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- 8-12 The Roman Missal and the RCIA: A Catechetical Method (*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
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- 8-14 Music and the Sacraments of Healing - **Jan Michael Joncas**
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- 8-16 Mentoring Young Adults into Ministry (*) - **Beth Knobbe**
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- 8-18 We Believe: Songs for Sacraments of Initiation (*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 8-19 Meeting Jesus by the Sea (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 8-20 The Psalms – Prayer and Poetry Direct from God (*) - **Rev. William Nicholas**
- 8-21 Living Within the Trinity - **Rev. Michael Raschko**
- 8-22 Discipleship for the 21st Century: The Global Dimensions of Serving Our Neighbor (*) - **Joan Rosenhauer**
- 8-23 Speaking at Her, or Listening to Her: Lady Zion in Prophetic Books (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 8-24 Why Lay Ecclesial Ministry? (*) - **Michael Sweeney**
- 8-25 Good Friday and the Easter Vigil (*) - **Rev. Paul Turner**
- 8-26 Pastoral Planning: From Multicultural to Intercultural (*) - **Fr. Freddy Washington**

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7-01 HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GOING UNDER THE BELLY OF THE BEAST 🗣️

What is human trafficking and what does it mean for you? Are you at risk? Are your children? Join international human rights leader Patrick Atkinson, drawing from his 30 years fighting war, poverty and prostitution around the world, as he explores the historical and contemporary dynamics of human trafficking. Learn what you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones, as well as to help bring an end to modern-day slavery.

**Patrick Atkinson**

Educator, human rights defender and missionary, Patrick Atkinson is best known as founder and international Executive Director of The God's Child Project, a non-profit charity he began in 1991 that cares for and educates nearly 14,000 children and women on three continents. Along with several schools and clinics, Atkinson founded the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited and Missing Persons in 2001. He has given presentations to hundreds of universities, churches, schools from Nairobi, Kenya, to Okinawa, Japan, and from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C.

7-02 THE DANCING WORD: MIRIAM'S GIFT 🗣️**Betsey Beckman, MM & Laura Ash**

In the story of Exodus, God's voice rises out of the burning bush, infusing Moses with a new mission in life. Later, his sister Miriam takes up the tambourine and brings the song of freedom to life through the dance. Explore the story of Exodus as an embodied journey of faith. Begin with the chains of slavery, encounter the fire of justice, journey through the waters of the Red Sea and celebrate God's liberating miracle in our midst. As you prepare for the celebration of Easter Vigil – let Miriam lead you in the dance!

7-03 GANGS 101: A LETHAL ABSENCE OF HOPE AND A CHRISTIAN COMMUNAL RESPONSE 🗣️**Gregory J. Boyle, SJ**

In this workshop, Fr. Greg Boyle will explore the roots of gang violence, offer an appropriate diagnosis, and help us consider what our parish communities can do.

7-04 SONGS & BLESSINGS FOR THE PARENT, CATECHIST, TEACHER & THE "CHILD WITHIN" 🗣️**Andrew Chinn**

Andrew Chinn shares songs – some new, some old – stories and strategies for use throughout the year gathered from his experience as a teacher for 20 years, 10 years in his current music ministry, and 20 years as a parent. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a range of musical ideas to assist in the passing on of our faith from one generation to the next: songs for the Sacraments, for Scripture, for beginnings and endings, for Holy Week and Christmas, for throughout the year.

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0**RECongress Milestones**

In 1970, the "Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Congress," or more popularly referred to as the "CCD Congress," relocated from Los Angeles to the Anaheim Convention Center. The Confraternity Congress took place on February 20-22 and was one of the last to have no theme.

7-05 HEART OF DARKNESS: THE SPACE TO EXPERIENCE GOD AND SELF 🗣️**Paul Coutinho**

It is in the darkness of our lives that we experience God, and our true selves, in the most authentic way. This session will explore the gift of darkness encountered at times in the spiritual life. Implications for our journey of faith will be addressed.

7-06 A STRATEGY AND PLAN TO "BREAK OPEN" A GOSPEL TEXT 🗣️**Fr. John Cusick**

The Gospel stories are experiences of the presence of Christ. They are not journalistic reports or merely historical data. They are, in fact, stories of "Good News." They are loaded with meaning, symbolic language and moments when ordinary people encountered what Jesus was all about: "I have come that you may have life and life in abundance." If you are a preacher, a teacher, a small group leader or participant, a lover of Scripture and/or spiritually hungry to learn more, this workshop will lay out a step-by-step strategy and plan to "break open" those time-honored Gospel texts in order to encounter Christ in your very midst.

7-07 IN GOOD CONSCIENCE: A THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION ON CONSCIENCE FORMATION 🗣️

This workshop addresses the question of moral conscience and conscience formation. In a world that is becoming increasingly complex, it becomes ever more important to find a ground for our moral decision-making. To be a moral agent is to act responsibly and "in good conscience." Yet, how do we define the conditions for such acting? We will analyze the sources of conscience formation in the Christian tradition and look at some applications in areas like sexuality, bioethics and social ethics.

**Roberto Dell'Oro, PhD**

Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro is Professor of Theological Ethics and Bioethics in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He teaches in the areas of bioethics, fundamental moral theology and ethical theories. Dr. Dell'Oro has been published in national and international journals. He has translated two books from German, has authored three books and is currently working on a fourth book tentatively titled, "Method and Meaning: Hermeneutical Reflections in Bioethics."

7-08 LIVING THE VISION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY – CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF RENEWING THE VISION

Tom East

“Renewing the Vision – A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry” was published 15 years ago by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. How are communities living this vision? What is the response? What have we learned? Where are we growing? This workshop will explore the research and practice of ministry with adolescents in this important vision document. This will include stories from parishes and challenges for leaders in planning for the continued growth of youth ministry.

7-09 HELP! WHAT DO I SAY?

Amy Florian

Face it: We live in a death-denying society, and few are taught how to companion friends, family or parishioners in grief. For instance, what six things should you *not* say at a wake, and what do you say instead? What do you say and do a week later, or a month? Is it a good idea to bring up the name or does that open old wounds? What do grieving people see as effective means of support? Come learn the words and actions that make a difference.

7-10 “ARE THERE ANY CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES TODAY?”

This question was put to me by a Muslim woman and scholar, and the answer is perhaps not as obvious as it should be. We will look at how disciples are formed, and whose initiative is involved. Called to be sent, all baptized are potential disciples, wherever and whoever they may be. What does this mean for us in today’s world?



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.

7-11 NEW APOLOGETICS AND THE DEFENSE OF GOD

Dr. Greer G. Gordon

While many Christians are busy assassinating one another’s character and faith, other people are busy assassinating God. As members of the *Body of Christ*, we are called to be Christ’s presence in a godless world. We are called to make the God of Jesus – the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) – known to the people of our time. This session will present a primary catechesis on how to develop a *faith-filled but reasoned* defense of God, and a secondary catechesis on how to present a *faith-filled but reasoned defense* of Catholic Christianity, in relation to *Independent/Reformed* Christianity.

7-12 PRAY AT ALL TIMES: CELEBRATING THE POWER OF SUNG PRAYER

David Haas

Come ready to sing and celebrate in song and explore the movements of our faith through “hymns, psalms and inspired songs.” Music has the power to help us find the language to accompany our lifelong journey with Christ, in a way that words by themselves are powerfully inadequate. In this session we will explore sung prayers that help us to rejoice, lament, celebrate hope and challenge us in our universal call to holiness – and together we will discover practical resources for both our liturgical prayer and our own personal spiritual journey. Come ready to sing, cry out, rejoice and commit ourselves in becoming more deeply a “singing” Church!

7-13 IMMersed, ENKINDLED AND ANOINTED: LIVING OUR BAPTISM IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU

When we affirm our baptism, is it with a sense of awe and wonder at what the Spirit infuses in our lives or simply something we routinely, and perhaps halfheartedly, mention? Using the three symbols of baptism, we will reflect on how we are immersed in the sacred of everyday life (water); enkindled with the fire of love (candle); and anointed for service to the world (chrism). Encouraged by real-life human interest stories of people from Africa to Appalachia to our own backyard, we will claim and proclaim the Spirit’s power, presence and providence in our own lives. And then meet the challenge to pass it on!

7-14 “I CALL YOU FRIENDS”: ADULT FORMATION FOR AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP

Disciples are not servants. They are not passive followers either. What attitudes and practices encourage authentic discipleship in the adults who animate faith communities? In this workshop we consider the call to mature discipleship as real friendship with God in Christ, probing that meaning of discipleship itself. Then we examine the ways that a spirituality of discipleship transforms and moves us forward toward more authentic living, more meaningful ministry, more vibrant communities.



Dr. Michael Horan

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 and is Director of the Graduate Program. Dr. Horan has taught across the country, including Iona College in New York, Boston College, the School of Theology at St. John’s University in Minnesota, the School of Theology at the University of St. Thomas in Texas, and The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Dr. Horan is author of many essays on religious education and pastoral ministry. His most recent publication is “Catechesis as an Evangelizing Moment.”

7-15 LIVING WATER ☪

The Lenten season is a period of time marked by intense preparations for the full initiation of the Elect into the Roman Catholic Church. Parish communities offer up special prayers for the Elect, and the Church waits in joyful anticipation for the moment the Elect will experience full initiation, at the Easter Vigil, through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. This workshop will serve as an excellent opportunity to continue the process of purification, enlightenment and conversion for the Elect and for all who stand with them. Those seeking to have a deeper understanding of our faith and God's plan for salvation are also encouraged to attend.

**ValLimar Jansen**

ValLimar Jansen is a composer, singer, storyteller and evangelizer, who travels to over 80 events annually. 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. Jansen received UNITY Awards in 2008 and 2010 for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing." She was MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis, with over 24,000 Catholic youth in attendance.

**Mary Janus**

Mary Janus is currently Director of Liturgy at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Northridge, Calif. Twenty-one years ago she formed "Harmonia," a contemporary group of numerous vocalists and instrumentalists that has performed at local and regional events. Janus also serves as the musician contractor for the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and is blessed with the opportunity to work with many dedicated and talented musicians.

7-16 ENGAGED SPIRITUALITY: PRAYER & ACTION IN CONVERSATION ☪**Jack Jezreel**

It is all too common for the vocabulary and exercise of spiritual practice to be divorced from the vocabulary and exercise of mission. People who pray don't act, and people who act don't pray! Contemplatives and activists so often seem to have so little in common, and at great cost to both. But the great saints of the Church call us to integration – to interpret prayer through love-in-action, and to inform their action through love-in-prayer. The connections between prayer and action are so potent that it is just about impossible to do either one well without the other. The implications for personal integrity, liturgy, social action and spiritual direction are enormous!

7-17 MORE THAN JUST SERVICE: ENGAGING YOUNG ADOLESCENTS IN SOCIAL JUSTICE ☪**Sean Lansing**

War, poverty, racism, and the environment are important, yet complicated issues of our faith. But, are they too complicated for young adolescents? In this workshop we will explore concrete methods for engaging our young disciples in important issues of social justice without forgetting about their unique developmental needs.

7-18 PRAYING IN COLOR ☪

"Praying in Color" is an active and meditative prayer practice for adults and children. The process uses pen, paper and markers to create a time of stillness and listening. The product is a prayer drawing – a visual reminder to continue to pray throughout the day. If you have a short attention span and a restless body or would like to talk to God without words or are just looking for a new way to pray, come learn about "Praying in Color." Absolutely no artistic ability is necessary! The workshop is based on Sybil MacBeth's book of the same title. (This workshop is limited in size and will be repeated as Session 8-17.)

**Sybil MacBeth**

Sybil MacBeth is a dancer, doodler and a community college mathematics professor in Virginia and Memphis, Tenn. She has been a ballet and pre-ballet teacher and liturgical dance workshop leader. As the author of "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God," MacBeth combines her experience in the classroom with her lifelong love of prayer and has lead over 100-plus workshops and retreats that engage differing learning styles.

7-19 WHAT GOT US HERE WON'T GET US THERE! THE NEW SKILLS NEEDED FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION ☪**Roy Petitfils**

For decades Christians were able to be effective by "being right." "Father said," "Sister said," "Mom and Dad said" or "The Pope said" were enough to motivate others to change. Not so in today's world. As Christians, we no longer inherit the right "to be heard" by others – we must earn that right. In this humorous, practical workshop you will learn real-world strategies and tools needed to reach the increasing number of marginal, uninvolved and unchurched in your parish.

7-20 DISCOVERING JESUS ON DEATH ROW: MY FAITH JOURNEY ☪**Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ**

Before she raised her voice in the public square, Sr. Helen Prejean first heard the voice of the Spirit of Jesus calling her to minister to the condemned and to the families of their victims. She is presently writing "River of Fire," a book about the unfurling of her faith, from childhood to the present – how she came to ministry and how contemplation and prayer continually open her to Christ's call to service. It is grace – all of it God's grace – that impassions.

7-21 RELIGION AND POLITICS**Thomas J. Reese, SJ**

The hotly debated role of religion in politics will be examined in this workshop.

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7-22 FEELING GOD'S VOICE THROUGH PHYSICAL AND MYSTICAL TOUCH: SOME SACRAMENTAL AND MYSTICAL IMAGES

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

As human beings we need to be touched. Without touch, God becomes a monologue. Sometimes the voice that infuses life must be felt in our bodies, through physical touch, in sacrament, and in mystical touch. How does the greatest life-giving voice of all infuse life in ways deeper than words? This session will provide some sacramental and mystical images to help us become less sacramentally and mystically tone-deaf.

7-23 INTEGRATION VS. SEPARATION: CONNECTING YOUNG ADULTS WITH THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Joan C. Weber

This workshop will engage participants in developing strategies to make their parishes more young adult responsive. We will explore ways of inviting young adults into leadership in parish life, liturgy, justice and service, and youth ministry. We will also examine methods of reaching out to young adults, learning what the parish can do to meet their needs, and making adult faith formation more relevant to their everyday lives.

7-24 IT IS THE END OF THE WORLD! IT IS THE AGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Fr. Thomas Weston

This session will present the world of Joachim of Flore, one of the most singular and fascinating figures of the medieval Church. We will look at some of the chaos, strife and struggles of the Latin Church in the 12th and 13th centuries. We will look into this distant mirror to get some perspective and insight in the struggles and strains of our own day – popes, Franciscans, monks, crusades, prophecies, the Trinity, and the Apocalypse.

7-25 IS UNITY POSSIBLE WHEN WE ARE SO DIFFERENT?

How couples deal with their differences can often make or break a marriage. Gender differences are at the root of many marital conflicts and make intimate communication a challenging process. In this session, Dr. John Yzaguirre will examine the most common differences between men and women as they pertain to marriage life. The couples who understand, honor and integrate their differences are the ones who know how to build a fulfilling marriage that celebrates unity in diversity.



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 with his wife, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, with whom he has co-authored "Thriving Marriages." Dr. Yzaguirre has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. Besides his active private practice in Irvine, Calif., he offers his family life formation programs at many dioceses throughout the United States.

7-26 RE-VISITING THE SYMBOLIC WAY

Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, MSHS, DMin

The Symbolic Way is an approach for communicating faith in an audio-visual culture. Originally imagined by Fr. Pierre Babin, OMI, an internationally renowned catechetical leader of the media age, Babin believed that only a faith built up from an awakened interiority could survive the expanding media culture. This session explores Babin's insights adapting them for the digital age. This session explores how elements of The Symbolic Way strengthen the challenges we face in 21st-century catechesis.

7-70 Sống đức tin của người Công Giáo Việt Nam

Đức Cha Thomas d'Aquinas Vũ Đình Hiệu

Những thách đố đức tin trong xã hội hiện đại. Kế hoạch mục vụ cho giới trẻ; mối quan tâm sâu xa của các mục tử.

THE FAITH OF THE VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC: DAILY LIFE

Bishop Thomas d'Aquinas Hieu Dinh Vu

The challenges of faith in modern society. A pastoral plan for youth, with great concerns from the pastors.



8-01 REAL PEOPLE, REAL FAITH 🗣️

We know there are many among the unaffiliated – those who no longer belong to a parish community or actively live their faith within the Church. An even greater number come to Mass somewhat regularly but do not connect their faith with their lives in any real way. How do we lead these people to hear the voice of Christ, the one who gives us life? How do we help real people find real faith in a living relationship with Jesus through the Body of Christ – the Church? Explore effective strategies and practices to engage people in lasting faith.

**Leisa Anslinger**

Based in Indianapolis, Leisa Anslinger is Director of Catholic Life and Faith, and a founding team member of the Catholic Strengths and Engagement Community network. She is author of "Turning Hearts to Christ," and author and editor of "Grace in Action." Anslinger is a former member of the adjunct faculty at The Athenaeum of Ohio and has presented at national, regional and diocesan conferences and in-service days.

8-02 PREPARING FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 🗣️

The sacramental celebration requires us to experience reconciliation in daily life, dealing with violence and its effects, facing the truth, and within the spirituality of reconciliation.

**Miguel Arias**

Miguel Arias is Editorial Director at Liturgy Training Publications in Chicago. Previously he served as Consultant for Hispanic Ministry at Loyola Press. Arias was also on the faculty at the Hispanic Institute of Liturgy in Chicago, a guest instructor at the Tepeyac Institute in Texas, and a faculty member at the Cultural Institute of the Midwest. Author, editor and translator of books, articles and book references, Arias is known for his pastoral work on reconciliation.

8-03 10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT JESUS

Not another workshop about what we already know, but one about what we overlook. In his book, "10 Things They Never Told Me About Jesus," John Bell explores facets of the personal life, relationships and ministry of Jesus, which are seldom the stuff of preaching or conversation, but are all rooted in the Gospels and are necessary if we are to be freed from the passive stereotypes that still dominate thinking about Christ. In this session John will share the stories of encounters with people on the periphery of religious life and in situations where politeness was not a prerequisite for discussing faith.

**Rev. Dr. John L. Bell**

With his colleague, Graham Maule, John Bell began the Wild Goose Resource Group and is Liturgical Resource Worker with The Iona Community, based in Glasgow, Scotland. He has worked for more than 20 years with churches and Christian organizations. Bell lectures on spirituality, liturgical music and Scripture and has been on broadcasts on BBC national radio, and has authored two books and the DVD series, "Living the Questions."

8-04 SUSTAINING YOUR PASSION FOR SERVING YOUNG PEOPLE**Dr. Michael Carotta**

This is a personal renewal session specifically intended for those who feel they have responded to a vocational calling to serve young people as a volunteer or professional. Through the use of audio visuals, personal examples, research and concrete suggestions, you will be able to privately reflect on the personal challenges you face and be offered specific practices that enable you adapt to those challenges in order sustain the Spirit fueling your commitment.

8-05 THE SHEPHERDS SPEAK: WHO HEARS THEIR VOICE? 🗣️**Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap**

Data shows that the U.S. Catholic Church has had more losses than any other mainline denomination; many of these are joining Protestant "evangelical" communities. While individualism, secularism and relativism have had their influence, data shows that the message of our church leaders isn't being heard or, if it is being heard, it is not being received, especially by more and more young people. Why? Michael Crosby will address the dynamics involved and suggest the issue of "meaning" is at stake.

8-06 FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP 🗣️

The U.S. bishops have issued a rich resource for Catholic voters for local, state and national elections in 2012. Fr. Allan Deck will: 1) discuss political participation of Catholics within the framework of Catholic social doctrine and the Church's identity and mission to evangelize; 2) outline the U.S. Catholic Bishops' document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," including issues of religious liberty, immigration reform and economic justice; and 3) highlight challenges facing the Catholic voter today. The focus will be on public policy concerns, formation of conscience and how to share the bishops' vision with your parish, school or organization.

**Fr. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ, PhD, STD**

Jesuit priest Fr. Allan Deck holds the Charles Casassa Chair of Social Values at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is Professor of Catholic and Latino Studies. He served from 2007-2011 as the first Executive Director of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. In addition to research, writing and teaching, Fr. Deck has served in pastoral work as parish administrator, diocesan director of Hispanic ministry, and as Executive Director of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif.

8-07 PRAYING WITH THE BODY FOR LENT 🕊

Roy Espiritu DeLeon, ObISB

Refresh and deepen your prayer life. Moving the body gently in harmony with mindful prayer could bring new life in our love for our God, our neighbors, and all of creation. In this Lenten prayer session, we will pray with the body, heart and soul the scriptural Stations of the Cross all the way to Resurrection. You will also learn how to move your body with the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, and the Glory Be. As the Word became flesh, with God's kindness, so too our prayer can be.

8-08 SERVANT LEADERSHIP: HOW AND WHY IT WORKS 🕊

Dr. Dan R. Ebener

This interactive workshop will explain the practice of servant leadership, which answers the question, "How would Jesus lead?" Beginning with prayer, scriptural reflection and a brief presentation, participants will dialogue about the leadership style of Jesus and draw conclusions about what this means for the practice of leadership. Specific examples will be presented and discussed to illustrate the potential that servant leadership holds for today's church and society.

8-09 REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH 🕊

Ann Marie Eckert

It is probable that "Keep Holy the Sabbath" is the Commandment that is most often broken by Church ministers! Sabbath is essential and life-giving. It is an opportunity to find balance and be restored. This workshop will provide participants an opportunity to look at their own practice of Sabbath (more than going to church on Sunday) and find ways to honor the rest and restoration that they need.

8-10 PORNOGRAPHY AND THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN 🕊

Michael J. Eisenbeiss, PhD

Forty-seven percent of Christians – including Catholics – have said pornography is a major problem in their home. One in three visitors to adult web sites are women. Eight years old is the average age of children first exposed to an adult web site. In the United States, revenue for pornography exceeds \$6.2 billion. This workshop will help you to look for the signs of pornography in members of your family and with students and youth. Learn the steps for helping people get over the attraction to pornography. There is hope! Where sin abounds, grace abounds more. The root of all sins of impurity is a desire for true love, true intimacy and acceptance.

8-11 NO GREATER LOVE: THE PATH TOWARD TRUE INTIMACY 🕊

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

"No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Jesus' words are so familiar that we can easily miss their deeper implications. This presentation explores what it means to choose love as a transformative way of life. Human intimacy has many different faces – including romantic love, the bonds of family, faithful friendship and other circles of caring. It also has different ages – from young love to the quiet commitments of our maturing years. We invite you to reflect on the profound challenge of "laying down your life" in everyday loving.

8-12 THE ROMAN MISSAL AND THE RCIA: A CATECHETICAL METHOD 🕊

Dr. Jerry Galipeau

With the advent of the new translation of The Roman Missal, opportunities for liturgical catechesis in the parish abound. Discover ways that the newly translated Mass texts themselves can become foundational for initiation ministry.

8-13 THE MEDIA MINISTRY: CATECHESIS IN THE 21ST CENTURY 🕊

Mary Byrne Hoffman

This is a practical, hands-on workshop on the emerging new ministry for catechists – reaching the "plugged in/tuned out" youth of today. Learn how to meet the needs and speak the language of the *digital natives* of the media culture through a sampling of media-based lesson plans. Participants will discover a hybrid approach to religious education that integrates 21st-century learning tools – blogs, social networking (e.g., Facebook), Google Docs, etc. – with traditional spiritual practices. The workshop will allow time for an "open space" exchange of ideas and resources.

8-14 MUSIC AND THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Fr. Jan Michael Joncas

This workshop will explore the various stages of illness and healing, connect them to the church's rites, and propose music in a diversity of styles from a variety of publishers to assist sufferers and ministers to encounter the healing power of God.

8-15 KEYS TO PROCLAIMING THE WORD: THE TASK OF CATECHESIS 🗣️

Dr. Sandra Kennedy

Our key objective as catechists is to proclaim the Word of God to the people to whom we minister. Thus, we embrace the mission to which Jesus called us: “Go ... make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I have told you” (Mt. 28:19-20). As catechists, how do we go about doing this? What might we do to ensure that the disciples of Jesus today come to know and understand God’s Word and their own mission? This presentation will discuss the goal of catechesis, proclaiming the Word, and making new disciples, in light of “The Six Tasks of Catechesis,” outlined in both the General and the National Directories for Catechesis.

8-16 MENTORING YOUNG ADULTS INTO MINISTRY 🗣️

Beth M. Knobbe

Do you ever wonder how to get young adults involved and keep them engaged? Young adults need good mentors who will believe in them, challenge them and support them. Mentoring relationships give young adults the confidence they need to become the leaders and disciples that they are! This workshop will explore ways to a mentor 20- and 30-somethings into leadership roles at your parish or ministry site.

8-17 PRAYING IN COLOR 🗣️

Sybil MacBeth

“Praying in Color” is an active and meditative prayer practice for adults and children. The process uses pen, paper and markers to create a time of stillness and listening. The product is a prayer drawing – a visual reminder to continue to pray throughout the day. If you have a short attention span and a restless body or would like to talk to God without words or are just looking for a new way to pray, come learn about “Praying in Color.” Absolutely no artistic ability is necessary! The workshop is based on Sybil MacBeth’s book of the same title. (This workshop is limited in size and is a repeat of Session 7-18.)

8-18 WE BELIEVE: SONGS FOR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 🗣️

Michael Mangan

So much of our Catholic story is carried in the songs that we sing. In preparing and celebrating sacraments of initiation, deeper understanding can be enhanced through the use of appropriate music. Join Michael Mangan as he presents a range of songs for baptism, confirmation, Eucharist and reconciliation, which will help candidates and their families unlock their sacramental imagination and make vital head/heart connections.

8-19 MEETING JESUS BY THE SEA 🗣️

James Martin, SJ

Would you like to meet Jesus as if for the first time? Join Fr. James Martin as he invites you to encounter Jesus in his time by the Sea of Galilee. Can you feel called like the disciples? Can you step out of the boat like Peter did? Can you let him feed and forgive you as he did after his Resurrection? Reflections on these New Testament passages, stories from his own life and recommendations for prayer will help you to hear him say, “Follow Me.”

8-20 THE PSALMS – PRAYER AND POETRY DIRECT FROM GOD 🗣️

Fr. William C. Nicholas

Songs and poetry are an integral part of prayer throughout the Scriptures. Likewise the Psalms have been an integral part of prayer throughout the history of the Church. This workshop will examine the different themes found in the psalms and their importance as expressions of divinely inspired prayer, which for centuries God’s holy people have uttered “from the depths of the heart.” A few of the 150 Old Testament psalms will be examined to illustrate how they reflected a wide range of prayer, emerging from deep emotion and experience, all centered on the faith in the centrality of God’s presence and action in the life of the nation, the community and the individual.

8-21 LIVING WITHIN THE TRINITY

Rev. Michael B. Raschko, PhD

This session is rooted in the formula: When the Holy Spirit moves at the will of the Father, the Word becomes incarnate. It will begin by exploring this Trinitarian dynamic at work at key moments in salvation history (the Incarnation, Pentecost, creation) and in the sacramental life of the Church. It will trace how in the Eucharist we enter into this dynamic in the movement of the prayers from epiclesis, to consecration, to communion, and how it carries over from the Eucharist into the lives of Christians. Quite simply we will explore the thesis that we live and pray within the dynamics of the Trinity.

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In 1963 and in subsequent years attendance continued to increase at Loyola University, and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College.



8-22 DISCIPLESHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: THE GLOBAL DIMENSIONS OF SERVING OUR NEIGHBOR 🗣️

Who is our neighbor in a world of instant, global communication? How do we respond in faith to the reality of suffering around the world? Can we be true disciples without responding to those needs? In this workshop, we will reflect upon these questions, share stories of the great work the U.S. Catholic community is doing to serve our brothers and sisters around the world, and identify ways individuals, parishes and schools can participate in our call to global discipleship.



Joan Rosenhauer

Joan Rosenhauer serves as Executive Vice President for U.S. Operations for Catholic Relief Services, based in Baltimore. She is responsible for leadership of the agency's mission to help Catholics in the U.S. live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world. She has spoken in dozens of dioceses across the country on topics related to the Catholic social mission. Rosenhauer was formerly with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as Associate Director for the Department of Justice Peace and Human Development.

8-23 SPEAKING AT HER, OR LISTENING TO HER: LADY ZION IN PROPHETIC BOOKS 🗣️

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher

The feminine voice of Scripture appears in many places, but one of the most interesting is the voice of “Lady Zion,” or “Lady Jerusalem,” about whom prophets speak (Hosea, Jeremiah, Ezekiel) before she quite strikingly speaks for herself in Lamentations, and is heard and replied to in Second Isaiah. What is the nature of this dialogue? Why is it so important that we learn to listen to her voice in Scripture?

8-24 WHY LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY? 🗣️

Rev. Michael Sweeney, OP

We often hear that lay ministers are necessary to the Church because there are too few priests – the implication being that a lay minister is a sort of inadequate priest. We will explore why lay ecclesial ministry has an essential role to play in the Christian community in its own right, and why the Church’s mission would be improbable without lay women and men in ministry.

8-25 GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER VIGIL 🗣️

Fr. Paul Turner

The third edition of the Roman Missal has introduced some changes to the celebrations of Holy Week. How can we celebrate Good Friday and the Easter Vigil with renewed fervor? What changes are there to the music, words and rubrics of these important days?

8-26 PASTORAL PLANNING: FROM MULTICULTURAL TO INTERCULTURAL 🗣️

Fr. Freddy Washington, CSSp, DMin

This workshop will look at the elements of witness, proclamation, dialogue and reconciliation as Jesus’ model of planning. Participants will explore this model in evaluating the effectiveness of ministry in their present location or ministry site. Participants will also develop a new pastoral plan based on this model.



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In 2008, RECongress hosted a dinner in honor of Sr. Edith Prendergast's 20 years of leading the Religious Education Congress. Among the 500 in attendance were a gathering of recent Congress Coordinators, including (left to right) Congress Event Coordinator Paulette Smith (2007 - present) and Congress Program Coordinator Jan Pedroza (2003 - present), Sr. Edith Prendergast, and former Congress Coordinators Vikki Shepp (2005-06), Mary Lou McGee (2004), and Adrian Whitaker (1985-2003).

