

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**
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- 4-04 Why Is Abortion a Central Point in Catholic Teaching? - **Coleman**
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- 4-08 Learning to Live with Ecclesial Tensions (*) - **Gaillardetz**
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- 4-11 Soul Friendship: A Hopeful Ministry for the Future Church (*) - **Groves**
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- 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**

🎧 and (*) indicate recorded sessions

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

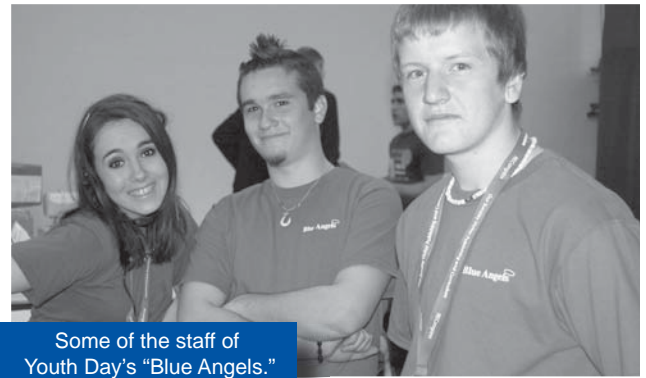
Toward the end of his public ministry, Luke’s Gospel has Jesus ask, “When the Son of Man comes again, will there be faith on earth?” (Luke 18:8). Was Jesus imagining a time like ours? Today’s best-selling books recommend a “new atheism.” Social commentators claim that ours is a “secular age” that actively 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
	Comment:
	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

Name: Dioscelin
Comment:

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.

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

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?

