

## 4-01 GIFTED: A PROCESS FOR DISCOVERING GIFTS IN PARISHIONERS AND MINISTRY IN GENERAL ☪

Fr. Patrick Brennan

This session will explore a process for helping disciples discern both needs around them and gifts within them, and then marry the two in ministry. Practical insights will be shared on how to engage in various levels of training and formation for ministry after discernment of gifts and needs.

## 4-02 FIRE SHUT UP IN MY BONES

Here is an opportunity to unfold the love of praying to God through song! Come experience the joy of igniting the fire shut up deep down in your bones! Good Ground will lead this journey, and is comprised of Richard Cheri, Kenneth Louis, Jalonda Robertson, W. Clifford Petty, Jennifer Broyard-Bonam and Timothy Jones Jr.



Appearing left to right: Richard Cheri, Jalonda Robertson, Kenneth Louis, W. Clifford Petty, Jennifer Broyard-Bonam and Timothy Jones Jr.

### Richard A. Cheri

Richard Cheri is adjunct Professor of Mathematics at Loyola University in New Orleans, adjunct Professor of Theology at Notre Dame Seminary, and on the faculty at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. He presently teaches mathematics at Destrehan High School in Destrehan, La. Cheri also serves as the Director of Liturgy and Music at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, and as Coordinating Director of the New Orleans Archdiocese Gospel Choir.

### Good Ground

Richard Cheri has been the principal director of the New Orleans Archdiocese Mass Gospel Choir, which sang in 1992 for the National Black Catholic Congress in New Orleans. In the ensuing years, Cheri has worked alongside Jalonda Robertson, Timothy Jones Jr. and Jennifer Broyard-Bonam. With the musical contributions of Kenneth W. Louis, W. Clifford Petty, and Cheri's young son, Richie, this team of liturgical music ministers has given workshops and provided music at conferences throughout the United States.

## 4-03 JUSTICE: A BIBLICAL VISION, A GOSPEL MANDATE ☪

Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD

One of the central themes of the Bible is justice. This workshop explores this concept in both the Old and New Testaments, and shows how the biblical text can offer a rich and deep vision for justice, particularly social justice, in our world today. Connections will be made to Catholic social teaching and recent pastoral letters. The topic of violence and justice in the Bible will be addressed, as well as the role that justice plays in compassion and the search for peace both personally and globally.

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

It's no secret that many young adults – people in their 20s and 30s, married and single – are “missing in action” when it comes to attending Mass or participating in Catholic organizations and events. Yet that same group also possesses a deep spiritual hunger and wants to learn more about their Catholic faith. Kate DeVries will present effective strategies for finding and inviting young adults, supporting their spiritual journeys, offering adult faith formation, and ushering them into greater participation in the life of Catholic parishes and organizations.



### Katherine F. DeVries, DMin

Kate DeVries began her role as Associate Director of the Young Adult Ministry Office for the Chicago Archdiocese in 1988. Prior to that, she was a special education teacher of high school and junior high students with behavior disorders and learning disabilities. DeVries with Fr. John Cusick are co-authors of “The Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry,” and co-host a monthly radio program, “The Light Show,” highlighting the work of Young Adult Ministry in the Chicago Archdiocese.

## 4-05 WIN THE WORLD WITHOUT LOSING YOUR SOUL ☪

In the parable of the talents, the Good Servant invested his talents and was prosperous. Jesus rewarded him generously. In this workshop, Dave Durand will help you identify your talents and show you how to invest in them as you live out your faith in everyday life. This presentation will help you see that God has a plan for you and that He has uniquely qualified you to carry it out. You will find peace and gratification in striving to turn your God-given talents into skills and strengths.



### Dave Durand

Dave Durand is a personal success coach and corporate consultant and trainer. The author and speaker has presented internationally to audiences ranging from Fortune 500 clients to professional associations and local parishes. His books and CDs have been translated in four languages. Durand is currently President of ProBalance, Inc. He is heard on the radio in 40 markets across the country and has published dozens of articles on business issues for several newspapers and magazines.

**4-06 CATECHESIS: LEARNING TO SAY “YES” AND LIVE IT**

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta said, “My prayer for you is that you come to understand and have the courage to answer Jesus’ call to you with the simple word ‘yes.’ ” We will explore the “yesses” of Scripture, tradition and contemporary Catholic life and the ways in which catechesis invites a “yes” and the many “yesses” that are a part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ today.

**Carole M. Eipers, DMin**

*Dr. Carole Eipers is Vice President and Executive Director of Catechetics for William H. Sadlier, Inc. She served in parish ministries for over 20 years as a teacher, Director of Religious Education, youth minister and pastoral associate. Dr. Eipers was Director of the Chicago Archdiocese Office for Catechesis for nine years and also served as President of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership. She has written and presented for national and international groups in the area of catechetics.*

**4-07 JESUS OF GALILEE**

In this session, Fr. Virgil Elizondo will lead us in an exploration of Jesus of Galilee – the one who shares in our sufferings, heals our wounds, and offers us hope for a new life.

**Virgil P. Elizondo, STD, PhD**

*Fr. Virgil Elizondo is one of the leading Latino theologians in the United States today. He is founder of the Mexican-American Cultural Center in San Antonio, where he was also former Rector of the San Fernando Cathedral. Fr. Elizondo is currently on the faculty of theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, and a visiting professor of theology at various major universities and pastoral institutes throughout the United States and abroad. His 12 books include “Galilean Journey,” “Guadalupe: Mother of the New Creation” and “The Way of the Cross.”*

**4-08 MUSICAL MYSTICISM: SEVEN GREAT WAYS TO USE MUSIC TO ENRICH YOUR LIFE OF PRAYER****Fr. Richard Fragomeni**

In this session, Fr. Richard Fragomeni will lead us on an exploration of seven ways that music leads us into a relationship with God and the world. Come share a time of prayer and music, celebrate the harmony of the universe and a musical entry into the heart of God.

EACH OF our Congress Eucharistic Liturgies has its own character. This year, the formerly “General” title has been renamed and re-focused as: “The Church on the Way to Unity,” “Hope for the World” and “Many Cultures, One Journey of Faith.” In addition to our Friday night late-evening prayer, Sacred Space is open later on Saturday to provide a later-in-the-day opportunity to visit.

**4-09 GETTING OFF ON THE ‘RITE’ FOOT: PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR THE FIRST SACRAMENTS**

Mark Friedman takes an in-depth look at two of the first sacraments young people receive: reconciliation and Eucharist. Learn how to make these sacramental celebrations come alive for your students with prayerful rituals, new music and scriptural storytelling.

**Mark Friedman**

*Mark Friedman is a religious educator, teacher, author and composer of religious music. A regular speaker at many national conferences including the Los Angeles Congress, he has given keynotes for many diocesan gatherings around the country and is a frequent contributor to Today’s Liturgy for Children. Friedman’s music is sung throughout the world and appears in many hymnals of various denominations and languages. In 2005, he was named National Catholic Music Educator of the Year.*

**4-10 WHAT ON EARTH IS DISCIPLESHIP?**

“As I have done, so you must do”; “I sent you out to bear lasting fruit”; “you will do even greater things [than I],” said Jesus. But he was mostly addressing Palestinian Jews who could hear his words and watch his behavior as he called them to be disciples. True discipleship was about living fully. Yet not only has it often become privatized and spiritualized if not overlooked by many, but the world is vastly different today. We will consider two things: How we are all called to discipleship in our varied circumstances; and how this requires us to become truly involved with our world, as Jesus was with his.

**Anthony Gittins, CSSP**

*Anthony Gittins began his missionary work (for eight years) in Sierra Leone, where he also did anthropological research. His subsequent work was in Kiribati and in Tanzania, as well as with homeless women in Chicago. Fr. Gittins, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, is Professor of Mission Theology at the Theological Union in Chicago, where he has taught since 1984. Author of nearly a dozen books, he has lectured and given workshops in more than 30 countries.*

**4-11 PROPHETIC WITNESS: CATHOLIC WOMEN’S STRATEGIES FOR THE CHURCH**

Speaking from the forthcoming volume of the same name, Dr. Colleen Griffith, contributing editor of this anthology, raises the question, “What does creative fidelity look like in a challenging ecclesial time?” She offers responses in the shape of practical, concrete strategies of hope.

**Dr. Colleen M. Griffith**

*Dr. Colleen Griffith is Faculty Director of Spirituality Studies at Boston College’s Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, where she is also an adjunct Associate Professor of Theology. In addition to her full-time teaching, Dr. Griffith directs and oversees the post-Master’s Certificate Program in the Practice of Spirituality. Dr. Griffith’s focus is on the intersection of theology and spirituality and her publications, public lectures and addresses reflect this intersection.*



A LITTLE-KNOWN fact: Congress boasts a handbell group “tucked away” among the instrumentalists that plays at the Opening Rite and Closing Liturgies at Congress in the Arena!

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

Each year a study of all incoming, beginning students in four-year institutions is published annually by the University of California, Los Angeles. It develops a national profile of these students that is revealing in every sense – to institutions, to families, and to the students themselves. What happens to young people when they leave home for school or move from undergraduate to graduate programs? In this session we will discuss what may be the most interesting and most important of all of these transitions: moral values. What have they inherited and what will the inheritance look like when ownership emerges?



**Rev. Patrick LaBelle, OP**

*After 13 years as Director of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Stanford University, Fr. Patrick LaBelle now directs the nearby Vallombrosa Retreat and Conference Center and is responsible for the Ongoing Formation of the Clergy for the San Francisco Archdiocese. A priest of the Western Dominican Province, Fr. LaBelle has been a religious superior for many years, has held several local, national and international church positions, and has taught at a number of West Coast universities.*

#### 4-12 SABBATH MOMENTS: TO SEE GOD IN ALL THINGS 🗨️

**Terry Hershey**

God built us with a need for rest. All work and no play makes us dull, listless and restless. We become time-driven and obsessed with productivity. With our internal governors set on “rush,” we have no time for reflection or for allowing the day to sink into our hearts. We need Sabbath. Sabbath is sanctuary. An invitation to stop. To pause. To re-fuel. In a world bombarded by time constraints and information overload, Terry Hershey teaches us how to live Sabbath moments. Living Sabbath moments is not about creating a life absent of stress. It’s about being present, in this life, even in the hectic and the crazy. We have the permission to see God incognito, in all things.

#### 4-15 PREPARING CONFIRMANDS FOR LIVES OF JUSTICE 🗨️

Justice and service are integral to living a life of faith. Rooted in the theology of the sacrament of confirmation, this workshop will help participants infuse the concepts of justice and peace into their the confirmation preparation process and prepare confirmands for lives of justice.



**Sean Lansing**

*Sean Lansing is Project Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services at the Center for Ministry Development, based in Milwaukee. Previously, he was Director of Youth Ministry for the Central City Catholic Parishes in Milwaukee. He has authored and contributed to “Ministry Resources for Justice and Service” and “Call to Faith – A Thematic Approach to Young Adolescent Catechesis.”*

#### 4-13 THE BOOK OF REVELATION AND POPULAR CULTURE 🗨️

The Book of Revelation generates enormous interest in the Church and wider society. People wonder whether the book offers coded predictions about the future and whether it relates to current events in the Middle East and other parts of the world. These questions create an opportunity to explore it for ourselves. We will look at some of the current popular ideas about Revelation and the future of the world, and then take a look at the Book of Revelation itself. What we find in this last book of the Bible is an engaging encounter with God, the Lamb, and ourselves. It is a book that can be meaningful to Christians everywhere.



**Craig R. Koester**

*Craig Koester is Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., where he has taught since 1986. His many writings have focused on John’s Gospel, Revelation and Hebrews, and he has lectured widely to students, clergy and lay audiences. Koester is also a Pastor in the Lutheran Church as well as an Associate Editor of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.*

#### 4-16 THE WORLD IN THEIR FACE: WHERE DOES FAITH FIT INTO MYSPACE, YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK?

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

Our young people spend more time looking at small screens than they spend looking at trees, books and teachers combined. Many of them have friends they have never even met; their big stories are often online. What are the issues of which we need to be mindful in regard to this emerging technology and what can we do about it?



**4-17 PRAYING IN COLOR** 🗣️**Sybil MacBeth**

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 is a repeat of Session 3-15.)

**4-18 HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON RACISM** 🗣️**Bryan N. Massingale, STD**

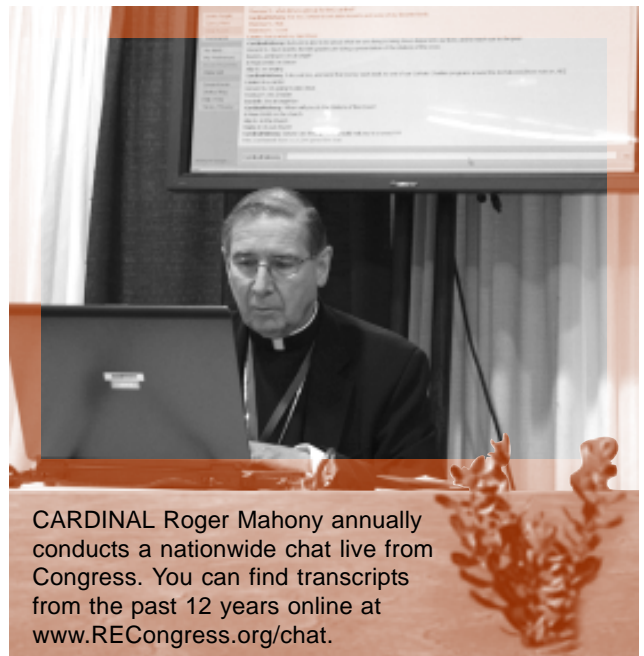
Catholic social teaching has been called our “best-kept secret,” and its teaching on racial justice is even less well known. This session looks at the major stages in the evolution of American bishops' teaching on racial justice, and looks forward to future challenges and developments in this ever-present struggle.

**4-19 IGNITING OUR “YES!”** 🗣️**Megan McKenna**

Our God is one of rainbows, covenants, waters that refresh and bear life, arks to build so we can escape catastrophes, and a world filled with creatures and clouds galore that abide with us. It's an unbelievable story yet one that promises a surprise ending to beat all endings: the Reign of God, the transformation of all that is and resurrection seeded in every living being. What sets us on fire? What stirs our hearts to courage and fear of the Lord? What turns us toward the telling of this story in the world that waits for hope? Come, let the Spirit drive you into the desert where people are made and promises come true. Come let the story burn and ignite your soul again!

**4-20 UNFOLDING YOUR LOVE: LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN DAILY LIFE** 🗣️**J-Glenn Murray, SJ**

In each and every celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to unfold that wondrous love of Christ Jesus that is the Paschal Mystery – the salvific dying and rising of the Lord. How does this love unfold? This workshop will explore how it unfolds in justice, in works of mercy, in evangelization, and in stewardship – all to God's greater glory and the transformation of the world.



CARDINAL Roger Mahony annually conducts a nationwide chat live from Congress. You can find transcripts from the past 12 years online at [www.RECongress.org/chat](http://www.RECongress.org/chat).

**4-21 CULTURE AS A WINDOW INTO THE MYSTERY OF GOD** 🗣️

Participants in this workshop will explore approaches to culture from a theological perspective and reflect about how culture may be considered a window into the mystery of God in history. We will draw on the insights of various Latino Catholic theologians and other contemporary thinkers.

**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

*Dr. Hosffman Ospino teaches Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at Boston College, where he is also Director of the Hispanic Ministry graduate programs. Previously a director of Hispanic ministry at the parish level and a consultant for religious education at the diocesan level, he now presents lectures before audiences in Europe, North America and Latin America. Dr. Ospino's research focuses on faith and culture and their impact on the processes of Christian education in the Church.*

**4-22 MARY OF NAZARETH: BIRTHING HOPE FOR A NEW WORLD ORDER** 🗣️

This session is an exploration of the figure of Mary, the mother of Jesus (in Luke 1-2; John 2:1-11, 19:25-37; and Acts 1:14) as one who sings of revolutionary hope and helps birth a just and peaceful world, providing a model for contemporary disciples, both women and men.

**Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD**

*Barbara Reid, a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., is Professor of New Testament Studies at the Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago, where she has taught for the past 20 years. She has led CTU's Israel Study Programs and Retreats, and has even presented in Bolivia, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia and Ireland. Sr. Reid is author of many journal articles; her most recent book is "Taking Up the Cross: New Testament Interpretations Through Latina and Feminist Eyes."*

## 4-23 GROWING UP CATHOLIC: CHARACTER AND FAITH

Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND

Sr. Kieran Sawyer will discuss the inter-relationship of character development and faith development in the lives of middle-school children and teens. She will show how to create classroom, school and youth group environments that promote both moral behavior and a deepening faith commitment. This session will include practical techniques for guiding the minds and hearts of young people and for teaching them to be responsible for their own moral growth and for the moral climate of their school, family and friendship groups.

## 4-24 HOW CATECHUMENS BECOME DISCIPLES

In this session, together we will explore ways to ensure that our parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process helps to fashion disciples of Jesus Christ. Presentation and dialogue will be used.



**Jim Schellman**

*Jim Schellman is Executive Director of The North American Forum on the Catechumenate, an international network of pastoral ministers and theologians involved in the renewal of the catechumenate. He has worked for over 20 years in liturgical and ministerial formation as a writer, editor and presenter at the local, regional, national and international levels. Schellman formerly served as Associate Director for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL).*

## 4-25 THE UNINTENDED VICTIMS OF THE NEW INITIATIVES FOR PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE: A SOCIAL JUSTICE RESPONSE

Robert J. Spitzer, SJ

Several groups in California, Washington and other states are engaged in a series of campaigns to promote physician-assisted suicide. These state measures have huge numbers of unintended victims: Those who are socially marginalized, those without economic resources, persons with low self-esteem, persons who are reversibly and clinically depressed, and persons without caring families. We as Catholics need to be aware of who the victims are and how they can be protected before these initiatives create a condition of irreversible social injustice. Fr. Robert Spitzer will address these topics and present strategies that can be used to respond to them.

## 4-26 LOOKING AT GOD AND FAMILY THROUGH JESUS' EYES

Paula D'Albor Stuckart

Do you recognize families as apprentices of Jesus learning to build the Kingdom of God here on earth? Are you willing to look with "new eyes" at God, families in Scripture and families today? You will leave this workshop with a "family perspective" to further Jesus' work.

## 4-27 THE NEW COMMUNITY

Jim Wallis

In this session, Jim Wallis will demonstrate how labels are less and less important as a new community and a new consensus is emerging. How increasingly more Christians from the old constituencies of Catholic, evangelical, mainline Protestant, black, Hispanic and Asian churches are finding each other. This new vision they are creating is pro-poor, pro-life, pro-family and pro-peace. Come see how their vision could change both churches and politics.

## 4-70 Phêrô và Phaolô – Hai Mạnh Đồi Trong Cuộc Biến Đổi Của Tinh Yêu

Xuất thân từ hai cảnh đời khác biệt, cả hai được mời gọi để trở nên môn đệ của Chúa Giêsu. Cả hai đều trải qua một sự biến đổi lớn lao của Tinh Yêu. Mời Quý bạn cùng khảo sát cuộc đời của hai vị Thánh, để nhận thấy những nét chung cùng của Tinh Yêu Chúa trao và sự khác biệt đáp trả khi chịu sự biến đổi. Họ đã trở nên ra sao trong cách sống của các Ngài? Kinh nghiệm cuộc sống nơi Phêrô và Phaolô chia sẻ cho ta điều gì trong cuộc sống cá nhân, gia đình và cuộc cải hối nội tâm trong Cộng Đoàn.



**Rev. John-Francis Vu, SJ - Lm. Vũ Thế Toàn, SJ**

*Lm. Vũ Thế Toàn, Dòng Tên thuộc Tỉnh Dòng California, nhập Dòng 1984, thụ phong Linh Mục 1997. Tốt nghiệp Cử Nhân Văn Chương Pháp 1988 (Santa Clara University); Cao Học Triết 1990 (Fordham University); Cao Học Thần Học 1996 và License dạy Thần Học 1998 (Weston Jesuit School of Theology). Cha có quá trình trên mười năm dạy trong các Trường Trung Học trong và ngoài Dòng. Theo lời mời của Đức Cha Tod Brown, cha hiện phục vụ tại Giáo Phận Orange trong việc mục vụ cho sinh viên Công Giáo tại Địa Phận cách riêng tại Đại Học UC, Irvine nơi có gần 400 sinh viên tham dự trong 3 Thánh Lễ cuối tuần. Cha được mời đi giảng thuyết nhiều nơi trong các dịp thời giờ cho phép.*

*Love Unfolding...  
Igniting Our Yes!*

**5-01 AFFIRMATIVE ORTHODOXY AND BENEDICT XVI** 🗣️

Belying stereotypes as “God’s Rottweiler” and “Herr Panzerkardinal,” Pope Benedict XVI has impressed audiences around the world with his positive presentation of the Christian message. This session explores the “affirmative orthodoxy” that has emerged as the heart of Pope Benedict’s papacy.



**John L. Allen Jr.**

*John Allen is the prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. During the recent visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States, Allen co-hosted CNN’s coverage of the Yankee Stadium Mass and provided extensive commentary throughout the trip. He is the author of five best-selling books and writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications.*

**5-02 LITURGY AS LOVE IN ACTION – MOVING OUR FAITH** 🗣️

**Betsey Beckman and Laura Ash**

Love unfolds through hearts, hands and actions. How can our liturgy help us to practice the embodiment of our love and faith? The use of movement, dance, gesture, sign language, procession and storytelling within liturgy can give us a chance to practice love in our actions! Come explore these elements of liturgical movement to inspire your own assembly’s embodiment of faith.

**5-03 ST. PAUL AND WOMEN: ANCIENT MISOGYNIST OR MODEL FOR TODAY’S CHURCH?** 🗣️

**Stephen J. Binz**

In this jubilee year in honor of St. Paul, the Church’s first theologian and greatest missionary, we are challenged to critically examine Paul’s approach to women and women’s issues in his day. Paul’s life and letters have often been misused by authorities throughout the Church’s history to minimize the role of women. Discover how Paul worked alongside women in the early Church and examine some of the most controversial texts of Paul’s letters.

**5-04 EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION** 🗣️

**Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap**

The popular television program “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” shows the dramatic change in peoples’ lives when a problem-house is transformed into something entirely new. After hearing the challenge: “Repair my House, you can see it is falling into ruin,” Francis of Assisi discovered it was the Gospel that could bring about personal, communal and social transformation. Eight hundred years ago this year, his vision was approved by Pope Innocent III.

**5-05 UNFOLDING THE GIFTS OF GOD’S WORLD: TOUCHING THE YOUNG CHILD’S HEART** 🗣️

The Los Angeles Archdiocesan Early Childhood Board will present ways to accentuate God’s gifts of light, air, water and Earth to the preschool-aged child. Activities will be demonstrated to enforce the valuable lessons of caring for and protecting the environment by learning about our oceans, land, sun, moon, wind and air. Special emphasis will be placed on enabling participants to use songs, storytelling and spontaneous prayer in early childhood catechesis.



**Early Childhood Advisory Board**

*Continuing the vision that has spanned over 30 years, this 20-member board of multi-talented catechists, educators and professionals strives to help others appreciate the importance of experiencing God’s love in concrete ways during the formative pre-school years of children ages 3 through 5. Workshops offered by the Early Childhood Advisory Board are informative with a “hands-on” approach to religious formation.*

**5-06 SANDBOX SPIRITUALITY**

**Steven Ellair**

Are you looking for new ways to enliven prayer with children? Then you can’t miss this workshop! In this session we will explore how essential prayer is for children and learn easy techniques for creating powerful prayer experiences. We will identify the keys necessary for nurturing a child’s relationship with God and understand how our own spirituality is essential to creating meaningful prayer.



IN ITS 53-year history, the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress has become the largest annual gathering of Roman Catholics in the nation, with over 40,000 in attendance each year.

Workshops



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1:00 - 2:30 PM – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

## 5-07 AWE-FILLED WONDER: SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY IN SEARCH OF A BETTER WORLD 🎧

Barbara Fiand, SND

All human longing for the Ultimate is rooted in the context of the time in which it arises. It formulates its vision out of the language and symbols of its age in order to present a time-relevant approach to that which, in spite of all our striving, nevertheless and for all times remains Holy Mystery. During our time together, we will explore Christian spirituality through the context of our time and reflect on the expansion of consciousness that is being opened up for us by the extraordinary scientific discoveries of today. We will use the new vision offered us there as a way to dialogue, to explore, to take back ownership of our personal God-quest.

## 5-08 NOURISHING THE RELIGIOUS IMAGINATION 🎧

We realize more and more, to quote John Henry Newman, that the heart is “reached, not through the reason, but through the imagination.” This is more than a question of attractive pedagogy. The imagination is now recognized as a deep language of possibility and meaning. After a quick overview of what major thinkers have said about imagination (ranging from William Lynch to Dorothee Soelle, Paul Ricoeur to Martha Nussbaum), this presentation will explore faith as a form of imaginative knowing. Such an approach seems of spiritual and pastoral relevance in our postmodern culture.



**Michael Paul Gallagher, SJ**

*Michael Paul Gallagher, an Irish Jesuit priest, is presently Professor of Fundamental Theology at the Gregorian University in Rome where, until last year, he was Dean of the faculty of theology. Previously he taught modern literature for nearly 20 years at Ireland's largest state university. He is author of nine books of pastoral or spiritual theology, including “Clashing Symbols, The Human Poetry of Faith” and a 2008 booklet, “The Disturbing Freshness of Christ.”*

## 5-09 OUR LADY OF THE CUL-DE-SAC: MAKING OUR HOMES A DOMESTIC CHURCH 🎧

Mark Hart

How do we make our homes, families and marriages more Catholic? How do we make time for prayer and find balance in such an unbalanced and busy world? How can we put the “Holy” back in Matrimony, keeping our vocation and family prayer life primary? This session is where the timeless Wisdom of God and the practical realities of modern life collide.

## 5-10 FINDING HAPPINESS: MONASTIC STEPS FOR A FULFILLING LIFE

Abbot Christopher Jamison, OSB

Is happiness purely subjective or is happiness like gold, namely, there is fool's gold and real gold? The Christian monastic tradition sees joy as true happiness and, in this presentation, Abbot Christopher Jamison will explore the demons that prevent us knowing that joy and will offer monastic insights about how to handle those demons. The contemporary quest for happiness offers an important starting point for evangelization.

## 5-11 MY SISTER IS ANNOYING ... 🎧

Fr. Joe Kempf

Who is annoying in *your* family? Family life is holy. It is also usually messy, sometimes hilarious, and always challenging. Can any one understand the letting-goes in the heart of a parent? What do we do with the unique wounds and blessings that are ours from our families? Where is God to be found in the mix of it all? With the help of his blue, furry friend, Big Al, and using down-to-earth wisdom, Fr. Joe Kempf will offer perspective and skills for loving the families we are called to serve. This presentation will also help us see the beauty and blessings, humor and holiness of our own families, whatever their shape.

## 5-12 MEDITATING ON THE RISEN PRISONER 🎧

In this workshop, we will be invited into an experience of Ignatian meditation to inflame our hearts. We will see, feel and be with Jesus as prisoner – captive yet free. By meditating on Jesus as a Risen Prisoner, we can experience a transforming power to free us from our own personal prison cells. When we leave this workshop, we will have a method of contemplative prayer to use in schools, in detention facilities, in religious education, and in our homes.



**Javier Stauring**

*Chaplain Javier Stauring is Co-Director of the Office of Restorative Justice for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. In this capacity, he supervises the Catholic Detention Ministry programs inside juvenile halls and probation camps in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Stauring oversees three other restorative justice programs and also serves as Policy Director of Faith Communities for Family and Children, an interfaith coalition of religious leaders in Los Angeles.*



**Michael Kennedy, SJ**

*Fr. Michael Kennedy has been a priest for over 35 years, working with the poor and disenfranchised in California, Mexico, Central America and South America. He is also author of five books that present a dynamic prayer method used in homes, schools and detention facilities. Currently, as Director of Restorative Justice for the California Province of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), Fr. Kennedy works with incarcerated youth and gives retreats in state prisons.*

CONGRESS annually offers a Keynote on Saturday morning and two addresses on Sunday morning: one in English (this year with David Wells) and one in Spanish (with Fr. Alvaro Ginel Vielva). As of our publication date, our 2009 Keynote has not been announced. You can find announcements, updates and information as well as online registration by credit card on our web site at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org).

**5-13 HOW MUSIC SHAPES OUR EXPERIENCE OF LITURGY AND SACRAMENT**

Have you ever come away from Mass saying, “What a great liturgy today, the music was so wonderful!” or perhaps, “Mass was so disappointing today, the music was awful!”? We’ve all been witness to the power of music to shape our experience of liturgy – for better or for worse. In this session, as we explore the various components of the liturgy, we’ll see firsthand the ability of properly selected and well-presented music to amplify our sense of prayer. In doing so, all will be compelled to raise our song to God as members of a singing assembly.



**Peter Kolar**

*A pianist, composer, arranger and producer, Peter Kolar is Senior Editor of Hispanic Music and Publications for World Library Publications in Chicago, where he created the bilingual missal “Celebremos/Let Us Celebrate” and the hymnal “Cantos del Pueblo de Dios.” Kolar was music director of Holy Cross Parish in Chicago for 12 years, where he led its acclaimed marimba ensemble. He is currently Director of the El Paso Diocesan Choir and an instructor for the Tepeyac Institute.*

**5-14 MANAGING CONFLICT: A CORE COMPETENCY FOR LEADERS**

Where two or three are gathered, conflict is inevitable and disruptive, yet need not be destructive. Contrary to popular belief, not all conflict is negative, painful or unpleasant. Harnessing the power of conflict can lead to new ideas and creative solutions while failure to address conflict can negatively impact what the group is trying to accomplish together. Leaders often face conflict opportunities, either with individuals or when asked to handle conflict among others. This workshop will assist participants to understand conflict, explore constructive strategies to address conflict, and reduce destructive responses while enabling a conflict competent environment.



**Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD**

*Lynn Levo, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a licensed psychologist, consultant, author and lecturer. She consults with religious congregations of women and men, and has presented nationally and internationally on fostering healthy integrated sexuality, celibacy, relationships, intimacy and mutuality in community. Currently, Sr. Levo is Director of Education and Editor of Luke-notes at Saint Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Md.*

**5-15 ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS: THE PAIN AND THE PROMISE**

The territory has changed and we need a new map! Perhaps the most challenging aspect of catechetical ministry is fostering the faith-maturing process in young people. This workshop will explore the current situation and the preferred reality of adolescent catechesis, identify basic principles, and describe practical approaches. This session will also propose critical dimensions of a new catechetical map.



**Robert J. McCarty, DMin**

*Bob McCarty is Executive Director for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in professional youth ministry since 1973, serving in diocesan, parish, school and community programs. McCarty offers workshops and training programs in ministry skills internationally. His most recent book, “Be A Champion for Youth,” is co-authored with his wife, Maggie. He still volunteers in his parish’s youth program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.*

**5-16 “FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT”: THE BIBLE ON STEWARDSHIP AND ECOLOGY**

**Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD, STL**

The Bible does not directly address the part that humans play in global warming, the melting of ice caps, car exhaust or water conservation. However, stewardship and ecology do reflect God’s concern for creation, teaching us values that can help guide our discussions on being good stewards of the world. This workshop will bring forth insights from the Sacred Scriptures to equip teachers and preachers to shape a faithful, biblical approach to this pressing issue of the 21st century.

**5-17 NATURAL SCIENCE AND CATHOLIC THEOLOGY: A PERSPECTIVE FROM POPE JOHN PAUL II**

**Matthew C. Ogilvie, PhD**

Pope John Paul II’s views on the relationship of science and theology are not known as well as many of his other teachings. This presentation will outline the Pope’s vision for a healthy and mutual relationship between science and theology. John Paul II upheld the Catholic position that “truth cannot contradict truth,” and we will illustrate this principle by referring to his teachings on evolution.

CONGRESS isn’t only about workshops – there are lively concerts at lunchtime and in the evening. This year Congress is proud to present Liam Lawton & Friends on Friday night, and the combined talents of Pedro Rubalcava with Anna Betancourt, Eleazar Cortés and Donna Peña on Saturday evening.



## 5-18 SEVEN CATHOLIC IDEAS OUR KIDS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY

Parents desperately want to teach their kids a life-giving approach to relationships and sexuality, but they want help. This session will explore seven Catholic ideas that parents can use to teach their children about chastity. It will also illustrate practical, effective techniques for sharing these ideas. This affirming approach to chastity formation offers encouragement to parents and deepens relationships between children and parents and the Church.



**Deacon Eric Paige**

*Deacon Eric Paige coordinates and presents the Formation for Love and Chastity Program for the Seattle Archdiocese. He also serves as a Pastoral Associate at All Saints Parish in Puyallup, Wash. In addition, Deacon Paige is archdiocesan consultant for pastoral leaders and parishes. He has presented to parents and teens, to parish leadership, and to members of Catholic faith communities and ecumenical organizations.*

## 5-22 TUNE IN: USE THEIR ISSUES, TEACH TO THEIR ISSUES, TOUCH THEIR HEARTS!

Jesus commanded his Apostles to make disciples of all nations and teach them to observe all that he had commanded. (The Church has not ceased to devote her energy to this task.) This workshop will demonstrate that young people's issues are found in their culture and expressed in popular music and media. And so are the solutions to their concerns. You will learn effective, practical and easy-to-use strategies to catechize through music that they are already listening to. This approach works!



**Anna Scally**

*Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media Inc., is a columnist for their Top Music Countdown online resource and also host of 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."*

## 5-19 APPLYING MI THEORY TO CONCEPTS OF FAITH

This workshop will open with a brief review of the core beliefs of Multiple Intelligences (MI) Theory espoused by Dr. Howard Gardner. Participants will receive a packet of MI-inspired strategies for teaching and learning such concepts of faith as grace, Sacraments, faith, denominations, love, religion, spirituality, hope, sexuality and heaven. The workshop features modeling and rehearsing of the strategies.



**Dr. Robert A. Pavlik**

*Dr. Robert Pavlik's career as a teacher, professor, administrator and author spans 43 years. He teaches courses and conducts workshops nationally and internationally on literacy, Multiple Intelligences theory, change theory, futures studies and sustainability. Dr. Pavlik is currently Assistant Director at the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University in Milwaukee.*

## 5-23 PRESERVING SACREDNESS OF FAMILY WHEN A LOVED ONE IS DYING

When illness enters a family, changes occur on many levels: routines, relationships, hopes, communication, roles, and even our faith. Our Catholic traditions of generosity, service and compassion for the vulnerable are perfectly suited to uplift and preserve the integrity of these families during their extraordinary journeys. Our faith and school communities can do more to help mobilize practical, emotional and vital help that can sustain the family through the challenges and losses. The help we offer now has an enduring impact on the family for years to come. This session will inspire and provide you with ways to reach out to your own community.



**Lizbeth Sumner**

*Liz Sumner is Director of The Center for Compassionate Care at The Elizabeth Hospice in Escondido, Calif. She has spent nearly 30 years in hospice, dedicated to improving the care and support for dying children, adults and their families. She has received several local and national awards. Sumner is recognized as one of the pioneers of the evolving field of pediatric and perinatal palliative care, and has been an expert consultant to many developing programs and national initiatives.*

## 5-20 VOICES OF TRUTH: WOMEN PROPHETS AND PREACHERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

**Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD**

In this session, we will delve into an exploration of New Testament figures – such as Mary Magdalene, the Samaritan woman, the Caananite mother, Anna, and the widow before the unjust judge – to reclaim prophet voices of women for our day.

## 5-21 BLUEPRINTS FOR RAISING A RESPONSIBLE CHILD

**Patt & Steve Saso**

Every parent wants a responsible, trustworthy and dependable child. Many are surprised to learn how their own parenting style may sabotage their child's ability to be accountable. Practical blueprints will be outlined to help parents teach responsible behavior.

## 5-24 BALANCING LIFE IN YOUR "WAR ZONES"

**LeAnn Thieman, CSP, CPAE**

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 is a repeat of Session 3-24.)

**5-25 CELEBRATING THE WORD WITH CHILDREN**

This will be a practical workshop giving you the tools you need to celebrate the Word with children in your parish, in your school, or in your religious education class. This workshop will also present ideas for celebrating the Word in the Initiation of Children. If you love children and want the Word to be alive in them (and you!) come prepared to participate in Word and song.

**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."*

**Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC**

*Sr. Paule Freeburg, a Daughter of Charity, is Director of Development at Mother of Sorrows School in South Central Los Angeles. She has been teaching and writing for children since 1986, and has been a frequent workshop presenter in children's spirituality throughout the United States. Sr. Freeburg currently celebrates the Word with the children at Mother of Sorrows School and at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Westwood, Calif.*

**5-26 TV COMMERCIALS AND THE GOOD NEWS**

Commercials on television appear every 12 minutes! They are humorous, energetic and present a persuasive view of the world. We hardly notice what effects they have on us. In this workshop, we will look at a selection of TV advertisements (mostly from England) and consider what they are trying to communicate. We will then consider how we might use them in our preaching and teaching to reveal more about what we desire, not so much in particular merchandise, but in the Gospel itself. In a deeply materialistic and commercial environment, see how you too can use ads to reveal the deeper yearnings of our culture. You will never look at commercials in the same way!

**David Wells**

*David Wells is currently Director of the Department of Formation for the Diocese of Plymouth, England, where he is responsible for adult education and training. He has been a member of several national and regional committees in the United Kingdom. Wells is a nationally recognized storyteller. He has been a speaker for national conferences in Canada, Ireland and Great Britain, and has appeared on television in several countries.*

**5-27 REBUILDING, RENEWING AND RESTORING THE CHURCH: THE WORLD OF POPE LEO XIII (1878-1903)**

Only 125 years ago, women and men of learning and perspective considered that the Roman Catholic Church was dying, deeply wounded, and ending her place in the world. The papacy was at a low point of power and prestige, and the movers and shakers of the world had turned their backs on Rome. Cardinal Vincenzo Pecci, 78 years old, was elected to sit in the very humbled Chair of St. Peter, and brought the Church into the 20th century. He is one of the great and creative bishops of the Roman Church. He begins a conversation with the modern world, with the scientific community, with the Church outside of Europe, and with the great issues of the age.

**Thomas Weston, SJ**

*Fr. Thomas Weston has been the Superior of the Jesuit Community of Oakland, Calif., since 2003. A retreat director, speaker and facilitator, he has worked extensively with alcoholics and addicts in recovery and their families for close to 30 years. Fr. Weston, a former high school teacher and associate pastor, is a frequent presenter at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and is a member of the National Catholic Council on Alcoholism.*

**5-70 "Một tâm hồn mãi cảm biết lắng nghe... sự hiểu biết để biện phân phải trái" (1 Vua 3:4-15)**

**Rev. John-Francis Vu, SJ - Lm. Vũ Thế Toàn, SJ**

Salomôn, vị vua nổi tiếng khôn ngoan trong Thánh Kinh - (1 Vua 3:4-15). Trong phạm vi của bài trình thuyết, ngoài việc trình bày cuộc đời của Vua Salomôn, một con người mãi cảm, ta sẽ cùng nhau tìm hiểu thế nào là Đức khôn ngoan mà Thiên Chúa dạy Ông? Đức khôn ngoan dạy ta nhạy cảm với nhân thế nhưng cùng một lúc sự cần thiết của hiểu biết để phân biệt Lễ Phải điều hay. Nguyên tắc luân lý nào dạy ta phân biệt giữa Đúng và Sai - Tốt và Xấu? Vì trong đời thường Người Tốt mà Việc vẫn Sai - Người Xấu mà Việc có thể Đúng! Đức khôn ngoan với sự hiểu biết Đúng - Sai phải hướng dẫn con người hành xử trong Công Lý. Vậy Đức tin Công Giáo mời ta dẫn thân ra sao cho sự Thật và Công Bằng nơi xã hội? Những bài học dẫn thân vì Công Lý và Tình Yêu trong Giáo Hội.

*Love Unfolding...  
Igniting Our Yes!*

# period 6

3:00 - 4:30 PM – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

## 6-01 SLAVERY: IT DIDN'T END WITH THE CIVIL WAR – MODERN DAY PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

“Slavery: It Didn’t End with the Civil War” is a powerful, fact- and human interest-filled multimedia presentation that explains contemporary human trafficking. The presentation starts out quick and hard by placing a human face on historical slavery. From there, it uses a fast-paced presentation style built upon everyday news reports, academic theory, government reports, statistics and first-hand stories from the streets to bring the audience to a state of learned awareness of what must be done to prevent modern-day slavery. Some original slave documents and relics will also be on hand.



**Patrick J. Atkinson**

*A resident of Antigua, Guatemala, Patrick Atkinson grew up in Bismarck, N.D., from where he bases his international efforts. His work emphasizes the development of practical means through which single, widowed and abandoned mothers can break free from generational poverty. Atkinson is the founder and executive director of several non-profit international charities, and sits on the boards of numerous non-profit and for-profit corporations. He is a frequent and popular speaker worldwide.*

## 6-02 SPIRITUALITY AND THE PARENTING OF LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS

**Dr. Tom Beaudoin**

A panel of speakers, moderated by Dr. Tom Beaudoin, will focus on questions and insights about spirituality in the experience of parents and families of lesbian and gay Catholics, focusing on stories of how faith is lived.

## 6-03 THE SPIRIT ALIVE! ENERGIZING CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS THROUGH MUSIC

**John Burland**

The power of the Spirit is alive and with us in all that we do. As religious educators, how can we provide meaningful, relevant and enjoyable opportunities for children to strengthen and develop their faith? John Burland will show how this can be achieved by demonstrating a variety of practical strategies incorporating music and movement for energizing catechesis. Areas such as Scripture, doctrine, Church seasons and sacraments will be addressed. These songs and activities are suitable for children at the elementary level. Come ready to be energized!

## 6-04 COME HOLY SPIRIT ... AND STAY FOR A WHILE!

As one receives the sacrament of confirmation, what ignites them to allow the Holy Spirit to truly work in their lives every day? Listen, share and reflect on what those who have received this sacrament say about the Holy Spirit staying and working in their lives.



**Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Cherup Jr.**

*Msgr. Michael Cherup Jr. is a priest for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fla., where he served for 20 years as diocesan Director for the Office of Youth Ministry. Msgr. Cherup presently is Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. For eight years, he was President of Catholic Youth Foundation USA, and now serves as their Vice President.*

## 6-05 WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH?

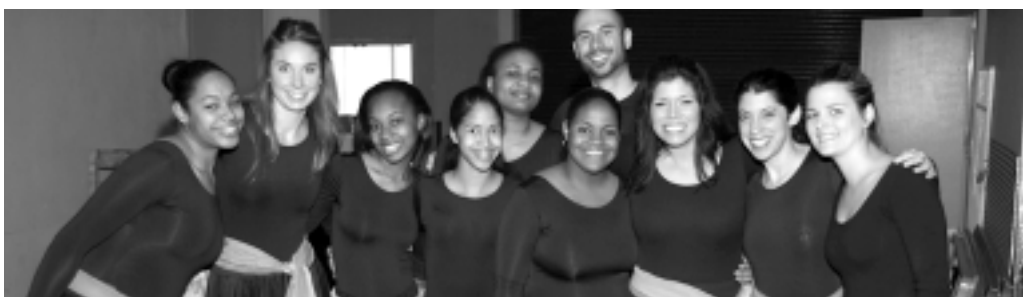
**Fr. John Cusick**

There are an increasing number of young adults – single, married and young adult parents – who are asking this question. They simply want to know “why.” Many parents and young adults simply do not see any need whatsoever to attend church consistently on Sunday. Many will drop off their children for their religious education classes, but do not see a need to enter a church building themselves on any regular basis. This workshop will not only address this question, but will answer with the understanding of our Catholic tradition. (This workshop will be helpful to parish leaders, those in ministry, young adults, young parents, and parents of those in their 20s and 30s.)

## 6-06 MARY, MARRIAGE AND GENDER ISSUES: PIUS XII TO BENEDICT XVI

**Dr. Nancy Dallavalle**

Whether the topic is pre-Vatican II Marian devotion or the many Marian movements of today, whether it is the idealized family life of the 1950s or the recent troubling decrease in Catholics who choose to wed in the Church, an understanding of “how we got here” requires an understanding of the very different ecclesial sensibilities of the last several papacies. Full of “news you can use,” this workshop will show how differing theological and cultural contexts shaped the Church’s conversation about Mary, marriage and family.



DANCE IS a part of the experience of the liturgies at Congress. The purpose of liturgical dance is to add expression to the moment during celebrations of the Eucharist and is meant to help lead us to deeper prayer and reflection.



**6-07 DIVINE LOVE AND HUMAN SIN: WHY DID JESUS DIE?** 🗣️

Our faith tradition affirms that Jesus’ suffering, death and rising are central to the mystery of our faith. But over the centuries, theologians have differed in interpreting the meaning of this saving event. Was Jesus sent to suffer and die to appease a God who was angry at sinful humanity? Or did God’s love motivate him to embrace the cross in solidarity with all who are marginalized by human injustice? This presentation invites participants to explore the deeper meaning of the theology of salvation.



**John Heagle, MA, JCL, LMHC & Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD, DMin**

*Fr. John Heagle, a psychotherapist, and Sr. Fran Ferder, a clinical psychologist, are Co-Directors of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA), a counseling and renewal center located near Seattle. They also serve as adjunct professors in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. They are internationally recognized leaders of workshops and conferences. Together and individually, they are authors of several articles, tapes and books.*

**6-08 FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME: TOWARD A SPIRITUALITY OF SPORTS** 🗣️

**Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD**

Contemporary theology has paid considerable attention to many features of our contemporary culture – Hollywood, consumerism, television, technology, the Internet – yet surprisingly little reflection has been done regarding the role of sports in our culture. When we Christians do consider sports, our tendency is to criticize its excesses: an unhealthy sense of competition, the violence, too much emphasis on money, etc. But is there a genuine theology and spirituality of sports also worthy of our consideration? Is there something inherently religious about both playing sports and being a sports fan? This presentation will explore these questions.

**6-09 “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME”: DO WHAT, WHERE, HOW?** 🗣️

**Anthony Gittins, CSSp**

The Church has always held the institution of the Eucharist to be central to its identity, and Vatican II identified it as both “source” and “summit” of the Church’s activity. But how can it be central when many people experience a “Eucharistic famine,” others are excluded by canon law, and others approach it very casually? Was Eucharist only the high point of the Last Supper and end point of Jesus’ life, or should we look deeper? We will explore the idea that the whole life of Jesus was “eucharistic” and that ours must be too, if we are to keep alive, not only the memory of Jesus, but our own identity as the Body of Christ.

**6-10 TEACHING THE MASS IN AN ECUMENICAL AGE** 🗣️

Forty years of Catholic teaching and Catholic ecumenical dialogue have provided rich resources for the Catholic catechist in handing on the Eucharistic faith – faithful to the Church teaching as it is developing in dialogue with fellow Christians.



**Bro. Jeffrey Gros, FSC**

*Bro. Jeffrey Gros is a career Catholic teacher who has served in ecumenical administration for 25 years, teaching at the high school, university and seminary levels. He has led seminars, retreats and conferences, and is responsible for editing major collections on the results of the 40-plus years of dialogues in which the Catholic Church has been involved. Bro. Gros currently is Distinguished Professor of Historical and Ecumenical Theology at Memphis Theological Seminary in Tennessee.*

**6-11 LESS IS MORE: THE WISDOM OF SIMPLIFICATION** 🗣️

Spiritual directors hear an epidemic of complaints regarding decreased time but increased busyness. This is a recipe for spiritual suffocation. But neither guilt nor good intentions have the power to set us free from our social addictions. The mystics and saints offer ageless wisdom regarding what enhances soul and what diminishes it. The question is not so much how busy you are, but why you are busy. This workshop provides a welcome oasis to remember: “Wherever your treasure is, there will you find your heart” (Matt. 6:21). No other path offers us the courage to let go of what is draining our life.



**Richard F. Groves**

*Richard Groves is co-founder and Executive Director of the Sacred Art of Living Center in Bend, Ore. As their program author, he teaches and heads the faculty for the Sacred Art of Living and Dying series, which was borne from his more than 25 years of experience as a hospice chaplain and prison chaplain. Groves, who speaks nine languages, is a popular keynote speaker and workshop presenter. He is co-author of “The American Book of Dying: Lessons in Healing Spiritual Pain.”*

Workshops



ENTERTAINMENT comes in all forms at Congress, from the quiet music of Sacred Space to the upbeat lunchtime concerts. (Last year’s Moreno/Rivera/Kolar lunch concert pictured.)

## 6-12 TO SHOW WHO JESUS IS: THE CATECHETICAL MISSION OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Liturgical music certainly serves the ritual and liturgical moments of the liturgy, but its call goes even deeper. Music for worship must also share in the formational ministry of the Christian cause of bringing the Paschal Mystery – the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus – to the human journey. Come and sing, pray, celebrate and revel in the Mystery of Christ, and explore the musical lens that can nurture and empower the Good News beyond the all-too-often-isolated experience of parish liturgy – to the grand challenge of living our lives as disciples.



**David Haas**

*David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry and also serves as Campus Minister/Artist-in-Residence at Benilde-St. Margaret's High School in St. Louis Park, Minn. A composer of 45 collections of liturgical music and author of 20 books on music, prayer and spirituality, he has traveled all over the world as a workshop and conference speaker, retreat leader, pastoral musician and recording artist. Haas is also founder and Executive Director of "Music Ministry Alive!"*

## 6-13 DON'T SELL YOUR SOUL: BEING CHURCH IN A CONSUMER CULTURE

**Edward P. Hahnenberg**

Church leaders and other Christians often condemn our contemporary consumer culture as lost in selfishness and sin. But such an approach can miss the more subtle ways in which this culture shapes our consciousness, our commitments, and even our faith. A deeper dialogue is needed between this culture and the rich resources of our tradition, so that we might better see what it means to be church today.

## 6-14 MUSIC AND SPIRITUALITY: REKINDLING AN AWARENESS OF SPIRIT

There is always another lesson to teach, liturgy to plan, meeting or rehearsal to attend, or event to do. Often, we cannot find time to focus on the prayer and spirituality we need as catechetical, liturgical and pastoral musicians. Come join ValLimar and Frank Jansen as they help guide and enable our lay ministers through a session of music prayer and a rekindling of an awareness of "Spirit."



**ValLimar & Frank Jansen**

*ValLimar Jansen is a highly regarded singer, cantor, recording artist, workshop presenter and leader of worship and prayer at major conferences nationwide. Frank is a professional musician with over 30 years experience. He is a well-respected composer, arranger, teacher and performer. Often, this husband-and-wife team performs nationally, and last year, performed for the Pope and 400,000 pilgrims in Loreto, Italy.*

## 6-15 JESUS: LOVE FULFILLING GOD'S COVENANT OF JUSTICE

This workshop will focus on the biblical foundations of justice, emphasizing the language of covenant and love. Particular attention will be given to the intersection of God's justice with both the social structures of politics and economics and the inner life of spirituality and conversion.



**Jack J. Jezreel**

*Jack Jezreel is founder and Executive Director of JustFaith Ministries, based in Kentucky. Self-described as "a farmer and a parish minister of social responsibility," Jezreel is a member of the Catholic Worker community. He has presented keynotes at the national gatherings of St. Vincent de Paul, the National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education, and Pax Christi USA.*

## 6-16 ST. PAUL: NOT A LONE RANGER, BUT AN NGO PRESIDENT!

We often single out St. Paul, the great "Apostle to the Gentiles," as if he were a Lone Ranger, who single-handedly spread Christianity throughout the ancient Mediterranean world. The real St. Paul, however, was not only a zealous preacher but also an effective leader of a large missionary "non-governmental organization" (NGO), with many associates and affiliates! In this "Year of Saint Paul," a better understanding of how he organized his expanding apostolic enterprise can also help us build more effective religious education and adult faith-formation programs in our own parishes today!



**Fr. Felix Just, SJ**

*Fr. Felix Just has taught at the California institutions of Loyola Marymount University, Santa Clara University, and the University of San Francisco. He is currently Director of Biblical Education at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif., and provides lectures and retreats for parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. The Jesuit priest regularly teaches courses through Loyola Marymount University's Extension program and through the "Ecclesia" program of Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.*

## 6-17 THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

**Craig R. Koester**

Why was Jesus crucified? This question plays a central role in the New Testament and Christian theology, and it engages a lively interest both inside and outside the Church. Many have disagreed about the role of the Roman and Jewish authorities, the meaning of Jesus' actions, and ultimately how God could be involved in the process. One of the most significant accounts of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion comes from the Gospel of John. We will explore the dramatic events in John's final chapters, asking what they tell us about the meaning of the crucifixion and its implications.

**6-18 WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAD MAKES** 🗣️

Keri Krout

Studies consistently show that an involved father or father figure makes all the difference in the life of children and teenagers. Join us as we explore how we can encourage fathers to be actively involved in their children's lives and recognize their important role in the family and in society.

**6-19 LATINOS IN U.S. CATHOLICISM** 🗣️

The mutual influence of Catholicism and the growing Hispanic population in the United States will shape the future of American Catholic life. This workshop will examine that mutual influence, especially in core areas like the dynamics of Hispanic integration and the influence of Pentecostal religion. What do current trends portend for the future of U.S. Catholicism and for pastoral ministry in parishes and dioceses?

**Dr. Timothy Matovina**

*Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology at Indiana's University of Notre Dame, where he also serves as Director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. Dr. Matovina offers presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and various theological topics for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the United States.*

**6-20 MISBEHAVIOR? NAME IT, CLAIM IT, TAME IT, OR PREVENT IT FROM THE GET-GO!** 🗣️

Proactive adults structure a child's environment for success by: 1) developing a positive style of authority; 2) knowing how to "read" the needs behind behavior; and 3) learning how to avoid, redirect or correct misbehavior. These dynamics of self-discipline are the focus of this presentation.

**Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM**

*Dr. Patricia McCormack is Director of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Office of Formative Support for Parents & Teachers, located in Arlington, Va. She is an international consultant to the China Institute of Technology and the Marymount Institute in Rome. With over 30 years as a teacher in junior-high through college levels, Dr. McCormack has written numerous articles, several books, and is author of the "Parent Partnership Handbook" series in Today's Catholic Teacher magazine.*

**6-21 THE CATECHIST'S TOOLBOX: SKILLS, TIPS AND PRACTICAL ADVICE YOU CAN USE TODAY** 🗣️

Each year, roughly one-third of the more than 500,000 volunteer catechists in Catholic parishes are new to the job. Most of these catechists come to the ministry with little or no formal training for their work. This workshop presents an invaluable collection of methodologies, techniques and tips that provide on-the-job training for new and less-experienced catechists as well as for veteran catechists with little formal training.

**Joe Paprocki, DMin**

*Joe Paprocki is National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press in Chicago. He has 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry and is the author of the best-selling "The Catechist's Toolbox" and "A Well-Built Faith." Paprocki serves as an eighth-grade catechist and blogs about the experience on the Internet at [www.catechistsjourney.org](http://www.catechistsjourney.org).*

**6-22 "DON'T BE STUPID!" – SIMPLIFIED EVANGELIZATION** 🗣️

Far too often, teachers and preachers muddy the waters of faith with confusing theological terminology. Catholic evangelists could be more effective if they only knew how to keep it simple! "Don't be Stupid" is not an insult but rather a call to full knowledge of our faith. Pedagogically, it is more effective to say, "Don't be Stupid," than it is to say, "Avoid being guided by the misdirected paradigms of an avaricious society." Known for his entertaining ability to "make the complicated simple," Fr. Tony Ricard will discuss several evangelical techniques through which Christians can proclaim the Word of God without need to use "big words" or complicated concepts.

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

*Fr. Tony Ricard is a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese who currently serves as Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in New Orleans and as one of the Core Instructors for Church Doctrine at Xavier University's Institute for Black Catholic Studies. He is also Director of Knight Time Ministries and as one of the Chief Editors for Two Knights Publishing Co. He is the author of "I Still Believe: A Testimony of Faith After The Storm," a chronicle of life after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.*

**6-23 BECOMING A COMPASSIONATE PRESENCE**

Joyce Rupp, OSM

The compassionate heart is in communion with all of life and is willing to enter into suffering with the heart of Christ. Compassion includes awareness, attitude and action. A deeper and clearer look at compassion, the central quality of Christ, enables us to accompany the hurting ones of our personal lives and the larger world with loving kindness. Compassion also teaches how to live as a person of unbounded love. Bring your caring heart to this workshop and find support for what you believe and how you live.



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## 6-24 COPING WITH SUFFERING, STRESS, CARE-GIVING AND CONFLICT THROUGH *LECTIO DIVINA* 🕒

*Lectio Divina*, or holistic prayerful reading of God’s Word and the signs of our times, is the natural and spiritual way Christians respond to God’s initiative in the Bible. In this workshop, we will reflect on the ways people in the Bible go through the process of *Lectio Divina* in coping with their pain, conflicts and confusion. We will discover parallels between our lives and the challenges and responses of Moses, Jeremiah, Job, his wife Tobit and his family, Mary and Joseph, and St. Paul. We will learn how *Lectio Divina* enables us to endure suffering, stress, care-giving and conflict with peace and dignity. As we experience this, we will discover ways of supporting others as well.



**Karl A. Schultz**

*Karl Schultz is Director of the Genesis Personal Development Center in Pittsburgh. He has published 11 books and one DVD on biblical spirituality and personal development, and he has traveled throughout the United States and Canada as a speaker and retreat leader. Schultz has developed applications of Lectio Divina to suffering, healing, care-giving, stress and time management, journaling, potential fulfillment, gender communications and men’s issues, and the teachings of Paul VI.*

## 6-25 A LAY OFFICE? 🕒

**Rev. Michael Sweeney, OP**

In the Catholic Church, the term “office” invariably refers to the ordained: Only the ordained have an office in the Church. However, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger once proposed that we should speak of a lay office in the Church. This workshop will explore the role assigned by the magisterium to the laity, and how there is, indeed, a lay office in the Church.

## 6-26 CREATING COMMUNITY WITH ADOLESCENTS: A DISCIPLESHIP APPROACH 🕒

**Michael Theisen**

Teens are first and foremost relational beings and any and all ministry with them requires that a web of relationships be formed and nurtured. But at what cost do we develop and build this community? What messages do our activities and efforts give to teens and the larger parish community? Are we just “playing games” or are we “forming disciples” when we gather teens together? Come and assess your community building efforts and learn some new and effective strategies for building a web of relationships that will catch and sustain teens as they walk the road toward discipleship.

## 6-27 MAKE THE FAITH COME ALIVE! ENGAGING CATECHESIS FOR ACTIVE LEARNERS

**Ana Arista White & Joseph D. White, PhD**

This workshop, led by a child psychologist and a Director of Religious Education, will discuss fun, multisensory methods for handing on the basics of the faith to active learners.

## 6-28 FORMATION TO PEACE THROUGH MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

This workshop will introduce the artistic and educational work of Gen Rosso, whose purpose is to spread the values of peace and universal brotherhood through music, in order to build a more united world. Gen Rosso sensitizes young people to the themes of violence, cultural integration and peace. The members of Gen Rosso not only perform those values but live it in their daily lives, as the group itself is comprised of 18 members coming from the nations of Brazil, DR Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Argentina, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Philippines and Poland.



**Gen Rosso**

*The Gen Rosso International Performing Arts Group was formed in 1966 in Loppiano, Florence, Italy based on an idea of Chiara Lubich, foundress of the Focolare Movement and 1996 recipient of the UNESCO Prize for education to peace. To date, more than 200 artists and technical staff have passed through Gen Rosso, performing in 47 nations in Europe, Asia, North and South America, Africa, the Middle East and Australia. They have published 54 albums with over 325 songs.*

## 6-70 THỬ CHIA SẺ VỚI CÁC BẠN TRẺ VỀ BÍ TÍCH HÔN PHỐI 🕒

**Frère Fortunat Phong, FSC**

Trong khóa này, Frère Phong sẽ cố gắng thử “dạy một lớp mẫu” về bí tích Hôn Phối, dùng Kinh Thánh, sách Giáo Lý Hội Thánh Công Giáo, kể chuyện, băng reo, sinh hoạt, “powerpoint,” câu nguyện để giúp các bạn trẻ thuộc lứa tuổi “sau thêm sức,” “đự bị hôn nhân” khám phá ra sự cao quý, nét độc đáo của tình yêu vợ chồng. Quý vị có thể mang theo “flash drive” để tải lại các “files” ngay sau khóa này.

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**7-01 THE POPES AND THE SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS** 🗣️

John L. Allen Jr.

Since the modern eruption of the sexual abuse crisis in the mid-1980s, the papal response, or lack of response, has been a frequent subject of criticism and controversy. This session traces the various ways in which the Vatican and Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI have addressed the crisis, with a special focus on Pope Benedict's April 2008 visit to the United States.

**7-02 MERGING PRAYER WITH DANCE** 🗣️

When two very beautiful forms come together – prayer and dance – the result is beautiful, elegant, graceful and powerful. For those who love to dance, come prepared to move while tapping into your spirituality and expressing the prayer within. Learn how to weave these lovely dances into your celebrations. (Appropriate for adults, middle-school and high-school students.)

**Donna Anderle**

*Donna Anderle is an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer. She has taught at every level from primary through university. Anderle, on the teaching faculty of The Cincinnati Ballet Company, 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 and workshop concerts. She has four books of choreography and a CD on liturgical dance.*

**7-03 SHOULD THERE BE SUCH A THING AS “SOCIAL JUSTICE”?** 🗣️

Grayson Warren Brown

As Christians, how do we deal with hunger, poverty and racism in the 21st century? We begin by realizing that these issues are not separate from Scripture; they are at the very heart and soul of it. Rather than thinking, Christians should have a social conscience. We should grow to realize that without one, we cannot truly be Christian.

**7-04 THE GOOD CATECHIST** 🗣️

Carol Cimino, SSJ, EdD

What makes the good catechist? We all know that there is something holy about the vocation to be a catechist, something that goes beyond the training and even the desire to impart the faith to young people. This presentation will offer some criteria for those who help others to answer the call, and also for our own reflection, as we consider our vocation “to teach as Jesus did.” Finally, it will outline the specific challenges we face with this generation of young people, who are very spiritual and need a context for that desire to connect with God and God's people.

**7-05 EVERYONE NEEDS A COACH!** 🗣️

Dave Durand

Dave Durand will show you the success strategies of the most successful people in the world presented in a way that you have never heard before. He will explain that true success is not a fleeting accomplishment; true success is not measured in money (although that may be a byproduct), it is not measured in fame (although that can happen, too), and it is not measured in power (although for some it is part of it). True success is about the transformation of the subject and ultimately perfection in Christ played out through winning habits day in and day out.

**7-06 ALL ARE WELCOME! OR ARE THEY? THE GOSPEL CALL TO INCLUSION & CONTEMPORARY CATHOLICISM** 🗣️

Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD &amp; John Heagle, MA, JCL

The teaching and practice of Jesus, as portrayed in the Gospels, is firmly rooted in a vision of inclusion. There are no separate tables in the Reign of God. Anyone who wants to come to the banquet will find a place card with his or her name on it. How, then, do we reconcile this welcoming vision with the contemporary discipline of the Catholic Church? This presentation addresses this difficult and ongoing challenge in our community of faith.

**7-07 A NEW APOLOGETICS: SHARING THE FIRE OF CATHOLIC FAITH** 🗣️

Thomas H. Groome

“Apologetics” is the process of arguing for and defending the faith. Older Catholics will remember an apologetics that was based largely on the teaching authority of the Church. Now we must return to the practice of the Early Church's apologetics of persuasion that highlights the attractiveness of Catholic faith: its truth, beauty and goodness. This “new” apologetic was modeled by Pope Benedict XVI in his pastoral visit to America; we must learn to do likewise.

**7-08 NEAR-DEATH WISDOM: DIE BEFORE YOU DIE** 🗣️

Richard F. Groves

A great sage once said, “If I survive this life without dying, I shall be surprised.” Yet most Americans avoid the topic of death like the plague. In the Middle Ages, the *Ars Moriendi*, or Sacred Art of Dying, offered remarkable wisdom – by learning how to face the many smaller deaths of ego, life is not diminished but enhanced. Paradoxically, as we face our limitations, brokenness and darkest hour, the soul is healed. In this workshop, the dying are our teachers and their stories offer us courage and hope.

## 7-09 SINGING, PRAYING AND CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

David Haas

The preparation and celebration of the sacraments – baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, reconciliation, anointing, marriage, and celebrations of ministry – are often experienced as events that happen to and for individual “recipients” at key moments in their lives. Sacraments are more than this – they are sacred events that are celebrated by the community, for the community, and lived by the community. This session will explore how music can pull the assembly to active participation not just in the liturgical actions, but to the call that the sacraments ask of all of us – to live in surrender to Christ Jesus. Come ready to sing, celebrate and pray the Christian journey!

## 7-10 CATHOLIC MORALITY: CURRENT CHALLENGES

Catholic morality separated from theology and spirituality is harder to understand and accept. In this session, Fr. James Heft will lead an examination of this by posing a few questions: How can Catholic morality best be taught today? What about the difficult issues in sexual ethics? Are they more important than Catholic social teaching?



Fr. James L. Heft, SM

*Marian priest Fr. James Heft is currently the Alton Brooks Professor of Religion at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where he is also President of their Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies. Fr. Heft has sat on the Board of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities for nearly a decade, and has served as Board Chair from 1999-2001. He has published and edited eight books and written over 150 articles and book chapters.*

## 7-11 SACRED COMPANIONSHIP WITH HENRI NOUWEN

As a spiritual friend, guide, mentor and director, Henri Nouwen engaged in the integrative work of soul care and companioning. This workshop explores Henri Nouwen’s versatile spiritual accompaniment approach to ministry – a ministry of integration flowing from his equally integrated, albeit “imperfect,” spirituality.



Wil Hernandez, PhD

*Dr. Wil Hernandez regularly teaches on the spirituality of Henri Nouwen at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.; Haggard Graduate School of Theology (at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif.) and at the Center for Religion and Spirituality (at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles). He is author of “Henri Nouwen: A Spirituality of Imperfection” and its recently released sequel, “Henri Nouwen and Soul Care: A Ministry of Integration.”*

## 7-12 LIFE, UNFOLDING: MARY’S DISCIPLESHIP AND OURS

Miriam of Nazareth, a poor woman who cultivated holiness in the midst of her day-to-day life, extends a challenge and an invitation to us – renewing our “yes” on our journey toward holiness and finding holiness in the ordinary, the everyday. How can the unfolding narrative of the life of Mary of Nazareth ignite the hope of the laity for the renewal of our Church?



Natalia M. Imperatori-Lee, PhD

*Dr. Natalia Imperatori-Lee grew up in Miami, the child of Cuban immigrants. She is currently Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Manhattan College in New York. She has been a speaker at several events, including the Los Angeles Congress, “Soy Catequista,” held at the University of Notre Dame, and “Raíces y Alas,” sponsored by the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry.*

## 7-13 SEVEN EXTRA BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: THEIR MESSAGE FOR CATHOLICS?

Sr. Dorothy Jonaitis, OP, DMin

The Deuterocanonical (second canon) books of the Bible are so-called because they are additional books in the Catholic canon, but found neither in the Protestant nor Jewish canon. For Jews and Protestants, these books are apocryphal (not canonical). What message do these books have within the Catholic tradition? This presentation will explore the questions of these books.

## 7-14 LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH: A CRY OF HOPE OR THE WHIMPER OF FEAR

Rev. Patrick LaBelle, OP

Effective leadership is not easy to find at this time, and leadership in the Roman Catholic Church is no exception. This presentation will discuss some of the causes for the less-than-effective leadership we have at all levels of the Church and will attempt to examine new ways to change what should be changed, make the best of what we likely will not change, and the courage to make the best of things in the process.

## 7-15 PARENTS, YOUTH AND FAITH: THE GREAT DANCE!

Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Want to scare parents? Tell them they are the primary religious educators of their children! This workshop will identify critical characteristics of adolescent faith, practical approaches to enhancing faith development among young people, and strategies for enabling parents to successfully and willingly take on their desired role in fostering the faith of their teens.



**7-16 STANDING AS ONE HUMAN FAMILY: ENGAGING YOUTH IN RELATIONSHIPS THAT FOSTER SOLIDARITY AND JUSTICE** 🗣️

It is one thing to immerse young people in direct service and social action; it is totally another to encourage and engage them in right relationships with our brothers and sisters around the world who live on the margins. Join staff from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for an interactive presentation that explores how to foster relationships – and not just experiences – rooted in solidarity and that foster transformation and conversion. This workshop will highlight CRS youth programs and resources and afford an opportunity for all to share “best practices” in engaging youth in the work of social justice.



**Theodore Joseph Miles**

*Ted Miles is the Relationship Manager/Religious Education Director for Catholic Relief Services, based in Baltimore. He, with a team from CRS, is involved with the development, implementation and management of Catholic youth in the mission and work of CRS. His experience stems from more than 15 years as a coordinator, group leader, program facilitator, workshop presenter and trainer both nationally and internationally through the Baltimore Archdiocese.*

**7-17 MAKING GOOD DECISIONS – A RELATIONAL- AND VIRTUE-BASED APPROACH TO MORALITY** 🗣️

**Deacon Eric Paige**

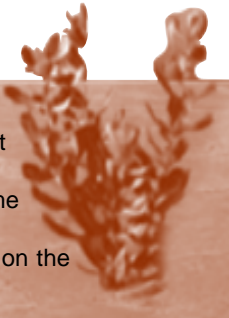
Are we trying to get what we want, or becoming who we are meant to be? Good decisions build character and enable us to say “yes” to God. So how do we make good decisions? This session mixes theology, tradition and social science in a fun way to help catechists and parents become effective formers of conscience and human virtue.

**7-18 APPLYING MI THEORY TO PRACTICES OF FAITH** 🗣️

**Dr. Robert A. Pavilk**

This workshop will open with a brief review of the core beliefs of Multiple Intelligences (MI) Theory espoused by Dr. Howard Gardner. Participants will receive a packet of MI-inspired strategies for building and refining such practices of faith as hospitality, forgiveness, respecting the Earth, prayer, forming communities, worship and igniting the “yes.” The workshop features modeling and rehearsing of the strategies.

THOUGH THE first “CCD institute” was held in 1956, the first “Youth Rally” didn’t come about until 1971. That half-day event set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually attracts over 15,000 youth and their chaperones on the Thursday of Congress.



**7-19 THE COMING OF THE COSMIC CHRIST** 🗣️

**Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM**

We believe in Jesus Christ and not just in Jesus! Most people seem to think that Christ is Jesus’ last name! It is clear in the Scriptures that “Christ” is an archetypal title which includes us and all of creation – for which Jesus is the head and microcosm. The “second coming of Christ,” therefore, points to our ideas of evolution, the final omega point of history, the “one single new humanity” of Ephesians, and the “recapitulation of all things” in Colossians. Why do most Christians not think this way? What are the magnificent and hopeful implications of such a cosmology and such a full Christian theology? What have we lost by separating ourselves from “the Christ”?

**7-20 ADDRESSING THE CRISIS – IMMIGRATION AND WORKING POVERTY** 🗣️

Over 40 percent of the families in our community are working poor – employed but struggling to meet basic expenses. Over 70 percent of these families are immigrants. How can people of faith respond effectively to these crises? CLUE-CA (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice of California) brings religious leaders together from all faith traditions to contribute their unique gifts as people of faith to the movements for economic justice and fair immigration policy. We will discuss the current situation of immigrant and working-poor families and effective opportunities for a faithful response to their needs.



**Rev. Alexia Salvatierra**

*Rev. Alexia Salvatierra is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with over 30 years of experience in interfaith and community ministry, community organizing and legislative advocacy. She is also Executive Director of CLUE-CA, a California alliance of interfaith organizations of religious leaders that seeks to build a faith-based movement for economic justice for low-wage workers.*

**7-21 BEYOND A NINE-MONTH CATECHUMENATE** 🗣️

**Jim Schellman**

In this session of presentation and dialogue, participants will consider why a nine-month catechumenate is inadequate to making disciples of the Lord. We will explore how the parish can change to a year-round catechumenate.

**7-22 LIVING GOD’S DREAM** 🗣️

**Margaret Silf**

We are part of a vast cosmic story, and our personal story is a unique strand of this great tapestry. Our own daily choices and responses to our circumstances are crucial to the unfolding of God’s Dream for humanity. We will reflect on the pivotal nature of the Incarnation in our cosmic story, and ask ourselves: “How can we engage with this calling in practice?” Dare we invite God to “ignite our yes” to this Dream of “love unfolding”?

Workshops

## 7-23 SPIRITUALITY OF LAUGHTER: WAKING UP TO THE MOMENT ☺

Anne Bryan Smollin

Injecting a bit of laughter in our life finds us a bit more balanced. We do not take ourselves so seriously and that opens us up to the possibility of choosing to live more fully, seizing opportunities to say “yes” and to embrace life. Laughter connects us to others, helps us to relax, and empowers us to see the reality of a situation. Graced with moment, we wake up because, as St. Angela Merici found, “laughter is the sound of the soul waking up.”

## 7-24 BAPTISM, CONVERSION, COMMITMENT ☺

Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD

For those of us who were baptized so early in our journey of faith, there comes a time when we must come to understand what that sacrament means and consciously accept the offer of grace made to us so many years ago. This presentation aims to be an opportunity for us to revisit that moment, to discover the richness of baptism, a sacrament that entails a process of conversion with spiritual, theological and moral effects.

## 7-25 PARENTING TEENS AND SURVIVING WITH GOD’S GRACE! ☺

Char Wenc, M.Ed

Do you worry about your teen? Do you ask yourself, “Now what do I do?” If so, this high-energy presentation is for you. Char Wenc, author of “Parenting – Are We Having Fun Yet” and professor of child guidance and parenting, will energize you with practical techniques and tools for discipline, encouragement and communication with your teenage children. The teen years are a definite stage of development, not merely a period between childhood and adulthood. Be empowered in your profession called parenting; learn the language that is effective in parent-teen relationships.

## 7-26 LIVING AND WORKING IN A WORLD FULL OF ALCOHOLICS AND ADDICTS: LEARNING HOW TO TEND TO OUR OWN ACRE ☺

Thomas Weston, SJ

None of us lives in a vacuum, or on an isolated island. We are influenced by the illnesses and craziness of others, and we find ourselves exhausted, angry, guilty and unable to live our lives with serenity and dignity and peace. In this presentation, we will look at the tools of recovery as members of dysfunctional families and systems, how to care for ourselves, how to choose to care for others, and how to be useful members of our society, our Church and our country. We believe that it is not God’s will to have one more burned out, exhausted person on the face of this Earth. We will look at the wisdom of Al-Anon Family Groups and the practicality of the 12-Step Programs.

## 7-27 EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE IN CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ☺

How do you eliminate feelings of resentment against your spouse? How do you control anxiety about the future of your marriage? How do you overcome feelings of discouragement or helplessness about your marriage? Above all, how do you promote lasting and mutual happiness with your spouse? Dr. John Yzaguirre will respond to these questions by discussing the most effective approaches to ignite and sustain emotional and spiritual resilience throughout your marital journey.



John Yzaguirre, PhD

*Dr. John Yzaguirre is a licensed psychologist, educator and author specializing in family life and Catholic spirituality. He has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Europe. He has co-authored “Thriving Marriages” with his wife, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT.*

## 7-70 Chúa Thánh Thần và Sứ Mạng Truyền Giáo của Người Kitô Hữu ☺

Trước hết, bài thuyết trình muốn nêu lên nội dung cốt yếu của đức tin Kitô giáo và những chứng từ của niềm tin trong đời sống hằng ngày. Kế đến, sau khi tái khẳng định việc loan báo Tin Mừng là đòi hỏi của thời đại, và còn là lệnh truyền và sứ mạng Chúa trao cho Giáo Hội, bài thuyết trình tiếp tục trình bày những hoạt động truyền giáo tại Việt Nam, và đặc biệt tại vùng đồng bằng sông Cửu Long.



Bishop Paul Bui Van Doc

Đức cha Phaolô Bùi Văn Độc

*Đức cha Phaolô Bùi Văn Độc sinh ngày 11 tháng 11 năm 1944 tại Đà Lạt. Đã tốt nghiệp cử nhân triết học và thần học tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Urbanianô, Rôma. Ngài là giáo sư triết học và thần học tại các Đại Chủng Viện Hà Nội, Huế và Sài Gòn. Ngài hiện là Giám mục giáo phận Mỹ Tho và là chủ tịch Ủy Ban Giáo lý Đức Tin thuộc Hội Đồng Giám Mục Việt Nam. Với kiến thức uyên thâm và kinh nghiệm mục tử, ngài sẽ có thể đáp ứng sự mong đợi của các tham dự viên của hội nghị 2009 này của chúng ta.*

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