

PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM	PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM	PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM
1-01 The YouTube Heresies (*) - Barron	2-01 Connecting Learning with Religion at the Center of the Early Childhood Curriculum (*) - Adams	3-01 Sharing the Bishops' Framework with Parish Teens (*) - Amodei
1-02 Alive in Faith! Songs for Celebrating the Sacraments (*) - Burland	2-02 Liturgical Movement: Breathe, Pray, Dance (*) - Anderle	3-02 Why Do You Do What You Do? Integrated Liturgy: It's More Than Just the Music (*) - Angotti
1-03 Conscience Formation: A Catholic Point of View - Coleman	2-03 Get Them Singing ... Get Them Engaged! (*) - Bolduc	3-03 Contemporary Theologies of Ministry for Pastoral Workers - Beaudoin
1-04 Trust That My Praise Is Worthy - Cheri & Good Ground	2-04 Who Would Jesus Hire? Creating a Movement to Welcome the Outcast, the Gang Member and the Felon (*) - Boyle	3-04 The Woman at the Well (*) - Beckman & Ash
1-05 Jesus' Subversive Prayer Promoting Justice (*) - Crosby	2-05 Women's Strength, Women's Voices (*) - Bryant	3-05 RCIA with Children and the Role of Liturgical Catechesis (*) - Burns Senseman
1-06 The Choices We Make - D'Arcy	2-06 Poorly Practiced, Misunderstood and Under-appreciated: The Liturgy of Penance (*) - Burke-Sullivan	3-06 Singing the Year Round! Songs and Strategies for Elementary Catechists and Teachers (*) - Chinn
1-07 Enter the Story: Biblical Metaphors for Our Lives (*) - Ferder	2-07 A Time for Healing, A Time for Service (*) - Cupich	3-07 Hope in God Alone! The Ignatian Way of Living a Free and Fulfilled Life (*) - Coutinho
1-08 Liturgy, Preaching and Evangelization: The Invitation to Grace (*) - Fragomeni	2-08 Healing Stories in the New Testament (*) - Dempsey	3-08 Creating and Maintaining a "Household" Church (*) - Cusick
1-09 Ripening into God: A Spirituality of Maturation (*) - Fiand	2-09 What's New about the "New Evangelization"? (*) - East	3-09 The New Roman Missal: Part 1 – Process and Changes - Foley
1-10 Does the Theology of the Laity Have a Future? (*) - Gaillardetz	2-10 You Mean They Don't All Learn the Same Way? (*) - Ellair	3-10 Eckhart Tolle, John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila: Living in the Presence of God (*) - Fragomeni
1-11 RCIA: The Power and Potential of Liturgical Catechesis (*) - Galipeau	2-11 Open Wide the Doors: Helping Young People Appreciate and Embrace the Call to Christian Discipleship (*) - Gentry-Akin	3-11 Drama and Religious Education: A Match Made in Heaven! (*) - Frawley-Mangan
1-12 Work It In: Finding Beauty in Life's Imperfections (*) - Hershey	2-12 Dying to Live: A Theology of Immigration (*) - Groody	3-12 Would Jesus Recognize Our Church? (*) - Gittins
1-13 How to Teach about Vatican II (*) - Huebsch	2-13 Great Suffering, Great Love (*) - Groves	3-13 A New Vision for Catholic Schools (*) - Groome
1-14 You Want Me to Be Good <i>ALL DAY</i> ? (*) - Kempf	2-14 New Missal, New Songs: A New Call to Sing Praise - Haas	3-14 Holy Tradition Called Justice: The Faith That Jesus Inherits - Jezreel
1-15 Bridging Interpersonal Gaps (*) - Levo	2-15 Mission Haiti (*) - Hagan	3-15 Restorative Justice: A New Paradigm for Social Transformation (*) - Khamisa
1-16 Professional Youth Ministry Coordinators: The Pain and the Promise! (*) - McCarty	2-16 Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps for a Fulfilling Life - Jamison	3-16 Friendship in a Fast-paced World (*) - Knobbe
1-17 Hold Firm, Trust: Living the Eucharist in Daily Life (*) - Murray	2-17 Multicultural Worship – Becoming Bridge-builders and Border-crossers (*) - Manibusan & Zaragoza	3-17 Stewardship and the Funding of Catholic Schools (*) - Mahan
1-18 Married and Holy? (*) - Paradise	2-18 The Challenge of Unity with Our Adversaries (*) - Massingale	3-18 Black Catholic Spirituality - O. Martin
1-19 An Anatomy and Theology of Trust – From Paranoia to Metanoia (*) - Rolheiser	2-19 The Colors, Shapes, Symbols and Faith of a Multicultural Church (*) - McGrath	3-19 Challenges and Blessings: Inter-religious, Inter-faith Dialogue (*) - McMahon
1-20 From Jerusalem to Ends of the Earth: The Dynamic Vision of the Church's Mission in the Acts of the Apostles (*) - Senior	2-20 Hold Firm as You Are Held (*) - McKenna	3-20 And Jesus Wept: The Word on Grief and Healing (*) - Mullen
1-21 The Bible and the Blues: A Musical Journey in the Old Testament – and the Delta (*) - Smith-Christopher	2-21 Eucharistic Worship Outside Mass (*) - Murray	3-21 Dialogue and the Mission of the Church – An Asian Vision (*) - Quevedo
1-22 What's Your Decision? How to Make Choices with Confidence and Clarity (*) - Sparough	2-22 What Do We Do if They Do Come Home? (*) - Paige	3-22 Forgiving the Unforgettable: Reconciliation and Restoration (*) - Ricard
1-23 Making the Pro-life Case Within Secular Culture (*) - Spitzer	2-23 Involving Parents in Your Ministry (*) - Reynolds	3-23 Steps to Teaching Your Teen Respect (*) - P. & S. Saso
1-24 Making Sure Your Teens Never Have to Say "NOBODY TOLD ME" (*) - Stenzel	2-24 Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life (*) - Rohr	3-24 Catholic Morality and Healthy Conscience Formation: "How To" in 2011? - Sparks
1-25 Discipleship Training: Helping Children Be Like Jesus - Valenzuela	2-25 Articles of Faith for the 21st Century: The Apostles' Creed (*) - Schmisek	3-25 <i>Visio Divina</i> : A Prayer Practice for Encountering God (*) - Sutton
1-26 The Medium Is the Message: Coffee and Ecclesiology - Vlaun	2-26 Loving and Learning Beyond Limitation (*) - C. & M. Skinner	3-26 Leading a Parish Is Not for Dummies – Working Behind the Scenes (*) - Sweetser & Rappé
1-27 From Birth to Resurrection (*) - Walker	2-27 The RCIA as the Model for Adult Faith Formation (*) - Wagner	3-27 Game On! Creative Catechesis with Young People (*) - Theisen
1-28 Hold Firm ... Trust: Three Essential Lessons for New or Wary Catechists and Teachers (*) - Wells	2-28 Five Things Teachers Need to Know to Help Students Develop Self-discipline (*) - Wenc	3-28 Adult Faith Formation and the Renewal of Parish Life (*) - Zanzig
1-70 Vietnamese workshop (*) - Van Ban	2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - H. Nguyen	3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - Ngo

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I-01 THE YOUTUBE HERESIES 🗣️

In the course of his work in evangelizing through YouTube, Fr. Robert Barron has encountered four great obstacles for the proclamation of the Gospel in the wider culture. In this session, he will explore each of these and suggest ways to overcome them.



Rev. Robert Barron

Fr. Robert Barron is a sought-after speaker on the spiritual life – from universities to YouTube, national conferences to private retreats. The theologian and podcasting priest appears on TV, radio and YouTube and has a global media ministry called Word on Fire. Fr. Barron is the Francis Cardinal George Chair of Faith and Culture at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Ill. The award-winning author lectures extensively across the United States and abroad.

I-02 ALIVE IN FAITH! SONGS FOR CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS 🗣️

Music plays an important role in celebrating the sacraments with children, their families and the wider Catholic community. As a formative tool in sacramental preparation, music can assist in reinforcing the unique significance and grace of each sacrament. In the celebration of each sacrament, music can heighten celebration and strengthen the faith of the assembled believers. This workshop will present a variety of music and associated activities for celebrating baptism, confirmation, Eucharist and reconciliation.



John Burland

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

I-03 CONSCIENCE FORMATION: A CATHOLIC POINT OF VIEW

This workshop will deal with the core meaning of conscience from a Catholic point of view. Different perspectives will be presented in order to see clearly the distinctiveness of the Catholic tradition. Examples will be given along with a specific method for teaching the meaning and development of conscience.



Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, SS

Fr. Gerald Coleman is Vice President of Corporate Ethics for the Daughters of Charity Health System of the West. He is also a lecturer in moral theology at Santa Clara University in California. Fr. Coleman has taught both undergraduate and graduate students at the seminary and university levels. The former President and Rector at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif., has lectured widely and published extensively in areas of morality, ethics and pastoral theology.

I-04 TRUST THAT MY PRAISE IS WORTHY

We are called to stand firm on the promises that God will be there throughout our lives. This enables us to walk confidently and in His peace and love. Come spend some time giving witness in the unique genre of gospel music. You're guaranteed to be transformed in how you give praise!



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

Richard Cheri & Good Ground

Richard Cheri is Director of Liturgy and Music at Our Lady of the Sea Catholic Church in New Orleans. He has published several musical compositions and has made numerous presentations at liturgical and catechetical conferences throughout the country with his team of liturgical musicians: Jalonda Robertson, Timothy Jones Jr. and Jennifer Broyard Bonam. With the musical contributions of Kenneth 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.

I-05 JESUS' SUBVERSIVE PRAYER PROMOTING JUSTICE 🗣️

Jesus' commitment to "the Gospel of God's Rule" colored his whole life, including his prayer. This put him at odds with his own religion's leaders and those of the Roman Empire. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' teaching on prayer reveals a vision of God's governance that challenges the prevailing norms of the Empire and organized religion.



Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap

Fr. Michael Crosby, a Capuchin Franciscan of the Midwest province, lives in a downtown Milwaukee parish that serves the poor. When not there, he gives retreats, workshops and talks on contemporary biblical spirituality. Fr. Crosby also advises on socially responsible investing. His latest endeavor addresses the positive and negative dynamics around power in our varied relationships. His latest works include "Finding Francis, Following Christ."

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Sister Norine Nichols, osf

Comment:

My prayers with all good wishes for the Congress! Everyone who plans and works for the event does such a great job. I was fond of everything when I had the opportunity to attend. The whole program is a splendid example of how people can work together to produce such a grand affair! Blessings with peace and all good to all.

You can read other's comments and share yours on our Web site at www.RECongress.org/comments.htm

I-06 THE CHOICES WE MAKE

The choices we make become the story of our lives, yet so many of our choices are made from fear – not awareness. We seldom challenge or question the very things that must be questioned. It’s difficult to live life’s questions, yet one act of inquiry has the power to effect great change. How can I dig deep for the courage to ask the real questions and make more empowering choices?



Paula D'Arcy

Paula D'Arcy is a writer, retreat leader and speaker. After surviving an accident that took the lives of her husband and oldest daughter, she founded Red Bird Foundation, which supports healing for those in need, and sponsors Womenspeak, international conferences dedicated to worldwide change. D'Arcy is an adjunct faculty member at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio and at Seton Cove in Austin, Texas.

I-07 ENTER THE STORY: BIBLICAL METAPHORS FOR OUR LIVES

Is Miriam of Nazareth the only young woman in history who has given birth to a sacred child? Or are there nearly 7 billion of us alive this day, each of us “children of God,” heirs of a Holy One whose Spirit overshadowed our birth (Rm. 8:16-17)? Have stones been rolled back for anyone but Lazarus? Dare we hope we might one day pick up the crippled places of our lives and walk on our own? Will we ever be so transformed that our faces shine like the sun as Jesus’ did? These biblical stories happen again and again in our lives. They are unfinished stories. They are our stories. Listen to them, and find them in your life!



Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD

Franciscan sister Fran Ferder is a clinical psychologist, university professor, author and international speaker. Since 1985 she has been co-director of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA) in the Pacific Northwest along the Oregon coast. She is also an adjunct professor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. Sr. Ferder has authored several books, including “Words Made Flesh” and, with John Heagle, “Tender Fires: The Spiritual Promise of Sexuality.”

I-08 LITURGY, PREACHING AND EVANGELIZATION: THE INVITATION TO GRACE

This workshop will explore various and creative ways in which Christian communities are called to evangelize, and are re-evangelized for the life of the world and the reign and grace of God. Come and learn to engage your community in this journey of faith.



Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni

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

I-09 RIPENING INTO GOD: A SPIRITUALITY OF MATURATION

It is said that when asked what he understood by grace, John of the Cross simply answered: Grace is what happens. All of us are meant for God, and our hearts are restless until we rest in the Holy One. As humans we are pilgrims, and our home is the heart of God. What happens to us in life can be seen as the opportunities we are given for recognition. We will explore together the depth of this and attempt to look at events in human existence where we are most clearly offered moments for insight and transformation, invitations to freedom, and the chance to embrace our sacred destiny.



Barbara Fiand, SND de N

Sr. Barbara Fiand, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, is a consultant, lecturer and author who lives in Cincinnati. She formerly was on staff as adjunct Professor of Spirituality at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University, Chicago, and as Professor of Spirituality at The Athenaeum of Ohio. Sr. Fiand gives retreats throughout the country and abroad, and has written nine books. Her primary area of interest is the transformation of consciousness and the theological challenges that it invites us to embrace.

I-10 DOES THE THEOLOGY OF THE LAITY HAVE A FUTURE?

We are fast approaching the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II. Over the last five decades, there has been tremendous interest in the theology of the laity. And yet problems remain. Some feel lay ministers are still not sufficiently respected, others worry all the attention on lay ministry distracts from the laity’s obligations in the world. This presentation will consider whether the problem goes much deeper: Should we stop talking about the “laity” altogether?



Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD

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

Workshops

CONGRESS COMMENTS	Name: Jose Robledo Jr.
	Comment: I was reading the 2010 book for RECongress we received, and I wanted to congratulate you on a successful and beautiful event. I have never been to RECongress, but have heard many good things. So I decided to attend this huge spectacular event and it was very exciting. I will consider coming next year and maybe Volunteering for this event.
	Once again, I congratulate you on a successful and blessed event and much continued success. You can read other’s comments and share yours on our Web site at www.RECongress.org/comments.htm



You can find all the past Congress themes online at www.RECongress.org/themes.htm

I-11 RCIA: THE POWER AND POTENTIAL OF LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

Ministers of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and other catechists have employed “Lectionary-based” catechesis for years. Many ask, “Is this enough?” Explore ways to expand this kind of catechesis to include the entire liturgical event. Discover techniques to uncover the riches of the Mass for catechumens and candidates, as well as all those in Christian formation.



Dr. Jerry Galipeau

Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Associate Publisher at World Library Publications in Illinois. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has authored numerous publications. Dr. Galipeau has presented keynotes and workshops throughout the United States and Canada. His popular blog (gottasinggottapray.blogspot.com) provides an arena for those interested in liturgy, music and initiation.

I-12 WORK IT IN: FINDING BEAUTY IN LIFE'S IMPERFECTIONS

No one is untouched by life's untidiness. To make our life beautiful – especially in the midst of blotches, brokenness and blunders – requires a paradigm shift. We need to look at life differently. It means giving up our need for perfection. It means finding God's grace in broken things. It means accepting the blunders as a part of the whole of our life. It means taking ourselves a lot less seriously. It means not dismissing or diminishing the imperfections, but “working them in,” creating the exquisite beauty that is our life.



Rev. Terry Hershey

Terry Hershey is a Protestant minister and landscape designer on Washington's Vashon Island, near Seattle. He lives, writes and teaches the subject of his tenth book, “The Power of Pause: Becoming More by Doing Less.” Hersey, founder of “A Few Things That Matter” seminars and as a national speaker, has presented throughout the country on the topics of relationships, spirituality ... and gardening!

I-13 HOW TO TEACH ABOUT VATICAN II

October 12, 2012, marks the 50th anniversary of the opening day of the Second Vatican Council. It's time to re-charge our memories and revisit Vatican II! Using humor, anecdotes, pictures and stories, Bill Huebsch will teach you how to teach about Vatican II back home in your parish or school. Unleash the Spirit of Vatican II once again! This workshop will provide youth ministers, adult educators, pastors and parish leaders with exciting resources and plans needed to teach effectively about the council. Participants will get access to tons of excellent PowerPoint presentations, handouts, teaching plans and other resources.



Bill Huebsch

Bill Huebsch is Director of PastoralPlanning.com, an online resource for parishes and schools. He has worked in diocesan administration, parish religious education and Catholic publishing, and is currently on the adjunct faculty at the University of Dallas' School of Ministry. In 1990 Huebsch established The Vatican II Project and published “Vatican II in Plain English.” He has also published nearly 20 other books in recent years, along with numerous booklets, articles and screenplays.

I-14 YOU WANT ME TO BE GOOD ALL DAY?

Actually, God wants so much more than that! What God wants for *each* of us is a fulfilled life, a Christ-like life of deep peace and great joy! Yet, often without realizing it, our own patterns of thought (and the behaviors that follow) move us in a different direction. How do we nurture in ourselves – and in the children entrusted to our care – the habits of thought and behavior that lead to meaningful, hope-filled lives? Come hear Fr. Joe Kempf describe and demonstrate – as only he can – four essential strategies for a truly joyful life.



Fr. Joe Kempf

Fr. Joe Kempf, a diocesan priest from St. Louis, is Pastor of Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, Mo., and founder and President of Gospel Values, a non-profit company dedicated to proclaiming the message of Jesus. He is the author of numerous books including “You Want Me to Be Good ALL DAY?” and “Don't Drink the Holy Water – Big Al and Annie Go to Mass” Fr. Kempf is perhaps best known for his video works which include a series of DVDs for children called “Big Al LIVE.”

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Bruce Baumann

Comment:

This was my first time presenting at Congress. Overall, the experience was great. Everything was very well organized, the hotel accommodations were good, the volunteer teams in charge of each workshop were superb, etc. I really cannot think of anything that would need improvement. I am a very detailed person and usually analyze and evaluate events with an eye towards improvement. However, I can honestly say that I did not see or experience anything that could be improved upon (from a participant or speaker perspective).

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I-15 BRIDGING INTERPERSONAL GAPS 🗨️

Although addressing issues and problems is challenging, adults often struggle more with getting along with one another at work, in community and/or at home. This workshop will focus on respect and genuineness and fostering mutual relating – the attitudes and skills that help bridge the gaps between persons in our ministerial and personal lives – so that we can live healthier, connected and productive lives.

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

Lynn Levo, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a licensed psychologist, consultant, educator and lecturer. She consults with religious congregations of women and men, dioceses and other organizations and has presented nationally and internationally on fostering healthy integrated sexuality, relationships, intimacy and mutuality. Sr. Levo formerly served as the Director of Education and Editor of *Lukenotes* at Saint Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Md., for 12 years. Currently, she is a consulting psychologist in private practice, based in Loudonville, N.Y.

I-16 PROFESSIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATORS: THE PAIN AND THE PROMISE! 🗨️

The profession of youth ministry leaders continues to develop in our Church as more of us consider the role as both vocation and occupation. This session will identify the foundational competencies for youth ministry leadership, the various roles integral to this position, and the factors that often threaten our survival! We will also identify several survival skills and the pay-offs promised to those committed to the young church.

**Robert J. McCarty, DMIn**

Bob McCarty has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. He is currently Executive Director of the Washington, D.C.-based National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. McCarty also provides training internationally in ministry issues and skills. He serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md., and his hobbies include, cycling, rock climbing and now grandparenting!

I-17 HOLD FIRM, TRUST: LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN DAILY LIFE 🗨️

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 is this love revealed? This workshop will explore how it is revealed in justice, in works of mercy, in evangelization and in stewardship – all to God's greater glory and the transformation of the world.

**J-Glenn Murray, SJ**

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

I-18 MARRIED AND HOLY? 🗨️

The call of baptism for all people is to holiness and mission. In the vocation of marriage, the journey to holiness is walked in the relationship between husband and wife. That sacred truth is often lost in the day-to-day struggles of work and family. This workshop will invite participants to reflect upon marriage as God's gift of enduring love – for better or worse!

**Jo Ann Paradise**

Dr. Jo Ann Paradise is the National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division, formerly Harcourt Religion. She has served as catechetical administrator in several parishes in the Pittsburgh Diocese for over 32 years and was most recently Director of Parish Ministerial Life and Spiritual Formation at St. Sebastian Church. Paradise has taught in Catholic grade schools and high schools in addition to several universities in Pittsburgh.

I-19 AN ANATOMY AND THEOLOGY OF TRUST – FROM PARANOIA TO METANOIA 🗨️

Trust and believe in the Good News! These are the first words Jesus speaks to us in the Gospels, and that simple phrase contains his deepest challenge to us. What does it mean to trust? What does it mean to live our lives in trust? What things inside of us and our culture seduce us away from trust and militate against it? How do we hold firm in trust? In this session, Fr. Ron Rolheiser will present an anatomy, a theology and a spirituality of trust.

**Ron Rolheiser, OMI**

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is a community builder, lecturer and writer. Fr. Rolheiser's books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than 60 newspapers worldwide. For most of the 35 years of his priesthood, he taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

I-20 FROM JERUSALEM TO ENDS OF THE EARTH: THE DYNAMIC VISION OF THE CHURCH'S MISSION IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 🗨️

In the Book of Acts, the second of his two-volume work, the Evangelist Luke describes the dynamic work of the Spirit that carries Christianity from its roots in Jerusalem and Judaism out into the Roman world. Although somewhat neglected by many Catholic readers of the New Testament, this profound book offers a challenging and relevant portrayal of what the Church is meant to be.

**Donald Senior, CP**

Fr. Donald Senior is President of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also a member of the faculty as Professor of New Testament. He is a frequent lecturer, serves on numerous boards and commissions, and is widely published. Fr. Senior is immediate past President of the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada and has served as President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America. He is a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and he was reappointed in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI.

I-21 THE BIBLE AND THE BLUES: A MUSICAL JOURNEY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT – AND THE DELTA

Blues music, born in the Mississippi Delta, very quickly earned the reputation of being “evil” music. In this session, we will see how this reputation is (mostly!) undeserved, and note there are dramatic parallels between the values, hopes and disappointments of the Blues singers’ lyrics and the biblical themes of lament, sadness and ultimate hope in the Old Testament. Come along and learn something about “Biblical Blues,” and also a bit about American Blues music, a music to be celebrated, enjoyed and appreciated by Christians!



Dr. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher, raised a Quaker, has become extensively involved in adult biblical education in the Roman Catholic Church, and was recently appointed by Cardinal Roger Mahony to serve as a “Permanent Consultant” to the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Theological Commission. Dr. Christopher has served as Professor of Old Testament and Director of Peace Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles for over 21 years and has extensive public speaking in the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

I-22 WHAT’S YOUR DECISION? HOW TO MAKE CHOICES WITH CONFIDENCE AND CLARITY

Learn the time-tested, trustworthy approach to decision-making based on the insights of Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and author of the Spiritual Exercises, one of history’s most influential spiritual tests. This workshop will offer an “Ignatian toolkit” for making sound choices and provide answers to many common questions: What’s important and what’s not when it comes to making choices? Do I trust my gut? What do I really want? Ultimately, this workshop helps us understand that a God decision always precedes a good decision. When we invite God into the decision-making process, we find the freedom to make the best choice.



Rev. J. Michael Sparough, SJ

Jesuit Fr. Michael Sparough is a writer and Retreat Director at the Bellarmine Retreat House, near Chicago. For the past 10 years he has been an instructor of spiritual direction at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago. He has given parish mission and conducted workshops in the United States, Canada and Europe for the last 30 years. Fr. Sparough is founder of Charis Ministries, the Chicago Jesuit outreach to adults in their 20s and 30s. His latest book is titled “What’s Your Decision?”



The Exhibit Hall is one of the free benefits of registration.

I-23 MAKING THE PRO-LIFE CASE WITHIN SECULAR CULTURE

In this session, Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer provides a way for Catholics to educate our culture about the intellectual sophistication of the pro-life position in words that are both accessible and credible. He will show how this philosophy can be used to make a persuasive case within secular culture – in the media, federal and state government, public education and the legal system – and will discuss his new book, “Ten Universal Principles: A Brief Philosophy of the Life Issues.”



Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD

Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith, based in Irvine, Calif., and the Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership, located in Ann Arbor, Mich. He formerly was on staff as Assistant Professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and as Associate Professor at Seattle University and Gonzaga University, both in Washington state. Fr. Spitzer has produced six television series for EWTN. He has published numerous scholarly articles and six books.

I-24 MAKING SURE YOUR TEENS NEVER HAVE TO SAY “NOBODY TOLD ME”

Today’s teens have not been told the whole truth about the consequences of their choices when it comes to sex! The culture hands them a daily dose of sex through music, television, movies, Internet, social sites, texts, while never showing the devastation that sex outside of marriage leaves behind. Students love Pam Stenzel because she tells it like it is, no holding back, yet speaks the truth in love and in a language they can easily understand. Learn how to effectively communicate the message of chastity with your teens.



Pam Stenzel

For years, Pam Stenzel was on the “front lines” as Director of Alpha Women’s Center, until her appearance requests were so numerous that she became a full-time speaker. Since then, as founder of Enlighten Communications, she has presented abstinence assemblies to private, parochial and public schools around the world. Stenzel, with five videos in 11 languages, now travels both domestically and internationally. She has also made guest appearances on numerous national TV and radio programs.

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Deacon Mike Eisenbeiss, PhD

Comment:

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I-25 DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING: HELPING CHILDREN BE LIKE JESUS

Discipleship is the goal of all of catechesis. The National Directory for Catechesis states it this way: “The fundamental task of catechesis is to achieve this same objective: the formation of disciples of Jesus Christ” (NDC, p. 59). This workshop will focus on this discipleship and the ways in which we can achieve it in our religious education sessions. The six tasks of catechesis, parental involvement and creative, engaging activities will all be part of this workshop. In the end, good, hands-on ideas ready for implementation will be shared.

**Victor Valenzuela**

Victor Valenzuela is the National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources for William H. Sadlier, Inc. He has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. Valenzuela has been in ministry for 20 years including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training, writing and development of new materials. Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent, he is fully bilingual and bicultural.

I-26 THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE: COFFEE AND ECCLESIOLOGY

Constantly bombarded by media, how can we utilize technology as ministers in the church? What should we be doing as catechists to utilize 21st-century technology to teach the Word of God? Can we keep up with technology and innovation?

**Rev. Msgr. James C. Vlaun**

In 2006, Msgr. James Vlaun was named President and CEO of Telecare, the television station of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and currently hosts three of their syndicated shows: “Good News,” “Real Food” and “Everyday Faith Live.” For the past 21 years, he has also hosted “Religion and Rock,” a nationally syndicated radio show. Msgr. Vlaun has authored two books and is part of a mission team that has offered missions in over 40 parishes. In addition, for the past 11 seasons, he ministers as the Catholic Chaplain for the New York Jets.

I-27 FROM BIRTH TO RESURRECTION

Come and explore the ways sacred music helps us celebrate the high points of life – with a special focus on funeral liturgies.

**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’s music is sung in churches worldwide, and he travels frequently, giving workshops and lectures on liturgy, music and children’s worship in countries around the globe. His latest music offerings include a rich variety of songs and psalms.

I-28 HOLD FIRM ... TRUST: THREE ESSENTIAL LESSONS FOR NEW OR WEARY CATECHISTS AND TEACHERS

As St. Paul sat in a prison cell in Rome, he wrote a personal letter to his protégée Timothy, who was struggling with self-doubt as intellectuals confronted him with complex arguments. Timothy began to doubt that he had the ability to do what God was asking of him. In his letter, Paul implores Timothy to “hold firm and trust” in what God has in store for him. In this seminar we will explore Paul’s lessons in faith and consider how they apply to us in these troubled times of uncertainty. This session is for anyone who has suffered doubt about their own suitability as a catechist or religious educator. It may also be useful for anyone whose role is to support, train or recruit others to the teaching ministries.

**David Wells**

David Wells is Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Plymouth, England. He sits on several advisory bodies and working parties for the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. He has spoken at conferences throughout the diocese in England and Wales. In his own diocese, he has helped produce learning resources and, most recently, has been involved in helping prepare for Pope Benedict’s September 2010 visit to England. His video series is titled, “You, Your Children and Their Catholic Faith.”

I-70 Lời Chúa Trong Đời Sống Của Người Kitô Hữu (Tv 119, 105)

Sứ mệnh của người Kitô hữu là làm chứng cho Chúa Giê-su trong đời sống thường ngày. Làm thế nào để người Kitô hữu thể hiện sứ mạng này trong bối cảnh hội nhập văn hoá và đối thoại tôn giáo? Lời Chúa sẽ dạy chúng ta biết cách suy nghĩ và hành động thế nào để cuộc sống của chúng ta thực sự trở thành lời chứng, và nhờ đó người Kitô hữu tìm thấy sự bình an đích thực trong cuộc sống của mình.

**Đức cha Nguyễn Văn Bàn**

Đức cha Nguyễn Văn Bàn sinh ngày 26-11-1956 tại Tuy Hoà, Phú Yên. Chịu chức Linh mục năm 1993. Có bằng Thạc sĩ thần học môn Kinh Thánh tại học viện Công Giáo Paris năm 2004 và bằng cao cấp về Kinh Thánh tại học viện Công Giáo Paris năm 2005. Dạy môn Kinh Thánh tại Đại Chủng Viện Sao Biển Nha Trang từ năm 2005. Đức cha cũng là chuyên viên của Thượng Hội Đồng Giám Mục Thế Giới về Lời Chúa năm 2008. Ngài được tấn phong làm giám mục giáo phận Ban Mê Thuột từ ngày 12-05-2009.



2-01 CONNECTING LEARNING WITH RELIGION AT THE CENTER OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM ☺

One important task of an early childhood teacher is to help children make connections between the new concepts they learn and their new developmental skills. Finding a way to connect learning across content areas and developmental domains is a challenge for many teachers who now have to teach content that aligns with the kindergarten and first grade curriculum. In this session, participants will learn to plan their curriculum with important religion topics serving as unifying themes.



Dr. Shauna Adams

Dr. Shauna Adams is an Associate Professor of Early Childhood at the University of Dayton, Ohio, where she teaches child development and curriculum. She serves as the faculty liaison to the Bombeck Family Learning Center, the University of Dayton's Demonstration School that provides a basis for her scholarship and professional presentations. Dr. Adams also has 10 years' experience teaching special education.

2-02 LITURGICAL MOVEMENT: BREATHE, PRAY, DANCE ☺

Enter into the prayer through breath work, guided movement and danced meditations. "Spread the message, be the prayer." This session, appropriate for middle school through adult, is focused on those who wish to weave liturgical movement into their celebrations, teachers seeking creative ways to inspire students and those who wish to explore their own spirituality in motion. Come prepared to dance!



Donna Anderle

Donna Anderle is an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer who continues to give workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concert. The nationally known liturgical dancer is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet and Midwest Theatre Ballet and is involved in Cincy Dance, an outreach program for Cincinnati intercity schools. Anderle has choreographed for major national youth conferences. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video.

2-03 GET THEM SINGING ... GET THEM ENGAGED! ☺

This workshop will present practical ways to engage your assembly in song, from song choice to song performance. Learn how to "get out of the way" and let the Spirit go to work!



Ed Bolduc

Ed Bolduc has been on the music staff at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Marietta, Ga., for almost 19 years. He is a published composer and recording artist with World Library Publications, where he is also on staff as a Project Editor. Bolduc has presented or performed at National Association of Pastoral Musicians workshops, Life Teen conferences and workshops, and at parish retreats. He was editor/contributor for "Love One Another" and has a CD titled "Word for Word."

2-04 WHO WOULD JESUS HIRE? CREATING A MOVEMENT TO WELCOME THE OUTCAST, THE GANG MEMBER AND THE FELON ☺

Using the Gospel and seeking to take seriously what Jesus took seriously, this workshop hopes to foster in our faith communities real ways to respond to the outcast in our midst and to welcome them as Jesus would.



Gregory J. Boyle, SJ

Fr. Greg Boyle is founder and Executive Director of Jobs For a Future/Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention and employment referral program for gang-involved youth in the United States. Fr. Boyle is an acknowledged expert on gangs and intervention approaches and is a nationally renowned speaker. He is also a consultant to youth service and governmental agencies, policy makers and employers.

2-05 WOMEN'S STRENGTH, WOMEN'S VOICES ☺

How do women develop a trust in their own experience of God? We are women standing on the shoulders of the women giants of our tradition who model for us how to be strongly rooted in God's love and on fire with God's passion. We recognize our strength by holding on firmly to our faith and learning how to use our voices. This workshop will explore women's spiritual development that leads to confidence and a firm trust in the God who empowers us.



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathy Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. Her special interests are in spirituality, formation, women's spiritual development, and abolition of human trafficking. Sr. Bryant has authored numerous articles and books and has presented workshops in Australia, Ireland, Africa as well as throughout the United States.

2-06 POORLY PRACTICED, MISUNDERSTOOD AND UNDER-APPRECIATED: THE LITURGY OF PENANCE ☺

Perhaps the least well understood and most poorly practiced liturgies of the Church today are those celebrating the sacrament of penance – in any of its ritual forms. Few Catholics understand that it is a liturgy of the Church, and even less understand the role of Scripture in the celebration, or even the fact of Christ's authentic presence in the celebration of this sacramental liturgy. What fields do we need to sell to discover this pearl of great price and give it a meaningful place in our spirituality today?



Dr. Eileen C. Burke-Sullivan

Eileen Burke-Sullivan, STD, is Director of the Master of Arts in Ministry program and Associate Director of the Master of Christian Spirituality program at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., where she is also an Associate Professor of Theology. She has served as a full-time pastoral minister in parish and diocesan positions in both Catholic and Protestant churches throughout the United States and Canada. Burke-Sullivan is co-author of a book entitled "The Ignatian Tradition."

2-07 A TIME FOR HEALING, A TIME FOR SERVICE 🗣️

Amid the difficulties facing the Church with the sexual abuse scandal, we are given a unique opportunity to bring the healing presence of Christ to survivors and to everyone in the Church. Bishop Blase Cupich, Chair of the U.S. Bishops' Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People, will address how our ministry to those who have been harmed is an opportunity for the entire Church to mature in the likeness of Christ.

**Most Rev. Blase J. Cupich**

Bishop Blase Cupich, installed as the sixth bishop for the Diocese of Spokane, Wash., is Chair of the Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People, a commission of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In his ministry as a priest, he has served as pastor, teacher and seminary rector. The former Bishop of Rapid City, S.D., was installed in 2010 as Bishop of Spokane.

2-08 HEALING STORIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT 🗣️

The Gospels contain many stories about the various healings that Jesus performed as part of his mission and ministry. This workshop looks at several of the many healing stories to gain an understanding of the story and to explore how healing took place and was understood in the time of Jesus. The workshop also explores how we might become a healing presence like Jesus in our world today.

**Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD**

Sr. Carol Dempsey is a Professor of Theology at the University of Portland, Ore., where she teaches graduate and undergraduate students. A renown lecturer and scholar both nationally and internationally, Sr. Dempsey has authored five books, edited four and published numerous articles and papers. Her latest works include "Isaiah: God's Poet of Light" and "Isaiah 1-39."

2-09 WHAT'S NEW ABOUT THE "NEW EVANGELIZATION"? 🗣️

Evangelical Catholics, arise! Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has introduced an exciting initiative called "The New Evangelization." How does this new approach differ from that of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II? How have you evangelized in the 36 years since *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, Pope Paul VI's landmark encyclical on evangelization? Bring your parish and school ideas, and let's get busy spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ!

**Msgr. Ray East**

Msgr. Ray East, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., served in several local parishes before being named Pastor at St. Teresa of Avila Church. The former Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Washington Archdiocese continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynote addresses at major national events. Msgr. East is a board member of several organizations, and has worked in the areas of liturgy, youth ministry, initiation and evangelization.



The Saturday Evening "Mariachi" Concert at the 2010 RECongress.

2-10 YOU MEAN THEY DON'T ALL LEARN THE SAME WAY? 🗣️

Young people are unique and have their own ways of learning best. When a catechist/teacher is aware of these styles, the learning environment can come alive in new ways! Come to this workshop to: 1) explore how to more effectively identify learning styles and avoid common mistakes in judgment; 2) understand your learning style and see how it influences how you work with others; and 3) discover some simple steps to create a learning-favorable environment for all!

**Steven Ellair**

Steven Ellair is a senior editor and national presenter with Minnesota-based Saint Mary's Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 20 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic school teacher, and also catechetical consultant for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for nearly eight years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for the past 16 years.

2-11 OPEN WIDE THE DOORS: HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE APPRECIATE AND EMBRACE THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP 🗣️

Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has written to young people, "If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, absolutely nothing, of what makes life free, beautiful and great." Amid all the contrary messages competing for their attention, how do we help our young people to hear deeply the call of the Gospel and to have the courage to respond with joy and generosity? This workshop will explore some ideas that David Gentry-Akin has found effective in working with college age young adults.

**David Gentry-Akin**

Dave Gentry-Akin is Professor of Theology at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga, where he has taught for 16 years. He serves on the Mission and Ethics Advisory Committee of Christus Health System, a Catholic health-care system based in Dallas, Texas. Gentry-Akin has spoken at scholarly conferences across the United States and in Europe.

2-12 DYING TO LIVE: A THEOLOGY OF IMMIGRATION ☺

Immigration is a global, complex and controversial issue. What often gets lost are the profound human and spiritual issues at stake. This talk will offer a theological perspective on migration by looking at 1) the foundational territory; 2) the geographical territory; and 3) the spiritual and theological territory of migration. As we look at the issue from a global perspective, we will also view it from a personal perspective and explore the ways in which migration names what it means to be human before God in Jesus Christ and opens the path to solidarity with those who are most in need.



Fr. Daniel G. Groody, CSC, PhD

Fr. Daniel Groody is a Holy Cross religious, a scholar, teacher and an award-winning author and film producer. He is currently Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the Institute for Latino

Studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Fr. Groody has worked with the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican on issues of theology, globalization and immigration.

2-13 GREAT SUFFERING, GREAT LOVE ☺

Grief and loss have the power to silence us. They are also a powerful language of the soul that can transform suffering into compassion and hope. In this workshop, we will explore the healing that is possible on the other side of grief ... not only through death but also through the many “deaths” of everyday living. Here is a chance to discover remarkable gifts on the other side of tragedy. The real life stories shared here will both inspire and teach about the triumph of love and death!



Richard F. Groves

Richard Groves is founding Director of the Sacred Art of Living Center, located in Bend, Ore. A hospice and hospice chaplain for 30 years, Groves is one of this country's leading pastoral care educators in the sacred art of living and dying. He speaks

nine languages and now teaches extensively throughout the world. Together with his wife Mary, the Groves have created pastoral training programs for more than 20,000 health-care and faith-community professionals. He has written a book, “The American Book of Living and Dying.”

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Beverly Franco

Comment:

Last year I wound up taking Metro-Link to the Anaheim station from Union Station and then the bus which dropped me off right in front of the Convention Center. I plan on doing that again this next year. In my wait for the bus back to the Metro-Link station, I had a very interesting conversation with two of the presenters. Like old friends chatting, what a pleasure and it would have been missed if I had driven and had to search out my car and endure the freeway. Looking forward to another great experience.

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2-14 NEW MISSAL, NEW SONGS: A NEW CALL TO SING PRAISE

This session will be an exploration of the challenges and opportunities that the new Roman Missal will present to us, especially in regards to our sung prayer. We will sing through and examine new and revised musical settings for the Mass, with an eye for strategies and approaches for catechesis, implementation, and the long-term formation of our ministers of music and praying assemblies that will be necessary in the liturgical journey that awaits us. Come ready to sing, ponder and celebrate the new ways in which God can receive our song of praise!



David Haas

David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, and Campus Minister/Artist-in-Residence at Benilde-St. Margaret's High School in St. Louis Park, Minn. The composer, workshop and retreat leader, concert performer and recording artist, is also Executive Director of “Music Ministry Alive,” a liturgical music formation program for youth. Haas' music appears in hymnals throughout the English-speaking world.

2-15 MISSION HAITI ☺

What is the situation in Haiti 14 months after the terrible January 12, 2010 earthquake? How wounded is the Church? What are conditions in Haiti's worst slum, *Cite Soleil*? What can be done? What can an individual parish do? What does it mean to that parish? Fr. Tom Hagan, who has spent the last 16 years working in Haiti, reports with the Mission Haiti team from Holy Family Parish in South Pasadena, Calif.



Fr. Tom Hagan, OSFS

Fr. Tom Hagan, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is a former Chaplain who served at the University of Pennsylvania, at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, and at Princeton University in New Jersey. He founded the mission program Hands Together in 1997, after he led a group of college students to Haiti and was compelled to respond to the needs of the poor there. Fr. Hagan's many projects for the poor in Haiti receive support from many U.S. parishes, including Holy Family Parish in South Pasadena.

2-16 FINDING HAPPINESS: MONASTIC STEPS FOR A FULFILLING LIFE

Many self-help books tell us how to be happy, but what do we mean by “happiness”? Why is everybody pursuing it? Fr. Christopher Jamison explores the tradition of the first Christian monks and nuns to discover how to handle the thoughts that block the path to real happiness.



Fr. Christopher Jamison, OSB

Fr. Christopher Jamison entered Worth Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Sussex, England, where he served as Abbot from 2002 to 2010. Due to the success of the BBC-TV broadcast “The Monastery,” a series based at Worth Abbey, Fr. Jamison has appeared on numerous British TV and radio shows and has been a speaker at numerous conferences and gatherings. He is currently Director of the National Office for Vocation and President of the International Commission on Benedictine Education.

2-17 MULTICULTURAL WORSHIP — BECOMING BRIDGE-BUILDERS & BORDER-CROSSERS

Southern California has one of the most diverse demographics in the country and offers rich opportunities for multicultural worship. Yet gathering diverse communities for liturgy is often challenging because of resistance from the mainstream and ethnic groups, as well as a lack of multilingual resources and various levels of cross-cultural competence. Let's talk nuts and bolts ideas and share our stories and some new musical resources ... and even take a peek at the new national guidelines being proposed by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.



Jesse Manibusan

For years Jesse Manibusan has worked in music ministry and youth ministry as an encourager, proclaimer, evangelizer, singer and storyteller. He is co-founder of 2 by 2 Ministries, a preaching/music ministry. Manibusan presents at parish missions and Catholic schools to diocesan, regional and national events throughout Canada, Germany, Spain, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. He is published by OCP, spiritandsong.com and GIA Publications.



Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

Franciscan Brother Rufino Zaragoza is based in Oakland, Calif., and serves as a liturgical music consultant and as Project Coordinator for OCP. Continually surveying the richness of multicultural communities, he lectures on the joys and complexities of intercultural worship. Several months of each year Bro. Zaragoza teaches in Vietnam and travels through Asia, researching liturgical inculturation of the East and developing bilingual resources. He has numerous articles in Today's Liturgy magazine.

2-18 THE CHALLENGE OF UNITY WITH OUR ADVERSARIES

We seem to be living in increasingly adversarial times, with tensions and divisions afflicting both our society and our Church. After presenting the "signs of the times" (that is, the reasons for the tensions in our social and faith communities), this workshop will develop a spirituality of reconciliation, rooted in the theology of Martin Luther King, Jr., that seeks to build bridges between adversaries and maintain unity with whom we differ and disagree.



Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, has taught at the seminary and university levels for 20 years and is currently Professor of Theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, he has lectured extensively on social and racial justice issues throughout the United States. A former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Fr. Massingale has addressed most national Catholic conferences and is a past Religious Education Congress keynote.



Friday through Sunday, Hall A hosts over 250 exhibitors.

2-19 THE COLORS, SHAPES, SYMBOLS AND FAITH OF A MULTICULTURAL CHURCH

Art and story introduce us to traditional symbols of the Church and also teach children about prayer. With the new eyes of our multicultural, modern faith, we will take a look at tradition with a twist. Practical suggestions and project ideas will be offered for the artistic and non-artistic alike.



Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS

Brother Mickey McGrath is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales who paints pictures, tells stories and speaks as keynote or presenter at retreats and conferences around the country. He has been Artist-in-Residence at the Washington Theological Union for 20 years, and has taught at the Grunewald Guild in Leavenworth, Wash. Bro. McGrath has produced 10 books and creates art for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and many Catholic publishers, including America magazine, Crossroads Press, Harcourt Religion and Saint Mary's Press.

2-20 HOLD FIRM AS YOU ARE HELD

Our God holds the world firm and holds each and all of us – all 6.8 billion of us! The nature of our God is both to hold and to remain steadfast, faithful and true. It is in looking at our God and the Holy One's ways in creation, in word and deed and in the person of the beloved friend Jesus that we learn what it means to hold firm as human beings, the beloved children and friends of God. Come and look at God! This vision gives us the power to trust with wild hope no matter what is happening in the world or in our hearts.



Megan McKenna

Megan McKenna, living in Albuquerque, N.M., travels internationally doing Scripture workshops, work with base communities and indigenous peoples, in the areas of peace and justice, human rights, conversion and reconciliation, adult education, storytelling, liturgy/sacraments and church. McKenna is author of 40 books and teaches at a number of universities, colleges and pastoral institutes, and is an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA.

2-21 EUCHARISTIC WORSHIP OUTSIDE MASS

J-Glenn Murray, SJ

In our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, Christ is made present, by the power of the Holy Spirit. He saves and sets us free. It is the Father's relentless love for us made real in that meal where we keep memory of Christ's sacrificial death and salvific Resurrection. It is a love that endures in the Blessed Sacrament and our worship of Christ, who is waiting, wanting and willing to be present to us in good times and bad.

2-22 WHAT DO WE DO IF THEY DO COME HOME?

We want people to return to the Church. So what if they do come back? How do we make sure that they feel welcome enough to stay? When the Seattle Archdiocese invested half a million dollars in their "Catholics Come Home" advertising campaign, parishes asked "What do we do if all these people really do come back?" The archdiocese responded by providing parishes with practical advice for how we can make our parishes a more welcoming and hospitable environment. This workshop will lay out these and other suggestions that every parish can use to welcome our people home.



Deacon Eric Paige

Deacon Eric Paige serves the Seattle Archdiocese as part of the Office of the Vicar for Clergy's Leadership and Transition Services Field Staff. He also coordinates the Formation for Love and Chastity Program through the Office of Catholic Faith Formation, where he formerly served as a catechist teaching parents and teens. A former instructor for the Seattle Archdiocese's Catechetical Certification Program, Deacon Paige also serves as Pastoral Associate at All Saints Parish in Puyallup, Wash.

2-23 INVOLVING PARENTS IN YOUR MINISTRY

Are you tired of complaining about the lack of parental involvement? Would you like parents not only on your side but *at* your side, ready, willing and able to assist or even help lead? In this workshop, we'll explore what's holding parents back and what we can do about it. Leave with practical resources and an action plan to move parents from the margins to the center of your ministries.



Dr. Sean Reynolds

Dr. Sean Reynolds has more than 30 years' full-time experience in Catholic ministry. For more than 20 years he served as Director of the Cincinnati Archdiocese's Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. Dr. Reynolds served as adjunct Professor at the Athenaeum of Ohio, at the University of Dayton and at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. Author of numerous articles and papers, he is the author of "Multiply the Ministry: A Practical Guide of Grassroots Ministry Empowerment."

2-24 FALLING UPWARD: A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE TWO HALVES OF LIFE

Many pastoral and practical problems are addressed when we recognize that we have two very different tasks and goals in our lives. Fr. Richard Rohr will describe the differences and how we cross from one to the other. What are the implications for our personal lives and the life of the church?



Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

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

2-25 ARTICLES OF FAITH FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: THE APOSTLES' CREED

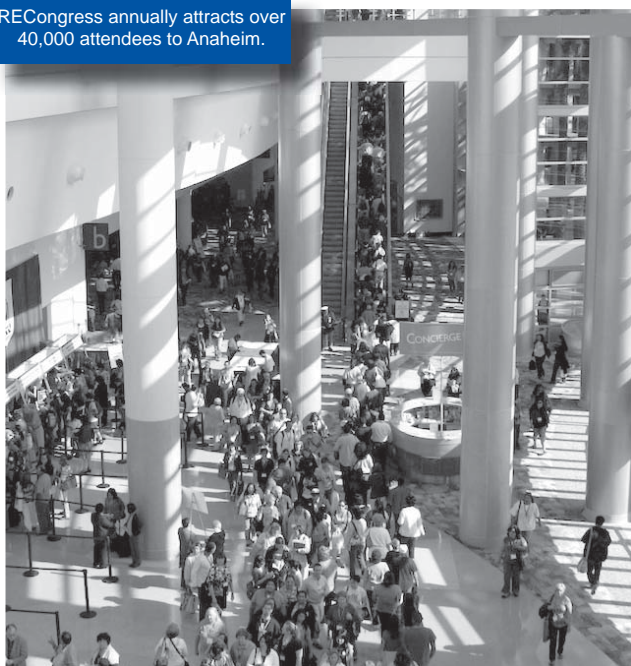
As Catholics, we hold the Apostles' Creed as a great gift summarizing the belief of the early Apostles and calling us to share in that same faith. But the creed is not in the Bible. Where did it come from? Today we still hold this creed as an important summary of our faith and a link to the first Apostles of the Church. But how do we understand the theological claims of the creed today? How can we understand "descent into hell," or "seated at the right hand of God" with a modern view of the universe? This session will explore a brief history of the creed, the articles themselves, and their meaning for today.



Dr. Brian Schmisek

A popular speaker and author of several books, Dr. Brian Schmisek is founding Dean of the School of Ministry at the University of Dallas. He formerly served as Director of the Greco Institute for the Diocese of Shreveport, La., and as pastoral assistant at Christ the King Parish in Evergreen, Colo. Dr. Schmisek has taught at several catechetical conferences as well as at deacon formation and adult faith-formation classes in several dioceses.

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2-26 LOVING & LEARNING BEYOND LIMITATION ☪

Those who care for and teach children with special needs face unique challenges and opportunities. Weaving together ancient and personal stories, this presentation attempts to encourage, inspire and challenge us to love, teach and learn beyond the perceived limitations of our hearts and minds.

**Michael & Christine Way Skinner**

Michael and Christine Way Skinner live in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada. Christine is a catechist at St. John Chrysostom Parish in Newmarket. Michael is a Consultant for Faith Leadership and Student Engagement with the York Catholic District School Board in Aurora, Ontario. He is also a monthly columnist with St. Anthony Messenger magazine, International Edition, and former columnist with The Companion of St. Anthony magazine.

2-27 THE RCIA AS THE MODEL FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION ☪

Do you want to expand the level of lifelong formation in your parish? Come and learn how easy, practical methods – drawn from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – can transform the lives of your parishioners. This will result in better liturgy, deeper faith and households that really live what they believe! There's no magic solution here, but these practical steps will take you down the road to a richer parish life.

**Nick Wagner**

Nick Wagner is a co-founder of the online resource TeamRCIA.com. He is Editor of Today's Parish and has more than 25 years' experience as a leader and trainer in liturgical and catechetical ministries, speaking at national, diocesan and parish training events. Wagner is a team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and is on the faculty at the San Jose Institute for Leadership in Ministry. He is author of "The Heart of Faith: A Field Guide for Catechumens and Candidates."

2-28 FIVE THINGS TEACHERS NEED TO KNOW TO HELP STUDENTS DEVELOP SELF-DISCIPLINE ☪

Teachers are not given much assistance in developing sound discipline skills. With God's grace this needs to change. Teaching efficiency is reduced whenever disciplinary disruptions occur and continue to occur. Teachers today need a caring helping hand. Char Wenc has been an educator for 30 years from the primary to the graduate school level. Her realistic, humorous session will energize and empower you with practical techniques for discipline and positive reinforcement in your classrooms.

**Char Wenc, MEd**

Char Wenc is an internationally known author and speaker. She is a Professor at Loyola University and at the Adler School of Professional Psychology, both located in Chicago. She is author of "Parenting: Are We Having Fun Yet?" and "Cooperation Learning through Laughter." Wenc is the winner of Those Who Excel in Education Award. She has 30 years teaching experience, 20 years in public speaking and 10 years as a Member of the National Speakers Association.

2-70 Giữ Vững Đức Tin Công Giáo mà Các Thánh Tử vì Đạo Việt Nam đã vun trồng ☪

Đã hơn 4 thế kỷ, Việt Nam đón nhận Tin Mừng của Chúa Kitô. Máu tử vì đạo của tiền nhân đã vun trồng hạt giống đức tin. Ngày nay, người Công giáo Việt Nam đang làm nhân chứng cho Thiên Chúa và Giáo Hội trên khắp năm châu. Làm thế nào để ta tiếp tục sống đức tin anh dũng? Liệu người Công giáo Việt Nam trên đất Mỹ có còn giữ vững và phát huy truyền thống đức tin vững mạnh hay không?

**Rev. Hy Nguyen, SS
Linh mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, SS**

Linh Mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, SS, đến Hoa Kỳ năm 1987. Cha tốt nghiệp Cử Nhân Triết Học tại Đại Học San Diego, Cao học Thần Học (M.A in Theology và M.Div.) tại Đại Chủng Viện St. Patrick (San Francisco) và Tiến Sĩ Thần Học tại Đại Học Gregorian, Roma. Hiện nay cha là giáo sư giảng dạy môn Thần Học Tin Lý tại Đại Chủng Viện St. Mary's, Baltimore, Maryland. Cha Hy thuộc tu hội Xuân Bích, tỉnh dòng Hoa Kỳ.



3-01 SHARING THE BISHOPS' FRAMEWORK WITH PARISH TEENS ☺

"Come, follow me" are Jesus' words of invitation that extend to all people, including teens of high school age who are not in Catholic high schools! The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Curriculum Framework has given shape to the catechetical content to lead teens to both a knowledge of and heartfelt relationship with Jesus. This session explores a creative trimester model for parish youth ministry and religious education programs that allows for flexibility and a variety of methods in sharing essential catechesis with teens.



Michael Amodei

Michael Amodei is Executive Editor of Adolescent Catechesis at Ave Maria Press, based in Notre Dame, Ind., and author of two new books of catechesis for high school teens based on the new USCCB Curriculum Framework. A former Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister at St. Monica's Church in Santa Monica, Calif., Amodei is currently confirmation catechist at Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame, Ind.

3-02 WHY DO YOU DO WHAT YOU DO? INTEGRATED LITURGY: IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE MUSIC ☺

It is necessary to understand the ritual you are celebrating. This workshop will teach you how to make appropriate music selections for the rites, which engage the assembly and bring the ritual to life.



John Angotti

John Angotti is a full-time music missionary who travels throughout the world providing concerts, workshops, retreats, missions, conferences and worship. His contemporary music and lyrics have earned him awards including Male Vocalist of the Year. Angotti was a featured performer in Sydney, Australia, for World Youth Day 2008. He has nine CDs including a Christmas album titled "Welcome Home for Christmas."

3-03 CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGIES OF MINISTRY FOR PASTORAL WORKERS

How does our understanding of God relate to how we work and the Church? How do theologians currently envision the identity and mission of the minister and the church? In this session, we will explore some recent theologies of ministry and ask how they contribute to the ways that pastoral workers develop their own theologies of ministry.



Tom Beaudoin, PhD

Dr. Tom Beaudoin is Associate Professor of Practical Theology in the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University in New York. He also currently coordinates the Rock and Theology Project, which explores "secular" rock and "sacred" theology. Dr. Beaudoin is author of many published articles and essays on faith and culture; his most recent book is "Witness to Dispossession: The Vocation of a Postmodern Theologian." He lectures nationally and internationally.

3-04 THE WOMAN AT THE WELL ☺

The story of the Woman at the Well is one of the most stirring Gospels of our Lenten season. Through the arts of storytelling, drama and dance, step inside this beloved Scripture passage. Explore the deserts of thirst and the tentative reach toward trust. Lean into the support of Christ's firm embrace – and drink from the fountain of living water he offers. Come ready to learn tools, listen, embody, hold firm, let go, proclaim and dance!



Betsey Beckman, MM

Betsey Beckman is a liturgical movement artist, storyteller, spiritual director and retreat leader based in Seattle. With her extensive background in performance, movement therapy ministry and InterPlay, she regularly appears as artist/presenter at national conventions and is also Director of Dance Ministry at her home parish, St. Patrick. Beckman's recent releases include the book, "Awakening the Creative Spirit: Bringing the Arts to Spiritual Direction," and the DVD, "The Dancing Word: Mary Magdalene."



Laura Ash

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Parish in Seattle, where, with Betsey Beckman, she has supported the ministry of movement for nearly 20 years. Laura and her husband, David, have composed and published three albums of liturgical music and have created music for numerous liturgical dance offerings, including "The Dancing Word" DVD series.

3-05 RCIA WITH CHILDREN AND THE ROLE OF LITURGICAL CATECHESIS ☺

This workshop will explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults as it is adapted for children of catechetical age. After providing an overview of the RCIA with children, the session will focus on the place of liturgical catechesis in the formation of children seeking initiation. Attention will be given to the role of catechumenate catechists and why they must be steeped and trained in liturgical catechesis.



Rita Burns Senseman

Rita Burns Senseman is a freelance writer and parish catechist for the Christian Initiation of Children at St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute, Ind. The former parish DRE also served as Associate Director at the Office of Catechetics/Religious Education for the Detroit Archdiocese and as a Team Member for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Senseman has written numerous books and articles including the confirmation preparation program, "Anointed in the Spirit."

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Debbie Wiseman

Comment:

I enjoyed Congress this year. I would like to know when next year's dates will be definite. I am a nurse and I have to put in for my time off way in advance. I already put in to take the Congress dates off.

Reply: Future Congress dates can be found online. Congress 2012 is scheduled for March 22, 2012 (Youth Day) & March 23-25, 2012

You can read other's comments and share yours on our Web site at www.RECongress.org/comments.htm

3-06 SINGING THE YEAR ROUND! SONGS & STRATEGIES FOR ELEMENTARY CATECHISTS AND TEACHERS 🗣️

From Easter to Easter songs, Andrew Chinn will present strategies and stories to assist the catechist and teacher in developing children's knowledge of faith, Scripture and sacraments. Drawing on his 25 years as an elementary teacher and musician, Andrew will take you on a musical journey through the Church year with children. From songs to help you "survive" your first day to ideas for Holy Week, this workshop will help you in preparing children for first holy communion, confirmation, learning about the saints and key Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.

**Andrew Chinn**

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before turning to full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. Chinn has visited more than 750 Catholic elementary schools across Australia, New Zealand and the United States. He has released six CDs, two DVDs and five picture books, which are used widely by teachers and catechists in faith development.

3-07 HOPE IN GOD ALONE! THE IGNATIAN WAY OF LIVING A FREE AND FULFILLED LIFE 🗣️

St. Ignatius of Loyola was a Basque who took charge of his life, and nothing would stop him from doing what he thought was the right and best thing to do. This was true even in his relationship with God. It was only when he let go and put his hope and trust fully in God that everything changed. He experienced both spiritual and psychological freedom. He was now disposed to receive the best gifts God and all of life had to offer him.

**Paul Coutinho**

Paul Coutinho, a native of India and a Jesuit of the Bombay province, is an internationally recognized Ignatian scholar, author and speaker. Fr. Coutinho formerly served as Editor of Ignis: South Asian Journal of Ignatian Spirituality, and taught Pastoral Theology at the Pontifical Atheneum Jnana Deepa Vidyapeetha in Pune, India. He received his doctorate from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., where he is now on the faculty for the School for Professional Studies.



2010 Keynote Mitch Albom at the Book Signing Area.

3-08 CREATING AND MAINTAINING A "HOUSEHOLD" CHURCH 🗣️

What are the rituals, symbols and actions that can take place inside a Catholic home? Much of the celebrations of Catholicism take place outside the home. Baptism, Mass, marriage, reconciliation, confirmation and a number of other rituals are celebrated inside our church buildings. How can "reconciliation" work at home? What can be done with those baptism and wedding candles? Can a confirmation service project become a family service project after confirmation? This workshop will offer practical ways to enhance all these rituals at home and will explore a variety of religious images and symbols that can be a daily "home" reminder of our faith.

**Rev. John C. Cusick**

Ordained in 1970 for the Chicago Archdiocese, Fr. John Cusick began the archdiocesan ministry to those in their 20s and 30s in 1977 and has maintained that ministry ever since as Director of Young Adult Ministry for the archdiocese. He has been a part of the Theology-on-Tap program for the past 29 years. Fr. Cusick speaks nationally and internationally at diocesan conferences, parish missions and priest convocations.

3-09 THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL: PART I – PROCESS AND CHANGES

This workshop will examine the changes expected in the new Roman Missal, and chart the sometimes contentious process of translation and retranslation that has brought us to this moment. A follow up workshop will consider pastoral responses to the changes. (Continued in Session 4-07.)

**Edward Foley**

Capuchin Edward Foley is the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality, and the Professor of Liturgy and Music at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. With 25 years of teaching and 18 books and over 300 pastoral and scholarly articles to his credit, Fr. Foley is a widely sought-after lecturer on liturgy. The award-winning author is currently serving as General Editor for a new commentary on the Ordo Missae.

3-10 ECKHART TOLLE, JOHN OF THE CROSS AND TERESA OF AVILA: LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD 🗣️**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

Eckhart Tolle, one of the finest contemporary writers, reawakens our interest in Christian mysticism and the great gift of God's presence among us now. Drawing inspiration from the writings of great mystics such as John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila, Tolle invites us to savor the wisdom of the tradition as well as contemporary insights. The session is sure to enrich the spiritual journey.

3-11 DRAMA AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN! ☪

You can never have too much drama in your life! Anne Frawley-Mangan invites you to join her in discovering ways of using drama to enhance religious education and liturgy, with a particular focus on Scripture. In this fun and interactive workshop, you will learn skills and techniques that will confirm that drama and religious education are indeed a match made in heaven!



Anne Frawley-Mangan

For over 20 years, Anne Frawley-Mangan has been Creative Director of Litmus Productions in Brisbane, Australia, where she writes and publishes drama and music resources for use in liturgy and education. Together with Michael Mangan, she has developed musical plays for Christmas and Easter. Frawley-Mangan, who also teaches Speech and Proclamation at Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, presents workshops and keynote addresses in Australia, New Zealand and North America.

3-14 HOLY TRADITION CALLED JUSTICE: THE FAITH THAT JESUS INHERITS

The Scriptures that Jesus draws from include a remarkable claim about God and make a challenging claim on those who would dare worship this God. The Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) paint a remarkable possibility about how God's people can know an intimate relationship with God and holy, life-giving relationships with each other. This vision informs the ministry of Jesus and is critical for a full appreciation of Christian spirituality and the path of discipleship.



Jack Jezreel

Jack Jezreel spent six years in a Catholic Worker community before turning his attention to transformative education. For the last dozen years he has given 40-50 presentations annually, including continuing education opportunities for priests, deacons, religious communities as well as keynote addresses for Pax Christi, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities USA, and the National Association of Diaconate Directors. Jezreel is the original author of "JustFaith" and serves as founder and Executive Director of JustFaith Ministries, based in Kentucky.

3-12 WOULD JESUS RECOGNIZE OUR CHURCH? ☪

Would Jesus recognize our church of today? Of course, everything depends on our understanding of "our Church" and "recognize"! Jesus did not set up a new ecclesial institution, and after 2000 years of development, many things have been done "in his name." So, what might Jesus recognize, approve of and challenge? We can at least suggest some answers.



Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp

Fr. Anthony Gittins, a member of the Spiritan community, is a native of England. He worked in Sierra Leone, West Africa through the 1970s, was Faith Formation Director in London in the early '80s and has taught theology since 1984 in Chicago, where he is currently Professor of Theology and Culture at the Catholic Theological Union. He spends half the year giving workshops and retreats nationally and internationally.

3-15 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: A NEW PARADIGM FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION ☪

In this session, punitive justice gives way to "restorative justice" – a pathway that converts criminals into productive citizens and allows for the restoration of the individual rather than his or her continued punishment.



Azim N. Khamisa

Having lost his 20-year-old son, Tariq, in a gang-related shooting in January 1995, Azim Khamisa now speaks of powerful and life-changing concepts. He is founder and President of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation, which is dedicated to breaking the cycle of youth violence by empowering children, saving lives and teaching peace. Khamisa is also author of three best-selling books: "Azim's Bardo – From Murder to Forgiveness," "A Father's Journey, From Forgiveness to Fulfillment," and "The Secrets of the Bullet-proof Spirit."

3-13 A NEW VISION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ☪

The U.S. Catholic school system was founded, understandably, for defensive reasons. It was needed to "preserve the faith" of Catholic children from the overt Protestantism of the "public" schools (Third Plenary Council of Baltimore, 1884). Now such schools are needed more than ever for the common good of society, and especially in contexts where public education is failing. Drawing from the deep waters of Catholic tradition and almost 2,000 years of Catholic education, this workshop will propose a renewed vision to inspire such schools.



Dr. Thomas H. Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education, and Chair of the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry Department at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. The award-winning author has written more than half a dozen books and numerous articles and essays. Dr. Groome has made over 500 public presentations throughout 25 years, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators, both Catholic and Protestant.

3-16 FRIENDSHIP IN A FAST-PACED WORLD ☪

Technology may make it easier to communicate, but people are still searching for good friends and meaningful relationships. Whether you email, text, Twitter, Facebook or blog, come explore the dynamics of friendship in today's high-tech, fast-paced world and consider how social networking has changed the way we think about our relationships with one another and with God.



Beth M. Knobbe

Beth Knobbe serves as a Campus Minister at the Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where she coordinates spirituality programs for undergraduate students and leads an annual mission trip to Nicaragua. Knobbe has spoken extensively on topics related to spirituality and young adult ministry. She is the author of "Finding My Voice: A Young Woman's Perspective" and a forthcoming book on the single life.

3-17 STEWARDSHIP AND THE FUNDING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 📍

Catholic schools are facing difficult financial times. In this talk, Fr. Daniel Mahan will discuss four models of operational funding of Catholic parochial schools and how the spirituality of stewardship can help a parish discern which model will best ensure the ongoing financial viability of the school.

**Rev. Daniel J. Mahan**

Fr. Daniel Mahan, a priest of the Indianapolis Archdiocese, is Executive Director of the Marian University Center for Catholic Stewardship in Indianapolis. He formerly served as Director of Formation for the International Catholic Stewardship Council. Fr. Mahan serves in full-time stewardship ministry, making presentations and preaching extensively throughout the United States and Canada, and recently in the Philippines and Australia. He is author of "More Than Silver or Gold."

3-18 BLACK CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

The workshop gives functional definitions to black Catholic spirituality, examines the theological underpinnings, and places its participants in a learning experience of black Catholic spirituality. Come and be blessed in this all-inclusive session!

**Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin**

Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin is a workshop presenter, revivalist and charismatic healer, who has taught youth for over 20 years. She is founder and CEO of ORACLE Religious Association based in Washington, D.C., and founder of their National Summer Institute for Youth. Sr. Martin previously served as a consultant for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, where she founded the African American Catholic Catechetical Conference. She travels extensively giving revivals, retreats and keynote addresses.

3-19 CHALLENGES AND BLESSINGS: INTER-RELIGIOUS, INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE 📍

This session examines the way in which the Catholic Church understands dialogue with people of other religions and faiths. It expounds the various theories that underlie inter-religious dialogue, and shows how the Catholic Church is committed to this dialogue as a result of Vatican II's declaration on the relation of the Church to non-Christian religions. These issues are particularly pertinent in this age of conflict. This session will also suggest ways in which dialogue can progress.

**Rt. Rev. Malcolm McMahon, OP**

Rev. Malcolm McMahon has served as Bishop for the Diocese of Nottingham, England, since 2000. The London-born former provincial for the English Dominican Province has served in a variety of pastoral and academic posts. Bishop McMahon is Chair of the Department for Catholic Education and Formation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He is also a member of Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and contributed to its recent Agreed Statement.

3-20 AND JESUS WEPT: THE WORD ON GRIEF AND HEALING 📍

The loss of family and friends in death leaves us bewildered, aching and bereft. This workshop will closely examine the teachings of Jesus and his own human confrontation with the heartrending loss of a friend. In this study we will find how God views death, which is both comforting and challenging, with a particular focus on Jesus' close embrace of human grief. We shall see he is our Lord, but he is also a companion with us in our anguish. Bring your Bibles!

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

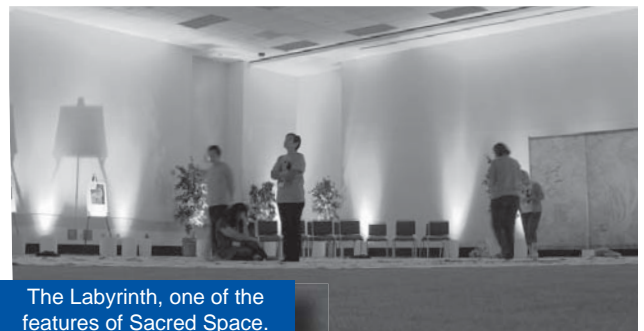
Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. He is the author of "Dining with Pharisees," and is currently completing a high school introduction to the New Testament. His current focus is the continuing education of priests in the Sacred Scriptures. He has been a presenter at diocesan conferences throughout the Southwest and has presented at the Texas Catholic Conference and the Little Rock Bible Institute.

3-21 DIALOGUE AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH – AN ASIAN VISION 📍

The mission of the Church is to evangelize. Among the various approaches to evangelization are: proclamation, dialogue, human promotion and witness. Pope John Paul II in *Ecclesia in Asia* (1999) applies a certain hermeneutics. He acknowledges that dialogue is the characteristic mode of life of the Church in Asia. The Bishops of Asia contend that evangelization is by way of dialogue with the poor, dialogue with cultures, and dialogue with peoples of other religions. It is by way of dialogue that the mystery of Jesus is to be proclaimed, best done in the progressive style of Jesus himself. In many places in Asia, the only proclamation possible is by the silent witness of one's Christian life.

**Most Rev. Orlando B. Quevedo, OMI, DD**

Archbishop Orlando Quevedo was ordained a priest for the Missionary Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Washington, D.C., in 1964. Since 1998 he has served as Archbishop of Cotabato, southern Mindanao, the Philippines. In his various posts, Archbishop Quevedo has served as President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, Secretary General of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, and a member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace for 10 years.



The Labyrinth, one of the features of Sacred Space.



3-24 CATHOLIC MORALITY AND HEALTHY CONSCIENCE FORMATION: "HOW TO" IN 2011?

Somewhere between the extremes of "obey the law" on the right and "do your own thing" on the left is the trusted and traditional Catholic norm – "follow your conscience." What is conscience? How do I know if I'm right? What if I'm fooling myself? This promises to be a sound and solid introduction to the Catholic moral tradition on conscience and moral decision-making. Pastoral ministers, teachers, catechists, RCIA folks and Catholic-Christians in general are welcome.



Richard C. Sparks, CSP

Paulist priest Fr. Dick Sparks serves on the parish staff of Old St. Mary's Church in the "South Loop" of Chicago. He has served as Pastor of the Newman Center at University of California, Berkeley and as Director of the Paulist Center in Boston. Fr. Sparks is a popular speaker and teacher. In addition to local parish work, the author spends a portion of his ministry each year on the ethics/morality workshop and retreat circuit around the United States and Canada. He is frequently sought to consult with health-care systems and ethics committees because of his biomedical ethics expertise.

3-22 FORGIVING THE UNFORGETTABLE: RECONCILIATION AND RESTORATION

My heart is heavy. My body is tired. My mind can't rest. Yet, somehow, I am called to "just let it go." But how can I let it go when it hurt me so deeply? How can I forgive when I really can't forget? Jesus calls us to love one another as He has loved us. But sometimes loving one another is not easy to do. So how can we learn to love when we really don't want to? The answer is found in learning to forgive. This faith-filled workshop will address the restoration of our souls as we address personal, parental, societal, communal and hierarchical reconciliation. Come and find the answers to the question: How can I forgive when I really can't forget?



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, currently serves as Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in New Orleans, as Director of KnightTime Ministries, and Chief Editor for Two Knights Publishing Co. Fr. Ricard is also author of "I Still Believe: A Testimony of Faith After The Storm," "Don't Be Stupid!: Lessons You Should Already Know" and "I Don't Make Them Up! Reflections Stories and Jokes from a Faithful Fool."

3-25 VISIO DIVINA: A PRAYER PRACTICE FOR ENCOUNTERING GOD

Visio divina (Latin for "divine seeing") is grounded in the sixth-century Benedictine practice of Bible reading called *lectio divina*. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of the practice of *visio divina* utilizing the illuminated word of The Saint John's Bible – the first illuminated Scripture in more than 500 years. Participants will also learn the methodology of moving from a literal interpretation to an illuminated understanding situated in the context of the learner/prayer. Participants will also gain the skills to create a sacred space and guide small groups in the practice of *visio divina*.



Barbara Sutton, DMin

Barbara Sutton has served in church ministry for the past 24 years in parish, diocesan, hospital and academic settings. Currently, she is the Associate Dean of Formation and Outreach at St. John's School of Theology-Seminary in Collegeville, Minn., and is involved in the development of pastoral resource for The Saint John's Bible. Sutton, Editor of the "Seeing the Word: Program Manual," is also a presenter on catechesis and Church-related issues, including supervision, leadership and parish councils.

3-23 STEPS TO TEACHING YOUR TEEN RESPECT

Teens today seem to be more mouthy and disrespectful than in past generations. More often than not when parents confront the disrespect, things seem to get worse, leaving you feeling hopeless and frustrated. In this session parents will learn the reasons teens are disrespectful, the common mistakes parents make in curbing disrespect, and the steps you can take to teach respect.



Steve & Patt Saso

Steve and Patt Saso are parents and nationally known speakers on parenting issues. Patt, a psychotherapist, is a family therapist and Co-Owner of Saso Seminars, based in Milpitas, Calif. Steve is a high school teacher at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, Calif. Together, they are authors of the best-seller, "10 Best Gifts for Your Teen," and their most recent book, "Parenting Your Teens with TLC," as well as educational CDs and an online newsletter.

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Carol Sassie

Comment:

Congress was great. I would like to order tapes from the sessions I attended but cannot find my Guidebook. Please let me know if this is possible and how.

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You can read other's comments and share yours on our Web site at www.RECongress.org/comments.htm

3-26 LEADING A PARISH IS NOT FOR DUMMIES – WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES ☺

What people experience as a successful parish and what it takes to get there are two different realities. Despite being pulled in many directions, pastors are discovering a new way of operating to lighten the burden: partnership. Most parishioners have no clue what it takes to keep a parish not only afloat, but thriving. Beginning with the pastor and moving through the staff and lay leadership, this presentation will provide concrete and realizable ways for coping with the stress and strains of directing and growing a parish faith community. This is not wishful thinking, but is based on years of direct involvement with Catholic parishes from across the country.

**Thomas P. Sweetser, SJ**

Thomas Sweetser, a Jesuit priest of the Wisconsin province, is founder and Director of the Parish Evaluation Project, based in Milwaukee. He has taught at a number of schools, including Fordham University in New York and Loyola University New Orleans. Fr. Sweetser is author of several books; his most recent, "Keeping the Covenant: Taking Parish to the Next Level," was a Catholic Press Association award winner. His articles have appeared in numerous Catholic publications.

**Wendy Rappé**

Wendy Rappé is Associate Director of the Parish Evaluation Project (PEP). She has taught at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies in Jerusalem, Israel. Prior to PEP, she worked for 20 years in a variety of parish ministry positions, most recently as Director of Adult and Family Ministry for a large faith community within the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

3-27 GAME ON! CREATIVE CATECHESIS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ☺

When we gather young people together, are we just "playing games," "hoping to survive," or are we intentionally "forming disciples"? How can we be faithful to our catechetical calling to echo the faith and lead teens down the road of discipleship while making sure we actively engage their head, hearts and hands in the process? Let's have some fun as we creatively answer these questions together. Warning: This workshop is very hands on – you will not leave empty handed or empty headed!

**Michael Theisen**

Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and adolescent catechesis for over 25 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. His experience extends from parish to diocesan and national levels, and he is a frequent speaker and trainer throughout the United States. Theisen is currently Director of Membership Services for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C., and Convener of the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis.

3-28 ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND THE RENEWAL OF PARISH LIFE ☺

In this workshop Tom Zanzig introduces a fresh and compelling approach to adult faith formation (AFF), describes its core principles, and briefly identifies numerous practical strategies for implementing it. He will explain how this innovative approach to AFF could help revitalize and transform all of parish life.

**Tom Zanzig**

After 25 years developing youth ministry and adolescent religious education materials, Tom Zanzig is now President of the publishing and consulting company Zanzig & Associates. Also a freelance writer, retreat director and consultant, Zanzig travels worldwide speaking in the areas of adult faith formation and spirituality.

3-70 Hôn Nhân, Ly Hôn, Tiêu Hôn, Tái Hôn theo Giáo Huấn của Giáo Hội ☺

Buổi hội thảo này sẽ đề cập đến hôn nhân, ly hôn, tiêu hôn, tái hôn theo giáo huấn của Giáo Hội Công Giáo và cũng đề cập đến hồng ân Thánh Phêrô và Thánh Phaolô.

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