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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS**

Friday, February 29 – Sunday, March 2, 2008

### Anaheim Convention Center Anaheim, Calif.

#### The RECongress is an amazing opportunity to...

- Participate in the nation's largest annual gathering of Roman Catholics.
- Challenge and grow your faith with over 250 workshops to choose from with well-known speakers from all over the world.
- Connect with fellow Catholics from throughout the West and across the United States!
- Reconnect with your RECongress friends ... or make new ones!
- Experience liturgy from many different cultures, including Contemplative, Jazz, Nigerian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Black Culture, Celtic, Spanish and Young Adult.

#### What is the RECongress?

The annual Religious Education Congress, held in Anaheim, Calif., is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Office of Religious Education, Congress draws in excess of 40,000 participants over the course of this internationally acclaimed four-day event. The annual Youth Day draws 15,000 youth from all over Southern California – and beyond. Congress' international presence continues to grow, with participants from over 14 different countries. This year there will be more than 270 workshops available to choose from, covering a vast range of topics and interests from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. Over the weekend participants will enjoy morning praise, workshops, evening liturgies and a variety of prayer experiences with internationally renowned leaders in the areas of liturgical music and worship. Noontime and evening concerts offer additional opportunities for praise and worship - delightful experiences which engage and renew participants!



## 2008 CONGRESS THEME Lift Your Gaze ... See Anew! ¡Alza tu mirada ... Vuelve a mirar!

Our theme, "Lift Your Gaze ... See Anew!" nudges us to widen our horizons, bid farewell to whatever may cloud our vision or dim our spirits and glimpse again all the beauty within us and around us. Gazing with eyes of the heart we discover the divine spark at the center of all of creation and at the heart of all human experiences.

The poet William Blake reminds us, "Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen." Seeing anew, our eyes truly catch fire and we go forth to invite others to open up to the wisdom and liberation of "God's sight" – to see beyond – to imagine a future filled with possibility.

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

#### How to Register for the Los Angeles RECongress:

Registration for Congress is only \$60 until January 5, 2008 (\$70 after that date). Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! For more information, stop by your parish Religious Education Office for a Registration Guildebook, or call the RECongress info line at 213-637-7348. For more information or to register by credit card, go online to www.RECongress.org.

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