

Workshops

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I-01 **IGNITE YOUR SPIRIT! SAY “YES” THROUGH DANCE SONG AND PRAYER**

This movement workshop will take you out of your chair and expose you to innovative ways to involve your students in the faith stories. Participants will learn songs and choreography for the Advent cantata “We Shall Prepare,” a collection of songs and dramatic readings that bring the key figures and events of the Old and New Testaments to life. Come in comfortable clothes as you say “yes” to dance. (Cantata by Mark Friedman and Janet Vogt.)



Donna Anderle

Donna Anderle is an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer who has taught from primary through university level. She is on the teaching faculty of The Cincinnati Ballet Company, and is involved in various outreach dance programs for Cincinnati inner-city schools. Anderle has performed movement for prayer and celebration at major liturgical conventions, and gives keynote presentations, workshops and concerts.



Mark Friedman

Mark Friedman is a religious educator, teacher, author and Grammy Award-winning composer of religious music. His music is sung throughout the world and appears in many hymnals of various denominations and languages. Friedman began his work in education as a classroom religion teacher, campus minister, liturgist and pastoral minister. He is a regular speaker at national conferences and diocesan gatherings.

I-02 **GOD WANTS OUR FRIENDSHIP**

In this session we will explore how God desires our friendship by using Scripture, theology and poetry. The relationship of friendship with God to prayer will also be explored.



William A. Barry, SJ

Jesuit Fr. William Barry has taught at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, at the University of Michigan, and at Boston College, where he was Rector of the Jesuit Community and on the Board of Trustees. Presently, he is Co-Director of Jesuit Tertiarity, and gives retreats and spiritual direction. He is author or co-author of 20 books and, until the end of 2008, he was Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly *Human Development*.

I-03 **ARE LAY CATHOLICS “SECULAR”?**

Lay Catholics are often described, in Church teaching and in theology, as having a distinctly “secular” identity or mission. In this session we will look at what this means, with particular attention to recent research on secularity, for the purpose of exploring the complexity of what it means to be a lay, “secular” Catholic – and what this might mean for how we practice Catholicism.



Dr. Tom Beaudoin

Dr. Tom Beaudoin is Associate Professor of Practical Theology in the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University in New York. He is author of many published articles and essays on faith and culture; his most recent book is “Witness to Dispossession: The Vocation of a Postmodern Theologian.” Dr. Beaudoin lectures nationally and internationally and is a frequent and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Congress.

I-04 **THE FIRST AND COMING REFORMATION**

What caused the first Reformation? What are the issues in the current state of the Church crying out for reform? How can we get to reform without schism or excommunication? This workshop will address reform as a needed, healthy, therapeutic process to engage in.



Fr. Patrick Brennan

Fr. Patrick Brennan, a priest for 35 years, has been Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Inverness, Ill., since 1994. He is also President of the National Center for Evangelization and Parish Renewal, and travels extensively as consultant to parishes and church organizations. Fr. Brennan is a practicing psychotherapist and author of 15 books on spirituality, psychology and church renewal. He is also host of a weekly radio program.

I-05 **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “FORGIVE FROM YOUR HEART”?**

In Matthew 18, Jesus talks about the need to “forgive each other from your heart.” Given Jesus’ earlier prayer, wherein we ask God to “forgive us as we forgive,” Fr. Michael Crosby will probe such questions as: How do we get reconciled with enemies? What do we do when others don’t ask us for forgiveness or don’t repent? In this session, we shall see how forgiveness in Matthew’s Gospel promises a new way of life for us and our world.



Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap

Fr. Michael Crosby, a Capuchin Franciscan of the Midwest Province, lives in a downtown Milwaukee parish that serves the poor and leads retreats around the world. The majority of his time, Fr. Crosby is writing and lecturing on contemporary biblical spirituality. His latest works are “Finding Francis, Following Christ” and “The Paradox of Power: From Control to Compassion in a World of Violence.”

I-06 AN ADULT APPRECIATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

As we begin our annual Lenten season this year, let us keep our eyes on the prize: the Lord's victory over sin and death through Jesus' glorious Resurrection. This workshop will walk us through the Gospel texts that proclaim the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just like the Resurrection, we will see old things new. (This is a companion to the 2008 Congress workshop, "An Adult Appreciation of the Passion and Death of Christ.") This workshop will be especially helpful to catechists, RCIA leaders, persons with a hunger for a deeper spirituality through our Scriptures, and liturgy planning personnel.



Fr. John Cusick

Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, is Director of their Young Adult Ministry Office. In 1977, he began this outreach to those in their 20s and 30s, married and single, and it has been his full-time ministry since 1985. Along with his colleague, Dr. Katherine DeVries, they have authored the book, "The Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry." He resides at Old St. Patrick's Church in downtown Chicago.

I-07 CATHOLIC WOMEN: IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Catholic faith cannot be confined to private life or parish life. When "being Catholic" is a public issue, what models are there for Catholic women? Since the middle of the 20th century, the theme "women in church and society" has been a constant but always changing theme. We'll examine this theme by looking at some icons for faithful women – and ask how to live them with integrity, whether in public or in private life.



Dr. Nancy Dallavalle

Dr. Nancy Dallavalle is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Fairfield University in Connecticut, where she has taught undergraduates full time for the last 15 years. She has spoken in parishes in the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn., and at numerous scholarly conferences on Catholic theology and culture. She has published essays in Commonweal and the National Catholic Reporter, and has done interviews with print and television media.



THE OPENING Rite on Friday of Congress is a welcome/ blessing that signals the beginning of the main three days of Congress.

I-08 JEREMIAH: A POET GIFTED, A PROPHET BURDENED

Jeremiah is one of the Bible's most imaginative and intriguing prophets. He is "God's Prophet" gifted with imagination and intuition, and burdened with a harrowing yet hopeful mission. This workshop explores the life, times, persona and message of Jeremiah, and captures his pain, pathos, struggle and joy associated with his mission. Jeremiah invites us to journey with God while letting go to God in the service of the Truth.



Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD

Carol Dempsey, a member of the Dominican Order, is Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Portland, Ore., where she teaches on the undergraduate and graduate levels. She has authored four books and edited four others. A leading biblical scholar, Sr. Dempsey has published numerous articles and over 40 papers in addition to delivering many keynote addresses to various audiences nationally and internationally.

I-09 SOME SAY LEARNING CAN'T BE FUN ... WANNA BET?

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



Steven Ellair

Steven Ellair has been involved in catechetical ministry for over 19 years – as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic school teacher, and for over eight years as the Consultant for Elementary Catechesis at the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Ellair is currently a Senior Editor with RCL Benziger and continues speaking nationally and writing on issues related to catechesis.

I-10 RAISING CHASTE TEENS

Before children can come to treasure the pure life, parents must first understand the challenges they face. In this session, Jason Evert offers communication techniques, resources, statistics and a wealth of information to assist parents in their task as primary sex educators of their children.



Jason Evert

Jason Evert is author and speaker with Catholic Answers, based in San Diego. He has given over 1,000 lectures to thousands of teens nationally and internationally; venues have included the National Catholic Youth Conference and the 2008 World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. Evert is author of nine books, including "Theology of the Body for Teens" and "Pure Faith." He and his wife, Crystalina, are hosts of the EWTN series, "The Pure Life," and are co-founders of the Web site chastity.com.

I-11 THE STORY OF YOU ... AND GOD ... AND LOVE

What is the story of you, and God, and love? Fr. Bob Fabing will explore our human experiences and our relationship with God involving our movement into love from failure to success, from darkness to light, from worry to freedom: the ups and downs of our everyday lives of love. Knowing that God did not choose to save people by logic, God enters into the movement of your becoming you, inspiring and guiding the movement toward love in your life. Fr. Fabing will use music from his new CD, “Your Song of Love,” to bring to light these themes.

**Bob Fabing, SJ**

Fr. Bob Fabing has founded 61 marriage counseling and family therapy centers, “The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network,” with locations on five continents. The Jesuit priest is also founder and Director of the 36-Day Program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, Calif., where he lives. Fr. Fabing is author of books and composer of 11 CDs of liturgical music.

I-12 THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWNING: PRACTICING CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

In this session, James Finley will lead a prayerful exploration of the 14th-century Christian classic, “The Cloud of Unknowning.” The emphasis will be on this spiritual book’s guidelines for practicing contemplative prayer, in which we come to a profound experience of oneness with God. The session will include sitting together in silent prayer, embodying the contemplative church absorbed in communal openness to God.

**James Finley, PhD**

Dr. James Finley has been a student of contemplative prayer for more than 10 years, six of which he spent at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, where he studied with Thomas Merton. He is an author and has taught religion in Catholic schools in the Cleveland Diocese. For the past 30 years, Dr. Finley, now a clinical psychologist in California, speaks at conferences and leads meditation retreats throughout the U.S. and Canada.

I-13 READ THE BIBLE FOR A CHANGE: GOING DEEPER WITH THE SCRIPTURES

Why does the Bible always end up on our “back burner,” spiritually? How many times have you said, “I really want to start reading the Bible more,” only to have your enthusiasm be overtaken by a busy schedule, confusion when reading, or other “more accessible” forms of prayer? Come and hear a few fundamental principles and practical ideas that will allow you to finally make the Bible an integral part of your daily prayer life.

**Mark Hart**

Based in Phoenix, Mark Hart is Executive Vice President for Life Teen. He leads training conferences, retreats, camps and parish missions for all ages, and has taught countless classes on high-school and college campuses. Hart is also well-known as a weekly regular on Catholic radio programs, a guest columnist/writer for Catholic periodicals, and as a popular guest on Catholic television/video programs.



YOUTH DAY’S attendance is limited to just over 15,000 high-schoolers and their chaperones, because of seating capacity – and always fills before the deadline date.

I-14 BORN TO DANCE: LIVE LIFE FULLY FROM THE INSIDE OUT

In our hearts, we are all dancers. God wants us to be our true selves – joyous, aware and living each moment with arms wide open, responding to the love of the Beloved, a reflection of the glory of God that is within us. So why do we live guarded and afraid, our days filled with hurry and noise? Fear labels and restricts our lives. The voice of Grace tells us that we are more than our labels, more than our fear. The Hopi say, “To watch us dance is to hear our heart speak.” So, let’s dance. Terry Hershey will help us learn what it means to dance free from our limitations of fear, insecurity or pain. Join in as we dance for laughter, for tears, for hopes. We are dancers, we create the dreams.

**Terry Hershey**

Terry Hershey is a Protestant minister and a landscape designer on Washington’s Vashon Island, near Seattle. He lives, writes and teaches the subject of his eighth book, “Sacred Necessities: Gifts for Living with Passion, Purpose and Grace.” Hershey, as founder of “A Few Things That Matter” Seminars and as a national speaker, has presented throughout the country on the topics of relationships, spirituality ... and gardening.

I-15 WHAT DO I SAY WHEN LIFE IS HARD?

When someone has experienced a loss – or is suffering in any way – as followers of Jesus it is important that we reach out to them. Yet we often feel so helpless. 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? How do we best care for children who face sadness or loss? Using story, demonstration and the insight of his lived experience, Fr. Joe Kempf offers us loving perspective, helpful ideas, and healing wisdom.

**Fr. Joe Kempf**

Winner of the Great Preacher Award from the Aquinas Institute of Theology, Fr. Joe Kempf is Pastor of Assumption Parish in O’Fallon, Mo., and author of the book, “No One Cries the Wrong Way.” He is founder of the non-profit company Gospel Values, and has recently completed a series of DVDs for children called “Big Al LIVE.” His new book is titled, “My Sister is Annoying...”

I-16 FORMING ADULTS IN THE FAITH ☺

Again and again the Church has emphasized the importance of the adult in faith formation. While many of our resources and efforts are focused on youth and young adults, it is critical that adults be properly formed in the faith. In this session we will reflect on what could be done to strengthen adult formation.



Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD

Gerald Kicanas is Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly Auxiliary Bishop for the Chicago Archdiocese. Ordained in 1967, Fr. Kicanas served in various capacities in the seminary system of Chicago for over 25 years, and was Rector of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Ill. Bishop Kicanas is currently Vice President for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Chair of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, and on the Board of Directors for the National Pastoral Life Center.

I-17 JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH! ☺

What can the distinctive lives, experiences and spiritualities of the members of the Holy Family teach us? We will look at the ways that Jesus of Nazareth came to understand his own vocation, how Mary was able to say “yes” to God in the midst of doubt, and how St. Joseph was able to lead a “hidden life” of holiness. In each case we will learn how lessons from these extraordinary lives can help us in our own ordinary ones, and how their models of holiness and discipleship are more relevant than ever.



James Martin, SJ

Fr. James Martin is a Jesuit priest and Associate Editor of America, the Catholic magazine. He is author of several award-winning books, including “My Life with the Saints,” “A Jesuit Off-Broadway” and “Becoming Who You Are.” Fr. Martin is a frequent commentator in the media on religion and spirituality. He leads retreats and parish groups and presents at numerous national conferences, including several Los Angeles Religious Education Congresses.

I-18 PAUL – THE PASTOR ☺

Paul, though known by most, primarily, as a writer of New Testament letters, was truly at his best when caring like a pastor for the people he had brought to faith. Celebrating the year of St. Paul, this workshop will study his theology, marvel at his zeal, find support in his tender encouragements, be pushed by his ardent challenges, and be comforted by his pastoral insights. This workshop will also address his passages on women, the end of the world, and the great questions of faith and works of the law.



Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD, STL

Fr. Pat Mullen is Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, New Testament at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. A priest of the of Los Angeles Archdiocese, Fr. Mullen has taught at Mount St. Mary’s College in Los Angeles and at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif. He is a regular speaker at the Los Angeles Congress and for annual diocesan conferences for the dioceses of Reno, Boise, Las Vegas and San Diego.

I-19 SETTING YOUR “YES” ON FIRE: EXPLORING THE MEANING OF “ACTIVE PARTICIPATION” TODAY ☺

In every celebration of the Eucharist we say “yes” to encountering Christ Jesus, to participating in his redemptive dying and rising fully, consciously and actively for our salvation and the transformation of the world. On December 4, 2008, we celebrated the 45th anniversary of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy in which the expression, “full, conscious, active participation” appears at least 17 times – more than any other expression or concept. In recent times this turn of phrase has come under not a little scrutiny. In this workshop we will explore this term in light of recent scholarship so as to set our hearts on fire, yet again, in the celebration of each and every Eucharist.



J-Glenn Murray, SJ

Fr. J-Glenn Murray, a member of the Maryland Province of Jesuits, is Director of the Cleveland Diocese’s Office of Pastoral Liturgy. He was the principal drafter of “Plenty Good Room: The Spirit and Truth of African American Catholic Worship,” a document from the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Liturgy and the Black Catholic Secretariat. In addition to his other duties, Fr. Murray maintains a busy national speaking schedule.

I-20 IN VITRO FERTILIZATION AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

The basic techniques involved in *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) and related forms of assisted reproductive technologies are considered in this session. Various risks and side effects are assessed, including multiple conceptions, birth defects, super-ovulatory drug usage, and the production and freezing of extracorporeal human embryos. Moral difficulties are analyzed, including an examination of IVF and its impact on human procreation through restructuring it as production, and its ramifications for the marriage covenant through violations of exclusivity and surrogacy, as well as difficulties with cryopreservation and selective reductions.



Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

A priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., Fr. Tad Pacholczyk is Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. With his advanced work in dogmatic theology and in bioethics, he has testified on stem cell research before state legislatures, and given presentations on contemporary bioethics throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Fr. Pacholczyk has had numerous media appearances on CNN, “ABC World News Tonight,” and National Public Radio.

Congress 2008 brought together 191 speakers presenting 276 workshops in four languages – with 15,882 in attendance for Youth Day and 36,369 pre-registered for the three days of Congress – which does not include our volunteers or our exhibitors!

I-21 THE EMERGING CHURCH 🗨️

“Emerging Church” seems to be a parallel church movement, ecumenical by nature, that encourages people to remain deeply rooted in their historic denominations, while also drawing upon an amazing Gospel consensus that is “emerging” beyond and alongside of all Christian denominations. Could this be a new kind of reformation – from within? Could this be the way that the Holy Spirit is inviting us all into the full Reign of God? Although the term “Emerging Church” is being used in many ways today, Fr. Richard Rohr will try to give an honest description of its promise, its strengths, and its potential difficulties and weaknesses.



Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province. He founded both the New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati and the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, N.M., where he presently lives. He divides his time between local work and preaching/teaching around the world. Fr. Rohr is probably best known for his writings and numerous audio and video recordings. Many of his books and conferences have been translated into German, Spanish and other languages.

I-22 READING THE OLD TESTAMENT WITH PAUL OF TARSUS 🗨️

In this session we will consider some of the most interesting – and controversial – ways that St. Paul read his “Bible” – the Jewish writings we now call “The Old Testament.” What do we think about Brother Paul’s interpretations?



Dr. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher is Professor of Old Testament Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he has taught since 1989, and also serves as Director of Peace Studies. Author of dozens of scholarly articles and 11 books, Dr. Christopher lectures internationally as well as at gatherings of the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches in Southern California, and at various meetings of the Society of Friends (Quakers) across the country.

I-23 THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN FAMILY LIFE 🗨️

The Christian family – regardless of its age, stage or makeup – lives out the Paschal Mystery in the daily “dying and rising” of ordinary family life. We don’t often recognize these great mysteries of our faith as we struggle through them. But sin, grace and redemption are lived throughout the life cycle of a Christian marriage and family.



Paula D’Albor Stuckart

Paula D’Albor Stuckart is currently Chaplain and Director of Volunteers in a hospice program in New Orleans and Coordinator of a parish religious education program there. She has presented workshops and classes at Notre Dame Seminary, at over a dozen dioceses throughout the country, and at the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers’ Conference, where Stuckart is a member and previous Co-Chair of their Education and Formation Commission.



LITURGIES have always been a key element of the Congress experience. Congress 2009 offers 14 Eucharistic Liturgies of different character during the entire Congress weekend.

I-24 THE TOP FIVE SKILLS NEEDED FOR FORMING THE FAITH OF TEENS 🗨️

Forming the faith of teens today ain’t what it used to be ... and that’s a good thing! Leading teens down the road of discipleship today requires that all leaders, catechists and volunteers possess a new set of skills marked by engagement, partnership and empowerment. Come discover the top five skills that will take us there, along with some techniques and strategies that will bring the faith formation of teens to a whole new level.



Michael Theisen

Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and adolescent catechesis for 25 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. His experience extends from parish to diocesan and national levels, and he is a frequent speaker and trainer throughout the United States. Theisen serves as Convener for the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis, a collaborative group comprised of national organizations with support from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

I-25 CELEBRATING THE RITES OF INITIATION 🗨️

This workshop will survey the various rites – acceptance, sending, scrutinies, baptism, confirmation and first Communion – explain their significance, and give priests and those preparing these rites some practical ideas on making them come to life.



Paul Turner

Paul Turner is a priest for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo. He presently is Pastor at St. Munchin and St. Aloysius Catholic Churches. Fr. Turner has served as past president of the North American Academy of Liturgy and as a facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL). He has presented many national and international workshops and has written several books as Initiation resources.

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I-26 MUSIC THAT GETS US FROM ‘PERHAPS’ TO ‘MAYBE’ TO ‘YES!’ 🎧

Come and experience music that can ignite our people to say “yes” from the heart. Find out how music gets our assemblies from lip service to enthusiastic commitment. We will sing music for Ordinary Time and the seasons.



Christopher Walker

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, speaker on liturgical music, and choral conductor. Presently, he is Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker has spoken and conducted in countries around the globe, and his music is sung in churches worldwide. His latest offering is “Glory Bound,” a compilation of songs and psalms from the collection “Morning and Evening – Prayer for the Commute.”

I-27 EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT: BLACK SPIRITUALITY AND RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION 🎧

This workshop will focus on black spirituality. Together, we will examine the components of African-American spirituality, which has roots in Africa and America. We will specifically look into black religious expression, which includes storytelling, music, preaching, drama and movement.



Dr. C. Vanessa White

Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality/Director of the Augustus Tolton Scholars Program at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She also teaches at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana and at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Dr. White is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator and teacher who lectures nationally on Christian spirituality and issues pertinent to the spiritual life of black Catholics.

I-70 Đạo Đức Việt Nam và Luân Lý Công Giáo 🎧

Dân tộc Việt nam có một truyền thống và giá trị đạo đức phong phú. Nhưng những giá trị đó có trùng hợp hay nghịch lại với những luân lý Công Giáo? Những gì cần giữ lại, thay đổi, hội nhập, hay tẩy chay trong đời sống luân lý của người Công giáo Việt Nam hiện nay? Hội thảo sẽ bàn đến những ưu tư này.



Rev. Nguyen Khắc Hy, SS

Linh mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, SS

Linh mục Matthew Nguyễn Khắc Hy là thành viên của hội dòng Xuân Bích tỉnh đông Hoa Kỳ. Theo học chương trình cử nhân triết tại đại học San Diego, cao học thần học tại San Francisco, cha Nguyễn Khắc Hy tốt nghiệp tiến sĩ Thần Học Tin Lý tại Đại Học Giáo hoàng Gregorian, Roma. Hiện là giáo sư thần học tin lý tại St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md.

I-80 EFFECTIVE PARENTING THROUGH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CHILDREN AND OURSELVES

보다 효과적인 자녀교육을 위해서 부모가 할 일은 우선 자녀들이 각 나이와 성장과정 단계에 어떠한 정서적, 심리적, 영적인필요가 있는 지를 알아야 합니다. 불행하게도 많은 부모님들은 자녀를 갖기 전에 자녀교육에 대한 충분한 교육을 받지 못한 채부모가 되어버린 경우가 많습니다. 그래서 우리들은 부모로서 우리가 받아왔던 교육을 답습하거나 주먹구구식으로 자녀교육에 임하는 경우가 많습니다. 자녀와 우리 자신들을 먼저 이해하는 것은 대화의 기술을 익히는 것과 더불어 성공적인 자녀교육 을 위해 필수 불가결한 준비가 될 것입니다.

In order to exercise more effective parenting for our children, we need to prepare ourselves by learning more about our children’s developmental stages and their particular emotional needs at each stage. This re-education process will enlighten us about what we, as parents, have missed out on during our own upbringing while growing up. The understanding of our children and ourselves may be one of the most important prerequisites toward exercising a more effective parenting skill as well as building communication skill.



Roland Kim, PhD – 폴렌 김 임상심리학 박사

임상 심리학 박사, 가족 라이선스, 청소년 문제 (비행, 반항, 마약, 성적하락, 가출 등) 전문, 기타 성인 문제, 부부문제 상담치료 기타 성인 심리 문제, 노인문제, 성격문제, 부부문제 상담치료 자녀교육에 관한 저서 다수, 수 년간 자녀교육 세미나 출강, 한국일본 자녀교육 칼럼 연재 남가주 좋은 아버지가 되려는 사람들의 모임 창단 멤버 및 모임 8년 지도 현재 L.A. 와 가든그로브 두 곳에서 심리치료 클리닉 운영. 영어와 한국어 가능. 청소년기를 거친 세 자녀의 아버지.

Dr. Roland Kim is a Korean-American clinical psychologist in private practice. Bilingual in Korean and English, he has been helping parents and children for the last 10 years specializing in counseling teenage children. He has published several books on parenting in the Korean language and has given numerous seminars at various organizations throughout the United States. Dr. Kim founded a “Good Father” movement in the Korean community 15 years ago based on his own counseling practices.

Love Unfolding... Igniting Our Yes!

2-01 EMBODYING EASTER – DANCING RESURRECTION 🎧

Mary Magdalene was one of Christ's closest followers – and first witness to Resurrection! Come explore the art of movement as a way of entering into Mary Magdalene's journey of faith and witness to the Risen Christ. Using improvisational forms, we will dance our way through healing, anointing, grief and Resurrection – all as ways of embodying our “yes” to the Christ who calls us to new life!

**Betsey Beckman**

Betsey Beckman is a freelance liturgical dancer, storyteller, spiritual director and retreat leader based in Seattle. With her extensive background in performance, movement therapy, ministry and InterPlay, she regularly appears as artist/presenter at national conventions. Beckman's publications include books, recordings and videos; her most recent offering celebrates the witness of Mary Magdalene in story and dance.

**Laura Ash**

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Parish in Seattle, where, with Betsey Beckman, she has supported the ministry of dance for over 15 years. Ash, with her husband David, has composed and published three albums of liturgical music and has created music for numerous liturgical dance offerings, including the video, “The Dancing Word: Miriam and Mary.”

2-02 ST. PAUL, THE BOUNDARY-BREAKER: A MODEL OF WHAT THE CHURCH CAN BE 🎧

In this jubilee year in honor of St. Paul, the Church's first theologian and greatest missionary, learn how his life and letters can challenge and renew the Church of the 21st century. Though Paul is often misjudged and misunderstood, his life is a model for a truly inclusive and worldwide Church. Paul broke every barrier between people within his world, and his inspired word remains a guide for the Church to continue shattering previously erected boundaries that divide God's people from one another.

**Stephen J. Binz**

Stephen Binz is a Catholic biblical scholar, popular speaker and award-winning author of more than two dozen books on the Bible, including the acclaimed new series, “Threshold Bible Study.” He has developed Bible study for over two decades, and has offered numerous study trips and pilgrimages to the lands of the Bible. Binz speaks frequently at parishes, diocesan events and national conferences about a variety of biblical topics. His most recent book is “Conversing with God in Scripture: A Contemporary Approach to Lectio Divina.”

THE FIRST “institute” was held at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles in 1956. Some 500 teachers and catechists attended the two-day conference, which was precursor of the Congress of today.

**2-03 MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!** 🎧

All music should be “soul music.” Whether it is a foot-stomping, hand-clapping gospel song or a good, old-fashioned four-stanza hymn, whether the song is fast and lively or slow and meditative, it should be sung from the heart. Come and experience singing from the top of your lungs, to the depths of your soul. If you like to sing, be ready to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**Grayson Warren Brown**

Grayson Warren Brown is an internationally known author, speaker, liturgical composer and recording artist. His latest collection is titled “Now That the Morning Has Broken the Darkness.” Brown began his liturgical ministry in the late 1960s in an inner-city church in New York City and has many years of experience working in a multicultural parish. He divides his time among writing, composing and traveling the country presenting workshops, speaking at conventions and conducting parish missions.

2-04 SO YOU THINK YOU CAN MOVE! REJOICING IN FAITH WITH CHILDREN 🎧

You've seen the TV show “So You Think You Can Dance,” and now the secret is out: Everybody loves to move! Come and experience new ideas for creatively incorporating movement and music into religious education. John Burland will share a variety of practical activities for enriching catechesis and joyously celebrating our Catholic faith. A range of catechetical themes will be addressed during this session. These activities and songs are suitable for children at the elementary level. Come ready to move, pray and celebrate!

**John Burland**

John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults. He is the Project Officer-Liturgy/Music for the Catholic Education Office in Sydney, Australia, where he conducts workshops, celebrations and reflection days for children, families and teachers. Burland has worked as a teacher, assistant principal and religious education coordinator for over 20 years, and is a regular speaker at conventions and gatherings across Australia and the United States.

2-05 PATRICK, BRIGID AND COLUMBA: A CELTIC INSPIRATION FOR TODAY! 🎧

In our time together, we will journey in the footsteps of the three founding patrons of the Church in Ireland and early Europe: St. Brigid, St. Patrick and St. Columba. We will remember their story and allow the inspiration of their “yes” in the past to ignite our “yes” in the Church of today.

**Padraigin Clancy**

Padraigin Clancy is an Irish folklorist and historian with a keen interest in Celtic Christian spirituality. She has lectured and facilitated retreats on Celtic spirituality throughout Ireland, Britain, the United States and Australia. A frequent contributor to Irish national radio and TV, Clancy is a Gaelic speaker, a traditional musician and dancer. She lives in the Aran Islands of Galway Bay in Ireland, where she works with the Irish Heritage Service as a tour/pilgrim guide.

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2-06 HOLY WEEK MUSIC – THE LATEST MULTICULTURAL RESOURCES

Come prepared to sing the latest resources for Holy Week. We will be looking in depth at the music from “No Greater Love/No Hay Amor Mas Grande,” the latest bilingual resource for Holy Week, plus other music.



Jaime Cortez

A pastoral musician for more than 20 years, Jaime Cortez serves as a clinician for OCP Publications, traveling across the United States, England and Japan giving workshops. He has presented workshops at all the major national conferences for liturgy and music. Cortez is currently Director of Liturgy and Music for Holy Cross Church and music teacher at Queen of Peace Church, both in Mesa, Ariz. His latest collection, “Adviento,” won the 2007 Unity Award for Spanish Album of the Year.

2-07 LOVE NO MATTER WHAT

“Atheist, agnostic, Hindu or Jew; Muslim, Christian, Catholic, even you. We are all children of God.” These are the lyrics from a song that Justin Fatica co-wrote with Bob Halligan Jr., from the musical group Ceili Rain. The song – and this workshop – is to help people realize that Jesus’ universal message is to love others regardless of what we may think of them.



Justin Fatica

Justin Fatica is the lead evangelist for Hard as Nails Ministries, a team of young adult evangelists, and author of the book “Hard as Nails.” The former campus minister, youth minister, retreat coordinator and religion teacher now speaks to hundreds of thousands of teens and young adults at local, national and international venues. His appearances range from Soulifest and Lifefest to the Tribeca Film Festival.

2-08 ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, ONE TABLE: EUCHARIST – THE FEAST OF FOOT-WASHERS

Eucharistic table fellowship has a long and honored history in our Christian tradition. Our interest during this workshop will center on bringing this tradition into our present reality and embracing the challenge this sacrament offers us today. Eucharist is bigger than fulfilling our Sunday obligation in a properly choreographed ritual. It is about a way of life. It is about a vision out of which we live, and in which we move and have our being. What does this mean for educated Catholics today? We will reflect on this question together.



Barbara Fiand, SND

Barbara Fiand, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, is adjunct Professor of Spirituality at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University in Chicago. She lectures, teaches and gives retreats throughout the United States, Canada and abroad on issues related to holistic spirituality, prayer, religious life and the psychology and spirituality of human maturation. She is the author of 10 books and numerous articles and audio recordings.

2-09 NEW MODELS FOR EPISCOPAL LEADERSHIP IN A GLOBAL CHURCH

The Catholic Church has always remained committed to the need for the office of the bishop to preserve the Church’s unity and the integrity of its apostolic faith. However, it is legitimate to wonder whether in the 21st-century global Church a new vision of church leadership is needed, one that remains faithful to our tradition but which is also open to the unique demands of our time. This presentation will review basic Catholic teaching regarding the office of the bishop, and then propose some models for a new vision of episcopal leadership.



Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Margaret and Thomas Murray/James J. Bacik Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo, Ohio. He has published over 80 articles and has authored seven books. He has received numerous awards from the Catholic Press Association. A frequent conference speaker, Dr. Gaillardetz was an official delegate on the U.S. Methodist-Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue and served on the Board of Directors for the Catholic Theological Society of America.

2-10 FINDING HAPPINESS: MONASTIC STEPS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

How did I get this busy? The contemporary busy culture can learn a great deal from the contemplative culture of the monastic life. In this presentation, Abbot Christopher Jamison will help people refocus their lives on to a deeper level so that they can hear God’s Word speaking to them. The work of helping people to find sanctuary is a powerful means of evangelization in today’s culture. Evangelization by contemplation can reach those who run away from evangelization by amplification.



Abbot Christopher Jamison, OSB

Fr. Christopher Jamison is the Abbot of Worth, a Benedictine Monastery in Sussex, England. Originally from Australia, he became a monk in 1973 and was elected Abbot in 2002. He is President of the International Commission on Benedictine Education. Due to the success of the BBC-TV broadcast “The Monastery,” a series based at Worth Abbey, Fr. Jamison has appeared on numerous British TV and radio shows and has been a speaker at numerous conferences and gatherings.

2-11 COLLABORATION AND MINISTRY

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD

This workshop will explore ways of encouraging greater collaboration between priests, deacons, religious and laity in furthering the work of the Church. Today’s challenges call for greater cooperation and collaboration, and it is critical that those involved in ministry find more effective ways to accomplish this.

2-12 RULES AND RUNNY NOSES: WHY AM I DOING THIS ANYWAY? 🗣️

With so many licensing rules and regulations, even the best of early childhood educators can be overwhelmed and wonder “why?” Come and enjoy a lively, thought-provoking workshop that will answer that question for you, and remind you why you began your journey with young children.

**Keri Krout**

Keri Krout, mother of seven children, is owner of Hand in Hand Child Development Center, based in Vancouver, Wash. She is also a book author and a columnist for Vancouver Family Magazine. A member of the Association for the Education of Young Children, Krout speaks at events throughout all the Western states, as well as Oklahoma, Minnesota and West Virginia.

2-13 SEEDS OF FAITH: PRACTICES TO GROW A HEALTHY SPIRITUAL LIFE 🗣️

The parable of the sower reveals that God plants seeds of spiritual significance in every moment and event in our lives. Our challenge is to prepare the soil of our lives to nurture these seeds so that they may take root and bear the fruit of faith, hope and love. As any good gardener knows, it takes discipline and trust to coax new life from a seed. The same is true in the spiritual life. Thankfully, Scripture and the Christian tradition are loaded with essential practices to help us become the best “soul gardeners” we can be. Join us as we explore how practices such as seeking, solitude, friendship, meditation, worship, community, celebration and service bring us closer to God.

**Jeremy Langford**

Jeremy Langford is a publisher, writer and speaker. He is the Director of Communications for the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). Langford has presented at Theology-on-Tap and numerous parish talks across the Chicago Archdiocese, as well as being a popular presenter at retreats and conferences nationwide. He is principal of the Langford Literary Agency, and serves as an agent for select authors and as a consultant to various religious publishing houses.

2-14 “THE DARK KNIGHT” AND THE DARK NIGHT

“The Dark Knight” was the hit film of 2008. Whether we like it or not, its portrayal of evil, redemption and hope has an impact on those with whom we work and what we might like to impart to them about where God can be found in the dark night of the soul. This session will give very practical advice about what we say to those struggling to find God in tough times.

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

Jesuit priest Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, based in Melbourne, Australia. As a visiting professor, he has taught at the Gregorian University; at the University of California, Los Angeles; and at both the University of Melbourne and the Jesuit Theological College in Australia. Fr. Leonard’s latest book is “Movies That Matter: Reading Film Through the Lens of Faith.”



THE LABYRINTH is a landmark feature of our Sacred Space. Tucked away on the third level, Sacred Space offers a respite from the daily buzz of Congress, with music, art and a chapel.

2-15 SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS: HARNESSING STUDENT POWER TO STOP CRUELTY, BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

While adults can get better at identifying and addressing gossip, put-downs, bullying and other forms of cruelty, too often adults overlook the capacity of young people to effectively address these problems. Unfortunately, most students believe they have only two options: 1) turn away or ignore, thus condoning the teasing and bullying; or 2) “tell” on their peers. Using a strengths-based approach, this workshop will introduce research-based strategies to identify, empower and equip key bystanders to interrupt and prevent mistreatment to create a caring and positive learning environment from the inside-out.

**John Linney**

John Linney, a master speaker and trainer, is Executive Director of Impact Coaching and Speaking, Inc., based in Texas. He has presented at institutes, businesses and not-for-profit organizations throughout the United States and Mexico. Linney has also served as staff member in public and private schools and as a youth development educator for the past 12 years. He has been keynote at several events and has been a featured guest on numerous local and national television and radio programs.

2-16 CREATING A MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH IN YOUTH MINISTRY 🗣️

Or, another way to say this: “How to be truly, powerfully and authentically Catholic.” The foundation of every ministry requires an awareness and a willingness to reverence other voices, other ways, other cultures – and to affirm the presence of God, long before we came along! Let’s talk story and offer nuts-and-bolts ideas! Bring your hesitation, your doubt, your fear, for we are entering uncomfortable territory!

**Jesse Manibusan**

Storyteller, speaker, composer and singer, Jesse Manibusan is Director of Two by Two Ministries. With experience as music minister, catechist and youth worker, he travels throughout the United States, Canada and beyond, appearing at our Los Angeles Congress, the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference of Catholic Youth Ministers, and several other major events. Manibusan has also recorded several CDs.

2-17 THE SOCIAL TEACHING OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

Catholic social teaching is an evolving body of doctrine that responds to contemporary challenges with the resources of our faith tradition. This session explores Pope Benedict XVI's contributions to the heritage of our social teaching through a consideration of his major addresses and his latest social encyclical.



Bryan N. Massingale, STD

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is Professor of Theology at Marquette University. He is a moral theologian who focuses upon Catholic social thought, liberation theologies, African-American religious ethics, and racial justice. Fr. Massingale has authored more than 60 articles in professional and popular publications. A past Congress keynote, he is President-Elect of the Catholic Theological Society of America, and Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

2-18 LOVE UNFOLDING

Since the beginning of time, we are a part of God's unfolding Love. We tell the story. We live the story. We are drawn into the story at baptism and find ourselves ever more deeply in its unfolding in community and worship as we proclaim and become the Good News. We either contribute to making it come true, or put glitches and dead ends in the story. But because the story is one of Incarnation and Resurrection, all is redeemable and all is filled with the Spirit of the Word and Grace abounding. Come find out where you fit in the story and what God expects of us in the face of tests, challenges and surprises. Always we tell stories!



Dr. Megan McKenna

Dr. Megan McKenna is a theologian who tells stories, a traveling preacher, and a teacher who travels extensively in Southeast Asia, South America, South Africa, Europe, Canada, Australia and the United States. She lectures and presents parish missions on interreligious dialogue and issues of justice, peace and Scripture, storytelling and cross-cultural mission. Dr. McKenna is author of nearly 100 tapes/CDs and 35 books, the most recent: "Playing Poker with Nana" and "Harm Not the Earth."


2-19 WHAT IS FUNDAMENTALISM, REALLY?

This presentation debunks a number of myths about biblical fundamentalism and presents a more accurate understanding of this influential movement. The aim of the presentation is to give Catholics an accurate understanding of fundamentalism so that they are better equipped to respond to fundamentalist Christians.



Matthew C. Ogilvie, PhD

A native of Sydney, Australia, Dr. Matthew Ogilvie taught at the Australian Catholic University and at the Catholic Institute of Sydney before moving to the United States in 2003 to teach at Boston College. He is presently Assistant Professor and Online Education Coordinator in the School of Ministry at the University of Dallas. Dr. Ogilvie has given numerous presentations on adult education in the United States and Australia and has made a dozen television appearances both in Dallas and Sydney.



SR. EDITH Prendergast, RSC, joined the staff of the Office of Religious Education in the 1980s. In 1987, she took the helm as Director of the Office, and is the visionary and force behind the annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

2-20 LOVE UNFOLDING: LEARNING AND LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Against the backdrop of God's love for all persons, Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen's scientific expertise on HIV/AIDS and Fr. Chris Ponnet's experience working with those living with HIV/AIDS provide the framework for this session. Join Dr. Breen and Fr. Ponnet to learn the latest facts about HIV/AIDS, as well as liturgical and action steps to take in order to walk with those living with HIV/AIDS.



Rev. Chris Ponnet

In 1999, Fr. Chris Ponnet, a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, was appointed by Cardinal Roger Mahony as his Liaison and Director for the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. Fr. Ponnet also serves as Pastor at St. Camillus Center for Pastoral Care in Los Angeles. He is a board-certified Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Care at LAC+USC Medical Center in Los Angeles, where he works with persons infected or affected with HIV/AIDS.



Elizabeth Crabb Breen, PhD

Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen is an immunologist with more than 20 years of experience in HIV/AIDS research at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is Associate Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine. She has also served on the Los Angeles Archdiocese AIDS Education Task Force/Human Sexuality Committee since 1989. Dr. Breen speaks frequently at national and international scientific meetings and at Los Angeles-area Catholic schools and parishes.

2-21 GIFTS OF THE EUCHARIST

When Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me," his followers could not conceive of the many gifts that would be given us through the Eucharist. In this workshop, through a blending of psychology and spirituality – in presentation, discussion, story and guided remembrance – we will explore some of those gifts. This workshop is based on Dr. Nancy Reeves' forthcoming book, "Gifts of the Eucharist."



Nancy C. Reeves, PhD

Dr. Nancy Reeves is a Canadian clinical psychologist, spiritual director and author. She presents regularly in eight countries showing how psychology can enhance our spiritual journey. She was keynote at Spiritual Directors International and at the St. Vincent de Paul annual meeting. Dr. Reeves is author of many books, including "Gifts of the Eucharist" and "Spirituality for Extroverts."

2-22 WHY YOUTH RETREATS? 🗨️

Youth retreats are expensive, but they are worth every penny spent on them. This session will look at the youth retreat conceptually: What makes a youth retreat effective, how long a retreat should be, whether the retreat should be voluntary or mandatory, the relative merits of using an outside retreat director or a parish team, the various roles of adult and peer leaders, the choice of a retreat center, the cost factor, and various retreat models, themes and activities.

**Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND**

Sr. Kieran Sawyer is nationally known for her work in youth ministry, adolescent catechesis and character education. She is founder and Director Emeritus of TYME OUT, a youth retreat center that has served parishes and schools of the Milwaukee Archdiocese for 30 years. At present, Sr. Sawyer, a School Sister of Notre Dame, is traveling from diocese to diocese, preparing catechists to facilitate the "Learning about LIFE" family-based anti-abuse program, and presenting other catechetical workshops.

2-23 "YOU WERE ONCE AN ALIEN IN A FOREIGN LAND": THE CHURCH AND IMMIGRATION ISSUES 🗨️

The United States can uniquely boast of a strength and vitality born of its historical experience of immigration and cultural diversity. At this time in our history as a nation, socio-political and economic complexities threaten to obscure our efforts to continue to develop and build upon our past experience. This workshop will discuss the issues from a Catholic perspective of the respect for human dignity and the teaching tradition of the Church.

**Bishop Oscar A. Solis**

Bishop Oscar Solis is the first Filipino-American bishop ordained in the United States, and the first bishop ordained at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. Bishop Solis is Vicar for the Office of Ethnic Ministry for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and Director of the Office of Justice and Peace. He assists with the coordination of outreach pastoral efforts for all ethnic groups in the archdiocese, where Mass is celebrated each week in 42 different languages.



THE SECOND floor houses the Multicultural Exhibit, displaying cultural items (Polish-American pictured) of groups found within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

2-24 THE CONTEMPORARY ASTROPHYSICAL RESPONSE TO ATHEISM: EVIDENCE OF UNIVERSAL CREATION IN BIG-BANG COSMOLOGY 🗨️

Fr. Robert Spitzer will respond to some of the popular contemporary positions on atheism by providing evidence from contemporary astrophysics that directly contradicts these atheists' scientific pretensions. Ironically, these atheistic contentions are surfacing at a time when the evidence of a creation from physics has never been more powerful. He will give a synopsis of the evidence discussed in his forthcoming book, "New Proofs for the Existence of God: Contributions of Contemporary Physics and Philosophy."

**Robert J. Spitzer, SJ**

Professor, writer and speaker, Fr. Robert Spitzer has served as President of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., since 1998, and is founder of its Gonzaga Institute of Ethics. The Jesuit priest has authored three books in addition to many scholarly articles and journal pieces. Fr. Spitzer has addressed national and international audiences, has started seven academic centers, and is involved in a variety of different educational, philosophical and scientific organizations.

2-25 PURSUED BY GOD: "THE HOUND OF HEAVEN" REVISITED 🗨️

The journey of faith is one of the most challenging journeys. Does God really exist? If yes, how do I encounter God? What does God expect of me? This presentation will examine the divine-human relationship, using Francis Thompson's classic poem, "The Hound of Heaven," which focuses on the pursuit of the human soul by God.

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

For the past 19 years, Sr. Maureen Sullivan has been a member of the Theology Department at St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. The Dominican Sister of Hope from New York also serves as a Religion Consultant for William H. Sadlier, a position that enables her to speak nationally to Catholic school-teachers, catechists and diocesan leaders. Sr. Sullivan is author of "101 Questions and Answers on Vatican II" and "The Road to Vatican II: Key Changes in Theology."

2-26 AT THE HEART OF THE PARISH 🗨️

How can we organize all the manifold activities of an active parish? What is at the center of parish life? This workshop will show how the celebration of the Eucharist is the organizing principle for all of parish life; how the rhythm of the Eucharistic celebration is one with that of the Gospels and with personal conversion. We will suggest criteria for evaluating the various parish activities in the light of the parish celebration of the Eucharist.

**Rev. Michael Sweeney, OP**

Fr. Michael Sweeney is President of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (OSPI) at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., where he also teaches. He is co-founder and former Co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado. Fr. Sweeney has developed and offered retreats and talks in over 50 U.S. diocese and in Canada and Indonesia on the theology of the laity, vocation and pastoral governance.

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2-27 CROSSING PATHS WITH PAUL: A PAULINE YEAR JOURNEY INTO HIS HOMETOWN AND HIS HEART

In keeping with the theme of this “Year of St. Paul,” through images and sound, we will virtually visit major pilgrimage sites in Turkey (Tarsus, Antioch, Ephesus) to discover insights into the life, convictions and passions of this most significant figure in the formation of our Christian faith. In keeping with the goal of pilgrimage, we will explore what this means to how we live today.



Msgr. Thomas Welbers

Forty years a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Msgr. Thomas Welbers has been Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont, Calif., for nearly 15 of those years. Msgr. Welbers has also served as a member of the Liturgical Commission and as instructor in many educational programs. Since 2005, he has focused on the Orthodox, Christian and Muslim faiths through preparing for and leading pilgrimages to Turkey.

2-28 TEACHERS ARE HEROES TOO!

We do not simply work with children. We make a difference in children’s lives. We are powerful agents for the formation of our Church’s and our country’s future. Award-winning educator Char Wenc shares stories and practical techniques that guide the heart and character of your students: Respect is an attitude we model, cooperation is a skill we learn; understand what motivates a student’s behavior and effective response; and how to encourage yourself in this challenging profession. Yes, it can be done!



Char Wenc, MEd

Char Wenc is a nationally recognized author and speaker with teaching experience at all levels from primary to graduate school. For the past 30 years, she has been a professional communicator – as a clinical counselor, business consultant and television speaker. Wenc is also a professor in the doctoral programs at both the Adler School of Professional Psychology and Loyola University in Chicago. She is author of three books, including “Cooperation: Learning through Laughter.”

2-70 DÁM YÊU VÀ RAO GIẢNG NHƯ THÁNH PHAO-LÔ ĐÃ YÊU VÀ RAO GIẢNG

Trong “Năm Thánh Phao-lô,” chúng ta sẽ dùng khóa này, để cùng nhau tìm hiểu thêm về thánh Phao-lô, như một “giáo lý viên” gương mẫu: yêu Chúa Giê-su một cách đam mê, yêu đệ tử mình một cách tha thiết, khiến ngài hết sức nhiệt thành trong sứ mạng làm “tông đồ, ngôn sứ, người rao giảng Tin Mừng, người chăm sóc và dạy dỗ” (Ep. 4:11).

Xin mang theo Tân Ước. Quý vị có thể mang theo “flash drive” để tải lại các “files” ngay sau khóa này.



Frère Fortunat Phong, FSC

Frère Phong là một tu sĩ thuộc Dòng La San, một dòng chuyên lo phục vụ giáo dục, đặc biệt trẻ nghèo. Frère được gọi đến phục vụ ở L.A. Religious Education Congress trong nhiều năm qua, và thường được các nơi trong nước Mỹ và Châu Âu gọi đến phục vụ trong các khóa huấn luyện giáo lý viên, tình tâm giới trẻ.

2-80 한인 2세 청소년, 청년들 신앙 교육의 어려움 – 어떻게 그들에게 “예, 주님 여기 있습니다” 하는 열기를 붙여넣을 수 있을까?

CHALLENGES OF CATECHESIS FOR KOREAN-AMERICAN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS: HOW DO WE IGNITE THEIR ‘YES’?

21세기의 한인 천주 교회들은 더이상 “한국인”들만의 공동체가 아니라는 현실을 앞에 두고, 우리 2세들의 신앙 교육과 그들의 참여에 많은 어려움을 겪고있다. 우리 자녀들은 한인 천주교 공동체를 “나의 집, 내가 속하는 곳”이라고 느끼지 않기 때문이다. 그렇다면 어떻게 하면 그들을 “집”으로 데려올 수 있을까? 어떻게 하면 우리 본당에서 그들의 마음 속에 예수님의 사랑에 “예, 주님!” 하는 열렬한 대답을 불피울 수 있을까?

This workshop will explore challenges that Korean Catholic Churches face in the 21st century where the “national church” is losing its identity. Many young Korean Catholics do not find Korean Catholic communities their “home” any more. Why? What will bring them home? How can we ignite their “yes” in our home parishes?



Katherine Ja-Eun Cho

조 카타리나는 현재 샌 버나디노 교구청에서 청소년 분과의 디렉터로 일하고 있다. 조씨는 New Orleans의 로올라 대학에서 사목학 석사학위를 비롯하여, 오렌지 교구에서 Master Catechist 와 영적 지도자 자격증을 받았다. 지난 25년 이상을 음악, 전례, 주일학교, 교육부, 또한 청소년과 청년 사목에 봉사해왔다. 조씨는 초등부를 비롯하여 중고등부, 그리고 어른들에 이르기까지 여러 층의 교육에 경험이 있고, 특히 학부모 강좌로 알려져 있다. 조씨는 피절 지도를 하고있고, 개인적으로 영적 지도도 주고있다.

Katherine Ja-Eun Cho is currently the Director of Ministry with Youth Office in the Diocese of San Bernardino. She holds a Master’s degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, New Orleans. She is a Master Catechist and certified spiritual director. She has been involved in ministry for over 25 years in music, liturgical, religious education, adult faith formation, youth and young adult ministries. Cho has taught all age levels from primary to high school grades and has been a renowned speaker for parenting workshops. She is an experienced retreat director and offers spiritual direction in her personal time.

Love Unfolding... Igniting Our Yes!

3-01 CREATING VISION, ENGAGEMENT AND OWNERSHIP IN TODAY'S PARISH 🗣️

Ministry is challenging in this postmodern age and calls for ongoing creativity and evaluation. This workshop will assist pastors and ministers in thinking through their strategies for energizing their communities.

**Sr. Donna L. Ciangio, OP**

Donna Ciangio, a Dominican Sister of Caldwell, N.J., is founder and Director of Church Leadership Consultation, in which she serves as presenter, facilitator and consultant to over 100 dioceses around the world. She has served in pastoral and school ministry in urban and suburban parishes, lecturing and training extensively, helping priests and parish staffs. Sr. Ciangio has been a presenter at various diocesan religious education conferences and has taught a doctoral level course.

3-02 KEEPING THE FAITH 🗣️

We know that children learn experientially, and so the question is: What experiences should we provide our students so that they will not only learn what we need to teach them, but will remember how the lessons were made a part of their lives? This presentation will offer several suggestions so that, when they try to describe their own faith journey, they will have to say, "You had to be there!"

**Carol Cimino, SSJ, EdD**

Currently, Carol Cimino, a Sister of St. Joseph of Rochester, N.Y., is National Religion Consultant for William H. Sadlier, Inc. She has taught and been an administrator at all levels of Catholic education, and has been a catechist for 11- to 18-year-olds. Sr. Cimino has been a public speaker since 1987 and gives talks and workshops across the country. But she is most proud of the fact that she is still the only woman religious to have been a three-day champion on "Jeopardy!"

3-03 MAKING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING COME ALIVE! 🗣️

This workshop will discuss how to help Catholics (in school and parish settings) to understand and appropriate Catholic social teaching – and make it relevant and alive.

**John A. Coleman, SJ**

Fr. John Coleman, a Jesuit priest and author, is currently Casassa Professor of Social Values at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He formerly taught at the Jesuit School of Theology and at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. Fr. Coleman has also been on the faculties at Louvain University in Belgium, at the University of Chicago, and at the University of Western Australia. He has spoken widely in church, university and secular settings for over 40 years.

AT YOUTH DAY last year, students were able to ask Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony some personal questions – via video. The Cardinal recorded his answers during Congress, and all was put together by MyCatholicVoice. Videos appear on the 2008 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress Highlights Community on MyCatholicVoice.com.

3-04 MYSTICAL UNION IN EVERYDAY LIFE: ROMANCING GOD THE IGNATIAN WAY 🗣️

Ignatius of Loyola believed that mysticism was the logical climax of any spiritual journey and not a grace reserved for a chosen few. In his writings we find that Ignatius begins by living *for* God (Autobiography or Testament), moves into being *with* God (The Spiritual Exercises), and culminates *in* the very Being and Essence of the Divine (Mystical Journal). This workshop will define the goal, the means and the obstacles that one may encounter on the spiritual journey as experienced by Ignatius. It will help participants to grow as mystics in their everyday lives and ministry.

**Paul Coutinho, SJ**

Fr. Paul Coutinho is an internationally recognized Ignatian scholar, author and speaker. A native of India and Jesuit priest from the Bombay Province, he frequently leads retreats, gives spiritual direction and trains spiritual directors. Fr. Coutinho currently creates and runs programs for Saint Louis University's Mission and Ministry Office, though he divides his time between the United States and India. He is also Editor of Ignis, the South Asian Ignatian spirituality journal.

3-05 DEVELOPING PARISH MINISTRY TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 🗣️

Research shows that one of every four women experiences domestic violence in her life. Most victims suffer so secretly that their family, friends and even their pastors fail to notice their oppression. Our parishes can and should be safe havens for victims of domestic violence and their children, and minister to their need. Based on 10 years of experience of developing a parish program to support victims of domestic violence, Fr. Charles Dahm will lead an examination of the reality of domestic violence, how to understand it, discover it and respond to the victims in a pastoral way.

**Charles W. Dahm, O.P.**

Dominican priest Charles Dahm served for five years as a missionary in Bolivia before returning to the United States. He founded the 8th Day Center for Justice in Chicago. Between 1986-2007, he served as Pastor of St. Pius V Parish in Chicago, where the pastoral team developed the largest parish program for victims of domestic violence in the country. Currently Fr. Dahm is Co-Coordinator of Justice and Peace for Dominicans in North America and Associate Pastor of St. Pius V Parish.

3-06 OUR “YES” TO WEAVING FAITH & JUSTICE ☪

As evangelizers we are summoned to be instruments of justice and peace in our households of faith, in our parish communities, at work and always. This session will explore ways of weaving faith and justice. Participants will be invited to thoughtful reflection and concern, and sent to “ignite their yes!” to make a difference in our world.



Msgr. Ray East

Msgr. Ray East, a nationally known inspirational speaker and revivalist, is Executive Director for the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He is also Pastor of St. Therese of Avila Parish in Southwest Washington, D.C., a vibrant African-American Catholic community. Msgr. East works in the areas of youth ministry and has a passion for evangelization.

3-07 WITH JOY WE GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD: THE ENTRANCE RITES ☪

Learn about the meaning of the entrance rites of the Mass, their theology and spirituality. Experience the beauty of music and the rich tradition of musical prayer that leads us into the liturgy. Understand the joy that is given to us as we prepare to go to the altar of God.



Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni

Since 1990, Fr. Richard Fragomeni has taught at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he now is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship. He has been active in parish renewals and diocesan workshops and has been keynote speaker or presenter at many national events. Fr. Fragomeni has authored a number of articles that have appeared in a variety of publications.

3-08 CONFLICTING COMMITMENTS: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND THE CHURCH ☪

The legalization of same-sex marriage in California and Massachusetts has heightened the conversation about the nature of commitment, the meaning of faith, and homosexuality. For Catholic gays and lesbians, this has created a problem of conscience. For the broader Church membership, it has created a conflict of commitment. For many, the value of commitment and the meaning of faith are on a collision course. This session will look at the issues faced by the whole of the Church – ecclesiastical leadership and laity alike.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is the recently appointed Director for the Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, La. A Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer, she has been involved in university administration and has been a member of the faculties at Regis College, at the University of Massachusetts, and at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. A former L.A. Congress keynoter, Dr. Gordon was the first woman Baccalaureate speaker at both Boston University and Regis College.

3-09 DYING TO LIVE: A THEOLOGY OF IMMIGRATION ☪

This workshop will look at the dynamics of global immigration, Christian spirituality and human transformation. In particular, it will examine issues of Mexican immigration and ministerial outreach to the growing presence of Latinos in the Church. It will look at the geographical, conceptual and theological territory of migration and the places of hope and faith among some of the godless moments of the journey across the Mexican border and into the United States.



Fr. Daniel Groody, CSC, PhD

Fr. Daniel Groody, a Holy Cross religious, is a scholar and teacher, an award-winning author and film producer. He is currently Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He is the author of various books and articles that have been translated into five languages. Fr. Groody is also the Executive Producer of “Dying to Live,” “Strangers No Longer” and “One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist.”

3-10 WHAT KEEPS US CATHOLIC ☪

Many of us are “cultural Catholics,” born and raised in this rich tradition of Christian faith. But what “keeps” us here and what helps us to “keep on” growing in our Catholic identity? We need to be clear about the rich treasury that is ours if we are to make this faith our own and continue to grow in holiness of life as Catholic Christians.



Thomas H. Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Director of Boston College’s Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. The award-winning author has written more than a half dozen books and over 100 published articles and essays. He has made over 500 public presentations in the past 25 years, including keynote addresses at all the major North American conferences of religious educators, both Catholic and Protestant.

3-11 THE VOCATION TO LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY ☪

One of the many gifts lay ecclesial ministers bring to our Church is their sense of being called by God to this ministry. Their experience is stretching our traditional language of vocation. In their 2005 document, “Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord,” the U.S. bishops acknowledge this and call for “a more thorough study of our theology of vocation.” This workshop begins to imagine what that theology might look like.



Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD

Dr. Edward Hahnenberg is Associate Professor of Theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He is a past consultant to the Subcommittee on Lay Ministry for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Dr. Hahnenberg has presented at conferences across the country, and is the author of numerous articles and two books: “Ministries: A Relational Approach” and “A Concise Guide to the Documents of Vatican II.”

3-12 WORSHIPWAYS: FAITHFUL COMMUNITY PRAYER IN THE 21ST CENTURY 🗣️

What will be the future of Sunday Eucharist in North American communities? How can we bring generations and cultures and diverse communities together in a way that is faithful to a living Christian tradition and also engaged with and relevant to a changing world? How can music help those who prepare and lead worship to inspire and ground our assemblies? Liturgical composers of two generations offer ideas, suggestions and hope.

**Marty Haugen**

For over 30 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. His range of musical compositions continues to appear in hymnals for U.S., Canadian and Australian Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and several other Protestant denominations.

**Tony Alonso**

Tony Alonso is one of the most prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music. In addition to several published collections of liturgical music, he has authored many books for youth and youth ministers about liturgy. Alonso has presented as a speaker or musical artist at major conferences and events across the United States, Canada and Europe. He currently serves as part of the Campus Ministry team at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

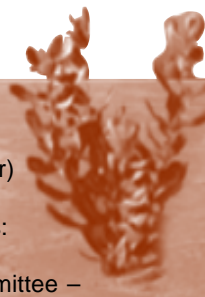
3-13 WHAT IS THE EASTER MESSAGE OF MARK'S GOSPEL? 🗣️

This workshop will address the question of the use of Mark's Gospel during the Easter season. The Lectionary uses only Mark 16:9-20 for Sundays in Year B and then uses only texts from John's Gospel for the remainder of the Sundays of the Easter season. Sr. Dorothy Jonaitis proposes that Mark's Gospel has a message for the Easter season, and this presentation will explore that suggestion.

**Sr. Dorothy Jonaitis, OP, DMin**

A Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., Sr. Dorothy Jonaitis is Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Dallas School of Ministry. For the past 25 years, she has taught adult education in parishes and has given numerous workshops at parishes and diocesan conferences, including the Religious Education Congress. Sr. Jonaitis is currently working with three others at the School of Ministry on a four-year project to revise The Catholic Biblical School Program.

THE CONGRESS event, directed by Sr. Edith Prendergast, is coordinated by Paulette Smith (Event Coordinator) and Jan Pedroza (Program Coordinator), and aided by three committees: the Congress Committee, a Liturgy Committee, and a Registration Committee – and worked by hundreds of staff and volunteers.

**3-14 MARKETING YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY** 🗣️

In today's fast-paced society, it is important to maximize your efforts at capturing the attention of your primary audience through creativity, intentional planning and positive imaging. This workshop will provide strategies to aid participants in sharing the "Good News" of their local youth ministry utilizing basic marketing skills.

**Colette A. Kennett**

For the past 29 years, Colette Kennett has been employed by the Catholic Diocese of Belleville, Ill., where she serves as Directory of Youth Ministry. She has served diocesan youth and their adult leaders regionally, nationally and internationally. Kennett is active in Girl Scouts and has given presentations at numerous conferences, rallies, retreats and civic events.

3-15 PRAYING IN COLOR 🗣️

Praying in Color is an active and meditative prayer practice for the word-weary and fidgety pray-er. It is both a process and a product. The process uses pen, paper and markers to create a time of stillness and listening. The product is a prayer drawing or icon – a visual reminder to continue to pray throughout the day. Praying in Color is a prayer practice for adults and children aged 5 and older. Absolutely no artistic ability is necessary! This workshop is based on Sybil MacBeth's book of the same title. (This will be repeated in Session 4-17.)

**Sybil MacBeth**

Sybil MacBeth is a teacher by vocation and a dancer and doodler by avocation. As a teacher of mathematics at the high school and college levels for 15 years, she combines her experience in the classroom with her love of prayer to create workshops that engage the whole body and differing learning styles. As author of "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God," she has led workshops on the topics and on liturgical dance since 1990.

3-16 LOVE UNFOLDING, SONGS FOR THE SEASONS: USING MUSIC TO BRING NEW LIFE TO LITURGICAL SEASONS 🗣️

Music and song are recognized as crucial elements of vibrant, meaningful and inclusive liturgy, but how can we use music to better promote full, conscious and active participation as parishes and schools celebrate the seasons of the Church year? Come along ready to sing, move and have fun!

**Michael Mangan**

Teacher and music liturgist, Michael Mangan is one of Australia's most popular contemporary Catholic composers. His 130 songs, psalms and acclamations are sung in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and North America, where he regularly tours presenting concerts, music workshops and music ministry leadership at conferences, parishes and schools. Mangan presently serves as Music Director at All Saints Parish in Albany Creek, Brisbane, Australia.

3-17 CARE FOR CREATION: EMBRACING THE LIFE WE ARE GIVEN 🗨️

How do we understand the human condition? From the scientific evidence available today, we know the universe is more expansive and interconnected than anyone previously imagined. This new worldview represents a significant development in human self-understanding and brings a depth of insight into the moral imperative to care for creation. This workshop will explore the shift that is taking place in our understanding of the world, the challenges it presents to the human community, and the implications it has for our spiritual journey.



Joseph Mitchell, CP

Fr. Joe Mitchell, a Catholic priest and member of the Passionist Community, is founder and Director of the Passionist Earth & Spirit Center in Louisville, Ky. His ministry has included directing retreats, parish missions, meditation courses, studies in spirituality, and religious environmental education programs throughout the country.

3-18 THE SCIENCE AND ETHICS OF STEM CELL RESEARCH AND CLONING

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

In this session, embryonic stem cell research will be considered in the light of morally acceptable alternatives, and we will carefully consider the various media myths surrounding this area of science. Recent developments will also be considered, which have both scientific and moral implications. The need for the careful protection and safeguarding of embryonic humans will be stressed and highlighted.

3-19 30-, 60- AND 100-FOLD – YOUTH LEADERSHIP STRATEGIES 🗨️

There are days when our work with teens is so much like what Jesus described in the parable of the sower and the seed – some takes root and some doesn't. Can we do anything to "better our chances"? Is there such a thing as "Miracle Grow"? We'll discuss struggles and strategies for helping youth grow ... and lead.



Mike Patin

Based in Lafayette, La., Mike Patin spent six years as a high school teacher and coach, and has worked in youth ministry for nearly 20 years. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Theology in New Orleans, and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Since 2003, Patin has been speaking to young people and adult audiences in diocesan, regional, national and international settings.

3-20 OPEN THE DOOR: A JOURNEY TO THE TRUE SELF

Opening the "door" is a way of speaking about an invisible passageway through which we enter the endless territory of truth secluded in our interior world. This symbolic door of the heart opens inward to the deepest, truest part of who we are. There we find the inherent goodness seeded in us at our birth. The door then opens outward to the world where we bring this giftedness and share it with others. In this workshop, come, be inspired to grow spiritually and to deepen your desire to be a person whose life reflects the goodness of the Holy One.



Joyce Rupp, OSM

Sr. Joyce Rupp has been a facilitator and speaker at retreats and conferences for 30 years in the United States, Canada, Africa, Asia, New Zealand and Australia. She is Co-Director of the Institute of Compassionate Presence. Sr. Rupp, a member of the Servants of Mary community, describes herself as a "spiritual mid-wife." She is the award-winning author of numerous popular books that have been published in eight languages. Her latest title is "Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self."

3-21 UNDERSTANDING AND STRENGTHENING THE PARENT/TEEN CONNECTION 🗨️

Research in neurobiology suggests that the relationship between parent and child – the interactions that take place – profoundly impact the health of the developing mind. Learn why parenting with the brain in mind is essential for teaching teens to regulate their emotions, make sound decisions, and be happy and productive adults.



Steve and Patt Saso

Patt and Steve Saso are authors of the award-winning "Parenting Your Teens with T.L.C." Patt, a psychotherapist, has served as a marriage and family therapist for over 18 years. Steve has over 34 years of experience in the field of education as a high school teacher, administrator and pastoral counselor. They are co-owners of Saso Seminars & Counseling Services, based in Milpitas, Calif. Together, they have produced books, educational CDs, and write a monthly online newsletter.

3-22 FINDING A TRUE COURSE IN A SHIFTING WORLD 🗨️

We live in times of immense change and uncertainty. How can we live true to the Christian vision amid all this flux? Where can we find solid ground and sift the authentic from the illusory? We will explore some practical ways of making wise choices in an unwise world and becoming active co-workers with God in the shaping of our destiny.



Margaret Silf

Margaret Silf is a retreat facilitator and award-winning author of several books; her latest are "Roots and Wings" and "At Sea with God." She is a regular columnist for America magazine and travels extensively within the United Kingdom, North America, Australia, South Africa and Malaysia for retreats and speaking engagements. Events have included the Jesuit Tri-Province Conference in Maryland; Fairfield University in Connecticut; and the Centenary Conference at Loyola, Spain.

3-23 ABUNDANT LIVING: FINDING THE JOYFUL, HOLY MOMENTS DAILY 🕒

Responding “yes” to life is an invitation that gifts us with an openness and awareness of God in our daily life. By saying “yes,” we become more keenly aware of holy moments in our relationships, in our work world, and with our friends and family. We begin to observe personal growth in joy and peace as we live life more abundantly.

**Anne Bryan Smollin**

A Sister of St. Joseph, Anne Smollin is a licensed therapist and group facilitator, lecturer, consultant and author. She is currently Executive Director of Counseling for Laity in Albany, N.Y. The former elementary schoolteacher lectures extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland and Australia speaking to religious communities, conventions and businesses.

3-24 BALANCING LIFE IN YOUR “WAR ZONES” 🕒

LeAnn Thieman said “yes!” when she helped rescue 300 babies at the end of the Vietnam War. Believing we all have individual “war zones,” she shares life-changing lessons learned from Operation Babylift. This poignant, yet humorous presentation inspires audiences to balance their physical, mental and spiritual lives, to truly live their priorities, and to make a difference in the world. (This will be repeated in Session 5-24.)

**LeAnn Thieman, CSP, CPAE**

LeAnn Thieman was accidentally caught up in the Vietnam orphan airlift in 1975, and helped rescue 300 babies as Saigon fell to the Communists. She has shared her incredible story on numerous radio and TV programs. Now, as co-author of “Chicken Soup for the Soul: Living Catholic Faith” and eight other Chicken Soup titles, she is a full-time professional speaker and member of the Speaker Hall of Fame.

3-25 RECEIVING OTHER CHRISTIANS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 🕒**Paul Turner**

About half the people joining the Catholic Church are already validly baptized. What catechetical formation is best for them? How should they be treated differently from unbaptized catechumens? Is the Easter Vigil really the best occasion for their reception into the full communion of the church?

3-26 WHAT'S NEXT 🕒

Join Jim Wallis as he describes how the community of faith can lead a movement for the common good that especially puts the poor and the vulnerable at the top of the national and global agenda.

**Jim Wallis**

Jim Wallis is a best-selling author, public theologian, speaker and international commentator on ethics and public life. As President and Executive Director of Sojourners/Call to Renewal, he convenes a national network working to overcome poverty in America. In addition, Wallis is Editor-in-Chief of Sojourners magazine. His columns appear in major national newspapers.

3-27 WELCOMING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO THE SACRAMENTS: GUIDELINES AND METHODOLOGY

Being Catholic means welcoming all, especially those with different abilities. This workshop, presented by a child psychologist and a parish Director of Religious Education, will discuss ways to help children with disabilities understand and experience the sacraments.

**Joseph D. White, PhD**

Dr. Joseph White is Director of Family Counseling and Family Life in the Diocese of Austin, Texas, and a National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Co. He has authored several books and articles on catechesis and ministry, including “7 Secrets of Successful Catechists,” “Catechists for All Children,” and “Burnout Busters: Stress Management of Ministry.”

**Ana Arista White**

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

3-28 SONGS OF OUR HEARTS AND MEDITATIONS OF OUR SOULS: PRAYER IN THE BLACK TRADITION 🕒**Dr. C. Vanessa White**

This workshop will focus on prayer in the African-American tradition. There will be a special emphasis on the contemplative as well as the expressive traditions in prayer and worship.

3-70 Tìm hiểu về người Công Giáo Việt Nam 🕒**Rev. Nguyen Khac Hy, SS - Linh mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, SS**

Người Công giáo Việt Nam trên đất Hoa Kỳ đã đóng góp rất nhiều cho giáo hội địa phương về mọi mặt. Nhưng họ là ai? Đã làm được những gì? Và thế hệ trẻ hiện tại đang gặp những thử thách nào? Liệu họ có còn tiếp tục được những thành quả đang có hay không? Buổi hội thảo đề cập đến những vấn nạn này.

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