

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to register for Youth Day 2012. The Youth Day Coordinating Team is busy planning an exciting and Spirit-filled event for you and the young people involved in your ministry. This day begins our annual Religious Education Congress and engages over 14,000 high school students and their chaperones through workshops, rallies, Eucharist celebrations and an experience of the larger vibrant young Church.

Youth Day is an opportunity for young people to experience the love of our great God along with new and old friends. It is also a great way for everyone involved to be empowered for our journey of faith. We thank you very much for your willingness to share this great opportunity with the people involved in your ministry. We invite you to take a look at the readings for our day – which give us our great theme of “Called Out – Challenge Accepted.” There is also a theme reflection that has been developed by our team. We hope these will be tools to assist you in preparing your group for this great event.

Please note on the following pages that the structure for our day has changed and this impacts the way that you register. We look forward to celebrating God’s abundant love at Youth Day 2012!

Mike Norman

Mike Norman
Associate Director
Office of Religious Education



**CALLLED OUT –
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED**

A NEW YOUTH DAY FORMAT

We are very excited to unveil for 2012 a new format for the schedule of Youth Day. The new structure consists of two separate Tracks (1 & 2) that will allow all participants of the day to experience specific events in the excitement-filled Arena. Every participant of Youth Day 2012 will get the chance to celebrate liturgy with Archbishop José Gomez, hear our featured speaker Mike Patin, and experience a rousing rally in the largest space at the Anaheim Convention Center. Track 1 participants will be in the Arena from 8 am until 11:45 am and Track 2 participants will be in the Arena from 12:15 pm until 3:45 pm. This is a wonderful way for everyone to participate in this part of the Youth Day fun.

Please note that when you register (using the form from this Guidebook or online), you will be asked to name the specific track you would like to attend. Make sure you review the schedules listed on the following pages and pick the outline that best serves your particular group. **It is important that participants realize that no one now will be able to stay in the Arena for the entire day.** If you choose Track 1 you will be asked to clear out of the Arena after the morning liturgy and if you choose Track 2 you will not be allowed into the Arena until after lunch. This new schedule is very exciting because it allows everyone to participate in the Arena activities. Each group will still choose a second workshop (along with a back-up choice) to attend in the Convention Center. Those workshops will still be repeated in the morning and afternoon. Please check out the following pages for details about the workshops. Thank you very much in advance for your patience as we try out this new format for the first time.



Youth Day

TRACK 1

8:00 AM – Arena Rally

For those registered for Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2012 begins in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **Jesse Manibusan** and **Cooper Ray** will be on hand to get the day started with music, followed by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.



jesse manibusan



cooper ray

ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the rally, Track 1 participants will remain in the Arena and will be inspired by our featured speaker, **Mike Patin**. Mike will be sharing his thoughts on how we might live out the day's theme in our daily lives. Mike comes to us from Louisiana and will be sharing lots of his Cajun humor! (This workshop will be repeated in the afternoon for Track 2 participants).



mike patin

ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The last Arena event for participants registered for Track 1 will be a Spirit-filled liturgy with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica.



archbishop gomez

11:45 AM – Lunch

Following the Eucharistic celebration, Track 1 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There will be many places throughout the Convention Center for purchasing food and you can pre-order meals.

1:00 PM – Convention Workshops

Track 1 participants will be able to attend one of the 12 workshops that will inspire and challenge them in new ways. These workshops are all offered in the meeting rooms of the Convention Center. We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them. Please see the listings on the following pages.

2:30 PM – Closing Rallies

Youth Day 2012 ends for Track 1 participants with energetic Rallies in either the Convention Center Ballroom or Hall B. Musical artists **Josh Blakesley**, **The Jacob and Matthew Band**, and others will be performing for the events. Young people from across the Archdiocese and beyond will be helping us to close out our day with much excitement.



josh blakesley



jacob & matthew

3:45 PM – Dismissal

After being **Called Out** at Youth Day 2012, the **Challenge Accepted** will be to go out and share the Good News with others – in our parishes, our school, our homes, and the entire world.

TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE DAY

Youth Day 2012 Readings of the Day

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Gospel: John 5:31-47

THEME REFLECTION

“CALLED OUT – CHALLENGE ACCEPTED”

The readings for Youth Day are about people being called to greater things. In the Exodus reading God calls the people of Israel to turn away from their evil ways – even threatening to consume them in a blazing wrath. Moses, however, calls out to God, reminding of the promise made to these people. God hears Moses and relents from punishing.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls out to the Jews to remind them of God's promise – still alive for them, but they have forgotten. It's almost as if the people of Israel are a drum line and someone's challenging them to “play off” for first chair. Every day of our lives God calls us to “step it up” in some way. We are **CALLED OUT** to be people of hope – even when there seems to only be darkness. We are **CALLED OUT** to serve others – even when the world says we should only focus on satisfying ourselves. We are **CALLED OUT** to share the Good News – even when it seems no one is listening. And then, miraculously, we are empowered by God to say yes in little ways and in big ways – we say **CHALLENGE ACCEPTED** when we are God for others, when we share our faith expecting nothing in return, and when we become the light that leads others out of the darkness.

We, the people of today, continue to say “yes” to the call of our loving God. It can be difficult or embarrassing when we are “**CALLED OUT**” by others, but with the assurance of our God's love we can face even the toughest obstacles. We come as people of faith, steadfast in the knowledge that the promise of God stretches throughout all time to include us at this specific place and time.

CALLED OUT --

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Youth Day staff would like to invite any adult who is not chaperoning a group from a parish or school to be a volunteer for our event. Youth Day volunteers are assigned to a variety of positions throughout the day. To volunteer for Youth Day 2012 an adult needs to have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection policies and have had the appropriate diocesan required background check. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to find out more details about your required programs. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our team, please contact Erin Avila at emavila@sbcglobal.net or at (559) 259-8232. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone. Come join the fun! We need you.

YOUTH DAY COLLECTION

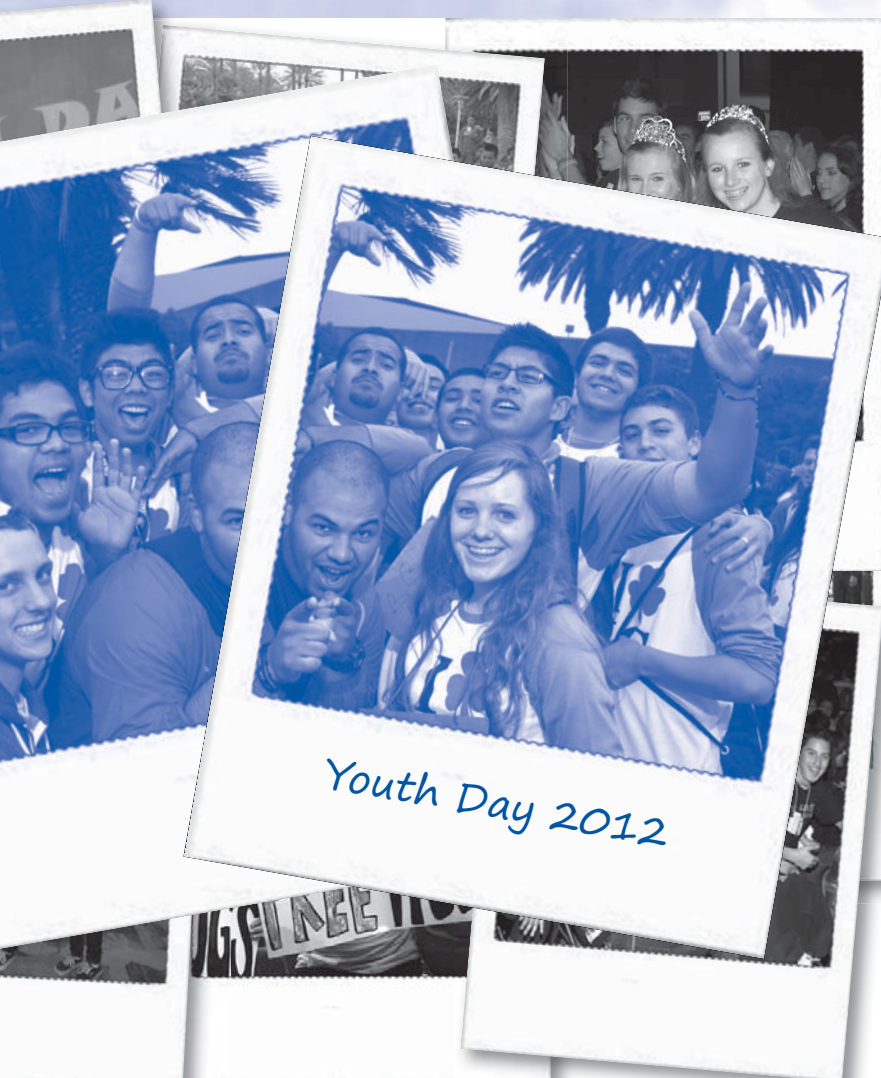
In an effort to enhance the work of the Office of Religious Education in developing youth leaders across the Archdiocese and to support the work of key organizations, there will be a collection during liturgies at Youth Day. We will use some of this money to help young people who need assistance to attend programs at the local, regional and national levels. We will also share part of the collection with a different organization each year that does specific outreach to young people. We ask that you share this information with participants coming to Youth Day and emphasize how their contributions can continue the formation, education and quality of life for others. Thank you in advance.



“CALLED OUT – CHALLENGE ACCEPTED”

YOUTH DAY

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CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

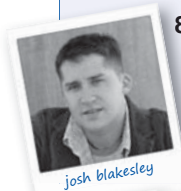
All high school students (9th -12th grades ONLY) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with an adult Chaperone who will be attending with them. Two adult Chaperones must accompany the first group of 1-10 youth and then one additional adult must be added with each additional group of 1-10 youth. Chaperones are required to stay with their group of youth throughout the entire day. Each group selects the Convention Center workshop of their choice. Please note that every group will be asked to choose Track 1 or Track 2 and will only be allowed into the Arena during their assigned time. Convention Center Workshops will be offered twice – once in the morning and once in the afternoon – so everyone gets a chance to participate. We try to accommodate first choices for workshops, but sometimes they fill up and we must move you to your second choice.

NOTE: YOUTH DAY OFTEN FILLS UP PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY DATE FOR THE FEE INCREASE. Please understand that there is a limit to the number of people that we can allow into the event. If Youth Day fills to capacity prior to the February deadline, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but please understand that there are no exceptions.

TRACK 2

8:00 AM – Convention Sessions

For those registered for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2012 begins with the opportunity to experience one of two energetic Opening Sessions offered in the Convention Center. Hall B will welcome **Joshua Blakesley**, while the Grand Ballroom will host **The Jacob and Matthew Band**. Young people from across the Archdiocese will also be part of these great events.



josh blakesley



jacob & matthew

9:30 AM – Convention Workshops

After the Opening Sessions, Track 2 participants will be able to attend one of the 12 workshops that will inspire and challenge them in new ways. These workshops are all offered in the meeting rooms of the Convention Center. We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them. Please see the listing on the following pages.

11:00 AM – Lunch

Following the workshops, Track 2 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There will be many places throughout the Convention Center for purchasing food and you can also pre-order meals. The Arena will open for Track 2 participants at 11:45 am.



jesse manibusan

12:15 PM – Arena Rally

For those registered for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2012 continues in the Arena with an energetic rally. **Jesse Manibusan** and **Cooper Ray** will be on hand to get everyone energized with music, followed by young people from the Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.



cooper ray

ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the rally, Track 2 participants will remain in the Arena and will be inspired by our featured speaker, **Mike Patin**. Mike will be sharing his thoughts on how we might live out the day's theme in our daily lives. Mike comes to us from Louisiana and will be sharing lots of his Cajun humor!



mike patin

ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The ending of Youth Day for Track 2 participants will be a Spirit-filled liturgy with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica.



archbishop gomez

3:45 PM – Dismissal

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ARENA WORKSHOP

Everyone will see our Arena speaker. You can choose your Convention Workshop from the remain 12 speakers.

“SYNC-TIFICATION”

Phones and MP3 players rock! Texts, voice mail, music, apps: You can “trip out” your device ... but unless it’s charged and sync-ed ... it doesn’t do a lotta good. Be ready to be “called out” to charge yourself up and then to share and blare your playlist to the world!



Mike Patin

“Faith horticulturist” Mike Patin has worked in youth ministry since 1984, spending six years as a high school teacher and coach before working for the CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He was also on the adjunct faculty at the Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans for two years. Since 2003, the Lafayette, La., resident has been speaking full time to young people and adults on issues of Catholic faith. His many book titles include “A Standing Invitation.”

BE A WITNESS! SHARING CHRIST WITH OTHERS

Sharing your faith does *not* mean you need to stand in the hall of your school handing out pamphlets about Jesus! It means letting God be a part of your life in everyday ways. It means being comfortable with your faith and letting your actions speak louder than your words. Hey ... light travels faster than sound! Come learn the answers to the questions we are most often asked about our faith and come see how we are *all* called to be disciples in how we live, so that Christ can be seen ... in us!



Steve Angrisano

Steve Angrisano is a musician, inspirational speaker and workshop presenter. He has been featured at major youth events nationally and internationally, including four World Youth Days, five National Catholic Youth Conferences and numerous L.A. Congress Youth Days. Angrisano lives in Coppell, Texas. His works include a CD called “Inescapable Love” and a book titled “Live: Essential Songs for Youth Ministry.”

KEEPIN’ UR HUSTLE HOLY

In this workshop participants will look at who God made them to be and how the world does its best to deter us from reaching our God-given purpose. We will look at why we have problems and what we are supposed to learn from them. Come and get a blessing!



Ansel J. Augustine, MPS

Ansel Augustine is Associate Director and Coordinator of Black Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Catholic Youth Organization Office of the New Orleans Archdiocese. He also serves on the faculty for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in Louisiana and with their Campus Ministry, where he previously worked. Augustine has also published several articles related to ministry and has keynoted and presented workshops at various youth rallies and conferences around the country. He was MC and hosted the 2010 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry in New Orleans.

ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS:

Order Your Official Youth Day T-Shirts

T-shirts for Youth Day 2012 are available for pre-order. Orders with payment must be received by February 26, 2012 and will be shipped directly to the customer’s home or business location.

Customize your Youth Day shirt with your youth group or parish name on the back for as low as \$2.50 per shirt.

Special Discount Pricing for Pre-Orders:

T-shirts: \$12.50, Sweatshirts: \$35

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL

On Youth Day, T-shirts: \$15, Sweatshirts: \$40 and available at the Seraph7 booth in the main Arena Lobby (south side) of the Convention Center Arena.

Youth sizes, 3X, and sweatshirts are also available in limited supply.

Please pre-order to ensure you get yours!

Place your order online at www.Seraph7.com.

HOLDING ON TO REAL HOPE

The definition of the word “hope” is to “cherish a desire with deep anticipation.” Because Renée Bondi has been a quadriplegic for over 20 years, imagine how she would love to have full use of her body again! Renée shares her mental battle of fully accepting her paralysis and how she has come to trust the God that allowed her injury to occur.



Renée Bondi

Recording artist and inspirational speaker, Renée Bondi travels throughout the United States singing and speaking for conferences, churches, retreats, youth rallies and corporate events. She has appeared as a guest on EWTN’s “Life on the Rock” and on St. Joseph Radio. Bondi has been keynote at the National Catholic Youth Conference and special guest for many adult formation programs, sharing her life story before and after her accident.

ROMANCE WITHOUT REGRET

Looking for straight answers to tough questions on dating, sexuality and relationships? Jason and Crystalina Evert offer a blunt, humorous and powerful case for the virtue of chastity. While abstinence is merely the absence of sex, chastity frees a couple to love, bringing them closer to one another and offering them romance without the regrets. Through their captivating testimonies, Jason and Crystalina show that purity is possible, regardless of the past.



Crystalina & Jason Evert

After years of giving chastity presentations solo, Jason Evert teamed up with Crystalina Padilla. After their year of speaking as an engaged couple, they married in 2003. Since then, they have spoken to more than 1 million teens in Catholic, Christian and public high schools and universities around the world. Together, the Everts have authored over 12 books, including “How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul.” They have made numerous radio and TV appearances, have hosted a pair of TV series for teens on EWTN, and have been awarded for their work with teens in America.

“I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM WONDERFULLY MADE”

If you’ve ever thought you’re not good enough, pretty enough, smart enough, or (blank) enough, this workshop is for you! God does not make junk but has created you with every gift and talent you need to serve Him and others! Dubbing herself the original “Ugly Betty,” Noelle Garcia will share her own self-esteem struggles as a teen, through depression, cutting and thoughts of suicide. She will share how she came to know the Lord loved her just the way she is, and to praise Him for she is “wonderfully made!”



Noelle Garcia

Noelle Garcia is a Catholic recording artist with World Library Publications. She was featured on CNN’s “Latino in America” and EWTN’s “Life on the Rock” programs sharing her inspirational testimony and Gospel message of love and hope for teens and young adults. Garcia currently works in the Diocese of Lansing, Mich., as a Director of Music, and travels throughout the country speaking and performing “wherever God calls”! She lives in Michigan with her husband, fellow youth and music minister, David McHugh.



Youth Day

arriving groups

in the Arena



Hall B rally

Arena gathering

PRAYER ISN'T BORING, YOU ARE ... HAHA!

So many people complain about how boring church is, Mass is, and praying is ... when in reality those people haven't experienced the goodness of the One they pray to: God! In this workshop, Paul Kim uses his captivating speaking abilities, humor and music (beatboxing), to show that prayer isn't just for the elderly, but for anyone with a heart that longs for more!



Paul J. Kim

Paul Kim formerly served as youth minister, missionary and counselor. Today, he is a nationally known youth speaker and musician who presents regularly at Catholic youth and young adult events throughout the country, including the Steubenville Youth Conferences in Ohio; Catholic Underground events; and the Sacramento Young Adult Conference and San Jose Diocesan Youth Retreat in California. In 2010, Kim released his first CD entitled "Run Fly Fall."

FORGIVENESS: DISARMING THE HEART

Forgive and forget – not likely! Forgive 7 x 70 times (Jesus) – are you kidding? Forgiveness sounds great until we have been hurt by someone – and we have all been hurt by someone in some way. But unless we learn to disarm our hearts, we will be trapped by past pains. This workshop will describe a way to disarm, forgive and move on in a healthy way.



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. Bob is an author with several books, and provides training in ministry skills and issues internationally. He also serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.



Maggie McCarty, DMin

Based in Maryland, Dr. Maggie McCarty is Executive Director for the USA-Toronto Region of the Christian Brothers Conference. She has worked with youth and youth ministry for three decades and has experience at the parish, diocesan and national levels. Maggie teaches courses in youth ministry at several universities and does training and retreat work internationally. She also is a youth ministry volunteer at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.

MY CATHOLIC LIFE

What does a day in the life of a Catholic teen look like? How does a young person live their Catholic faith in the world today? Come learn and laugh!



Judy McDonald

Judy McDonald has been a professional comedienne for 17 years; for the past seven years her full-time traveling ministry has included shows for military bases in Germany, Italy, Belgium and parishes in Ireland, Croatia, Scotland and across the United States. McDonald is a former youth minister in the San Diego Diocese and former residential minister at the University of San Diego.

FOOD IS LOVE: WHAT ALL TEENS ARE HUNGERING FOR

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the popular host of the international Grace Before Meals movement, offers deep spiritual guidance and encouragement for people of all ages as he invites families back to the dinner table ... with good food! In our modern world, families are being pulled apart from the Lord’s Table and from their dining room table. Jesus shows us the way to win this “food fight” is to feed our families with love – what we all crave! Join this inspiring, funny and theologically profound talk with the winner of the “Steak Fajita Throwdown with Bobby Flay” on Food Network to learn more about Fr. Leo’s movement.



Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, a priest of the Baltimore Archdiocese, is a professor at Mount St. Mary’s University and Seminary in Maryland, where he is also Chair of Pastoral Theology. Fr. Patalinghug is an internationally known conference speaker and popular TV and radio personality has appeared on ABC, EWTN, CBS and even The Food Network, as he hosts the movement, “Grace Before Meals.” He is author of the book “Grace Before Meals: Recipes and Inspirations for Family Meals and Family Life.”

SOCIAL JUSTICE: RESPECTING ALL LIFE

In this workshop, we will link the Gospel parables of Jesus with today’s “parables” that reflect a respect for life: abortion, health care, immigration, the environment, and war. Fr. Chris Ponnet will use the Bible, the Catechism, social justice teaching, music, media and resources from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Pax Christi USA. The Pax Christi group from Bishop Alemany High School in Mission Hills, Calif., will help illustrate these life justice issues through today’s “parable” stories. You’ll walk away with concrete action plans and resources to implement in your school or parish to link all respect life issues.



Fr. Chris Ponnet

For over 25 years, Fr. Chris Ponnet, ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, has been involved in AIDS ministry and has spoken about consistent life ethics and the death penalty at Pax Christi Peace and Justice Conferences and at the L.A. Congress and at the regional congresses. Fr. Ponnet is Director for the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry and 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.



Marymount dancers

arriving by bus

Youth Day

IGNORANCE IS NOT BLISS

“Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere *ignorance* and conscientious stupidity,” said Martin Luther King, Jr. Was Jesus kidding when he said, “Love your neighbor as yourself”? We think *not!* Based on Greg Walton’s Top 20 Christian radio single, “Tune of Ignorance,” this workshop takes Jesus’ second greatest commandment seriously. Come dive into the wisdom of the seven points of Catholic social teaching and find tools to answer the tricky questions surrounding injustice. Explore the corporal works of mercy and learn their integral role in every Christian’s personal mission!



Greg Walton

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

X SAFETY IN CYBERSPACE

This interactive workshop for youth covers a range of topics including Internet safety and the perils of video games, social networking sites, “sexting,” geo-tagging and cyber bullying. Today, youth can connect with almost anyone from almost anywhere – from a home computer, a friend’s computer, libraries, schools, PDAs, BlackBerrys, iPhones and cell phones. Internet-enabled video game systems allow them to contact and compete against and chat with players around the world. This workshop will help youth better understand and navigate this strange new world with strategies to help them benefit from web resources while avoiding the many risks.



Tracy Webb

Tracy Webb is a Senior Trial Attorney and heads the Cyber Crime and Child Abuse Prevention Division at the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office. She has spent a large part of her career prosecuting physical, sexual, exploitation and technologically facilitated crimes against children. Webb is currently an active member of the Federal Internet Crimes against Children Task Force and co-chair of the Los Angeles County Cyber Crime Task Force. She is a frequent speaker locally and nationally, and is an Emmy award-winning producer of a documentary film on gang violence.

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Youth Day is open to students from parishes and high schools (public and Catholic) that are in grades 9 through 12. Students below the 9th Grade are not allowed to participate in this event and will be refused admission. We appreciate your adherence to this guideline.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$20 per person. After February 4, 2012, fees increase to \$25 per person. Everyone in your group **MUST** be registered for Youth Day, **including all priests** who will be accompanying your group.

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

For the initial group of one to ten youth there must be two adult chaperones. An additional chaperone must be included with every consecutive group of up to ten youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day, with at least one chaperone attending each activity with each group of up to ten youth. **Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without a Chaperone.**

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and should supervise his or her group throughout all of Youth Day. Chaperones must participate in the events of the day – youth find it more difficult to participate if adults are not engaged. Please know that the format of Youth Day enables everyone to have a seat in the Arena, but that large groups may be unable to sit together. We ask that Chaperones divide up and stay with their group of no more than 10 youth.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing the Adult Chaperones with all the necessary forms and emergency information gathered for each student. All Youth Day name badges are mailed to the Contact Person. The Contact Person may also be included as one of the group Chaperones or registrants.

It is the responsibility of the Contact Person to make sure ALL Chaperones have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection Policies and the appropriate diocesan-required background check has been completed. Please contact your parish or school for more information on these guidelines for your diocese.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early since Youth Day often fills up prior to deadline dates. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. This is due to a limited number of seats. Please note that this sometimes happens **BEFORE THE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE ON February 4, 2012**. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. **SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.**

NAME BADGES

Each registered person is given a name badge and that serves as their admission to Youth Day. Registrations will **NOT** be processed if only one person's name is used in all the spaces on the form or if the names are obviously made up. In order to gain and maintain admission into the Convention Center, each person must be wearing the official Youth Day name badge for the entire day. If needed, you may substitute people. We will not be able to print out new name badges on site.

PLEASE distribute name badges to all participants prior to leaving your parish or school or before exiting the bus. Those who become separated from their group and do not have name badges will not be allowed entry into the Convention Center or Arena. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Youth Day Packets will be mailed after February 10, 2012, to the Contact Person. Please check your packet **IMMEDIATELY** upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and each participant received his or her name badge.

NOTE: There is a \$50 free for reprinting of name badges on Youth Day.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be made by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form (next page) along with a check for the proper amount. Please remember that everyone must register for the day (including Chaperones and priests). A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. There must be two Chaperones listed in your first group of registrants. **Forms, information and online registration by credit card are available at www.RECongress.org/YD.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. Please feel free to duplicate this form.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form, with the group attending the same workshop. The first group must include two Chaperones. Please do not register more people on the form than will be attending, since space is limited.
3. Once registration has been sent in, additional registrations **CANNOT** be added to the group. To add registrants, a new form (with another paid Chaperone) must be filled out and sent in. **PLEASE** remember to register priests who accompany your group as well.
4. All youth must remain with their Chaperone throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name and information of the Contact Person on each form used and indicate if he/she will attend. If the Contact Person plans to attend, his/her name **MUST** appear again as a Chaperone or registrant.
6. Indicate your choices of track and workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by February 4, 2012 to : Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, PO BOX 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress**. Total fees must accompany registration form. All incomplete registrations will be mailed back for correcting. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. See www.RECongress.org/YD for online registration info.
8. After February 4, 2012 (postmarked), the Youth Day Registration fee will be increased to \$25 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by February 4, 2012. There are **NO REFUNDS** after that date. There will be a \$10 per registration refund processing fee.
10. **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY!**
11. Questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT

MAKE SURE to mark on the registration whether your group will attend **TRACK 1** or **TRACK 2** (see the previous pages for explanation about tracks). Also, print the letter of your first and second choice workshops plainly on the spaces provided. The featured Arena speaker workshop is attended by all participants and groups can choose a second workshop from the listing on the previous pages. All workshops are offered for both tracks.

Workshop Assignment: Our registration computer will assign your first choice for the workshop. If your first choice is full, then the computer will assign your second choice.

FOOD SERVICES

Track 1 and Track 2 have staggered lunch times. There are food concessions at various places in the Convention Center, Arena Lobby, and outside. Lines can be long, so please be patient. **PLEASE NOTE** that it is unacceptable to cater lunches for your group. Participants are allowed to bring individual lunch bags, but large ice chests and group catering is not permitted. We also suggest that you do not use nearby restaurants, since time is limited.



YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, March 22, 2012 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ONLY PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED – NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered **with each paid Adult Chaperone**. All must attend the same workshops. The first registration form for every group should have two Chaperones listed.
2. Once the Registration Form has been mailed in, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new form AND another **paid Chaperone**. Please be sure to **register all priests who will accompany your group**.
3. YOUTH DAY FEE: \$20 per person (U.S. dollars only). After February 4, 2012 the fee increases to \$25 per person.
4. NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE. Youth Day Registration deadline is February 25, 2012. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Mail checks payable to: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS**, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
6. Total payment must accompany this form.
7. Name badges will be mailed after **February 10, 2012**. Please check your packet when it arrives, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has his or her own name badge. Students **MUST** remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before February 4, 2012. Note: There is a **\$10 per registration** refund processing fee.
9. REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

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

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

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

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

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

ADULT CHAPERONE

First Name	Last Name	\$20	\$25
		By Feb. 4	After Feb. 4
REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Adult)			
Adult? <input type="checkbox"/>	First Name	Last Name	
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$40 \$50
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$60 \$75
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$80 \$100
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$100 \$125
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$120 \$150
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$140 \$175
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$160 \$200
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$180 \$225
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$200 \$250
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$220 \$275

Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after February 4, 2012.

Choice for Group:
Track 1 or Track 2

Workshop choice:
 1ST _____
 2ND _____

If track or workshop is not indicated, we reserve the right to make the assignments for your group.

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

Mail to: RECONGRESS, PO BOX 76955, LOS ANGELES CA 90076-0955

– YOU MAY DUPLICATE THIS FORM –