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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)
1:00 - 2:30 pm	 Augustin & Hess 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
into into pin	(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 Disfunction grad)
7:50 - 9:30 am	(ACC North Prefunction area) Morning Praise & Keynote English (Arena) – Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI Morning Praise & Keynote
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	– 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
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	– 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)
0.20 pm	 "Fiesta Latina" Sacred Illuminations 2020
8:30 pm	(ACC North 158)
9:00 pm	Taizé Prayer
	(ACC North 251)
9:00 pm - 12 mid	Young Adult Dance (Marriott)
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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)
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	– "Hi Ĝod!"
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 8 Workshops
3:30 pm	Closing Liturgy (Arena)



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.

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- Daily schedule, workshops and highlights
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- Restaurant information guide
- Exhibitor listings and categories
- Office of Religious Education staff & program offerings
- Technology Center schedule
- Workshop recording form
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HAT IS RECONGRE

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.)



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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.)



TERTAINMENT 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.





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WELCOME



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.

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Most Reverend José H. Gom<u>ez</u>



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,

ROSALIA MEZA, VOME

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

WELCOME

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.



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Paulette Smith Associate Director RECongress Event Coordinator

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

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."

Flor de Maria Luna Coordinator of Catechist Formation

"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."

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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!





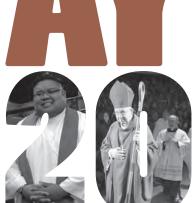














Youth Day

OUTH 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:



EUCHARISTIC 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.



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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

YOUTH DAY

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:



EUCHARISTIC 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!

TITLE: MASS CONFUSION WITH THE DOUG AND DAVE SHOW

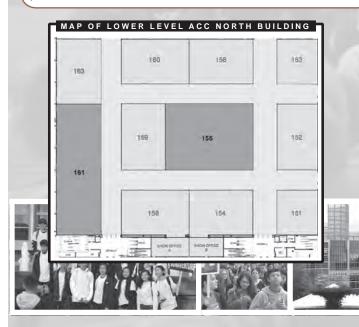
SPEAKER: DOUG BRUMMEL & DAVID WILSON LOCATION: ACC NORTH 161 (LOWER 100 LEVEL) TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

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.





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: 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 "King-

dom Come" and "Fully Alive," along with his latest release, "Chosen." Melendrez currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife and their daughter.

TITLE: #ISEEWHATYOUDIDTHERE 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. Mc-Grady 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 IN-NER 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

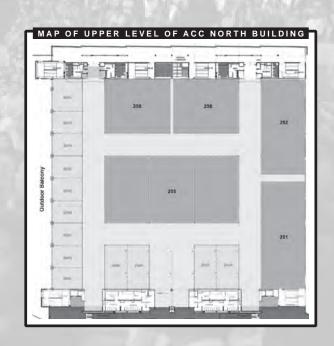
SPEAKER: DR. JOHN M. RINALDO LOCATION: ACC NORTH 258 (UPPER 200 LEVEL) TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

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 Di-

rectors 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.
- Please make checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCA-TION 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.
- 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).



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YOUTH DAY

Youth Day

FRIDAY EVENTS

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

"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 Sr. Rosalia Meza, VDMF Paulette Smith Jan Pedroza John Flaherty Tony Alonso Donna Anderle David Anderson John Angotti Steve Angrisano Ed Archer Meredith Augustin Betsey Beckman Anna Betancourt John Burland Helena Buscema

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Kristina Ortega Cooper Ray Brenda Smith Elisha Soriano Emily Temple Trevor Thomson Transfiguration Church Dance Troupe Mark Voris James Wahl WAL John West & the Valyermo Troupe Rufino Zaragoza and many more...

Arena – 8:30 am

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

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.



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.



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.

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Spirit Rising

SATURDAY EVENTS

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.

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

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!



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

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.



SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 2:30 pm On-site Registration & tickets (Hall B Prefunction area)

Program Book Pick-up (ACC North Prefuction 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

8:00 pm

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

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





11:45 am - 12:30 pm

SUNDAY EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Arena – 8:00 am

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)

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SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

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"!

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

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!



Arena – 3:30 pm



CLOSING LITURGY

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.



11:45 am - 12:30 pm

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.

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 Nguyen2-70* Sr. Mary Nguyen3-70* Prof. Quyen Di

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4-70* Rev. Hy Nguyen5-70* Rev. Thinh Pham6-70* Sr. Mary Nguyen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7-70* Rev. Hy Nguyen8-70* 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



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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

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CONTEMPLATIVE LITURGY Presider: 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 Presider: 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 **Presider: 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 Presider: 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 Presider: 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 Presider: 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.

LITURGIES & PRAYER

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

EUCHARISTIC 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 Presider: 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 Presider: 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 Presider: 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. Junípero 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)

Presider: Rev. Hung PhamMusic by: Ivan Diaz & Paul NguyenSuccessors 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 medioc-
rity. 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 Presider: 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 Presider: Clarissa Martinez

Music by: Jesse Manibusan

TAIZÉ - 9:00 PM Music by: David Anderson











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

Find topic categories online at www.RECongress.org/2020/topics.htm

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 reco

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