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OVERVIEW

THEME REFLECTION

Our Congress theme, “Hold Firm ... Trust!” draws us into the outrageous love of a God who steadfastly accompanies us on the journey, steadies us in times of challenge, and leads us to refreshment and renewal.

The prophet Jeremiah likens the one who trusts, to a tree by the waterside that does not fear even in a year of drought. Nourished at its roots by the rich soil, it grows and expands through all seasons.

Drawing wisdom from this image, we are confident that if we dip into the rich soil of God’s presence, are centered on a power greater than ourselves, we too will flourish and grow through seasons of dark and light.

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



WHAT IS THE RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the United States. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 280 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You can use the Registration Form on the **inside back cover** or, with the added incentive of using your credit card, you can register online at www.RECongress.org.

RECONGRESS LOCATION & COST

RECongress is held at the Anaheim Convention Center, located at 800 West Katella Avenue in Anaheim, Calif., directly south of Disneyland and Disney’s California Adventure.

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

\$60 – by February 4, 2011 deadline **\$70 – after February 4, 2011**

NOTE: If you have not registered online or mailed in your Registration Form by March 11, 2011, please bring your completed form with you to register on site.

WHAT IS YOUTH DAY?

Youth Day, held on Thursday, March 17, 2011, is designed for students, grades 9 through 12. Youth Day has a separate registration and fee.

\$20 by February 4, 2011
\$25 postmarked after Feb. 4, 2011

There is no on-site registration for Youth Day.

Religious Education Congress 2011 Weekend Schedule

Youth Day Schedule is on page 7.

FRIDAY – MARCH 18, 2011		SATURDAY – MARCH 19, 2011		SUNDAY – MARCH 20, 2011	
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	On-site registration	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	On-site registration	8:00 am - noon	On-site registration
8:30 - 9:30 am	Opening Rite & Welcome (Arena)	8:00 - 8:30 am	Morning Praise	8:00 - 9:30 am	Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 1 Workshops	8:30 am	Keynote Address	8:30 am	Morning Address: English – Dr. Greer Gordon Spanish – Dora Tobar Mensbrugge
11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH	10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 4 Workshops	10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 7 Workshops
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Peña, Augustin, Betancourt and Buscema Music (Hall B) – Jaime Cortez and Vallimar Jansen	11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH	11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 2 Workshops	11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Jesse Manibusan, Pedro Rubalcava & Estela García Music (Hall B) – Marty Haugen, Gary Daigle and Mary Janus	11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – John Angotti and Danielle Rose
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Period 3 Workshops	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 5 Workshops	11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Hall B) – Santiago Fernández and Rafael Moreno
5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies	3:00 - 4:30 pm	Period 6 Workshops	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 8 Workshops
8:00 pm	Concert (Arena) – “Festival of Cultures” Film Showcase	5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies	3:30 pm	Closing Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)
9:30 pm	Taizé	8:00 pm	Concert (Arena) – Ceili Rain		
		9:00 pm - 12:00	Young Adult Dance (Marriott)		
		9:30 - 11:30 pm	Young Adult Lounge		



Congress Days:
March 17, 2011 (Youth Day)
March 18-20, 2011

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- Daily schedule, workshops and highlights of RECongress
- Maps to the Anaheim Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, hotel workshops and Anaheim-area restaurants
- Exhibitor listings and categories
- Office of Religious Education staff and program offerings
- Tech Center schedule
- Workshop Recording Form
- Restaurant guide information
- Endowment Fund “Thank You”

General Info

Youth Day

Assemblies

Workshops

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Adams, Dr. Shauna	2-01*, 7-01*
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Amodei, Michael	3-01*, 6-01*
Anderle, Donna	2-02*, 4-01*
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Arroyo, Maria	2-51*, 7-51*
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Awiapo, Thomas	YD , 7-04*
Barron, Fr. Robert	1-01*, 4-02*
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Bellante, Rev. Rubén Francisco	6-51*, 8-51*
Benavides, Luis	5-51*, 7-52*
Bolduc, Ed	2-03*
Boyle, Rev. Gregory	2-04*
Breen, Dr. Elizabeth Crabb	6-24*
Bryant, Sr. Kathy	2-05*
Burke-Sullivan, Dr. Eileen	2-06*, 6-02*
Burland, John	1-02*, 4-03*
Burns Senseman, Rita	3-05*, 6-03*
Campuzano, Fr. Guillermo	6-52*, 8-52*
Carotta, Dr. Michael	7-05*, 8-02*
Castañeda, Dr. Augusto	1-51*
Chairez, Rita	3-51*
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Cieslak, Fr. William	6-05*, 8-03*
Coleman, Fr. Gerald	1-03, 4-04
Cordero, Stan	YD
Cortez, Jaime	4-06
Coster, Pam	6-06*, 8-04*
Coutinho, Fr. Paul	3-07*, 7-07*
Covarrubias, Maria	3-52*
Crosby, Rev. Michael	1-05*, 6-04*
Cupich, Bishop Blase	2-07*
Cusick, Rev. John	3-08*, 7-08*
Dahm, Fr. Charles	3-54*, 5-53*
D'Arcy, Paula	1-06, 4-05
Davidson, Dr. James	6-07*, 8-05*
Delaney, Fr. Martin	7-09*
Dempsey, Sr. Carol	2-08*, 5-05*
Donlon, Enda	8-24*
Dr. Iven	YD
Early Childhood Advisory Board	5-06*
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Fiand, Sr. Barbara	1-09*, 6-09*
Flecha Andres, José-Román	6-53*, 8-53*
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Haas, David	2-14, 6-10
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CONGRESS SPEAKERS

Asterisks indicate recorded workshops. "YD" denotes a Youth Day workshop. "Key" is a Sunday Address.

Workshops are designated by two numbers separated by a dash. The first number indicates the period; the number after the dash is the workshop number. Workshop numbers -01 to -30 are in English; -50 to -58 are in Spanish; and -70 is in Vietnamese.

You can check our site on the web at www.RECongress.org for updates – or sign up for our E-Mailing Updates filled with important information.

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Hanvey, Rev. Dr. James	5-10*, 7-12*
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Scally, Anna	YD , 5-22*
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Shepp, Vikki	4-25*
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Spitzer, Fr. Robert	1-23*
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Wenc, Char	2-28*, 6-28*
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< ART EXHIBIT



Friday through Sunday, Grand Arena Lobby

Bereft of her husband and sons in a foreign country, Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi, returns to Bethlehem in a time of famine. This illumination of the women's inward leaning posture suggests feelings of mutual love and support as they look into the distance together.

Our 2011 Congress Art Exhibit features The Saint John's Bible – the first handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned since the invention of the printing press. This project of 1,150 calfskin pages was begun in 1998 by St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. Donald Jackson, the former scribe to Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office at the House of Lords in London, and a team of 14 calligraphers and artists have completed six of the seven volumes that make up The Saint John's Bible. The last volume, *Letters and Revelation* will be completed in 2012. Stop by to see framed fine art reproductions from the first six volumes: *Gospels and Acts, Psalms, Pentateuch, Prophets, Wisdom Books* and the newest volume released fall 2010, *Historical Books*.

∨ EXHIBIT HALL A

Friday through Sunday

One of the perks of Congress is the Exhibit Hall – showcasing over 250 companies as exhibitors and ranging from religious art to music, and from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to our own represented archdiocesan ministries.



FILM SHOWCASE >

Friday, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

The Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University, presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. Filmmakers will be on hand to meet with audience members.



< YOUTH DAY

Youth Day, held on Thursday, March 17, starts off our Congress weekend with 16,000 high school age students coming together for a mix of workshops, liturgies, rallies and high energy. (See pages 6-13.)



CELL PHONE COLLECTION ^

Friday through Sunday

Last year we witnessed two of the largest natural disasters in recent memory in Haiti and Pakistan. And through the generous participation of Congress 2010 attendees in our Cell Phone Recycling Initiative, we have been able to donate \$1,800 to Catholic Relief Services' emergency assistance to Haiti. Again this year we are partnering with GetGreenToGetGreen.com to collect phones – working or not – to benefit Haiti and Pakistan.

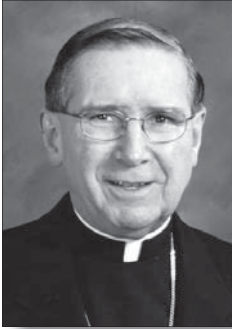
SACRED SPACE >

Friday through Sunday

In addition to the chapel, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a labyrinth (pictured), Sacred Space will feature "The Stations of the Cross: A Contemporary Meditation on the Passion of Christ." This unique work contains 15 original paintings portraying the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross, plus the Resurrection.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL AND COADJUTOR ARCHBISHOP



Dear Congress Participants:

We are delighted to welcome you to our annual *Religious Education Congress*. This wonderful annual gathering affords us the opportunity to renew our discipleship with Jesus Christ, our membership in the Body of Christ, His Church, and our commitment to the ministry of evangelization and catechesis.

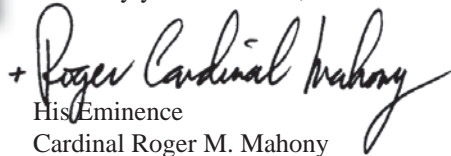
This year's theme, *Hold Firm...Trust!*, is inspired by the Scriptures for the Second Sunday of our Lenten journey. We are drawn into the extraordinary love of God who accompanies us on our faith journeys, steadies us in times of challenge, and leads us to the fullness of the Paschal Mystery. Trusting in God's presence and power, we walk with confidence through seasons of dark and of light.

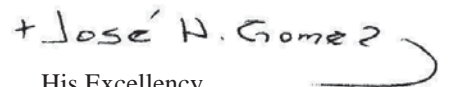
The Keynote and addresses, the many workshops, and the varied Liturgical Celebrations offered throughout the weekend are a rich source of renewal for us all. We are gratified and encouraged that so many of you take advantage of the extraordinary opportunities to deepen your lives in Jesus Christ, to reaffirm your love for the Church, and to commit yourselves to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus for the whole world.

Your leadership and faithful participation are key to the ongoing growth and well-being of our parish communities.

Please be assured of our gratitude and encouragement as you continue to be involved in this essential ministry of catechesis in our Church.

Asking God's blessings upon you, your families and parish communities, and with every best wish, we are
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ 
His Eminence
Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

+ 
His Excellency
Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Coadjutor Archbishop of Los Angeles



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is a great joy for me to welcome you once again to our uplifting and inspiring Religious Education Congress. This outstanding weekend offers many opportunities for re-energizing our lives and enriching our ministries.

The Congress theme – “**Hold Firm...Trust!**” – echoes the words of the prophet Jeremiah who likens the one who trusts to a tree by the waterside that has no fear even in a year of drought. Nourished at its roots by the rich soil, it grows and flourishes in all seasons. Heartened by this promise we move forward, buoyed up with energy for the journey.


Throughout the weekend you will find many great opportunities and resources to support and enliven your evangelizing efforts. The variety of workshops and keynotes available are wonderful sources of formation and enrichment for you and your parish communities. The opportunity to listen and be enriched by the wisdom offered by national and international speakers is gift and blessing.

Our spirits are sure to be lifted with the inspiring liturgical celebrations, entertainment and multicultural expressions provided. In the midst of the many activities there is also opportunity to “step back” and rest in the silence of Sacred Space, walk the labyrinth or participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you for your exceptional leadership and your unwavering commitment to keep on sharing the Good News of our rich heritage.

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

Sincerely,


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



A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends,

We welcome you to this extraordinary annual event: The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2011, with the theme – *Hold Firm...Trust!*

Our weekend begins with our invigorating Youth Day, and continues with an abundance of outstanding workshops as well as amazing concerts and lunchtime entertainment, inspiring art and multicultural exhibits. The variety of liturgies offered will provide opportunity for prayer and reflection and Sacred Space will again be available for time of quiet and renewal. Enjoy time renewing friendships and meeting people from all over the world at this international gathering.

Make sure to spend time in our expansive Exhibit Hall, where companies and organizations present a wide variety of resources. Company representatives will be available to offer you personalized service in response to your inquiries.

Workshops and event listings, housing information, mail-in and online registration instructions are included in this Registration Guidebook and updated regularly on our website at www.RECongress.org. Additional information can be obtained by email at office@recongress.org or by calling the Congress Office at 213-637-7346.

We look forward with anticipation to you being with us during our Religious Education Congress.



Paulette Smith

Paulette Smith
Event Coordinator



Jan Pedroza

Jan Pedroza
Program Coordinator



1962 – At early “Institutes,” workshops met in classrooms on campus at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF CONGRESS

The origins of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress spring from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD, a ministry that actually began in Los Angeles in 1922 under Bishop John Cantwell. Over the years, the number of students grew in the program and by 1937 the program was so successful that a full-time director was needed to run the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

In 1956, the first CCD “institute” was held for teachers and catechists of the program. Some 500 attended the two-day conference at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. In 1957, the event at Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School saw attendance double. In subsequent years attendance continued to increase at Loyola University; and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College by 1960.



1962 – Los Angeles Cardinal James McIntyre celebrates Mass in the chapel at Immaculate Heart College.

In 1967, with the cooperation of the dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego, the agenda for the first three-day “Congress” was set. The purpose was “to provide an atmosphere of Christian unity...for the benefit of each and the common good of all mankind.” It was January 13-15, 1967 that the first “Southern California Confraternity Congress” was held at the LAX-area International Hotel. It was in 1971 that the first Youth Rally was held, which set the pattern for today’s Youth Day.

Read about the Congress Milestones online at www.RECongress.org/ccd-rec.htm



EVERYONE INVITED

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Information

Networks:
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Relationship Status:
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Birthday:
 March 26, 1971

Current City:
 Anaheim, CA

Youth Day 2011

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Mike Norman On behalf of the Youth Day Coordinating Team it is my honor to welcome you and the young people in your ministry to Youth Day 2011 and our 40th anniversary! This exciting event begins our annual Religious Education Congress and welcomes over 15,000 high school students and their chaperones to the Anaheim Convention Center. It has been happening continuously for 40 years. This is a wonderful day of energetic workshops, great music, good friends, and Spirit-filled Eucharistic celebrations.

Youth Day is an opportunity for young people to experience the love of God through the larger church community and to be empowered for their journey of faith. Thank you very much for your willingness to share this opportunity with those in your ministry. The Youth Day Coordinating Team is working hard to create a day that will complement the work done in your parish or school. Please take time to look at the readings of the day and the theme reflection we have offered. It will be a great tool to assist you in preparing your group for our event. We look forward to celebrating God's abundant love at Youth Day 2011!

Mike Norman, Associate Director, Office of Religious Education • [Comment](#) • [Like](#)



Readings of the Day The Readings for Youth Day 2011 are:
 First Reading: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
 Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

Our world has become even more connected with the advancement of social networks and other forms of new technology. It seems that not a day goes by in which we're not asked to add one or two more friends to our small piece of that vast network.

The readings for Youth Day remind us clearly that the invitation to God's heavenly banquet – the network of all networks – is open to everyone. No one is passed over by God's love. We may choose sometimes to push the "deny" button or the "ignore" link when it comes to our relationship with God, but that never happens in return. God's Spirit surrounds us constantly – inviting us to recognize places where abundant love is being poured out. Ask. Seek. Knock. These are all action words that help us to remember that all we need do is turn our attention to God and we will be blessed in ways we never imagined.

Youth Day is one of those blessings. It's a chance for us to experience a deeper awareness of God's love – through a connection far better than those offered by our computers. Everyone is invited and welcome in God's network!

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Collection for Leadership Development In an effort to enhance the work of the Office of Religious Education in developing youth leaders across the archdiocese and to support the outreach of the Catholic Youth Foundation USA, there will be a collection during liturgies this year at Youth Day. Catholic Youth Foundation USA serves the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry by providing financial resources at the local, diocesan, regional and national levels to promote effective and innovative ministry with adolescents in order to assure a faithful future. We ask that you share this information with young people and adults coming to Youth Day and emphasize how their contribution can continue the formation and education of others. Thank you in advance for your support!

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Adult Volunteers Needed The Youth Day staff would like to invite any adult who is not chaperoning a group from a parish or school to be a volunteer for Youth Day. Youth Day volunteers are assigned to a variety of positions throughout the day. To volunteer for Youth Day 2011 an adult needs to have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection Program and have had the appropriate diocesan required background check. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our day, please contact Erin Avila by email at emavila@sbcglobal.net, by cell phone at (559) 259-8232 or toll free at (800) 453-8945. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone. Come join us!

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8:30 am – Opening Events

Youth Day begins with two concurrent Opening Events. In the Arena we will have the inspirational music of **Pedro Rubalcava** and **Jesse Manibusan** empowering us to share God's message. Our second Opening Event will take place in Hall B as we welcome **Jacob and Matthew** to offer music to get us going. Young people from across the archdiocese will be on hand to lead us in prayer and help us begin our day.



9:45 am – Morning Workshops

Immediately following our Opening Events, participants will be able to attend one of the 14 workshops (listed on the following pages) that will inspire and challenge them in new ways! We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of up to 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them. PLEASE note that all workshops are repeated for both sessions EXCEPT the workshops in the Arena and Hall B.



11 am – Liturgies

Our day continues with Spirit-filled Liturgies in three different locations. **Archbishop José Gomez** will be celebrating with us in the Arena, with music provided by youth from across the archdiocese and beyond, under the direction of Ed Archer of St. Monica Church in Santa Monica. Our second liturgy will take place in Hall B and will feature presider **Fr. Steve Dos Santos, CPPS**, from St. Agnes Church in Los Angeles and the music of Jacob and Matthew. We also welcome **Fr. Ken Deasy** from St. Brendan Church in Los Angeles as presider for the Grand Ballroom Liturgy (on the third floor).



12:15 pm – Lunch

Following our Eucharistic celebrations we invite your group to enjoy lunch and spend time with old and new friends.



1:30 pm – Afternoon Workshops

The workshops in the afternoon are a second chance to hear some of the best speakers from across the nation. Most of these are repeated workshops from the morning session (except the ones in the Arena and Hall B).



2:45 pm – Closing Rallies

Youth Day 2011 ends with two energetic Closing Rallies, one taking place in the Arena and one being held in Hall B. These powerful events help us to close our day with music, inspirational stories and prayer – all offered by speakers and artists from our day, as well as young people from across the archdiocese. Come be renewed in your faith journey as we are dismissed to return to our parish and school communities.



3:30 pm – Dismissal

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



IMPORTANT - About Youth Day Registration All high school students (9th-12th grades ONLY) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with an adult Chaperone who will be attending with them. Two adult Chaperones must accompany the first group of 1-10 youth and then one adult with each additional group of 10 youth. Chaperones must stay with their group throughout the entire day. Each group chooses which workshops they would like to attend. Make a first, second and third choice from the following 14 workshops. Please note that there are two workshops (clearly marked in **bold**) that take place in the Arena and in Hall B that are not repeated. All other workshops are offered twice – once in the morning and once in the afternoon. We try to accommodate first choices for workshops, but sometimes they fill up and we must move you to your second or third choice.

There is a limit to the number of people we can register. If Youth Day fills to capacity before the February 25, 2011 deadline, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. There are no exceptions.

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Did You Know?

Again this year, you can register online for Youth Day and pay by credit card. Visa, MasterCard or American Express are accepted. Links and information at www.RECongress.org/YD. There is a limited number of people we can register; please register as soon as possible.



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EVENTS - Workshops



Steve Angrisano

A - HAVING A SOLID PRAYER LIFE

Prayer is conversation with God. Bet you never heard *that* before, right? Let's get past the labels and take a look at what prayer is. How do I connect with God? How can I hear a God that I can't see? Is it ok that I get bored during prayer? Here's the great news – God is always ready to hear us, no matter how we pray. Come and learn how prayer can help us keep connected to God, so that we are always walking with the One who loves us, and understands us better than anyone we have ever known. **(Hall B Morning Only)**



Steve Angrisano is recognized as one of the most dynamic and effective communicators with Catholic youth in the country. He is a popular choice for missions, concerts, workshops and youth events, and has been featured at major youth events nationally and internationally, including four World Youth Days, five National Catholic Youth Conferences and numerous L.A. Congress Youth Days. His CDs include "Inescapable Love" and he has a book titled "Live: Essential Songs for Youth Ministry."

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Stan Cordero and Greg Walton

B - "WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY" (1 SPIDER-MAN 35:44)

Wouldn't it be great to have super powers like Spider-Man? And we do. We're blessed with abilities that make us uniquely who God wants us to be. But it doesn't stop there! We're called to use those gifts to serve and lead others in the Way of Christ. Leadership is a gift, and just as it says in the Gospels: "To whom much has been given, much will be required" (Luke 12:48).



Stan Cordero has nearly 25 years of youth ministry experience at the parish, Catholic school and diocesan levels. He has served as Director of Youth Ministry for the San Francisco Archdiocese and is currently Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Santa Rosa, Calif. He is an adjunct staff member for the Center for Ministry Development, and has been a workshop presenter at national and diocesan youth conferences.

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Greg Walton is a seasoned catechist, retreat and workshop leader, pastoral musician and performer. He is founder and Director of JesusGlue Ministries, based in Nashville, Tenn., and Youth Minister for Church of the Nativity Catholic Parish in Spring Hill, Tenn. As a recording artist, Walton has released four CDs and has received numerous industry awards, including Male Vocalist of the Year presented by the United Catholic Music and Video Association. He is also a composer and artist with OCP/spiritandsong.com.

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Dr.Iven

C - THE ULTIMATE "ROCK 'N' TALK" – OVERCOMING OBSTACLES & ACHIEVING GOALS AND DREAMS

Making any dream a reality can happen, no matter how big – it's all up to the individual. Come join Dr.Iven, a high-energy rock band, and experience their unique live music and motivational speaking workshop. Dr.Iven will share anecdotes on the importance of focus, self-confidence, trust and drive – attributes that allow us to break through roadblocks so that we can succeed. If you believe it, you can achieve it! This unique "Rock 'n' Talk" workshop will both enlighten and entertain. A combo plate of music and motivation ... it's just what the Dr. ordered!



Dr.Iven fronted by composer/vocalist/pianist Domenico Pilato and lyricist/drummer Gino Di Leva, performs for thousands of teenagers and adults each year at specialized tours for high schools, colleges and various musical establishments throughout the United States. The band has also presented marketing workshops at corporate, federal, state and local business conferences. Dr.Iven performed at the 2010 L.A. Religious Education Congress and is looking forward to its first Youth Day appearance.

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Dr. Carole Goodwin

D - RELATIONSHIPS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY

This is an interactive workshop, so come prepared to share! Participants will explore relationship issues with peers, both in friendship situations and in dating relationships.



Dr. Carole Goodwin has spent the last 15 years in diocesan leadership. She is presently Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky. She recently completed four years as Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Dr. Goodwin has taught all age groups, from grade school through graduate school, and has been a Director of Religious Education or Youth Minister in multiple parishes. She has presented in many dioceses across the United States and Trinidad, and is a returning Youth Day speaker.

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ValLimar Jansen

E - LITURGY: PRAY IT! LOVE IT! LIVE IT!

Active participation in the Mass can be uplifting and even fun – bringing us moments of bliss, reverence, joy and great passion. Come experience how prayer, story, music, movement and encountering the “Transforming Christ” can be something you will love to do!



Vallimar Jansen is a highly regarded singer, composer and recording artist. She has served as a college/university professor, a leader of worship and prayer and a workshop presenter at conferences across the United States and abroad. In 2007 she performed at Agora papal event in Loreto, Italy, for over 300,000 people. Jansen was recently nominated for a 2010 Unity Award for Female Vocalist of the Year, and selected to serve as the first solo female MC of the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference.

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Judy McDonald

H - FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS

Is it really possible for an ordinary person like me to find God in all things? And I do mean all things! The answer is yes. Is it easy? No. Is it possible? With God, all things are possible. **(Arena Morning Only)**



Judy McDonald, a professional “Catholic Comedian” for the last 17 years, is in great demand at parishes and conferences across the county and internationally. She previously was a Youth Minister in the San Diego Diocese and a Residential Minister at the University of San Diego. For the past seven years, she has traveled full time in her ministry, performing shows for military bases in Germany, Italy, Belgium, and Parishes in Ireland, Croatia, Scotland and across the United States.

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Joe Melendrez

K - HIP HOP PRAYER: THE REVOLUTION

Enjoy the noise of HiP HoP prayer lead by Christian rap artist Joe Melendrez, creator of “Rosary Rap.” Engage in a strong musical connection that brings everyone to internal reflection. Embrace your faith with new ways to pray and stand firm in your purpose to be great! Empower your heart to rise into a Christ-centered way of life, not afraid to take flight. Express yourself with an outlook that helps others feel loved with a positive buzz. Enter into move, groove and rap with Joe and special guests: the Holy Spirit, Jesus and Our Lady! **(Hall B Afternoon Only)**



Joe Melendrez is Pastoral Associate/Religion Teacher at Chaminade College Preparatory for both the middle school and high school campuses in Southern California. The Christian hip-hop artist has spoken to confirmation and retreat groups, Rotary clubs, as well as presented at Theology on Tap, at SCRC and has appeared on the Sirius radio show “Busted Halo.” Melendrez’ debut album “Rosary Rap” has been followed by his current release, “SERENITY NOW MIXTAPE!”

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Fr. Chris Ponnet M - WHAT'S SOCIAL JUSTICE TO ME?

Using music, video and story sharing, this workshop invites us to consider: 1) how Catholic social justice principles are basic demands of Gospel living; 2) the stories of those living in situations of injustice; 3) how we at the local level can do something more than just charity; 4) that by working together as church and local community along with national networking we can bring light, truth and justice to our world. The dignity of each person and the Gospel texts of Matthew 5 and 25 will be the biblical focus. We will use Disney and the parables of Jesus to illustrate an inclusive way of answering the question: What's social justice to me?



Fr. Chris Ponnet is Pastor of St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles and serves as a Board-certified Chaplain at the adjacent LAC+USC Medical Center. Born and raised in Temple City, Calif., he is also Southern California Regional Director for Pax Christi USA. Fr. Ponnet is a member of the Association of Professional Chaplains and the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. He is a frequent speaker at national meetings on those infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

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Ted Miles & Thomas Awiapo

L - THINK GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY! ACT GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY! LIVE IN LOVE AND UNITY!

Our God invites us to live in right relationship with each other ... as one human family! Honestly admitting and living that reality is more challenging than what we may perceive. Join staff from Catholic Relief Services in exploring God's call to live and love as one world. Explore ways we can truly serve each other at home and around the world. Meet and listen to Thomas Awiapo as he shares his story of survival and success while growing up in Ghana, West Africa. Through his presence and personal story of hunger and hope, Thomas brings to life God's invitation to live as one human family.



Ted Miles, a Baltimore native, has worked in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development, after serving two years in Central America 20 years ago. Since 2005, he has worked for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as the Relationship Manager for Religious Education and coordinator of the agency's youth outreach in the United States. Miles has presented at numerous regional and national conferences.

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Thomas Awiapo, orphaned by the age of 10, survived poverty and hunger in his small African village. His search for food led him to school at age 12 where he eventually won scholarships to attend college and later earned a master's degree from California State University, Hayward. Awiapo is currently the Global Solidarity Coordinator with Catholic Relief Services, Ghana, West Africa, where he participates in speaking tours and hosting delegations.

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Popple

P - HOW TO SHARE CHRIST WITHOUT FREAKING OUT

Do you ever get the urge to get a tattoo of the pope on your neck? No? How about a tattoo of Our Lady on your forehead? So do we (not really)! For those of us who want to be proud to live out our faith without looking crazy – come get some insights into how to share Christ and faith with friends, family and your community. God made you who you are, and you rock; come discuss how through our individuality we show off God's diversity. No drama and nothing to freak out about, just you sharing with the world exactly who you are – a disciple of Christ, created by God.



Popple – Dan Harms and Kyle Heimann – has traveled for over five years sharing their unique "acoustic humor rock" music and passion for faith through speaking and performing for youth and young adult audiences. From the awkwardness of adolescence to their vocations as husbands and fathers, Popple illuminates the comedy and importance of faith in everyday life. The nationally touring speakers and performers have produced CDs that include "Hip Hip Hooray," "Simple Prayer" and "Plaid."

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GROUP LEADERS:

Order Your Youth Day Tees

T-shirts for Youth Day 2011 are available for pre-order. Orders with payment must be received by February 28, 2011 and will be available for pick-up starting at 8 a.m. on Youth Day at the Seraph7 booth in the Grand Arena Lobby (south side) of the Convention Center Arena.

Customize your Youth Day shirt with your youth group/parish name on the back for just an additional \$5 per shirt.

Special Discount Pricing for Pre-Orders:

T-shirts: \$15

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
On Youth Day, shirts will be \$17 Youth sizes and plus sizes are also available in limited supply.

Please pre-order to ensure you get yours! Place your order online (beginning February 1, 2011) at www.Seraph7.com.



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Cooper Ray

S - YOUR LIFE! YOUR CHOICE! PRACTICAL STEPS TO THE REAL YOU

God tells us in Scripture, "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare, not for woe; a future full of hope." Yet many believe that God only wants to put limits on us. We were not created to suffer, but to "have life and have it abundantly." That is Good News! Come, discover how a simple change in attitude and a couple of practical steps can translate into a world of difference in our lives.



Cooper Ray is a speaker and musician who has presented to youth and adults at diocesan, parish and school events across the country. He has been traveling as a motivational speaker and retreat facilitator for the past 12 years, and has been a part of youth ministry for over 15 years, responsible for teen and adult youth ministry training in his former job as Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, La. Ray also has a music CD titled "Wake the Dawn." • [Comment](#) • [Like](#)



Rev. R. Tony Ricard

T - SHUT UP & JUST LISTEN: JESUS HAS SOMETHING TO SAY!

Alex Trebek, host of TV's "Jeopardy," once said, "It's very important in life to know when to shut up!" But, unfortunately, people don't know when that is! God indeed has a lot that he wants to tell us. But first, we have to be willing to tune our ears to the voice of God. We have to be ready to listen because God has some really cool things that He wants us to know. This fun-filled workshop will focus on what it means to discern the will of God in our everyday lives. It is designed to uplift your soul and increase your joy as a true disciple of the Lord. Sometimes the best disciples are the ones who know how to "shut up and just listen!" **(Arena Afternoon Only)**



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv is a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese and serves as Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in New Orleans, as Director of KnightTime Ministries, and as Chief Editor for Two Knights Publishing Co. Fr. Ricard is author of "I Still Believe," "Don't Be Stupid! Lessons You Should Already Know" and "I Don't Make Them Up! Reflections Stories and Jokes from a Faithful Fool." • [Comment](#) • [Like](#)



Marilyn Santos

X - SELF-ESTEEM: MORE THAN JUST LOVING MYSELF

Many people experience times of shaky self-esteem; some have difficulty establishing a positive self-image in the first place. We all have times when we have trouble feeling acceptable, lovable, worthy and capable of getting the "good stuff" of life. This session invites young people to name the ways they are unique. It also analyzes the negative messages we get from the media and culture while asking the participants to create new ways of valuing themselves, their experience, and their gifts.



Marilyn Santos has worked for nine years in parish youth ministry and taught in the New York Archdiocese for 10 years at the elementary and middle school levels. Santos is presently Director of Youth Ministry/Pastoral Juvenil and Inculturation Ministry for the Atlanta Archdiocese. She also serves as President of La Red, the National Catholic Network de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana. • [Comment](#) • [Like](#)



Anna Scally

Z - PRAYING WITH MY HEADPHONES

God is so concerned about what is going on in your life. Stay connected with your prayer life through the music you listen to every day. This workshop will help you deepen your prayer life in ways you have never imagined. Discover how your music can help you on your journey as a person of faith.



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

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PLEASE NOTE:

It is unacceptable to cater lunch at Youth Day. This is a liability issue for the Convention Center. There are many places through the Center to purchase food. People are invited to bring individual lunches, but catered meals (by restaurants or individuals) will not be allowed. Convention Center staff will ask these groups to leave the premises.

WHO MAY ATTEND?

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

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$20 per person. After February 4, 2011, fees increase to \$25 per person.

CHAPERONES & CONTACT PERSON

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

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

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

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

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

We recommend that you register early. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is CLOSED to further registrations. This sometimes happens BEFORE THE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE ON February 4, 2011. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.

TICKETS AND NAME TAGS

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

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

Tickets will be mailed after **February 10, 2011**, to the Contact Person. Please check your packet to verify that each Chaperone and each student has his or her own tickets.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. Please feel free to duplicate the form.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form, with the group attending all the same workshops. The first group must include two Chaperones. PLEASE do not register more people on the form than will be attending.
3. Once registration has been sent in, **additional students CANNOT be added**. To add students, a new form (with another paid Chaperone) must be filled out and sent in.
4. All youth need to remain with their Chaperones throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name of the Contact Person on each form used and indicate if he/she will attend. If the Contact Person plans to attend, his/her name **MUST appear again as a Chaperone or registrant**.
6. Indicate your choice of workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by February 4, 2011 to: LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO BOX 76955, LOS ANGELES, CA 90076-0955.
Make checks payable to: Religious Education Congress.
Total fees must accompany registration form. All incomplete registrations will be mailed back. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. See www.RECongress.org/YD for online registration info.
8. After February 4, 2011 (postmarked), the Youth Day Registration fee will be \$25 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by February 4, 2011. There are NO REFUNDS after that date. There will be a \$10 per person refund processing fee.
10. THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY.
11. Questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION & ASSIGNMENT

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

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

FOOD SERVICES

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



YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011 – 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered **with each paid Adult Chaperone** – all attending the same workshops.
2. Once the Registration Form has been mailed in, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new form AND another **paid Chaperone**.
3. YOUTH DAY FEE: \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only). After February 4, 2011 fee increases to \$25 per person.
4. NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE. Youth Day Registration deadline is February 25, 2011. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Mail checks payable to: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS**, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
6. Total payment **must accompany this form**.
7. Tickets will be mailed after **February 10, 2011**. Please check your packet when you receive it, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has his or her own tickets. Students must remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before February 4, 2011. Note: There is a \$10 **per person** refund processing fee.
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PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

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

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

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

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

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

ADULT CHAPERONE

First Name	Last Name	\$20	\$25
		By Feb. 4	After Feb. 4
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$40	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$60	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$80	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$100	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$120	\$150
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Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after February 4, 2011.

Workshop Choice for Group:

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 2ND _____
 3RD _____

Please note: It is unacceptable to cater lunch at Youth Day. This is a liability issue for the Convention Center. There are many places through the Center to purchase food. People are invited to bring individual lunches, but catered meals (by restaurants or individuals) will not be allowed. Convention Center staff will ask these groups to leave the premises.

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FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**
On-site registration begins
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 8:30 - 9:30 am**
Opening Rite & Welcome
(Arena)
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 1 Workshops
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– Donna Peña, Meredith Augustin,
Anna Betancourt, Helena Buscema
Music (Hall B)
– Jaime Cortez & ValLimar Jansen
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 2 Workshops
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm**
Period 3 Workshops
- 5:15 pm**
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Evening Prayer
(see page 20)
- 8:00 pm**
Concert (Arena)
– “Festival of Cultures”
Film Showcase 2011
Taizé
(see page 20)
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- Registration Hours**
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Convention 304)
-
- Cell Phone Recycling**
(Grand Arena Lobby)
- Massage**
(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)
- A.A. Meeting**
(Noon - Location: TBA)

OPENING RITE & WELCOME

HOLD FIRM...TRUST!

Trusting in God’s outrageous love and faithful presence, we gather. Join us in a spirit-filled celebration and lift hearts and voices in a chorus of praise and worship. Our inspiring ritual will be graced by the presence and participation of:

Cardinal Roger Mahony	Karla Carrillo	Jacob and Matthew	Monica Miller Luther
Archbishop José Gomez	Richard Cheri	Frank Jansen	Rafael Moreno
Edith Prendergast, RSC	Jaime Cortez	ValLimar Jansen	Paul Nguyen
Paulette Smith	Harrison Crenshaw	Mary Janus	Donna Peña
Jan Pedroza	Elohim D’Leon	Timothy Jones	Cliff Petty
John Flaherty	Gary Daigle	Tom Kendzia	Jorge Rivera
Tony Alonso	Chris de Silva	Mel Kennedy	Jalonda Roberts
John Angotti	Santiago Fernández	Peter Kolar	Danielle Rose
Ed Archer	Clare Flaherty	Gaile Krause	Pedro Rubalcava
Meredith Augustin	Estela García-López	Liam Lawton	Nicole Smith
Matt Bazar	Laura Gomez	Michael Paul Leon	Brenda Smith
Betsey Beckman	David Haas	Monica Leon	Chris Walker
Anna Betancourt	Bob Halligan	Rudy López	John West
Ed Bolduc	Sarah Hart	Kenneth Louis	Janét Sullivan Whitaker
Jennifer Broyard-Bonam	Marty Haugen	Diana Macalintal	Rufino Zaragoza
Helena Buscema	Eddie Hilley	Ricky Manalo	... and many others
Joe Camacho	Bob Hurd	Ginny McKinley-Temple	

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Pena Augustin Betancourt Buscema

DONNA PEÑA, MEREDITH AUGUSTIN, ANNA BETANCOURT, HELENA BUSCEMA

“Music fills the soul”

Hungry for lunch...Hungry for love...Hungry for Jesus...Come get your fill. Join these four gifted women as they inspire and enrich your lunch hour with a wonderful musical experience that will fill your heart with hope and gratitude.

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Cortez Jansen

JAIME CORTEZ & VALLIMAR JANSEN

“The Family That Plays Together Prays Together”

Come enjoy a refreshing, upbeat, musical lunch break. Jaime Cortez, ValLimar Jansen and their families provide a fun concert of music, from the secular to the sacred and sublime. Come play! Come pray!

FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00



“Festival of Cultures: A Celebration of Sights, Song, Music & Dance”

You will sing for joy, rejoice with your whole being and maybe even dance in the aisles as you’re drawn into the sound and rhythms of the peoples whose roots are in countries throughout the world. Come celebrate the riches of this extraordinary and spirit-filled event.

FILM SHOWCASE 2011

8:00 - 10:00 pm



The Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University, presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. Filmmakers will be on hand to meet with audience members.

PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 The YouTube Heresies (*) - **Barron**
- 1-02 Alive in Faith! Songs for Celebrating the Sacraments (*) - **Burland**
- 1-03 Conscience Formation: A Catholic Point of View - **Coleman**
- 1-04 Trust That My Praise Is Worthy - **Cheri & Good Ground**
- 1-05 Jesus' Subversive Prayer Promoting Justice (*) - **Crosby**
- 1-06 The Choices We Make - **D'Arcy**
- 1-07 Enter the Story: Biblical Metaphors for Our Lives (*) - **Ferder**
- 1-08 Liturgy, Preaching and Evangelization: The Invitation to Grace (*) - **Fragomeni**
- 1-09 Ripening into God: A Spirituality of Maturation (*) - **Fiand**
- 1-10 Does the Theology of the Laity Have a Future? (*) - **Gaillardetz**
- 1-11 RCIA: The Power and Potential of Liturgical Catechesis (*) - **Galipeau**
- 1-12 Work It In: Finding Beauty in Life's Imperfections (*) - **Hershey**
- 1-13 How to Teach about Vatican II (*) - **Huebsch**
- 1-14 You Want Me to Be Good *ALL DAY*? (*) - **Kempf**
- 1-15 Bridging Interpersonal Gaps (*) - **Levo**
- 1-16 Professional Youth Ministry Coordinators: The Pain and the Promise! (*) - **McCarty**
- 1-17 Hold Firm, Trust: Living the Eucharist in Daily Life (*) - **Murray**
- 1-18 Married and Holy? (*) - **Paradise**
- 1-19 An Anatomy and Theology of Trust – From Paranoia to Metanoia (*) - **Rolheiser**
- 1-20 From Jerusalem to Ends of the Earth: The Dynamic Vision of the Church's Mission in the Acts of the Apostles (*) - **Senior**
- 1-21 The Bible and the Blues: A Musical Journey in the Old Testament – and the Delta (*) - **Smith-Christopher**
- 1-22 What's Your Decision? How to Make Choices with Confidence and Clarity (*) - **Sparough**
- 1-23 Making the Pro-life Case Within Secular Culture (*) - **Spitzer**
- 1-24 Making Sure Your Teens Never Have to Say "NOBODY TOLD ME" (*) - **Stenzel**
- 1-25 Discipleship Training: Helping Children Be Like Jesus - **Valenzuela**
- 1-26 The Medium Is the Message: Coffee and Ecclesiology - **Vlaun**
- 1-27 From Birth to Resurrection (*) - **Walker**
- 1-28 Hold Firm ... Trust: Three Essential Lessons for New or Wary Catechists and Teachers (*) - **Wells**
- 1-70 Vietnamese workshop (*) - **Van Ban**

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 Connecting Learning with Religion at the Center of the Early Childhood Curriculum (*) - **Adams**
- 2-02 Liturgical Movement: Breathe, Pray, Dance (*) - **Anderle**
- 2-03 Get Them Singing ... Get Them Engaged! (*) - **Bolduc**
- 2-04 Who Would Jesus Hire? Creating a Movement to Welcome the Outcast, the Gang Member and the Felon (*) - **Boyle**
- 2-05 Women's Strength, Women's Voices (*) - **Bryant**
- 2-06 Poorly Practiced, Misunderstood and Under-appreciated: The Liturgy of Penance (*) - **Burke-Sullivan**
- 2-07 A Time for Healing, A Time for Service (*) - **Cupich**
- 2-08 Healing Stories in the New Testament (*) - **Dempsey**
- 2-09 What's New about the "New Evangelization"? (*) - **East**
- 2-10 You Mean They Don't All Learn the Same Way? (*) - **Ellair**
- 2-11 Open Wide the Doors: Helping Young People Appreciate and Embrace the Call to Christian Discipleship (*) - **Gentry-Akin**
- 2-12 Dying to Live: A Theology of Immigration (*) - **Groody**
- 2-13 Great Suffering, Great Love (*) - **Groves**
- 2-14 New Missal, New Songs: A New Call to Sing Praise - **Haas**
- 2-15 Mission Haiti (*) - **Hagan**
- 2-16 Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps for a Fulfilling Life - **Jamison**
- 2-17 Multicultural Worship – Becoming Bridge-builders and Border-crossers (*) - **Manibusan & Zaragoza**
- 2-18 The Challenge of Unity with Our Adversaries (*) - **Massingale**
- 2-19 The Colors, Shapes, Symbols and Faith of a Multicultural Church (*) - **McGrath**
- 2-20 Hold Firm as You Are Held (*) - **McKenna**
- 2-21 Eucharistic Worship Outside Mass (*) - **Murray**
- 2-22 What Do We Do if They Do Come Home? (*) - **Paige**
- 2-23 Involving Parents in Your Ministry (*) - **Reynolds**
- 2-24 Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life (*) - **Rohr**
- 2-25 Articles of Faith for the 21st Century: The Apostles' Creed (*) - **Schmisek**
- 2-26 Loving and Learning Beyond Limitation (*) - **C. & M. Skinner**
- 2-27 The RCIA as the Model for Adult Faith Formation (*) - **Wagner**
- 2-28 Five Things Teachers Need to Know to Help Students Develop Self-discipline (*) - **Wenc**
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **H. Nguyen**

PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 Sharing the Bishops' Framework with Parish Teens (*) - **Amodei**
- 3-02 Why Do You Do What You Do? Integrated Liturgy: It's More Than Just the Music (*) - **Angotti**
- 3-03 Contemporary Theologies of Ministry for Pastoral Workers - **Beaudoin**
- 3-04 The Woman at the Well (*) - **Beckman & Ash**
- 3-05 RCIA with Children and the Role of Liturgical Catechesis (*) - **Burns Senseman**
- 3-06 Singing the Year Round! Songs and Strategies for Elementary Catechists and Teachers (*) - **Chinn**
- 3-07 Hope in God Alone! The Ignatian Way of Living a Free and Fulfilled Life (*) - **Coutinho**
- 3-08 Creating and Maintaining a "Household" Church (*) - **Cusick**
- 3-09 The New Roman Missal: Part 1 – Process and Changes - **Foley**
- 3-10 Eckhart Tolle, John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila: Living in the Presence of God (*) - **Fragomeni**
- 3-11 Drama and Religious Education: A Match Made in Heaven! (*) - **Frawley-Mangan**
- 3-12 Would Jesus Recognize Our Church? (*) - **Gittins**
- 3-13 A New Vision for Catholic Schools (*) - **Groome**
- 3-14 Holy Tradition Called Justice: The Faith That Jesus Inherits - **Jezreel**
- 3-15 Restorative Justice: A New Paradigm for Social Transformation (*) - **Khamisa**
- 3-16 Friendship in a Fast-paced World (*) - **Knobbe**
- 3-17 Stewardship and the Funding of Catholic Schools (*) - **Mahan**
- 3-18 Black Catholic Spirituality - **O. Martin**
- 3-19 Challenges and Blessings: Inter-religious, Inter-faith Dialogue (*) - **McMahon**
- 3-20 And Jesus Wept: The Word on Grief and Healing (*) - **Mullen**
- 3-21 Dialogue and the Mission of the Church – An Asian Vision (*) - **Quevedo**
- 3-22 Forgiving the Unforgettable: Reconciliation and Restoration (*) - **Ricard**
- 3-23 Steps to Teaching Your Teen Respect (*) - **P. & S. Saso**
- 3-24 Catholic Morality and Healthy Conscience Formation: "How To" in 2011? - **Sparks**
- 3-25 *Visio Divina*: A Prayer Practice for Encountering God (*) - **Sutton**
- 3-26 Leading a Parish Is Not for Dummies – Working Behind the Scenes (*) - **Sweetser & Rappé**
- 3-27 Game On! Creative Catechesis with Young People (*) - **Theisen**
- 3-28 Adult Faith Formation and the Renewal of Parish Life (*) - **Zanzig**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Nguyen**

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SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**
On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)
Morning Praise (Arena)
- 8:30 am**
Keynote Address
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 4 Workshops
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– Pedro Rubalcava,
Jesse Manibusan
and Estela García-López
Music (Hall B)
– Marty Haugen, Gary Daigle
and Mary Janus
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 5 Workshops
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm**
Period 6 Workshops
- 5:15 pm**
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Prayer Service
(see page 20)
- 8:00 pm**
Concert (Arena)
– Ceili Rain
- 9:00 pm - midnight**
Young Adult Dance
- 9:30 - 11:30 pm**
Young Adult Lounge
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- Registration Hours**
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**
10:00 am - 9:00 pm
(Convention 304)
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- Cell Phone Recycling**
(Grand Arena Lobby)
- Massage**
(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)
- A.A. Meeting**
(Noon - Location: TBA)

MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 8:00 am

Let us lift our hearts and our voices in prayer as we welcome a new day. Santiago Fernández, Donna Peña and Gary Daigle will lead us in song and praise. Our presider will be Donna Macalintal. We gather and celebrate together, “holding firm” in the unfolding of the new day.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE

KEYNOTE (TO BE ANNOUNCED)

Arena – 8:30 am

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

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Rubalcava Manibusan García

PEDRO RUBALCAVA, JESSE MANIBUSAN AND ESTELA GARCÍA-LÓPEZ

Come join this trio of friends and companions in ministry and lift your voices and spirits in praising God through lively and spirit-filled song. It will be a wonderful and joyous moment that reflects the unity and hope that resides in our communities of faith.

Vengan a unirse con este trío de amigos y compañeros en la pastoral para levantar sus voces y el espíritu alabando a Dios a través del canto animado. Disfrutarán de un momento lleno de alegría y maravilla que refleja la unidad y la esperanza que reside en nuestras comunidades de fe.



Haugen Daigle Janus

MARTY HAUGEN, GARY DAIGLE AND MARY JANUS

“A Little R&R (Refuel & Rejoice)”

Come and dine with Marty Haugen, Gary Daigle and Mary Janus. They will journey with you through music new and old. R&R with them the gift of sung prayer.

SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

CEILI RAIN

Ceili (say: KAY-lee) is a Gaelic (Irish) word that means “party.” Thus, Ceili Rain is a Celtic-pop/rock downpour of heavenly partiness! This six-headed joy-monster for Jesus will delight kids from 3 to 93. Billboard Magazine raves: “This group deserves to be heard by the entire world!” Join the Celtic conga line in the Arena on Saturday night!



PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 Liturgical Movement for Children: Connecting the Dots (*) - **Anderle**
- 4-02 Thomas Aquinas and Why the Atheists Are Right (*) - **Barron**
- 4-03 Trust in Me: Songs of Faith for Children's Catechesis (*) - **Burland**
- 4-04 Why Is Abortion a Central Point in Catholic Teaching? - **Coleman**
- 4-05 Making Sense of Turning Points - **D'Arcy**
- 4-06 Engaging Children and Youth in Parish Music - **Cortez**
- 4-07 The New Roman Missal: Part 2 – Mystagogy and Pastoral Responses - **Foley**
- 4-08 Learning to Live with Ecclesial Tensions (*) - **Gaillardetz**
- 4-09 Calling All Adults: Leadership for Youth Ministry (*) - **Goodwin**
- 4-10 Will There Be Faith? (*) - **Groome**
- 4-11 Soul Friendship: A Hopeful Ministry for the Future Church (*) - **Groves**
- 4-12 Catholic Morality: Personal and Social (*) - **Heft**
- 4-13 Stop. Look. Listen: An Invitation to Pay Attention Every Day (*) - **Hershey**
- 4-14 How to Have Supper (*) - **Huebsch**
- 4-15 Shout to the Highest Mountain (*) - **Kendzia & Jansen**
- 4-16 The Single Life: How I Stopped Dating and Started Living (*) - **Knobbe**
- 4-17 Working Together Collaboratively (*) - **Levo**
- 4-18 A Spirituality of Welcome (*) - **Lacey**
- 4-19 Stewardship as Spirituality: Helping Busy People Grow Closer to the Lord (*) - **Mahan**
- 4-20 Liturgy and Culture: The State of the Question - **Manalo**
- 4-21 Well-Seasoned, Well Sung: Songs for the Seasons (*) - **Mangan**
- 4-22 Radical Discipleship – Giving Our Death Away (*) - **Rolheiser**
- 4-23 Exploring and Deepening Our Naming of Divinity (*) - **Rupp**
- 4-24 The Gospel of Matthew: At the Crossroads of Early Christianity (*) - **Senior**
- 4-25 Guilt Trip or Baptismal Call? How to Recruit Volunteers for Meaningful Service (*) - **Shepp**
- 4-26 In the World, But Not of It: Witnessing to Christ in Today's Culture (*) - **Sweeney**
- 4-27 Hope Will Not Disappoint! A Media Spirituality for the Minister - **Vlaun**
- 4-28 Acting on Behalf of Justice: Stories of Gospel Living in the 21st Century (*) - **Sylvester**
- 4-70 The Vietnamese Community – A Culture of Beauty (Vietnamese/English) (*) - **Zaragoza & P. Nguyen**

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 The Pope's PR Problem (*) - **Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 Contemplative Prayer Experience: Castle of the Soul – **Alonso & Lawton**
- 5-03 My Life Is Calling Me: Young Adults Speak (*) - **Beaudoin**
- 5-04 Dancing Free on a Firm Foundation (*) - **Beckman & Ash**
- 5-05 Dressed for Success or Set Up for Failure? Exploring the Use of Violence in the Bible (*) - **Dempsey**
- 5-06 Friendship, Family and Community: Building a Firm Foundation in Early Childhood Catechesis (*) - **Early Childhood Advisory Board**
- 5-07 Reaching Hispanic Youth ... Well, *Really* Reaching Hispanic Youth - **Fernandez**
- 5-08 RCIA: Celebrating the Rites of Initiation (*) - **Galipeau**
- 5-09 Dialogue or Defense: Apologetics vs. Ecumenism (*) - **Gordon**
- 5-10 For the Life of the World (*) - **Hanvey**
- 5-11 A Holy Tradition Called Agape: The Faith That Jesus Awakens - **Jezreel**
- 5-12 Don't Drink the Water: Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Heart (*) - **Kempf**
- 5-13 The Journey of Forgiveness: Destination Peace (*) - **Khamisa**
- 5-14 I've Got to Get to Jesus (Luke 8:40-56) - **O. Martin**
- 5-15 The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: The Real History of Jewish-Christian Relations (*) - **Mayersohn**
- 5-16 Structure for Success: Catechist Tips That Replace SURVIVE with THRIVE (*) - **McCormack**
- 5-17 Amazing Grace: A Story of Survival, Faith and Hope on America's Death Row (*) - **Meléndez-Colón**
- 5-18 Biblical Apocalyptic Literature – Exploring the Richness of Dynamic Imagery (*) - **Nicholas**
- 5-19 Hold Firm with Trust (*) - **McKenna**
- 5-20 Inter-Religious Dialogue and the Mission of the Church – An Asian Experience (*) - **Quevedo**
- 5-21 The Launching Years: Parenting Your 18- to 25-Year-Old (*) - **P. & S. Saso**
- 5-22 Tune In: Use Their Issues, Teach to Their Issues, Touch Their Hearts! (*) - **Scally**
- 5-23 Freedom of Conscience vs. the Church's "Official" Positions - **Sparks**
- 5-24 Challenging and Encouraging Parents to Fulfill Their Primary Role in Faith Formation (*) - **Stenzel**
- 5-25 Essentials of Parish Life That Are Rarely Ever Tried (*) – **Sweetser & Rappé**
- 5-26 The Secure Homeland of the Text Generation (*) - **Theisen**
- 5-27 Choirs – We Need You Now! (*) - **Walker**
- 5-28 Feed the Shepherds or They'll Eat the Sheep: Nurturing Healthy Ministers (*) - **Witter**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Phong**

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Helping Teens Understand the Faith They Are Confirming (*) - **Amodei**
- 6-02 Re-examining the Four Signs That Mark the Holy Spirit's Presence in the Church (*) - **Burke-Sullivan**
- 6-03 RCIA with Children and the Role of the Community (*) - **Burns Senseman**
- 6-04 "God" for Those Who Seem Not to Need God (*) - **Crosby**
- 6-05 Hold Fast to Vatican II's Dream for the Liturgy (*) - **Cieslak**
- 6-06 Drink to the Thirsty: A Practical Approach to Evangelization and Adult Formation (*) - **Coster**
- 6-07 Ranking Religions: Religious Stratification in America (*) - **Davidson**
- 6-08 Enlivening the Sacrament Preparation Process! (*) - **Ellair**
- 6-09 Called to Prophetic Witness in a Wounded World (*) - **Fiand**
- 6-10 Sing as Christ Inspires Your Song: Renewing the Mission of Sung Prayer - **Haas**
- 6-11 Lay Ministers: Holding Firm in a Shaky Church (*) - **Horan**
- 6-12 Finding Vocation: Steps Toward Discernment - **Jamison**
- 6-13 Finding the Common Story with Gangs, Peace and Being Catholic (*) - **Jones**
- 6-14 Contemplating the Gospel: Ignatius of Loyola's Method of Healing the Heart (*) - **Kennedy & Stauring**
- 6-15 Finding God in Your Daily Life (*) - **J. Martin**
- 6-16 What Now – Strategies for Parish Ministry in Our Time (*) - **Langenbrunner & Hunt**
- 6-17 Where the Hell Is God? - **Leonard**
- 6-18 "Can You See What I See?": The Three Cultural Lenses - **Manalo**
- 6-19 Whatever Happened to Liberation Theology? (*) - **Massingale**
- 6-20 Mary in Vatican II (*) - **Matovina**
- 6-21 Helping Youth Deal with Tragedy: A Pastoral Challenge (*) - **McCarty**
- 6-22 Is Mark Mad (or Brilliant)? Going a Bit Deeper into Mark's Method (*) - **Mullen**
- 6-23 "Called and Gifted": A Visionary Statement Turns 30 (*) - **McGill**
- 6-24 Embracing God's People Living with HIV (*) - **Ponnet & Breen**
- 6-25 Sacrament Preparation: Our Opportunity to Evangelize Marginal Households (*) - **Quinlan**
- 6-26 Women in Song and Story (*) - **Whitaker, Jansen, Hart**
- 6-27 Men, Spirituality and Church (*) - **Rohr**
- 6-28 I Love You and the Answer Is "No"! (*) - **Wenc**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **H. Nguyen**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**
On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 8:00 - 9:30 am**
Eucharistic Liturgy
(Arena)
- 8:30 am**
Morning Addresses
English: Dr. Greer Gordon
Spanish: Dora Tobar Mensbrugge
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 7 Workshops
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– John Angotti and Danielle Rose
Music (Hall B)
– Rafael Moreno and Santiago Fernández
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 8 Workshops
- 3:30 pm**
Closing Eucharistic
Liturgy (Arena)
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- Registration Hours**
8:00 am - noon
(Prefunction Lobby)
- Exhibit Hours**
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Hall A)
- Sacred Space**
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Convention 304)
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- Cell Phone Recycling**
(Grand Arena Lobby)
- Massage**
(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)
- A.A. Meeting**
(Noon - Location: TBA)



MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am



BISHOP TOD BROWN, PRESIDERS

As we awaken to a new day, we share an opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give thanks. Bishop Tod Brown of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will preside at morning Eucharistic liturgy. Nourished by word and sacrament, we will go forth to Hold Firm ... and Trust!

SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS

8:30 am



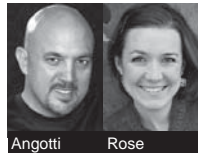
DR. GREER GORDON

The Cross as Transformation

Across the cultural, economic and educational spectrum people appear to be suffering from a common malady of hopelessness. As Christians, we claim to be heirs to a promise that overcomes the death of hopelessness. We profess that through the death and resurrection of Christ, our losses have been transformed, and we are redeemed. This session will address the continuing need to unfold the meaning of the cross for a suffering world. It will offer insights into the necessity of teaching and preaching the enigma of the cross, as an essential sign of hope. For, in the midst of the darkness and despair, there is the transforming light of the resurrected crucified Christ.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



JOHN ANGOTTI AND DANIELLE ROSE

Join John Angotti and Danielle Rose as they bring you into a place of trust in song. Their blend of rhythms and sound will encapsulate your heart and fill you with energy for the rest of Congress.

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

RAFAEL MORENO AND SANTIAGO FERNÁNDEZ

Come join this charismatic duo for an unforgettable lunchtime musical experience! From festive to inspirational, from rhythmic to reflective, their songs will surely lift your spirit and leave you re-energized!



¡Vengan a celebrar cantando con este carismático dúo y vivan una experiencia inolvidable durante el almuerzo! Su música festiva e inspiradora, rítmica y de reflexión seguramente les levantará el espíritu y los dejará llenos de energía.

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm



ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDERS

As Congress 2011 draws to a close, we come together to pray, to celebrate and go forth to Hold Firm ... Trust! We witness to our new life in Christ, and place our lives and ministry at the service of God's people in the world. Our Closing Liturgy, led by Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez, will feature the 200-plus voice Congress Choir '11, under the direction of John Flaherty.



PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 Teaching Young Children About the Wonders of God's Love (*) - **Adams**
- 7-02 All Things Catholic (*) - **Allen Jr.**
- 7-03 Exploring Castle of the Soul - **Alonso & Lawton**
- 7-04 Engaging Faith in the World: Fostering a Mission Spirituality in Young People (*) - **Awiapo & Miles**
- 7-05 Unchaining Confirmation (*) - **Carotta**
- 7-06 Together as One, To Gather as One: Songs and Strategies for Celebrating with Children (*) - **Chinn**
- 7-07 The Spirituality of Darkness: Living Effectively in a Chaotic World (*) - **Coutinho**
- 7-08 An Adult Appreciation of the Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ (*) - **Cusick**
- 7-09 The Journey to First Eucharist: Helping Parents and Children to Feel at Home in the Assembly (*) - **Delaney & Mahon**
- 7-10 How to Rebuild the Engine While the Vehicle Is Operating – Preparing for the New English Translation of the Roman Missal (*) - **Ford**
- 7-11 “Do This in Memory of Me”: Do What, and Where, and How? (*) - **Gittins**
- 7-12 Remembering the Future (*) - **Hanvey**
- 7-13 Justice Rising: The Gospel Call to Solidarity (*) - **Heagle**
- 7-14 Music Motivating Mission: Promoting Justice, Peace and Evangelization Through Song (*) - **Mangan**
- 7-15 The Visitation for Today: Five Women Icons of Holy Wisdom (*) - **McGrath**
- 7-16 Biblical Prophets – Ancient Men with Modern Messages (*) - **Nicholas**
- 7-17 Shut Up and Just Listen: Jesus Has Something to Say! (*) - **Ricard**
- 7-18 Cultivating Kindness, Growing in Compassion (*) - **Rupp**
- 7-19 Learning about L.I.F.E: A Family-based Program on Relationships (*) - **Sawyer**
- 7-20 Bioethics and the Image of God: Reflections on Medical Technology (*) - **Shaw**
- 7-21 Room for All God's Children: Strategies for Inclusive Parish Catechesis and Sacramental Preparation (*) - **C. & M. Skinner**
- 7-22 The Parish: A Community for Discernment (*) - **Sweeney**
- 7-23 Living in a Time of Chaos: The Call to Contemplative Spirituality (*) - **Sylvester**
- 7-24 Faith, Life & Creed: A Complete Catechesis for Christian Life ... In Two-and-a-half Steps (*) - **Wagner**
- 7-25 Holy Habits for Catechists (*) - **Witter**
- 7-26 The Power to Forgive and Reconcile in Marriage (*) - **Yzaguirre**
- 7-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Van Ban**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 Gratitude as a Spiritual Pathway - **Au**
- 8-02 Fishing the River: Doing Ministry Your Way AND Doing It Well (*) - **Carotta**
- 8-03 Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist, in Spirit and in Truth (*) - **Cieslak**
- 8-04 Planning Adult Formation in Your Parish (*) - **Coster**
- 8-05 The View from the Pew: Parishioners Perceive Their Parishes (*) - **Davidson**
- 8-06 Heart, Head, Hands and Heaven: Connecting the Arts and Religion (*) - **Frawley-Mangan**
- 8-07 We Were Meant to Unfold: A Celebration of the New Cosmology of Father Thomas Berry (*) - **Gentry-Akin**
- 8-08 The Ancient and Ever-new Treasure of the Psalms (*) - **Haugen**
- 8-09 Eucharist: A Project of Solidarity for All Humanity (*) - **Kendzia**
- 8-10 A Church to Believe In: Satisfying Eight Human Needs (*) - **Langenbrunner & Hunt**
- 8-11 Choose Life! Christian Discernment Today - **Leonard**
- 8-12 Jesus, Mary and Joseph (*) - **J. Martin**
- 8-13 Jews and the Roman Catholic Church Since Vatican II (*) - **Mayersohn**
- 8-14 A Catechist's Secret for Classroom Management: T.E.A.C.H. (*) - **McCormack**
- 8-15 Job: The Strong Voice of the Weak Person (*) - **McGill**
- 8-16 Partnering with Parents in Children's Faith Formation: Connecting Parents, Schools and Parish (*) - **Mulhall & Rotunno**
- 8-17 Is the Church Behind the Times? (*) - **Paige**
- 8-18 Eat, Pray, Love: Sound Familiar? (*) - **Paradise**
- 8-19 Parish Renewal: Building an Evangelized and Evangelizing Faith Community (*) - **Quinlan**
- 8-20 Youth, Prayer and Sunday Mass: Exploring the Wisdom of the “Pyramid of Catholic Prayer” (*) - **Reynolds**
- 8-21 Sexuality and Adolescents (*) - **Sawyer**
- 8-22 Resurrection from the Dead (*) - **Schmiesek**
- 8-23 Anger at Jerusalem: The Critical Importance of the Prophet Micah (*) - **Smith-Christopher**
- 8-24 Catechesis in a Digital Age (*) - **Travers & Donlon**
- 8-25 Hold Firm ... Trust: Religious Belief Is Not Intellectual Suicide (*) - **Wells**
- 8-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*) - **Phong**

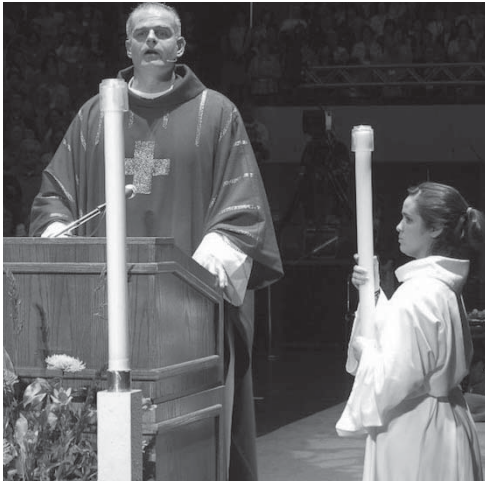
Assemblies

The Special Exhibit for last year's Congress was titled “Who's Under Your Carbon Footprint?” and sponsored by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change.



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LITURGIES/PRAYER SERVICES



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

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

Over the years, both the Congress choir and band have grown considerably in depth and membership. The Congress band today consists of approximately 40 instrumentalists and a choir of over 200 members representing six dioceses.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
General	Msgr. Ray East	Meredith Augustin
Black Culture	Rev. J-Glenn Murray	Richard Cheri & Good Ground
Contemplative	Rev. James Martin	Tony Alonso/Marty Haugen
From the Islands of: Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, Guam	Rev. Niko Leota	Joe Camacho/Jesse Manibusan
Spanish	Rev. Richard Vega	Peter Kolar/Rafael Moreno
Vietnamese	Bishop Vincent Van Ban	Vietnamese Community

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

In addition to our liturgies, we offer non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers) and a later evening Taizé service. Taizé, named after the monastic order and city in France, uses silence and music that draws upon simple phrases from the psalms.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Cambria Smith	Estela García-López/Rudy Lopez
Taizé (9:30 pm)	TBA	David Anderson

SATURDAY – MARCH 19

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE (8:00 am)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Praise	Diana Macalintal	S. Fernández/D. Peña/G. Daigle

SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

All our Saturday liturgies will celebrate the Solemnity of the Feast of St. Joseph.

General	Rev. Ed Foley	Ed Bolduc/John Angotti
Celtic	Rev. David Loftus	Liam Lawton
Eastern Rite	TBA	TBA
Jazz	Rev. Tony Ricard	Nicholas Calzada
Spanish	Bishop Alex Salazar	Betancourt/Fernández/Rubalcava
Young Adult	Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik	Jacob & Matthew

SATURDAY PRAYER SERVICE (5:15 pm)

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

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Kristin Firestone	Danielle Rose
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SUNDAY – MARCH 20

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Liturgy (8 am)	Bishop Tod Brown	Congress Choir 2011
Closing Liturgy (3:30 pm)	Archbishop José Gomez	Congress Choir 2011

VIETNAMESE WORKSHOPS

Friday, March 18

- 1-70 Bishop Vincent Van Ban
- 2-70 Fr. Hy Nguyen
- 3-70 Fr. Peter Ngo

Saturday, March 19

- 4-70 Paul Nguyen & Bro. Rufino Zaragoza (Bilingual)
- 5-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong
- 6-70 Fr. Hy Nguyen

Sunday, March 20

- 7-70 Bishop Vincent Van Ban
- 8-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong

ENGLISH WORKSHOPS

Friday, March 18

- 2-17 Jesse Manibusan & Bro. Rufino Zaragoza
- 3-21 Archbp. Orlando Quevedo

Saturday, March 19

- 4-20 Fr. Ricky Manalo
- 5-20 Archbp. Orlando Quevedo
- 6-18 Fr. Ricky Manalo

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE

Friday, March 18, 5:15 pm

LITURGY: From the Islands of: Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga and Guam
Rev. Niko Leota, presider

LITURGY: Vietnamese
Bishop Vincent Van Ban, presider

Asian and Pacific Presence: A Teaching Moment

Today the Asian and Pacific communities in the United States – both those born in the United States, and immigrants who came to the United States – span several generations. This tremendous increase in Asian and Pacific Catholics across the United States at the beginning of the third millennium is a teaching moment. It is also a teaching moment because of the welcoming spirit to which we are called in “The Church in America (Ecclesia in America)” and in the recent pastoral statement “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity”: The Church in the United States is enjoined “to offer a genuine and suitable welcome [to newcomers], to share together as brothers and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve the quality of life for society’s marginalized members.”

The Church is blessed with Asian and Pacific pastors, social workers, educators, diocesan directors and lay leaders who are actively and selflessly contributing to building the Kingdom of God in this country. The number of Asian and Pacific Catholics who have been given responsibility in church structures or are well-known in their fields of endeavor is growing.

Besides these living role models, Asian and Pacific Catholics come to the United States with a long heritage of extraordinary witness of life and martyrdom. The Church recently recognized many Asian saints and martyrs; however, the total number of saints and martyrs could fill an entire Asian and Pacific Litany of Saints.

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

Assemblies

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Congress annually presents a Multicultural Exhibit, a collaborative effort with the Archdiocesan Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry to expose attendees to the diverse ethnic communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. You will find a variety of cultural and religious artifacts, expressions of faith or

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religious piety practices, stories of saints and martyrs, and a plethora of items from the cultures of Native American, Central and South America, Europe, Africa/African-American, and Asia. It’s a wonderful resource for catechists and all involved in faith formation processes.



YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Young Adult Ministry at Congress 2011

A ministry to and with adults, ages 18 through 39, married and single

The Religious Education Congress welcomes young adults and those in ministry to young adults with a number of events on Saturday that are intentionally designed for young adults. Establishing strong and vibrant ministries for young adults is one of the priorities of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod. This weekend is a chance for young adults to be renewed and energized in their spiritual life and in their commitment to our church.



YOUNG ADULT EVENTS



YOUNG ADULT LITURGY

Saturday, March 19 at 5:15 pm

Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik will preside over our Young Adult Liturgy with music led by Jacob and Matthew! Come and worship with other young adults from around the world at this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.



YOUNG ADULT DANCE

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 pm - midnight

Cost: \$7 per person

This annual Congress tradition is a chance to meet new friends and reconnect with old. After a full day of workshops, networking, and celebrating liturgy, our DJ will mix the beats to keep the party going into the night! All young adults 18 and over are welcome. ID required for admission.



YOUNG ADULT LOUNGE

Saturday, March 19, 9:30 - 11:30 pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Our newest young adult event – now in its third year – The Lounge is a gathering place for conversation, live jazz, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. The Lounge is open to young adults 18 and over. ID required for admission.

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

The following workshops focus on young adult issues. We have also noted other workshops that may be of interest to young adults and those in ministry to young adults. Review this Registration Guidebook for topics that meet your needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

Dr. Tom Beaudoin

5-03*: My Life Is Calling Me: Young Adults Speak

David Gentry-Akin

2-11*: Open Wide the Doors: Helping Young People Appreciate and Embrace the Call to Christian Discipleship

Fr. Christopher Jamison, OSB

6-12*: Finding Vocation: Steps Toward Discernment

Patt & Steve Saso

5-21*: The Launching Years: Parenting Your 18- to 25-Year-Old

Beth M. Knobbe

3-16*: Friendship in a Fast-paced World

4-16*: The Single Life: How I Stopped Dating and Started Living

Thomas Sweetser, SJ & Wendy Rappé

5-25*: Essentials of Parish Life That Are Rarely Ever Tried

OTHER YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS TO CONSIDER

1-01*	1-03	1-05*	1-15*	1-18*	1-22*
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5-23	6-04*	6-06*	6-13*	7-08*	7-13*
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Congress 2011 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry and areas of interest, has been compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

Check our www.RECongress.org website for updates as well as the category listings of speakers by topics. **Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.**

Adult Formation

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Asian Pacific

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Black Perspective

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Catechesis

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Christian Initiation

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Confirmation

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Detention Ministry

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Early Adolescence

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Early Childhood

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Ecclesiology

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Human Growth & Development

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Junior High

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Justice & Peace

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Life Issues

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Morality

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Parish Leadership

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Restorative Justice

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Sacraments

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Scripture

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Sexuality

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Social Justice

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Spirituality

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Youth Ministry

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Vietnamese

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Women's Issues

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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



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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.

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

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

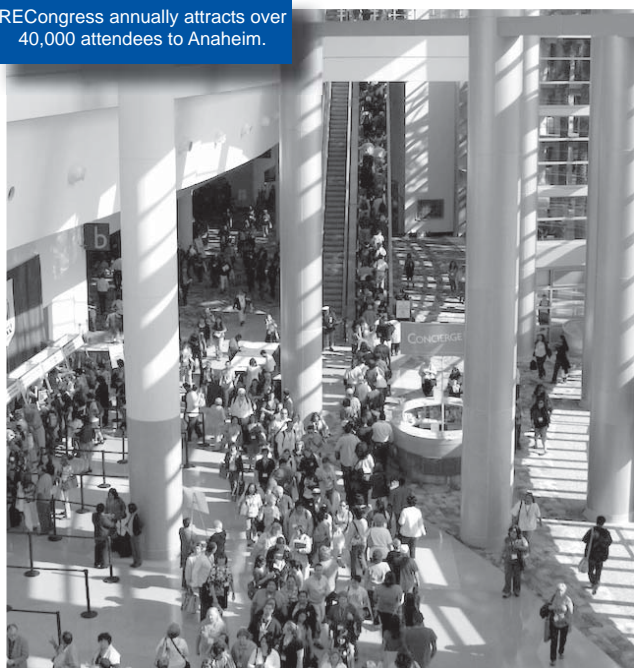
As Catholics, we hold the Apostles' Creed as a great gift summarizing the belief of the early Apostles and calling us to share in that same faith. But the creed is not in the Bible. Where did it come from? Today we still hold this creed as an important summary of our faith and a link to the first Apostles 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.

RECongress annually attracts over 40,000 attendees to Anaheim.



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

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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.

3-12 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.

3-13 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.

3-14 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.

3-15 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.”

3-16 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**

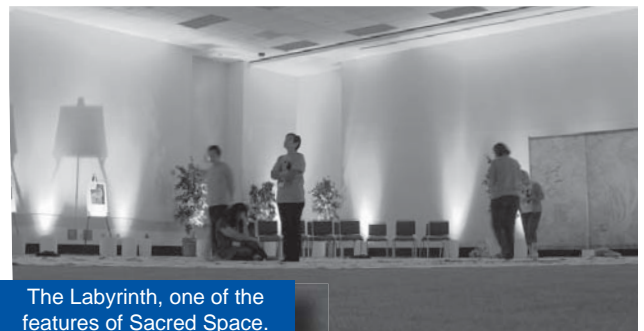
Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. He is the author of "Dining with Pharisees," and is currently completing a high school introduction to the New Testament. His current focus is the continuing education 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.

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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.

**Linh mục Phê-rô Ngô Công Thắng**

Linh mục Phê-rô Ngô Công Thắng là nguyên Phó Đại Diện Tư Pháp và Chánh Án của Tòa Án Hôn Phối Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles. Cha Thắng phục vụ 14 năm tại Tòa Án Hôn Phối. Cha Thắng đang giúp xử và là giáo sư Giáo luật tại Học viện Thần Học Đức Hồng Y Phanxicô Xaviê. Cha Thắng tốt nghiệp bằng Cao học Giáo Luật tại Đại Học Giáo Hoàng Thánh Phaolô, Cao Học Giáo Luật tại Đại Học Ottawa, và Tiến Sĩ Thần Học tại Học Viện Thần Học Indiana.



4-01 LITURGICAL MOVEMENT FOR CHILDREN: CONNECTING THE DOTS 🎧

Donna Anderle

Learn how to use music, movement, gesture and dance to “bring alive” the stories and messages of our faith. Find how exciting it is to weave the elements of dance into your lesson plans to create a *hands on* approach to learning. Come ready to *move* while learning songs and dance that can be used in the K-8 classroom or at children’s liturgies.

4-02 THOMAS AQUINAS AND WHY THE ATHEISTS ARE RIGHT 🎧

Rev. Robert Barron

The “new” atheists have emerged as strident critics of religion. Fr. Robert Barron has found that, more often than not, he agrees with them – for the God they deny is one that many would deny as well. He will explore this curious situation with the help of St. Thomas Aquinas.

4-03 TRUST IN ME: SONGS OF FAITH FOR CHILDREN’S CATECHESIS 🎧

John Burland

John Burland will share a variety of engaging songs that celebrate and affirm God’s presence in our lives each day. These songs are suitable for children at the elementary level and will enrich and energize faith formation across a range of catechetical themes. Incorporating movement, gesture and practical strategies that work, this workshop will keep you singing and moving as we celebrate our Catholic faith.

4-04 WHY IS ABORTION A CENTRAL POINT IN CATHOLIC TEACHING?

Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, SS

This workshop will deal with two recent events where the U.S. Catholic bishops demonstrated the absolute centrality of the Church’s teaching on abortion – the Obama election, and the 2010 health-care reform package and how the Catholic Health Association entered this discourse. Why is it that abortion plays the central role in the Church’s teachings about moral absolutes? How does the reception of the Eucharist play a part in this discussion?

4-05 MAKING SENSE OF TURNING POINTS

Paula D’Arcy

There are turning points – crises, failures, disappointments, losses – that change our journey. They beg the questions: How am I meeting life? Do I even know what life is? There is a power in every circumstance, no matter how difficult, that holds the key to many things. The first prison wall is my own unwillingness to know and listen to the turning point that is right before me.

4-06 ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN PARISH MUSIC

Come and experience the power of young people being ministers of music for parish life. Jaime Cortez will share some of his ideas that have been successful in the parish and also in the school settings. Young people will assist in this workshop as song leaders, lectors and musicians.



Jaime Cortez

Concert artist, clinician and teacher, Jaime Cortez has been leading music for worship for more than 25 years, and over 20 years as a pastoral musician for the Phoenix Diocese, where he is presently Director of Liturgy and Music at Holy Cross Church in Mesa, Ariz. Cortez has been a workshop presenter at every major national conference in the country and has also given workshops and concerts in England, Wales and Japan. He has six music collections that are published by OCP.

4-07 THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL: PART 2 – MYSTAGOGY AND PASTORAL RESPONSES

Edward Foley

This workshop will consider the pastoral, ecclesial and theological issues at stake in the new Roman Missal, and offer an overview of possible pastoral responses. Particular attention will be given to the issue of “reception” of both the current and previous Missal. (This is a continuation of Session 3-09.)

4-08 LEARNING TO LIVE WITH ECCLESIAL TENSIONS 🎧

Richard R. Gaillardetz

We stand at a difficult time in our Church when many church leaders are insisting on a more robust assertion of Catholic identity, while others are concerned the openness and creativity Vatican II promised are all but gone. There is often heated disagreement on what it means to be Catholic today. This presentation will try to diagnose the causes of our highly charged experience of church tension and then explore some helpful responses.



The Jacob and Matthew Band is a Youth Day favorite.

4-09 CALLING ALL ADULTS: LEADERSHIP FOR YOUTH MINISTRY 🗣️

Participants will explore various leadership roles necessary for effective parish youth ministry and the gifts, skills and training needed to build strong adult teams. Adult leaders are called to focus their ministry on the example of Jesus. Come and explore servant leadership for youth ministry.



Dr. Carole Goodwin

Dr. Carole Goodwin has spent the last 15 years in diocesan leadership and is presently Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky. She recently completed four years as Chair of the Board of Directors for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. Dr. Goodwin has taught all age groups, from grade school through graduate school, and has presented in many dioceses across the United States and Trinidad. She has made multiple appearances at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

4-10 WILL THERE BE FAITH? 🗣️

Dr. Thomas H. Groome

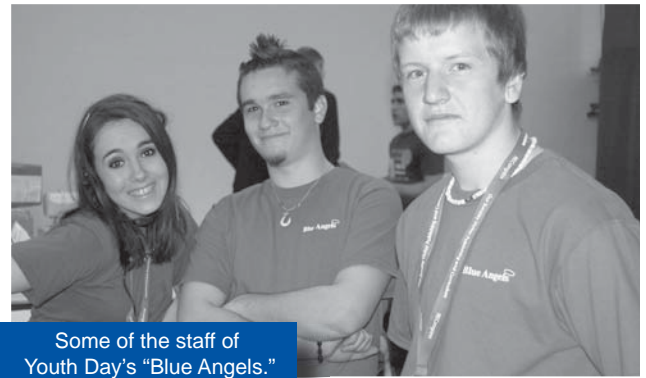
Toward the end of his public ministry, Luke’s Gospel has Jesus ask, “When the Son of Man comes again, will there be faith on earth?” (Luke 18:8). Was Jesus imagining a time like ours? Today’s best-selling books recommend a “new atheism.” Social commentators claim that ours is a “secular age” that actively discourages religious faith. The Pew Report on Religion in America claims there are 30 million “former” Catholics in the United States alone. So, will there be faith? This workshop proposes that “it all depends on what, why, and how we teach it.”

4-11 SOUL FRIENDSHIP: A HOPEFUL MINISTRY FOR THE FUTURE CHURCH 🗣️

Richard F. Groves

The ancient Celts and early Church Mothers and Fathers called the ministry *anam cara* (“soul friendship”). Learn about this remarkable pastoral practice that is emerging in the face of daunting institutional challenges. Here is an ancient wisdom path for the soul of every seeker to find support and direction in life. Related to the ministry of spiritual direction but immersed in the great mystical traditions, *anam cara* may be one of the most promising breaths of fresh air for 21st-century Christianity. Learn why Brigit of Ireland wrote in the fifth century, “A person without an *anam cara* is like a body without a head.”

CONGRESS COMMENTS	Name: Paula
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	Hello, I heard the music at the Closing Liturgy was wonderful. Do you know who performed?
	Reply: There were a variety of performers: Tony Alonso and ValLimar Jansen were the cantors, there were a number of soloists on songs, John Flaherty was director of the band and Congress Choir, and the theme song was written by Donna Peña.
You can read other’s comments and share yours on our Web site at www.RECongress.org/comments.htm	



Some of the staff of Youth Day’s “Blue Angels.”

4-12 CATHOLIC MORALITY: PERSONAL AND SOCIAL 🗣️

In our times, religion is privatized and morality is equated with sex. We wonder if our lives make a difference, where God is, and why it is so difficult to know what is deepest in our hearts. Can a Catholic vision of the moral life help us not only to cope but to flourish personally and socially?



James L. Heft, SM

Marianist priest Fr. James Heft is currently the Alton Brooks Professor of Religion at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and President of its Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies. He has taught 30 years at the university level, and formerly served as a professor, provost and chancellor at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Fr. Heft has written and edited seven books and published over 150 articles and reviews.

4-13 STOP. LOOK. LISTEN: AN INVITATION TO PAY ATTENTION EVERY DAY 🗣️

Rev. Terry Hershey

We live driven, distracted and depleted. Is there a different way? Terry Hershey invites us to heed the simple instruction from our childhood. Stop. Look. Listen. Three simple words can free us, encourage us and help us to live fully awake in the present, and to literally see God in all things. Three simple words can give us the permission to absorb – to rest, see and listen to – the fullness of life that surrounds us, and make us glad to be alive.

4-14 HOW TO HAVE SUPPER 🗣️

Bill Huebsch

In planning for lifelong faith formation, it’s not all about classes and content – it’s also about spending quality time together and making supper. No one likes to share a meal more than Bill Huebsch does! In this workshop, he will teach you how to make shared meals a key part of your own life and the life of your parish. You will learn the “theology of food,” the place of meals in the life of Jesus, practical ways to help households sit down to table together to make meals more significant, the eucharistic connections, and several good recipes and menus. Bring a note pad!

Workshops

4-15 SHOUT TO THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN 🎧

Singing is meant to play a major role in our liturgical prayer life, but is often taken “lightly” in the role of catechesis. Join in this lively workshop that places music – and especially singing – in the center of a great catechetical program for the whole community.



Tom Kendzia

Composer, author and performer, Tom Kendzia spends his time working with diocesan, parish and national conferences throughout the United States and Ireland. Kendzia is presently Director of Music at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. He has over 100 songs published; his most recent collection of liturgical music is titled “Endless Is Your Love.”



ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar Jansen – singer, composer and recording artist – has served as a college/university professor, a leader of worship, prayer and workshops at conferences across the country and abroad. Jansen was recently nominated for a 2010 Unity Award, for Female Vocalist of the Year, and selected to serve as the first solo female MC of the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference.

4-16 THE SINGLE LIFE: HOW I STOPPED DATING AND STARTED LIVING 🎧

Beth M. Knobbe

Whether you are single by choice or by circumstance, those who find themselves without a permanent life partner are constantly challenged to think beyond the stereotype that life begins when you walk down the aisle. This workshop takes a candid look at some of the myths that singles face and explores how a spiritual outlook can help singles lead a full and abundant life.

4-17 WORKING TOGETHER COLLABORATIVELY 🎧

Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD

We live with complex issues and problems that no one person can address. We need each other and we need to learn better ways to work together. This workshop will address the attitudes, skills and practices that will assist participants to become more skill-full co-laborers by creating collaborative environments. Obstacles to collaborative ministry will also be explored.



John Angotti wrote the 2010 Youth Day theme and performed in Friday's Concert.

4-18 A SPIRITUALITY OF WELCOME 🎧

Even in a world defended and fearful of outsiders, Christians are invited to reach beyond borders, welcome strangers, and discover there the God who has promised to dwell among the least. Using stories from her cross-cultural work with refugees, Sr. Marilyn Lacey encourages us to open up to God’s goodness always flowing toward us in surprising, humorous and life-altering ways. This session offers a fresh faith perspective on the immigration issues that face many societies today.



Sr. Marilyn Lacey, RSM

Sr. Marilyn Lacey has worked among refugees and migrants for 30 years. The Sister of Mercy is founder and Executive Director of Mercy Beyond Borders, a non-profit organization to help displaced women and children living in extreme poverty. Sr. Lacey formerly served as Director of Immigration, Refugee and Employment Services for Catholic Charities, based in San Jose, Calif., and is author of a book, “This Flowing Toward Me: A Story of God Arriving in Strangers.” In 2001 she was personally honored by the Dalai Lama as an “Unsung Hero of Compassion.”

4-19 STEWARDSHIP AS SPIRITUALITY: HELPING BUSY PEOPLE GROW CLOSER TO THE LORD 🎧

Rev. Daniel J. Mahan

Good stewardship of temporal and fiscal resources is a key element in sustaining and furthering the mission of the Church. Fr. Daniel Mahan will emphasize stewardship as a way of life, a way of holiness. He will discuss the four qualities of a good steward – gratitude, responsibility, generosity, and making a return to the Lord with increase – and the difference these qualities make in the life of the parish.

4-20 LITURGY AND CULTURE: THE STATE OF THE QUESTION

Many cultural issues and practices have emerged since the term “liturgical inculturation” became popular during the 1990s – e.g., texting during Mass, postmodern attitudes, “the cultural wars,” the growth of international priests, etc. How do these issues (and more) affect our worship experiences today? This workshop provides an update of the top 10 cultural issues that all clergy, liturgical ministers and pastoral leaders ought to be aware of.

Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP



Paulist priest Fr. Ricky Manalo is a doctoral candidate at the Graduate Theological Union and an adjunct professor at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif. He has written more than 20 pastoral articles on liturgy, culture and intercultural ministry, and his music is published through OCP. Fr. Manalo is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, a board member of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and is an advisor to the U.S. Bishops’ Secretariat on Cultural Diversity in the Church.

4-21 WELL-SEASONED, WELL SUNG: SONGS FOR THE SEASONS 🗣️

So much of the fabric of our liturgical “circle of life” is contained in the songs we sing. Michael Mangan will take us on a musical journey sharing his passion for vibrant, inclusive and meaningful music in parish and school liturgy and catechesis. Come ready to sing, move and learn some new repertoire to help fully, actively and consciously participate as we celebrate the liturgical seasons.

**Michael Mangan**

Composer, presenter and music liturgist, Michael Mangan has composed 150 songs that are widely used in school and parish liturgy and catechesis. He served as a Catholic elementary music specialist for 12 years in Brisbane, Australia, and now for the past 15 years he has toured Australia, New Zealand and North America presenting concerts at more than 1,500 schools. Mangan, who is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane, is also in demand at conferences as a presenter and music director.

4-22 RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP – GIVING OUR DEATH AWAY 🗣️**Ron Rolheiser, OMI**

We spend the early years of our lives *struggling to get our lives together*. Then we spend the generative years of our lives *struggling to give our lives away*. But, ultimately, our final struggle and our final gift to each other and to God is *how we give our deaths away*. How do we give our deaths away? The Gospels describe this as “the passion” of Christ; the mystics call it the “dark night of the spirit.” Here we reflect on the final stage of discipleship.

4-23 EXPLORING AND DEEPENING OUR NAMING OF DIVINITY 🗣️

Since earliest times, humankind has sought to describe, define and name the sacred essence we have come to call “God.” This workshop invites participants to expand and enrich their relationship with the Divine One by exploring a wide variety of names. This creative exploration includes names from all three Abrahamic religions. Each name offers glimpses of divinity that inspire, challenge and deepen one’s perception and lived experience of the Holy One.

**Joyce Rupp, OSM**

Sr. Joyce Rupp, a member of the Servants of Mary community, has been a facilitator and speaker at retreats and conferences for 30 years in the United States, Canada, Africa, Asia, New Zealand and Australia. She describes herself as a “spiritual midwife.” An award-winning author, Sr. Rupp has 21 books, including her latest, “Fragments of Your Ancient Name.” She also serves as Co-Director of The Institute of Compassionate Presence, based in Omaha, Neb., and as a volunteer for hospice.



The Program Pick-Up area for books and your name badge.

4-24 THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: AT THE CROSSROADS OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY 🗣️**Donald Senior, CP**

The Gospel of Matthew provides the Sunday readings for the upcoming Cycle A of the Lectionary. This workshop will identify the characteristic theological and pastoral motifs that run through this Gospel, which guided the Church through a profound time of transition as the Christian mission broke out into the Gentile world.

4-25 GUILT TRIP OR BAPTISMAL CALL? HOW TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR MEANINGFUL SERVICE 🗣️

Need volunteers? Want volunteers? Stuck on how to get them? Volunteers are the backbone of much of the church’s work. This workshop will provide a template for discovering which volunteers you need, provide information on what you can expect from volunteers and, most importantly, cover how to get volunteers. The basics of volunteer recruitment combined with the Gospel call to serve will be covered. Leave knowing what you need, want and how to get them!

**Vikki Shepp**

As Director of Volunteer Services for the Girl Scout Council of Orange County in California, Vikki Shepp works with a volunteer group that is 5,000 strong. Additionally, as a ministry consultant, she has been involved in many aspects of ministry with volunteers, staff, youth and diocesan leaders. Shepp has spoken at diocesan events and national conferences, including the L.A. Congress and World Youth Day in Toronto, Canada, in 2002.

4-26 IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF IT: WITNESSING TO CHRIST IN TODAY'S CULTURE

It is our baptismal call to proclaim the Good News. But how do we do this in a culture that often seems to be hostile to the Gospel? This workshop will examine cultural impediments to understanding and therefore receiving the Gospel. We will see how recognizing these can help us proclaim the Good News in our contemporary society.



Rev. Michael Sweeney, OP

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

4-27 HOPE WILL NOT DISAPPOINT! A MEDIA SPIRITUALITY FOR THE MINISTER

Rev. Msgr. James C. Vlaun

What are the attitudes necessary to be a hopeful minister who utilizes media? This multimedia presentation will uplift and encourage all who find media a tool to assist in teaching and evangelization.

4-28 ACTING ON BEHALF OF JUSTICE: STORIES OF GOSPEL LIVING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The news that surrounds us is pretty depressing most of the time. We hear about all the things that are going wrong in our world. Yet, there are many people living the Gospel vision of right relationship, justice, non-violence and love. This session will highlight stories of those who are living out the principles of Catholic social justice teaching in ways that inspire and invite others to do the same. This session will provide hope as we learn how what we do today actually contributes to the future development of succeeding generations.



Nancy Sylvester, IHM

Nancy Sylvester is founder and President of the Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue, based in Detroit. She is past President of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, past-vice president of her congregation, and a former NETWORK staff member for 15 years. An author and speaker, Sylvester has addressed numerous diocesan conferences, university institutes, assemblies of women religious and major national and international conferences.

CONGRESS COMMENTS

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The Congress was a good experience, and the band Ceili Rain was great! I would really love to see them again next year!

Reply: Ceili Rain is performing again this year, as the Saturday Evening Concert.

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4-70 THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY – A CULTURE OF BEAUTY

The Vietnamese Catholic community is one characterized by rich liturgical inculturation, reverence for elders, strong devotional life, beautiful music and a unique chant tradition. How can the spirituality and devotional life of the mainstream be enriched from this “culture of beauty”? Will second-generation Vietnamese-Americans continue and sustain this richness and offer it to the mainstream parish life?

Cộng đồng Việt Nam: Nền văn hóa mỹ miều

Đặc điểm của Cộng đồng Công giáo Việt nam là sự hội nhập văn hóa phong phú, kính trọng bậc cao niên, sống lòng đạo mãnh liệt, âm nhạc đẹp đẽ và có truyền thống thánh ca độc đáo. Phải làm thế nào để nền “văn hóa mỹ miều” này giúp cho đời sống đạo đức và tâm linh của dòng chính được phong phú hơn? Liệu thế hệ thứ 2 có thể tiếp tục và bảo tồn được sự phong phú, cũng như cống hiến cái đẹp này vào sinh hoạt chính của giáo xứ?



Bro. 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.

Brother Rufino Zaragoza

Tu huynh Rufino Zaragoza thuộc dòng Phanxicô tại Oakland, California, là chuyên viên về nhạc phụng vụ. Là người không ngừng tìm hiểu sự phong phú của các cộng đồng đa văn hóa, thầy thuyết giảng về niềm vui và phong phú do việc thờ phượng đa văn hóa đem lại. Hằng năm, thầy dạy học tại Việt Nam trong vài tháng, và đi du lịch qua các nước Á châu, để phát triển nguồn song ngữ và nghiên cứu việc hội nhập văn hóa Đông phương trong phụng vụ.



Paul Nguyen

Paul Nguyen is Director of Music at Corpus Christi Church in the Diocese of Orange, Calif., and an artist with OCP. He has presented workshops at the National Pastoral Musicians Conference and for Alaska Discipleship Days 2006. Being a 1.5 generation immigrant where he can navigate comfortably between the mainstream and Vietnamese traditions, he works to bridge the gaps between the two traditions and between generational divides.

Paul Nguyễn

Anh Paul Nguyễn là một nhạc sỹ về phụng vụ tại Giáo Phận Orange, California, và là một nhạc sỹ cho OCP (Oregon Catholic Press). Ở giữa thế hệ thứ nhất và thế hệ thứ hai, anh có thể lèo lái dễ dàng giữa văn hóa Mỹ và Việt. Anh luôn tiếp tục tìm cách để nối kết hai văn hóa và hai thế hệ.

5-01 THE POPE'S PR PROBLEM 🗣️

The papacy of Pope Benedict XVI has been marred by a series of communications meltdowns, from an affair involving a Holocaust-denying bishop to public statements from Vatican officials which aggravated the sexual abuse crisis. This session examines those PR problems from the bird's eye view of a veteran Vatican reporter, and uses them to teach five lessons about communications and media relations at any level of the Church.

**John L. Allen Jr.**

John Allen is the prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He is author of seven best-selling books and writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications. Allen's weekly Internet column, "All Things Catholic," is widely read as a source of insight on the global Catholic Church.

5-02 CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER EXPERIENCE: CASTLE OF THE SOUL

Teresa of Avila said, "Our soul is like a castle created out of a precious jewel, with many very interesting rooms. You can live your whole life and never discover what it's like inside." Join us for this prayer experience as we take time to journey into this castle. It is an exploration of contemplative life in a contemporary setting. How can we make time in the midst of the busyness of modern life to meet God in the interior place of the soul? Using reflections and musical settings based on the early desert pilgrims, the writings of the mystics – ancient and contemporary – come discover the eternal beauty of God's presence.

**Tony Alonso**

Tony Alonso currently serves as Director of Liturgical Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. As one of the most prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music, he has shared his musical gifts and knowledge of liturgy at conferences across the United States, Canada and Europe. His music appears in numerous hymnals throughout the world. In addition to several published collections of liturgical music, Alonso is author of many books for youth and youth ministers about liturgy.

**Liam Lawton**

Fr. Liam Lawton is Director of Music for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin in Ireland. His latest collection of music, released in the United States and Europe, is titled "Healing Song." His music has achieved platinum status in Ireland and has been translated into a number of European languages. Fr. Lawton has appeared on many TV and radio programs in Ireland and has recorded two PBS specials. He has presented concerts and workshops throughout the world.

5-03 MY LIFE IS CALLING ME: YOUNG ADULTS SPEAK 🗣️**Dr. Tom Beaudoin**

The core concerns of young adults – relationships, career, self-identity, service – are all part of the larger question of vocation. How do adults in their 20s and 30s "hear the call" of their life's vocation? How do they respond and live out that call? A panel of young adults will speak about their vocational journey and we will discuss ways that the community can support them in that journey. Dr. Tom Beaudoin will moderate.

5-04 DANCING FREE ON A FIRM FOUNDATION 🗣️**Betsey Beckman, MM & Laura Ash**

How do we hold firm to the ancient practices of our faith and, at the same time, trust the Spirit to lead us in ever-emergent ways? The ministry of movement can be fertile ground for this commingling of ancient and new. Explore how to deepen personal and communal prayer by embodying processions, gesturing psalms, enacting Scripture, and embracing ritual actions. By committing your whole self to embodied practices of faith, find renewed energy for catechesis and liturgy, prayer and play, as well as the dynamic proclamation of the Good News!

5-05 DRESSED FOR SUCCESS OR SET UP FOR FAILURE? EXPLORING THE USE OF VIOLENCE IN THE BIBLE 🗣️**Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD**

One of the most troubling aspects of biblical literature is its use of violence and violent images. As a people of faith who use the Bible in prayer and reflection, how are we to understand and make sense of the violent images we find in the biblical text and in the "Word of God"? This workshop explores and evaluates the use of this imagery in both the Old and New Testaments, with particular attention given to the Book of the Prophets.

5-06 FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY: BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CATECHESIS 🗣️

This workshop will present an appreciation of the wonderful gifts of family, friends and community members through the eyes of 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. In discovering how we are all interconnected, we can teach children to extend love, trust and concern to others while building a strong faith foundation in relationship to God.

**Early Childhood Advisory Board**

Continuing the vision that has spanned over 35 years, the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Early Childhood Advisory Board, a group of multi-talented catechists, educators and professionals, strives to help others appreciate the importance of experiencing God's love in concrete ways during the formative preschool years of children ages 3 through 5. Workshops offered by the Early Childhood Board are informative, with a "hands-on" approach to religious formation.

5-07 REACHING HISPANIC YOUTH ... WELL, REALLY REACHING HISPANIC YOUTH

Is your parish *really* reaching out to Hispanic youth? Are you wondering how to *really* capture the enthusiasm of these *jóvenes* and make them part of your community? Would you like to empower them and encourage them to share their giftedness with the rest of the parish family? Do you see lots of Hispanic youth in your neighborhood but haven't figured out how to welcome them and get them involved in the parish? This session will explore different approaches to *pastoral juvenil* that are sure to give you renewed determination to build a parish community that truly serves the needs of our growing young Hispanic population.



Santiago Fernández

Santiago Fernández has been active in parish music ministry for the past 25 years and is currently Music Minister at St. Damien of Molokai Parish in Pontiac, Mich. He is also a clinician/composer for OCP and a frequent speaker and workshop presenter at events and conferences around the country. Fernández has been a member of the USCCB's National Advisory Council and a music director for the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry.

5-08 RCIA: CELEBRATING THE RITES OF INITIATION



Dr. Jerry Galipeau

This workshop will explore the various major initiation rites (Acceptance, Sending, Scrutinies, Sacramental Initiation), explain their significance, and provide tips for presiding, ritual music and the effective use of liturgical space.

5-09 DIALOGUE OR DEFENSE: APOLOGETICS VS. ECUMENISM



After a long and painful hiatus, the term "apologetics" (defense of the faith) has resurfaced recently in a seeming deluge of textbooks. The majority of the texts are written by Evangelical Protestants who wish to correct the errors of the Catholics. Sadly, many of those who use the term are unfamiliar with its lengthy history within the Roman Catholic tradition and our attempt to move from defense to a posture of welcome and dialogue. This session will address the historic tension between apologetics and ecumenism. It will offer insights into Evangelical Protestant understanding of apologetics and Roman Catholic understanding of interfaith dialogue.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is Director of the Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, La. A Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer, she has been a faculty member at Regis College and the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. She also served as Director of the Office for Black Catholics in the Boston Archdiocese. Among her publications are "Heritage ad Vision" and "Symphonies of the Heart. In 1995, Dr. Gordon was the keynote speaker at the L.A. Congress, and the first woman baccalaureate speaker at Boston University and Regis College.

5-10 FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

This session will explore some central questions for the way in which the Church lives in and shapes contemporary cultures. It will also explore the foundations of the "creative poiesis" of the Christian life.



Rev. Dr. James Hanvey, SJ

Fr. James Hanvey, a member of the Society of Jesus, is a Theological Advisor to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in the United Kingdom. He is also a Lecturer in Systematic Theology at Heythrop College at the University of London, England. A much traveled speaker and teacher in Europe, South Africa, Australia and the United States, Fr. Hanvey has lectured and taught widely in systematic theology and Ignatian spirituality and written about the church in postmodern culture.

5-11 A HOLY TRADITION CALLED AGAPE: THE FAITH THAT JESUS AWAKENS

Jack Jezreel

The teaching of Jesus draws from a peculiar and – at the time – unimaginable claim that all people are our sisters and brothers. This fundamental tenet of our faith is the foundation for an ethic of radical compassion that is at the heart of all remarkable Christian witness and social ministry. Interestingly, at the heart of all faith-filled care for the poor and vulnerable is not political engagement but rather a spiritual transformation. The language of metanoia is a critical component of any adequate rendering of the Christian commitment to social renewal, healing and restoration.

5-12 DON'T DRINK THE HOLY WATER ... EUCHARIST AND THE HUNGERS OF THE HUMAN HEART

Fr. Joe Kempf

The Eucharist offers us more gift than we could ever imagine ... more challenge than we often like to realize. This session will provide a wonderful opportunity for participants to nurture their own faith. It will also offer ways to invite children to enter more deeply into this great mystery (including ideas for those who prepare children for first communion). Through video, demonstration and story, Fr. Joe Kempf offers a simple look at the great gift – and challenge – of the meal that feeds the deepest hungers of the human heart.

5-13 THE JOURNEY OF FORGIVENESS: DESTINATION PEACE

Azim N. Khamisa

Learn through experiential exercises the pathway of peace with the same three steps of forgiveness Azim Khamisa used to forgive the murderer of his son.

5-14 I'VE GOT TO GET TO JESUS (LUKE 8:40-56)

Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin

This workshop unfolds the challenges of living a “faith walk” amid daily crises. It highlights biblical texts as the backdrop of the workshop and enables its participants to come into a deeper understanding of the activity of God in their lives. (This session includes meditation and a discussion.)

5-15 THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY: THE REAL HISTORY OF JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

Jews and Christians, when considering the history of our relations, tend to focus on the negative, the pain and the suffering. In this workshop, we will look at the complete picture of the historic relations, including the times and places of cooperation, collaboration and constructive relations. While there have been difficulties, there have also been times when Jews and Christians lived together in peace and coexistence. This workshop will allow us to acknowledge the totality of our relations and put current relations in their proper historic perspective.

**Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**

Rabbi Michael Mayersohn has been a rabbi for over 30 years, serving synagogues in Massachusetts and California. He is currently Director at the Alliance for Christian and Jewish Studies, based in Southern California. For the last seven years the former spiritual leader of Temple Beth David in Westminster, Calif., has devoted himself entirely to teaching in the interfaith community; he has taught at over 25 churches in Southern California and Arizona. This is his second appearance at the Religious Education Congress.

5-16 STRUCTURE FOR SUCCESS: CATECHIST TIPS THAT REPLACE SURVIVE WITH THRIVE

Make the most effective use of time within the religious education class by structuring for success. Session participants will consider “housekeeping” tips, grouping activities, classroom routines, student behavior, teaching procedures, and ways to organize the classroom environment for success.

**Dr. Patricia McCormack, IHM**

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

5-17 AMAZING GRACE: A STORY OF SURVIVAL, FAITH AND HOPE ON AMERICA’S DEATH ROW

In this workshop, Juan Meléndez will share his remarkable story of survival, faith and hope as an innocent man who spent nearly 18 years on Death Row. He will relate how he was touched by the grace of God even in his darkest moments of despair. He will speak to the powerfulness of his mother’s prayers as she prayed three rosaries on her knees every day – praying for a miracle that would prove her son’s innocence. He will explain how he finally found peace on Death Row when he learned to put all his faith and trust in God. Juan’s story will also highlight the many problems of the death penalty system.

**Juan Roberto Meléndez-Colón**

Juan Meléndez spent nearly 18 years on Florida’s Death Row for a crime he did not commit. Since his exoneration and release on January 3, 2002, he has shared his inspirational story with tens of thousands of people across the United States, Canada and Europe. Meléndez’s story is featured in the internationally acclaimed documentary, “Juan Meléndez 6446.” He also serves as a member of the Board of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and Witness to Innocence.

5-18 BIBLICAL APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE – EXPLORING THE RICHNESS OF DYNAMIC IMAGERY

The aim of this session is to make the message and imagery of apocalyptic writings accessible to the average, church-going Catholic. We will begin with a discussion of frequently used symbols found in Scripture and then explore how Catholics understand apocalyptic imagery. We will discuss the apocalyptic images in the Book of Daniel and what they mean in light of Israelite history, and compare the images found throughout the Book of Revelation and their meaning in light of the Church’s mission. We will end with an example of how the Church continues to be apocalyptic in its spirituality, its liturgy and its sacramental life, continuing its mission to evangelize as it moves through history toward Christ’s return.

**Rev. William C. Nicholas**

Southern California native Fr. William Nicholas was ordained for the San Francisco Archdiocese. He is presently Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Loretto Parish in Novato, Calif. Fr. Nicholas has participated in programs for continuing education of Catholic schoolteachers and presented numerous classes on Scripture and liturgy for both parishes and the archdiocese. He has also written Scripture reflections and guest commentaries for Catholic San Francisco, newspaper of the archdiocese.

Name: Barbara Baker

Comment:

Thanks for the great post-Congress updates. I am already looking forward to next year. Congress to me is like a retreat/renewal. I always come away with new incite and information to be used in my class as well as my personal life. Thank you once again for all the hard work that goes into Congress. You are all an awesome team. May you all receive many blessings for your hard work.

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

5-19 HOLD FIRM WITH TRUST! ☺

Megan McKenna

Our God holds all creation firm and all of us. The stars of night and the planets hold firm. The seas and season hold firm (more or less). How do we hold firm? Who do we hold firmly? Where do we hold firm? What do we hold firmly and confront? The rhythm and the practice of holding firm yet trusting to move past borders and boundaries is essential to the meaning and expression of faith and love. It is nearly impossible to do alone – only in community with others can we hold onto our integrity and trust. Come hold onto others with grace.

5-20 INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH – AN ASIAN EXPERIENCE ☺

Archbishop Orlando B. Quevedo, OMI, DD

For the Church in Asia, evangelization is by way of triple dialogue: dialogue with the poor, dialogue with cultures, dialogue with peoples of other religions. Such dialogue has been conducted in various ways by the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, through its offices. Dialogue with the poor has led to bettering the task of human promotion. Dialogue with cultures has impelled the Church in Asia to foster inculturating the faith. Inter-religious dialogue with ancient religious and philosophical traditions has led to greater respect, harmony and a reduction of extremist violence in many Asian countries. Experiential cases demonstrate the positive impact, from dialogue of life to dialogue of theological exchange.

5-21 THE LAUNCHING YEARS: PARENTING YOUR 18- TO 25-YEAR-OLD ☺

Steve & Patt Saso

It used to be when our child turned 18, our parenting days were almost over. Not anymore. Today many 18- to 35-year-olds are still living at home or returning, unable to find work and having a difficult time moving into adulthood. This workshop will discuss the challenges we face parenting our young adults: supporting the transition into college or workplace; mentoring those not taking responsibility for their lives; dealing with children still living at home; and getting them to move out when appropriate and necessary.

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

How do I get into the mind of my fast-moving junior-high student? This workshop will show you that young people's issues are found in their culture and expressed in popular music and media – and so are the solutions to their concerns. You will learn effective, practical and easy-to-use strategies to catechize through music they are already listening to. This approach works! Be prepared for a great inspiring workshop.



Anna Scally

Anna Scally is President of Cornerstone Media, columnist for their Top Music Countdown online resource and host of their audio show, "Burning Issues." She received the National Youth Ministry Performer/Artist/Author of the Year Award from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. Scally has made over 2,100 public presentations at youth rallies, training events, retreats and adult education days, and has been a presenter at all the major conferences for religious educators in North America.

5-23 FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE VS. THE CHURCH'S "OFFICIAL" POSITIONS

Richard C. Sparks, CSP

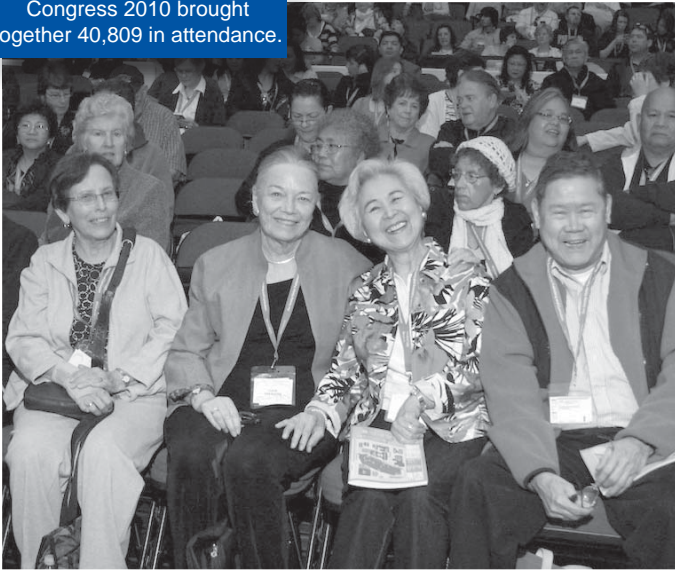
The pope and bishops are our teachers, the "official" Magisterium of the Church. We Catholics believe they can be "infallible" in a very-focused arena. But in other more case-specific matters, bishops are still our teachers, though not automatically right, e.g., Who should I vote for? Is this specific law or health-care reform moral or Catholic enough? In "good conscience" can I disagree with the bishops, and how free am I vs. how bound I am to obey? In this workshop we will discuss the boundaries of church authority and freedom of conscience. (For pastoral ministers, social justice advocates, teachers, catechists and interested public-minded citizens.)

5-24 CHALLENGING AND ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO FULFILL THEIR PRIMARY ROLE IN FAITH FORMATION ☺

Pam Stenzel

Getting parents involved in faith formation can be a challenge. Many have just given up and take the we'll-do-it-for-them approach. This rarely works. In this workshop we will explore the importance of parent involvement in faith formation and practical ways that we can teach, encourage and include parents in the character development of their children. The values we pass on and the faith we live make a difference in the lives of our children, not just here, but for eternity. Together we can encourage parents to take an active role in teaching values and faith to the next generation.

Congress 2010 brought together 40,809 in attendance.



5-25 ESSENTIALS OF PARISH LIFE THAT ARE RARELY EVER TRIED

Thomas P. Sweetser, SJ & Wendy Rappé

Wherever we work with parishes, the complaints are the same: “We can’t find people to volunteer”; “The young adults are nowhere to be found”; “Less than half of our people come to Mass anymore”; “Our contributions are down and we can’t make ends meet.” These are real concerns but there are solutions. We have helped staff teams and leaders create successful models for volunteer management, motivating young adults, connecting with inactives and increasing financial contributions. Every parish needs these but many don’t spend the time and energy necessary to make it happen. Discover which workable models might be implemented in your own parish.

5-26 THE SECURE HOMELAND OF THE TEXT GENERATION

Michael Theisen

So what characterizes the newest generation of young millennials? Having grown up in a post 9/11 world, they have soared to adolescence under a focus on safety, security, attention and technology. They expect both immediate reward and the ability for instant connection with the world at the tip of their fingers. What does all this have to do with ministry? That’s what this workshop will explore as we make connections between what’s going on inside and around these millennials and how it is challenging those in the Church to rethink how and who we should be ministering to today.

5-27 CHOIRS – WE NEED YOU NOW!

Christopher Walker

Choirs have a leading role in encouraging the Church to sing mindful of the new Roman Missal. Be ready to sing and experience how to make music come alive!

5-28 FEED THE SHEPHERDS OR THEY’LL EAT THE SHEEP: NURTURING HEALTHY MINISTERS

Ministry is rewarding and life-giving but also challenging and, at times, difficult. Ordained and lay ecclesial ministers are as hungry to be nourished by God’s love, grace and wisdom as are the people they serve in ministry. Ignoring this hunger can lead to cynicism, apathy, burnout and ... “sheep-eating”! This workshop will explore the practices and commitments that provide the rich nutrition ministers need to sustain and strengthen them as they strive to hold firm to their call to ministry.



Jacquelyne M. Witter, EdD

Jacquelyne Witter is founding Director of “illuminate: Ministry to Ministers,” based in St. Paul, Minn., which provides church ministers with pastoral formation and spiritual renewal. Witter’s previous ministry experience includes serving as the Director of Ministerial Formation at St. John’s School of Theology-Seminary in Collegeville, Minn., and as Director of Catechesis and Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis as well as parish and Catholic school ministry.

5-70 THỜ DẠY MỘT LỚP VỀ LECTIO DIVINA CHO GIỚI TRẺ

Lectio Divina, tuy nghe xa lạ đối với giới trẻ và một số giáo dân Việt Nam, nhưng lại là một kho tàng quý giá với gần 2,000 năm lịch sử. Chính ĐTC Bênêđictô XVI mời gọi giới trẻ trở về, tái khám phá *Lectio Divina*, và mang ra thực hành để nuôi dưỡng đời sống thiêng liêng, tìm được hướng đi cho đời mình, đổi mới lối sống, trở nên những người thánh trẻ của ngàn năm thứ ba, góp phần canh tân Giáo Hội trong thế kỷ XXI này. Xin nhớ mang theo Kinh Thánh khi đến tham dự khóa này.



Frère Phong, FSC

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



6-01 HELPING TEENS UNDERSTAND THE FAITH THEY ARE CONFIRMING 🗨️

Michael Amodei

Preparation for the sacrament of confirmation is a chance to both orient and renew teens with a knowledge of important catechetical topics like the Trinity, Christology, Scripture, sacraments, morality, social justice and vocation as they experience the graces of this sacrament of Christian initiation. This session examines ways to blend the rich substance of our faith with the ongoing formation of high school-age teens as they progress from rote participants to newly engaged and committed Catholics.

6-02 RE-EXAMINING THE FOUR SIGNS THAT MARK THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE IN THE CHURCH 🗨️

Dr. Eileen C. Burke-Sullivan

“One and holy, you have to be kidding!” “Catholic and apostolic – what does that mean?” More times than I can count, I have heard these exclamations from my college students. How can we cling to a belief statement about the nature of the Church as one, holy, catholic and apostolic when there is evidence in the newspapers around the world every week that challenges such a conviction with frightening data to the contrary? This workshop will exploit three key questions regarding the third part of the creedal formula: What does the Church mean? What are the practical implications? What responsibility do ordinary Catholics have for realizing this claim?

6-03 RCIA WITH CHILDREN AND THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY 🗨️

Rita Burns Senseman

This workshop will explore the role that members of the community have in the pastoral implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults as it is adapted for children of catechetical age. In particular, the session will explore what the rite says about the role of parents, companions and sponsors. The connection between RCIA and religious education will also be explored.

6-04 “GOD” FOR THOSE WHO SEEM NOT TO NEED GOD 🗨️

Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap

Probably everyone attending Congress has some family member not practicing Catholicism. As increasing numbers leave “the Church,” evangelical atheists militantly try to expose the hypocrisy and “amorality” of religion, especially Catholicism. This invites a renewed articulation of God, including the Trinity, that is worthy of them and God as well.

6-05 HOLD FAST TO VATICAN II'S DREAM FOR THE LITURGY 🗨️

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II offered the local churches many challenges, including a new vision, a new spirit and, subsequently, new practices. We still have a long, long way to go. This workshop identifies the vision, the spirit and the commitment of the Church universal as she prays. It also identifies the challenges remaining, and some strategies – with a note of hope.



Fr. Bill Cieslak, OFM Cap

Fr. Bill Cieslak, a Capuchin Franciscan from the Detroit Province, is currently Provincial Director of Development for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph and based in Chicago. He is former President of the Franciscan School of Theology at Berkeley, Calif., where he also was Professor of Liturgy. An author and speaker, Fr. Cieslak has presented at numerous conferences – at the national, diocesan and parish levels.

6-06 DRINK TO THE THIRSTY: A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO EVANGELIZATION AND ADULT FORMATION 🗨️

Discover fresh, practical ways to reach adults, how to plan successful programming, and the wonderful resources that are available to make it all easier. Be prepared to be active in this workshop – sharing and creating together!



Pam Coster

Pam Coster has worked in ministry for over 15 years and is currently Executive Director of the Chicago-based Charis Ministries, a Jesuit ministry to those in their 20s and 30s. Before coming to Charis, Coster was President of Avanza Partners, specializing in adult faith formation and leadership development. She was previously Director of Faith Formation at Sts. Faith, Hope and Charity Parish in Winnetka, Ill. Coster is also a member of the boards of Loyola Press and Catholics on Call.

6-07 RANKING RELIGIONS: RELIGIOUS STRATIFICATION IN AMERICA 🗨️

Religious stratification is the vertical ranking of religious groups in terms of their members' access to wealth, power and prestige. Come find out how groups ranked in colonial times, how they rank now, and how religious stratification has harmed our society. Special attention is given to Catholics' progress from being religious outsiders to becoming religious insiders.



James D. Davidson

James Davidson is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Purdue University in Indiana, where he has taught since 1968. He specializes in studies of American Catholicism and religious stratification. His latest book, with Ralph Pyle, is “Religious Stratification in America.” Davidson is also author or co-author of several other books on American Catholics. He has been President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, the Religious Research Association, and the North Central Sociological Association.

Name: Laurie
Comment:

I thought the PowerPoint presentation at Friday's opening event was fantastic. Can it be purchased? Also, the workshops on Social Justice issues, e.g., Jim Wallis and Fr. Bryan Massingale were superb.

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

6-08 ENLIVENING THE SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROCESS! 🗣️

Steven Ellair

Are you involved in the sacrament preparation process and need some new ideas? Are you looking to renew your vision of what this process is all about? If so, then come to this workshop! We will explore how this important time of preparation can be full of life and meaning for those we are working with, for ourselves, and for the whole community. We will look at some keys of effective sacrament preparation and experience some engaging activities that can be used in this process. Come and learn how to create an enlivened process of sacrament preparation in your parish or school!

6-09 CALLED TO PROPHETIC WITNESS IN A WOUNDED WORLD 🗣️

Barbara Fiand, SND de N

It is not easy being a prophet. Feeling called to prophetic witness in these times is something we might want to consider with some hesitation – but with uncompromising honesty and with no pretense. We will look at our wounded world crying out for prophets: Western society, our home country, and our church. We will ask ourselves what can be, what actually is, and how we might be instruments of healing and transformation. Deep within us lies the potential for the greater good, for the human being all of us are called to be, for the Christ into whose prophetic life we were baptized. What all of this means will be the topic of our reflection together.

6-10 SING AS CHRIST INSPIRES YOUR SONG: RE-NEWING THE MISSION OF SUNG PRAYER

David Haas

Come and re-ignite the passion of our vocation as ministers of music – whether we are directors, choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, or most importantly, singing members of the praying assembly. We will take an honest inventory of our vocation. We will sing through new songs, hymns, psalms and acclamations with an eye toward renewing our sometimes “tired” ministry, recharging our ministerial stance to sing and offer our ministry and mission as a surrender to Christ, his Gospel, and our deeper call to discipleship. Come prepared to sing, be challenged, and together we will find new hope to sing a truly inspired song for God's people.

6-11 LAY MINISTERS: HOLDING FIRM IN A SHAKY CHURCH 🗣️

In this workshop, lay ministers tell their story of both the joys and the struggles of serving in parishes and other pastoral settings today. Their stories become the text of our reflection and analysis when we place their stories in conversation with the tradition of theology, ministry and even parable.



Dr. Michael Horan & Panel

Dr. Michael Horan is Chair of the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he teaches pastoral theology and ministry. He has ministered to youth and young adults on high school and college campuses in New York and Washington, D.C., and is a well-known presenter. Dr. Horan is author of two works and a contributing author of the school series “Blest Are We.” He has worked with the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Office of Parish Life for several years.

6-12 FINDING VOCATION: STEPS TOWARD DIS-CERNMENT

Fr. Christopher Jamison, OSB

This workshop is for young adults seeking to discern God's will, and for those involved in vocations ministry. Fr. Christopher Jamison will describe the Compass program that helps women and men discern together whether or not God is calling them to religious life or priesthood. Founded in 2004, Compass now has two centers in Britain with a third under discussion for Ireland.

6-13 FINDING THE COMMON STORY WITH GANGS, PEACE AND BEING CATHOLIC 🗣️

There is an ongoing connection between gangs in Central America and gangs in the United States. What does it mean to be a Catholic and someone who works for peace? Catholic Relief Services staff will share the powerful stories of building peace with gang-affected youth – a pathway to restore dignity and life in Latin America, and bring to light how we, as Catholics, can build peace in our own communities and world.



Richard Alan Jones

Rick Jones, based in San Salvador, El Salvador, is currently Deputy Regional Director for Global Solidarity and Justice in Latin America and the Caribbean for Catholic Relief Services. During the past 20 years Jones has worked on peace building, human rights and development programs in Latin America, and has even made official appearances before the U.S. Agency for International Development Symposium and the U.S. Senate's Committee on Foreign Relations.

6-14 CONTEMPLATING THE GOSPEL: IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA'S METHOD OF HEALING THE HEART

Experience and learn Ignatius of Loyola's way of praying with Scripture. St. Ignatius believed that by using the gift of our imagination to contemplate the Gospel, our hearts will experience God's love that heals and forgives. Experience a method of prayer that will help you pay attention to Jesus in the Gospels, allowing God to set your heart on fire and renew the life of your ministry. Applied in different settings, from parish religious education classes to liturgical services inside prisons, this method of meditating on the Gospel is a powerful way to grow in friendship and in love with Jesus.



Michael Kennedy, SJ

Fr. Michael Kennedy has been a priest for over 33 years, working with the poor and disenfranchised in California, Mexico, Central America and South America. He is also author of five books that present a prayer method used in homes, schools and detention facilities. Currently, as Director of the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative and as Co-Chaplain at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar, Calif., Fr. Kennedy works with incarcerated youth and gives retreats in state prisons in collaboration with Homeboy Industries.



Javier Stauring

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

6-15 FINDING GOD IN YOUR DAILY LIFE

Many of us think that direct experiences of God are rare, or are only the province of the saints and mystics. We will look at six common paths to God and at common, everyday experiences – incompleteness, exaltation, clarity, desires for holiness, desires to follow, vulnerability – and see how they can open us up to the presence of God in our daily lives. Practical, helpful and real examples will be used.



James Martin, SJ

Fr. James Martin is the Culture Editor for America magazine and award-winning author of "Mi Vida con los Santos" and a new book, "The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything." Fr. Martin, a Jesuit priest, is a frequent commentator on religious affairs in national and international media, has written for The New York Times and Wall Street Journal and has appeared on all major networks and CNN, BBC and Radio Vatican.

6-16 WHAT NOW – STRATEGIES FOR PARISH MINISTRY IN OUR TIME

This workshop presents a dialogue with a seasoned pastor, a Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Associate and the participants. Fr. Norman Langenbrunner and Jeanne Hunt will offer responses to the everyday dilemmas in parish ministry – fewer priests, fewer people in the pews, less money, ethnic diversity, and how these relate to the Church's mission of evangelization. Five models of church will be featured: ethnic, urban, mega, conservative and rural consolidated.



Fr. Norman Langenbrunner

Since being ordained a priest for the Cincinnati Archdiocese, Fr. Norman Langenbrunner has served as a high school teacher, associate pastor and pastor, and as a marriage tribunal judge. He currently preaches parish missions and retreats across the country, and has presented at the Ohio Directors of Religious Education Conference. Fr. Langenbrunner is also a contributor to St. Anthony Messenger Press.



Jeanne Hunt

Jeanne Hunt is Director of Product Development at St. Anthony Messenger Press in Cincinnati. She has served as a parish Director of Religious Education and as the Director of Family Life for the Cincinnati Archdiocese. She presents many workshops for catechists and teachers on religious education and preaches parish missions and retreats on faith formation. Hunt is author of "Choir Prayers," "Handing on the Faith: When You are a Single Parent," and her most recent, "Celebrating the Saints and Seasons."

6-17 WHERE THE HELL IS GOD?

In education and pastoral ministries, the time when it's hardest to hold firm and trust is when we face suffering and pain, disease and death. It's time to look at fresh and contemporary responses to these ancient questions.



Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting based in Melbourne, Australia. As a Visiting Professor, he has taught at the Gregorian University, at the University of California, Los Angeles, and at both the University of Melbourne and the Jesuit Theological College in Australia. Fr. Leonard has authored "Movies That Matter," "Preaching to the Converted," "The Mystical Gaze of the Cinema," and his most recent, "Where the Hell is God?"

6-18 "CAN YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?": THE THREE CULTURAL LENSES

Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP

Before we can respond effectively to the multicultural growth of our communities, we first need to recognize what's going on. All pastoral situations that involve cultural groups interacting with one another may be viewed through the prism of the three cultural lenses: the uni-cultural, the multicultural and the intercultural. This workshop provides a fresh approach for evaluating and assessing cultural situations so pastoral leaders may develop pastoral strategies.

6-19 WHATEVER HAPPENED TO LIBERATION THEOLOGY? 🗣️**Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD**

Liberation theologies developed as faith reflections from the poor and oppressed as they sought to challenge injustice. They exploded on the scene in the 1970s and '80s ... but where are they now? This workshop looks briefly at their origin and purpose, and then presents the new developments that are occurring in one of the most creative and challenging movements in Catholic theology.

6-20 MARY IN VATICAN II 🗣️

Chapter 8 of the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* builds on foundational teachings about Mary in the Scriptures and in Catholic tradition to present the Catholic Church's most comprehensive conciliar reflection on Mary. As we draw nearer to the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, this presentation will examine the four defined Catholic dogmas on Mary as a broad overview of Catholic teachings on Mary, the treatment of Mary in the Council and its influence on subsequent church teaching, and the implications of these teachings for contemporary Catholic faith.

**Dr. Timothy Matovina**

Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology and the William and Anna Jean Cushwa Director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He has offered presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and various theological topics for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the county.

6-21 HELPING YOUTH DEAL WITH TRAGEDY: A PASTORAL CHALLENGE 🗣️**Robert J. McCarty, DMin**

Young people experience tragedy of all sorts: personal, family, community and global. It's easy for pastoral leaders to feel powerless and overwhelmed. The pastoral challenge is to enable young people to cope with the various crises, grieve when necessary, and find a sense of hope. This session will provide an "anatomy of a crisis," identify some signs, and offer practical pastoral responses including skills for recognition, response and referral.

6-22 IS MARK MAD (OR BRILLIANT)? GOING A BIT DEEPER INTO MARK'S METHOD 🗣️**Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD**

St. Mark's Gospel has traditionally been the ugly duckling of the Gospels, with poor grammar and awkward wordiness. More recently, though, he has also been recognized as being amazingly clever in the way he put his Gospel together – inspired, even. This session is for daring souls who would like to go a bit deeper in Bible study, examining Mark's method for interrupting a story with a seemingly irrelevant interlude that, upon inspection, becomes the key for understanding the whole sequence. Bring your Bibles!

6-23 "CALLED AND GIFTED": A VISIONARY STATEMENT TURNS 30 🗣️

Jim McGill will review the history of the U.S. bishops' 1980 document, "Called and Gifted: The American Catholic Laity," linking it back to Vatican II and forward to the U.S. bishops' documents "Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium" (1995) and "Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord" (2005). The emphasis will be on the four seminal "calls and gifts" named in the 1980 document: adulthood, holiness, ministry and community. The document was a watershed in how American bishops viewed the the laity's role in the Roman Catholic Church in the United States and a reminder to the laity to respond to these "calls" as part of a baptismal vocation.

**James McGill**

Jim McGill is a Professor at the Catholic Biblical School in the School of Ministry at the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. He has taught adult religious education courses in parish, diocesan and university programs for the past 40 years in California, Kansas, Louisiana and Texas. McGill has been a speaker at the University of Dallas Ministry Conference in 2009 and the University of Dallas Tschoepe Homiletic Conference in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

6-24 EMBRACING GOD'S PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV 🗣️

The first cases of AIDS were recognized 30 years ago in 1981. Today, many people living with HIV still face fear, isolation and discrimination. Join Fr. Chris Ponnet and Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen to explore ways to reach out and embrace those infected and affected by HIV, especially in our Latino and African-American communities, and to learn the facts about HIV in order to dispel the myths and overcome the fears.

**Fr. Chris Ponnet**

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

**Elizabeth Crabb Breen, PhD**

Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen is an immunologist with more than 20 years of experience in HIV/AIDS research at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is Associate Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine. Dr. Breen has also served on the Los Angeles Archdiocese AIDS Education Task Force/Human Sexuality Committee since 1989, and speaks frequently about the immune system, HIV infection, and AIDS.

6-25 SACRAMENT PREPARATION: OUR OPPORTUNITY TO EVANGELIZE MARGINAL HOUSEHOLDS

Most parish leaders have wondered, “What’s the point of forming children for the sacraments when the families are not active in Catholic faith?” If you have, then you are asking the right question. Participate in this exploration and conversation on how to reach parents and families with an evangelizing catechesis during the periods of sacrament preparation (baptism through confirmation). Let’s consider how such processes can foster conversion! Bring your ideas!



Tom Quinlan

Tom Quinlan is currently in his 10th year as Director of the Religious Education Office for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill. He has served as a parish catechetical leader and on the governance board of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (2006-10). Quinlan has presented at both national and diocesan catechetical gatherings. He has written pieces for the Center for Ministry Development, and his articles have appeared in Today’s Parish and Catechist magazine.

6-26 WOMEN IN SONG AND STORY

Drawing upon their common artistry and life in the spirit, three women of faith-filled music weave a vivid tapestry in song and story. Come and gather for this rare collaboration by Janèt Sullivan Whitaker, ValLimar Jansen and Sarah Hart.



Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker is a singer, teacher and composer, with music published by OCP. A master cantor and catechist, for 10 years she has served as a musician catechist for the One Bread, One Body Conference at St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. She currently serves as Director of Music for St. Joan of Arc Parish in San Ramon, Calif.



ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar Jansen is a highly regarded singer, composer and recording artist. She has served as a college/university professor, a leader of worship and prayer and a workshop presenter at conferences across the United States and abroad. In 2007 she performed at the Agora papal event in Loreto, Italy, for over 300,000 people. Jansen was nominated for a 2010 Unity Award, for Female Vocalist of the Year, and selected to serve as the first solo female MC of the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference.



Sarah Hart

Sarah Hart is a recording artist with Spirit and Song in Portland, Ore., as well as a staff songwriter for EMI Christian Music Group in Nashville, Tenn. Her songs have been recorded by numerous artists and her music has appeared in film and TV. She also works closely as a voice over artist and composer for the Tom Tichenor Children’s Theater in Nashville. Hart’s passion for women’s ministry has prompted her to write two retreats for women, which she takes to parishes across the country.

6-27 MEN, SPIRITUALITY AND CHURCH

Richard Rohr, OFM

Why do men not invest in church, or even spirituality, the way that women do? Is there something wrong with them? Is there something wrong with the message? Is there anything we can do about it? What have we learned in 25 years of international men’s work that could help us all?

6-28 I LOVE YOU AND THE ANSWER IS “NO”!

Char Wenc, MED

Our job as parents is indeed challenging at times. It is difficult to be consistent in our decisions. However, it is one of the greatest gifts we give our children. If we are wishy washy, we give our children no foundation upon which to build their decisions. Our limits give our children the security and boundaries they so need in this world! Char Wenc will give a wide range of techniques and skills to say “no” with respect and love. It takes courage with God’s grace. This session is high energy, humorous and practical. Its goal is to empower and encourage parents through their parenting journey.

6-70 Tôi tin một Giáo Hội Duy Nhất, Thánh Thiện, Công Giáo và Tông Truyền

Linh mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, SS

Người Việt Nam chịu ảnh hưởng Khổng Giáo, tôn trọng trật tự trong xã hội. Người Công Giáo Việt Nam yêu mến và kính trọng phẩm trật trong Giáo Hội. Với xu hướng chống đối Giáo Hội hiện nay, chúng ta cần biết gì? Và làm gì để giữ vững niềm tin vào Giáo Hội? Chúng ta cần Giáo Hội hay không? Và những gì cần làm để phục hồi lại niềm tin đó?





Cardinal Mahony in an online chat from the Tech Center.

7-01 TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN ABOUT THE WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE 🎧

Dr. Shauna Adams

Young children make sense of their world in ways that are very different from older students and adults. In this session, participants will learn how to create lessons that lay the foundation for a strong relationship with God using child-centered and play-based strategies that entice young children. The importance of a well-staged environment and engaging materials will also be presented through real life examples in preschool and kindergarten classrooms.

7-02 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC 🎧

John L. Allen Jr.

Based on the title of John Allen's widely read weekly column, "All Things Catholic," this session offers a 360-degree review of news from inside and outside the Church that you need to know in order to understand the situation facing Catholicism in the early 21st century. In particular, this session locates American questions and concerns in the context of the global Church.

7-03 EXPLORING CASTLE OF THE SOUL

Tony Alonso & Liam Lawton

This workshop explores the background that led to the creation of the Castle of the Soul experience (subject of Session 5-02). How can we use this as a prototype within our parish setting to help people discover the beauty of meditation and reflection? How can we become contemplatives in the modern world? Drawing on such resources as early desert spirituality, the prayers and reflections of ancient and modern saints, and the use of contemporary music, join us as we examine the various possibilities that will draw our communities into a greater awareness of God's loving presence among us.

7-04 ENGAGING FAITH IN THE WORLD: FOSTERING A MISSION SPIRITUALITY IN YOUNG PEOPLE 🎧



In a world with such dramatic changes, it is essential we help young people develop a faith life that is rooted in the gospel and deepened in our celebration of Eucharist ... teaching us about human dignity, calling us to the right relationship with God, ourselves and others, inviting us to community and solidarity, and sending us on a mission to transform our communities, neighbors and world. Join staff from Catholic Relief Services for an interactive presentation that explores how we can invite young people to a faith life that is charged with a sense of mission. Meet and listen to Thomas Awiapo and his story of survival and success while growing up in Ghana, West Africa. Through his presence and personal story of hunger and hope that has inspired thousands, Thomas brings to fullness and life God's invitation to live as one human family.



Thomas Awiapo

Orphaned by the age of 10, Thomas Awiapo survived poverty and hunger in his small African village. His search for food led him to school at age 12 where he eventually won scholarships to attend college and later earned a master's degree from California State University, Hayward. Awiapo is currently the Global Solidarity Coordinator with Catholic Relief Services, Ghana, West Africa, where he participates in speaking tours and hosting delegations.



Ted Miles

After serving two years in Central America 20 years ago, Baltimore native Ted Miles worked in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development. Since 2005, he has worked for Catholic Relief Services as the Relationship Manager for Religious Education and coordinator of the agency's youth outreach in the United States. Miles has presented at numerous regional and national conferences.

7-05 UNCHAINING CONFIRMATION 🎧

Given what we now know about Catholic adolescents, effective catechesis and youth ministry, how can we enhance confirmation's potential to be a more formative influence in the spiritual lives of young people? This session will offer some concrete ideas and questions to consider based on our past approaches and our new possibilities.



Dr. Michael Carotta

Dr. Mike Carotta is currently the National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. His newest books include "Have Faith," a confirmation candidate/sponsor resource, and "Lincoln Park," a mystery series with spiritual insights for junior-highers, co-authored with theologian John Shea. Dr. Carotta's work has expanded into the area of vocational renewal, and he and his wife, Catherine, are authors of "Sustaining the Spirit: Callings, Commitments, and Vocational Challenges."

7-06 TOGETHER AS ONE, TO GATHER AS ONE: SONGS AND STRATEGIES FOR CELEBRATING WITH CHILDREN 🗣️

Andrew Chinn

In this workshop, Andrew Chinn will share songs and strategies to help catechists and teachers in celebrating liturgies for and with elementary-aged children. In addition to songs and movements for various parts of the liturgy, he will present some simple strategies for enhancing the Liturgy of the Word at children's liturgy. Drawing on the "Directory for Masses for Children," Andrew will help you come away with new ideas to involve children more fully in celebrations in the parish community as we go on a journey from the beginning to end of a liturgy with children.

7-07 THE SPIRITUALITY OF DARKNESS: LIVING EFFECTIVELY IN A CHAOTIC WORLD 🗣️

Paul Coutinho

When we reflect on life, we realize that it is in the dark moments and events of our lives that we more effectively find the truth that sets us free. This workshop will reflect on the powerful verse from the Prophet Isaiah: "I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name" (Is 45:3).

7-08 AN ADULT APPRECIATION OF THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST 🗣️

Rev. John C. Cusick

If someone asked you, "Please explain Jesus Christ to me," what would you tell them? As our country continues to grow in religious diversity, there is a good chance that question might be posed to you. The early church had a remarkable way of explaining Jesus Christ to others. They shared with others Jesus' life, ministry and mission and called it "the Good News." This workshop will lead us on a "walk" through those Good News Gospel stories in order to explain to others our appreciation of the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

7-09 THE JOURNEY TO FIRST EUCHARIST: HELPING PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO FEEL AT HOME IN THE ASSEMBLY 🗣️

This workshop will explore strategies for engaging parents, children and parish as all prepare for first Eucharist using the parish-based preparation program "Do This in Memory." Mindful of the current reality in which children are being presented for initiation, we will outline an approach to the preparation process that ensures families will feel at home at our Sunday Eucharist and have a sense of belonging to the faith community into which their children are being initiated. The Sunday Eucharist is the setting for this approach to preparation, and families are sent forth with resources to deepen their experience and understanding at home.



Martin Delaney

A priest of the Diocese of Ossory, Ireland, Fr. Martin Delaney is Associate Pastor at St. Canice's Parish in Kilkenny, Ireland. The former Diocesan Director of Religious Education (from 1992 to 2005) is co-author with Maeve Mahon of "Do This in Memory," a six-year-old program that has been used by more 150,000 families throughout Ireland, and recently in Britain and the United States. Fr. Delaney has presented workshops and retreats throughout Ireland, Britain, Italy, Canada and the United States.



Maeve Mahon

Maeve Mahon is Diocesan Director of Religious Education in Primary Schools for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland. She is co-author with Martin Delaney of "Do This in Memory" and with Julie Kavanagh of "A Welcome for Your Child." Her most recent publication is "You Shall Be My Witnesses," a parish-based preparation program for confirmation. Mahon is a frequently invited speaker in Ireland and a member of the National Steering Committee for Catholic Schools Week and of the Council of the Irish Catholic Schools Partnership.

7-10 HOW TO REBUILD THE ENGINE WHILE THE VEHICLE IS OPERATING – PREPARING FOR THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL 🗣️

The American Church will receive a new English translation of the Mass on November 27, 2011. Dr. Paul Ford will help parishes, schools and religious education programs experience this as an opportunity to learn how to pray the Mass as the baptized and confirmed, and to re-discover the unity of sacred Scripture and liturgy.



Paul F. Ford, PhD

Dr. Paul Ford is Professor of Systematic Theology and Liturgy at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., where he has taught since 1988. He has presented workshops on the new Roman Missal across the country. Dr. Ford was the first Roman Catholic in the doctoral program at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. In 1995 Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony honored him with the Laudatus Award "for excellence in the promotion of the liturgical life of the parishes and the people of the Archdiocese."

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Cyrus
 Comment:
 I love Congress 2010!!! The Liturgies were Incredible...(I'm just a kid so I can't go to the real Congress). I hope the theme song is good like 2010's theme song!!!! My mom told me if I get A's I can go to the Opening Rite. I'm gonna make plans and all that...
THANK YOU FOR HAVING CONGRESS. YOU GUYS INSPIRED ME TO BE A CATECHIST (since I go to Mass like 3 times to sing in choir and be an altar server)...I've been watching the Congress vids so much I know everything about Congress.... See you in 2011!!!!

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

7-11 “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME”: DO WHAT, AND WHERE, AND HOW? 🗣️

Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp

The Eucharist is central to our Christian identity, yet many people experience a eucharistic “famine,” others are excluded, and some treat it very casually. Was “Eucharist” only the end-point of Jesus’ life – or its very heart? And what could this mean? We explore the idea that the whole life of Jesus was “eucharistic” – and ours must be, too.

7-12 REMEMBERING THE FUTURE 🗣️

Rev. Dr. James Hanvey, SJ

This session will explore the significance of the Spirit’s gift of memory – remembering for the Church and Christian life. It will look at the implications of this, for the community of faith in terms of its own internal and external relations, and for the way in which we understand the mission of Christian life.

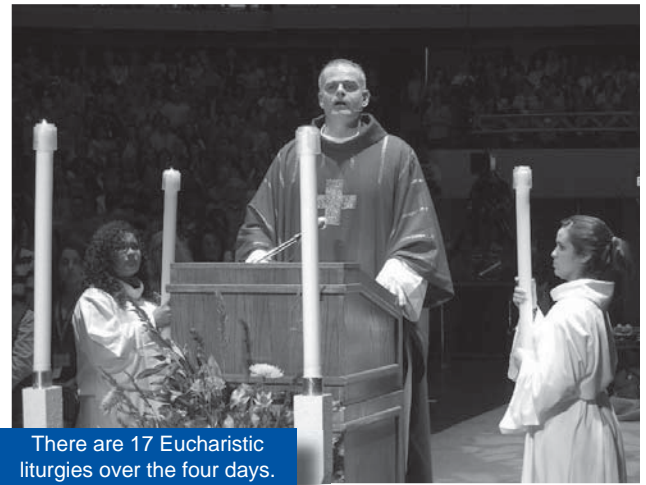
7-13 JUSTICE RISING: THE GOSPEL CALL TO SOLIDARITY 🗣️

Hungering and thirsting for justice is at the heart of the Gospel. But what is the justice we are pursuing? In our culture, justice is usually identified with the blindfolded woman holding the scales and a sword. But this is retributive justice, not biblical justice. This presentation maps out the remarkable evolution that leads from justice as retribution to justice as solidarity with the vulnerable. Justice is not the blindfolded woman. It is a surging river – a wellspring of God’s fierce love rising in human consciousness. What would happen if we took this vision seriously? How would it change us?



John Heagle, MA, JCL

John Heagle is a priest, counselor and author with more than 45 years of pastoral experience as a campus minister, college professor, pastor and retreat director. In 1976 he was appointed as the first Director of the Office of Justice and Peace for his diocese. Since 1985 he has served as a licensed psychotherapist and as Co-Director of Therapy & Renewal Associates in Oregon. Fr. Heagle is also an adjunct Professor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University, and is the author or co-author of eight books.



There are 17 Eucharistic liturgies over the four days.

7-14 MUSIC MOTIVATING MISSION: PROMOTING JUSTICE, PEACE AND EVANGELIZATION THROUGH SONG 🗣️

Michael Mangan

“Inspired by sung participation, [the church] goes forth to spread the Gospel with full force and compassion” (no. 9), states the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ document “Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship.” Like anthems and pep rallies, music and song can awaken, inspire and motivate us to “shine our light” and live the Gospel every day. Come ready to sing, learn new repertoire and explore the power of music to change our schools and parishes.

7-15 THE VISITATION FOR TODAY: FIVE WOMEN ICONS OF HOLY WISDOM 🗣️

Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath, OSFS

Using his own paintings and stories, Bro. Mickey McGrath will offer an inspiring and insightful look at five extraordinary women wisdom figures who span the generations of Church history, each of them in very troubled times. The lives of Mary and Elizabeth, Jane de Chantal, Thea Bowman and Dorothy Day offer renewed hope, joy and optimism in our own time of crisis and confusion.

7-16 BIBLICAL PROPHETS – ANCIENT MEN WITH MODERN MESSAGES 🗣️

Rev. William C. Nicholas

Beginning with a definition of the biblical role of the prophet, this workshop will touch upon the Christian interpretation of the Old Testament prophets, while also showing how they were men of their time, with messages for the people of Israel that addressed their present historical situation. We will conclude with a review of the themes and messages found in the books of the prophets and how these messages still resonate in both the work of the Church and the world in general.

CONGRESS COMMENTS

Name: Jeanette Poulin

Comment:

Good Morning, and thank you again for a wonderful RECongress. I have a wish...is it possible that Dr. Aurelie Hagstrom might come again to present at Congress? As a 65-year-old I find many of my contemporaries sadly lacking in the understanding of our baptismal call. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to write to you. Even though you reach to 35,000+ of us, you still manage this “hands on” chat of mine to happen! God Bless You!

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

Workshops

7-17 SHUT UP AND JUST LISTEN: JESUS HAS SOMETHING TO SAY! 🎧

Alex Trebek, host of TV's "Jeopardy," once said, "It's very important in life to know when to shut up!" But, unfortunately, people don't know when that is! God indeed has a lot He wants to tell us. But first, we have to be willing to tune our ears to the voice of God. We have to be ready to listen because God has some really cool things He wants us to know. This fun-filled workshop will focus on what it means to discern the will of God in our everyday lives. It is designed to uplift your soul and increase your joy as a true disciple of the Lord. Sometimes the best disciples are the ones who know how to "shut up and just listen!"



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

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

7-18 CULTIVATING KINDNESS, GROWING IN COMPASSION 🎧

Joyce Rupp, OSM

This workshop explores the many-layered landscape of kindness as it is lived within the hectic terrain of challenging life situations. No matter what kind of circumstances exist, kindness has the ability to alter one's perceptions of self and others and to engage in differences without losing a spirit of compassion. Various approaches to kindness will be presented using sources such as scripture, poetry, spiritual writings and music.

Dancers at last year's Friday Evening Concert.



7-19 LEARNING ABOUT L.I.F.E.: A FAMILY-BASED PROGRAM ON RELATIONSHIPS 🎧

The LIFE program enables parents to talk with their own children about healthy and unhealthy relationships, from early childhood through adolescence. It is based on the distinction between four kinds of human relationships that spell the acronym LIFE: Love (family love, commitment), Infatuation (falling in love, sexual attraction), Friendship (peer relationships), and various forms of Exploitation, including bullying and sexual abuse. The session will also introduce LIFE Plus, an online expansion of the program to include other concepts called for in the U.S. bishops' 2008 document, "Catechetical Formation for Chaste Living."



Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND

Sr. Kieran Sawyer, a School Sister of Notre Dame, is nationally known for her creative work in youth ministry and adolescent catechesis. She is Director Emeritus of the TYME OUT Youth Center in Wisconsin, which she founded in 1980. Author of youth ministry materials, a workshop presenter, and a catechetical trainer, Sr. Sawyer's current ministry is presenting workshops and training events for catechists and youth ministers at religious education conferences across the country.

7-20 BIOETHICS AND THE IMAGE OF GOD: REFLECTIONS ON MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY 🎧

Do advances in medicine pose challenges to living our faith? What does Church teaching have to say about technologies that "change" the human person? This workshop will engage questions around what it means to be made in the image of God in an age of rapid technological advancement. It will explore the ethical and theological issues that inform the way we might think about plastic surgery, stem cell research, cloning, genetic modification or transplantation.



Jennifer Shaw, PhD

Dr. Jennifer Shaw is currently Director of Theology and Ethics at the St. Joseph Health System (SJHS) in Orange, Calif. Prior to joining SJHS, she was the Regional Ethicist at Providence Health & Services of Southern California. Dr. Shaw has also taught in the Bioethics Institute at Loyola Marymount University and in the Religious Studies Department at Mount St. Mary's College, both in Los Angeles.

7-21 ROOM FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN: STRATEGIES FOR INCLUSIVE PARISH CATECHESIS AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 🎧

Christine & Michael Way Skinner

Rooted in parish experience and sound educational theory, this session focuses on practical strategies for meeting the needs of children with special needs in parish catechetical and sacramental preparation programs.

7-22 THE PARISH: A COMMUNITY FOR DISCERNMENT 📍**Rev. Michael Sweeney, OP**

How can our Church truly serve the needs of our world today? By each one of us answering our baptismal call to witness God's love and mercy. Where do we discover this call? Within the Christian family of our parish. This workshop will look at the essential role of the parish in helping each person discern his or her own unique charisms given to serve God and neighbor. We will discover how our parishes can become communities that nurture and support the personal call each of us has in Christ.

7-23 LIVING IN A TIME OF CHAOS: THE CALL TO CONTEMPLATIVE SPIRITUALITY 📍**Nancy Sylvester, IHM**

We live in a time of chaos when many of the structures and systems we take for granted are breaking down. The principles of Catholic social justice teaching provide us with insights as to how to live in this time. This workshop will reflect on how living out of these values and perspectives in this time of chaos calls us to a contemplative spirituality. It will provide ways of listening and speaking from a contemplative heart.

7-24 FAITH, LIFE AND CREED: A COMPLETE CATECHESIS FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE ... IN TWO-AND-A-HALF STEPS 📍**Nick Wagner**

Come learn how to provide a comprehensive faith-formation process for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in two-and-a-half easy steps. This process will give you everything you need to help your RCIA catechumens and candidates grow in faith and prepare them for a life of discipleship and intimacy with Jesus Christ. The same principles can also be applied to any adult faith-formation process.

7-25 HOLY HABITS FOR CATECHISTS 📍**Jacquelyne M. Witter, EdD**

Catechists are faithful disciples who are called to proclaim and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the name of the Church. In order to be faithful and effective, catechists need to practice some essential "holy habits" that are rooted in baptism and are at the heart of excellent ministry. This workshop will explore the habits that enable catechists to hold firm and trust the Word they proclaim and teach.

7-26 THE POWER TO FORGIVE AND RECONCILE IN MARRIAGE 📍

We need to restore unity throughout all the stages of our marital life because we are not able to love each other constantly and perfectly. Forgiveness is not simply an emergency response in times of marital crises but rather the ongoing practice of becoming compassionate lovers. When we forgive each other we are saying, "Who you are is more important to me than what you did." This session will describe the healing process of forgiving with our soul, mind, heart and will. True forgiveness and reconciliation have the power to sustain and promote the life of unity in Christian marriage.

**Dr. John Yzaguirre**

Dr. John Yzaguirre is a psychologist and author specializing in family life and Catholic spirituality. He co-directs the California Prosocial Institute in Irvine, Calif., with his wife Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored "Thriving Marriages." Yzaguirre has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. Besides his private practice, he offers numerous marriage and family formation seminars at churches throughout the country.

7-70 Thánh Thần Sẽ Dạy Các Môn Đệ Nhớ Lại Lời Chúa Giê-su 📍**Đức cha Nguyễn Văn Bàn**

Trong bữa Tiệc Ly, Chúa Giê-su đề cập đến Thánh Thần, Đấng mà Chúa Cha sẽ gửi đến để dạy dỗ các môn đệ và làm cho họ nhớ lại mọi điều Chúa Giê-su đã nói (Jn 14,26). Sau khi sống lại, Chúa Giê-su ban cho các môn đệ Thánh Thần của Ngài. Thánh Thần không chỉ giúp các môn đệ nhớ lại những Lời của Chúa Giê-su, nhưng còn hệ thống hoá ý nghĩa những Lời đó trong nhiệm vụ cứu độ, nhờ đó các môn đệ có thể trình bày và làm chứng về Chúa Giê-su.



8-01 GRATITUDE AS A SPIRITUAL PATHWAY

The practice of gratitude offers a practical spiritual pathway for active people. Grateful hearts connect us to God and others with love and thankfulness for our many gifts and blessings. When made a part of our daily life, gratefulness enriches us by deepening our appreciation for our life and relationships, even in the midst of worries and struggles. Based on his latest book, co-authored with his wife Dr. Noreen Au, "The Grateful Heart," this workshop will offer guidelines for growing in gratefulness and for dealing with common obstacles to grateful living.



Wilkie Au, PhD

Dr. Wilkie Au is Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he teaches in the area of Christian spirituality and spiritual direction. Author of several award-winning books, he gives workshops and retreats nationally and internationally. Dr. Au has served as a member of editorial boards for scholarly journals and is a leader in the field of spirituality and formation for spiritual direction and pastoral ministry.

8-02 FISHING THE RIVER: DOING MINISTRY YOUR WAY AND DOING IT WELL

Dr. Michael Carotta

With the help of a true story and some laughter, this session will help you stand up for the way you prefer to approach your ministry, while also remembering what is essential for effectiveness – and some real pitfalls to avoid. This workshop is geared for all those involved in the various ministries in the Church.

8-03 SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST, IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

Fr. Bill Cieslak, OFM Cap

God calls us into deep communion, speaking loving words that inspire, heal and challenge, inviting us into the great Prayer of Thanksgiving and communion sharing, so our lives will continue to be transformed and renewed. How do we enable this to happen at Sunday Eucharist – not just for the "saved," but for the "seeker" as well.

8-04 PLANNING ADULT FORMATION IN YOUR PARISH

Pam Coster

Learn how to make the Church's teaching on adult formation come alive in your parish! We will discuss each step of the process, from theological background to the use of technology to promote participation. You will come away with new ideas and practical tools. Join us!

8-05 THE VIEW FROM THE PEW: PARISHIONERS PERCEIVE THEIR PARISHES

James D. Davidson

Participants are asked to rate their parishes on four dimensions: structural (administration), human resources (clergy and laypeople), political (power and group relationships), and cultural (values and rituals). The results are compared to findings from a national study of American Catholics. Together, we will examine the implications for improving the quality of parish life.

8-06 HEART, HEAD, HANDS AND HEAVEN: CONNECTING THE ARTS AND RELIGION

Anne Frawley-Mangan

We, as Church, have a long and loving history of the arts enhancing religious knowing and celebration. Children especially love to be involved in creative experiences that help them connect their heart, head and hands with heaven. Come and join us as we look at practical ways that the arts, and drama in particular, can help children know more about God and themselves.

8-07 WE WERE MEANT TO UNFOLD: A CELEBRATION OF THE NEW COSMOLOGY OF FATHER THOMAS BERRY

David Gentry-Akin

Wise and deeply joyful, strong and yet very gentle, the great soul Fr. Thomas Berry, CP, died on June 1, 2009 at the age of 94, in the same place in which he was born, Greensboro, N.C., a place he deeply loved and one which nurtured his sense of nature mysticism from the time of his youth. Fr. Berry was a historian of world cultures and religions, who eventually developed into a historian of the Earth and its evolutionary processes, and thus came to describe himself as a "geologist." This workshop will acquaint listeners with Fr. Berry's wonderful work and its contribution toward the understanding of the "new scientific story" of the cosmos.



Mitch Albom was Keynote at RECongress 2010.

8-08 THE ANCIENT AND EVER-NEW TREASURE OF THE PSALMS 🗣️

The psalms were the songbook of Jesus. Since the beginning of the Church, Christians have prayed and carried these texts in their hearts. As the Church moves toward a new translation of the psalms for worship, how do we prepare our communities to faithfully continue this tradition?

**Marty Haugen**

For over 30 years, liturgical composer and author Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. He serves as Composer-in-Residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ in Minneapolis. Haugen has over 35 recordings and 400 published editions. He has served as editor, consultant and contributor to hymnals for Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and several other Protestant denominations.

8-09 EUCHARIST: A PROJECT OF SOLIDARITY FOR ALL HUMANITY 🗣️

It is John Paul II's encyclical letter on the Eucharist, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, that includes the bold statement of this workshop title. How is the Eucharist perceived as a "school" for all who gather, with the teaching that empowers specific work in the community? Specific ritual catechesis will be featured.

**Tom Kendzia**

Composer, author and performer, Tom Kendzia has been a professional liturgical musician and consultant since 1980. He spends his time working with diocesan, parish and national conferences throughout the United States and Ireland. Formerly serving as music director in six parishes in Connecticut and Arizona, Kendzia is presently Director of Music at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. He has over 100 songs published; his most recent collection of liturgical music is titled "Endless Is Your Love."

8-10 A CHURCH TO BELIEVE IN: SATISFYING EIGHT HUMAN NEEDS 🗣️

Fr. Norman Langenbrunner & Jeanne Hunt

Being Catholic means being passionate about the Kingdom of God. We are called to be full of hope, the beloved of God, and yet we are challenged to share the faith. How does one hold firm in our polarized world? Join a spirited discussion as we explore the genius of the amazing heritage that Jesus Christ has left us.

8-11 CHOOSE LIFE! CHRISTIAN DISCERNMENT TODAY

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Discernment is where theology, prayer and pastoral practice intersect. We need to understand the steps involved in making a good discernment in a modern context where very modern questions arise.

8-12 JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 🗣️

James Martin, SJ

The lives of Jesus, Mary and Joseph may seem inaccessible to us regular mortals. But they are not! Their lives, and their experiences, can speak to us in powerful ways, and give us practical wisdom for how to live our lives in the contemporary world. We will look at the members of the Holy Family and focus on a particular lesson from each to help us live happier lives.

8-13 JEWS AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SINCE VATICAN II 🗣️

Rabbi Michael Mayersohn

The issuance of *Nostra Eetate* as part of Vatican II in the 1960s has led to profound and significant changes in Jewish-Catholic relations. These changes were made possible by the courageous acts in subsequent years by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. We will see how relations have changed dramatically in the last two generations and the impact this has had on Jews and Catholics in our own times.

8-14 A CATECHIST'S SECRET FOR CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT: T.E.A.C.H. 🗣️

Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM

Catechists T.E.A.C.H. to establish and maintain a positive learning environment: TEACH more than proctor, ENGAGE students, APPLY developmental psychology, CREATE a sense of community, and HARVEST hope within students, particularly those most at risk. Catechists will benefit from the spiritual, theoretical, practical and motivational support available in this session.

8-15 JOB: THE STRONG VOICE OF THE WEAK PERSON 🗣️

James McGill

The Book of Job is the "greatest monument of wisdom literature in the Old Testament" and one of the classics of world literature. In this session, Jim McGill will show that the key to understanding its significance and greatness is to realize how it is structured. The prose folktale about Job that brackets the much longer poetic section in the middle is precisely what the Book of Job is not about. The greatness of Job is not that he is "patient" but that he is "impatient" and angry and honest. He responds to God in faith and trust but not through the traditional acceptance of evil as punishment for sin that wisdom tradition spoke of through the comments of his three friends.

8-16 PARTNERING WITH PARENTS IN CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION: CONNECTING PARENTS, SCHOOLS AND PARISH

Research shows parents are the most influential people when it comes to the faith practices and beliefs of their children. However, in recent years the role of parents in their children's faith formation has lessened, not increased. This workshop will examine the causes of this lack of parental participation and offer practical suggestions for creating a stronger partnership between parish, school and home.



Daniel S. Mulhall

Dan Mulhall is currently Director for Catechist and Professional Development for Texas-based RCL Benziger. He formerly served for almost 10 years as the Assistant Secretary for Catechesis and Inculturation at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. Mulhall is a regular speaker at national catechetical conferences and has presented keynotes or workshops at diocesan conferences around the country. He is also a columnist and book reviewer with Catholic News Service.



Jo Rotunno

Jo Rotunno is Publisher at RCL Benziger and writes a bimonthly column for Catechetical Leader, journal of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. For the last 26 years she has worked in various positions in Catholic curriculum publishing and speaks nationally on faith formation topics. Rotunno was formerly on staff at the Office of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese as master catechist and taught graduate courses in catechetics at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.

8-17 IS THE CHURCH BEHIND THE TIMES?

Deacon Eric Paige

When we hear the most common critiques of the Church – “It’s corrupt, look at the sexual abuse crisis!” “It’s superstition that needs to be replaced by science!” “I don’t need a Church getting between me and God!” “They just want to make us feel guilty and control us!” – we may be tempted to feel ashamed or defensive. The good news is we have been here before. These critiques have been with us for years because they express fundamental human anxieties. By engaging these critiques in a constructive way, we can address those anxieties and draw new people into our faith when they hear the Good News in our response.

8-18 EAT, PRAY, LOVE: SOUND FAMILIAR?

Jo Ann Paradise

Catholics have been doing just that for 2000 years. We call it Mass! “The Secret,” “The Shack,” “40 Days to a Purpose Driven Life” – have you wondered how these books are shaping people’s understanding of God? Is there something distinctive about our Catholic spiritual journey that would include or exclude some of the major insights of these authors? This workshop will explore the basic themes of these works in light of a Catholic spirituality.

8-19 PARISH RENEWAL: BUILDING AN EVANGELIZED AND EVANGELIZING FAITH COMMUNITY

Tom Quinlan

This workshop invites us to consider the implications of ministering and evangelizing in a postmodern world. We will look at how to engage today’s culture and build parishes that are vibrant and effective in bringing people to (or back to) Christ and Catholic faith practice. Specific aspects of parish life will be named and explored. This workshop gets practical and will be interactive.

8-20 YOUTH, PRAYER AND SUNDAY MASS: EXPLORING THE WISDOM OF THE “PYRAMID OF CATHOLIC PRAYER”

Dr. Sean Reynolds

Recent powerful research tells us that young people who pray often and well are most likely to carry their faith on into their college years and beyond. In this session we’ll explore practical strategies for imparting the “skills” of personal, communal, ritual and liturgical prayer through the “Pyramid of Catholic Prayer,” the pinnacle of which is the Eucharist. We will work on ways to help young people practice prayer, fall in love with praying, and grow into adults who pray regularly, deeply and often, in church and outside it.

8-21 SEXUALITY AND ADOLESCENTS

Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND

Sr. Kieran Sawyer will present a program designed to help teens develop healthy, wholesome relationships and thus avoid problems like teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The program, called “Sex and the Teenager: Choices and Decisions,” offers high school teens a Catholic perspective on sexuality and relationships. Such “tough topics” as contraception, homosexuality and abortion will be included in the discussion. The session will include an introduction to the U.S. bishops’ 2008 document, “Catechetical Formation for Chaste Living.”

8-22 RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

Dr. Brian Schmisek

Though the New Testament speaks of “resurrection from the dead” and never “resurrection of the flesh,” the Catechism states: “We believe in the true resurrection of this flesh that we now possess” (no. 1017). We will explore this important distinction and its potential impact on theology and pastoral practice, such as addressing, “What happens when I die?” or “Will I be 7, 27 or 77 years old when I rise?” We will find that a New Testament understanding of resurrection from the dead may conform more closely to the presuppositions of our modern world than a belief in resurrection of flesh.



A stained glass demonstration in the exhibit hall.

8-25 HOLD FIRM ... TRUST: RELIGIOUS BELIEF IS NOT INTELLECTUAL SUICIDE 🗣️

David Wells

Polarized views of faith and science continue to confuse our culture and discourage the young from exploring the appeal of the sacred. Richard Dawkins' book, "The God Delusion," has garnered publicity and considerable sales. Similarly Stephen Hawkins has attracted media attention with his conclusion that creation does not need a creator. The impression that science makes religion redundant continues to present teachers with new challenges. In this session we will explore some contemporary attacks on religious belief and consider how to address them in catechesis and religious education sessions. "Hold firm ... trust," for science does not make a fool of belief.

8-70 THỬ CHIA SẺ VỚI GIỚI TRẺ VỀ THÁNH LỄ 🗣️

Frère Phong, FSC

"Tại sao lại phải đi lễ?" "Tại sao tôi phải cần linh mục để gặp được Chúa?" "Tôi có thờ phượng Chúa một mình trong phòng!..." Trong khoá này, Frère Phong sẽ cố gắng thử chia sẻ với giới trẻ về ý nghĩa của Thánh Lễ, mời gọi các bạn trẻ tham dự tích cực hơn trong Thánh Lễ, đặc biệt dành thân cho "Youth Mass," và mời gọi người trẻ sống Thánh Lễ trong đời.

8-23 ANGER AT JERUSALEM: THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPHET MICAH 🗣️

Dr. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher

In this session, we will explore why the Prophet Micah stands out as one of the most important of the prophetic voices in the Old Testament. Sometimes called a "populist," Micah was a fiery critic of Jerusalem, angry at the Judean king's foreign policies that brought down the Assyrian hammer on the villages of the Judean foothills where Micah's village of Moreshet was located. Anti-war and pro-justice, Micah is clearly one of the most powerful, and certainly controversial, little books in the Bible. Bring your Bible and your curiosity.

8-24 CATECHESIS IN A DIGITAL AGE 🗣️

This session will explore the phenomenon of social networking and examine the use of an online infrastructure to involve teens in the process of catechesis, by utilizing the skills they have established through social networking and using online applications. This will include the use of personal profiles, blogs and journals, as well as the use of digital video and audio as a means of expression and as a tool for faith formation



Ailis Travers

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BIENVENIDO

TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

Nuestro tema del Congreso, “**Mantente Firme ... ¡Confía!**” nos atrae hacia el amor escandaloso de un Dios que nos acompaña con firmeza en el camino, nos estabiliza en tiempos de desafío y nos lleva a la reavivación y renovación.

El profeta Jeremías compara al que confía, a un árbol a orillas del río que no teme ni siguiera en años de sequía. Nutrido en sus raíces por la tierra fértil, éste crece y se expande a través de todas las estaciones.

Sacando sabiduría de esta imagen, estamos seguros de que, sumergidos en el rico suelo de la presencia de Dios, entraremos en un poder superior a nosotros mismos. Nosotros también prosperaremos y creceremos a través de las estaciones de oscuridad y luz.

– Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC
Directora,
Oficina de Educación Religiosa



¿QUÉ ES EL RECONGRESO?

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es el evento más grande de este tipo en los Estados Unidos. Su objetivo original continúa siendo el de ofrecer capacitación y formación espiritual a aquellas personas involucradas en el ministerio catequético y otros ministerios relacionados con la catequesis. No obstante, el Congreso de Educación Religiosa continúa sirviendo a los educadores religiosos, hoy en día es mucho más! El Congreso actualmente, atrae a más de 40,000 participantes durante los cuatro días de duración y ofrece más de 280 talleres que abarcan una amplia gama de temas de espiritualidad, música y desarrollo personal en los estudios bíblicos y la catequesis.

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8:00 pm	Concierto (Arena) – “Festival de Culturas”
	Film Showcase
9:30 pm	Taizé

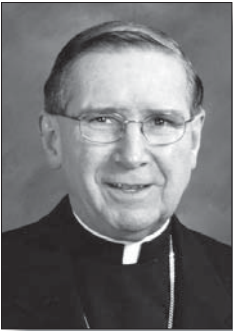
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	Música (Hall B) – Marty Haugen, Gary Daigle y Mary Janus
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11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
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	Música (Hall B) – Rafael Moreno y Santiago Fernández
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Octava Sesión de Talleres
3:30 pm	Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)

UN MENSAJE DEL CARDENAL



QUERIDOS PARTICIPANTES AL CONGRESO 2011:

Me siento muy contento de poder darles a ustedes mi calurosa bienvenida a nuestro Congreso anual de Educación Religiosa. Esta maravillosa reunión nos ofrece la oportunidad de renovar nuestra fe y nuestro compromiso a los ministerios de evangelización y catequesis.

El tema del Congreso de este año **¡Mantente Firme... Confía!** inspirado por las lecturas seleccionadas para el segundo Domingo de Cuaresma, nos atrae hacia el exorbitante amor de Dios que constantemente nos acompaña en el trayecto, nos sostiene en tiempos de desafío y nos conduce a espacios de solaz y renovación. Confiando en la presencia y el poder de Dios caminamos con confianza a través de los tiempos de tinieblas y de luz.

Los excelentes oradores, los talleres y las celebraciones litúrgicas ofrecidos durante este fin de semana son un riquísimo recurso de renovación para todas las personas participantes. Yo me siento agradecido y animado al ver cómo tantas personas toman ventaja de las extraordinarias oportunidades para establecer contactos, ofrecer aportes y enriquecerse. Su liderazgo y fiel participación son la llave para el continuo crecimiento y bienestar de nuestras comunidades parroquiales.

Estén seguros/as de mi gratitud y apoyo mientras ustedes continúan participando en este ministerio tan esencial como lo es, en nuestra Iglesia, la catequesis.

Implorando la bendición de Dios para ustedes, sus familias y su comunidad local, con mis mejores deseos, quedo de ustedes,

+ *Rogelio Cardinal Mahony*
Su Eminencia

Cardenal Rogelio Mahony
Arzobispo de Los Angeles

+ *José H. Gomez*
Su Excelencia

Arzobispo José Gomez
Arzobispo Co-adjutor de Los Angeles



UN MENSAJE DE LA DIRECTORA

QUERIDAS AMIGAS Y AMIGOS:

Es para mi motivo de gran alegría el darles la bienvenida una vez más a nuestro motivador e inspirador Congreso de Educación Religiosa. Este sobresaliente fin de semana ofrece innumerables oportunidades para re-energizar nuestras vidas y enriquecer nuestros ministerios.

El tema de nuestro Congreso 2011 – **“Mantente Firme ... ¡Confía!”** – hace eco a las palabras del profeta Jeremías que resemblance la confianza del árbol a la orilla del agua que no teme aún en un año de sequía. Alimenta sus raíces del rico suelo y florece en todas las estaciones. Alentados/as por esta promesa nos lanzamos hacia delante con optimismo y energía para el camino.

A lo largo del fin de semana encontrarán muchas oportunidades magníficas y recursos para apoyar y revitalizar sus esfuerzos en la evangelización. La gran variedad de talleres y conferencistas disponibles son recursos de formación y enriquecimiento para ustedes y sus comunidades parroquiales.

Es digno de mencionarse la oportunidad de escuchar y ser enriquecidos/as por la sabiduría ofrecida por conferencistas de excelente reputación nacional e internacional; lo cual constituye una gran bendición.

Tengamos la seguridad de que nuestros espíritus serán engrandecidos con las inspiradoras celebraciones litúrgicas, los momentos de esparcimiento y las manifestaciones de expresiones multiculturales. En medio de las muchas actividades habrá también oportunidad de pausar y descansar en el silencio del Espacio Sagrado, caminar en el laberinto o participar en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Gracias por su excepcional liderazgo y su incansable compromiso de mantenerse compartiendo la “Buena Nueva” de nuestra rica herencia.

Espero con entusiasmo el momento de darles la bienvenida a este muy espiritual fin de semana,

Cariñosamente,

Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC

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Directora de la Oficina de Education Religiosa



MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL CONGRESO



Queridos amigos:

Les damos la bienvenida a nuestro extraordinario Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2011, nuestro evento anual – “**Mantente Firme ... ¡Confía!**”

Iniciaremos con nuestro revitalizante Día de la Juventud, donde alrededor de 16,000 adolescentes participan en talleres, experiencias de oración y convivencia. Continuaremos nuestro fin de semana participando a maravillosos talleres, sorprendentes conciertos y entretenimientos durante el almuerzo, exhibiciones multiculturales y de arte sacro. La variedad de liturgias que ofreceremos les dará la ocasión de orar y reflexionar. Además, el Espacio Sagrado estará, una vez más, a su disposición para momentos de quietud y de renovación espiritual. Disfruten, también, el tiempo para renovar sus amistades y conocer personas provenientes de todo el mundo que participan en este encuentro internacional.

Pasen por nuestra enorme Sala de Exhibición donde compañías y organizaciones muestran una diversidad de recursos y ofrecen un servicio personal como respuesta a sus inquietudes.

Toda información relacionada con talleres, lista de eventos, información de hospedaje, instrucciones para la registración por correo regular o por internet, están incluidas en este Libro-Guía o en nuestro sitio www.RECongress.org, puesto al día regularmente. Para mayor información comunicarse con nuestra oficina al (213) 637-7346 o por correo electrónico a congress@la-archdiocese.org

Esperamos verlos en nuestro Congreso de Educación Religiosa.

Paulette Smith
Coordinadora de Eventos

Jan Pedroza
Coordinadora de Programación

MENSAJE DE LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Muy queridas compañeras y compañeros en el ministerio catequético:

Se acerca el tiempo en el que tendremos la dicha de encontrarnos nuevamente en otro de los muy aclamados Congresos de Educación Religiosa y nuestro Dios amoroso nos concede nuevamente esta oportunidad ¡Bendito y alabado sea!

“*Mantente Firme ... ¡Confía!*,” el tema de nuestro Congreso 2011 repite al profeta Jeremías y la analogía del árbol en el año de sequía que alimenta sus raíces de lo profundo del suelo y florece todo el tiempo. Animados, animadas por estas promesas de esperanza, hemos de mirar al futuro con optimismo y energía.

El tiempo corre con la rapidez de siempre y cada hora de cada día nos acerca más al tan esperado fin de semana ¡cuántas sorpresas nos depara! ... Excelentes oradoras y oradores de fama internacional y nacional y a la medida de nuestras necesidades. Variedad de liturgias celebradas de acuerdo a nuestras multiétnicas comunidades.

Las múltiples compañías editoras de materiales que nos ayudarán a enriquecernos teológica, intelectual y espiritualmente. El espacio de oración invitándonos a hacer una pausa y descansar, en fin, que la espera se hace urgencia por que llegue pronto nuestro encuentro y hasta vernos les abraza con el cariño de siempre,

Lourdes González-Rubio
Coordinadora de Ministerios Catequéticos



Jóvenes Adultos en el Congreso 2011!

Un ministerio para y desde los jóvenes de 18 a 39 años.

El Sínodo Arquidiocesano de Los Ángeles nos llama a construir sólidos “grupos juveniles” en nuestras parroquias, en nuestras regiones pastorales y en nuestra arquidiócesis. El Congreso de Educación Religiosa ofrece numerosas oportunidades para promover y capacitar a los jóvenes adultos en este vibrante ministerio. Este fin de semana es una excelente ocasión para que los jóvenes adultos renueven y revigoricen su vida espiritual y su compromiso en nuestra iglesia.



Los jóvenes adultos están especialmente invitados a participar y compartir los diferentes momentos de oración, música, ambiente y alegría durante el congreso. Acompáñanos en la variedad de experiencias orientadas principalmente a los jóvenes adultos.

EVENTOS ORIENTADOS A LOS JÓVENES ADULTOS



LITURGIA DE JÓVENES ADULTOS

Sábado, 19 de marzo a las 5:15 p.m.

Mon. Kevin Kostelnik presidirá la liturgia juvenil y Jacob & Matthew serán encargados de la música. Ven a participar con jóvenes de todo el mundo a esta celebración impregnada de los talentos de los jóvenes adultos.



BAILE DE JÓVENES ADULTOS

Sábado, 19 de marzo, 9:00 p.m. - media noche

Costo: \$7 por persona

Este baile anual de jóvenes adultos tendrá lugar en el Hotel Marriott. Después de un día de atender a los talleres del congreso, de crear amistades y de celebrar la liturgia, ven a bailar durante la noche con viejos y nuevos amigos! Todos los jóvenes adultos están invitados a compartir en este maravilloso evento del Congreso. (Solamente para mayores de 18 años. Se requiere identificación con foto para el ingreso.)



“REUNIÓN SOCIAL”

Sábado, 19 de marzo, 9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Costo: \$10

Únete a nosotros en esta otra oportunidad en la que podrás conversar, escuchar música de jazz, y demás. Tendremos un bar con pago en efectivo únicamente. **Solamente para mayores de 18 años. Se requiere identificación con foto. Espacio limitado a 150 jóvenes adultos.**

TALLERES ORIENTADOS AL MINISTERIO CON JÓVENES ADULTOS

Los siguientes talleres abarcarán los temas de formación psicológica y espiritual de los jóvenes adultos. Extendemos una invitación particular a todos los jóvenes adultos y a quienes sirven en este ministerio. Sugerimos también la lectura de esta guía para una selección de talleres que respondan a sus necesidades e intereses. (Los talleres con un asterisco serán grabados.)

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ASAMBLEA GENERAL

Domingo, 8:30 am

MISAS ESPAÑOL

Viernes y Sábado – 5:15 pm



DORA TOBAR MENSBRUGGHE

“Cómo Hablar de Dios a las Mujeres y Hombres de Hoy” 🔊

La cosmovisión o representación que el ser humano tenía de la realidad ha cambiado. Ese cambio ha hecho que las nuevas generaciones, en especial los jóvenes, se alejen de la fe y no encuentren en la Iglesia y sus discursos el mensaje de sentido y salvación que en el fondo todos los humanos buscamos. Es por tanto urgente que todos los predicadores y ministros identifiquemos esos cambios y respondamos a ellos, tal y como el Concilio Vaticano II lo sugirió y nos llamó a hacerlo.

Combinando la música, el ritual y el espíritu de los participantes que hablan dos idiomas – español e inglés. Estas Misas honrará la riqueza y los talentos de nuestras culturas y afirmará nuestra llamada a celebrar la unidad en la diversidad.

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- 5-53 Cómo desarrollar un ministerio pastoral a víctimas de violencia domestica (*)
- **P. Charles Dahm**
- 5-54 Muriendo para vivir: Una teología de migración (*) - **P Daniel Groody**
- 5-55 ¿Diferentes formas de orar las escrituras? (*) - **Hna. Glenda Hernandez**
- 5-56 El llamado vocacional es un derecho de todo bautizado (*) - **Jorge Rivera**
- 5-57 La voluntad de Dios para las mujeres (*)
- **Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**

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- 6-51 ¿Dónde está el amigo que siempre busco? (*) - **P. Rubén Francisco Bellante**
- 6-52 Pastoral juvenil hispana en los Estados Unidos: Cristo camina contigo (*)
- **P. Guillermo Campuzano**
- 6-53 Felicidad del camino (*)
- **José-Román Flecha Andres**
- 6-54 Llamados a ser catequistas (*)
- **P. Alvaro Ginel Vielva**
- 6-55 La voz de la asamblea: La música en la liturgia - **Peter Kolar**
- 6-56 “A Dios rogando y con el mazo dando” y nosotros evangelizando (*)
- **Lupita Vital Cruz**
- 6-57 Para un Compromiso Transformador (*)
- **P. Luigi Zanotto**

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SESIÓN 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-51 El norte como segundo hogar: Espiritualidad de la migración (*) - **María Arroyo y Lucrecia Oliva Muralles**
- 7-52 La iniciación al silencio y a la oración en los niños (*) - **Luis Benavides**
- 7-53 Rituales para el hogar hispano durante la temporada de cuaresma, pascua y tiempo ordinario (*) - **Estela García-López y Rodolfo López**
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- **Juan Carlos Montenegro**
- 7-55 La Iglesia del siglo XXI en los Estados Unidos y el compromiso latino (*)
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- **Maruja Sedano**
- 7-57 Catequizando no cotorreando (*)
- **Lupita Vital Cruz**
- 7-58 Formación de Agentes de Pastoral de Adultos (*) - **Luigi Zanotto**

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- 8-51 La búsqueda del padre ... la experiencia de ser hijo (*) - **P. Rubén Francisco Bellante**
- 8-52 ¡SOY joven, SOY propuesta, SOY desafío! (*) - **P. Guillermo Campuzano**
- 8-53 Respeto a la creación (*)
- **José-Román Flecha Andres**
- 8-54 Es posible transmitir la fe (*)
- **P. Alvaro Ginel Vielva**
- 8-55 ¿Que nos enseña la pareja de Nazaret a las parejas d hoy? (*)
- **Dra. Fanny Cepeda Pedraza**
- 8-56 Contemplando el Evangelio: El Método de San Ignacio de Loyola de Aliviar tu Corazón (*) - **P. Michael Kennedy y Javier Ellis Stauring**
- 8-57 Sublime gracia: Una historia de supervivencia, fe y esperanza en el corredor de la muerte de América (*)
- **Juan Meléndez-Colón**



I-51 CONSTRUYENDO LA PARROQUIA DEL NUEVO MILENIO

¿Qué queremos encontrar en la parroquia del tercer milenio? Empezaremos por descubrir cuál es la base principal de nuestra fe y la misión esencial de la Iglesia. Formularemos lo que la parroquia tiene que tener para atraer a tanta gente buscando esperanza y despertar en todos nosotros el gozo de compartir el mensaje palpitante, lleno de esperanza de Cristo Jesús a todos los demás. Traigan sus preguntas, sus sugerencias, sin censura.



Dr. Augusto J. Castañeda

Dr. Augusto Castañeda, un médico pediatra originario del Perú, es coordinador de estudios bíblicos en Holy Cross, Santa Barbara, California. También, es miembro del Comité de diáconos en la región de Santa Barbara. Coordinó grupos de oración y organizó encuentros católicos de evangelización. Fue director del programa televisivo "Hablemos de Cristo."

I-52 BUSCANDO EL HILO COMÚN ENTRE PANDILLAS, LA PAZ Y SER CATÓLICO

Hay una conexión entre pandilla de Centroamérica y los Estados Unidos. ¿Qué significa ser católico y ser alguien que trabaja por la paz? Personal de Catholic Relief Services comparará la historia poderosa de construir la paz con jóvenes involucrados en pandillas y sus comunidades – un camino a restaurar la dignidad y la vida en América latina. Esto es llevar a la luz, cómo nosotros como católicos podemos construir la paz en nuestras comunidades y el mundo.



Richard Alan Jones

Rick Jones actualmente desempeña como Director Adjunto para la Solidaridad Global y Justicia para América latina y el Caribe para Catholic Relief Services. Durante los últimos 20 años ha trabajado en construcción de paz, derechos humanos y desarrollo en American Latina. Fue Directo en El Salvador (2001-07) y Sub-director en Nicaragua (1998-2001). He has spoken at the universidades, simposios y institutos en los Estados Unidos y Filipinas.

I-53 EL PERFIL PROFÉTICO DE JESÚS EN EL EVANGELIO DE LUCAS

Después de pascua se insistió tanto en el mesianismo de Jesús, que se descuidó su carácter profético. Por eso entre los santos católicos hay mártires, confesores y pastores, pero no se habla de profetas. Este taller examinará el aporte del evangelista Lucas para descubrir a Jesús como "profeta poderoso" (Lc 24,19). Este perfil tuvo una clara continuidad en el testimonio de los primeros cristianos y hoy puede resultar estimulante para la práctica eclesial.



Armando Noguez Alcántara

Armando Noguez, religioso y presbítero mexicano, es Profesor de Exegesis Bíblica y tiene 30 años de docencia exegéticos en universidad y centros teológicos de México. Enseña Sagrada Escritura en seminarios y centros teológicos de México. Noguez colabora periódicamente con las Oficinas de Educación Religiosa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y de otras diócesis de California.

I-54 HABLEMOS DEL "CHAMUCO": ACTITUDES CRISTIANAS ANTE EL BIEN Y EL MAL

Con frecuencia los católicos escuchamos que en muchas iglesias ya no se habla del mal y que la catequesis no habla del "diablo." Sin embargo, todo el mundo está seguro de que "el diablo anda suelto." En este taller visitaremos algunas tradiciones históricas sobre cómo el mal se representa en distintas culturas y cómo los educadores religiosos podemos reflexionar mejor sobre esta realidad a partir de la riqueza de la tradición cristiana, especialmente cuando educamos niños y jóvenes en la fe.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

El Dr. Hosffman Ospino es Profesor de Teología Pastoral y Catequética en Boston College, donde dirige los programas de postgrado en Pastoral Hispana de la universidad. Su trabajo académico y pastoral le ha llevado a hacer presentaciones en Europa, Norteamérica y Latinoamérica. La investigación del Dr. Ospino se enfoca en el diálogo entre fe y cultura y el impacto de esta conversación en los procesos de educación cristiana.

I-56 DEL MINISTERIO AL MISTERIO

Somos la Iglesia de Jesucristo. La Iglesia es el sacramento de Cristo, como Cristo es el sacramento del Padre, según es Vaticano II. Trataremos de explicar esta doctrina en términos sencillos. Señalaremos cómo nuestro ministerio ayuda a comunicar el misterio de Dios.



P. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, siervo misionero de la Santísima Trinidad, es facilitador de retiros, misiones y talleres. Actualmente es procurador de la Misión y facilitador de las comunidades hispanas a nivel nacional. También es columnista del periódico católico para las arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey, y la diócesis de Rockville Center, New York. Fue también presidente del Consejo Nacional Católico de Pastoral hispana.

I-56 FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS Y SEGUIDORES DE CRISTO

La catequesis no es simplemente llenar la mente de los adultos, jóvenes o niños de información acerca de nuestra fe, de lo que nos dice la Iglesia o de lo que contiene la Biblia. Catequizar es llevar la gente a Cristo, es ser facilitadores del encuentro de la persona con Cristo. ¿Para qué y cómo catequizamos? ¿Cómo ayudar a los niños y adolescentes a ser discípulos de Cristo? En este taller veremos algunas de las características de los adolescentes y niños de hoy y algunas ideas prácticas que podemos usar en nuestra catequesis para ayudarles a ser seguidores y discípulos.



Maruja Sedano

Maruja Sedano es la Directora de la Oficina de Catequesis y Ministerio Juvenil en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Previamente fue directora asociada en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, donde trabajó por 26 años. Desarrolló programas para la formación de catequistas, evangelizadores y animadores bíblicos. En el presente sirve en el Comité de Evangelización y Catequesis de la Conferencia Católica de Obispos en Estados Unidos.

2-51 CAMINO HACIA EL NORTE: ESPIRITUALIDAD DE LA MIGRACIÓN 🗎

Oportunidad para reflexión sobre la espiritualidad de la migración en nuestra memoria, en nuestro presente y en nuestra iglesia es la clave para poder llegar a una reconciliación entre países y personas divididas frente a esta actividad humana. Acompañe a trabajadores de Catholic Relief Services (agencia humanitaria de la iglesia de los Estados Unidos) quienes nos llevarán por este recorrido, compartiendo historias de la migración actual y de cómo la cultura y espiritualidad de los migrantes les provee herramientas para sobrevivir el camino hacia el norte y establecer nueva vida en tierra extraña. También compartirán historias del trabajo que ejercen con la iglesia en Guatemala y México, promoviendo la dignidad y derechos del migrante llamando a los que ya estamos en el otro lado a crear puentes de solidaridad.

**Maria G. Arroyo**

Maria Arroyo es la Coordinadora de Educación y Formación para Catholic Relief Services en la región del Oeste, basada en San Diego, California. Su trabajo se enfoca con la comunidad Hispánica, concientizando y educando a Católicos en toda la región sobre las Enseñanzas Sociales de la Iglesia y la solidaridad global. Arroyo tiene más de 15 años en este ministerio sirviendo como Agente Pastoral e instructora en el Instituto Pastoral de Ministerio en la diócesis de Orange, California. También es Directora Espiritual.

**Lucrecia Oliva Muralles**

Lucrecia Oliva actualmente es Gerente del Programa de Solidaridad Global y Políticas Prioritarias de Catholic Relief Services en Guatemala. Desde hace ocho años, coordinado proyectos relacionados al tema de los derechos humanos de los migrantes, memoria histórica, entre otros. Antes de trabajar en CRS, Oliva fue migrante en la ciudad de Chicago por 18 años y trabajó en la parroquia de San Pio V en donde coordinó varios programas sociales de la parroquia.

2-52 LA EDUCACIÓN EMOCIONAL EN LA FAMILIA 🗎

La familia es esa escuela en la que nos preparamos para desarrollar toda nuestra potencialidad. A través de la familia descubrimos el mundo, formulamos nuestras primeras preguntas, vamos conociendo quiénes somos y vamos decidiendo qué queremos ser. El propósito de este taller es comprender el lenguaje del corazón: conocer nuestro mundo emocional, sus manifestaciones y sentido, para poder encontrar en ellas, claves para vivir y para sentir la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas, relaciones, familia y catequesis.

**Ana Garcia-Mina Freire**

Doctora en psicología, Ana Garcia-Mina Freire es profesora en la Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid, España. Autora de diversas obras sobre temas relacionados con los ámbitos psicológicos y sociales. Investigadora en programas de investigación y Desarrollo del Ministerio de Trabajo y Asuntos Sociales. Miembro del consejo de redacción de la revista de Teología Pastoral "Sal Terrae" y colaboradora de la revista "Catequistas."

2-53 EVANGELIZACIÓN DE JÓVENES: MEJORES PRÁCTICAS RECOMENDADAS PARA ADULTOS LATINOS 🗎

Este taller es para los que quieren mejorar la reevangelización de jóvenes. El mismo relacionará las mejores prácticas de los adultos latinos católicos para la evangelización de jóvenes. También, ofrece reflexiones del gran trabajo de la iglesia por la Iniciativa Nacional para la Catequesis de Jóvenes (en inglés: NIAC). Para uso inmediato, los participantes captarán ya sea una dinámica evangelizadora y un taller básico que se pueda adaptar a los jóvenes y adultos de su propia parroquia.

**P. Michael G. Lee, SJ, EdD**

El Dr. Michael Lee es sacerdote Jesuita y profesor de educación religiosa y teología en la Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Angeles. Fue profesor de teología y de inglés en la Universidad Creighton en Omaha, Nebraska, donde fue guía para adultos en los ejercicios espirituales de San Ignacio de Loyola en la escuela preparatoria Creighton. En 2009, la NCEA publicó artículos escritos por el Dr. Lee, uno de los cuales precedió la primera reunión de Iniciativa Nacional para la Catequesis de Jóvenes.

2-54 "DEJEN QUE LOS NIÑOS VENGAN A MI"

Si puedo entender el reino de Dios y la vida de Jesús como un niño, entonces podré comunicarlo y llevarlo a los demás niños y adultos también. La música y el canto es una poderosa herramienta para lograr esta tarea.

**Rafael Moreno**

Rafael Moreno es un cantante y compositor de música católica. Nació en México y ha utilizado sus dones para la música desde muy temprano en su niñez a través de la participación en festivales católicos y coros parroquiales. A los 14 años, se integró a la Renovación Carismática en el que experimentó un fuerte deseo de componer música cristiana. Arquitecto de profesión y músico por vocación, fundó "Agua Viva" en 1984, que se convirtió en paso memorial en su jornada como evangelizador y músico profesional a través de la música católica.

2-55 LA MÚSICA EN LA PASTORAL: UN MEDIO EFECTIVO DE COMPAÑÍA Y EVANGELIZACIÓN 🗎

La música es un elemento muy importante para la evangelización en la pastoral juvenil hispana. Desde los desafíos que los jóvenes enfrentan hoy día, ellos anhelan encontrar un espacio de solidaridad, identidad, alegría y paz. La música puede ofrecer este espacio para que el camino espiritual y humano de los jóvenes tenga pleno sentido. En este taller se ofrecerán experiencias concretas con la música sacra y el papel de ésta en el acompañamiento pastoral de los jóvenes.

**Jorge Rivera**

Jorge Rivera es originalmente de la Isla de Puerto Rico y actualmente es Coordinador de Pastoral Juvenil Hispánica en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Tiene 10 años de experiencia en enseñanza y oratoria en pastoral juvenil. Además de conferencista Rivera es cantautor y guitarrista y ha viajado por muchas partes de los Estados Unidos y fuera del país llevando un mensaje de esperanza.

SESIÓN 2

2-56 CANTOS PARA ACOMPAÑAR EL CAMINAR: LOS CANTOS PROCESIONALES

La acción litúrgica toma más sentido cuando el canto está íntimamente unido a ella. Las procesiones dentro de la liturgia eucarística toman un mayor sentido cuando los cantos que utilizamos para acompañar la procesión de entrada y la comunión, tanto como la procesión de ofrendas nos identifican como pueblo peregrino en los diferentes momentos rituales. Compartiremos un repertorio dentro de las pautas que nos presentan los documentos litúrgicos.



Pedro Rubalcava

Pedro Rubalcava es un conocido compositor litúrgico y presentador de música litúrgica. Es director de Ministerios Hispánicos en OCP en Oregon. Ha sido director de ministerios litúrgicos parroquiales, co-director de pastoral juvenil diocesana (San Diego) y coordinador de pastoral parroquial. Rubalcava es visitante frecuente en el Congreso de Los Ángeles, en varios congresos diocesanos litúrgicos y en conferencias de educación religiosa y misiones parroquiales.

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SESIÓN 3

3-51 MADRES AL PIE DE LA CRUZ 🗣️

Por medio de esta presentación la audiencia tendrá la oportunidad de ser testigo de la conversación entre madres que rompen con las barreras que, la sociedad les ha impuesto. Éstas no son madres ordinarias la mitad de ellas han luchado con la pérdida de sus hijos por encarcelamiento por haber perpetuado un crimen violento. Y la otra mitad, ha luchado con la pérdida de un hijo por un crimen violento. La verdad es que han sufrido la misma suerte. Ellas sufren la pérdida de sus hijos. Ya sea por encarcelamiento o muerte. Este tema es el que mejor describe a la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Todos estamos heridos, pero también necesitamos apoyo. Este tema es una de las piezas claves de la Justicia Restaurativa porque nuestras comunidades necesitan sanación, apoyo y acompañamiento.



Rita Chairez

Rita Chairez es Coordinadora del Ministerio de Víctimas para la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa en Los Angeles. En el pasado, como organizadora de comunidad en el Proyecto Pastoral en Misión Dolores, Los Angeles, Rita ha trabajado con oficinas públicas en el esfuerzo de promover la paz en su comunidad. Además, ella ha acompañado y ofrecido apoyo a víctimas del crimen que han perdido a sus hijos por las balas entre pandillas. Actualmente continúa su servicio no sólo a nivel local sino a nivel regional.



Amalia Molina

Amalia Molina trabaja en la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles dirigiendo el programa Familias de los Encarcelados. Originaria de El Salvador, ha debido abandonar su país por miedo a la persecución política y ha sido encarcelada en los Estados Unidos por las autoridades de inmigración. Esta experiencia ha marcado su vida de tal manera que ha decidido trabajar con las familias de las personas encarceladas. Molina lleva a cabo talleres de reflexión en los que invita a víctimas del crimen a que compartan su experiencia. Además conduce clases para padres con hijos de conducta destructiva.



3-52 ¡MANTENTE FIRME...CONFÍA! “EL MATRIMONIO ES UN LLAMADO DIVINO...” 🗣️

¡Mantente Firme...confía! No es un secreto que muchos matrimonios están en crisis y que el fenómeno del divorcio nos afecta a todos. En el 2006, los obispos de los Estados Unidos pusieron en marcha una iniciativa para fortalecer el matrimonio como una forma de fortalecer a las familias, la iglesia y la sociedad. Como resultado de esta iniciativa, en noviembre del 2009, los obispos escribieron una carta pastoral que afirma que “El Matrimonio es una vocación auténtica o un llamado Divino ... tan necesario y de valor como cualquier otra vocación en la iglesia.” Vamos explorar el mensaje catequético de esta carta como una inspiración, reto, y llamado a dar testimonio del matrimonio a todos aquellos que servimos en nuestros ministerios catequéticos.



Maria G. Covarrubias

María Covarrubias es Directora de la Oficina del Ministerio para la Catequesis en la Diócesis de San Bernardino, California. Su experiencia catequética de más de 20 años es el fundamento de su ministerio catequético dentro de la iglesia. Ha dirigido retiros espirituales, presentaciones sobre la familia y el matrimonio. Es Maestra de catequistas desde 1995 y ha escrito talleres para la preparación básica y avanzada de catequistas en su diócesis, y presentadora de retiros sobre la catequesis, la familia y el Matrimonio.

3-53 CANTEMOS AL SEÑOR – ¿CÓMO PUEDE REALMENTE AYUDARME ESTE DOCUMENTO?

Los obispos norteamericanos nos ofrecen este magnífico documento que habla del ministerio musical litúrgico ... pero, ¿qué podemos realmente aprender de él? En esta sesión desglosaremos sus puntos más prácticos y útiles, considerando la realidad de nuestros coros parroquiales hispanos. Hablaremos del uso de música correcta en la Misa, de la espiritualidad y formación de los ministros de música y del coro como apostolado y ministerio de servicio. Vengan listos para cantar y aprender cosas nuevas que podrán implementar inmediatamente en sus parroquias. ¡Aprovechemos al máximo este gran recurso para beneficio de nuestras liturgias!



Santiago Fernández

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por 20 años. Trabaja actualmente en la parroquia de San Damián de Molokai en Pontiac, Michigan, como Director de Música y también como presentador de talleres y compositor para Oregon Catholic Press. Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, director musical del National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, Instituto Fe y Vida y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro Nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana 2006.

3-54 MODELOS DEL MINISTERIO PASTORAL EN LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA 🗣️

Basado en 24 años de desarrollar el ministerio hispano en una comunidad predominantemente mexicana en Chicago, se tratarán diferentes modelos del ministerio parroquial para responder a los retos que enfrenten al pueblo hispano en sus parroquias. Se considerarán problemas específicos como el conflicto familiar, violencia doméstica, preservación e integración de tradiciones culturales, integración de jóvenes, lucha por la justicia y recaudación de fondos para ampliar los ministerios.



Charles W. Dahm, OP

El padre Carlos Dahm sirvió cinco años como misionero en Bolivia, trabajando con universitarios y organizando un centro de formación de adultos. Después de haber regresado a los Estados Unidos ayudó a fundar un centro de justicia y paz en Chicago, donde ha trabajado por 12 años. Fue nombrado párroco de San Pio V en Chicago en 1986 sirvió al pueblo hispano inmigrante por 21 años.

3-55 ¿ES MI GRUPO UN GRUPO SANO? 🗣️

No sólo las personas se enferman, sino también los grupos humanos y religiosos. ¿Cómo poder detectar cuando tu grupo parroquial o juvenil, tu comunidad religiosa o educativa son sanas o se están enfermando? A través de técnicas y dinámicas podrás aprender a hacer un buen diagnóstico de tu grupo religioso, de modo que puedas ayudar a que sea cada vez más sano y genere personas religiosas sanas para la Iglesia y la sociedad actual.



Hna. Glenda Hernández

Glenda Valeska Hernández Aguayo, conocida como la “Hermana Glenda,” es una cantautora chilena con nacionalidad española, de música cristiana contemporánea. Su ciudad natal la declaró “Servidora Ilustre” en el año 2003. Actualmente reside y trabaja como profesora en España. Es conocida internacionalmente, especialmente en el ámbito de la música católica. Conferencista en Europa y conciertos y conferencias multitudinarios en América Latina, y tiene cinco CDs.

3-56 EL CATEQUISTA Y LA DIVERSIDAD CULTURAL 🗣️

A veces nos cerramos y rechazamos a los “diferentes” y las diferencias. Aceptar diferencias no significa renunciar a lo nuestro para abrazar lo de otros; más bien significa abrimos a la posibilidad de enriquecemos y de ampliar nuestro horizonte.



Dra. Fanny Cepeda Pedraza

Fanny Cepeda Pedraza tiene experiencia en el campo de la formación de la fe como maestra, directora y consultora de programas y autora de materiales catequéticos. Ha desarrollado, adaptado e implementado programas de capacitación de catequistas y líderes de educación religiosa. Actualmente es Consultora Nacional de Catequesis con Hispanos de la casa Publicitaria RCL Benziger, miembro de la Mesa Consultiva de la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston, Texas, y facilitadora de retiros y conferencista durante eventos y congresos catequéticos.

Español

4-51 COMO MEJORAR LA COMUNICACIÓN EN NUESTRA FAMILIAS 🗣️

Ana Garcia-Mina Freire

La comunicación es una de las experiencias más importantes del ser humano. A través de ella, vamos configurando nuestra identidad y forma de ser. Pero pese a ser una experiencia tan fundamental, es de las vivencias más difíciles para el ser humano. El propósito de este taller es ofrecer algunas pistas que nos ayuden a mejorar nuestra comunicación, tanto en el entorno familiar como en nuestras catequesis. Reflexionaremos acerca del estilo de comunicación que hace que nuestras relaciones y familias sean más cristianas y experiencia de “buena noticia” para los demás.

4-52 LOS SACRAMENTOS EN LA VIDA COTIDIANA 🗣️

Dios y la iglesia no solo nos llaman a recibir los sacramentos, sino a vivir una vida sacramental. ¿Como podemos vivir los sacramentos en nuestra vida cotidiana? Este taller contestará esta pregunta clave, examinando la base fundamental de los sacramentos en Cristo Jesús, el sacramento primordial de Dios, y la espiritualidad diaria de ser sacramentos de Cristo que los siete sacramentos nos animan vivir.



Dr. Timoteo Matovina

Dr. Timoteo Matovina tiene más de veinticinco años de experiencia sirviendo entre los católicos hispanos. Ha dado presentaciones sobre temas pastorales y teológicos en numerosos diócesis, institutos pastorales, y programas de formación. Actualmente es Profesor de Teología y Director del Cushwa Center para el Estudio del Catolicismo Americano en la Universidad de Notre Dame en South Bend, Indiana.

4-53 SOY CATEQUISTA: LA ESPIRITUALIDAD DE LA VOCACIÓN

La santificación es una meta para todos los bautizados. Los catequistas por el hecho de tener la vocación estamos en un camino hacia la santificación. Qué significa esto para nosotros día tras día. Este taller es un seguimiento del tema Soy Catequista que se presentó en este congreso hace dos años. En esta segunda parte veremos más profundamente lo que significa la vocación del catequista y cuáles son los pasos para profundizar nuestro ministerio. Por qué la vocación sin técnica es inefectiva, pero la técnica sin un sentido de vocación es superficial.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela es consultor bilingüe a nivel nacional de William H. Sadlier Inc. Por más de 20 años ha estado trabajando en el ministerio hispano. Ha sido maestro de secundaria y ha colaborado en diversos ministerios parroquiales incluyendo pastoral juvenil y educación religiosa, donde tiene una gran experiencia preparando materiales. Nació en Arizona de padres mexicanos, ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida en el área de la bahía. Actualmente vive en Alameda, California.

4-54 LA COMUNIDAD DE JUAN ANTE EL IMPERIO 🗣️

Armando Noguez Alcántara

El ambiente histórico en el que se escribió el evangelio de Juan ha sido muy estudiado, pero se ha prestado poca atención a la postura que tomaron los cristianos joánicos frente al imperio romano en el cual vivían. Este taller mostrará cómo esos cristianos se opusieron al poder imperial. Su testimonio interpellante puede iluminarnos para resistir a la seducción de adaptarnos a los usos y prácticas del imperio.

4-55 EL MINISTERIO LAICAL Y LA PLANIFICACIÓN PASTORAL 🗣️

P. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

Todo ministerio es personal e individual, pero siempre en el contexto de la comunidad parroquial. Lo más que perjudica los trabajos juntos en la parroquia es la falta de coordinación y planificación. Presentaremos unas ideas y modos de planear nuestras actividades en conjunto.

4-56 RICA: LA JOYA PERDIDA Y OLVIDADA 🗣️

Entre el pueblo Latino el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) es la joya perdida y olvidada. En parroquias se nos presentan personas para el sacramento de matrimonio o confirmación y nos enteramos que no han recibido la Primera Comunión ni están confirmados. ¿Qué hacer con ellos? La Iglesia tiene un proceso de catequesis que responde a estas circunstancias. Este taller es una oportunidad para descubrir el rito preparado para ellos y que no conocemos ni utilizamos en nuestro trabajo catequético.



P. Richard Vega

El padre Richard Vega es miembro de la Sociedad Mexicana de Liturgistas y presentador para las oficinas del Culto Divino en Los Angeles y Chicago. Actualmente es el presidente de la Federación Nacional de Consejos Presbiterales (NFPC). Fue párroco de La Purísima Concepción en Lompoc, California, y vicario parroquial en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.

4-57 ¿UN NUEVO MISAL ROMANO? ¿QUÉ PASA CON ESO? 🗣️

En un futuro no muy lejano, una nueva traducción al inglés del Misal Romano estará en las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles y todos los Estados Unidos. ¿Por qué un Nuevo Misal? ¿Qué pasa con el “viejo” misal? ¿Afecta esto la traducción de nuestro misal en español? ¡Ven y descúbrelo por ti mismo!



Obispo Gabino Zavala, DD, JCL

El Obispo Gabino Zavala es nativo de México y fue criado en Los Angeles, California. Fue ordenado en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles en 1977 y en 1994 fue nombrado y consagrado Obispo Auxiliar de Los Angeles, sirviendo como Obispo Regional de la Región Pastoral de San Gabriel. Sirve como dirigente del comité de Justicia Restaurativo para la Conferencia Católica de California. En 2003 fue nombrado obispo presidente de Pax Christi USA.

5-51 LA CATEQUESIS CON NIÑOS PEQUEÑOS 🗣️

Cómo hablar de Dios a los niños y niñas. Preparación de un encuentro catequístico con niños pequeños. Cómo entusiasmar a los niños y niñas con las cosas de Dios. La familia y la catequesis de los pequeños.

**Luis M. Benavides**

Luis Benavides es catequista, maestro y Director del Colegio La Salle Flores de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Formador y miembro del Equipo Directivo del Instituto Superior de Catequesis de Argentina (ISCA) y de la Asociación Española de Catequistas (AECA).

Ha dictado cursos en distintas instituciones religiosas y diócesis de Hispanoamérica. Sus libros han sido publicados en Argentina, México, España, Brasil y Bélgica. Conferencista principal del Encuentro en Uruguay, España y Argentina. Es autor de libro, "La Catequesis con Niños Pequeños" y otros.

5-52 RITUALES PARA EL HOGAR HISPANO DURANTE LA TEMPORADA DE ADVIENTO, NAVIDAD Y TIEMPO ORDINARIO 🗣️

Este taller se enfocará en los diferentes rituales que uno puede utilizar en el hogar para reenforzar las creencias católicas durante el Adviento y la Navidad, inculcando los valores hispanos y las tradiciones de nuestros antepasados. También se hablará sobre la oración como familia, los símbolos, las imágenes, la bendición y más.

**Estela García-López**

Estela García de López es cantante, compositora y presentadora de talleres. Actualmente es Editora de Música para OCP. Su talento la ha llevado a trabajar en comunidades bilingües como directora de música, directora coral y cantora, tanto en las parroquias del sur de California, como en las de Oregón. Su hermosa voz puede escucharse en muchas de las grabaciones de OCP.

**Rodolfo López**

Rodolfo López es un talentoso músico, cantante, compositor y presentador de talleres que cree en el poder de la música para cambiar el mundo y acercar la gente a la liturgia. Por muchos años ha desempeñado su ministerio como director de música en algunas parroquias de California y Oregón. Es compositor, solista, arreglista y participa en actividades a nivel nacional e internacional. Actualmente, López trabaja como editor de música y artista en OCP.

5-53 CÓMO DESARROLLAR UN MINISTERIO PASTORAL A VÍCTIMAS DE VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA 🗣️

Charles W. Dahm, OP

La investigación demuestra que una de cada cuatro mujeres experimenta violencia doméstica durante su vida. La mayoría de las víctimas sufre en silencio sin que sus familiares, amigas y párrocos se den cuenta de su opresión. Nuestras parroquias deben ser refugios y lugares seguros para las víctimas y sus hijos y deben responder a sus necesidades. Basado en 15 años en desarrollar el programa parroquial más grande en los Estados Unidos para víctimas de violencia doméstica, el Padre Carlos Dahm hablará de la naturaleza y extensión de la violencia doméstica y de cómo responder a las víctimas en una parroquia.

5-54 MURIENDO PARA VIVIR: UNA TEOLOGÍA DE MIGRACIÓN 🗣️

Inmigración es un tema global, complejo y controversial. Generalmente se corre el riesgo de perder el valor humano y espiritual del mismo. Esta taller ofrecerá una perspectiva teológica relacionada con la migración teniendo en cuenta: 1) el fundamento territorial; 2) el territorio geográfico; y 3) el área espiritual y teológico de migración. Daremos una perspectiva global y personal al tema y exploraremos los modos en los cuales la migración menciona el significado del ser humano ante Dios en Jesucristo y cómo abre el camino de la solidaridad a aquellos en necesidad.

**P. Daniel G. Groody, CSC, PhD**

Daniel Groody, sacerdote católico de la Congregación de la Santa Cruz, es profesor, reconocido autor y cineasta. Actualmente es profesor de Teología y director del Centro de Cultura y Espiritualidad en el Instituto de Estudios Latinos de la Universidad de Notre Dame. Es autor de numerosos libros y artículos que han sido traducidos en cinco idiomas. Ha colaborado con el Congreso de los Estados Unidos, la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos, el Consejo Mundial de Iglesias y el Vaticano en temas de teología, globalización e inmigración.

5-55 ¿DIFERENTES FORMAS DE ORAR LAS ESCRITURAS? 🗣️

Hna. Glenda Hernández

De la mano de las grandes escuelas de oración de la tradición católica como la de Santa Teresa de Jesús y San Juan de la Cruz, San Ignacio de Loyola, la escuela Benedictina y monástica, etc., aprenderemos las muchas y variadas formas con las que tú y tu grupo pueden de orar con la Biblia.

SESIÓN 5

1:00 - 2:30 PM • SÁBADO, 19 DE MARZO

5-56 EL LLAMADO VOCACIONAL ES UN DERECHO DE TODO BAUTIZADO 🗣️

Jorge Rivera

La identidad de un cristiano está en sentirse llamado y enviado (Aparecida). “Cristianos sin vocación son cristianos anónimos – la dimensión vocacional de la pastoral juvenil no es una opción hoy, sino una exigencia” (Campuzano). Percibimos que es urgente crear una cultura vocacional dentro del trabajo de la pastoral juvenil que se esté realizando de tal manera que la conclusión del proceso de formación incluya en los jóvenes una opción desde el bautismo por vivir la fe ya sea en la vida laical, consagrada o sacerdotal. La vocacionalización de toda pastoral especialmente de la pastoral juvenil es un llamado que la iglesia está haciendo a todos los agentes pastorales.

5-57 LA VOLUNTAD DE DIOS PARA LAS MUJERES 🗣️

A las mujeres se les conoce como el sexo DÉBIL e incluso como las culpables del pecado de la humanidad. Sin embargo, al crear al ser humano como hombre y mujer, Dios tenía un plan bueno y sabio. Averigüemos qué puede estar detrás de la voluntad divina de crear a la mujer, tal cual es y la importancia, para la sociedad y la Iglesia actual, de permitir a las mujeres cumplir la voluntad de Dios en sus vidas.



Dora Tobar Mensbrugge

Dora Tobar Mensbrugge, de origen colombiano, ha dedicado los últimos 20 años de su vida a la promoción del evangelio tanto a nivel universitario como parroquial y popular. Es Profesora del Programa de Diaconado Permanente en la Arquidiócesis de Washington, D.C., y Profesora del Instituto de Formación de la Diócesis de Arlington, Virginia. Sirvió como profesora y directora del Departamento de Teología en la Universidad Javeriana en Bogotá y en el seminario mayor de esa ciudad. Profesora en Catholic University en Washington y en diferentes institutos de formación de líderes hispanos en los Estados Unidos.

SESIÓN 6

SÁBADO, 19 DE MARZO • 3:00 - 4:30 PM

6-51 ¿DÓNDE ESTÁ EL AMIGO QUE SIEMPRE BUSCO? 🗣️

La experiencia educativa en el cine y en la vida. El hombre de hoy huye hacia la nada, como un niño extraviado sin rumbo. Por eso es urgente una educación verdadera. Educar-catequizar, es lo mismo que acoger a la persona con sus interrogantes, sus deseos y su libertad. Es abrazar la diferencia, el límite, el dolor. Educar-catequizar es signo de la misericordia que nos rescata de la soledad.



P. Rubén Francisco Bellante

P. Rubén Bellante, sacerdote diocesano residente en Argentina, es el delegado diocesano de Comunicación y Director de la Oficina de Prensa en la Diócesis de Sante Fe, Argentina. Es también el Director del Sedicom (Servicio Diocesano de Comunicación), Director de la radio diocesana FM 89.7 en Argentina y también Director de la revista diocesana, “Así Somos.” Ha grabado series completas de televisión para EWTN, Mariavisión de México, ESNE, El Sembrador (de Los Ángeles) y Televida (de Medellín, Colombia).

6-52 PASTORAL JUVENIL HISPANA EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS: CRISTO CAMINA CONTIGO 🗣️

En esta taller serán abordadas las principales oportunidades y desafíos teológicos y socio culturales para una pastoral juvenil hispana en los Estados Unidos: el mundo juvenil hispano desde el fenómeno de la migración, las culturas y la identidad juvenil, el desafío de la acción evangelizadora con jóvenes adultos en tiempos de revolución cultural (posmodernidad), la presencia de Jesús en el mundo juvenil (espiritualidad juvenil). Esta conferencia se dirige a jóvenes (animadores) y adultos (asesores, catequistas, agentes de pastoral, padres de familia) que desean entender el mundo juvenil y que están interesados en hacer parte o ya hacen parte de la pastoral juvenil hispana.



P. Guillermo Campuzano, CM

El Padre Guillermo Campuzano Vélez, un sacerdote Vicentino colombiano, es profesor de estudios religiosos, estudios católicos y de maestría en administración pública en la Universidad DePaul en Chicago. Supervisa el programa “Vicentinos en Acción,” para la formación de líderes estudiantiles en la universidad. El P. Campuzano también es asesor de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago en el proyecto para jóvenes latinos. Imparte talleres en toda América del Norte sobre el liderazgo latino en la Iglesia Católica.

6-53 FELICIDAD DEL CAMINO 🗣️

El ser humano ha sido creado para la felicidad. Jesús comienza su misión proponiendo un camino de felicidad. Sin embargo, muchas veces se confunde la moral cristiana con un conjunto de normas e imposiciones. El taller trata de reflexionar sobre la belleza de las bienaventuranzas evangélicas. Nos preguntamos por qué llama Jesús felices a los pobres y a los mansos, los compasivos y los que trabajan por la paz. Con ello se pretende ayudar a la comprensión de la moral que vivimos y la moral que queremos enseñar a otros.

**José-Román Flecha**

José-Román Flecha es sacerdote de la diócesis de León, España, en la que ha sido párroco. Es Profesor de teología moral en la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca y ha sido invitado como profesor por varias universidades. Es miembro de la Comisión de Estudios en la Congregación de Santa Sede, de la Congregación para la Educación Católica (Santa Sede). Trabajo apostólico en Buffalo, New York y en Chile. invitado por varias universidades.

6-54 LLAMADOS A SER CATEQUISTAS 🗣️

El servicio de la catequesis es una llamada que nos pide una respuesta. La respuesta tiene una dimensión personal y otra eclesial. Decimos sí al Dios que nos llama dentro de la Iglesia. No vamos “por libre,” somos catequistas en comunidad y de la comunidad. El taller expondrá estas ideas de una manera viva, dinámica, con ejercicios prácticos que los participantes podrán vivir y después adaptar en sus tareas eclesiales habituales.

**Alvaro Ginel Vielva**

Alvaro Ginel Vielva es un sacerdote Salesiano de Don Bosco que comienza la enseñanza de la Catequética en el Seminario Mayor Salesiano de Salamanca, España, y después en los Institutos Superiores de Catequética de Madrid de la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca. Fundador de la revista “Catequistas” (desde el 1985, es su director) y es miembro del consejo de Redacción de la revista Mision Joven. Participa como profesor, conferencista en muchos cursos y congresos, en reuniones de padres y de catequistas en las parroquias y diócesis de España.

6-55 LA VOZ DE LA ASAMBLEA: LA MÚSICA EN LA LITURGIA

¿Cuántas veces ha oído al coro cantar en la Misa pero se siente como que ellos no se fijan en la asamblea, con el resultado de que los demás se quedan callados? Si el coro no toma en cuenta el derecho y el deber del pueblo reunido a cantar, se puede equivocar en tocar cantos que simplemente no sirven a la asamblea. Exploraremos cantos apropiados y no-apropiados para las varias partes de la Misa y cómo la música litúrgica puede y debe elevar nuestras voces al cielo. ¡Para los músicos y todos los feligreses que quieren ser mejores participantes en la Misa!

**Peter Kolar**

Pianista, compositor, arreglista e instructor, Peter Kolar es Editor Principal de Música y Publicaciones Hispanas en World Library Publications en Chicago, donde fue el editor fundador del misal bilingüe “Celebremos/Let Us Celebrate” y del himnario “Cantos del Pueblo de Dios.” Fue el director musical de la parroquia Santa Cruz en Chicago por 12 años, donde dirigía a su renombrado conjunto de marimbas. Kolar es actualmente el director del Coro Diocesano de El Paso, Texas, e instructor para el Instituto Tepeyac.

6-56 “A DIOS ROGANDO Y CON EL MAZO DANDO” Y NOSOTROS EVANGELIZANDO 🗣️

Este taller se enfocará en las varias formas para evangelizar a los adultos de acuerdo a este mundo de increencia y materializado. ¿Qué nos sugiere el Evangelio? ¿Cómo hacerlo? ¿Con qué recursos? Necesitamos una nueva Evangelización! A todos los niveles. Esto es un gran reto. ¡No falten! (Romanos 16,25).

**Lupita Vital Cruz**

Lupita Vital, de Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, tiene una gran experiencia en el ramo de la catequesis, ha trabajado en este ministerio por los últimos 35 años. En las diócesis en las que ha servido son las de Tabasco y Guadalajara en México y San José, California. Desde el año 2000, sirve en la Diócesis de San José como Asociada para la Catequesis de los Hispanos. En junio del 2007 recibió el reconocimiento de la Cruz “Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice” de la Santa Sede. En 2009 ha sido nombrada Directora del Apostolado Hispano para la Diócesis de San José.

6-57 PARA UN COMPROMISO TRANSFORMADOR

Dios siempre oye el clamor de las personas oprimidas y en necesidad. Sale a su encuentro y las ayuda. La preocupación fundamental de Jesús fue ayudar a la gente a vivir dignamente. La comunidad cristiana está llamada a ser sacramento de este Dios. Dividimos nuestra presentación en tres partes: 1) desafíos del momento en que vivimos; 2) fundamento de nuestro compromiso transformador; y 3) presentación de 10 ministerios sociales parroquiales.

**P. Luigi Zanotto**

P. Luigi Zanotto, misionero comboniano, es pastor de St. Lucy en Newark, N.J., con profunda experiencia latinoamericana. Ha sido encargado nacional de catequesis y secretario ejecutivo de Biblia con los Obispos de México. Colabora con la arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y con las diócesis del Nordeste de Estados Unidos y universidades en la formación de líderes de pastoral. Previamente sirvió como representante en las Naciones Unidas de los Misioneros Combonianos y del ONG Africa Faith and Justice Network. Su última publicación: “Vayan y creen comunidad.”

7-51 EL NORTE COMO SEGUNDO HOGAR: ESPIRITUALIDAD DE LA MIGRACIÓN 🎧

María G. Arroyo y Lucrecia Oliva Muralles

Para la mayoría de las personas que no han emigrado recientemente, es difícil comprender la motivación que tienen las personas migrantes para dejar su país y los sacrificios que esta decisión implica. Una vez en su nuevo país muchas personas migrantes son sujeto de humillaciones y abuso de sus derechos humanos. Aún ante esta situación su espiritualidad los fortalece y luchan para establecer una nueva vida en una tierra extraña. La fe de los migrantes así como su cultura los provee de herramientas para sobrevivir y trabajar para un futuro mejor para ellos y sus familias. Acompañe a trabajadores de Catholic Relief Services quienes compartirán cómo podemos motivar a nuestras parroquias, escuelas y comunidades a que le den la bienvenida a las personas migrantes y de cómo poner en práctica la solidaridad, como valor de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia.

7-52 LA INICIACIÓN AL SILENCIO Y A LA ORACIÓN EN LOS NIÑOS 🎧

Luis M. Benavides

El hermoso y posible camino de la oración con los niños. Orar con los sentidos. El niño orante. Técnicas de iniciación al silencio y a la oración con niños.

7-53 RITUALES PARA EL HOGAR HISPANO DURANTE LA TEMPORADA DE CUARESMA, PASCUA Y TIEMPO ORDINARIO 🎧

Estela García-López y Rodolfo López

Este taller se enfocará en los diferentes rituales que uno puede utilizar en el hogar para reenforzar las creencias católicas durante la Cuaresma y la Pascua, inculcando los valores hispanos y tradiciones de nuestros antepasados. También se hablará sobre la oración como familia, los símbolos, las imágenes, la bendición y más.

7-54 FORMANDO JÓVENES SANTOS 🎧

¿Te gustaría llegar a ser Santo? Don Bosco nos enseña la fórmula de cómo lograrlo! En esta taller hablaremos de cómo podemos llegar a ser Santos y también cómo podemos ayudar a que nuestros jóvenes se conviertan en los Santos del nuevo milenio. Acompañenos a buscar la santidad a través de los ojos de San Juan Bosco, el Santo de los jóvenes.



Juan Carlos Montenegro

Juan Carlos Montenegro ha trabajado como misionero en la mitad de la selva Amazónica y ha tenido la oportunidad de participar en varias conferencias nacionales e internacionales. "JC," como le conocen los jóvenes, gracias a la experiencia que tiene dentro 14 años de la Pastoral Juvenil ha logrado escribir dos folletitos. En la actualidad Montenegro se encuentra estudiando una Maestría en Pastoral Juvenil en la Universidad Salesiana.

7-55 LA IGLESIA DEL SIGLO XXI EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS Y EL COMPROMISO LATINO 🎧

Hosffman Ospino, PhD

Ser católico en los Estados Unidos es ser parte de una experiencia transformadora en la cual los latinos jugamos un papel muy importante. Sin embargo, para poder ejercer dicho papel, necesitamos estar al día con relación a las conversaciones y retos que enfrenta la Iglesia en este país como comunidad. Este taller ofrece un horizonte para conocer mejor nuestra realidad actual y afirmar nuestro compromiso con la experiencia católica estadounidense en el siglo XXI. Se hará énfasis en temas de educación y formación para el liderazgo.

7-56 EL PAN QUE RECIBIMOS: PREPARACIÓN Y CELEBRACIÓN DE LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN 🎧

Maruja Sedano

La preparación de los adultos, jóvenes y niños para la recepción de la Eucaristía debe estar fuertemente vinculada al compromiso que requiere nuestra fe. Esto quiere decir que debe incluir una buena catequesis sobre la Eucaristía para los papás y familiares. En este taller veremos lo que nos dice la Iglesia sobre las Eucaristía y también ideas prácticas que nos ayuden a preparar mejor a nuestros catequizandos y a involucrar a los papás y familiares en la preparación de sus hijos e hijas para la Primera Comunión.

7-57 CATEQUIZANDO NO COTORREANDO 🎧

Lupita Vital Cruz

Es la promesa que todo catequista educado debe de hacerse. Ser catequista es un privilegio que trae una gran responsabilidad. Exploraremos varios elementos que nos ayudarán a cumplir el proceso de la educación por medio de la catequesis con una visión espiritual. ¡Te espero! (Lucas 10,26).

7-58 FORMACIÓN DE AGENTES DE PASTORAL DE ADULTOS 🎧

P. Luigi Zanotto

La presente situación de la iglesia y del mundo pide a gritos la formación de "personas adultas maduras." Se puede hablar de comunidad cristiana solamente cuando hay personas adultas maduras. Solamente las personas adultas maduras podrán asumir un compromiso transformador en la historia. 1) Qué significa ser "persona adulta madura" hoy; 2) acción pastoral (con personas adultas) y 3) el agente de pastoral (de personas adultas).

8-51 LA BÚSQUEDA DEL PADRE ... LA EXPERIENCIA DE SER HIJO 🗣️**P. Rubén Francisco Bellante**

A través de conmovedoras escenas de películas contemporáneas, descubriremos la desgarradora orfandad que se experimenta en el mundo de hoy. Superando lo biológico para transformarse en una búsqueda de la propia identidad a través de un encuentro – acogida que sea un abrazo salvador que nos rescate, nos libera, nos sana. Y ese Jesús, el Hijo el que nos va guiando en este necesario camino.

8-52 ¡SOY JOVEN, SOY PROPUESTA, SOY DESAFÍO! 🗣️**P. Guillermo Campuzano, CM**

La identidad de los jóvenes hispanos en los Estados Unidos es un desafío fascinante para la Iglesia. Ellos traen en sus venas una propuesta de vida y a la vez desafían las estructuras y esquemas que se han envejecidos con el paso de los años con nuestra inercia pastoral y teológica. ¿Qué esperan (sueñan) y qué le ofrecen los jóvenes a la Iglesia? Siguiendo el texto de la profecía de Isaías, este taller se invita a todos a abrir los ojos y ver la novedad de Dios en la vida de los jóvenes. “Miren que estoy haciendo algo nuevo, ya está aquí, ¿acaso no lo ven, no lo sienten?” (Isaías 43,19).

8-53 RESPETO A LA CREACIÓN 🗣️**José-Román Flecha**

Creemos que Dios ha creado este mundo y lo ha confiado a nuestra responsabilidad. Los santos han visto a Dios a través de la creación. Hoy se está destrozando el medio ambiente. En este taller reflexionamos sobre el amor a la tierra y el respeto que nuestra fe nos pide hacia la creación. Hemos de educar a las nuevas generaciones para proteger la vida y admirar la belleza del mundo.

8-54 ES POSIBLE TRANSMITIR LA FE 🗣️**Alvaro Ginel Vielva**

La transmisión de la fe es un proceso complejo donde interviene la acción de Dios y la acción de la Iglesia a través de sus ministros y servidores de la Palabra. Ser transmisores de la fe es posible desde una espiritualidad fuerte. El taller pretende presentar una reflexión básica sobre la transmisión de la fe. La metodología será dinámica totalmente – una invitación a los participantes para que se sientan más unidos a la Vid, que es Jesús.

8-55 ¿QUE NOS ENSEÑA LA PAREJA DE NAZARET A LAS PAREJAS DE HOY? 🗣️**Dra. Fanny Cepeda Pedraza**

José y María de Nazaret no fueron sólo las escogidos por Dios para confiarles a su Hijo Jesús; ellos fueron también hijos de familia, esposos y padres como nosotros. ¿Qué virtudes podemos aprender de ellos como tales?

8-56 CONTEMPLANDO EL EVANGELIO: EL MÉTODO DE SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA DE ALIVIAR TU CORAZÓN 🗣️

Experimenta y aprende la manera de rezar de San Ignacio de Loyola usando las Sagradas Escrituras. San Ignacio creía que usando el don de la imaginación para meditar el Evangelio, nuestros corazones experimentan el amor de Dios que sana y perdona. Aplicado en diferentes programas, desde aprendizaje de educación religiosa en parroquias, a clases de servicios litúrgicos dentro de las prisiones, este método de meditar el Evangelio es una manera poderosa de crecer en la amistad y el amor de Dios.

Michael Kennedy, SJ

El padre Miguel Kennedy ha trabajado con los pobres y los “sin voz” por más de 30 años en lugares pobres como California, México, El Salvador y Bolivia. También ha sido autor de cinco libros. Actualmente visita a jóvenes encarcelados y da retiros en prisiones estatales en su labor como Director del Iniciativo Jesuita de Justicia Restaurativa y como Co-Capellán en el centro de detención juvenil en Sylmar, California, en colaboración con Homeboy Industries.

Javier Stauring

El capellán Javier Stauring es Co-Director de la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, donde supervisa los programas del Ministerio de Detención dentro de las cárceles juveniles y los campos de libertad condicional. También es Director de los Reglamentos de Comunidades de Fe para las Familias y los Niños.

8-57 SUBLIME GRACIA: UNA HISTORIA DE SUPERVIVENCIA, FE Y ESPERANZA EN EL CORREDOR DE LA MUERTE DE AMÉRICA 🗣️

Juan Meléndez compartirá su historia de supervivencia, fe y esperanza, de la perspectiva de un hombre inocente quien pasó casi 18 años en el corredor de la muerte de Florida. Durante su historia cautivante, Juan relatará cómo fue tocado por la gracia de Dios aún en momentos desesperanza profunda. Hablará del poder de los rezos de su mamá quien rezaba tres rosarios cada día de rodillas – pidiendo un milagro que probaría la inocencia de su hijo. Explicará cómo finalmente encontró la paz en el corredor de la muerte cuando aprendió a poner su fe y confianza en Dios. La historia de Juan también subrayaría los múltiples problemas de la pena de muerte.

Juan Roberto Meléndez-Colón

Juan Meléndez pasó casi 18 años en el corredor de la muerte de Florida por un crimen que no cometió. Desde su exoneración y liberación del corredor de la muerte el 3 de enero, 2002, ha compartido su historia inspiradora con diez mil personas en Estados Unidos, Canadá y Europa. La historia de Juan se relata en el documental “Juan Meléndez 6446,” una película internacionalmente aclamada y descrita por la Hermana Helen Prejean como un filme “poderoso que enfurece, arranca el corazón y bate el alma.” Juan es miembro de la junta directiva de la Coalición Para Abolir la Pena de Muerte y Testigos Para la Inocencia.

INFORMACIÓN

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CAPILLA

Durante el Congreso la capilla estará localizada en el “Sacred Space” (sala 304) para oración y adoración ante el Santísimo y estará abierta de viernes a domingo, de **10 a.m. a 3 p.m.**

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2) Make your workshop selections:

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PERIOD	1st Period 10:11:00am - 11:30am	2nd Period 11:30am - 1:00pm	3rd Period 1:00pm - 2:30pm	4th Period 10:11:00am - 11:30am	5th Period 11:30am - 1:00pm	6th Period 1:00pm - 2:30pm	7th Period 10:11:00am - 11:30am	8th Period 11:30am - 1:00pm
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Special Group Registration Form for groups of 10 or more. You save time by entering the payment information once, then you can complete each attendee's ticket mailing and workshop choice information. Group registration allows you to make one payment covering your entire group - it saves the time of entering payment information for each registrant. Group registrations are not submitted, so we get the chance to verify the actual number of people submitted. Once submitted, you cannot add on to a group.

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The registration fee for the Religious Education Congress covers admission to all workshops (tickets are required), exhibits, concerts and dinners throughout the three days of Congress. \$99 - before the early registration deadline of February 1, 2010 (\$65 - after the deadline).

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The Anaheim Resort Transit (ART) replaces individual hotel shuttle service to locations throughout the Anaheim Resort District. ART's fleet of vehicles runs along nine interchangeable routes that connect hotels, Disneyland, Disney's California Adventure, Downtown Disney and the Anaheim Convention Center with shopping, dining and evening entertainment.

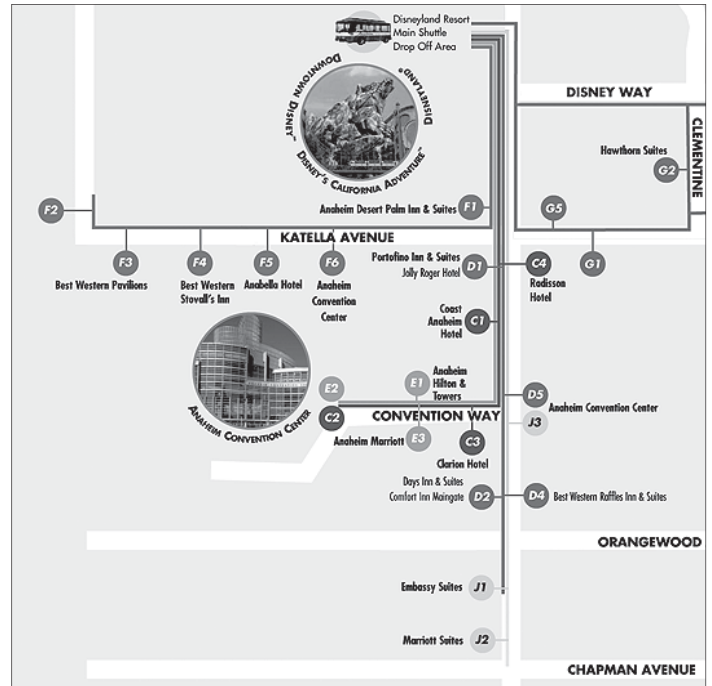
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Fares & Passes: ART adult all-day passes can be purchased by cash, ATM and credit card at \$4 per day for unlimited use, three-day adult passes are priced at \$10, and five-day adult passes are \$16. Children 4 and older are \$1 per day. **(No on-board pass sales.)**

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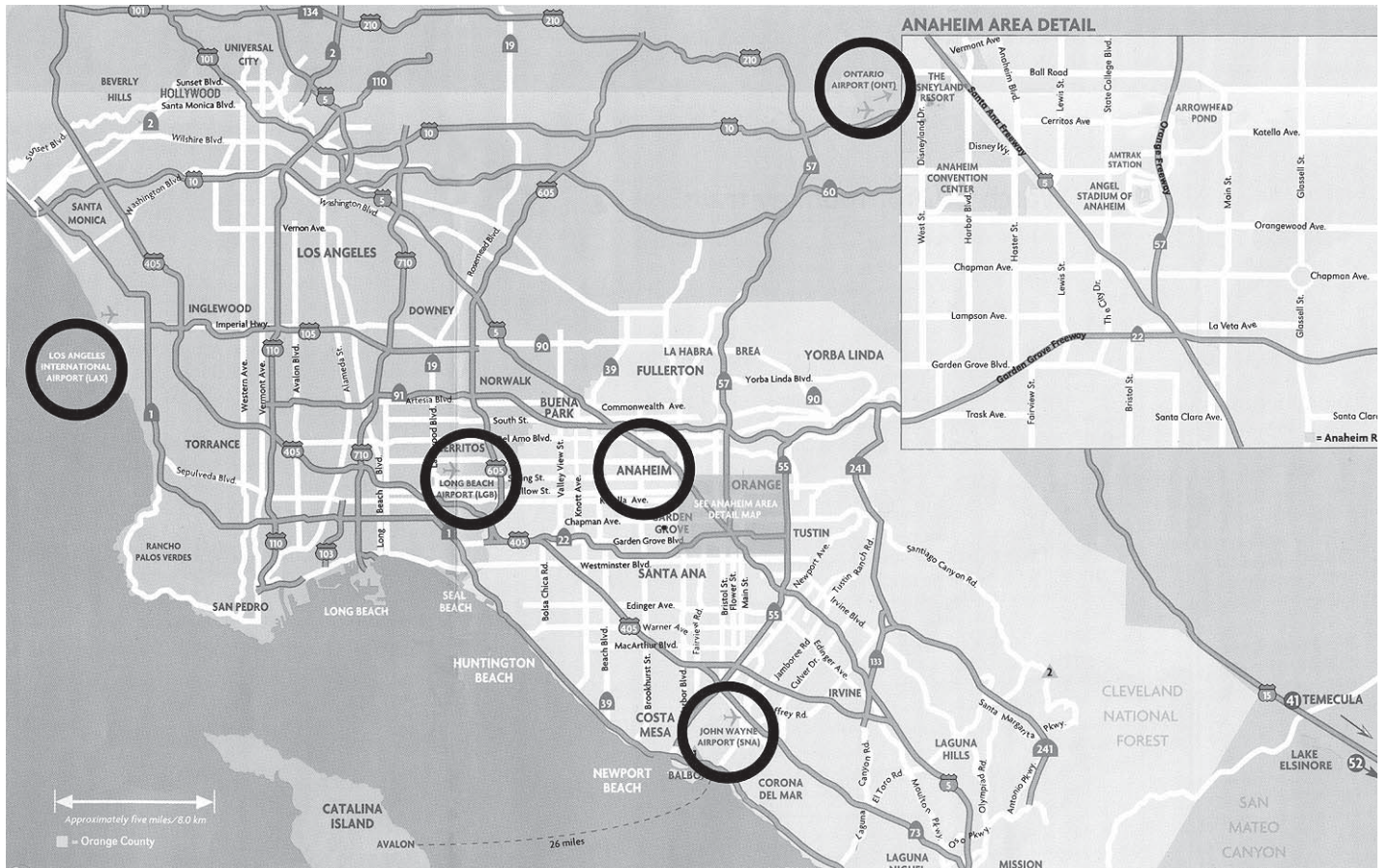
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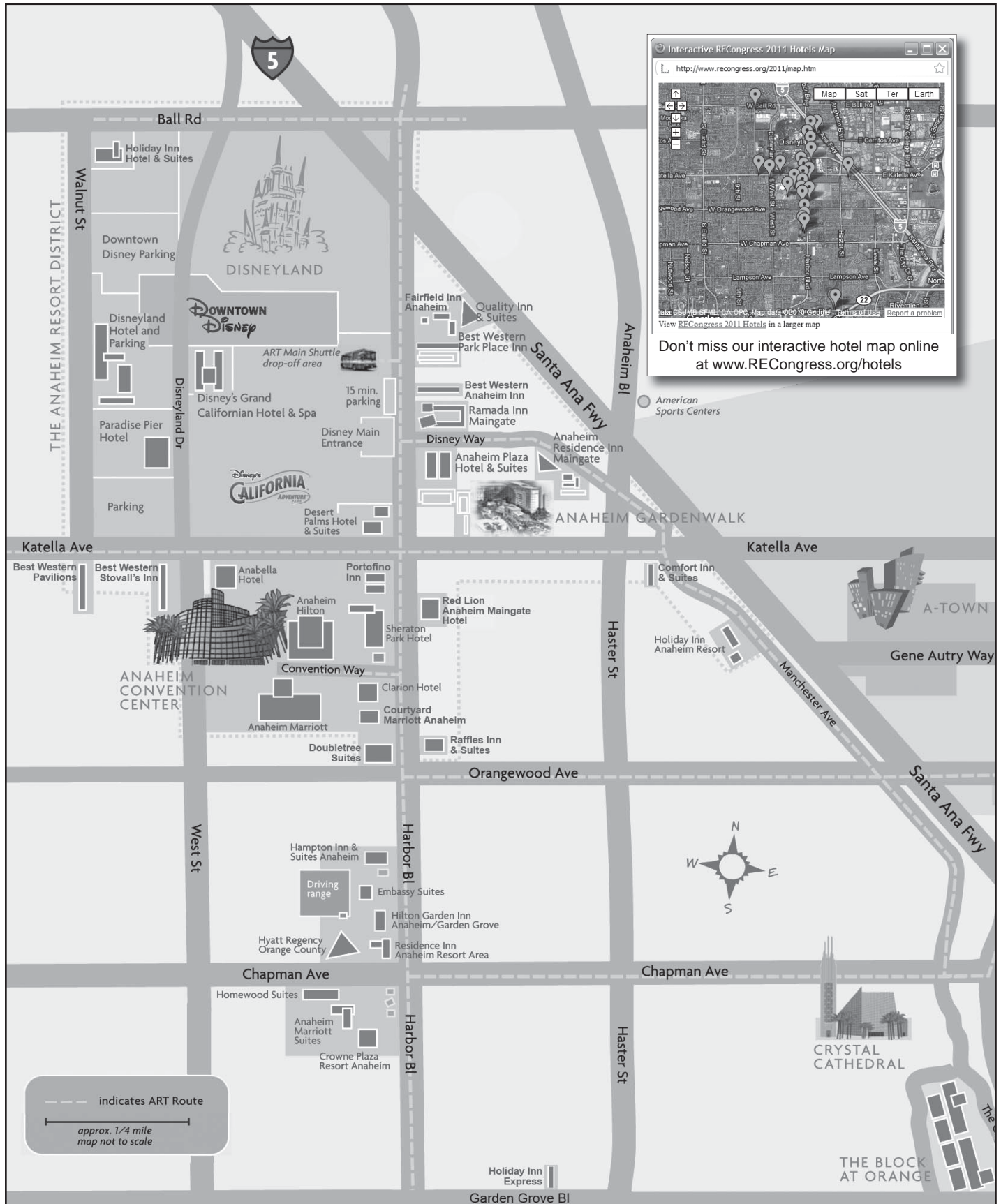
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ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER AREA HOTEL MAP

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EMBASSY SUITES SOUTH 11767 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 383-6723	\$165 / \$185 / \$205				All Suites	3:00 pm	Comp. breakfast; \$6 parking; Feb. 25, 2011
HAMPTON INN & SUITES 11747 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-8800	\$109	\$109			All Suites	3:00 pm	Comp. breakfast; \$4 parking; Feb. 20, 2011
HILTON GARDEN INN 11777 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-9100	\$119	\$119	\$119			3:00 pm	Rate good through Feb. 24, 2011
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 12867 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove 92843	(714) 539-3535	\$96 / \$109				Available	3:00 pm	Comp. breakfast & prking; rate good through Feb. 24
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES 1240 S Walnut St	(714) 535-0300	\$106	\$106			Available	3:00 pm	Free shuttle service to Center; thru Feb. 18, 2011
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PAVILIONS (Best Western) 1176 W Katella Ave	(714) 776-0140	\$102	\$102	\$102	\$102		4:00 pm	Rate good through Feb. 25, 2011
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RAFFLES INN & SUITES (Best Western) 2040 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-6100	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$151-\$182	3:00 pm	Welcome reception; Comp. breakfast; thru Feb. 25
RAMADA INN MAINGATE 1650 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 771-5188	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115		3:00 pm	Rate good through March 3, 2011
RED LION HOTEL 1850 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-2801	\$134.95	\$134.95	\$144.95	\$144.95	Available	4:00 pm	20% off food/beverage; \$10 parking; thru Feb. 16, 2011
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FAX FORM FOR THE 2011 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

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CREDIT CARD HOLDER'S AUTHORIZATION:

In lieu of my credit card imprint, I, _____, hereby authorize EXECUTOURS TRAVEL SERVICE to charge any transactions requested by me via telephone, fax or e-mail to my credit card listed above.

Date

Signature of Cardholder

NOTE: IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED. PLEASE PROVIDE BY FAXING US A PHOTOCOPY OF THE CREDIT CARD (FRONT AND BACK) AND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF CARDHOLDER. TSA NOW REQUIRES ALL TRAVELERS' NAMES MUST MATCH GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION, INCLUDING MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL.

LMU|LA Extension

Earn extension semester hours and receive a transcript from Loyola Marymount University for attending the

2011 Religious Education Congress

“Hold Firm ... Trust!” / “*Mantente Firme ... ¡Confía!*”

March 18-20, 2011

In cooperation with the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY offers the opportunity to earn professional development (continuing education) credit for attending the Religious Education Congress, with two options:

To earn 1.0 unit (10 hours over two days):

- attend any **six** workshops (including keynote addresses) and at least **one** major liturgy;
- write a **1-2 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
- registration fee: **\$60**

To earn 1.5 units (15 hours over three days):

- attend any **eight** workshops (including keynote addresses) and at least **two** major liturgies;
- write a **2-3 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
- registration fee: **\$90**

- ❖ **To register**, fill out the form below, and either FAX it or mail it to the address below.
 - You can also register by phone (310-338-2799) or online (<http://extension.lmu.edu/religion>).
 - You can also register, at Congress; just come by the LMU Booth in the Exhibit Hall.
- ❖ **To receive credit**, submit your paper (typed, double-spaced), along with a list of all the sessions you attended, on or before **April 6, 2011** (two weeks after Congress)
 - Send your materials by **e-mail** (CRS@lmu.edu), or **FAX** (310-338-2706), or **regular mail** to:
Center for Religion & Spirituality, 1 LMU Drive, Suite 1840, Los Angeles, CA 90045

REGISTRATION FORM – LMU EXTENSION

RELX 870.01 / CRN 80487 – R.E. CONGRESS: Two Days (1.0 unit for \$60)

RELX 871.01 / CRN 80488 – R.E. CONGRESS: Three Days (1.5 units for \$90)

FULL NAME _____
Title First Middle Last Suffix

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____
(Optional)

VISA or MasterCard # _____ CCV# _____ Exp. Date _____

Please submit this form along with the appropriate registration fee on or before **April 6, 2011**.
 Make checks payable to “Loyola Marymount University,” or give credit card information above.

Center for Religion & Spirituality, 1 LMU Drive Suite 1840, Los Angeles, CA 90045-2659, 310-338-2799; FAX 310-338-2706

CERTIFICATION



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Graduate Religious Studies Program

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(213) 477-2640 (213) 477-2649 fax www.msmc.la.edu

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PASTORAL / CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Mount St. Mary's College offers you one *Continuing Education Unit (C.E.U.)* for attending workshops and Keynotes at the 2011 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. This C.E.U. is recorded by the American Council on Education.

EARN ONE C.E.U. BY ATTENDING SEVEN CONGRESS WORKSHOPS.*

EARN .8 C.E.U. BY ATTENDING FIVE CONGRESS WORKSHOPS.*

- a. Earn .8 C.E.U. by attending **five** workshops.
Earn 1 C.E.U. for **seven** workshops. (0001)
- b. Earn 1 C.E.U. in any of these areas by attending **four** of seven workshops in the desired area:
 - Catechist recertification (0002)
 - Hispanic Ministry certification (0003)
 - Master Catechist recertification (0004)
 - Liturgical recertification (0005)
 - High School cert./recertification (0006)
- c. To obtain one C.E.U. in any of the areas, 0002-0006, **four** of the seven workshops must be related to the desired area. (**4 of 5** for .8 C.E.U.)

1. C.E.U. credit is awarded nationally for attendance at conferences, seminars, workshops, and classes providing adult-learning experiences.
2. C.E.U. credit is used toward advancement in some professions or as proof of continuing education.
3. C.E.U. credit is processed by Mount St. Mary's College and recorded by the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.
4. C.E.U. credit offers proof of attendance for recertification or certification credits as a religion teacher.
5. The fee for either .8 C.E.U. or 1 C.E.U. is \$35.00. (non-refundable)

*** All General Arena Keynotes (non-liturgies) also count toward workshop credit.**

For more information, contact: Brigidann Cooper, Program Assistant • (213) 477-2640 • bcooper@msmc.la.edu

Mount St. Mary's College

Continuing Education for Pastoral / Catechetical Ministry

Congress 2011

I wish to enroll for one Continuing Education Unit (1 C.E.U.)

I understand I must attend 7 workshops at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to obtain this credit.

I wish to enroll for .8 Continuing Education Unit (5 C.E.U.)

I understand I must attend 5 workshops at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to obtain this credit.

Circle one: 0001 0002 0003 0004 0005 0006

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ SS# _____

Return to: Graduate Religious Studies
Mount St. Mary's College
10 Chester Place
Los Angeles, CA 90007

\$35 enclosed (Check payable to Mount St. Mary's College)
No registration will be honored without accompanying payment.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER BY MAIL: April 8, 2011

HOTEL FACILITIES/HOSPITALITY

We have always asked that everyone observe the rules and regulations of the hotels regarding food and beverages in their rooms. Hotel regulations regarding food are as follows:

1. **THE CITY OF ANAHEIM PROHIBITS THE USE OF ANY TYPE OF COOKING APPLIANCES.** This includes microwave ovens, warming ovens, toasters or any type of similar appliances.
2. **FOOD AND BEVERAGES – OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY HOTEL CATERING DEPARTMENTS – ARE FORBIDDEN IN ROOMS.** Notices will be filed with the management if anything is found in the rooms by housekeeping personnel. Hotel management will take appropriate action.

Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all major hotels, and they have agreed to work very closely with us in providing a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms as well. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at each of these facilities.

BANQUET/CATERING CONTACTS ONLY

CLARION:	Kathleen O'Brien	(714) 750-3131 x3023
HILTON:	Debbie Igna	(714) 740-4258
MARRIOTT:	Bernadette Chute	(714) 748-2431
SHERATON:	Kirsten Garcia	(714) 740-4174

CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

The following regulations have been given to the Congress Office regarding policies. PLEASE, PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES, AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

1. No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center Parking lots.
2. No free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

This is a violation of the Convention Center’s contract giving exclusive rights to Aramark Food Service, Inc. and Orange County Board of Health regulations.

PARKING

The parking fee at the Anaheim Convention Center is **\$12 each time you drive in.** NO PARKING PASSES will be available, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted. Camping and picnicking are NOT allowed.

NOTE: Cars will be ticketed if backed into designated head-in spaces. CARS WILL BE TOWED FROM RESTRICTED AREAS.

MESSAGE CENTER

If family or friends need to contact you during Congress, they may do so from **9 am to 6 pm** by phoning **(714) 765-8883 or (714) 765-8884** and leaving a message. You may also leave a message for friends you wish to contact.

WORKSHOP RECORDING

Many of the Congress workshops will be recorded by CSC Digital Media. **Individual audio/video taping is not allowed.** Further information about ordering audio CDs can be found online at www.RECongress.org/tapes.htm. An order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF/HARD OF HEARING

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2011 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you have need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices.

We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by March 1, 2011, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received. The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, you may request an interpreter upon your arrival.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask Interpreting Services, located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area. While we can accommodate most requests for last-minute changes, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Religious Education Congress Committee wants you to enjoy your Congress experience and offers the following options:

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other Congress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant’s – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by February 4, 2011.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large. However, the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.
- NOTE: The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Alpha Drugs Pharmacy at either of their two locations in Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; or 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your ability to attend or enjoy RECongress due to handicap access or mobility concerns, please feel free to contact Rob Williams at RECMobility@recongress.org. RECongress’ Mobility Team will be available to help with wheelchair transport, special seating and any access issues within Congress. At Congress you can find the Mobility Team located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area.

REGISTRATION FORM

DO . . .

1. Affix address label in designated area on Registration Form (inside back cover). If address label is not correct, fill out registration card completely. Please be sure to PRINT your Name, Address, ZIP Code, Phone Number and email.
2. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
3. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
4. Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.
5. Register by credit card online at www.RECongress.org.
6. Register on site during the Congress weekend if you have not registered by March 1, 2011.

PLEASE . . .

1. **DO NOT** make copies of the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after March 1, 2011.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.
5. **DO NOT** expect the Congress Office to make changes in workshops after you have registered. (You may exchange tickets for any available sessions beginning at noon on Friday of Congress.)

REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$60. Postmarked after February 4, 2011: \$70.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by February 4, 2011. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. Registrations received after **March 1** will be processed and must be picked up through Advance Pick-Up or at the Registration Booth. Tickets will only be given to the registered individual with ID.
4. **TICKETS will be mailed after FEBRUARY 10, 2011. Please allow two weeks for delivery. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.**
5. Replacement tickets cost: \$30.

ADVANCE TICKET/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a "jump start" on Congress and avoid the Program Book lines! Pick up your Congress Program Book and badge holder beginning Thursday, March 17, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm, in the Convention Center Hall A Prefunction Lobby. Please bring your program card with you!

REMINDER: Congress is an adult/young adult-ONLY religious education event. All workshops are directed to these age groups. If you must bring your child(ren), they MUST be registered and they must accompany you. We ask that they be your sole responsibility so they do not disturb the other delegates.

LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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1. Pegue la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su Nombre, Dirección, Zona Postal y número de teléfono.
2. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
3. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
4. FIRME SU CHEQUE.
5. Se aceptan tarjetas de crédito en línea en www.RECongress.org
6. Si para el 1 de marzo de 2011 no ha enviado su registro, puede hacerlo personalmente durante el fin de semana del Congreso.

POR FAVOR . . .

1. **NO** reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. **NO** inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. **NO** envíe su inscripción después del 1 de marzo, 2011.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.
5. **NO** espere que la Oficina del Congreso le cambie los talleres después de inscribirse. (Podrá cambiar sus boletos por otra sesión con cupo, el viernes después el medio día de Congreso.)

RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$60 (U.S.). Después del 4 de febrero, 2011 será \$70.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 4 de febrero, 2011. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del **1 de marzo**, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se le entregarán solamente a la persona que se registró y necesitará presentar identificación en el Centro de Convenciones.
4. **LOS BOLETOS se enviarán por correo después del 10 de febrero, 2011. Por favor espere 2 semanas para recibirlos. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.**
5. El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$30.

RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Evite las largas líneas y recoja su libro a partir del día jueves 17 de marzo, por la noche desde las 6:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm en el Prefunciones área del Salón A del Centro de Convenciones.

El Congreso es un evento de educación religiosa para adultos/jóvenes adultos SOLAMENTE. Todos los talleres son dirigidos a estos grupos. Si usted debe traer a su niño/s, ellos deben ser registrados y deben estar acompañados. Le pedimos hacerse responsable de ellos para evitar distracciones a otros delegados.

REQUEST FORM FOR SERVICES FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING PERSONS

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Please fill out and include this form along with your registration.

SERVICES

What services do you need? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter Deaf/Blind Interpreter ALD

WORKSHOPS

I plan on attending the following periods (circle all that apply): FRI: 1 2 3 SAT: 4 5 6 SUN: 7 8

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Email: _____ Cell/Phone: _____

CHANGING REQUESTS

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