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RECONGRESS THEME REFLECTION

Covenant Love poured out and at the heart of all creation continues to unfold, drawing us ever more profoundly into the embrace of a lavish God. This wondrous relationship, this love unbounded, deepens and develops over time, grows through seasons of dark and light, always nudging us to remember and hold fast to the promise.

Love unfolding is the way of Jesus, calling his disciples to "come and see" and now calling us into deeper friendship and interconnection with Him and with all of life. This bond of oneness, this fastening of the spirit to God sustains us on the path, generates and ignites a fresh energy and propels us to give voice to our "yes" anew.

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

WHAT IS YOUTH DAY?

Youth Day, held on Thursday, February 26, 2009, is designed for public and Catholic school students, grades 9 through 12. Youth Day has a separate registration and fee from the remaining Congress days.

COST: Adult chaperones are required for each group of 10 students (maximum), all attending the same workshop choices. Fees for Youth Day 2009 are:

\$20 – by January 5, 2009

\$25 – postmarked after January 5, 2009

NOTE: Register for Youth Day with the form found on page 13 (photocopies accepted). There is no on-site registration for Youth Day.

*Love Unfolding...
Igniting Our Yes!
Amor Revelador...
Encendiendo Nuestro ¡Sí!*

WHAT IS THE RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the United States. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 280 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 can use the Registration Form on the **inside back cover** or, with the added incentive of using your credit card, you can register online at www.RECongress.org.

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's California Adventure.

COST: The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all events, workshops (tickets are required), exhibits, concerts and liturgies throughout the three days. Fees for the Congress days are:

\$60 – by January 5, 2009 deadline

\$70 – after January 5, 2009

NOTE: If you have not registered online or mailed in your Registration Form by February 15, 2009, please bring your completed form with you to register on site.

Religious Education Congress 2009 Weekend Schedule

Youth Day Schedule is on page 7.

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 27, 2009		SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 28, 2009		SUNDAY – MARCH 1, 2009	
TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	On-site registration	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	On-site registration	8:00 am - 1:00 pm	On-site registration
8:30 - 9:30 am	Opening Rite & Welcome (Arena)		Morning Praise	8:00 - 9:30 am	Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 1 Workshops	8:30 am	Keynote Address	8:30 am	Morning Address
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11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Matt Maher & Band	11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH	10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 7 Workshops
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 2 Workshops	11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Jesse Manibusan	11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Period 3 Workshops		Music (Hall B) – Blakesley & Thomson	11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Augustin & Angotti
5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies		Outdoor Stage – Vietnamese Dance Troupe	11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Hall B) – Peña, Fernández & Rubalcava
8:00 pm	Concert (Arena) – Liam Lawton & Friends	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 5 Workshops	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 8 Workshops
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9:30 pm	Taizé	5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies		
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YOUTH DAY >

Youth Day, held on **Thursday, February 26**, starts off our Congress weekend with 15,000 coming together for a mix of workshops, liturgies, rallies and high energy. (See pages 6-13.)



< EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

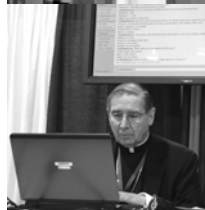
Congress 2009 offers 14 different **Eucharistic Liturgies** of different character, from Contemplative to Jazz, from Spanish to Hawaiian. (See page 20.)



CARDINAL CHAT >

Friday, 10 am-noon

On Friday of Congress, **Cardinal Roger Mahony** will conduct his 13th live, online chat – first with school students from the Archdiocese, and then in a nationwide open forum.



< SACRED SPACE

Friday through Sunday

Sacred Space returns to its home on the third level of the Convention Center, with extended hours on Saturday. Take a respite from the day's events and enter a space dedicated to facilitating a sense of spiritual rejuvenation. Our Sacred Space will offer Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a labyrinth (pictured), art and meditative music.



ENTERTAINMENT >

Friday through Sunday

Congress offers a variety of musical entertainment – from the daily lunchtime concerts to our Friday and Saturday evening concert celebrations. There are also musical artists performing at Sacred Space and our **new Outdoor Stage**.



< ART EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday

Los Angeles-based photographer **Robert Radin** stretches the imagination, offers a feast for the eyes and beckons the spirit to behold beauty in his breathtaking images captured from around the world.



SACRED ILLUMINATIONS >

Saturday, 8 - 9:30 pm

New this year, **Sacred Illuminations** is the mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, will kindle a flame within us to experience the divine life within our humanity. Come reflect and pray.



< SOUVENIRS

Friday through Sunday

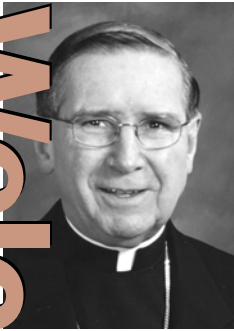
Souvenir pins, pens, buttons and more! And, on Sunday only at the **Tech Center**, e-mail a free photo ePostcard home or to friends!



2009 CATHOLIC FILMMAKERS' SHOWCASE

Friday, 8-10:30 pm

Our **2009 Catholic Filmmakers' Showcase** presents shorts and clips from a number of Catholic production companies in Hollywood, from short educational films to documentaries and feature films. Producers and directors will be on hand to meet with audience members after the screenings.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL

Dear Congress Participants,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you to another wonderful Religious Education Congress. Each year this marvelous event affords us an opportunity to renew our faith and our commitment to the ministry of evangelization and catechesis.

The 2009 theme “*Love Unfolding ... Igniting Our Yes*” flows from the Scriptures of the First Sunday in Lent. We are reminded that Covenant Love, poured out and at the heart of all of creation, draws us ever more profoundly into the heart of a loving God. It is the way of Jesus who called his disciples and now invites us to utter our “yes” with courage, confident that through our own passion the lives of others will catch fire and be made new again.

The excellent keynotes, workshops, and liturgical celebrations offered throughout the weekend are a source of enrichment and renewal for all. I am gratified and encouraged that so many of you take advantage of the wonderful opportunities for networking, input, and renewal. Your leadership and participation are key to the ongoing growth and well being of our parish communities of faith.

Please be assured of my continuing support and encouragement as you dedicate your time and energy to this most vital catechetical ministry.

Asking God’s blessing on you, your families and parish communities, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ A handwritten signature in black ink, reading “Roger Cardinal Mahony”.

His Eminence,
Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to yet another wonderful faith-filled Congress. The weekend offers us the opportunity to gather, renew and recommit to sharing the “Good News.”

Our theme for 2009, “*Love Unfolding ... Igniting Our Yes*,” is inspired by the Scriptures for the first Sunday of Lent. Trusting in God’s faithful Covenant, we are nourished and sustained on the journey. Our bond of oneness generates and ignites a fresh energy and propels us to give voice to our “yes” anew.

We are very heartened by the quantity and quality of the many engaging workshops, keynotes and resources offered throughout the weekend. Always cognizant of the richness of the multicultural reality of Southern California, the Religious Education Congress offers many opportunities to experience and celebrate the giftedness of our diverse communities of faith.

The creative and inspirational liturgical celebrations and entertainment provided are sure to lift our spirits and ignite our “yes.” At the heart of the many activities there is also opportunity to “come apart” and rest in the silence of Sacred Space, walk the labyrinth or celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you for your wonderful leadership and your unwavering commitment to uttering your “yes” and keeping the vision of Jesus central to all that you are and do.

I look forward to greeting you at this spirit-filled gathering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading “Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC”.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS



Dear Friends,

As Co-Coordiators we once again have the great joy of welcoming you to Congress 2009. With our theme, "Love Unfolding ... Igniting our Yes," Congress again promises to draw us into many wonderful experiences beginning with our energizing Youth Day.

As the weekend unfolds, you can look forward to outstanding workshops, amazing concerts and lunchtime entertainment, inspiring art and multicultural exhibits as well as liturgies which provide opportunities for prayer and reflection. Sacred Space will again be available for time of quiet and renewal. As always, Congress is a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and meet people from all over the world at this international gathering.

You won't want to miss the Exhibit Hall, offering a wide variety of resources and company representatives on hand for personalized service.

Workshops, events, housing information, mail-in and online registration instructions are included in this Guidebook and updated regularly on our Web site at www.RECongress.org. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Congress Office at 213-637-7346, or by e-mail at congress@la-archdiocese.org.

Again, we welcome you and look forward to your being with us at our 2009 Religious Education Congress.

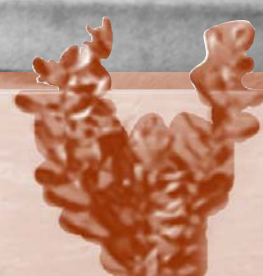


Paulette Smith
Paulette Smith
Congress Event Coordinator

Jan Pedroza
Jan Pedroza
Congress Program Coordinator



CONGRESS ANNUALLY gathers together some of the most influential Catholic composers and artists. Pictured here from last year's Opening Rite are (for 2009, not in photo order): Meredith Augustin, Tony Alonso, John Angotti, Anna Betancourt, Josh Blakesley, Carol Browning, Helena Buscema, Richard Cheri, Jaime Cortez, Chris de Silva, Santiago Fernández, Jim Gibson, David Haas, Marty Haugen, Eddie Hilley, ValLimar & Frank Jansen, Peter Kolar, Liam Lawton, Kenneth Louis, Matt Maher, Donna Peña, Clifford Petty, Michael John Poirier and Pedro Rubalcava.



Youth Day 2009

TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE DAY

"Happy are they who hope in the Lord"
– Psalm 39:5

Youth Day 2009 falls on the day after Ash Wednesday. The readings of this day help us as we prepare for our communal and individual Lenten journey. We are encouraged by the call of Moses to continually "choose life" so that others may see how God's love permeates all that we say and do. Our Gospel for this day reminds us that this journey will not always be easy. We will sometimes be called to take up our cross, deny our very selves and put others first. God reassures us, though, that this choice will bring us a new and abundant life. Youth Day is both a place to be renewed and encouraged in our journey to follow Christ and an opportunity for each of us to be an example for others. We may leave Youth Day a little tired, but we are refreshed in the hope promised in our faith. Youth Day 2009 is a perfect example of young people celebrating the blessings of our incredible God!

The readings for Youth Day 2009 are:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Luke 9:22-25

COLLECTION FOR

LEADERSHIP

DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to enhance the work of the Office of Religious Education in developing youth leaders across the archdiocese and to support the outreach of the Catholic Youth Foundation USA, there will be a collection during Youth Day liturgies. CYFUSA serves the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry by providing financial resources at the local, diocesan, regional and national levels to promote effective ministry with adolescents. Please share this information with all Youth Day attendees and emphasize how their contribution can continue the formation and education of others. Thank you in advance!

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Once again, it is with great joy and enthusiasm that I invite you and the young people in your ministry to be part of our annual Youth Day. This exciting event begins our annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim and welcomes over 15,000 high school students and their chaperones. This year, we are also blessed to be able to begin our Lenten journey together at Youth Day. Please join us for a day of energetic workshops, wonderful music, great friends and Spirit-filled Eucharistic celebrations. Youth Day is an incredible opportunity for young people to experience the love of God within the larger church community and be empowered in their faith journey. Thank you very much for your willingness to share this great day with those in your

ministry settings. The Youth Day Coordinating Team is working hard to create a day that will compliment the wonderful work of your parish or school. We look forward to celebrating God's love with you and your young people at Youth Day 2009! See you in Anaheim!



Mike Norman

Mike Norman
Associate Director
Office of Religious Education

YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION:

All high school students (9th-12th grades ONLY) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with an adult Chaperone who will be attending with them. Two adult Chaperones must accompany the first group of 1-10 youth and then one adult Chaperone with each additional group of 10 youth. Chaperones must stay with their group throughout the entire day. Each group chooses which workshops they would like to attend. Make a first, second and third choice from the following 13 workshops. Please note that there are two workshops (clearly marked in **bold**) that take place in the Arena and are not repeated. All other workshops are offered twice – once in the morning and once in the afternoon. We try to accommodate first choices for workshops, but sometimes they fill up and we must move you to your second or third choice.

NOTE: YOUTH DAY OFTEN FILLS UP BEFORE THE JANUARY FEE INCREASE! There is a limit to the number of people we can register. If Youth Day fills to capacity before the February 1, 2009 deadline, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. There are no exceptions.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

The Religious Education Congress staff would like to invite any adult who is not chaperoning a group from a parish or school to be a volunteer for Youth Day. Youth Day volunteers are assigned to a variety of positions throughout the day. To volunteer for Youth Day 2009, an adult needs to have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection Program and have had the appropriate diocesan-required background check. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our day, please contact Erin Avila at emavila@sbcglobal.net or (559) 259-8232.



8:30 AM – OPENING EVENTS

Youth Day begins with two wonderful Opening Events. In the Arena we will have the inspirational music of **Jacob and Matthew** and hear a powerful message from our keynote speaker, **Valimar Jansen**. This year, our second opening will take place in Hall E and welcomes **Josh Blakesley** and his band. Young people from across the Archdiocese will be on hand to lead us in prayer and help us to begin our day.

9:45 AM – MORNING WORKSHOPS

Immediately following our Opening Events, participants will be able to attend one of the 13 workshops (listed on the following pages) that will inspire and challenge them in new ways! We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them.

11 AM – LITURGIES

Our day continues with Spirit-filled Liturgies in three different rooms. **Cardinal Roger Mahony** will be celebrating with us in the Arena, with music provided by youth from throughout the Archdiocese and beyond, under the direction of **Ed Archer** of St. Monica Parish. Our second liturgy will take place in Hall E and will feature the music of **Joshua Blakesley**. The Grand Ballroom Liturgy (on the third floor) will feature the music of **Jacob and Matthew**.

12:15 PM – LUNCH

Following our Eucharistic celebrations, we invite your group to enjoy lunch and make new friends, along with spending time with old friends.

1:30 PM – AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

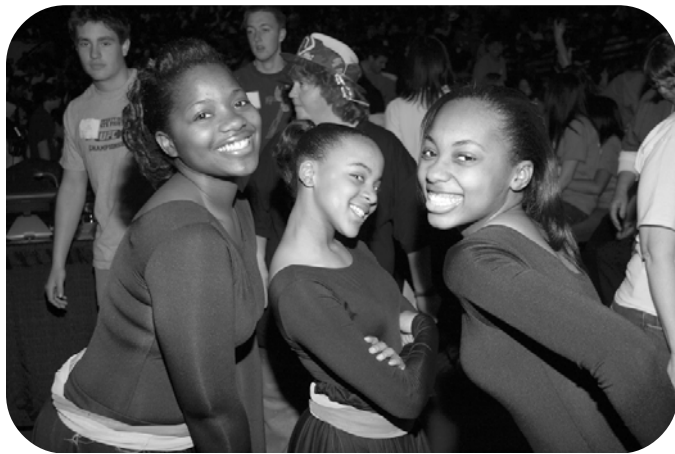
The workshops in the afternoon are a second chance to hear some of the best speakers from across the nation. Most of these are repeated workshops from the morning session.

2:45 PM – CLOSING RALLIES

Youth Day 2009 ends with two energetic Closing Rallies – one in the Arena and one in Hall E. These powerful events help us to close our day with music, inspirational stories and prayer – all offered by speakers and artists from our day, as well as young people from across the Archdiocese. Come be renewed in your faith journey as we are sent forth to return to our parish and school communities.

3:30 PM – DISMISSAL

Our day will end at 3:30pm with dismissal!



ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS:

Order Your Official Youth Day T-Shirts

T-shirts for Youth Day 2009 are available by pre-order. Orders with payment must be received by February 11, 2009 and will be available for pick-up starting at 8 a.m. on Youth Day at the Seraph7 booth in the Grand Arena Lobby (south side) of the Convention Center Arena.

Customize your Youth Day shirt with your youth group/parish name on the back, just an additional \$5 per shirt. (Custom order payment due by January 28, 2009.)

T-shirts: \$15, Sweatshirts: \$40

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

Youth sizes, 3X, and sweatshirts are also available in limited supply. Please pre-order to ensure you get yours!

Place your order online at www.Seraph7.com.

YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION REMINDER:

Youth day often reaches our capacity before the January fee increase! There is a limit to the number of people we can register. If Youth Day fills before the February 1, 2009 deadline, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. There are no exceptions.

A SO WHEN JESUS CALLED US TO BE PEACEMAKERS, DID HE REALLY MEAN ME?

Jesus was very clear, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” But what does it really take to be a peacemaker? Using his experience of growing up during the violent conflict in Northern Ireland, Hedley Abernethy, the Peacebuilding Education Advisor for Catholic Relief Services, will share stories, stimulate discussion and then ask the question, “Where and how will you build peace?” This is peacebuilding for the faint hearted, shy and conflict avoidant. Come prepared to share, laugh and respond to the call to be a peacemaker!



Hedley Abernethy

Hedley Abernethy is the Peacebuilding Education Advisor for Catholic Relief Services in the United States. He is also developing a program for youth on peacebuilding from a global perspective. Before arriving in America, he worked for the National Council of YMCAs in Ireland, helping to promote and develop community relations and peacebuilding programs throughout Northern Ireland. A qualified youth worker, he has researched and written a number of publications aimed at young people and youth workers.

B WHERE ARE YOU, GOD?

In this noisy, fast-paced life we all lead, it’s hard to hear what God is saying to us. How do we listen? How do we know? Where is God when bad things happen to my family or friends? How do I even know God is there? What does he want from me? These are just some of the good questions that we all ask, and this is a great place to figure some of them out! Steve Angrisano’s style and humor bring just the right tone to these serious questions.



Steve Angrisano

Steve Angrisano is recognized as one of the most dynamic and effective communicators with Catholic youth in the country. His unique blend of laughter, song, story and often hilarious audience interaction has made him a popular choice for missions, concerts, workshops and youth events. He’s been featured at major youth events nationally and internationally, including four World Youth Days, several National Catholic Youth Conferences, and countless parish, school, camp and diocesan events.

C STRESSED OUT? GOT PRAYER?

Too much homework...parents pressuring me to succeed...gotta get a part-time job...need to get to practice...wanna hang out with friends...who am I gonna ask to prom?...oh no, not another test! I thought that was next week! Life can make us feel maxed out and we start to stress about all kinds of things. The Lord has an answer, really a call, to talk with Him, to lean on Him. St. Paul tells us not to be anxious, “make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:7). Prayer can bring us closer to Christ and peacefulness amidst the everyday stresses of our lives.



Stan Cordero

Stan Cordero is the Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Santa Rosa, Calif. He has 23 years of youth ministry experience at the parish, Catholic school and diocesan levels. He is an adjunct staff member for the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies and YouthLeader programs at the Center for Ministry Development. Cordero is also a contributor to “Youth Ministry in Rural and Small Town Settings: A Planning Resource” and “Total Youth Ministry: Ministry Resources for Prayer & Worship.”



Jackie Francois

Artist and composer Jackie Francois has been involved with youth ministry in Southern California for over eight years as youth minister and music minister. In recent years she has led worship and has spoken at various conferences, retreats and youth rallies nationally and internationally. Francois recently released her first CD titled “Your Kingdom is Glorious” and continues to host the “Perfect Playlist” Podcast, and “The Commons” Webcast on SpiritandSong.com.

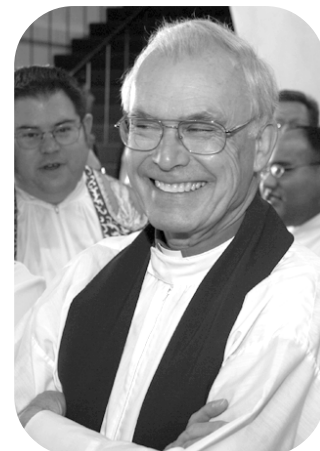
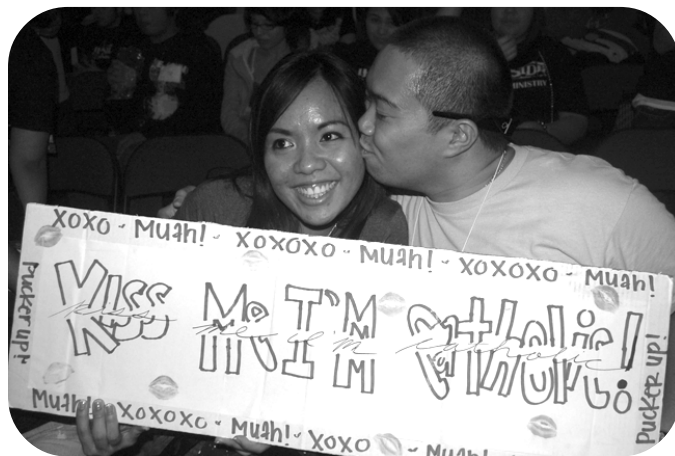
D GET REAL! TALK TO ME! SELL ME ON IT! WHAT UP, DOG? WHAD-UP-WI-DAT? LET’S GET IT GOING! SHOW ME!

Fr. Ken Deasy really likes hanging out with youth and talking about faith as: 1) “moving forward” and not backward; 2) essential in living our hope “that the best is yet to come” and not just a thing in the past; 3) more empowering than exhausting; and 4) something that makes you really live and not just blah! blah! blah! Fr. Deasy readily admits that he doesn’t have all the answers! Do you? Do you know the questions?



Fr. Ken Deasy

Fr. Ken Deasy is presently Consultant to the Los Angeles Archdiocese’s Mission Office and Coordinator for the Holy Childhood Association, part of the Vatican’s Office for the Propagation of the Faith. He previously served as Pastor of St. Agatha’s Parish in Los Angeles. Fr. Deasy was a script advisor for the movie “Bruce Almighty” and served as mentor/advisor for ABC’s “Nothing Sacred.” Recently, he was co-hosting with Rabbi Jerry Cutler a radio movie-review program, “Review from the Pew.”



E ROMANCE WITHOUT REGRET

Chastity is more than just abstinence. It's about what you can do and have right now: a chaste lifestyle that brings freedom, respect, peace and romance without regret.



Crystalina & Jason Evert

Jason Evert is author and speaker with *Catholic Answers*, based in San Diego. He has given over 1,000 lectures to hundreds of 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*.



H MIRRORS THAT SPEAK AND OTHER MYTHS EXPOSED

When you look in the mirror, what do you think? What does that mirror say to you? How does a *piece of glass* have so much power? What do we believe about ourselves and about others? All these questions and more will be discussed in this workshop – an opportunity to shatter the mirror, no longer letting it define us and to allow the truth to break in, not only in our mirrors, but where it matters more: *in our hearts*. (Morning Arena session only.)



Tammy Evevard

Tammy Evevard has spent the last 20 years traveling the country presenting to countless audiences, large and small, including a keynote at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Atlanta. She has had several articles published and has been featured on CNN and other television programs. Evevard is a past member of the National Evangelization Team and Reach Youth Ministry Team, both traveling retreat teams.

K MAKE YOUR MESS INTO A MESSAGE

Whether quiet or loud, inner-city, rural or suburban areas, we all have been through something. Every challenge, pain and struggle can be seen as a gift or a tragedy. Christ took his mess and made it a message that would touch lives from then until now. We can do the same! Let's make our mess into a message. We all can make a difference.



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 *Soulfest* and *Lifest* to the *Tribeca Film Festival*.

L FIVE THINGS I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is a dangerous book. People have lost their lives over it. People have had their lives saved by it, too. Many in your life are going to tell you a lot about the Bible that just isn't true. Come hear a few truths about the Bible that will not only change the way you approach Scripture, but the way you live your life each day. (Afternoon Arena session only.)



Mark Hart

Mark Hart, known to millions simply as the "Bible Geek," serves as Executive Vice President for *Life Teen*. He is a sought-after speaker, a regular guest on Catholic radio programs and an award-winning author. Hart has an interactive DVD Bible Study series, "The Teen Timeline T3," and posts a weekly *Life Teen* podcast.

M EVANGELIZATION: DON'T JUST SEE THE LIGHT – BE THE LIGHT!

God calls us from our points of weakness as well as our strengths. Colette Kennett will share her experience as a 1996 Olympic Torchbearer hero to demonstrate the importance of "spiritual Olympics" that prepare us to carry the Light of Christ to others. It's time to strengthen your spiritual muscles for the journey ahead!



Colette A. Kennett

Colette Kennett has been employed for the past 29 years by the Catholic Diocese of Belleville, Ill., where she serves as Director of Youth Ministry. She has presented at numerous conferences, rallies, retreats and civic events, including the Mid-America Ministry Conference, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, and the Los Angeles Congress. Kennett's community volunteer work includes prison ministry and working at a community shelter.

P GOD IS HERE! THE FOURFOLD PRESENCES OF CHRIST IN MASS!

Where is Christ more truly and really present: In the Eucharist? In the Word? In the presider and in the attending ministers? In the worshiping assembly? Where is Christ? Another essential question might be, "Where are you/me/we" in the mission, the love and the ongoing Presence of Christ beyond the doors of the Church? Let us break open "the Presence of Christ" and see the very true, real, relevant and ever-unfolding of God's Love.



Jesse Manibusan

Jesse Manibusan describes himself as an "itinerant witness, undercover catechist and Catholic ninja." He is co-founder of *Two by Two Ministries*, bringing his high-energy, interactive music, preaching, storytelling and humor to audiences all over the world. Manibusan is experienced as a music minister, catechist and youth worker, with frequent appearances at Youth Day and the Los Angeles Congress, as well as at major youth and education conferences across the country. He also has recorded several CDs.

S FEARLESS FAITH “FREAKS”

Jesus Freak!! We get that and worse sometimes when people find out we are about God and our Catholic faith. There are challenges to “keeping the faith.” What does it really take to be a Christian leader and a teen in the real world of 2009? Come, laugh and share. You aren’t the only “freak” at Youth Day!



Mike Patin

Mike Patin has been working in youth ministry since 1990. He lives in Lafayette, La., where he has spent six years as a high school teacher and coach. He has been a summer camp counselor and an assistant coach for a college basketball team. Patin now travels around the country speaking to more than 800 teen and adult groups in over 80 dioceses. He continues to lead youth and adult retreats, parish missions and leadership institutes.



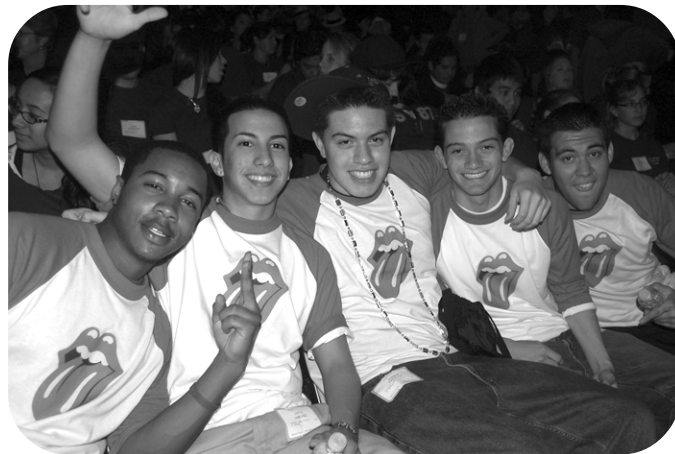
X MY GOD AND MY IPOD: DOWNLOADING GOD’S VOICE EVERYDAY

Music can move us. It gives us hope and new opportunities to grow. What are today’s songs saying about me and the world around me? Discover ways to use your music to dialogue with God. Learn how to become more sensitized to God’s voice. We’ll celebrate our lives, our God, and our music in this workshop. Watch what might happen to your prayer life the next time you turn on one of your favorite songs!



Anna Scally

Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media Inc., is a columnist for their Top Music Countdown online resource and also hosts their audio show, “Burning Issues.” Her work has appeared in several journals and popular publications, and she has been a presenter at all the major conferences for religious educators in North America. Scally has been Master of Ceremonies at World Youth Days in Denver, Toronto, Germany and Sydney, Australia, earning her the title, “The Pope’s DJ.”



Z BEING CATHOLIC 24/7

Text message: ‘Yes’ 2 life! Committing ourselves to find the joy and goodness in each moment we live, we open ourselves to the possibility of finding God in each encounter. Each moment becomes holy. We become more positive and caring people as we step outside of ourselves and focus on the other. Finding ourselves in each other, we discover happiness and holiness in day-to-day experiences.



Anne Bryan Smollin

A Sister of St. Joseph, Anne Smollin is a licensed therapist and group facilitator, lecturer and consultant. 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. Sr. Smollin is author of four books.



WHO MAY ATTEND?

All students from public and Catholic high schools, grades 9 through 12, are invited to our annual YOUTH DAY on Thursday of the Congress weekend. STUDENTS BELOW THE 9th GRADE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT AND WILL BE REFUSED ADMISSION.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$20 per person. After fees increase January 5, 2009, the price is \$25 per person.

CHAPERONES & CONTACT PERSON

For each group of up to 10 students, there must be one Adult Chaperone. However, there must be two Chaperones listed in your first group registration. Groups must stay together throughout the day, all attending the same workshops. Students are not to be dropped off at the Convention Center without a Chaperone.

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and must stay with and supervise his or her group throughout all of Youth Day. Chaperones should participate in the events of the day – youth find it more difficult to participate if the adults are off to the side. Understanding that it is often difficult to sit together as a large group, we ask that Chaperones divide up and stay with those they brought.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing the Adult Chaperone with all the necessary forms and emergency information for each student in the group. All Youth Day tickets will be mailed to the Contact Person. The Contact Person may also be one of the group Chaperones or registrants.

It is the responsibility of the **Contact Person** to make sure that ALL Chaperones have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection Program and the appropriate diocesan required background check has been completed. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Team for fulfilling this requirement.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be made by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form along with a check for the proper amount. A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. There must be two Chaperones listed in your first group registration. Forms and information are available online at www.RECongress.org/YD.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

We recommend that you register early. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is CLOSED to further registrations. This sometimes happens BEFORE THE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE ON JANUARY 5, 2009. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.

TICKETS AND NAME TAGS

Each ticket must be issued to a specific person. Registrations will NOT be processed if only one person's name is used in all the spaces on the form. In order to gain admission into the Convention Center, each person must have tickets and be wearing the official Youth Day name tag. If needed, you may substitute names. We will not be able to print out new name tags or workshop tickets.

Due to the large number of people who attend and unpredictable weather, we strongly encourage that **tickets and name tags be passed out before you leave your parish or school or before leaving the bus**. Those who become separated from their group are not allowed entry to workshops or the Arena. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Tickets will be mailed after **January 31, 2009**, to the Contact Person. Please check your packet to verify that each Chaperone and each student has his or her own tickets.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. Please feel free to duplicate the form.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form, with the group attending all the same workshops. The first group must include two Chaperones. PLEASE do not register more people on the form than will be attending.
3. Once registration has been sent in, additional students CANNOT be added. To add students, a new form (with another paid Chaperone) must be filled out and sent in.
4. All youth need to remain with their Chaperones throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name of the Contact Person on each form used and indicate if he/she will attend. If the Contact Person plans to attend, his/her name **MUST appear again as a Chaperone or registrant**.
6. Indicate your choice of workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by January 5, 2009 to: LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO BOX 76955, LOS ANGELES, CA 90076-0955.
Make checks payable to: Religious Education Congress.
Total fees must accompany registration form. All incomplete registrations will be mailed back. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. After January 5, 2009 (postmarked), the Youth Day Registration fee will be \$25 per person.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 5, 2009. There are NO REFUNDS after that date. There will be a \$10 per person refund processing fee.
9. THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY.
10. Questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION & ASSIGNMENT

Print the letter of your first-, second- and third-choice workshops plainly on the spaces provided. All workshops are repeated in the afternoon session, unless otherwise noted.

WORKSHOP ASSIGNMENT: Our registration computer will assign your first choice for the morning session and your second choice for the afternoon. If your first choice is full, then the computer will assign your second choice first and your first choice second. The third is when the first and second choices are full.

FOOD SERVICES

During the brief, scheduled lunchtime, there will be food concessions at the Convention Center. Lines are always long, so you may prefer to have your group bring lunches. You can bring ice chests and other supplies in your vehicles (to be brought in at lunchtime only). We ask that you not use the nearby restaurants.

YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009 – 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered **with each paid Adult Chaperone** – all attending the same workshops.
2. Once the Registration Form has been mailed in, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new form AND another **paid Chaperone**.
3. YOUTH DAY FEE: \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only). After January 5, 2009 fee increases to \$25 per person.
4. NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE. Youth Day Registration deadline is February 1, 2009. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Mail checks payable to: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS**, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
6. Total payment **must accompany this form**.
7. Tickets will be mailed after **January 31, 2009**. Please check your packet when you receive it, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has his or her own tickets. Students must remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 5, 2009. Note: There is a \$10 **per person** refund processing fee.
9. REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

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

– For Office Use Only –

Stamp Number _____
 Date Received _____
 Total Registrants _____
 Check Number _____
 Total Amount _____

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

Name _____ Day Phone (_____) _____
 Address _____ Eve. Phone (_____) _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
 E-mail _____

SERVICES • Will anyone in your group require special services? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter Deaf-Blind Interpreter
 Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) • Name of student/adult requiring assistance _____

ADULT CHAPERONE

	\$20	\$25
First Name _____ Last Name _____	By	After
	Jan. 5	Jan. 5
REGISTRANTS (print clearly; check if Adult)		
Adult? First Name Last Name		
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Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 5, 2009.

Workshop Choice for Group:

1ST _____
 2ND _____
 3RD _____

– YOU MAY DUPLICATE THIS FORM –

Mail to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO BOX 76955, LOS ANGELES, CA 90076-0955

Friday Events

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**
On-site registration begins
(Prefunction Lobby)
 - 8:30 - 9:30 am**
Opening Rite / Welcome
(Arena)
 - 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 1 Workshops
 - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
 - 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– Matt Maher & Band
 - 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 2 Workshops
 - 3:00 - 4:30 pm**
Period 3 Workshops
 - 5:15 pm**
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Evening Prayer
(see page 20)
 - 8:00 pm**
Concert (Arena)
– Liam Lawton & Friends
Catholic Filmmakers' Showcase
 - 9:30 pm**
Taizé
- Registration Hours**
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Convention 304)

OPENING RITE & WELCOME

Love Unfolding ... Igniting Our Yes!
Amor Revelador ... Encendiendo nuestro ¡Sí!

We say Yes! to God's Unfolding Love, gathering and igniting us to celebrate and lift our hearts and voices in a chorus of praise and worship. Our uplifting and Spirit-filled gathering will be blessed with the presence and participation

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| Cardinal Roger Mahony | Richard Cheri | Mary Janus |
| Edith Prendergast, RSC | Eleazar Cortés | Peter Kolar |
| Paulette Smith | Jaime Cortez | Gaile Krause |
| Jan Pedroza | Harrison Crenshaw | Liam Lawton |
| John Flaherty | Elohim D'Leon | Kenneth Louis |
| Tony Alonso | Gary Daigle | Matt Maher |
| Erin Amendolare | Chris de Silva | Jesse Manibusan |
| Donna Anderle | Santiago Fernández | Paul Melley |
| John Angotti | Jim Gibson | Monica Miller Luther |
| Steve Angrisano | Laura Gibson | Donna Peña |
| Ed Archer | Laura Gomez | W. Clifford Petty |
| Meredith Augustin | David Haas | Pedro Rubalcava |
| Matt Bazar | Marty Haugen | Nicole Smith |
| Betsey Beckman | Eddie Hilley | Janèt Sullivan Whitaker |
| Anna Betancourt | Dan Houze | Trevor Thomson |
| Josh Blakesley | Jacob and Matthew | John West |
| Helena Buscema | Frank Jansen | ... and many others |
| Joe Camacho | ValLimar Jansen | |

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



MATT MAHER & BAND

Don't miss the opportunity to see one of the most popular and critically acclaimed Catholic musicians in the country as he takes the stage to celebrate a God of promise and hope. Come spend your noontime with Matt Maher, singing some of the finest contemporary songs of faith used in worship today.

FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm



LIAM LAWTON & FRIENDS

"Sacred Shores"

From the shores of Ireland to the beaches of California, worlds will collide with singing and dancing. Influenced by the spirituality and traditions of his native Ireland and the ancient Celtic world, Los Angeles Congress favorite Liam Lawton will once again grace the Arena stage with his distinctive sound. Joining Liam from our very own corner of the world comes "Monica's Joy;" an exciting choir of the young and the young at heart from St. Monica's Church in Santa Monica, Calif. You won't want to miss this exhilarating and unique event.



SINCE 1970, Congress has been held at the Anaheim Convention Center, which can accommodate the 40,000 in attendance. (Orange County, then still a part of the L.A. Archdiocese, became its own Diocese in 1977.)

PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 Ignite Your Spirit! Say “Yes” through Dance, Song and Prayer (*) - **Anderle & Friedman**
- 1-02 God Wants Our Friendship (*) - **Barry**
- 1-03 Are Lay Catholics “Secular”? - **Beaudoin**
- 1-04 The First and Coming Reformation (*) - **Brennan**
- 1-05 What Does It Mean to “Forgive from Your Heart”? (*) - **Crosby**
- 1-06 An Adult Appreciation of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (*) - **Cusick**
- 1-07 Catholic Women: In the Church and in the Public Square - **Dallavalle**
- 1-08 Jeremiah: A Poet Gifted, a Prophet Burdened (*) - **Dempsey**
- 1-09 Some Say Learning Can’t Be Fun ... Wanna Bet? - **Ellair**
- 1-10 Raising Chaste Teens - **Evert**
- 1-11 The Story of You ... and God ... and Love - **Fabing**
- 1-12 The Cloud of Unknowing: Practicing Contemplative Prayer - **Finley**
- 1-13 Read the Bible for a Change: Going Deeper with the Scriptures (*) - **Hart**
- 1-14 Born to Dance: Live Life Fully from the Inside Out (*) - **Hershey**
- 1-15 What Do I Say When Life is Hard? (*) - **Kempf**
- 1-16 Forming Adults in the Faith (*) - **Kicanas**
- 1-17 Jesus, Mary and Joseph! (*) - **Martin**
- 1-18 Paul – The Pastor (*) - **Mullen**
- 1-19 Setting Your “Yes” on Fire: Exploring the Meaning of “Active Participation” Today (*) - **Murray**
- 1-20 In Vitro Fertilization and Assisted Reproductive Technologies - **Pacholczyk**
- 1-21 The Emerging Church (*) - **Rohr**
- 1-22 Reading the Old Testament with Paul of Tarsus (*) - **Smith-Christopher**
- 1-23 The Paschal Mystery in Family Life (*) - **Stuckart**
- 1-24 The Top Five Skills Needed for Forming the Faith of Teens (*) - **Theisen**
- 1-25 Celebrating the Rites of Initiation (*) - **Turner**
- 1-26 Music that Gets Us from ‘Perhaps’ to ‘Maybe’ to ‘YES!’ (*) - **Walker**
- 1-27 Every Time I Feel the Spirit: Black Spirituality and Religious Expression (*) - **V. White**
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Nguyen**
- 1-80 Korean Workshop - **Kim**

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 Embodying Easter – Dancing Resurrection (*) - **Beckman & Ash**
- 2-02 St. Paul, the Boundary-Breaker: A Model of What the Church Can Be (*) - **Binz**
- 2-03 Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord! (*) - **Brown**
- 2-04 So You Think You Can Move! Rejoicing in Faith with Children (*) - **Burland**
- 2-05 Patrick, Brigit and Columba: A Celtic Inspiration for Today! (*) - **Clancy**
- 2-06 Holy Week Music – The Latest Multicultural Resources - **Cortez**
- 2-07 Love No Matter What (*) - **Fatica**
- 2-08 One Bread, One Body, One Table: Eucharist – The Feast of Foot-washers (*) - **Fiand**
- 2-09 New Models for Episcopal Leadership in a Global Church (*) - **Gaillardetz**
- 2-10 Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps for Everyday Life - **Jamison**
- 2-11 Collaboration and Ministry (*) - **Kicanas**
- 2-12 Rules and Runny Noses: Why Am I Doing This Anyway? (*) - **Krout**
- 2-13 Seeds of Faith: Practices to Grow a Healthy Spiritual Life (*) - **Langford**
- 2-14 “The Dark Knight” and the Dark Night - **Leonard**
- 2-15 Safe School Ambassadors: Harnessing Student Power to Stop Cruelty, Bullying and Violence - **Linney**
- 2-16 Creating a Multicultural Outreach in Youth Ministry (*) - **Manibusan**
- 2-17 The Social Teaching of Pope Benedict XVI (*) - **Massingale**
- 2-18 Love Unfolding (*) - **McKenna**
- 2-19 What is Fundamentalism, Really? (*) - **Ogilvie**
- 2-20 Love Unfolding: Learning and Living with HIV/AIDS (*) - **Ponnet & Breen**
- 2-21 Gifts of the Eucharist (*) - **Reeves**
- 2-22 Why Youth Retreats? (*) - **Sawyer**
- 2-23 “You Were Once an Alien in a Foreign Land”: The Church and Immigration Issues (*) - **Solis**
- 2-24 The Contemporary Astrophysical Response to Atheism: Evidence of Universal Creation in Big-Bang Cosmology (*) - **Spitzer**
- 2-25 Pursued by God: “The Hound of Heaven” Revisited (*) - **Sullivan**
- 2-26 At the Heart of the Parish (*) - **Sweeney**
- 2-27 Crossing Paths with Paul: A Pauline Year Journey into His Homeland and His Heart (*) - **Welbers**
- 2-28 Teachers Are Heroes Too! (*) - **Wenc**
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Phong**
- 2-80 Korean Workshop (*) - **Cho**

PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 Creating Vision, Engagement and Ownership in Today’s Parish (*) - **Ciango**
- 3-02 Keeping the Faith (*) - **Cimino**
- 3-03 Making Catholic Social Teaching Come Alive! (*) - **Coleman**
- 3-04 Mystical Union in Everyday Life: Romancing God the Ignatian Way (*) - **Coutinho**
- 3-05 Developing Parish Ministry to Victims of Domestic Violence (*) - **Dahm**
- 3-06 Our “Yes” to Weaving Faith and Justice (*) - **East**
- 3-07 With Joy We Go to the Altar of God: The Entrance Rites (*) - **Fragomeni**
- 3-08 Conflicting Commitments: Same-sex Marriage and the Church (*) - **Gordon**
- 3-09 Dying to Live: A Theology of Immigration (*) - **Groody**
- 3-10 What Keeps Us Catholic (*) - **Groome**
- 3-11 The Vocation to Lay Ecclesial Ministry (*) - **Hahnenberg**
- 3-12 WorshipWays: Faithful Community Prayer in the 21st Century (*) - **Haugen & Alonso**
- 3-13 What Is the Easter Message of Mark’s Gospel? (*) - **Jonaitis**
- 3-14 Marketing Your Youth Ministry (*) - **Kennett**
- 3-15 Praying in Color (*) - **MacBeth**
- 3-16 Love Unfolding, Songs for the Seasons: Using Music to Bring New Life to Liturgical Seasons (*) - **Mangan**
- 3-17 Care for Creation: Embracing the Life We Are Given (*) - **Mitchell**
- 3-18 The Science and Ethics of Stem Cell Research and Cloning - **Pacholczyk**
- 3-19 30-, 60- and 100-fold – Youth Leadership Strategies (*) - **Patin**
- 3-20 Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self - **Rupp**
- 3-21 Understanding and Strengthening the Parent/Teen Connection (*) - **Saso & Saso**
- 3-22 Finding a True Course in a Shifting World (*) - **Silf**
- 3-23 Abundant Living: Finding the Joyful, Holy Moments Daily (*) - **Smollin**
- 3-24 Balancing Life in Your “War Zones” (*) - **Thieman**
- 3-25 Receiving Other Christians into the Catholic Church (*) - **Turner**
- 3-26 What’s Next (*) - **Wallis**
- 3-27 Welcoming Children with Disabilities to the Sacraments: Guidelines and Methodology - **Arista White & White**
- 3-28 Songs of Our Hearts and Meditations of Our Souls: Prayer in the Black Tradition (*) - **V. White**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Nguyen**

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Saturday Events

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**
On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)
Morning Praise (Arena)
- 8:30 am**
Keynote Address
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 4 Workshops
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– Jesse Manibusan
Music (Hall B)
– Blakesley & Thomson
Outdoor Stage
– Vietnamese Dance Troupe
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 5 Workshops
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm**
Period 6 Workshops
- 5:15 pm**
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Prayer Service
(see page 20)
- 8:00 pm**
Concert (Arena)
Filmmakers' Showcase
Sacred Illuminations
- 8:30 - 11:30 pm**
Young Adult Dance (Marriott)

Registration Hours

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours

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

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 9:00 pm
(Convention 304)

NOTE: Additional Sacred Space hours for today only.

MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 8:00 am

Our morning will begin with Jesse Manibusan leading us in song and praise celebrating our faith. Our presider will be Hellena Taylor. Together, we shall proclaim our “yes” to the unfolding new day, to the igniting of our heart anew.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE

KEYNOTE (TO BE ANNOUNCED)

Arena – 8:30 am

Check our Web site at www.RECongress.org for information about the announcement of this year’s keynote speaker.



SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

JESSE MANIBUSAN

Undercover catechist, Catholic ninja, songwriter, singer and storyteller Jesse Manibusan comes to the Arena! Anticipate only needing the edge of your seat as Jesse was voted Catholic Entertainer of the Year three years in a row, by his mom. Jesse will be singing his songs, and some favorites from his friends! Come for the singing, stay for the laughter!



Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

JOSH BLAKESLEY & TREVOR THOMSON

You will “Be Lifted High” when two of contemporary Catholic music’s best join together to bring the power of their music to Hall B. Prepare to rejoice and rock out as you encounter Christ through songs that touch the soul!

Outdoor Stage – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



VIETNAMESE FOLK DANCE TROUPE/LASALLIAN YOUTH WITH BRO. FORTUNAT PHONG

Travel to exotic and festive Vietnam for lunch at our NEW Outdoor Stage – located at the northeast side of the Convention Center. Come, see how teen and young Vietnamese use the art of graceful dance, colorful costumes and drum to catechize and celebrate the Catholic faith in a festive yet spiritual way. You will have the opportunity to drum and dance too! It’s an opportunity you won’t easily forget!

SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm



PEDRO RUBALCAVA WITH BETANCOURT, CORTÉS AND PEÑA

“Good News to the Sounds of Mariachi”/
“La Buena Nueva al son de Mariachi”

Come and experience a live faith accompanied by the well-known and appreciated sounds of mariachi. This beautiful and unique experience will cause you to shout with joy and join in the song of the community gathered to celebrate the gift of life that God has given. You will not want to miss this wonderful musical celebration with Anna Betancourt, Eleazar Cortés, Donna Peña and your host, Pedro Rubalcava.

Vengan a experimentar la fe viva con los sonidos y ritmos muy conocidos y apreciados del mariachi. Esta expresión tan bella y única les hará gritar de alegría y unirse al canto del pueblo reunido para festejar el don de la vida que Dios nos ha dado. No se pierdan esta maravillosa celebración musical con Anna Betancourt, Eleazar Cortés, Donna Peña y su anfitrión Pedro Rubalcava.

PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 Gifted: A Process for Discovering Gifts in Parishioners and Ministry in General (*) - **Brennan**
- 4-02 Fire Shut Up in My Bones - **Cheri & Good Ground**
- 4-03 Justice: A Biblical Vision, a Gospel Mandate (*) - **Dempsey**
- 4-04 “Help! Our Young Adults Are Missing!” Effective Strategies for Young Adult Ministry (*) - **DeVries**
- 4-05 Win the World without Losing Your Soul (*) - **Durand**
- 4-06 Catechesis: Learning to Say Yes and Live It - **Eipers**
- 4-07 Jesus of Galilee (*) - **Elizondo**
- 4-08 Musical Mysticism: Seven Great Ways to Use Music to Enrich Your Life of Prayer (*) - **Fragomeni**
- 4-09 Getting Off on the ‘Rite’ Foot: Planning and Preparing for the First Sacraments (*) - **Friedman**
- 4-10 What on Earth is Discipleship? (*) - **Gittins**
- 4-11 Prophetic Witness: Catholic Women’s Strategies for the Church (*) - **Griffith**
- 4-12 Sabbath Moments: To See God in All Things (*) - **Hershey**
- 4-13 The Book of Revelation and Popular Culture (*) - **Koester**
- 4-14 Off to College: The Journey from Inheritance to Ownership (*) - **LaBelle**
- 4-15 Preparing Confirmands for Lives of Justice (*) - **Lansing**
- 4-16 The World in Their Face: Where Does Faith Fit into MySpace, YouTube and Facebook? - **Leonard**
- 4-17 Praying in Color (repeat) (*) - **MacBeth**
- 4-18 History and Development of Catholic Social Teaching on Racism (*) - **Massingale**
- 4-19 Igniting Our “Yes!” (*) - **McKenna**
- 4-20 Unfolding Your Love: Living the Eucharist in Daily Life (*) - **Murray**
- 4-21 Culture as a Window into the Mystery of God (*) - **Ospino**
- 4-22 Mary of Nazareth: Birthing Hope for a New World Order (*) - **Reid**
- 4-23 Growing Up Catholic: Character and Faith (*) - **Sawyer**
- 4-24 How Catechumens Become Disciples (*) - **Schellman**
- 4-25 The Unintended Victims of the New Initiatives for Physician-Assisted Suicide: A Social Justice Response (*) - **Spitzer**
- 4-26 Looking at God and Family through Jesus’ Eyes (*) - **Stuckart**
- 4-27 The New Community (*) - **Wallis**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Vu**

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 Affirmative Orthodoxy and Benedict XVI (*) - **Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 Liturgy as Love in Action – Moving Our Faith (*) - **Beckman & Ash**
- 5-03 St. Paul and Women: Ancient Misogynist or Model for Today’s Church? (*) - **Binz**
- 5-04 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (*) - **Crosby**
- 5-05 Unfolding the Gifts of God’s World: Touching the Young Child’s Heart (*) - **Early Childhood Board**
- 5-06 Sandbox Spirituality - **Ellair**
- 5-07 Awe-filled Wonder: Science and Spirituality in Search of a Better World (*) - **Fiaid**
- 5-08 Nourishing the Religious Imagination (*) - **Gallagher**
- 5-09 Our Lady of the Cul-de-Sac: Making Our Homes a Domestic Church (*) - **Hart**
- 5-10 Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps for a Fulfilling Life - **Jamison**
- 5-11 My Sister is Annoying ... (*) - **Kempf**
- 5-12 Meditating on the Risen Prisoner (*) - **Stauring & Kennedy**
- 5-13 How Music Shapes Our Experience of Liturgy and Sacrament - **Kolar**
- 5-14 Managing Conflict: A Core Competency for Leaders (*) - **Levo**
- 5-15 Adolescent Catechesis: The Pain and the Promise (*) - **McCarty**
- 5-16 “Fill the Earth and Subdue It”: The Bible on Stewardship and Ecology (*) - **Mullen**
- 5-17 Natural Science and Catholic Theology: A Perspective from Pope John Paul II (*) - **Ogilvie**
- 5-18 Seven Catholic Ideas Our Kids Need to Know about Relationships and Sexuality (*) - **Paige**
- 5-19 Applying MI Theory to Concepts of Faith (*) - **Pavlik**
- 5-20 Voices of Truth: Women Prophets and Preachers in the New Testament (*) - **Reid**
- 5-21 Blueprints for Raising a Responsible Child (*) - **Saso & Saso**
- 5-22 Tune In: Use Their Issues, Teach to Their Issues, Touch Their Hearts! (*) - **Scally**
- 5-23 Preserving Sacredness of Family: When a Loved One Is Dying (*) - **Sunner**
- 5-24 Balancing Life in Your “War Zones” (repeat) (*) - **Thieman**
- 5-25 Celebrating the Word with Children - **Walker & Freeburg**
- 5-26 TV Commercials and the Good News (*) - **Wells**
- 5-27 Rebuilding, Renewing and Restoring the Church: The World of Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) (*) - **Weston**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Vu**

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Slavery: It Didn’t End with the Civil War — Modern Day Perspectives on Human Trafficking (*) - **Atkinson**
- 6-02 Spirituality and the Parenting of Lesbian and Gay Catholics - **Beaudoin**
- 6-03 The Spirit Alive! Energizing Children’s Catechesis through Music (*) - **Burland**
- 6-04 Come Holy Spirit ... And Stay for a While! (*) - **Cherup Jr.**
- 6-05 Why Should I Go to Church? (*) - **Cusick**
- 6-06 Mary, Marriage and Gender Issues: Pius XII to Benedict XVI - **Dallavalle**
- 6-07 Divine Love and Human Sin: Why Did Jesus Die? (*) - **Ferder & Heagle**
- 6-08 For the Love of the Game: Toward a Spirituality of Sports (*) - **Gaillardetz**
- 6-09 “Do This In Memory of Me”: Do What, Where, How? (*) - **Gittins**
- 6-10 Teaching the Mass in an Ecumenical Age (*) - **Gros**
- 6-11 Less Is More: The Wisdom of Simplification (*) - **Groves**
- 6-12 To Show Who Jesus Is: The Catechetical Mission of Liturgical Music - **Haas**
- 6-13 Don’t Sell Your Soul: Being Church in a Consumer Culture (*) - **Hahnenberg**
- 6-14 Music and Spirituality: Rekindling an Awareness of Spirit (*) - **Jansen & Jansen**
- 6-15 Jesus: Love Fulfilling God’s Covenant of Justice - **Jezeel**
- 6-16 St. Paul: Not a Lone Ranger, but an NGO President! (*) - **Just**
- 6-17 The Crucifixion of Jesus According to the Gospel of John (*) - **Koester**
- 6-18 What a Difference a Dad Makes (*) - **Krout**
- 6-19 Latinos in U.S. Catholicism (*) - **Matovina**
- 6-20 Misbehavior? Name It, Claim It, Tame It, or Prevent It from the Get-go! (*) - **McCormack**
- 6-21 The Catechist’s Toolbox: Skills, Tips and Practical Advice You Can Use Today (*) - **Paprocki**
- 6-22 “Don’t Be Stupid!” – Simplified Evangelization (*) - **Ricard**
- 6-23 Becoming a Compassionate Presence - **Rupp**
- 6-24 Coping with Suffering, Stress, Care-giving and Conflict through *Lectio Divina* (*) - **Schultz**
- 6-25 A Lay Office? (*) - **Sweeney**
- 6-26 Creating Community with Adolescents: A Discipleship Approach (*) - **Theisen**
- 6-27 Make the Faith Come Alive! Engaging Catechesis for Active Learners - **Arista White & White**
- 6-28 Formation to Peace through Music and Performing Arts - **Gen Rosso**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Phong**

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Sunday Events

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**
On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)
 - 8:00 - 9:30 am**
Eucharistic Liturgy
(Arena)
 - 8:30 am**
Morning Addresses
English: David Wells
Spanish: Rev. Alvaro Ginel
 - 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 7 Workshops
 - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
 - 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– Peña, Fernández & Rubalcava
Music (Hall B)
– Augustin & Angotti
 - 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 8 Workshops
 - 3:30 pm**
Closing Eucharistic
Liturgy (Arena)
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- Registration Hours**
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Convention 304)

*Love Unfolding...
Igniting Our Yes!
Amor Revelador...
Encendiendo Nuestro Sí!*

MORNING LITURGY



BISHOP TOD BROWN, PRESIDER

Arena – 8:00 am

As the start of the day unfolds, we share an opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give thanks. Bishop Tod Brown of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will lead us in celebrating our nourishing Word and Sacrament as we go forth and answer “yes” to our call to be Christ in the world.

SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS



DAVID WELLS

8:30 am

“Smoke Signals of Hope in Burnt-out People”

When St. Paul traveled into Athens, we are told that his soul was revolted by a city given over to idolatry. And yet he found connection with the people and a community of faith emerged. What did Paul do that enabled people to see beyond their own idols and distractions? Let us consider how we communicate to people, even family, who may appear to have devoted themselves to ambitions that may not ultimately fulfill them. Can what matters to us begin to matter to someone else? Let us follow Paul through his Athens adventure and consider its implications for preachers, teachers and catechists today.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT



Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

MEREDITH DEAN AUGUSTIN & JOHN ANGOTTI

Join Meredith Augustin and John Angotti for a concert in the Arena as they raise their powerful voices in song and witness. This rousing experience of lunchtime prayer and praise will have you singing and moving along. Come, let your soul be fed. Let the Spirit move you and “ignite your Yes”!

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT



Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

DONNA PEÑA, SANTIAGO FERNÁNDEZ, PEDRO RUBALCAVA

Come sing and dance for the glory of God! Celebrate the festive sounds and rhythms of three leading Spanish-language and bilingual composers: Donna Peña, Santiago Fernández and Pedro Rubalcava. Join in as they showcase their lively sounds for your lunchtime enjoyment.

CLOSING LITURGY



Arena – 3:30 pm

CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY, PRESIDER

As Congress 2009 draws to a close, we come together to pray, to celebrate and to go forth to a life renewed. We witness to our new life in Christ, and place our lives and ministry at the service of God’s people in the world. Our Closing Liturgy, led by Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony, will feature the 200-plus voice Congress Choir ‘09, under the direction of John Flaherty.

PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 The Popes and the Sexual Abuse Crisis (*) - **Allen Jr.**
- 7-02 Merging Prayer with Dance (*) - **Anderle**
- 7-03 Should There Be Such a Thing as “Social Justice”? (*) - **Brown**
- 7-04 The Good Catechist (*) - **Cimino**
- 7-05 Everyone Needs a Coach! (*) - **Durand**
- 7-06 All Are Welcome! Or Are They? The Gospel Call to Inclusion & Contemporary Catholicism (*) - **Ferder & Heagle**
- 7-07 A New Apologetics: Sharing the Fire of Catholic Faith (*) - **Groome**
- 7-08 Near-death Wisdom: Die Before You Die (*) - **Groves**
- 7-09 Singing, Praying and Celebrating the Sacramental Journey - **Haas**
- 7-10 Catholic Morality: Current Challenges (*) - **Heft**
- 7-11 Sacred Companionship with Henri Nouwen - **Hernandez**
- 7-12 Life, Unfolding: Mary’s Discipleship and Ours (*) - **Imperatori-Lee**
- 7-13 Seven Extra Books of the Bible: Their Message for Catholics? (*) - **Jonaitis**
- 7-14 Leadership in the Church: A Cry of Hope or the Whimper of Fear (*) - **LaBelle**
- 7-15 Parents, Youth and Faith: The Great Dance! (*) - **McCarty**
- 7-16 Standing as One Human Family: Engaging Youth in Relationships That Foster Solidarity and Justice (*) - **Miles**
- 7-17 Making Good Decisions – A Relational- and Virtue-based Approach to Morality (*) - **Paige**
- 7-18 Applying MI Theory to Practices of Faith (*) - **Pavlik**
- 7-19 The Coming of the Cosmic Christ (*) - **Rohr**
- 7-20 Addressing the Crisis – Immigration and Working Poverty (*) - **Salvatierra**
- 7-21 Beyond a Nine-month Catechumenate (*) - **Schellman**
- 7-22 Living God’s Dream (*) - **Silf**
- 7-23 Spirituality of Laughter: Waking Up to the Moment (*) - **Smollin**
- 7-24 Baptism, Conversion, Commitment (*) - **Sullivan**
- 7-25 Parenting Teens and Surviving with God’s Grace! (*) - **Wenc**
- 7-26 Living and Working in a World Full of Alcoholics and Addicts: Learning How to Tend to Our Own Acre (*) - **Weston**
- 7-27 Emotional and Spiritual Resilience in Christian Marriage (*) - **Yzaguirre**
- 7-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Van Doc**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 How to Help People Grow into an Adult Friendship with God (*) - **Barry**
- 8-02 Everything I Know About Sin I Learned from Zombie Movies (*) - **Boudreau & Camille**
- 8-03 Loving with the Heart You Have: Ministry of Healing with Gang Members (*) - **Boyle**
- 8-04 When the Fire Goes Out ... What’s Next? (*) - **Cherup Jr.**
- 8-05 Generations and Parish Ministry: How Can We Engage All? (*) - **Ciango**
- 8-06 Returning to the Well of Celtic Wisdom (*) - **Clancy**
- 8-07 Effective Living in a Chaotic World Through Discerning Love (*) - **Coutinho**
- 8-08 How Do You Pass the Torch of Parish Leadership? (*) - **DeVries**
- 8-09 Igniting God’s Word: Gift and Blessing (*) - **East**
- 8-10 Pope Benedict’s Pastoral Theology (*) - **Gallagher**
- 8-11 Kingdoms and Inheritances: Spiritual Poverty Today (*) - **Gordon**
- 8-12 Handing on the Faith in a Pluralistic Society (*) - **Gros**
- 8-13 Formation and Transformation: How to Change Hearts for Justice - **Jezreel**
- 8-14 St. Paul’s Teachings on Love and Other Virtues: A Neglected Treasure! (*) - **Just**
- 8-15 Fully Alive: Embracing God’s Gifts of Life, Peace and Freedom (*) - **Langford**
- 8-16 Keeping It Real: How Martyrs’ Deaths Teach Us How to Live (*) - **Lee**
- 8-17 Understanding and Managing Anger: Yours and Theirs (*) - **Levo**
- 8-18 Leaving a Legacy: Reconnecting to Your Passion and Purpose - **Linney**
- 8-19 True Colors Shine: Singing Our “Yes!” (*) - **Mangan**
- 8-20 Laughing with God (*) - **Martin**
- 8-21 Create a Home Culture of Spirituality (*) - **McCormack**
- 8-22 More Than a Mystery (*) - **McGrath**
- 8-23 Care for Creation: Understanding the Earth as a Sacred Community (*) - **Mitchell**
- 8-24 History and Spirituality of the Eastern Churches (*) - **Pipta**
- 8-25 Spirituality for Extroverts (and Tips for Those Who Love Them!) (*) - **Reeves**
- 8-26 How to Practice and Share *Lectio Divina* (*) - **Schultz**
- 8-27 Are There “Lost Books” of the Bible? (*) - **Smith-Christopher**
- 8-28 When a Parent Has a Life-threatening Illness: Guiding Children Through the Journey of Illness and Grief (*) - **Summer**
- 8-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Dao**

Assemblies



The Anaheim Convention Center Arena – here filled with nearly 8,000 from last year’s Closing Liturgy – is the location for the seven largest Eucharistic liturgies offered throughout the Congress weekend. (There are a total of 14 Eucharistic liturgies in addition to three prayer services).

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liturgies & prayer services

Liturgies / Prayer Services



THE LOS ANGELES Religious Education Congress continues to grow; last year, over 40,000 delegates attended. It remains the largest annual catechetical and liturgical gathering in the world.

Living in the gift, promise and spirit of the Second Vatican Council, our liturgies have also grown as they have embraced a wonderfully diverse church. We have worked diligently to inculturate the liturgy to authentically reflect the church of Los Angeles. Within the Los Angeles Archdiocese, liturgy is celebrated every Sunday in no fewer than 40 different languages.

Over the years, both the Congress choir and band have grown considerably in depth and membership. The Congress band to today consists of approximately 40 instrumentalists and a choir of over 200 members representing six dioceses. Nearly 275 musicians comprised the Congress Choir and band that provided the music for the final liturgies at last year's Congress, with thousands in attendance!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
African American	Rev. J-Glenn Murray	Richard Cheri/ValLimar Jansen
Church on Way to Unity	Rev. Robert Spitzer	Josh Blakesley/Trevor Thomson
Contemplative	Rev. Richard Rohr	Chris de Silva
Hawaiian	Rev. George Acosta	Joe Camacho/David Haas
Samoan	Rev. Niko Leota/ Rev. Tovia Lui	Samoan Community
Spanish	Rev. Domingo Rodríguez	Anna Betancourt/Pedro Rubalcava

FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICES (5:15 & 9:30 pm)

Vespers (Latin for "evening") is our evening prayer service. Taizé, named after the monastic order and city in France, uses silence and music that draws upon simple phrases from the Psalms.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Elena Mireles	Paul Melley
Taizé (9:30 pm)	-	LMU community

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 28

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE (8:00 am)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Praise	Hellena Taylor	Jesse Manibusan

SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

Celtic	Rev. Martin Delaney	Liam Lawton
Hope for the World	Rev. Richard Leonard	John Angotti/Meredith August
Many Cultures, One Journey of Faith	Rev. Daniel Groody	John Flaherty/Liliana Gutierrez
Spanish	Bishop Gabino Zavala	Tony Alonso/Karla Carrillo
Vietnamese	Bishop Paul Bui Van Doc	Vietnamese Community
Young Adult	Msgr. Ray East	Jacob & Matthew

SATURDAY PRAYER SERVICE (5:15 pm)

In addition to our evening prayer (vespers) service, there will be extended hours at Sacred Space – Saturday only – for those who wish to visit in the evening.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Juliette Marsh-Williams	Mary Janus
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SUNDAY – MARCH 1

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Liturgy	Bishop Tod Brown	Congress Choir 2009 8:00 am
Closing Liturgy	Cardinal Roger Mahony	Congress Choir 2009 3:30 pm

VIETNAMESE

Friday, February 27

- 1-70 Fr. Hy Nguyen
- 2-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong
- 3-70 Fr. Anthony Dao

Saturday, February 28

- 4-70 Fr. John Francis Vu
- 5-70 Fr. Hy Nguyen
- 6-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong

Sunday, March 1

- 7-70 Bishop Paul Bui Van Doc
- 8-70 Fr. John Francis Vu

ENGLISH WORKSHOPS

Friday, February 27

- 2-16 Jesse Manibusan
- 2-23 Bishop Oscar Solis

Sunday, March 1

- 7-11 Dr. Wil Hernandez

KOREAN WORKSHOPS

Friday, February 27

- 1-80 Dr. Roland Kim
- 2-80 Katherine Ja-Eun Cho

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE

Saturday, February 28, 5:15 pm

LITURGY: Vietnamese
Bishop Paul Van Doc, presider

Rejoicing in the Asian and Pacific Presence

Asian and Pacific communities rejoice that they are called to the house of the Lord. As the bishops of the church in the United States, we rejoice in their presence. Blessed be God for the peoples of Asia, so rich in their diversity yet one in their yearning for peace and fullness of life.

By being authentically Christian and truly Asian in the footsteps of Christ, they have brought to us a more profound understanding of what it means to be truly Catholic. They have taught the church in the United States the meaning of harmony; the necessity of dialogue with their cultures, with other religions, and with the poor; a renewed sense of family loyalty; the unity between diverse cultures and diverse Catholic church communities; and the closeness of all Gods' creation.

As bishops of the church, we acknowledge the contributions of all Asian and Pacific persons, especially their many creative initiatives that assist our ministries in our dioceses and parishes.

— Asian and Pacific Presence, Harmony in Faith
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2001

Assemblies

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday
Convention Center, 2nd Floor, Prefunction Lobby
RECongress annually presents a Multicultural Exhibit as a way to expose attendees to different cultures through table displays. You will find a variety of cloth, clothing, prayers, icons, photos and other objects not only from the cultures of Central and South America but as well as Poland, Japan, France, Vietnam, Thai, Samoa, the Philippines, and more!

The Multicultural Exhibits are presented by the many ethnic groups in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. This is a collaborative work of the Archdiocesan Offices of Religious Education and Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry.



YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

The Division of Young Adult Ministry in the Office of Religious Education works with parish young adult ministry coordinators, pastoral ministers, campus ministers, volunteers and young adults in supporting single and married Catholics in their late teens, 20s and 30s.

6-05: WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH? 🎧



There are an increasing number of young adults who simply want to know “why.” Many parents and young adults simply do not see any need to attend church consistently on Sunday. **Fr. John Cusick** will address and answer this question.

4-04: “HELP! OUR YOUNG ADULTS ARE MISSING!” EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY 🎧



Young adults are “missing in action” when it comes to attending Mass or participating in Catholic organizations and events. **Kate F. DeVries** will present strategies for finding and inviting young adults, supporting their spiritual journeys, offering them into greater participation in the life of Catholic parishes and organizations.

1-51: LLAMADOS A SER DISCÍPULOS EN MISIÓN PERMANENTE 🎧



El Espíritu Santo esta sacudiendo a la Iglesia del Continente Americano con un llamado misionero. ¿Por qué hay personas que dejan la fe o la viven a medias, y qué podemos hacer para avivarla? Ven **Alejandro Aguilera-Titus** y descubre lo que significa ser misionero hoy en tu parroquia, en tu comunidad y en el mundo.

4-14: OFF TO COLLEGE: THE JOURNEY FROM INHERITANCE TO OWNERSHIP 🎧



Each year, a study of all incoming college students is published annually by UCLA. What happens to young people when they leave home for school or move from undergraduate to graduate programs?

In this session **Fr. Patrick LaBelle** will discuss what may be the most interesting of all of these transitions: moral values. What have they inherited and what will the inheritance look?

2-55: EL SILENCIO EN LA COMUNICACIÓN CON LOS JÓVENES 🎧



Vivimos en la era de la comunicación y en la actualidad uno de los grandes miedos y tabúes es el silencio. Nuestros jóvenes se ausentan de los espacios religiosos y de la espiritualidad. **Siro**

López Gutiérrez trabaja a través del silencio de forma atractiva, ofreciendo un espacio de interpretación, de compromiso social y sobre todo, de encuentro con Dios.

OTHER YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS TO CONSIDER

The following workshop sessions address the psychological and spiritual formation of young adults. We encourage young adults and those who serve young adults to consider the following workshops. We strongly encourage you to also review this Registration Guidebook for topics that meet your needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

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6-05*	6-08*	7-04*	7-10*	7-23*	8-01*	8-03*
8-08*	8-15*					



Welcoming Young Adults to Congress 2009

A ministry to and with people, single and married, from 18 through 39.

The Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod calls us to build solid Young Adult Ministries in our parishes, our pastoral regions and our Archdiocese. The Religious Education Congress offers numerous opportunities for young adults to be engaged and empowered in vibrant ministry. This weekend is a chance for young adults to be renewed and energized in their spiritual life and in their commitment to our church.

We invite young adults, in a special way, to come share in the prayer, music, networking and joy of Congress. Join us on Saturday for a variety of experiences specifically geared to young adults.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

*Young Adult Liturgy – Arena
Saturday, February 28 at 5:15 pm*

Msgr. Ray East will preside over our Young Adult Liturgy with music led by Jacob and Matthew & family! Come and join in in worship with nearly 8,000 other young adults from around the world at this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.



WELCOME DANCE AND SOCIAL

*Saturday, February 28, 8:30 - 11 pm
Cost: \$7 per person*

The annual Young Adult Dance and Social will take place at the Marriott Hotel. After a full day of Congress workshops, networking and celebrating liturgy, continue dancing into the night with new and old friends! The cost is only \$7 per person. All young adults are invited to share in this wonderful Congress event.



SOCIAL GATHERING

*Saturday, February 28, 8 - 10 pm
Cost: \$10 per person*

The Gathering Place – Young Adult Lounge

New at Congress this year! Join us for a lounge setting experience for conversation, jazz music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. **The Gathering Place is open to young adults 18 and over. ID is required for entrance.** Space will be limited to 100 young adults.



Congress 2009 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry and areas of interest, has been 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 other category listings of speakers by topic. **Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.**

Adult Catechesis

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Asian-Pacific

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Black Perspective

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Catechesis

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Christian Initiation

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Detention Ministry

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Early Adolescence

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Early Childhood

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Ecclesiology

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Ecumenism

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Elementary

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Evangelization

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Human Sexuality

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Human Growth and Development

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Junior High

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Justice and Peace

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Morality

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Music

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Parish Leadership

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