

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 7:30 am - 3:00 pm**
On-site registration begins
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 8:30 - 9:30 am**
Opening Rite & Welcome
(Arena)
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 1 Workshops
- 11:30 am**
Ticket exchange opens
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– Jacob & Matthew with
Danielle Rose & Noelle Garcia
Music (Hall B)
– Cliff Petty &
Meredith Augustin
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 2 Workshops
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm**
Period 3 Workshops
- 5:15 pm**
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Evening Prayer
(see page 22)
- 8:00 pm**
Concert (Arena)
– Liam Lawton
Film Showcase 2013
(Convention 201)
- 9:00 pm**
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(see page 22)

Registration Hours

7:30 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Hall A)

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Convention 304)

Massage

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting

(Noon - Location: TBA)

OPENING RITE & WELCOME

ENTER THE MYSTERY

We gather! We enter the mystery of God's encompassing presence woven into the fabric of our lives and ministry. We lift our hearts and voices in a chorus of praise and gratitude. Our spirit-filled gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

Archbishop José Gomez	Helena Buscema	Jacob Israel	Rafael Moreno
Edith Prendergast, RSC	Joe Camacho	Frank Jansen	Donna Peña
Paulette Smith	Karla Carrillo	Vallimar Jansen	Cliff Petty
Jan Pedroza	Andrew Chinn	Mary Janus	Danielle Rose
John Flaherty	Jeanne Cotter	Tom Kendzia	Pedro Rubalcava
Tony Alonso	Harrison Crenshaw	Mel Kennedy	Dan Schutte
Donna Anderle	Elohim D'Leon	Peter Kolar	Brenda Smith
Dave Anderson	Gary Daigle	Gaile Krause	Nicole Smith-Masero
John Angotti	Chris de Silva	Liam Lawton	Curtis Stephan
Steve Angrisano	Santiago Fernández	Matthew Leon	Ginny Temple
Ed Archer	Noelle Garcia	Michael Paul Leon	John West & the
Meredith Augustin	Estela García-López	Rudy López	Valyermo Dancers
Betsey Beckman	Hermana Glenda	Michael Mangan	... and many others
Anna Betancourt	Laura Gomez	Jesse Manibusan	
Grayson Warren Brown	David Haas	Monica Miller Luther	
John Burland	Marty Haugen	Rafael Moreno	

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Jacob & Matthew Band

THE JACOB & MATTHEW BAND WITH DANIELLE ROSE & NOELLE GARCIA

You will sing with reckless abandon the prayers and song of your heart, rejoice in the Lord, and dance for joy with their up-beat songs and high energy sound. Come, listen to the music and lyrics that inspire self-reflection while bringing a cutting-edge style that will surely move you to sing, dance and pray!"



Rose Garcia

CLIFF PETTY & MEREDITH AUGUSTIN

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Petty Augustin

"Resound the Mystery in Songs of Joy and Hope"

Join these dynamic and energetic artists for lunch as they raise their soul-filled voices in songs of joy and hope. Come sing out! Celebrate the mystery of God's encompassing and life-giving presence.

FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT

LIAM LAWTON & FRIENDS

Arena – 8:00 pm



Lawton

"Ireland: Land of Music, Poetry, Dance"

Ireland has long been known as the "Island of Saints and Scholars," but it is also a land of poetry, music and literature. Tonight, Liam Lawton & Friends will introduce some of the music, mystery and dance that has captivated audiences down through the centuries. Joining Liam for tonight's performance will be some of the original musicians from the theatrical show "Riverdance."

FILM SHOWCASE 2013

Convention 201 – 8:00 - 10:00 pm



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

PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 Parish Life Director Track (*)
- **Wilkerson, Vega, Hahnenberg & Siker**
- 1-02 The Meaning and Development of Conscience - **Fr. Gerald Coleman**
- 1-03 Praying 24/7 (*) - **Roy DeLeon**
- 1-04 Enter the Mystery: Job and the Silence of God (*) - **Sr. Carol Dempsey**
- 1-05 Enter the Mystery: Witness the Way - **Carole Eipers**
- 1-06 The Living Jesus in Our Experiences of Love, Joy, Need, Fear, Sorrow and Anger: A Spirituality - **Fr. Robert Fabing**
- 1-07 The Trouble with Transitions - **Amy Florian**
- 1-08 Divine Wonder: The Sacraments as a Joyful Surrender and Rebirth into the Mystery of Love (*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 1-09 On the Road with Luke: The Drama of the Journey (*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 1-10 Does a Shared Doctrinal Teaching Authority Have an Ecumenical Future? (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 1-11 Evangelization and Young People (*) - **Fr. Rob Galea**
- 1-12 Apprenticeship and Catechesis: Formation in the RCIA (*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 1-13 God, Suffering and Conversion (*) - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 1-14 The Trinitarian Mystery (*) - **Fr. James Hanvey**
- 1-15 Living Without Fear: The Truth About Intimacy, Love and Passion (*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 1-16 Let's Talk: Bringing Both Sides in Parish Together (*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 1-17 Kingdom of God Commitments: Seven World-Changing Expressions of Faith (*) - **Jack Jezreel**
- 1-18 Where God Hides - **Fr. Liam Lawton**
- 1-19 Finding Your Ministerial "Community of Practice" (*) - **Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 1-20 Mentors and Models for the Spiritual Journey - **Bishop Robert Morneau**
- 1-21 Spirituality and the Universal Call to Holiness (*) - **Fr. Timothy Radcliffe**
- 1-22 Spirituality as Non-negotiable for Everyone: The Soul Will Have Its Say! (*) - **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 1-23 Music Does Not Cause Teen Problems; It is Telling Us What They Are Going Through. Are You Listening? It's Easier Than You Think (*) - **Anna Scally**
- 1-24 Challenging Teens to Old Testament Thinking (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 1-25 Enter the Mystery – How to Make Decisions the Catholic Way (*) - **David Wells**
- 1-26 Child Development and Catechesis: Speaking the Learner's Language (*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
- 1-27 The Pilgrim's Way: Setting Direction for a Future Life - **David Whyte**
- 1-28 Everyone's Called to God's Table, Even the Ones Who Can't Sit Still in Their Seats (*) - **Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Prayer: The Master Key to Enter the Mystery) (*) - **Fr. Joseph Doan Công Nguyen**

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 Parish Life Director Track (*)
- **Wilkerson, Vega, Hahnenberg & Siker**
- 2-02 Blocks, Dress-ups and Make Believe: The Power of Play in the Faith Formation of Young Children (*) - **Dr. Shauna Adams**
- 2-03 The Battle for Religious Freedom in the 21st Century (*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 2-04 I Shall Live: Singing the Great Three Days - **Tony Alonso**
- 2-05 Job: The NOW Testament (*) - **John Angotti**
- 2-06 The Power of Prayer: Ten Ways to Pray with Children and Families (*) - **Nancy Bird**
- 2-07 Dancing the Mysterium Tremendum (*) - **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 2-08 Songs of Scripture: Deepening Children's Understanding of God's Word (*) - **John Burland**
- 2-09 Bullying: A Catholic Response for Educators (*) - **Frank DiLallo**
- 2-10 Grow Your Church the E-way (*) - **Msgr. Ray East**
- 2-11 Sharing Faith as Parents of Youth (*) - **Tom East**
- 2-12 Teaching Leadership Skills to ALL Students in a Catholic School (*) - **Dan Friedt**
- 2-13 Aging with Grace (*) - **Sr. Gretchen Hailer**
- 2-14 Why Bother Praying? - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 2-15 Heralds of the Good News: Becoming the Best You Can Be (*) - **Dr. Sandra Kennedy**
- 2-16 Sacramental Renewal in Light of the New Evangelization (*) - **Fr. James Mallon**
- 2-17 Tools for Evangelization and Transformation (*) - **Dr. Patricia McCormack**
- 2-18 An Armless Embrace of Hope - **Tony Melendez**
- 2-19 Communication and the Catholic Church (*) - **Fr. Jonathan Morris**
- 2-20 Daily Prayers, Daily Chores: Building and Maintaining an Everyday Faith (*) - **Kathleen Norris**
- 2-21 Teaching Outside the Box: Faith Formation that Resembles Mass More than Class (*) - **Joe Paprocki**
- 2-22 Finding the Lions in the Rocks – Mentoring Young People (*) - **Mike Patin**
- 2-23 When You Weigh Your Worth, You're Worth the Wait (*) - **Anthony Preston**
- 2-24 Living Together in the 21st Century: What the Bible Can Teach Us About Mutual Respect and Christian Dialogue (*) - **Fr. Donald Senior**
- 2-25 Between Sundays: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Living (*) - **Tom Tomaszek**
- 2-26 The Secret to Teaching Adults (*) - **Nick Wagner**
- 2-27 Music to Help Children Speak with God (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 2-28 What the Tech? Enter the Mysterious World of Cybercrime! (*) - **Tracy Webb**
- 2-29 Pure and Simple: The Art of Creating a Beautiful Mind - **David Whyte**
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*Mysterium Fidei*: Structure and Meaning of the Eucharistic Prayer) (*) - **Fr. Thinh Duc Pham**

🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions

PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 Parish Life Director Track (*)
- **Wilkerson, Vega, Hahnenberg & Siker**
- 3-02 Service Projects and Mission Trips That Change Lives! (*) - **Jane Angha**
- 3-03 The Bible, the Saints, and the Renewal of the Church (*) - **Stephen Binz**
- 3-04 The Mystery of Human Dignity Eclipsed (*) - **Sr. Kathy Bryant**
- 3-05 Tell the Good News! Sing the Good News! (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 3-06 Catechesis and Family Evangelization (*) - **Fr. Frank DeSiano**
- 3-07 Bringing Scripture to Life with Children (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 3-08 On Being His Body, Taking Our AMEN Seriously (*) - **Sr. Barbara Fiand**
- 3-09 Catholic Education: From and for Faith (*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 3-10 Befriending the Unknown: Spiritual Wisdom for Times of Crisis and Transition (*) - **Richard Groves**
- 3-11 Screen Play: Creating Effective Evangelization and Catechesis Through Social Media (*) - **Mark Hart**
- 3-12 Roman Catholic Rituals – Ever Ancient, Ever New (*) - **ValLimar Jansen**
- 3-13 Why Pray? Sacraments, Miracles, Changed Hearts (*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 3-14 Living with the Lord's Prayer (*) - **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 3-15 This We Believe: Songs of Faith for the Year of Faith (*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 3-16 Sharing Faith with Young People (*) - **Judy McDonald**
- 3-17 Entering the Mystery: Where? (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 3-18 "All the Families on Earth Shall be Blessed" (Acts 3:25): The Scripture on Parenting (*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 3-19 With Respect to the Paschal Mystery – The Mystery of Passing Over from Death to Life: Are You a Cheerleader or a Participant? (*) - **Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 3-20 It Begins With a Question ... Evangelizing Families (*) - **JoAnn Paradise**
- 3-21 Spiritual Concerns and Pastoral Practice in the Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics (*) - **Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 3-22 The Role of Religion in the 2012 Election - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 3-23 Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self (*) - **Fr. Richard Rohr**
- 3-24 Hanging with the Holy Who Dat! We Have a Bounty on the Devil! (*) - **Rev. R. Tony Ricard**
- 3-25 Faith Formation for Every Adult in Your Church – It's Possible! (*) - **John Roberto**
- 3-26 The Curriculum Framework: New Opportunities for High Schools (*) - **Ailís Travers & Elaine Mahon**
- 3-27 Are You Communicating? You Cannot Build Relationships Without It! (*) - **Char Wenc**
- 3-28 From *Dei Verbum* to *Verbum Domini*: How Catholics Can Be Transformed by the Word of God (*) - **Fr. Ronald Witherup**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (How Lay People Can Learn Scripture to Live the Liturgy More Deeply) - **Hy Xuan Le**

I-01 PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR TRACK 🗣️

“Parish Life Director” or “PLD” – When you hear that term, do you wonder what it means? Join us on Friday, February 22 for a full day of workshops, discussions, networking and prayer as we look at this role of the PLD: lay women and men who are given the overall pastoral care of a parish in the absence of a priest pastor. They are an important part of the lay ecclesial ministers serving our Church today. A panel of presenters will inform us of the possibilities in this field and give those of us already serving, challenging input. (Please make sure to also select Sessions 2-01 and 3-01.)



Bishop Gerald E. Wilkerson

A native of Des Moines, Iowa, Gerald Wilkerson was ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1965 by Cardinal James McIntyre. He served at three parishes before becoming Pastor at Our Lady of Grace Church in Encino, Calif., for 15 years. In 1996, Bishop Wilkerson was named Auxiliary Bishop of the Los Angeles Archdiocese for the San Fernando Region. He has served on a variety of committees for the archdiocese and for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is currently President of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops.



Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD

Dr. Edward Hahnenberg is the Breen Chair in Catholic Systematic Theology at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is the author of three books – “Ministries: A Relational Approach,” “A Concise Guide to the Documents of Vatican II,” and “Awakening Vocation: A Theology of Christian Call.” Dr. Hahnenberg is past consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on Lay Ministry and current delegate to the U.S. Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue.



Rev. Richard Vega

Fr. Richard Vega, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is currently Pastor at St. Frances of Rome Parish in Azusa, Calif. From 2006-2012, he served as President of the National Federation of Priests Councils. Fr. Vega was pastor of La Purisima Concepcion in Lompoc, Calif., after serving as a parochial vicar in the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1983 to 1994. He has been a presenter for the Offices of Divine Worship, Religious Education, and Youth in both Los Angeles and Chicago.



Jeffrey S. Siker

Since 1987, Dr. Jeffrey Siker has taught at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles as Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the Department of Theological Studies, where he has served as Graduate Director and as Chair of the Department. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and teaches widely throughout the region at churches and varied settings, including several appearances at the L.A. Congress. Author of several books, Dr. Siker’s most recent work is entitled “President Obama, the Bible, and Political Rhetoric.”

I-02 THE MEANING AND DEVELOPMENT OF CONSCIENCE

This workshop will address the meaning and development of conscience in terms of a Catholic understanding of the subject. Specific points will be made in terms of teaching this subject clearly and well, with particular attention to The Catechism of the Catholic Church and *Veritatis Splendor*; John Paul II’s encyclical on the Church’s role in moral teaching.



Gerald D. Coleman, SS

Sulpician Fr. Gerald Coleman is Vice President of the Daughters of Charity Health System in Northern California. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Santa Clara University, and formerly served as President and Rector at St. Patrick Seminary & University in Menlo Park, Calif. Fr. Coleman has spoken widely in the United States on moral, pastoral and medical concerns and is a frequent presenter at the L.A. Congress.



Roy Espiritu DeLeon, ObISB

Roy DeLeon, an Oblate of St. Benedict, is a spiritual director and certified yoga instructor. He represented his community, St. Placid Priory in Lacey, Wash., at the First World Congress of Benedictine Oblates in Rome, Italy in 2005. He wrote and illustrated “Praying with the Body: Bringing the Psalms to Life.” DeLeon teaches an ongoing Blessed Movements prayer session and conducts workshops at churches, monasteries and retreat centers. He works as a graphic designer with a consulting engineering firm and resides in the Pacific Northwest with his wife, Annie.

I-03 PRAYING 24/7 🗣️

Praying can be defined as being with God. This workshop will explore the many ways we can pray, to be with God at all times and in all ways. We will look into “personal, private room” prayers to prayer tools you can use while you’re going about your daily activities. The session will offer ways of prayer practiced by saints, devotees and followers of the teachings of Jesus. Perhaps, by knowing and using these tools of prayer, we will experience every inhale as “alleluia” and every exhale as “amen.” Praying 24/7 helps us to “Enter the Mystery” and stay there.

I-04 ENTER THE MYSTERY: JOB AND THE SILENCE OF GOD 🗣️

Job, a person familiar with pain and suffering, cries out to God: “Teach me, and I will be silent; make me understand how I have gone wrong” (Job 6:24). And yet, God remains silent time and time again in the face of Job’s most desperate moments. This workshop invites participants to explore the Book of Job and to Enter the Mystery of God’s silence. How are we to understand divine silence in the face of pain and suffering?



Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD

Dr. Carol Dempsey is a Professor of Theology (Biblical Studies) at the University of Portland, Ore., where she teaches graduate and undergraduate students. A renown lecturer and scholar both nationally and internationally, Dr. Dempsey has authored and edited five books, edited four and published numerous articles and papers. Her latest work is entitled “Reading the Bible, Transforming Conflict.”

I-05 ENTER THE MYSTERY: WITNESS THE WAY

We are familiar with witnesses in court placing their hand on the Bible. As disciples, we “touch” Scripture, but what else must we “touch” in order to Enter the Mystery? What can guide our journey and help us to recalculate when necessary? And how, in this Year of Faith with the call to the New Evangelization, do we invite others to Enter the Mystery?

**Carole Eipers, DMin**

Dr. Carole Eipers is Vice President, Executive Director of Catechetics for William H. Sadlier, Inc. She served in parish ministries for over 20 years as a teacher, director of religious education, youth minister and pastoral associate. Dr. Eipers also served as Director of the Office for Catechesis for the Chicago Archdiocese for nine years and also served as President of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership. She has made presentations internationally and has been published in the area of catechetics. Her book is entitled “Sending Out Roots: Helping Parents and Teachers to Share the Faith.”

I-06 THE LIVING JESUS IN OUR EXPERIENCES OF LOVE, JOY, NEED, FEAR, SORROW AND ANGER: A SPIRITUALITY

In this special interest session, Fr. Bob Fabing will explore Christ’s Presence in our everyday experiences and focus on how to live these with Christ personally present, praying for us each moment of our day. Fr. Fabing will touch upon his experience as a marriage and family therapist and spiritual director as a source for our finding this sense of support and consolation in our emotional journey.

**Robert Fabing, SJ**

Fr. Bob Fabing founded The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network, which has 89 marriage counseling and family therapy centers located in Europe, Africa, Asia, Central America and the United States. The Jesuit priest is also founder and Director of the 36-Day program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, Calif., where he lives. Fr. Fabing is author of five books and a composer of 12 CDs of liturgical music.

I-07 THE TROUBLE WITH TRANSITIONS

Transitions happen any time you leave behind a person, thing, or world to move into another – a change in pastor, a new job, the end of a relationship, losing an ability you once had, the death of a loved one, retiring, becoming an empty nester – the list goes on. It doesn’t even matter if the move is positive or negative, we still grieve for what we left behind. How can you better cope with transitions, especially the tough ones? How can you help your parish, ministry, family and friends? Come learn what you need to know about the grief involved in these difficult times so you and those you care about can come out the other side with wholeness, healing and peace.

**Amy Florian**

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant, instructor in a graduate ministry program, and CEO of Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals how to support grieving clients. She has 30 years of parish and conference experience, and has authored over 90 articles and two books. Florian is on the adjunct faculties at Loyola University of Chicago, Dominican University and St. Xavier University, and her workshops, training sessions and retreats span the country, at national, regional and local conferences.

I-08 DIVINE WONDER: THE SACRAMENTS AS A JOYFUL SURRENDER AND REBIRTH INTO THE MYSTERY OF LOVE

The theme for this year’s Congress, “Enter the Mystery,” is inspired by the Transfiguration of Christ. Let us climb the mountain with Peter, James and John and savor the divine wonder of the sacramental mystery. Learn how to take the “mountain” of encounter with Christ, with you, wherever you go.

**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

Richard Fragomeni, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics, and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In addition to his teaching, preaching and other duties, he serves as spiritual director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in Chicago’s Little Italy. Fr. Fragomeni has written on a wide variety of topics; his latest works include “Blessed Art Thou: Mother, Lady, Mystic” and “At the Name of Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Light,” with Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath.

I-09 ON THE ROAD WITH LUKE: THE DRAMA OF THE JOURNEY

In this year of Luke’s Gospel, come and join Anne Frawley-Mangan in this interactive and fun workshop! You will discover practical ways to help children engage with this Scripture by involving their mind, body and spirit through the creative process of drama. Be prepared to move, play and enjoy!

**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

For over 20 years, Anne Frawley-Mangan has been Creative Director of Litmus Productions in Brisbane, Australia, where she writes and publishes drama and music resources for use in education and liturgy. Frawley-Mangan, who teaches Speech and Proclamation at Holy Spirit Seminary, Brisbane, presents workshops and keynote addresses in Australia, New Zealand and North America. Her works include “Mark My Words: Dramas From Mark’s Gospel” and other titles with Michael Mangan.

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Congress boasts a handbell group “tucked away” among the instrumentalists that plays at the Opening Rite and Closing Liturgies at Congress in the Arena.

I-10 DOES A SHARED DOCTRINAL TEACHING AUTHORITY HAVE AN ECUMENICAL FUTURE? ☪

In 2005, a French ecumenical group known as the *Groupe des Dombes* issued a document in which they considered divisions between Catholics and Protestants regarding the need for a doctrinal teaching authority (what Catholics call the Magisterium). This presentation will explore the group's unique approach to ecumenical issues and the challenges their document presents for the Catholic Church's own understanding and exercise of doctrinal teaching authority.



Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph McCarthy Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College. He is a popular public speaker who has written over 100 pastoral and academic articles and has authored or edited 10 books. His works include "Keys to the Council" (co-authored with Catherine Clifford) and he edited "When the Magisterium Intervenes." Dr. Gaillardetz is currently President-Elect of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

I-11 EVANGELIZATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE ☪

The young generation of today is desperate for hope, love and unconditional acceptance. In this workshop, Fr. Rob Galea will explore ways in which we can reach out to this generation in relevant ways in parish or school settings or on an individual level.



Fr. Rob Galea

Singer/songwriter Fr. Rob Galea, an ordained Catholic priest, serves in Shepparton, Victoria, Australia. In addition to his series of recordings and four CD releases, Fr. Galea has also written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. He is co-founder of "Stronger," a youth program with a series of retreats, rallies and small group meetings that take place around the Diocese of Sandhurst, Perth, Australia. Fr. Galea has appeared on several TV and radio shows in Malta, Canada and Australia and at the past two World Youth Days.

I-12 APPRENTICESHIP AND CATECHESIS: FORMATION IN THE RCIA ☪

The apprenticeship model is the Church's preferred method of formation in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Apprenticeship is more than just a series of "field trips" for catechumens and candidates. Discover practical ways that catechesis flows into and out of simple apprenticeship activities. This is truly a "learning by doing" model for your RCIA process!



Dr. Jerry Galipeau

Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Vice President and Chief Publishing Officer at World Library Publications in Franklin Park, Ill. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has authored numerous publications and presented keynotes and workshops at all major Catholic liturgical and catechetical conferences and diocesan conferences in the United States and Canada. He blogs and is author of "Gathered to Serve" and editor of "The Impact of the RCIA."

I-13 GOD, SUFFERING AND CONVERSION ☪

At some point, all of us – as human beings – are touched by suffering. It may be our own or that of someone we love, but each and every one of us will encounter it. Times of fiscal uncertainty, workplace distress, mid-life disillusionment, prolonged illness and experiences of loss can create within us a sense of unending struggle. Broken and isolated, we find it hard to hold on to ourselves, let alone God. This session will address the process of conversion of heart (*metanoia*); that is, the means by which God engages suffering as a tool for our spiritual growth. It will offer from Christian tradition practical suggestions and spiritual tools for living through suffering.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer known for her teaching, publications and work in the fields of evangelization and catechesis. She has served on the faculties at the University of Massachusetts and at Regis College in Weston, Mass., and has been a diocesan director in cities across the country. Dr. Gordon was one of eight American women invited by the Vatican to respond to Pope John Paul II's Encyclical on Women. A frequent speaker at the L.A. Congress, Dr. Gordon has delivered both a keynote and Sunday morning address.

I-14 THE TRINITARIAN MYSTERY ☪

This workshop will examine some of the recent developments in the doctrine of the Trinity. It will explore the way in which the mystery of the Trinity has been recovered and its significance for Christian life – personal and ecclesial.



James Hanvey, SJ

Jesuit Fr. James Hanvey taught at the University of London's Heythrop College, where he founded and was Director of the Heythrop Institute for Religion, Ethics and Society. He also worked as the theological consultant to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Fr. Hanvey is currently the Lo Schiavo Chair in Catholic Social Thought at the University of San Francisco's Joan and Ralph Lane Center. He is working on a new book, and has contributed chapters to various forthcoming publications on human dignity and the anniversary of Vatican II.

I-15 LIVING WITHOUT FEAR: THE TRUTH ABOUT INTIMACY, LOVE AND PASSION ☪

The truth is that intimacy has little to do with the other person. Most of us don't want intimacy, we want security; because intimacy is about openness, vulnerability and risk. And vulnerability can hurt. What do we desire in our relationships? And why do we settle for less? Why do we give up a part of ourselves for security? Is it possible to love someone even with doubts, mystery and upheaval? Is it possible to find a relationship with someone who is afraid of intimacy? How do we nourish our inner life – and find strength even when trust is betrayed? How do we practice a love built on a foundation of kindness, appreciation, sensitivity and attention?

**Rev. Terry Hershey**

Terry Hershey, founder of Hershey & Associates, is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author and landscape designer who lives on Vashon Island, near Seattle. His gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest, and his work has been featured on CNN, PBS and NPR. The Protestant minister divides his time between designing sanctuary gardens, speaking at numerous events every year throughout the United States and Canada, and writing resources, blogs and books. Hershey's newest book is "The Power of Pause."

I-16 LET'S TALK: BRINGING BOTH SIDES IN PARISH TOGETHER 🗣️

Today's world and today's parishes can often be splintered by differing points of view about everything from how we celebrate liturgy, to how we stand up for justice, to what we should say about world events. We in the church should not reflect the polarization that we find in politics and business. We should model the spirit of Christ. How can we approach one another with charity, honesty and love? How can we create parish structures and programs that reflect the best of what it means to be truly Catholic? Entering the mystery of faith calls us to no less! Bill Huebsch will provide practical models and examples we can follow to do this at home.

**Bill Huebsch**

Bill Huebsch is Director of PastoralPlanning.com, the online Pastoral Center at Twenty-Third Publications, where he formerly served as President. He worked as diocesan administrator for many years in Minnesota. Huebsch later served as DRE in a suburban Minneapolis parish. He has many published works, including "Growing Up Catholic," "Growing Faith," "Dreams and Visions," and his most recent work, "Come to the Table / Ven a la Mesa." Huebsch has spoken to thousands of people over the span of his career both nationally and internationally.

I-17 KINGDOM OF GOD COMMITMENTS: SEVEN WORLD-CHANGING EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH 🗣️

There are many ways that faith gets practically expressed in the life of discipleship and in the Church's social mission. This presentation will look at seven challenging and sometimes underemphasized dimensions of discipleship: simplicity, commitment to those who are poor, forgiveness, resistance, nonviolence, voluntary displacement, and martyrdom. We will look at each of these expressions, some of the saints who embodied them, and what their spiritual and practical meaning might be for us in the 21st century.

**Jack Jezreel**

Jack Jezreel spent six years in a Catholic Worker community before turning his attention to transformative education. He is the original author of JustFaith and now serves as Chief Executive Officer of JustFaith Ministries. For the last 12 years, Jezreel has given about 40 presentations and workshops per year, including keynote addresses, continuing education for priests, deacons and diocesan staff, and parish or regional conventions. He was the keynote speaker at the 2011 Los Angeles Congress.

I-18 WHERE GOD HIDES

This workshop explores in word and song how we can bring spiritual awakening and consolation into our lives in every circumstance – taking inspiration from the book of Ecclesiastes: "There is a time for everything under the sun."

**Fr. Liam Lawton**

Liam Lawton is a priest of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, where he serves as Director of Music. He has recorded 15 collections of music and has written two books; his latest, "Where God Hides," was just recently published. Fr. Lawton's music has been translated into many languages and he has recorded two PBS specials. Lawton has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States and is a regular presenter at the L.A. Congress.

I-19 FINDING YOUR MINISTERIAL "COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE" 🗣️

There is much talk these days about the rise of social learning due to the many social media tools that shape the way we work, learn, share and relate. However, social learning isn't new. We have always learned with others in small and large groups. If we want to stay fresh and current in our ministry practices, we must be part a "community of ministerial practice." This workshop will help participants reflect on how they can seek out, contribute to, and start communities of "ministerial practice" at local and national levels – regardless of whether they gather face-to-face or virtually.

**Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD**

Originally from Lake Charles, La., Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale is President of Ministry Training Source, based in Baton Rouge, La. Her professional career in Catholic youth ministry and lay ecclesial ministry has spanned three decades, serving in parish, school, diocesan and university ministry settings. Dr. McCorquodale serves as an international educator, researcher and consultant in the fields of lay ecclesial ministry, certification standards and processes, youth ministry and e-learning.

I-20 MENTORS AND MODELS FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Two of the greatest needs of any culture are good teachers (mentors) and good witnesses (models). This session will look at several individuals who point the way and who deserve our emulation.

**Bishop Robert F. Morneau**

Bishop Robert Morneau is an Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis. In addition to his duties as a diocesan bishop, he is Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Green Bay. Bishop Morneau has taught at the college level for over 12 years, and has authored more than 12 books, including a book on poetry (one of his passions). He has held many committee positions in the National Council of Catholic Bishops, including the Chairman for Priestly Life and Ministry, Chairman of the Laity, and as a committee member of Catholic Relief Services.

I-21 SPIRITUALITY AND THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS ☪

Drawing upon our rich, spiritual tradition of prayer, worship and contemplation, this workshop will inspire participants and enable them to deepen their relationship with God, while nourishing their life of discipleship which flows from their baptismal commitment. (This workshop is repeated as Session 7-20.)



Timothy Radcliffe, OP

Timothy Radcliffe joined the Dominicans in 1965, taught Scripture at Blackfriars Hall at the University of Oxford, England, before being elected Provincial of the English Province of the Dominicans in 1988, and Master of the Order of Preachers in 1992 until 2001. Presently, he is an itinerant lecturer who has preached and lectured in over a hundred countries. Fr. Radcliffe received the Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing in 2007 and is a Sarum Canon of Salisbury Cathedral in Britain. His books include "Sing a New Song" and "Seven Last Words," among others.

I-22 SPIRITUALITY AS NON-NEGOTIABLE FOR EVERYONE: THE SOUL WILL HAVE ITS SAY! ☪

Few things are as misunderstood as spirituality. We tend to think of it as either exotic or as something for the elite. Certainly we think of it as negotiable, as something we can enter into or not. But spirituality is what we do with the deep desires, the holy longings, within our soul. Our souls will have their say! Everyone has spirituality. This session will attempt to ground spirituality in what lies deepest in us, namely, our desire, our eros, our holy longing.



Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. He is a community builder, lecturer and writer. Fr. Rolheiser's books are popular throughout the English-speaking world, and his weekly column is carried by more than 60 newspapers worldwide. For over 30 years of his priesthood, he taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

I-23 MUSIC DOES NOT CAUSE TEEN PROBLEMS; IT IS TELLING US WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH. ARE YOU LISTENING? IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK ☪

You do not need to be an expert in their music to use it; you just need to be open. To reach people in any culture we need to use the images and issues of that culture. Popular music is a great way to raise issues and reach young people where they are. We'll also explore stress areas that can occur in youth ministry and ways to solve these crucial areas. This is a very helpful workshop, loaded with ideas that really work!



Anna Scally

Anna Scally is President of Cornerstone Media, where she is a columnist for their Top Music Countdown and host of their audio show, "Burning Issues." She has received the National Youth Ministry Performer, Artist and Author of the Year awards from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. Scally has made over 2,300 public presentations at youth rallies, training events, retreats and adult education days, as well as major conferences for religious educators in North America.

I-24 CHALLENGING TEENS TO OLD TESTAMENT THINKING ☪

In this workshop, we will discuss a variety of issues raised by serious Old Testament analysis that are of particular significance and importance to today's teens. Why should the Old Testament be an important part of a Catholic high school education? We will discuss a variety of provocative themes intended to engage and challenge both students and teachers!



Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher has taught for 21 years at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is Professor of Old Testament Studies and Director of Peace Studies. He has been honored with numerous awards for research and teaching. Dr. Christopher has published dozens of scholarly articles and over 14 books. He has spoken at the RECongress for the past 16 years, in addition to Catholic conferences in Las Vegas and Salt Lake City.

I-25 ENTER THE MYSTERY – HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS THE CATHOLIC WAY ☪

In Robert Frost's beautiful poem, "The Road Not Taken," he speaks of "two roads diverge in a yellow wood" and sorrow that he could not "travel both." What happens when life presents us with choices, the consequence of which we can't truly calculate? We know there will be blessings in both ways, but what of the risks? Do we enter in, or seek another route? In this session we will look to the wisdom of our tradition to help us to understand how to make decisions. We will then apply these principles to our lives to see if we can make sense of the choices that come our way. This session is for anyone who occasionally pleads with God for direction and finds it difficult to hear the answer!



David Wells

David Wells began his career as a senior high school teacher before becoming an adult education adviser in the Diocese of Nottingham, England, and an adviser to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Presently, he is Director of Religious Education in the Plymouth Diocese. Wells has spoken at more than 300 conferences worldwide and guest lectures in three English universities. He has written numerous articles both in the U.K. and in the United States, and wrote and presented the series "You, Your Children and Their Catholic Faith."

I-26 CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CATECHESIS: SPEAKING THE LEARNER'S LANGUAGE ☺

How can we make sure we are really reaching our learners? What steps can we take to ensure we are presenting the faith in the most engaging and understandable way possible? This workshop, presented by a clinical child psychologist and catechetical author, will focus on stages of cognitive, social, identity and moral development and their impact on developmentally appropriate catechesis. Specific recommendations will be offered for meeting the needs of learners at every age and stage.

**Dr. Joseph D. White**

Dr. Joseph White is a clinical child psychologist and National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He previously served as Director of Family Counseling and Family Life for the Diocese of Austin. Dr. White has taught courses in catechetics and pastoral guidance at the University of Dallas and at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. He is a frequent keynote speaker and popular workshop presenter at national and diocesan conferences. He has appeared on several national Catholic radio shows and maintains a blog on catechesis.

I-27 THE PILGRIM'S WAY: SETTING DIRECTION FOR A FUTURE LIFE

In this session, David Whyte will look at the great questions of human life through the eyes of the pilgrim: someone passing through relatively quickly, someone looking for the biggest context they can find or imagine, someone dependent upon hospitality from friends and strangers alike, someone who needs to ask for visible and invisible help as the destination changes, step by step, subject to the vagaries of wind and weather along the way. The theme of internal resilience – the necessity for following a certain star not seen or perceived by anyone else – and the way an internal migration can keep our outward journey in the world relevant and true will be explored.

**David Whyte**

Poet and lecturer, David Whyte, a native of Yorkshire, England, is author of six volumes of poetry and three books of prose, and most recently, a book entitled, "Pilgrim." He is one of the few poets to take his perspectives on creativity into the field of organizational development, where he works with American and international companies offering lectures and workshops. Whyte has traveled extensively, speaking to large and small audiences for more than two decades. He now lives with his family in the Pacific Northwestern United States.

I-28 EVERYONE'S CALLED TO GOD'S TABLE, EVEN THE ONES WHO CAN'T SIT STILL IN THEIR SEATS ☺

An understanding of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and the children diagnosed with this condition will help teachers and catechists evangelize them and their families more effectively. Dr. Wojtaszek-Healy will share insights to manage behaviors and enjoy the gifts these children have.

**Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**

Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy is a seasoned catechist and Catholic schoolteacher, who teaches at St. Mary Immaculate Parish School in Plainfield, Ill. Her own children have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Asperger's syndrome, so she has insight into behavior management and faith formation ... and a wry sense of humor. She has spoken at national principals and special needs conferences, as well as diocesan gatherings. Her book is titled the "The ABC's of ADD for Catechists"

I-70 CẦU NGUYỆN, CHÌA KHÓA VẠN NĂNG ĐỂ ĐI VÀO MÀU NHIỆM ☺

Thiên chúa là MÀU NHIỆM. Thiên Chúa bao gồm chúng ta vào trong màu nhiệm của Ngài qua kế hoạch tạo dựng và cứu chuộc tự đời đời trong Đức Kitô: "Màu nhiệm thánh ý Thiên Chúa" (Ep 1,9). Cầu nguyện là chìa khóa vạn năng để vào trong màu nhiệm, cả màu nhiệm Thiên Chúa lẫn màu nhiệm thánh ý Thiên Chúa. Sách Tin Mừng theo Thánh Luca công hiến cho chúng ta gương mẫu và giáo huấn về cầu nguyện của Chúa Giêsu để chỉ dẫn cho chúng ta biết sử dụng chìa khóa vạn năng này.

PRAYER: THE MASTER KEY TO ENTER THE MYSTERY ☺

God is THE MYSTERY. He extends his mystery to us by his eternal project of creation and salvation in Christ: "The mystery of his will" (Ep. 1:9). Prayer is the master key to Enter the Mystery, both of God and of his will. The Gospel of Luke offers the example and the teaching of Jesus to show us how to use this master key.

**Cha Giuse Nguyễn Công Đoan, SJ
Joseph Doan Công Nguyen, SJ**

Cha Giuse Nguyễn Công Đoan, SJ, vào tháng 4 năm 1975 được Cha Bề Trên Cả Dòng Tên phái về Việt Nam làm bề trên. Ngài cố vấn cho Đức Cha Bình, và đi tù hơn một thập niên, rồi về La-Mã làm phụ tá cho Cha Bề Trên Cả đặc trách Viễn Đông. Hiện ngài là bề trên trường Thánh Kinh Giáo Hoàng tại Jerusalem.

Jesuit priest Fr. Joseph Nguyễn Công Đoan was sent in 1975 from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome to the Jesuit region in Vietnam as its first Vietnamese superior. After a dozen years in jail, he returned to Rome to become Regional Assistant to the Father-General for East Asia and Oceania, and is now Director of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem.



2-01 PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR TRACK

Bishop Gerald E. Wilkerson, Rev. Richard Vega, Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD and Jeffrey S. Siker

“Parish Life Director” or “PLD” – When you hear that term, do you wonder what it means? Join us on Friday, February 22 for a full day of workshops, discussions, networking and prayer as we look at this role of the PLD: lay women and men who are given the overall pastoral care of a parish in the absence of a priest-pastor. They are an important part of the lay ecclesial ministers serving our Church today. A panel of presenters will inform us of the possibilities in this field and give those of us already serving, challenging input. (Please make sure to also select Sessions 1-01 and 3-01.)

2-02 BLOCKS, DRESS-UPS AND MAKE BELIEVE: THE POWER OF PLAY IN THE FAITH FORMATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Play is powerful at all stages of development and learning, but is especially important in the faith formation of young children. Play provides opportunities to learn and practice new concepts and skills. Play inspires children to act out stories, and in turn, provides opportunities for children to make meaning of their world. In this session, participants will learn how to create a play-based faith formation program that helps young children come to understand the wonders of God’s love.



Dr. Shauna M. Adams

Dr. Shauna Adams is an Associate Professor of Early Childhood at the University of Dayton in Ohio, where she is also Executive Director of the Center for Early Learning. With a background as a special education teacher, she now presents at national education conventions, including the National Catholic Educational Association. Dr. Adams co-authored RCL Benziger’s early childhood and kindergarten programs titled “Stories of God’s Love.”

2-03 THE BATTLE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The defense of religious freedom has unquestionably become the premier social and political concern of the Catholic Church in the 21st century. A rising tide of restrictions on religion is sweeping around the world, and Christians are often the primary victims of these threats in a growing number of global hotspots. Veteran journalist John Allen surveys the landscape and offers some ideas on what an effective Catholic response to this transcendent challenge might look like, from the Vatican’s role in geopolitics to the local parish.



John L. Allen, Jr.

John Allen is the Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. The internationally known speaker on Catholic affairs is author of six best-selling books, and he writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications. Allen also writes a weekly Internet column called “All Things Catholic.” He divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver.

2-04 I SHALL LIVE: SINGING THE GREAT THREE DAYS

The entire Christian year flows out of and back to the three days of the Easter Triduum. This session will provide a musical and spiritual reflection through the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, drawing upon melodies and writings ever ancient and ever new. Find inspiration to Enter the Mystery of the great three days with deeper insight and greater understanding.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso’s contemporary liturgical music appears in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. He is a presenter at liturgy, music and theology conferences around the globe. Alonso’s latest publications include “I Shall Rise: Music for the Paschal Triduum” and “The Lyric Psalter: Revised Grail Lectionary Psalms” with Marty Haugen. The former Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles is currently a doctoral candidate focusing on liturgical and ritual studies in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta.

2-05 JOB: THE ‘NOW’ TESTAMENT

Why do bad things happen to good people? This is life’s perennial question. Through music and storytelling, John Angotti and cast will share the life journey of Job, weaving together new insights and contemporary reflections on the mystery of suffering. This session concludes with a celebration of renewed faith and joy, even in the midst of sorrow.



John Angotti

Based in Memphis, Tenn., John Angotti is a full-time music missionary who travels around the world presenting concerts, workshops, retreats, missions, conferences and worship. With many appearances at all the national youth conferences and two World Youth Days, he is a frequent presenter at regional and diocesan conferences in the United States and abroad. Angotti is an accomplished composer, with numerous CDs and music collections with World Library Publications. The completion of his rock-opera “Job: The NOW Testament” is his latest endeavor.

2-06 THE POWER OF PRAYER: TEN WAYS TO PRAY WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Good prayer fosters and nourishes faith. This workshop will unpack great ideas, model various prayer formats, and celebrate Catholic symbols and rituals. You will come away with 10 practical suggestions that will engage children and their families, while encouraging them in their lifelong relationship with a loving God.



Nancy Bird

Nancy Bird has been involved in religious education for over 30 years as a catechist, parish catechetical leader and youth minister. She has been a featured speaker across the country, including invitations to the National Catholic Educational Association, the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and many other international and diocesan events. Presently, she serves as Division Manager for RCL Benziger Religion Publishing Company and resides in Tallmadge, Ohio.

2-07 DANCING THE MYSTERIUM TREMENDUM 🗨️

The story of creation invites us to imagine God's tremendous act of artistry setting mystery into motion. Here's a further invitation: Explore God's creation in the artistry of your own being! Through the gift of James Weldon Johnson's beloved poem, "The Creation," come dance your way into mystery. Let your body lead you to discover stars and surprise, loneliness and longing, antelopes and aardvarks, and the intimate joy of your own birthing in the sweep of divine play.

**Betsey Beckman, MM**

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

**Laura Ash**

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

2-08 SONGS OF SCRIPTURE: DEEPENING CHILDREN'S UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S WORD 🗨️

Looking for some creative and inspiring ideas for sharing Scripture with children? Using the gift of song, internationally renowned artist John Burland will share new music that brings both Old and New Testament Scripture alive for elementary children. These foundational Scriptures presented in a creative yet prayerful context tell the story of salvation history in song. Come ready to raise your voice as we celebrate God's Word through age appropriate, easy-to-learn songs of Scripture!

**John Burland**

John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults. He is the Project Officer-Liturgy/Music for the Catholic Education Office in Sydney, Australia, and a workshop presenter, composer and touring musician for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. Burland has worked as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and religious education coordinator for over 20 years in school and parish communities. He is a regular speaker at conventions and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand and North America.

2-09 BULLYING: A CATHOLIC RESPONSE FOR EDUCATORS 🗨️

This workshop will explore a practical overview of the highly complex bullying dynamic and a unique Catholic response to the problem. Frank DiLallo will introduce the first-ever Scripture- and evidenced-based curriculum for Catholic school educators. Learn how to create

a compassionate formation program grounded in Scripture, ethics and theology, including well-researched bullying prevention theory. Steeped in Gospel guidelines, educators and parish leaders will be equipped with practical faith-based applications and skill sets for effective classroom implementation. Come learn about this new Christ-centered approach to eliminating bullying.

**Frank A. DiLallo**

Frank DiLallo is currently the Prevention/Intervention Schools Consultant for the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, which serves 78 Catholic schools – pre-K through 12th grade – in 19 counties. He conducts numerous educator trainings, assemblies for students and parents, with over 30 years' experience in education and counseling. DiLallo is a frequent local, regional and national speaker on the topic of bullying prevention and has published the "Peace Be with You – Christ Centered Bullying Solution" and the "Peace2U – Three Phase Bullying Solution" materials.

2-10 GROW YOUR CHURCH THE E-WAY 🗨️

Is your parish having growing pains? Are you either growing too large or too small? Are you facing a merger, consolidation or acquisition? This workshop looks at the case study of a Washington, D.C. parish implementing Cardinal Donald Wuerl's "Indicators of Vitality" for the New Evangelization. Bring your ideas and New Evangelization toolkit. Come ready to share as we celebrate the Year of Faith.

**Rev. Msgr. Raymond G. East**

The grandson of Baptist Missionaries to South Africa, Msgr. Ray East was born in Newark, N.J., and raised in San Diego. Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., he served in six local parishes before being named Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. Msgr. East is former Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He is a regular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and he continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynote addresses at major national events.

2-11 SHARING FAITH AS PARENTS OF YOUTH 🗨️

How can we engage youth in faith conversations and prayer at home? A variety of research projects demonstrate that adolescence is a critical time for family faith sharing. This workshop will provide ideas and resources, parent to parent, to help families seize teachable moments, talkable moments and prayable moments during the adolescent years. This workshop is geared toward parents and would also be helpful for leaders in youth ministry.

**Tom East**

Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development, based in Gig Harbor, Wash., and author of "Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry" among his numerous books. Previously, he served the Los Angeles Archdiocese as Director of Youth Ministry and Associate Director of Religious Education. East is a popular speaker at youth and religious education conferences nationwide, with several appearances at the L.A. Congress as well as conferences sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development.

2-12 TEACHING LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO ALL STUDENTS IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL ☪

With 14 years as an elementary school principal and 22 years teaching religious education in high school, Dan Friedt believes every Catholic school should be training each child to become leaders starting in kindergarten. In this dynamic, energy-filled presentation you will discover how effective, school-wide strategies will increase student learning, decrease negative student behavior and call students to a Catholic social justice mindset for life. Using “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and “5 Stages of Social Justice,” Dan Friedt will demonstrate how *every* child in your school can become a “leader for a lifetime.”



Dan Friedt

Dan Friedt, an educator with over 30 years of teaching experience in Catholic schools, is currently Principal at St. Charles Elementary Catholic School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has taught at every grade level and has 14 years of administrative experience. As a liturgist and educator, he has presented liturgical workshops at many parishes throughout Alberta over the past 25 years.

2-13 AGING WITH GRACE ☪

One of the most challenging and rewarding tasks of the catechist or parish minister in a local parish is to reach out and give spiritual nourishment to older parishioners. This session will offer suggestions on a wide range of ways to include seniors into the full life of the parish.



Sr. Gretchen Hailer, RSHM

Sr. Gretchen Hailer, a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, is a longtime adult catechist who gives workshops and retreats on topics of spirituality and ministry. As a consultant, she provides catechesis with and for senior parishioners. She has authored or co-authored five books. Sr. Hailer has served in a number of capacities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has been a National Catechetical Consultant for several publishers.

2-14 WHY BOTHER PRAYING?

Many people think prayer is asking God to do something for someone somewhere. But it is the language of love between God and us. It’s never been harder to promote a lifetime of prayer. So in this workshop, we will use stories, Scripture, tradition and the contemporary context to reclaim the sanest and best of our Catholic heritage in a way that answers anyone who wonders why we would even bother in the first place.



Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, based in Melbourne, Australia. He has taught as a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome; at the University of California, Los Angeles; and at both the University of Melbourne and the Jesuit Theological College in Australia. A popular speaker, Fr. Leonard offers workshops that stress the importance and relevance of the use of media in catechesis. His books include “Movies That Matter.”

2-15 HERALDS OF THE GOOD NEWS: BECOMING THE BEST YOU CAN BE ☪

Since the inception of Catholic schools, the ultimate goal has always been the faith formation of our students. Our role as Catholic school educators, in whatever way we carry out that role, is to “echo” the person of Jesus. Whether we teach math, science or history; whether we are the librarian, the football coach or the formal classroom religion teacher, we are all called to be Christ for one another and to be the messengers or heralds of the Good News of Jesus Christ. This presentation will examine the various qualities of a Catholic school educator and what it takes to accomplish our task.



Dr. Saundra Kennedy

After 15 years as a Catholic elementary, junior high and high school teacher, Dr. Saundra Kennedy became a representative for William H. Sadlier Publishing Company. She has presented keynotes at diocesan Catholic school events and numerous religious education conferences from Detroit to Miami. Dr. Kennedy now serves as Sadlier’s National Religion Consultant and has been a contributor and consultant for the production of many of Sadlier’s catechetical materials, including their Religious Education Series “We Believe” and their sacramental programs.

2-16 SACRAMENTAL RENEWAL IN LIGHT OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION ☪

Sacraments are central to our experience of faith and church as Catholics. Many who knock on the doors of our churches are looking for a no-strings-attached experience of the sacraments. This leaves people being sacramentalized but not evangelized. How do we renew our approach to the sacraments so that they can be sources of grace and conversion? What could a renewed approach to the pastoral care of the sacraments look like? What are the imbalances in sacramental theology, theology of grace, and ecclesiology that we still must address in order to restore sacraments to their rightful place? What are we willing to do as leaders of the Church to bring about such a renewal?



Fr. James Mallon

Fr. James Mallon, a priest of the Archdiocese of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, currently serves as Pastor of St. Benedict Parish. He is founder and Director of the John Paul II Media Institute, which creates video resources for adult catechesis and evangelization. Fr. Mallon is creator of an eight-week video-based catechetical series entitled, “Catholicism 201,” that is currently used in 24 countries. His love for his dog inspired him to create the video-based theology course entitled “Dogmatic Theology,” which was released in 2011.

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Though the first “CCD institute” was held in 1956, the first “Youth Rally” didn’t come about until 1971. That half-day event set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually brings together almost 15,000 youth and their chaperones.

2-17 TOOLS FOR EVANGELIZATION AND TRANSFORMATION 🗣️

Teachers of religious education are called to be agents of evangelization – to form, inform, and transform the students they teach. This session focuses on three tools that support the process of meeting the person of Jesus who is revealed in the Gospel. The intersection of the Gospel and personal life experience leads to personal transformation. Session topics include: 1) classroom environment; 2) beads of transformation; and (3) Gospel ABCs. Participants will experience creative practices that cultivate a Gospel-character within students and teachers.

**Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM**

Dr. Patricia McCormack, a member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is an international formation-education consultant and Director of the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers in Washington, D.C. Sr. McCormack's experience in education includes both classroom and administration at the elementary, secondary and college levels. In addition to her numerous books and articles for children and parents, her ministry includes parent presentations, as well as workshops, retreats and days of in-service to the educational community.

2-18 AN ARMLESS EMBRACE OF HOPE

In this session, Tony Melendez shares how music, faith and a desire to achieve can help to overcome the toughest of times. With his God-given gift of toe-picking the guitar, Tony, along with his band of experienced musicians, The Toe Jam Band, shares his inspiring story of perseverance and faith. Since playing for Pope John Paul II during his trip to Los Angeles in 1987, Melendez has performed in 42 countries and all 50 states. Tony sings and shares from his heart. Together, you'll laugh, cry, and pray. Come be embraced by an armless gift of hope!

**Tony Melendez**

Tony Melendez was born without arms as a result of his mother taking the prescription drug Thalidomide. The world-renowned armless guitarist was first brought to public attention during Pope John Paul II's trip to Los Angeles in 1987. As a composer, singer, and speaker, Melendez has been involved in ministry for over 25 years, sharing his music and story worldwide, presenting workshops and concerts in English and Spanish at churches, schools, corporations and international events. Melendez has recorded five albums and has won numerous awards.

2-19 COMMUNICATION & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 🗣️

In his roles as the Communications Advisor to Cardinal Timothy Dolan and as Program Director for SiriusXM's "Catholic Channel," Fr. Jonathan Morris regularly comes face-to-face with the various challenges facing the contemporary Church. In this session, he will examine how best to communicate the Church's messages and teachings to the faithful, even at times of confusion and crisis.

**Fr. Jonathan Morris**

Fr. Jonathan Morris is regularly called on by the national media to offer ethical and moral commentary on the news on national media outlets including FOX News, CNN, and the BBC. He is the Program Director for SiriusXM's "Catholic Channel," the Communications Advisor to New York's archbishop, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, and also serves as Parochial Vicar at the historic St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in New York City. Fr. Morris is author of "The Promise" and "God Wants You Happy."

2-20 DAILY PRAYERS, DAILY CHORES: BUILDING AND MAINTAINING AN EVERYDAY FAITH 🗣️

How can we sustain our faith amid the challenges of everyday life? Daily chores can consume us, and it's easy to lose sight of the fact that we are God's creatures. Mountaintop experiences may encourage us, but we live day by day. Fortunately, the church provides us a scaffolding on which we can build and maintain our faith: daily prayer and meditative reading based on the readings for Mass. All we need is a willingness to allow God's Word to penetrate our weary hearts. We may not feel able, we may feel that we don't even know how to pray, but can we trust in God's ability to open our ears and hearts through Scripture?

**Kathleen Norris**

Teacher and lecturer Kathleen Norris has been a Benedictine Oblate of Assumption Abbey in North Dakota since 1987. She is author of several books and a freelance writer who serves as editorial consultant to The Christian Century, Give Us This Day, and Image magazines. Norris is a visiting writer/lecturer at institutions including Boston College and Boston University, among many others. A recipient of grants from the Bush Foundation and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, she divides her time between Honolulu and South Dakota.

2-21 TEACHING OUTSIDE THE BOX: FAITH FORMATION THAT RESEMBLES MASS MORE THAN CLASS 🗣️

Faith formation is not the teaching of a subject. It is an encounter with a Living Person: Jesus Christ. In this workshop, Joe Paprocki will demonstrate how to prepare and execute faith formation sessions that go beyond reading from a textbook and instead create a climate of prayer in which participants cannot only know about Jesus Christ, but know him intimately. Teaching outside the box results in faith formation that resembles Mass more than class.

**Joe Paprocki, DMin**

Dr. Joe Paprocki has over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He is currently the National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press, based in Chicago. He formerly served as a Consultant for Catechist Formation for the Chicago Archdiocese and as a parish pastoral associate and Director of Religious Education. Dr. Paprocki has presented in over 60 dioceses in North America, including Alaska, Hawaii and Canada. He is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis, and he serves as catechist ... and blogs about the experience.

2-22 FINDING THE LIONS IN THE ROCKS – MENTORING YOUNG PEOPLE 🗨️

The pace of teen life is frantic, and their souls suffer from the speed of life. They are soulful yet need adult guides who will help them navigate the culture today, while discovering deeper truths about themselves, their Catholic faith, and the Lord who accompanies them, as well.



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 Archdiocese of New Orleans. He has also been on the adjunct faculty at the Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans. Since 2003, Patin has been speaking full time to young people and adults. His latest book is “This Was Not in the Brochure: Lessons from Work, Ministry and Life.”

2-23 WHEN YOU WEIGH YOUR WORTH, YOU’RE WORTH THE WAIT 🗨️

The sex talk: It’s one of the hardest discussions for parents and administrators to effectively communicate. The chasm between the church and pop culture has left today’s parents and teens without the dialogue necessary for understanding the spiritual nature of sexuality. With teens constantly bombarded with mixed messages from a variety of media sources and parents unable to keep up with pop culture trends, young people are left to fend for themselves without healthy role models. Join Anthony Preston as he discusses the real, relevant and relatable approach to the subject matter that demystifies the topic of human sexuality, articulates God’s plan for it, and encourages the value of waiting until marriage.



Anthony Preston

Anthony Preston is an actor, musician, motivational speaker and creator and Executive Producer of the ELEV8 Teen Integrity Program, a professional indie artist forum and 90-minute production encouraging teens to avoid risky behaviors and embrace their dreams. Preston has been a representative for hundreds of schools and institutions since 2001 and has worked with a host of secondary education programs and organizations, including The Right to Life League, Upward Bound, and Rachel’s Challenge.

2-24 LIVING TOGETHER IN THE 21ST CENTURY: WHAT THE BIBLE CAN TEACH US ABOUT MUTUAL RESPECT AND CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE 🗨️

Our civil society and political discourse is sharply divided, and mutual respect is often absent. The same can be true of the Church when confrontation and polarizing language can characterize our conversations about difficult issues. Jesus, James and Paul all had something important to say about dealing with each other in mutual respect and in language worthy of our Christian calling. This workshop will reflect on some of these key texts and what we might learn from them about seeking communion within our Church today.



Fr. Donald Senior, CP

Fr. Donald Senior is President of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also a member of the faculty as Professor of New Testament. Born in Philadelphia, he is a member of the Passionist Congregation and was ordained a priest in 1967. Fr. Senior is a frequent lecturer and speaker throughout the United States and abroad, and serves on numerous boards and commissions. He was an editor on the “Catholic Study Bible” and has a four-volume series of studies on the Passion Narratives.

2-25 BETWEEN SUNDAYS: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR EVERYDAY LIVING 🗨️

How can we engage the spiritual lives of adults between Sundays? How can pastors and pastoral leaders inspire faith beyond times of the gathered community? How can we reach those who need to hear the Good News by using innovative methods and emerging media called for in the New Evangelization? This session will present five spiritual practices grounded in the experience of the first disciples that form a sustainable method to strengthen the spiritual life of your community ... between Sundays.



Tom Tomaszek

Author, composer, educator, event designer and liturgical musician, Tom Tomaszek is a sought-after presenter for national and regional events and retreats. Currently, Tom and his wife, Katherine, direct The Five Loaves, a ministry and online resource. He previously served as Director of Artist Relations and Product Development for Oregon Catholic Press (2004-2012). With his experience in teaching, pastoral ministry and music publishing, Tomaszek has spoken and given workshops regionally and nationally on a breadth of topics.

2-26 THE SECRET TO TEACHING ADULTS 🗨️

Has this happened to you: You scheduled an adult formation series for Lent. During the first session, you gave a stellar presentation on the distinctions between sanctifying and actual grace. You used an animated PowerPoint; you provided a handout. You even managed to inject a little humor. Then, at the end of your 45 minutes, you asked if there are any questions. And ... nothing. Crickets chirped quietly outside the classroom window. Did they understand what you were telling them? How do you know if you are having any impact at all on the faith lives of the participants? Adults have distinct learning needs and learning styles. When it comes to teaching adults, we have to switch gears.



Nick Wagner

Nick Wagner is co-founder and Director of the Catholic parishes online resource, TeamRCIA.com. He has more than 25 years’ experience as a leader and trainer at national, diocesan and parish liturgical and catechetical training events, and serving as a diocesan director of worship and a parish liturgist. Wagner is an active team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and is author of many publications. His latest is entitled “The Heart of Faith: A Field Guide for Catechumens and Candidates.”



THE LABYRINTH has become a landmark feature of Sacred Space. Tucked away on the third level, Sacred Space offers a respite from the daily buzz of Congress, with music, art and a chapel.

2-27 MUSIC TO HELP CHILDREN SPEAK WITH GOD



Music can help children express their feelings for God and also help them develop their relationship and encounters with God. Come and share music for being on one's own, to music in the home, the classroom and in Church.



Christopher Walker

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, speaker and choral conductor. He formerly served as Director of Music at the Cathedral in the Diocese of Clifton, England, for 18 years and is presently Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker is a conductor of choirs and orchestras in England and the United States, and travels around the globe giving workshops and lectures on church music and liturgy. His music is sung in churches worldwide.

2-28 WHAT THE TECH? ENTER THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF CYBERCRIME!



In this current age of exploding and ever-changing technology, children are tech-savvy and can go anywhere online with anyone, anywhere. It is incumbent upon us to be up to date with what's new in cyberspace and how to detect issues and protect children from harm. This workshop covers Internet predators and the grooming process, cyber bullying, geotagging, digital reputation issues and smartphone technology. The workshop will cover up-to-date information on technology-facilitated crimes against children along with practical prevention techniques. This is a practical and comprehensive interactive workshop for parents, educators and anyone who works with children.



Tracy Webb

Tracy Webb is a Senior Trial Attorney in charge of the Cyber Crime and Child Abuse Prosecution Division of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Much of her career has been spent prosecuting physical, sexual, exploitation and technologically facilitated crimes against children. Webb is also on the Federal Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and co-chair of the L.A. County Cyber Crime Task Force. She is a frequent speaker locally and nationally and an Emmy-award winning producer of a documentary film on gang violence.

2-29 PURE AND SIMPLE: THE ART OF CREATING A BEAUTIFUL MIND

David Whyte

The world exists independent of human thought, but it is seen through the lens of the mind. How much stress or unhappiness we undergo can depend on the qualities of perception that we cultivate. The way we treat and are treated by the world is partly determined by the state and depth of our critical and emotional intelligence. In this workshop, we will look closely at the role of the imagination as a faculty of perception that cultivates our ability to turn away from false abstracts, act courageously, and above all, have a life worth living at the center of our endeavors.

2-70 MYSTERIUM FIDEI: CẤU TRÚC VÀ Ý NGHĨA CỦA KINH NGUYỆN THÁNH THỂ



Bài hội thảo sẽ trình bày về cấu trúc và ý nghĩa của Kinh Nguyện Thánh Thể, đặc biệt qua đó người tín hữu sẽ hiểu sâu hơn về các mẫu nhiệm thân học, tâm linh và phụng vụ mỗi khi tham dự Thánh Lễ.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI: STRUCTURE AND MEANING OF THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



This workshop will look at the structure and significance of the Eucharistic Prayer, especially how it leads the faithful to the celebration of the mystery: theologically, spiritually and liturgically.



**Linh mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh
Rev. Thinh Duc Pham**

Thụ phong linh mục cho Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles vào năm 2002, Cha Phạm Đức Thịnh đã phục vụ tại Giáo xứ Thánh Gioan Thiên Chúa ở Norwalk. Sau bốn năm phục vụ tại giáo xứ, cha đã được gửi sang Roma để theo học chuyên ngành phụng vụ tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Sant'Anselmo. Cha đã hoàn tất chương trình cao học của Phụng Vụ vào năm 2010 và hiện đang tiếp tục chương trình tiến sĩ chuyên về Giáo Lý Phụng Vụ.

Ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2002, Fr. Pham Duc Thinh served at St. John of God Parish in Norwalk, Calif. After four years of service in the parish, he was sent to Rome to study and specialized in Catholic liturgy at the Royal Academy Sant'Anselmo. Fr. Pham has completed the graduate program of the Liturgy in 2010 and is currently continuing doctoral program specializing in the catechism liturgy.



3-01 PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR TRACK

Bishop Gerald E. Wilkerson, Rev. Richard Vega, Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD and Jeffrey S. Siker

“Parish Life Director” or “PLD” – When you hear that term, do you wonder what it means? Join us on Friday, February 22 for a full day of workshops, discussions, networking and prayer as we look at this role of the PLD: lay women and men who are given the overall pastoral care of a parish in the absence of a priest pastor. They are an important part of the lay ecclesial ministers serving our Church today. A panel of presenters will inform us of the possibilities in this field and give those of us already serving, challenging input. (Please make sure to also select Sessions 1-01 and 2-01.)

3-02 SERVICE PROJECTS AND MISSION TRIPS THAT CHANGE LIVES!

As parents, catechists and ministers, we spend lots of time teaching and sharing faith with our children and teens. It is when we have a chance to put all that learning into action that things begin to click and the light bulb goes on! We “get it” when we have the opportunity to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison. It isn’t just a lesson to learn from the past, but service has the potential still to change us all and to transform the world. This workshop will help you design great service projects and trips that will bring together the learning and the living of the Gospel message for middle and high school youth and their families.



Jane Angha

Jane Angha is a Youth Ministry Services Project Coordinator for the Young Neighbors in Action program of the Center for Ministry Development (CMD) and lives in Neenah, Wis. She worked in parish ministry as a Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry for nearly 20 years. She has spoken at the Green Bay diocesan education congress, parish missions, retreats, faculty meetings and stewardship leadership days. Angha is a contributing author for CMD’s Youth Ministry Access and their Fashioning Faith programs.

3-03 THE BIBLE, THE SAINTS, AND THE RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

Every period of reform in the Church has been connected with a return to the centrality of sacred Scripture. These ages of renewal have been led by great saints like Benedict, Francis, Dominic, Ignatius of Loyola and Therese of Lisieux. Discover how these saints can point the way for the Church and the New Evangelization today. Reading the Bible as evangelizing Catholics can advance the mission given to the Church by the Second Vatican Council, that “access to sacred Scripture be open wide to the Christian faithful,” and by Pope Benedict, hoping for “the flowering of a new season of greater love for sacred Scripture on the part ... of the People of God.”



Stephen J. Binz

Based in Baton Rouge, La., Stephen Binz is a Catholic biblical scholar and popular speaker. Following graduate biblical studies in Rome and Jerusalem, he has developed Bible studies in the Church for over 25 years. Binz is an award-winning author of more than two dozen books on the Bible, including his “Lectio Divina Bible Study,” “Ancient-Future Bible Study,” “Threshold Bible Study” and the “Conversing with God in Scripture” series.

3-04 THE MYSTERY OF HUMAN DIGNITY ECLIPSED

In our factories and fields, hotels and homes, the dignity of the human person has been eclipsed by our lifestyle demands and the huge profits from the sale of persons. How do we evangelize in a way that invites a personal response to injustice? How do we wake up our students and Catholic communities into awareness and move them into action regarding human trafficking? Does the mystery of God’s compassion for trafficked persons become part of our own prayer lives? Some ideas for ways to protect our youth and suggestions for adult catechesis will be presented. This Year of Faith calls us to be images of God’s compassion in our world today.



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. The former teacher and missionary now focuses on her interests in spirituality, formation, women’s spiritual development and the abolition of human trafficking. Sr. Bryant has authored numerous articles and books and has presented workshops in Australia, Ireland, Africa and throughout the United States.

3-05 TELL THE GOOD NEWS! SING THE GOOD NEWS!

Australian Andrew Chinn leads a practical workshop for teachers and catechists on how to use song to teach the mystery of our story, our Scripture, and our sacraments to our children. We all know that children love to sing and to move, but this affinity can be used every day to teach children about our faith, important Scripture and the sacraments. Come and bring the “child within” and walk away with songs and strategies that will make each teaching day more joy-filled for you and the children you teach.



Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has visited 900 Catholic elementary schools, has performed in 2,000 concerts and presented at Catholic education conferences in 20 dioceses across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released eight CDs, four DVDs and five picture books that are used widely by teachers and catechists in the faith development of children.

3-06 CATECHESIS & FAMILY EVANGELIZATION 🗣️

This session presents statistical and anecdotal information to highlight crucial areas of needed family evangelization, and explores how a revision of our catechetical models can further this important but difficult goal. The session will be quite interactive, soliciting the experiences of catechists and pastors.

**Frank P. DeSiano, CSP**

Ordained in 1972 as a Paulist priest, Fr. Frank DeSiano has served as pastor in downtown New York and Chicago parishes. He has written numerous books and articles on discipleship, spirituality and parish renewal. The nationally known preacher is a frequent speaker at diocesan clergy conferences, catechetical conferences and lay leadership training. In 1994, he was elected President of the Paulist Fathers; he now serves as President of Paulist Evangelization Ministries, based in Washington, D.C.

3-07 BRINGING SCRIPTURE TO LIFE WITH CHILDREN 🗣️

Are you in need of some new ideas when approaching Scripture with children? If so, then come to this workshop! We will explore how bringing Scripture to life for children not only can but should be filled with joy and enthusiasm! Focus will be on creative ideas and techniques that can be immediately used in the learning setting with elementary-aged children.

**Steven Ellair**

Steven Ellair is a Senior Editor and National Presenter with Minnesota-based Saint Mary's Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 21 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic schoolteacher, and catechetical consultant for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for nearly 11 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for 18 years.

3-08 ON BEING HIS BODY, TAKING OUR "AMEN" SERIOUSLY 🗣️

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we celebrate not only Christ's Body, but also our body in him. Contrary to the impression these days, Christianity is meant to be an action-oriented religion. Dogmas and doctrines, while important, were not what Jesus was about. His message was one of social transformation primarily involving our hearts. What does it mean to be Christ's Body in today's world? What does it mean to live the vision of Jesus? These are the questions we will explore together.

**Barbara Fiand, SND de N**

Sr. Barbara Fiand, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, is a consultant who lectures and gives retreats throughout the country and abroad. She previously taught at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University in Chicago and at The Athenaeum of Ohio. Her primary area of interest is the transformation of consciousness and the inner conversion that this calls us to, as well as the theological challenges that it invites us to embrace. Sr. Fiand has written nine books and is based in Cincinnati.

CONGRESS FACT:

Our last event, RECongress 2012, had over 39,326 in attendance, with 193 speakers presenting 305 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish, and Vietnamese), and with 21,626 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 14,773.

3-09 CATHOLIC EDUCATION: FROM AND FOR FAITH 🗣️

Catholic education began on a hillside in Galilee some 2,000 years ago when the Risen Christ commissioned his small community to evangelize and teach all nations. From there emerged the largest and most widespread educational system in human history. It arises from Catholic faith in that the deep convictions of Catholicism provide its foundational principles and normative guidelines. Likewise, it always has the mandate to educate for faith, both Catholic and "catholic." This session will reflect on what it means to educate both from and for Catholic faith in our time.

**Dr. Thomas Groome**

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

3-10 BEFRIENDING THE UNKNOWN: SPIRITUAL WISDOM FOR TIMES OF CRISIS AND TRANSITION 🗣️

For most people, the greatest source of spiritual suffering occurs during times of "un-asked-for" change. But change offers life's greatest moments where our greatest potential can emerge. While the soul is an infallible compass that can guide us in times of transition and crisis, most people have not been taught how to trust their own powers of discernment. Changing the way we relate to the unknown – from dread to welcoming – offers peace and spiritual solace no matter how uncertain the circumstances. Don't be afraid to bring your personal pain to this workshop; witness the healing power that comes from dissolving fear into hope and new possibility.

**Richard F. Groves**

Richard Groves is an internationally respected teacher of the sacred art of living and dying. He and his late wife, Mary, are co-founders of the Sacred Art of Living Center in Bend, Ore. Groves, who speaks nine languages, has been a chaplain for 30 years and has presented internationally throughout Asia, Europe, Africa and North America. His book, "The American Book of Living and Dying," has been translated into several languages. His latest work, "Visualize: The Art of Transforming Spiritual Pain," is to be published in 2013, and he is developing the Anamcara Project.

3-11 SCREEN PLAY: CREATING EFFECTIVE EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA 🎧

Whether it's your parish Facebook page or your personal Twitter account, we have more technological tools at our disposal than ever before. So why aren't countless souls flooding our parishes seeking Christ? How does a post translate to more tangible results? This session will unveil some important but often neglected facts about social media usage, offer ideas on how to use it more effectively, and give some quick "dos" and "don'ts" to apply to your next post before you hit "send."



Mark Hart

Mark Hart serves as Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. He is a best-selling and award-winning author and co-author of over a dozen books. Hart has traveled the globe speaking to millions and is a regular guest on several Catholic radio programs, including a weekly radio spot on Sirius/XM Radio and a weekly podcast for Life Teen. He has a DVD Catholic Bible study titled "T3," and his publications include "The 'R' Father" and "Holier Than Thou."

3-12 ROMAN CATHOLIC RITUALS – EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW 🎧

What do rituals, from centuries ago, offer our technologically advanced world of today? The earth is still holy; how do we honor the place of God's incarnation? Daily prayer and worship are still vital in receiving God's grace and giving blessings; do we place importance on praying and worshipping God daily? The seven sacraments still confer grace on the believer; how do we honor the sacraments in our daily lives? Through Scripture, storytelling, prayer, song and movement, ValLimar Jansen encourages us to Enter the Mystery and to explore the spirituality related to priceless Roman Catholic rituals that give meaning, beauty and power to our lives.



ValLimar Jansen

Composer, singer, storyteller, and evangelizer, ValLimar Jansen 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 won UNITY Awards for her solo albums, and she and her husband, Frank, performed at the Loreto/Angora International Papal Event in Italy. Her latest CD is entitled "Give God The Glory" and her book is expected to be released at the 2013 L.A. Congress.

3-13 WHY PRAY? SACRAMENTS, MIRACLES, AND CHANGED HEARTS 🎧

Prayer *does* make a difference. There are miracles everywhere! Lives are being changed through our prayer. How do we help this happen? How do we get in the way? Yes, when we pray, God hears us. Yet, prayers are often not answered the way we had hoped. How can we – and the children we love – understand that? In this session, Fr. Joe Kempf will include several unique experiences of prayer, practical suggestions for helping ourselves and our children, and lots to think and pray about!



Fr. Joe Kempf

Fr. Joe Kempf, Pastor of Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, Mo., is founder and President of Gospel Values. He is a well-known speaker at religious education gatherings from Los Angeles to Chicago, and from Corpus Christi, Texas, to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Along with four volumes of "Big Al LIVE" DVDs, he is author of numerous books, including "Sometimes Life Is Just Not Fair," " 'My Sister is Annoying...' And Other Prayers for Children," and "Don't Drink the Holy Water."

3-14 LIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER 🎧

Dr. Josephine Lombardi will lead us through each petition of the Lord's Prayer (The Our Father) and show how our salvation is connected to the fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer in our lives and in all of creation. A brief introduction to the Lord's Prayer is followed by a presentation on how it can be a powerful guide for daily living. An ideal workshop for the Year of Faith, where we are called to retrieve the deeper meaning of our Church's spiritual treasures. Handouts will be given with suggestions on how to start a study group on the Lord's Prayer in your school or parish with activities and recommended resources.



Josephine Lombardi, PhD

Dr. Josephine Lombardi is presently Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education, and Director of Lay Formation at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. An author and retreat leader, she has presented at numerous conferences and has had numerous appointments and pastoral experience in the Diocese of Hamilton and independently. Dr. Lombardi has worked in radio and television and hosts a weekly radio show in Canada called "New Evangelization." Her book, "On Earth as it is in Heaven," has been featured on Canada's cable channel, Salt + Light Television.

3-15 THIS WE BELIEVE: SONGS OF FAITH FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH 🎧

The songs we sing carry much of the core of our faith tradition. Teachers, catechists and parish music ministers are invited to experience a range of contemporary intergenerational music, featuring songs from Michael Mangan's newly released collection. This repertoire will especially engage upper-elementary and junior high students along with parish communities. Bring your voice and be ready to use it!



Michael Mangan

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Australia. His 180 songs, psalms and Mass settings are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan, who is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane, tours widely each year presenting school concerts, professional development workshops or keynotes at conferences. He is author of "This We Believe: Songs of Faith" and two settings for the Revised Roman Missal: "Mass Jubilee" and "Mass of Celebration"

3-16 SHARING FAITH WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ☺

In this session, you will laugh and learn about the key, not only to sharing faith with young people, but sharing faith with any age. There are countless ideas at this Congress event about how to share the faith. Let's take a session to not only learn the "how" and to get in touch with not only the "why," but most importantly with the "Who."

**Judy McDonald**

Judy McDonald has been a professional comedienne for the past 18 years. She formerly served as a Youth Minister for the San Diego Diocese and as a Residential Minister at the University of San Diego. For the past seven years, McDonald has been in full-time traveling ministry, with shows for military bases in Germany, Italy and Belgium. She is in great demand at parishes and conferences across the United States and internationally, including Ireland, Croatia and Scotland.

3-17 ENTERING THE MYSTERY: WHERE? ☺

Where are the doorways that beckon us further into the mystery of our lives – the Spirit and the Body of Christ and the Trinity? If the mystery of God is everywhere by the power of the Resurrection, are there places where it's easier to enter, to encounter, and to engage with this mystery and let it envelop us? Is this mystery a refuge, a strength? Come, let us enter into this place, this presence, this power together as the beloved of our God.

**Megan McKenna**

Megan McKenna, based in Albuquerque, N.M., travels internationally working with indigenous peoples, parishes, dioceses, religious orders and organizations that are engaged in work for peace, justice and human rights, through the lens of the Scriptures and storytelling. McKenna is the author of 49 books including, "This Will be Remembered of Her," which was awarded by the Catholic Press Association, and her new book, "Like a Hammer Shattering Rock," to be released in January 2013. She teaches at a number of universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world.

3-18 "ALL THE FAMILIES ON EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED" (ACTS 3:25): THE SCRIPTURE ON PARENTING ☺

It has never been easy to be a parent. The Bible, though in timeless fashion, continues to have much to say, even in our technologically rich, time-deprived and busy lives as we seek to care for our children. This workshop will unpack some of the key biblical values and instructions that can help us steer a safe course, tackling head-on the many challenges confronting the modern parent.

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

Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary and Pastor of Junipero Serra, both in Camarillo, Calif. He is author of "Dining with Pharisees" and "Sacred Scripture," a high school introduction to the Scriptures out in 2012. Fr. Mullen has spoken yearly at the annual L.A. Congress, as well as regional conferences in San Diego, Las Vegas, Detroit, Reno, Nev., Boise, Idaho, Fresno, Calif., and often speaks to priests of various diocese in the Southwestern United States.

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

The RECongress event, directed by Sr. Edith Prendergast, is coordinated by Paulette Smith (Event Coordinator) and Jan Pedroza (Program Coordinator), and aided by three committees: the Congress Committee, the Liturgy Committee, and the Registration Committee – and worked by hundreds of staff and volunteers.

3-19 WITH RESPECT TO THE PASCHAL MYSTERY – THE MYSTERY OF PASSING OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE: ARE YOU A CHEERLEADER OR A PARTICIPANT? ☺

Consciously or unconsciously, most Catholics think of themselves as "cheerleaders for Jesus" when it comes to the Paschal Mystery – the passing over from death to life. One gets the impression that Jesus *did* the Paschal Mystery *for* us a really, really long time ago and every year during Holy Week we gather to remember the story and thank him ... again. Ah, but is it possible that with respect to the Paschal Mystery, the passing over from death to life, Jesus went first – and now, today, he invites us in to the mystery with him? What if the Paschal Mystery is "the rhythm of Love," and to the extent that we have the guts to participate in this mystery, Jesus exquisitely companions us into New Life!

**Terry Nelson-Johnson, DMin**

Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson is the Animator of Faith at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago. From 1980-1999 was a campus minister and theology teacher at Loyola Academy Jesuit High School in Wilmette, Ill. In 2000, he founded SoulPlay, and since then presents 80-90 speaking engagements a year to congregations, families, schools and faculties. Dr. Nelson-Johnson is also author of "Hidden Presence: Twelve Blessings That Transformed Sorrow or Loss."

3-20 IT BEGINS WITH A QUESTION ... EVANGELIZING FAMILIES ☺

If you fall into the category of those of us who want to motivate families to make their home a place where faith is loved, learned and lived, then join us as we consider how to do just that. Perhaps the answer lies not in trying to find the answer but in trying to ask the right questions. This session will lead us to some practical ideas to inform, form and facilitate transformation in our families.

**JoAnn Paradise, DMin**

JoAnn Paradise is a National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. She has served as a catechetical administrator in several parishes for the Pittsburgh Diocese for over 32 years and was most recently Director of Parish Ministerial Life and Spiritual Formation at St. Sebastian Parish. In addition to presenting keynotes and workshops at diocesan conferences throughout the United States and Canada, Paradise has also presented at national conferences, including the National Catholic Educational Association, and the L.A. Congress, among others.

3-21 SPIRITUAL CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRACTICE IN THE MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS

This workshop will review Church documents with special attention given to the spiritual concerns and pastoral practice in the Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics. Discussion will explore the consistent life ethic and social justice teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other church documents. Focus will be on the lives of Catholics who identify themselves as gay or lesbian, or having homosexual orientation, as well as parents and families of these Catholics that are in our pews, schools or community. Participants will be invited to share their stories in person and reflect on the common question: What would Jesus say and do?



Fr. Chris Ponnet

Born and raised at St. Luke's in Temple City, Calif., Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983. He has been Spiritual Director for the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics for many years, as well as the Chaplain/Director of Spiritual Care at Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center for the past 18 years. Fr. Ponnet has spoken on many occasions to gatherings across the county.

3-22 THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN THE 2012 ELECTION

Religion played a prominent role in the 2012 election. Two Catholics and a Mormon ran in Republican primaries, with Catholics backing the Mormon, and Evangelicals backing the Catholics. The Mormon won and chose a Catholic as his running mate. The bishops launched a "Fortnight of Freedom" and spoke out on abortion, gay marriage, the Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate and other issues during the campaign. The "Nuns of the Bus" toured a number of states, highlighting the work of sisters for the poor and criticizing the Paul Ryan budgets for slashing programs for the poor. Who did what, why and how? Did it matter?



Thomas J. Reese, SJ

Fr. Thomas Reese is a Senior Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. From 1998 to 2005, he was Editor in Chief at America magazine. Fr. Reese has spoken at numerous parishes and universities across the country, including three appearances at the L.A. Congress. His many books include "Inside the Vatican: The Politics and Organization of the Catholic Church" and "A Survival Guide for Thinking Catholics," due out in the fall of 2013.

3-23 IMMORTAL DIAMOND: THE SEARCH FOR OUR TRUE SELF

Fr. Richard Rohr uses the title of his last book to lead us on a mining operation. What is the self that Jesus says "must die" and what is the self that must be found? What is wonderful and what is difficult about this search? Why is it so foundational to all healthy religion? How does God work in the soul to achieve the discovery of our own "immortal diamond"?



Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

Fr. Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province, founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, N.M., where he currently lives. He is also founder of The Rohr Institute and its Living School for Action and Contemplation. Fr. Rohr divides his time between local work and preaching around the world. He has made several audio and video recordings, and is best known for his writings, which include "The Naked Now" and "Everything Belongs."

3-24 HANGING WITH THE HOLY WHO DAT! WE HAVE A BOUNTY ON THE DEVIL!

Somehow, the Devil became convinced that he could win in a battle with the Lord. For centuries, he has been trying hard to conquer our lives and win our souls. Well, today we say, "Get thee behind me, Satan." We are God's Sanctified Soldiers and ready for our war against evil. "Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the Devil," says Ephesians 6:11. This interactive and fun workshop will help you to sharpen your Sword of the Spirit. Join "The Holy Who Dat" as he declares we have a bounty out on the Devil because the Devil can't win!



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, currently serves as Director of Campus Ministry and Development Director for St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also Director of Knight Time Ministries and Chief Editor for Two Knights Publishing Co. Fr. Ricard is a native of New Orleans and a former public school teacher. He has authored many books and has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation and has preached in 20 countries.

3-25 FAITH FORMATION FOR EVERY ADULT IN YOUR CHURCH – IT'S POSSIBLE TODAY!

What would it be like if your church really believed that you could provide faith formation for every adult in your faith community? What new insights and assumptions would you need to adopt? What would a "faith formation for every adult" plan look like? What would it be like if you conceptualized adult faith formation, not as a series of program offerings, but as a faith formation network – in online and physical settings – with a diversity of ways to learn and grow in faith? This session will present a 21st-century model of adult faith formation and a variety of strategies, resources and technologies to bring the model to life in a church.



John Roberto

John Roberto, President of LifelongFaith Associates, is editor of the Lifelong Faith Journal and coordinator of the Faith Formation 2020 Initiative and the Faith Formation Learning Exchange (with Vibrant Faith Ministries). He works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, and gives presentations and workshops in lifelong faith formation across the United States. Roberto previously was founder and Director of the Center for Ministry Development. His latest publication is entitled "Faith Formation 2020: Designing the Future of Faith."

3-26 THE CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOLS 🗣️

This workshop will explore some of the theological and educational principles upon which the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for Young People of High School Age" is built. It will also present creative pedagogies, including the use of information technology (IT), through which the Framework Curriculum can be taught to high school students.

**Ailís Travers**

Ailís Travers is the High School Advisor and Digital Specialist for Veritas publications in Ireland, where she previously served as writer and researcher. She is the conceptual designer of the Credo website, as well as a text consultant and contributing author for the Credo series. Travers has previously taught religion in high schools and at Loreto College in Dublin and was a catechist at her parish. She has presented numerous talks, in-services and workshops throughout Ireland and worldwide.

**Elaine Mahon**

Elaine Mahon works as a Catechetical Specialist for Veritas in Ireland. She previously worked as a primary school teacher and parish catechist before becoming Diocesan Advisor for Primary Religious Education in the Dublin Archdiocese, where she developed digital resources to supplement the national catechetical program. Mahon also lectures at the post-graduate level in St. Patrick's College in Dublin, in the area of religious education methodologies, and is a regular speaker at sacramental preparation meetings for parents, parishes and dioceses.

3-27 ARE YOU COMMUNICATING? YOU CANNOT BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITHOUT IT! 🗣️

This workshop will provide the information and skills necessary to create positive relationships between parents and teachers. We know that there are schools and parishes in which everyone feels and acts as if they are family. That spirit is not an accident. It is a mission to which everyone is committed. To develop a Christ-like community takes effort. Char Wenc will empower you with the skills to make this happen at the parish school level and within the parish catechetical community.

**Char Wenc, MEd**

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

3-28 FROM DEI VERBUM TO VERBUM DOMINI: HOW CATHOLICS CAN BE TRANSFORMED BY THE WORD OF GOD 🗣️

Catholics have clearly rediscovered the Bible in the 50 years since the Second Vatican Council. But how well do Catholics use the Bible? Is there a distinctive Catholic approach to the Bible? How can we benefit from the Bible during this Year of Faith? We must be transformed by the Word of God!

**Ronald D. Witherup, SS**

A native of western Pennsylvania, Sulpician Fr. Ronald Witherup is currently Superior General of the Society of Saint Sulpice and lives in Paris, France. He formerly was provincial of the U.S. province and a Professor of Scripture and Academic Dean at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif.. Fr. Witherup is author of many books and articles, and is a popular lecturer and retreat director who has appeared in various events around the world, including the Mid-Atlantic Congress; he last appeared at the L.A. Congress in 2010.

3-70 Phát triển đức tin của người Việt trẻ trên đất Mỹ

Liên hệ giữa giới teen và người lớn tuổi hơn gây nhiều khó khăn, nhất là khi hai giới sống với những giá trị và văn hoá khác nhau. Chúng tôi dựa vào Thánh Kinh, lý thuyết phát triển, khảo cứu, và kinh nghiệm (kể cả thất bại) để bàn tới một số phương pháp cho người trẻ cũng như cho thầy cô, phụ huynh, và cộng đoàn, để giúp tất cả phát triển đức tin.

HOW LAY PEOPLE CAN LEARN SCRIPTURE TO LIVE THE LITURGY MORE DEEPLY

New opportunities give the laity new ways to appreciate Scripture – for personal nourishment and for teaching catechism. Feasible methods for personal and group studies are presented. We apply these simple methods to the understanding of Mass, so that we can live the liturgical life more deeply.

**Lê Xuân Hy
Hy Xuan Le, PhD**

Tiến sĩ Lê X. Hy dạy tâm lý và thần học mục vụ, làm giám đốc chương trình Công Giáo Học tại Seattle University. Chương trình Chuyên Viên Fulbright Cao Cấp gửi ông qua phục vụ bên Đất Thánh. Ông giúp thường huấn tại Việt Nam cho Cha Giáo các Đại Chủng Viện, cho Tỉnh Dòng Tên, và cho Liên Hiệp Bề Trên Thượng Cấp. Trong 20 năm qua ông là thành viên của Ủy Ban Giáo Lý Toàn Quốc và trình bày những đề tài về Thánh Kinh và phát triển tâm lý.

Dr. Hy Xuan Le teaches psychology and pastoral theology, directed the Catholic Studies Program, and currently heads the Institute for Human Development at Seattle University. He served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist to Israel. Professor Le conducts workshops and retreats for various groups in the United States and Vietnam, including the Vietnamese Conference of Major Superiors, Vietnamese seminary professors, and several Jesuit provinces. For the past 20 years, he has presented topics on Scripture and human development at Vietnamese American national catechetical conferences.