! Inscríbese en Ralphs y obtenga su tarjeta gratis. Vaya de compras, presente su tarjeta y un porcentaje de sus compras irá para ayudar al Congreso de Educación Religiosa. (Nota: este es un programa anual que debe renovarse cada año. El plazo actual es del 1 de septiembre de 2019 al 31 de agosto de 2020.)

Es fácil inscribirse para sacar su “Ralphs Rewards Card” en los supermercados o en la red. También puede llenar su aplicación del programa “Ralphs rewards Card” en la red.

- Ir a: www.ralphs.com (o www.food4less.com)
- Abajo de la sección de “Información de las Compañías,” presionar “Community.”
- Buscar “Contribución a la Comunidad” en la parte inferior de la página.
- Seleccionar “Ver más” y seleccionar “Inscripción.”
- Deberá escribir su código postal y seleccionar un negocio para continuar.
- Deberá escribir su Número de Tarjeta (se encuentra en la parte de atrás de la misma).
- Confirmar o entrar su nombre y domicilio.
- Escribir KV939 o escribir “Archdiocese of Los Angeles - Religious Education” en la barra de búsqueda.

LOS BOLETOS PARA DISNEY RESORT

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 disponible en línea en www.mydisneygroup.com/ZMRB20A y deben comprarse antes del lunes, 12 de febrero de 2020. Esta oferta no está disponible en el parque de Disneyland, y los boletos son válidos del sábado, 16 de febrero de 2020 hasta el miércoles 27 de febrero de 2020.

FONDO DE APOYO

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa ha establecido un fondo de apoyo (Endowment Fund) financiado por 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 juvenil, tenga 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 RECongress, favor de enviar su donativo de cualquier cantidad a la dirección que se proporciona a continuación. Tendremos una colecta especial para este fondo durante las liturgias del sábado.

Favor de hacer su donativo a nombre de: “Religious Education Endowment Fund.” Envíelo a: Hermana Rosalia Meza, Office of Religious Education, PO Box 761157, Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157.

HOTEL NOTE: We have negotiated special rates with the following properties. To get the quoted rates, be sure to inform the hotel that you are attending the Religious Education Congress. Room availability is not guaranteed after dates indicated. The hotel room rate is subject to applicable state and local taxes plus any resort fees in effect at the time of check-in. A portion of the room rate is used to offset Convention Center expenses. Hotel updates and links can be found online at www.RECongress.org/hotels.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL PROPERTIES

Hotel Address (Anaheim CA 92802 unless noted)	Phone	Rate	Suite	Time	Notes
ANAHEIM MARRIOTT (Headquarters Hotel) 700 W Convention Way	(714) 750-8000 (800) 228-9290	\$226 \$239	Check availability	4:00 pm	50% off self park; rate good through January 27, 2020
ANAHEIM HILTON 777 W Convention Way	(714) 750-4321 (877) 776-4932	\$219 \$229	Check availability	4:00 pm	Rate good through January 29, 2020; use group code: REL
THE ANAHEIM HOTEL 1700 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 772-5900	\$158 \$224		4:00 pm	Comp. shuttle; \$14 first car (\$19 additional car); rate good through January 29, 2020
ANAHEIM INN (Best Western Plus) 1630 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 774-1050	\$172		4:00 pm	Rate good through January 29, 2020
CAMBRIA HOTEL & SUITES 1734 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 520-3200 (877) 424-6423	\$179 \$199		4:00 pm	\$15 self-parking; full hot breakfast buffet; rate good through January 29, 2020
CASTLE INN & SUITES 1734 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 774-8111 (800) 227-8530	\$165		4:00 pm	Rate good through January 29, 2020
CLARION ANAHEIM RESORT 616 W Convention Way	(714) 750-3131 (800) 231-6215	\$154.95 \$184.95	Check availability	4:00 pm	\$16 self park; rate good through January 19, 2020; use group code: GW91S2
DOUBLETREE SUITES ANAHEIM 2085 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-3000 (800) 445-8667	\$153	\$180	4:00 pm	\$8 self park; rate good through January 30, 2020
HAMPTON INN & SUITES (Harbor) 11747 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove 92840	(714) 620-2406	\$154	Check availability	3:00 pm	\$10 self park; rate good through January 28, 2020
HAMPTON INN & SUITES (Katella) 100 W Katella Ave	(714) 533-1500	\$189	Check availability	3:00 pm	Rate good through December 25, 2019
PARK PLACE INN (Best Western Plus) 1544 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 776-4800	\$172	Check availability	4:00 pm	Rate good through January 29, 2020
PAVILIONS (Best Western Plus) 1176 W Katella Ave	(714) 776-0140	\$129		4:00 pm	Rate good through January 29, 2020
PORTOFINO INN & SUITES 1831 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 782-7600 (888) 297-7143	\$189 \$209		3:00 pm	Rate good through January 29, 2020
RAFFLES INN & SUITES (Best Western Plus) 2040 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-6100 (800) 308-5278	\$153	\$173 \$195	3:00 pm	Welcome reception at check-in; free hot breakfast; rate good through January 29, 2020; use code ReligiousED2020
RED LION HOTEL 1850 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-2801 (800) 733-5466	\$170		3:00 pm	Rate good through January 29, 2020
RESIDENCE INN ANAHEIM 640 W Katella Ave	(714) 782-7500 (877) 688-7165		\$235	4:00 pm	\$20 parking (1 car per room); free breakfast; rate good through January 29, 2020
SHERATON PARK HOTEL 1855 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-1811 (866) 837-4197	\$185 \$216		4:00 pm	\$21 self park; rate good through January 29, 2020
SPRINGHILL SUITES ANAHEIM 1801 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 533-2101 (844) 473-3953	\$215 \$230		4:00 pm	Free breakfast; rate good through January 29, 2020
STOVALL'S INN (Best Western Plus) 1110 W Katella Ave	(714) 778-1880	\$129		4:00 pm	\$12 self parking; rate good through January 29, 2020

FEATURED ADVERTISERS



FOCCUS Marriage Ministries

FOCCUS Pre-Marriage ministry would like to invite you to become trained as a Certified FOCCUS Facilitator

El ministerio Pre-Matrimonial de FOCCUS desea invitarlo a capacitarse como Facilitador Certificado de FOCCUS

What is a FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Assessment?

FOCCUS is an internationally used pre-marriage assessment designed to provide engaged couples and those working with them a personalized profile of their relationship. It is both a starting place for facilitated couple discussion and a map of what areas may need additional conversation to improve their relationship.

¿Qué es una evaluación Pre-Matrimonial FOCCUS?

FOCCUS es una evaluación pre-matrimonial de uso internacional diseñada para proveer a las parejas comprometidas y a quienes trabajan con ellas un perfil personalizado de su relación. Es a la vez un punto de partida para facilitar la discusión en pareja y un mapa de las áreas que pueden necesitar una conversación adicional para mejorar su relación.

Training available in English & Spanish

Date: February 20, 2020
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Address:

Christ Cathedral (Newly Renovated)
13280 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Parking available in parking lot at no cost
Room: Arboretum

Cost: \$100 per person - \$150 per couple
Training includes a Training Handout Packet and a 4th Edition FOCCUS Facilitator Manual, all day hospitality and lunch.
Couples will share a manual.

Cut-off registration date:
January 13, 2020

Space is limited; Book Now!
Register online:

<https://tinyurl.com/FOCCUS-English>



For more information: 877.883.5422 or foccmgr@focusinc.com

Entrenamiento disponible en Español e Inglés

Fecha: 20 de Febrero de 2020
Hora: 8:00 a.m. a 3:30 p.m.
Dirección del edificio:

Catedral de Cristo (Recientemente Renovada)
13280 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Estacionamiento disponible en el campus sin costo.

sala: Centro Cultural 3er piso

Costo: \$ 100 por persona - \$ 150 por pareja
La capacitación incluye un paquete de material didáctico y un manual del facilitador FOCCUS de la 4ª edición, hospitalidad y almuerzo durante todo el día.
Las parejas compartirán un manual.

Fecha límite de registro:
13 de Enero de 2020

El espacio es limitado; ¡Reserva Ahora!
Regístrate en línea:

<https://tinyurl.com/FOCCUS-Spanish>



SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Religious Education Congress has made arrangements for airport transportation with Karmel Shuttle, offering direct service between Los Angeles Airport (LAX), John Wayne Airport (SNA) and Long Beach Airport (LGB) to and from the Anaheim Resort. **Reservations are required 24 hours in advance.** Karmel Shuttle offers state-of-the-art tracking, so they will know when your original flight has been delayed; however, you **MUST** call 1-888-995-7433 to advise of any and all flight changes.

Shared van rates (inclusive of the discount) to/from the Airports and the Anaheim Resort are: Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to/from the Anaheim Resort is \$22 for a



Airport transfers ... discounted exclusively for attendees of the 2020 Religious Education Congress with Karmel Shuttle.

one-way transfer, per person; John Wayne Airport (SNA) to/from the Anaheim Resort is \$15 one-way transfer, per person; and Long Beach Airport (LGB) to/from the Anaheim Resort is \$24 one-way transfer, per person.



2 WAYS TO REGISTER:

- 1) Visit www.karmel.com and enter Promo Code **RECON20**.
- 2) Call toll-free 1-888-995-7433 and mention Promo Code **"RECON20"** at the time of reservation.

FLIGHT ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS: You **MUST** contact Karmel Shuttle for pick-up. Upon flight arrival, immediately gather all luggage and call toll free 1-888-995-7433, advising you are ready for pickup. If you provided your cell phone number with your reservation, look for a text message or email with your **READY TO GO** link. Click **READY TO GO** once you have all luggage in hand. Dispatch will alert you back with a van # and instruct you were to stand to meet your Driver.

Normal operating hours are 4:00 am to 8:59 pm. Times outside of normal operating hours can still be accommodated; however, a private van service option will **ONLY** be available after hours and will be noted on the reservations prior to confirming the transfer. Please call to confirm **ALL** transfers 48 hours in advance by calling toll-free 1-888-995-7433.

RESORT AREA SHUTTLE

The Anaheim Resort Transit (ART) replaces individual hotel shuttle service to locations throughout the Anaheim Resort District. ART's fleet of vehicles runs along nine routes that connect hotels, Disneyland, Disney California Adventure, Downtown Disney and the Anaheim Convention Center with shopping, dining and evening entertainment.



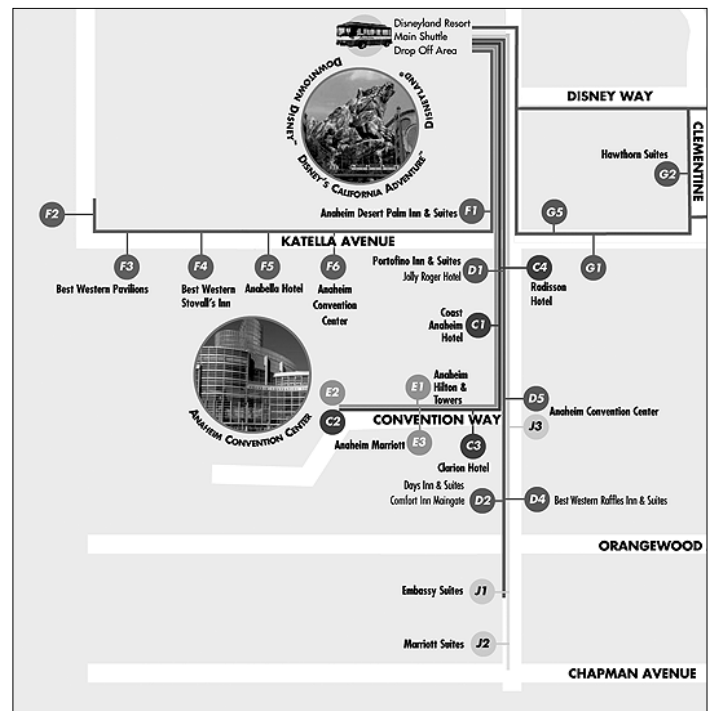
ART schedules and system maps, adult and child passes, display materials and signage will be available at all participating hotels in the Anaheim Resort District.

Service Schedule: Daily service begins 60 minutes before area theme parks open and concludes 30 minutes after closing. Disneyland's East Esplanade offers ART guests priority pick-up and drop-off locations. During peak periods or special events, 10-minute frequency services early morning and evening high-demand periods. Non-peak periods are serviced with 20-minute frequency.

Fares & Passes: ART adult all-day passes can be purchased by cash, ATM and credit card at \$5 per day (children 3-9 are \$2 per day) for unlimited use; three-day adult passes are priced at \$12 (children 3-9 are \$3), and five-day adult passes are \$20 (children 3-9 are \$5). Children 2 and under are free.

Passes are available from:

- The Front Desk of all participating ART properties.
- ART kiosks located at 13 locations throughout the Resort.



• On-board, guests may purchase one-way, one-time, **cash-only** fares of \$3 for adults; children 3-9 are \$1; under 2 are free; also reduced fares for seniors. For further information, check online at www.rideart.org or contact the 24-hour, toll-free Call Center at **1-888-364-2787**, available in English and Spanish.

It's time to book your Airline Tickets for the

2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

Call and reserve your tickets early with the Official Travel Agency of Congress



A Branch of Tzell Travel Group

EXECUTOURS TRAVEL SERVICE

A BRANCH OF THE TZELL TRAVEL GROUP

1111 SANTA MONICA BLVD SUITE 1675
LOS ANGELES, CA 90025-2994



A Division of Executours

CALL AND ASK FOR THE RECONGRESS DESK: 310-552-0786 (in California)

– or – 1-800-323-7004 (outside California)

FAX: 310-552-2622

EMAIL: info@executours.com

EMAIL OR FAX FORM FOR THE 2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Passenger Name: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger Name: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

*International Travelers Only – Passport Number: _____ Exp.: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp.: _____

City of Departure: _____ or Airport of Departure: _____

Date of Departure: _____ Time: _____ AM or PM

Date of Return: _____ Time: _____ AM or PM

Frequent flyer number(s): _____ Seating preference: _____

Car rental type (and preference of company, if you have one): _____

Any special requests: _____

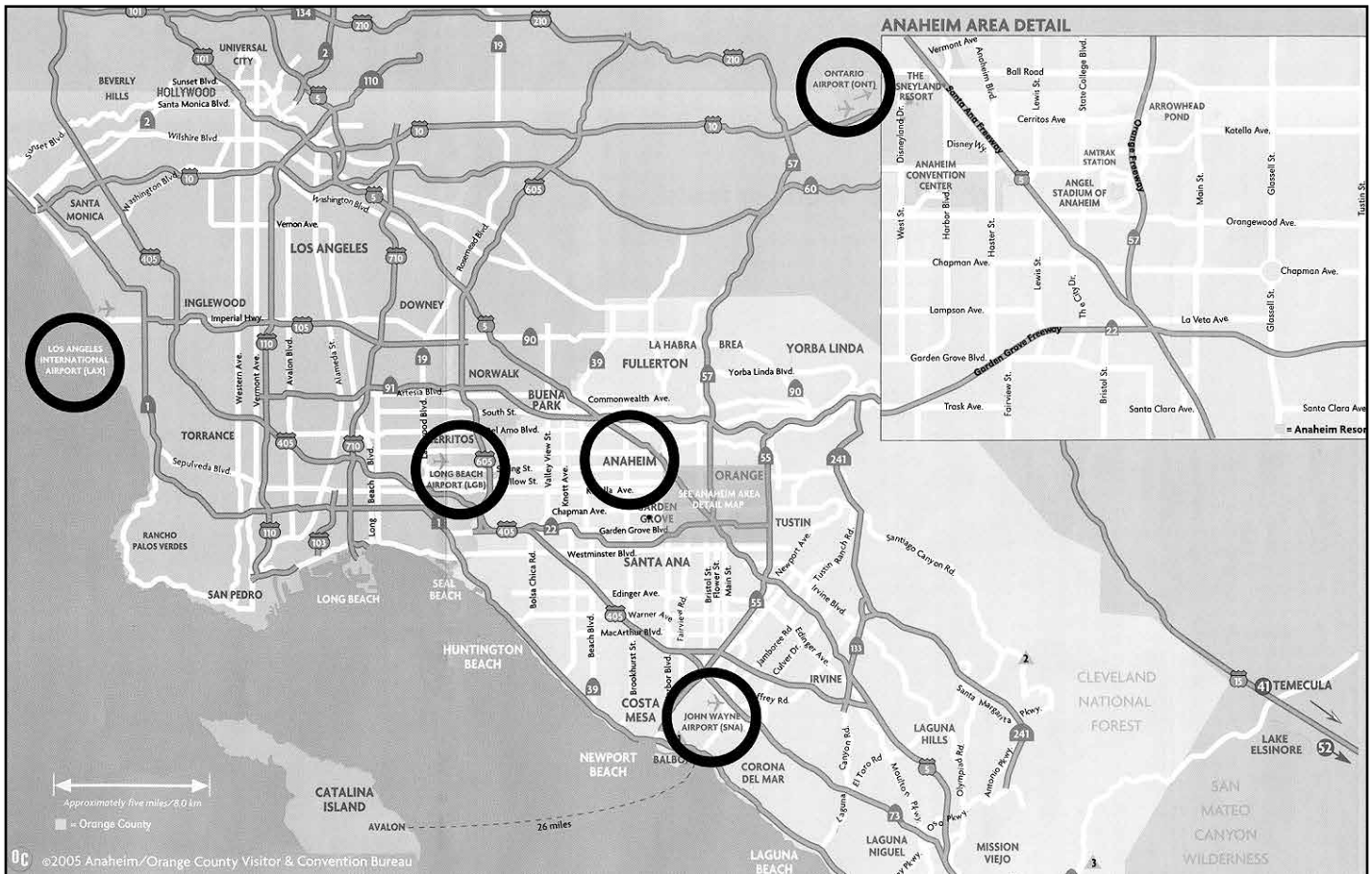
CREDIT CARD HOLDER'S AUTHORIZATION:

In lieu of my credit card imprint, I, _____, hereby authorize EXECUTOURS TRAVEL SERVICE to charge any transactions requested by me via telephone, fax or email to my credit card listed above.

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Cardholder

NOTE: IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED. PLEASE PROVIDE BY FAXING US A PHOTOCOPY OF THE CREDIT CARD (FRONT AND BACK) AND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF CARDHOLDER. THE TSA REQUIRES THAT ALL TRAVELERS' NAMES MUST MATCH GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION, INCLUDING MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL.



ENDOWMENT FUND

The Office of Religious Education has established an Endowment Fund to support the ongoing training and formation of religious education leaders by making scholarships available for catechetical leaders to pursue graduate studies. It is our hope that every Director of Religious Education and Director of Youth Ministry will be given the opportunity to receive a master's degree in Religious Education/Religious Studies.

If you would like to contribute to this fund and be listed in the RE-Congress Program Book as a Benefactor (\$1000), Sponsor (\$500), Donor (\$100) or Friend (\$50), please make your donation at any amount with registration. In addition, there will be a collection

for this fund at the Saturday evening liturgies. Please make your donation payable to: **Religious Education Endowment Fund.**

Mail to: Sr. Rosalia Meza

Office of Religious Education
PO Box 761157
Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157

On the Web: Online registration allows charges on a credit card – registration fees and any contribution to the Endowment Fund. Charges can be made to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Any contribution to the Endowment Fund is tax-deductible.

RALPHS CLUB

Ralphs Grocery Company, a Southern California supermarket chain, supports schools, churches and other non-profit organizations with annual contributions. The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is a member of Ralphs Community Contributions Program. Simply by using an enrolled Ralphs rewards Card, a portion of eligible purchases are contributed to the RECongress. (Note: This is an annual program that must be renewed each year. The current term is **September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.**)

We encourage all Ralphs and Food 4 Less shoppers to sign up for the free Ralphs rewards Card and register their card with the



Community Contributions Program. It's easy!

- Go to **www.ralphs.com** (or **food4less.com**)
- Click on "Sign In"
- Enter your email address and password
- Select "My Account" under Welcome, Valued Customer
- Scroll down to Community Rewards and click the Edit button
- In Search box, type "**KV939**" or "**Archdiocese of Los Angeles - Religious Education**"
- Be sure to click on the circle next to the name
- Click on Enroll to complete the enrollment process
- You have now completed your online rewards card registration AND your Community Contribution registration.

CERTIFICATION



**Loyola
Marymount
University**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT WITH LMU EXTENSION

2020 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

“Live Mercy-Be Holy/Vive la misericordia y la santidad/Sông Nhân Tu-Hãy Nên Thánh”

February 21-23, 2020

In cooperation with the Archdiocesan Office for Religious Education, Loyola Marymount University offers the opportunity to earn professional development credit (continuing education units or CEUs) for participating in and reflecting on the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, with two options:

1.0 CEU	1.5 CEUs
To earn 1.0 CEU (10 hours over two days), participants must (1) attend any six workshops (including keynote address) and at least one major liturgy, and (2) complete a 1-2 page reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.	To earn 1.5 units (15 hours over three days), participants must (1) attend any eight workshops (including keynote address) and at least two major liturgies, and (2) complete a 2-3 page reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.

Papers must be submitted no later than **February 28, 2020**. To register, return the completed registration form below with payment to LMU Extension at the Hall A booth, by fax at 310-338-2706, by phone at 310-338-2799, or by direct mail to the address below. Papers may be submitted by email at crs@lmu.edu, by fax, or direct mail.

-----><-----><-----

LMU EXTENSION REGISTRATION FORM

- 1.0 CEU – RELX 871.10 | 2020 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress (2-Day) | Fee: \$65
- 1.5 CEUs – RELX 871.09 | 2020 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress (3-Day) | Fee: \$95

NAME _____
TITLE FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

EMAIL _____

Checks must be made out to “Loyola Marymount University”. Visa or MasterCard are excepted by phone or in person. Direct mail to: **Center for Religion and Spirituality, LMU Extension, 1 LMU Drive, Suite 1840, Los Angeles, CA 90045**

HOTEL FACILITIES/HOSPITALITY

Each hotel has specific food and beverage policies. Please contact your hotel for any particular questions.

Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all the major hotels who have agreed to provide a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at some of these facilities.

BANQUET / CATERING CONTACTS ONLY

CLARION:	Emily Quinn	(714) 750-3131
DOUBLETREE:	Stephanie Mason	(714) 383-7021
HILTON:	Kelly Brown	(714) 740-4293
MARRIOTT:	Kim Leavy	(714) 748-2447
SHERATON PARK:	Kathy French	(714) 750-1811

CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

The following regulations have been given to the RECongress Office regarding policies. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

1. There is no camping or picnicking on Convention Center parking lots.
2. There is no free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

This is in 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 **\$18 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.

Check our website at www.RECongress.org/2020/updates.htm for parking information and a downloadable map.

WORKSHOP RECORDING

Many of the RECongress workshops will be recorded by Conference Media. **Individual audio/video recording at RECongress is not allowed.** Further information about ordering audio CDs and MP3s 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 make every effort to assure that RECongress 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 17, 2020, 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 in Anaheim.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask Interpreting Services, located just outside RECongress 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 RECongress experience and offers the following options:

- If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other RECongress 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 17, 2020.
- NOTE: The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large and the Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Scootaround for wheelchair and scooter rentals in Anaheim. For more information, see www.scootaround.com online or call (888) 441-7575.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your ability to attend or enjoy RECongress due to mobility concerns, please feel free to contact Rob Williams at RECMobility@recongress.org. RECongress' Mobility Team will be available to help with workshop or liturgy wheelchair transport, special seating and any access issues within RECongress. You can find the Mobility Team located just outside RECongress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are very grateful for the hundreds of volunteers who give of their time at RECongress. We annually have a need for volunteers, especially for our Adult Days, including Workshop Volunteers (in English and Spanish). If you are interested, please contact our English Coordinator Ana Gomez at RECvolunteer@la-archdiocese.org or our Spanish Coordinator Ramona Meza at RECvoluntario@la-archdiocese.org.

Eucharistic Ministers for the liturgies in the Arena, please contact: Maryann Nguyen at RECministers1@la-archdiocese.org or Keith Morlock at RECministers2@la-archdiocese.org.

You can find more information and additional volunteer needs online at www.RECongress.org/volunteers.htm.

REGISTRATION FORM

DO . . .

1. Register online by credit card or check at www.RECongress.org.
2. Registration by mail: 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.
3. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
4. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress**.
5. **Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.**
6. Registration is available on-site during the RECongress weekend.

PLEASE . . .

1. **DO NOT** duplicate the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after January 31, 2020.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.

REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$75. Postmarked after January 10, 2020 is \$85.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by January 3, 2020. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. If you have not mailed in your registration by **January 31, 2020** please register online at www.RECongress.org.
4. TICKETS will be mailed prior to the event. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.
5. **Online registration is available until 9 am on Sunday, February 23, 2020.** Registrations after January 20, 2020 will not be mailed tickets. You will receive a bar code by email with your confirmation. Have your bar code available to print your tickets at a kiosk in the on-site Registration Area.
6. **Replacement tickets cost: \$30.**
7. You must present a printed ticket at workshops. Smartphone, iPad, tablet images or photocopies are NOT acceptable.
8. **Sharing tickets is not allowed. Each person who attends RECongress must register individually and have a printed name badge.**

ON-SITE REGISTRATION/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Register or pick up your Program Book and badge holder beginning **Thursday, February 20, from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm.** Already registered? Bring your RECongress workshop tickets with you to bypass the registration area and pick up your Program Book directly.

REMINDER: The adult days of RECongress are for adults/young adults ONLY and 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 other attendees.

LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

SÍ . . .

1. Se aceptan tarjetas de crédito en línea en www.RECongress.org
2. 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.
3. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
4. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress**.
5. **FIRME SU CHEQUE.**
6. Inscripciones estarán disponibles durante del RECongress.

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 31 de enero, 2020.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.

RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$75 (U.S.). Después del 10 de enero, 2020 será \$85.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 3 de enero, 2020. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si usted no envía su forma de inscripción antes del **31 de enero, 2020**, por favor inscribase en línea a www.RECongress.org.
4. **LOS BOLETOS serán enviados por correo. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA** con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.
5. **La registración en línea permanecerá abierta hasta las 9 am el 23 de febrero, 2020.** Si se registra en línea después del 20 de enero, recibirá un código con su confirmación. Traiga su código al RECongress e imprima sus boletos al quiosco en la área de registración.
6. **El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$30.**
7. Debera enseñar un boleto para entrar a los talleres. Boleto fotográficos (smartphone, iPad o tablet) y/o fotocopiados NO son aceptables.
8. **No aceptamos que compartan los boletos del RECongress. Cada persona que asista debe inscribirse individualmente.**

INSCRIPCIÓN/RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Regístrese o recoja su libro a partir del **jueves, 20 de febrero, por la noche desde las 5:30 pm hasta las 8:00 pm** en el área de la Prefunciones del Centro de Convenciones. ¿Ya se ha registrado? Traiga sus entradas taller RECongress con usted para recoger su libro.

El RECongress es un evento de educación religiosa para adultos/jóvenes adultos SOLAMENTE. Todos los talleres son dirigidos a estos grupos. Si usted debe traer a su niño/s, ellos deben ser registrados y deben estar acompañados. Le pedimos hacerse responsable de ellos para evitar distracciones a otros delegados.

REQUEST FORM FOR SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS

The Religious Education Congress staff will make every effort to assure that RECongress 2020 is accessible to the Deaf or Hard of Hearing person. For those who would like to request an interpreter or use of an Assistive Listening Device (ALD), **please fill out and include this form along with your registration.**

SERVICES

What services do you need? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter ALD

WORKSHOPS

I plan on attending the following periods (circle all that apply): FRI: 1 2 3 SAT: 4 5 6 SUN: 7 8

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Email: _____ Cell/Phone: _____

CHANGING REQUESTS

If you wish to add or change a request AFTER you arrive at RECongress, check with Interpreting Services, located outside AR-1, in the Arena Lobby. While we can accommodate most last-minute requests, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.