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OVERVIEW

THURSDAY – MARCH 13, 2014

See pages 8-9 for the Youth Day schedule.

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm On-site registration

FRIDAY – MARCH 14

7:00 am - 3:00 pm On-site registration

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10:00 - 11:30 am Period 1 Workshops

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
– The Jacob & Matthew Band

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– Jesse Manibusan,
Sarah Hart & Jackie Francois

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 2 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 3 Workshops

5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies

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– “United by Faith” /
“Unidos por la fe”

Film Showcase 2014

9:00 pm Celtic Prayer

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– Ceili Rain

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SUNDAY – MARCH 16

8:00 - 11:00 am On-site registration

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Spanish: Msgr. E. Chávez

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11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
– Donna Peña, Meredith
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Lopez & Pedro Rubalcava

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 8 Workshops

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Youth Day 2013 Arena

2014 THEME REFLECTION

Hope: A World Afire flows from the word proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent. Hope rooted in grace and goodness shines brightly on the face of Jesus. As we reflect on this Transfiguration moment, we too are drawn into that incredible experience. In the presence of the HOLY, we become shining stars of hope.

Light is not always our experience but it can always be our hope. Maya Angelou suggests that “God puts rainbows in the clouds so that each of us in our darkest and most dreaded moments can see a possibility of hope.” Believing in the brightness even in the midst of the sometimes cloudiness and knowing that the fruit of hope is boldness, we commit to light fires of hope and set our world ablaze with God’s amazing Word of Life.

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

WHAT IS THE RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the world. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 309 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

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

RECONGRESS LOCATION & COST

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

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

\$70 – by January 22, 2014 deadline **\$80 – after January 22, 2014**

NOTE: If you have not registered online or mailed in your Registration Form by March 1, 2014, please register on site.

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ABOUT CONGRESS

WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND the 2014 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. RECongress opens on Thursday, March 13, 2014 with Youth Day, a day-long event for high school youth. The remaining three-day weekend is open to adults and young adults, and includes workshops in addition to lunchtime and evening entertainment, liturgies, the Exhibit Hall and much more! Find us online on Facebook (at RECongress) and Twitter (LACongress), and now we have added Pinterest (LACongress) and Instagram (LACongress)!



LIVE STREAMING

You can watch Friday's Opening Event broadcast live on the screens in Hall B. With the growing popularity of our RECongress.org/LIVE streaming, this is another venue to view the morning Arena experience.

(Friday, Hall B, 8:30-9:30 am)



SPEAKERS

Over the four days, Congress 2014 will offer 309 workshops presented by over 206 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – offered in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And our featured Keynote (in English) is on Saturday with our English and Spanish Addresses on Sunday.



ART EXHIBIT

Karen Schmidt creates sculptures that convey spiritual truth through symbol, gesture and form. Her liturgical sculptures speak on many levels and draw the viewer into contemplation. Her work is installed across America, and her studio in Anaheim, Calif., serves as a center to connect and support local artists. *(Arena Lobby)*



FILM SHOWCASE

The annual Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University, presents excerpts from a number of feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. *(Friday evening)*



SACRED SPACE

In addition to the chapel, Eucharistic Adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation and a labyrinth, this year at Sacred Space you can pray the Stations of the Cross with an artistic display of artifacts left behind by our undocumented brothers and sisters who traverse the U.S.-Mexican border.



SACRED ILLUMINATIONS

A perennial feature at Congress is Sacred Illuminations, a mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, will bring us deeper in surrender to the care and to the heart of God. Come reflect and pray. *(Saturday evening.)*



ABOUT CONGRESS

ANAHEIM The Anaheim Convention Center has been home to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress since 1970. When the Los Angeles event made its way to Anaheim, the city was still part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. On June 18, 1976, Pope Paul VI established the Diocese of Orange with Bishop William Johnson installed as its first bishop.



YOUTH DAY Held on Thursday, March 13, this day-long event for high school youth is an opportunity for students – from throughout the western states – to come together and share in a mix of workshops, liturgies, rallies and high energy. (See pages 7-15.)



ENTERTAINMENT Admission to Congress includes free lunchtime and evening concerts – ranging from contemporary Christian music to today's leading Latino composers and artists – in addition to our Friday evening Film Showcase and our Young Adult events on Saturday.



LITURGIES Congress annually offers a number of liturgies of different character. Congress 2014 offers 16 Eucharistic Liturgies of different character, including Contemplative, Jazz, Mayan, Native American, Spanish, Tongan, Vietnamese and Young Adult as well as evening prayer, and Celtic and Taizé services. (See page 22.)



HALL EVENTS The Exhibit Hall is one of the liveliest location at Congress. Be sure to check out what is going on in the **ORE Booth** throughout the weekend. The adjacent Tech Center is the location for Friday's **Congress Chat** with Archbishop José Gomez, and for SiriusXM Radio's "**Busted Halo**" live broadcast. (Exhibit Hall A)



EXHIBIT HALL One of the perks of registering for Congress is the Exhibit Hall – showcasing over 250 companies as exhibitors ranging from religious art to music, from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to a variety of Los Angeles archdiocesan ministries. (Exhibitor listing on pages 90-91.)



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You can check our site on the Web at www.RECongress.org for updates – or sign up for our Emailing Updates filled with important information.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the 2014 Religious Education Congress of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles!

The theme that gathers us this year, “Hope: A World Afire,” is a wonderful invitation for each one of us. The more we grow in the theological virtue of hope, the more we will be able to set the world on fire, the more we will be able to transform it into a better place, filled with love, peace, justice and respect for all.

In order to do this, we should always remember what kind of hope we are talking about. Pope Francis explained it beautifully:

“Hope is not optimism. Hope is a present, it’s a gift from the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tells us that hope has a name. Hope is Christ. If you don’t say: ‘I have hope in Jesus Christ, a person that’s alive, that lives in the Eucharist, that is present in His word,’ that is not hope. It could be good mood, optimism...

“Jesus, the hope, renews everything: in my life, in your life, in our lives. He rebuilds. And what He builds again is precisely the reason of our hope. He’s the reason of our hope. And this hope does not delude because He is faithful. This is the virtue of hope.

“May the Lord, who is the hope of glory, who is the center, the whole, help us in this path: to give hope, to have passion for hope.”

I pray that these days of formation, fellowship, prayer and worship may be an excellent opportunity to grow in knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith, as well as love and devotion to the Lord Jesus, whom we serve in our daily life, in our work, ministry, family and public life.

May God bless you abundantly during this weekend and in all you do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ José H. Gomez
 Most Reverend José H. Gomez
 Archbishop of Los Angeles

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is always a great joy for me to welcome you to our spirited Religious Education Congress. This amazing weekend offers many opportunities for re-energizing our lives, for resourcing and enriching our ministries.

This year’s theme, “**Hope: A World Afire,**” flows from the transfiguration story proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent. Hope rooted in grace and goodness shines brightly on the face of Jesus. Knowing that the fruit of hope is boldness, we commit to light fires of hope and set our world ablaze with the Gospel story and our commitment to the catechetical ministry.

The variety of workshops and keynotes available throughout the weekend are excellent resources for formation and enrichment for you and for your communities of faith. The opportunity to listen and be renewed by the wisdom offered by national and international speakers is truly gift and blessing.

Our spirits are sure to be lifted by the inspirational liturgical celebrations, entertainment and multicultural experiences provided. At the center of the many activities, there is also opportunity to spend time in prayer in the contemplative environment provided in Sacred Space, walk the labyrinth or avail of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Thank you for your wonderful leadership and your faithful dedication to sharing the Good News. I look forward to greeting you at this spirit-filled event.

Sincerely,

Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC

Sr. Edith Prendergast
 Director, Religious Education
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles



WELCOME



A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends:

As Co-Coordiators, we have the tremendous joy of welcoming you to the 2014 Religious Education Congress, with our theme, “Hope: A World Afire.”

Our weekend promises to be rewarding, beginning with the vitality of Youth Day and continuing through the weekend with a variety of opportunities for enrichment. As always, Congress is a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and meet new people from all over the world at this international gathering. Be sure to spend time in the Exhibit Hall, which offers a significant variety of resources and company representatives on hand for personalized service.

Speaker and workshop descriptions, event listings, housing information and registration information are included in this Congress Registration Guidebook and updated regularly on our Web site at www.RECongress.org. Additional information can be obtained by email at congress@la-archdiocese.org or by calling the Congress Office at 213-637-7346. Remember, our event can also be viewed via our live stream at www.RECongress.org/Live.

We look forward to seeing you at RECongress, and together make it our mission to be people of hope to set the world afire.

Paulette Smith
Event Coordinator

Jan Pedroza
Program Coordinator

THE EARLY HISTORY OF CONGRESS

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

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

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

Today, the Religious Education Congress supports the diverse needs of parish leaders as well as sessions of benefit to families and for personal growth. Our last event, held February 21 (Youth Day) and February 22-24, 2013, had over 37,769 in attendance, with 185 speakers presenting 338 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese), and with 20,783 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 14,613. Our Exhibit Hall had 490 booths with 1,658 representatives from 226 different companies and organizations.

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



1963 – At this “pre-Congress” Institute, 5,000 catechists were enrolled in workshops held at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles.



1974 – The Closing Liturgy in the Anaheim Arena at the 1974 Congress, with the theme “Jesus, Others, You.”

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to register for Youth Day 2014! Our great annual event welcomes over 15,000 high school students and adults to the Anaheim Convention Center for a day of prayer, celebration and fun. It is a chance for us to gather as the larger Church and experience our Catholic faith through Eucharistic liturgies, workshops, rallies and more. Youth Day is a wonderful example of what it means to be an evangelizing community and helps us to fully realize our theme for the day: **“Never Alone – Forever Accepted!”** Our Youth Day theme is grounded in the liturgical readings for the day and reminds us that God’s Spirit moves with us constantly. We are surrounded and empowered by the love that never ends, while we are

also challenged to share that same love with others.

The Youth Day Coordinating Team – a group of young people and adults from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese – has planned an exciting day for every participant. We also hope you’ll download our “Youth Day 2014” iPhone App as soon as possible for updates about the day and as a way to encourage your young people to be fully engaged in the event. You can find the app by looking up “Los Angeles Youth Day” at the App Store. You’ll also notice that the following pages in this Guidebook give you tips on how to prepare young people for the day, as well as instructions for registration. Please remember that you can register for Youth Day online or through the mail. You’ll also want to note that there are two tracks for our day and to choose the track that works best for your group’s schedule.

Our team looks forward to celebrating with you at Youth Day 2014. Thank you for your willingness to share this great day with the young people of your parish or school. As you prepare, please help us by sharing the theme for the day with young people – reminding them that through God’s love we are **“Never Alone – Forever Accepted!”**

Mike Norman
Mike Norman
Associate Director
Office of Religious Education



YOUTH DAY APP

Download the Youth Day app for iPhone and iPod Touch now and it will automatically update itself every year when new versions are released. With this app, you can stay up-to-date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them on Twitter, viewing their websites, and even finding them on Facebook.

Youth Day is much more than just a one-day experience and this app will allow you to keep with you what each speaker and musician says long after the day is over. Check out their websites to find out how to put everything that was said into action.

If you are having any technical problems with the app and would like to report a bug or have more questions about the app, contact the developer at CGonzalez@la-archdiocese.org.



Youth Day



TRACK 1

8:00 AM – ARENA RALLY

For those registered for Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2014 begins in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **Noelle Garcia** and band will be on hand to get the day started with music, followed by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.



ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the rally, Track 1 participants remain in the Arena for our featured speakers, **ValLimar Jansen and Thomas Awiapo**. Val and Thomas will be focusing on our great theme for the day and engaging all of us in how we can become hope for the world.



ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The last Arena event for Track 1 participants will be a Spirit-filled liturgy (starting approximately at 10 am) with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita.



11:45 AM – LUNCH

Following the Eucharistic celebration, Track 1 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There will be many places inside and outside the Convention Center for purchasing food.

1:00 PM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

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

2:30 PM – CLOSING SESSIONS

Youth Day 2014 ends for Track 1 participants with energetic Closing Sessions in either the Convention Center Ballroom or Hall B. Musical artists **The Jeremy and Ryan Band** and **Michael James Mette** and band will be performing for these events. Young people from across the Archdiocese and beyond will also be helping us to close out our day with much excitement.



3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

After being reminded that we are **“Never Alone – Forever Accepted,”** participants will be sent out to share the Good News with others – in our parishes, our schools, our homes, and the entire world.

PREPARING FOR THE DAY

YOUTH DAY 2014 LITURGICAL READINGS

Youth Day 2014 takes place on Thursday of the First Week of Lent. The Youth Day Coordinating Team used the readings of the day to prepare our theme and other important parts of Youth Day. We invite you to share these readings with your young people and adults so they may reflect in preparation for our event.

First Reading: Esther (Cycle C) 12:14-16, 23-25
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
 Gospel: Matthew 7: 7-12

REFLECTING ON THE THEME

“NEVER ALONE, FOREVER ACCEPTED!”

Young people often describe Youth Day as inspiring, uniting, energizing, celebrating. These are all words of action, and that is very fitting for our day. Youth Day strives to help connect young people to the larger Church and to help them see they are not alone in their faith. It is a day that we know helps all participants to see that we are each called to make our faith real in our lives every day of the year and not just on this special day. The readings for Youth Day echo these same sentiments and they are full of action words, as well – ASK, SEEK, KNOCK! The readings resound with an invitation to trust God, to know that God’s love endures forever, and to know that each of us has an important part in God’s plan. As a community of faith, we are truly NEVER ALONE and are FOREVER ACCEPTED. We are supported and encouraged by God through this community that surrounds us – it is the living example of the hope that bursts from the scriptures we proclaim this day.

At the same time, these readings are a challenge to each of us, as well. We are called by God to also be hope for others. We are strengthened in our desire to become proclaimers of the Good News in our families, at our parishes and schools, and through all of our interactions in this wonderful world. God’s love shines through our actions and our words as we help others to know they are NEVER ALONE and FOREVER ACCEPTED. For it is truly when we “remain in God” that we are able to best share God’s Good News.

It is good to know that we are not alone as we do God’s work. God surrounds us with our friends and families so that we are continually encouraged to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of how we are constantly blessed in amazing ways. Youth Day is a great way to be reminded of our blessings. This is the great gift of the day – to be united with other believers so we are strengthened for the journey today, tomorrow and forever.

We hope this day helps every participant see that we are “Never Alone – Forever Accepted!”

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE DAY

The Youth Day staff invites any adult not chaperoning a parish or school group to be a volunteer for our event. Youth Day volunteers are assigned to a variety of positions throughout the day. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone – and to enjoy our event for free. To volunteer for Youth Day 2014, an adult needs to have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection policies and have had the appropriate diocesan required background check. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to find out more details about your required programs. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our team, please contact Erin Avila at emavila@sbcglobal.net or at (559) 259-8232. Come join the fun! We need you.

SUPPORTING OTHERS

In an effort to enhance the work of the Office of Religious Education in developing youth leaders across the Los Angeles Archdiocese and to support the work of other key organizations, there will be a collection during liturgies at Youth Day. We will use some of this money to help young people who need assistance to attend programs at the local, regional and national levels. We also share part of the collection with a different organization each year, and for 2014 we have chosen the Mission Doctors Association’s “One Million Patients Project” (www.onemillionpatients.org). We ask that you share this information with participants coming to Youth Day and emphasize how their contributions can continue the formation, education and quality of life for others. Thank you in advance.



TRACK 2

8:00 AM – OPENING SESSIONS



For those who register for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2014 begins with the opportunity to experience one of two energetic Opening Sessions offered in the Convention Center: Hall B will welcome **Michael James Mette** and band; the third-floor Ballroom will host **The Jeremy and Ryan Band**. Young people from across the Archdiocese will also be part of these great events. Groups are welcome to attend either of these high-energy sessions – you get to choose that day!



9:30 AM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

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

11:00 AM – LUNCH

Following the workshops, Track 2 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There are places throughout the Convention Center for purchasing food. The Arena will open for Track 2 participants at 11:45 am. Everyone will need to enter through the main Arena glass doors near the fountain and may line up early. There are seats for everyone – so enjoy lunch!

12:15 PM – ARENA RALLY



For Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day continues in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **Noelle Garcia** and band will be on hand to get everyone energized, followed by young people from the Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.

ARENA WORKSHOP



Immediately following the rally, Track 2 participants will remain in the Arena to be inspired by our featured speakers, **Valiimar Jansen and Thomas Awaipo**. Val and Thomas will be focusing on our great theme for the day and engaging all of us around how we can become hope for the world.



ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Youth Day ends for Track 2 participants with a Spirit-filled liturgy presided by our own Los Angeles **Archbishop José Gomez**. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir and instrumentalists under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita. Please note that this liturgy will begin approximately at 2:15pm.



3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

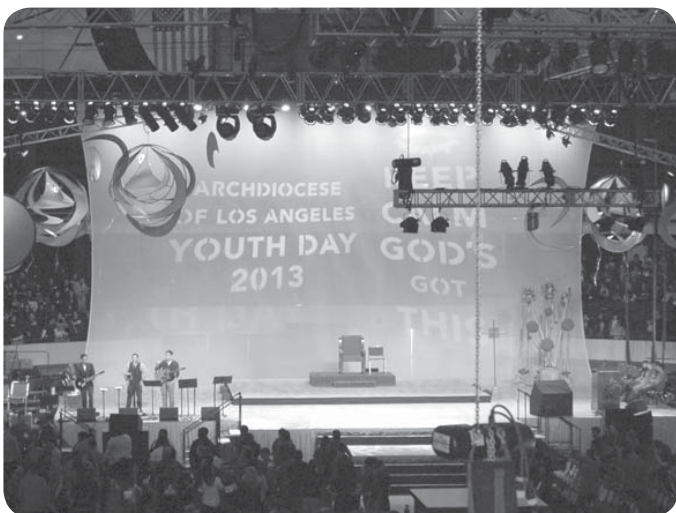
After being reminded that we are “**Never Alone – Forever Accepted,**” participants will be sent out to share the Good News throughout the world!

REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

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

NOTE: YOUTH DAY OFTEN FILLS UP CLOSE TO THE JANUARY 22 DATE FOR THE FEE INCREASE. Please understand that there is limited seating for the event. If Youth Day fills to capacity prior to the January cut-off date, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but please understand that there are no exceptions.

Remember, there are two tracks to Youth Day and every group must choose one. This allows every participant to experience all Arena activities while still giving everyone the chance to hear two workshops (one is automatically chosen for you when you are in the Arena). To enter into the Arena for either Track 1 or Track 2, please line up and use the doors nearest the Hilton Hotel. We allow the exact number of participants as there are seats in the Arena. So please know that there will be room for everyone. Your name badge will make it clear as to which track you have been assigned. We ask you to not go to the Arena until your assigned track. Lastly, please remember that we will clear out the Arena at mid-day and no one is allowed to stay in that space for the entire event.



ARENA WORKSHOP

Both Youth Day tracks get to see our Arena speakers. You can make your choice of Convention Workshop from the remaining 12 speakers whose sessions are held in the Convention Center meeting rooms.

NEVER ALONE – ONE HUMAN FAMILY

Meet and listen to Thomas Awiapo, as he is joined by the dynamic presenter and singer ValLimar Jansen. Together, these two powerful speakers share their stories of survival and success: Thomas in Ghana, West Africa, and ValLimar in the United States. Through their presence and their personal stories of hunger and hope, Thomas and ValLimar bring to life God's invitation to live as one human family. Through storytelling, reflection, prayer, music and movement, Thomas and ValLimar inspire us to embrace the knowledge that we are truly "Never Alone and Forever Accepted!"



Thomas Awiapo

Orphaned before the age of 10, Thomas Awiapo survived bleak poverty and hunger in his small village in Ghana, Africa. The loss of two younger siblings to malnutrition and his search for food at age 12 led him to school, where he eventually won scholarships to attend college. Today, he works for Catholic Relief Services as an international speaker and trainer for community leaders throughout Ghana, where he lives with his wife and four children.



ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. She was Emcee for the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference held in Indianapolis, and she performed with her husband, Frank, at the Loreto/Angora International Papal Event in Italy, which was broadcast on EWTN and across the world.

A DISCIPLES IN OUR OWN FAMILIES

Blessed Pope John Paul II said, "When you proclaim the Gospel, you yourselves grow as you become more deeply rooted in Christ and mature as Christians." Welcome to this call to serve not only in your community but also in your own families. This workshop will focus on providing a clear, manageable and vibrant understanding of the call to discipleship to those who are the closest to you – your family.



Katherine Angulo

Born in Mexico and raised in Bogota, Colombia, Katherine Angulo is fluent in English, Spanish and French. She has over 14 years of experience in youth ministry, campus ministry and religious education serving the Miami Archdiocese, the Diocese of Richmond, Va., and the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn., where she was Director of Pastoral Ministries at St. Mary's Church in Johnson City, Tenn. She is currently serving as Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C.

B LOVE – THE FUNDAMENTAL VOCATION FOR EVERYBODY

This workshop will focus on the fundamental vocation for every human person without exception: Love. Love is for everybody. For all the different states of life in the Church, as well as for believers and non-believers. What does this mean? How does it happen? What happens when this doesn't happen? Who's to say? Come and see.



Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR

Fr. Stan Fortuna, a Catholic priest, is one of the founding members of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Before he entered the priesthood, he was a professional jazz musician, and he continues to play bass and sing at his presentations at conferences both nationally and internationally. In 1987, Fr. Fortuna established the non-profit Francesco Productions to record and distribute evangelical music and video productions with all of the proceeds benefiting the community's work with the poor of South Bronx, N.Y.

C PRAYER THROUGH POP MUSIC

Have you ever listened to a song that describes exactly how you feel? Whether you've been through a break-up and played Taylor Swift relentlessly or felt in love and listened to Jason Mraz all day, we know that music plays a huge part in our lives. While we may think that because these songs aren't bluntly "Christian" they couldn't be prayer, Jackie Francois will share how a lot of pop music mirrors the psalms and can actually help us to pray! Come sing, laugh and pray with Jackie, and take away some valuable insight that will stay with you for the rest of your life as you hear your favorite pop songs!



Jackie Francois Angel

Jackie Francois Angel is a full-time traveling worship leader, speaker and blogger from Orange County, Calif. For the last seven years, she has traveled around the world speaking and singing. Francois has performed at many major Catholic and interfaith events, from World Youth Day in Madrid to national youth conferences and various diocesan conferences. Her CDs are "Your Kingdom is Glorious" and "Divine Comedy," released by OCP/spiritandsong.com.

D "LOL" – LOVING OUR LITURGY

Liturgy can be boring, yet it is one of the most powerful ways we can connect with our awesome God. The boredom often comes from a lack of understanding and recognizing where God is in all of the words, rituals and incense. Fr. Rob Galea will share about his coming-to-appreciation and love of the liturgy and how it played a vital role in his freedom from anger, bitterness and addiction.

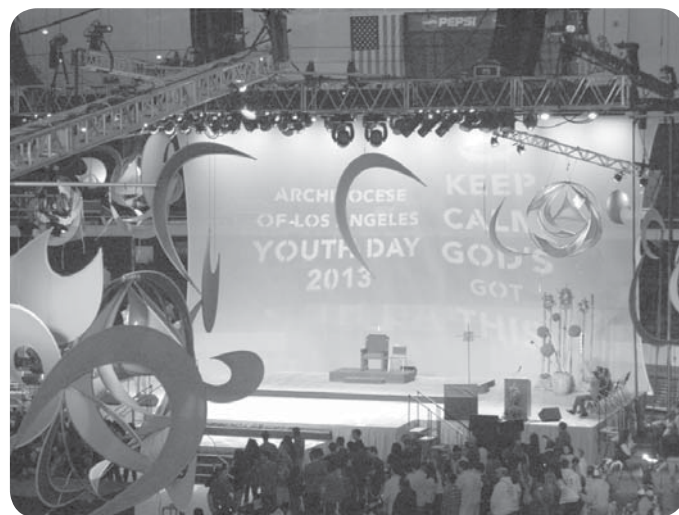


Fr. Rob Galea

Fr. Rob Galea, a Catholic priest, is currently serving as an assistant parish priest and also as a Chaplain at Notre Dame College, both in Shepparton, Victoria, Australia. He is a singer and songwriter with an international fan base. Apart from his series of recordings and CD releases, Fr. Galea has also written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. He is the co-founder of Stronger, a youth program that is quickly becoming one of Victoria state's largest Catholic youth movements.



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E RELATIONSHIPS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE AWESOME

In this generation of hooking up, broken relationships and jaded hearts, God wants to show us his plan for love, sex and relationships. Everyone wants to love and be loved, but not everyone knows the difference between the authentic and the counterfeit. In this workshop, Paul J. Kim delivers a powerful message through comedy and music (beatboxing) that not only entertains but inspires his audience to settle for nothing less than authentic love!



Paul J. Kim

Paul J. Kim is an international youth speaker, vocalist and beatboxer. He presents and performs full time, sharing his music and comedy. A featured performer at the 2013 National Catholic Youth Conference (main stage), Paul was also a speaker at the Steubenville Summer Youth Conferences and presenter at Spirit in the City festival in London, England. His releases include "The World Sings" and "Run Fly Fall," both available on iTunes and Amazon.

H HIGH EXPECTATIONS – LET’S TALK ABOUT WEED

How can a harmless, naturally grown plant, prescribed to cancer patients, that has never killed anyone, possibly hurt you? Impossible, right? Or is it? Here is a chance to get some 420 information that’s made interesting. ... Wow, there’s a twist. Ray Lozano will present up-to-date facts on marijuana in such a fun way that you might just forget you’re learning. This humorous workshop covers: the toxic truth of marijuana; my uncle smokes and he’s OK; weed is worse than cigarettes; and why do weed smokers get tired half way through their sentence?



Ray Lozano

Founder of Prevention Plus, Ray Lozano is a Drug and Alcohol Prevention Specialist and trainer with a counseling background. He also has won several awards for his stand-up comedy with the Improv Comedy Clubs. Lozano speaks from 30 years of experience in the trenches and has spoken to junior high, high school and community groups in every state in the country and is now traveling internationally educating people on the effects of drugs. He is also co-author of the book "Go M.A.D." (Go Make A Difference).

ORDERING OFFICIAL YOUTH DAY T-SHIRTS

Official Youth Day T-shirts are available for custom and group pre-orders. Customize your Youth Day shirt with your youth group or parish name on the back for an additional \$2.50. Custom orders with payment must be received by February 17, 2014 for direct shipping.

Special Pre-Order Discount Pricing (valid thru February 24):

- T-shirts: \$12.50 (\$15 at Youth Day)
- Sweatshirts: \$25 (\$30, limited quantity at Youth Day)
- Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

On Youth Day, merchandise will be available at the Seraph 7 booth in the main lobby of the Convention Center. Pre-order to ensure you get yours at www.seraph7.com or email store@seraph7.com

K DEALING WITH STRESS

Are you stressed? Does just being asked the question stress you out? We all get stressed from time to time, but how we choose to deal with it can really say something about us. Come to this session if you are OK with laughing and loving God and, oh ya, totally stressed out!



Judy McDonald

Judy McDonald has been a professional comedienne for the past 19 years. She is in great demand at parishes and conferences across the United States and internationally. McDonald was a residential minister at the University of San Diego before becoming Youth Minister for the San Diego Diocese. For the past 10 years, she has been traveling in full-time ministry, including shows for military bases in Germany, Italy, Belgium, and parishes in Ireland, Croatia, Scotland and across the United States.

M GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

Are you inspired to get involved with local and global issues? Young people all over the world make the difference they want to see through their commitment to hope and service. So can you! Explore inspirational stories of other young people called by faith to help transform our world! Learn how you can turn your inspiration into action, into a voice for the voiceless, into a “we” movement, leaving no one alone and building, what Pope Francis coined at the 2013 World Youth Day, a “culture of solidarity.”



Ted Miles

Ted Miles, a native of Baltimore, Md., has worked for Catholic Relief Services since 2005 as the Relationship Manager for Religious Education and Coordinator of CRS’ Youth Outreach in the United States. Prior to joining CRS, Miles served in parish youth ministry and Catholic high school education for over 25 years, including development of an immersion experience for youth in the Baltimore Archdiocese. In 2009, he received the award for leadership in youth ministry from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.



Joyce Francois

Joyce Francois has worked for years in the Office for Youth Ministry for the Detroit Archdiocese, where she is currently Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator. She has created a partnership between her archdiocese and the Diocese of Riobamba, Ecuador, and has taken many groups on mission and cultural immersion trips. Francois works primarily with youth from churches within the city of Detroit. She leads various local presentations and training connected to youth ministry.

P I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM

Ice cream! So many different flavors. School, family, church – all are filled with so many different flavors of people and sometimes it is hard to understand, get along or even appreciate others. How do we deal with people who are different than ourselves and aren’t a “flavor” we like? What does Jesus ask of us?



Mike Patin

Mike Patin has worked in youth ministry since 1984, spending six years as a high school teacher and coach before working for the Catholic Youth Organization/ Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He was also on the adjunct faculty at Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans. Since 2003, the “faith horticulturist” has been speaking full time on the issues of Catholic faith, positive attitude and living life fully. Among his many book titles is “A Standing Invitation.”

S GET LIFTED

Today’s role models and TV shows encourage debauchery and other risky behaviors. Most people are looking for someone to look up to and trust, but there are few options. Well, look no further. The ELEV8 team, a group of young artists, writers, actors, dancers, entrepreneurs and speakers, is about to show you that *you, yes you*, have everything you need to be successful and risk free in a compromising world. Get ready to laugh and learn as the ELEV8 team takes you on a realistic journey of today’s challenges of

bullying, drugs and promiscuous sex. Learn the tools you need to get out of the sociological and media-driven trench, maintain your individuality, and “Get Lifted”!



Anthony Preston

Anthony Preston is an actor, musician, motivational speaker, and creator and Executive Producer of ELEV8, a teen integrity program based in Southern California. 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. His presentations call teens to embrace a holistic lifestyle, free of bullying, drugs and promiscuous sex.

X WHERE FAITH AND REAL LIFE COME TOGETHER: LIVING OUR FAITH IN THE WORLD

Join Greg Wasinski as he reminds us, in his genuine and humorous style, to “be nothing more than God created us to be.” He will help us find the ways Jesus is present in the world and how we can share this Good News with our friends, family, parents and, yes, quite possibly, even complete strangers. Greg’s own examples of courage and strength will put our relationship with God on display so that we may begin to encounter him more deeply. You won’t want to miss this workshop to learn that we should not be embarrassed by who we are in faith. Be proud to bring others into the wonderful experiences we have by living a life where Christ is No. 1 and the impact it can have on changing the world.



Greg Wasinski

Greg Wasinski is an inspirational Catholic speaker, author and former radio talk show host from Cleveland. He has been a presenter at many parishes, diocesan rallies and major national youth conferences, as well as keynote at youth rallies across the country for both middle school and high school. Wasinski is also a confirmation retreat leader (for high schools, middle schools and adults), a Bible study lecturer and a contributor to national resources for faith formation. He is expecting completion of his book, “Finding Jesus in the Eucharist,” in 2014.

Z THE BEST LIFE YOU CAN LIVE

Every person can experience God’s best, but most decide for living less. Don’t be one of those people! Gain a deeper understanding of the incredible plan God has for your life, offered through the Church. Discover practical life-changing decisions that will empower you to live out the full purpose of your life. Don’t settle for living “good,” when God is calling you to be great.



Ken Yasinski

Based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, Ken Yasinski is one of Canada’s most sought-after Catholic speakers, speaking full time since 1999. He appears regularly at countless events, including spiritual development days for Catholic school districts, retreats, parish missions, conferences, workshops, seminars, and high school and youth retreats. In addition, Yasinski is founder and President of Face to Face Ministries, songwriter/producer of Catholic worship music, and author of “The Fullness of Purpose.”

WHO MAY ATTEND?

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

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$30 per person. After January 22, 2014, fees increase to \$35 per person. Everyone in your group **MUST** be registered for Youth Day, **including all priests who will be accompanying your group or coming to concelebrate Mass.**

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

For the initial group of 1 to 10 youth, there must be two Adult Chaperones. An additional Chaperone must be included with every consecutive group of up to 10 youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day, with at least one Chaperone attending each activity with each group of up to ten youth. Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without a Chaperone.

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and remains with the group to supervise throughout the day. Chaperones must participate in the events – youth find it more difficult to participate if adults are not engaged. The format of Youth Day enables everyone to have a seat, but large groups may be unable to sit together. We ask that Chaperones divide up and stay with their groups.

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

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early since Youth Day often fills up prior to deadline dates. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. This is due to a limited number of seats. Please note that hitting capacity often happens **before the registration fee increase on January 22, 2014.** If we receive your registration after Youth Day has filled and closed, it will be returned to you. **SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.**

NAME BADGES

All registered persons are given a name badge that serves as their admission to Youth Day. In order to gain and maintain admission into the Convention Center, each person must wear the official Youth Day name badge throughout the day. We require a full first and last name. Registrations will **NOT** be processed if the same name is used in all the spaces on the form or if the names are obviously made up. If needed, you may substitute name badges already sent. We will not be able to print out new badges on site. The name badge color also identifies to which track you have been assigned. You will not be allowed to enter certain parts of Youth Day until your track is scheduled for that event.

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

Youth Day Packets will be mailed after January 27, 2014, to the Contact Person. Please check your packet **IMMEDIATELY** upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and each participant has a name badge.

NOTE: There is a \$50 fee for reprinting the name badges for a group attending Youth Day.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. You may duplicate the form, as needed.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form – all attending the same workshop. The first form must include two Chaperones. Please do not register more people on the form than will be attending, since space is limited.
3. Once a registration has been submitted, additional registrations **CANNOT** be added to the group. To add registrants, a new registration (with another paid Chaperone) must be completed online or sent in. **PLEASE** remember to register priests who accompany your group as well, even if only coming for Mass.
4. All youth must remain with their Chaperone throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name and information of the Contact Person on each form used and indicate if he/she will attend. If the Contact Person plans to attend, his/her name **MUST** appear again as a Chaperone or registrant.
6. For mailed forms, indicate your choices of track and workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of \$30 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by January 22, 2014 to: Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, PO BOX 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955. Make checks payable to: Religious Education Congress. Total fees must accompany registration forms. All incomplete registrations will be mailed back for correcting. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. See www.RECongress.org/YD for online registration info.
8. After January 22, 2014, the Youth Day Registration fee will be increased to \$35 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by January 22, 2014. There are **NO REFUNDS** after that date. There will be a \$10 per registration refund processing fee.
10. **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY!**
11. Questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT

MAKE SURE to mark on the registration whether your group will attend **TRACK 1** or **TRACK 2** (see the previous pages for the descriptions of the tracks). Also, print the letter of your first- and second-choice workshops plainly on the spaces provided. All participants attend the Arena workshop and can choose a second workshop from the listings on the previous pages. The same workshops are offered for both tracks.

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

FOOD SERVICES

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



YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ONLY PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED – NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered with each paid Adult Chaperone. All must attend the same workshops. The first registration form for every group should have two Chaperones listed.
2. Once a Registration Form has been submitted, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new registration AND another paid Chaperone. Please be sure to register all priests who will accompany your group.
3. **YOUTH DAY FEE:** \$30 per person (U.S. dollars only). After January 22, 2014 the fee increases to \$35 per person.
4. **NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE.** The FINAL Registration deadline is February 14, 2014. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Total payment must accompany this form.
6. Mail checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
7. **Name badges will be mailed after January 27, 2014.** Please check your packet when it arrives, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has a name badge. Students **MUST** remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 22, 2014. Note: There is a **\$10 per registration** refund processing fee.
9. **REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.**

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

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

– For Office Use Only –

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

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

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

SERVICES • Any special service needs? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter Deaf-Blind Interpreter Wheelchair access
 Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) • Name of student/adult requiring assistance _____

ADULT CHAPERONE

	\$30	\$35
First Name _____ Last Name _____	By Jan. 22	After Jan. 22
REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Adult)		
Adult? <input type="checkbox"/> First Name _____ Last Name _____	\$60	\$70
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$90	\$105
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$120	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$180	\$210
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$210	\$245
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$240	\$280
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$275	\$315
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$330	\$385

Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 22, 2014.

Choice for Group:
Track 1 or Track 2

Workshop choice:
1ST _____
2ND _____

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

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

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

– YOU MAY DUPLICATE THIS FORM –

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 am - 3:00 pm
On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:30 - 9:30 am
Opening Rite & Welcome
(Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am
Period 1 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Music (Arena)
– The Jacob & Matthew Band

Music (Hall B)
– Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart,
& Jackie Francois

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)
– “United by Faith and
Language” / “Unidos
por la fe y el idioma”
Film Showcase 2014
(Convention 201)

9:00 pm
Celtic Prayer
(see page 22)

Registration Hours
7:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)

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

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

Speaker Signings
11:30 am - 5:00 pm
(Southeast side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting
Noon (Marriott)

OPENING RITE & WELCOME

“HOPE: A WORLD AFIRE”

We gather in hope! We fan the flame of God’s fiery presence in us and among us. Our hearts and our voices will unite in a chorus of praise and gratefulness. This amazing and spirit-filled gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

Archbishop José Gomez	Helena Buscema	Jacob Israel	Monica Miller Luther
Edith Prendergast, RSC	Karla Carrillo	Frank Jansen	Rafael Moreno
Paulette Smith	Andrew Chinn	Valimar Jansen	Donna Peña
Jan Pedroza	Harrison Crenshaw	Mary Janus	Danielle Rose
John Flaherty	Elohim D’Leon	Tom Kendzia	Pedro Rubalcava
Tony Alonso	Gary Daigle	Peter Kolar	Brenda Smith
Donna Anderle	Chris de Silva	Gaile Krause	Nicole Smith-Masero
David Anderson	Santiago Fernández	Liam Lawton	Curtis Stephan
John Angotti	Noelle Garcia	Carey Landry	Ginny Temple
Steve Angrisano	Estela García-López	Matthew Leon	Trevor Thomson
Ed Archer	Hermana Glenda	Michael Paul Leon	Teresa Weiss
Meredith Augustin	Laura Gomez	Rudy López	John West & the Valyermo Dancers
Betsey Beckman	David Haas	Michael Mangan	... and many others
Anna Betancourt	Sarah Hart	Jesse Manibusan	
John Burland	Marty Haugen	Cesar Marquez	

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



The Jacob & Matthew Band

THE JACOB & MATTHEW BAND

Come sing, rejoice, pray and celebrate with this gifted band as they debut new songs off their forth-coming album and share some crowd favorites that many have come to love. Sit back, relax, enjoy your meal and listen to their rich blend of music and prayer that is sure to lift your spirits!

JESSE MANIBUSAN, SARAH HART & JACKIE FRANCOIS

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Come and experience songs and stories that will more than entertain, but rather excite, encourage and energize. Enjoy this trio of talent from Oregon Catholic Press/spiritandsong.com. Don’t miss this wonderful, exciting model of catechesis and evangelization.



Manibusan Hart Francois

FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm



Fernandez

“United by Faith and Language” / “Unidos por la fe y el idioma”

Join Santiago Fernandez and friends on a musical journey through Latin America to celebrate faith and life. The evening will celebrate the sounds and rhythms of Hispanic culture. Come ready to sing and dance to the music and the angelic voices of the Latino artists you have come to know and love!

Únanse a Santiago Fernández y amigos en un viaje musical por Latinoamérica para celebrar la fe y la vida. Un noche de alegre celebración al ritmo y sonido de la cultura hispana. ¡Vengan listos para cantar y bailar con la música y las voces angélicas de los artistas latinos que ya conocen y a quienes tanto quieren!

FILM SHOWCASE 2014

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.



PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 Keeping the Faith While Teaching the Faith! (*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 1-02 The New Evangelization (*) - **Fr. Pat Brennan**
- 1-03 Not So Fast: Prayer in the Life of Jesus and You and Me - **Fr. Robert Fabing**
- 1-04 Enough is Enough! (*) - **Rev. John Cusick**
- 1-05 The Slave Across the Street: A True Story of Human Trafficking in the States (*) - **Theresa Flores**
- 1-06 Leadership and Social Justice: How Catholic Schools Can Change Our World (*) - **Dan Friedt**
- 1-07 The Re-making of the Papacy: From Pope Paul VI to Pope Francis (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 1-08 Temptation, Suffering and Forgiveness: The Spiritual Life (*) - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 1-09 Making a Difference: Being Not Just the Best IN the World, but the Best FOR the World (*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 1-10 Focusing on Forgiveness: How to Prepare a Successful Reconciliation Retreat for Children (*) - **Rhea Hristou**
- 1-11 St. Francis, Pope Francis and a Vision for the 21st-century Parish (*) - **Jack Jezreel**
- 1-12 Forming Students with a Global Catholic Perspective (*) - **Bishop Gerald Kicanas**
- 1-13 21 Ways to Build a More Robust Catholic Identity (*) - **Joe Paprocki**
- 1-14 Setting Hearts Afire: Music and Drama in Scripture and Liturgy (*) - **Michael Mangan & Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 1-15 The Burning Bush: A Model for Ministry? (*) - **Mike Patin**
- 1-16 Were You There? Walking the Road to Calvary with Jesus (*) - **Rev. R. Tony Ricard**
- 1-17 Fear and Her Many Children: As Dampening Our Hope and Our Fire (*) - **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 1-18 Everything is Sacred: An Introduction to the Sacrament of Baptism (*) - **Fr. Thomas Scirghi**
- 1-19 Singing Daniel: Biblical Interpretation in the African-American "Spirituals" (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 1-20 Holistic Chastity Education: Not Just "The Talk" (*) - **Pam Stenzel**
- 1-21 A Long Look at the Lectionary for Mass (*) - **Rev. Paul Turner**
- 1-22 HIV/AIDS: A Continuing Challenge to the Church and the World (*) - **Msgr. Robert Vitillo**
- 1-23 We Shall Praise Your Name (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 1-24 Parenting: Are We Having Fun Yet?! (*) - **Char Wenc**
- 1-25 Growing a Healthy Parish (*) - **Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran**
- 1-26 Sharing the Old, Old Story: Storytelling in the African-American Community (*) - **Dr. Vanessa White**
- 1-27 Solace: The Art of Asking the Beautiful Question - **David Whyte**
- 1-28 Just Start Where You Are: Turning the NEXT Corner in Your Spiritual Life - **Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop ("My lips shall speak your praise": The Role of the Psalms in the Liturgy) (*) - **Fr. Thinh Duc Pham**

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 Messengers of Hope: Expanding the Vision of Ministry for the 21st Century - **Tony Alonso & Marty Haugen**
- 2-02 Developing a Children's Liturgical Dance Ministry (*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 2-03 Walking Together as One Family of Hope (*) - **Thomas Awiapo & ValLimar Jansen**
- 2-04 Songs of Hope and Celebration for Children (*) - **John Burland**
- 2-05 Making the Connection with Parents while Preparing Youth for Confirmation (*) - **Tom East**
- 2-06 Who's Sorry Now? The Challenge of Forgiveness (*) - **Sr. Fran Ferder & Fr. John Heagle**
- 2-07 Where is God in All This? - **Amy Florian**
- 2-08 Divinization: The Invitation of the Eucharist to Communion of Life and Love with God (*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 2-09 Getting Teens to "LOL" – Love Our Liturgy (*) - **Fr. Rob Galea**
- 2-10 RCIA: Discerning Conversion (*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 2-11 Catholic Spiritual Practices: A Treasury Old and New (*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome & Dr. Colleen Griffith**
- 2-12 Today's Domestic Church: Driving the New Evangelization (*) - **Lisa Hendey & Sarah Reinhard**
- 2-13 Immigration: A Moral, Ethical Issue (*) - **Bishop Gerald Kicanas**
- 2-14 Living with the Lord's Prayer (*) - **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 2-15 Teaching Kids to Pray – Praying in Color (*) - **Sybil MacBeth**
- 2-16 Why Catholics Shouldn't Be Fundamentalists (*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 2-17 Hope and Fire: Catechetical Insights on the Holy Spirit (*) - **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 2-18 Rekindling the Flame (*) - **Sr. Carol Quinlivan**
- 2-19 That's a Good Story! Using Narrative to Teach About Morality (*) - **Dr. Richard Rymarz**
- 2-20 Bringing the Death Penalty Up Close (*) - **Dale & Susan Recinella**
- 2-21 Fuel for the Fire: How to Keep from Burning Out, Burning Over or Being Burned (*) - **Christine & Michael Skinner**
- 2-22 Developing the Parish as a Community of Service: A Parish Filled with Life and Hope (*) - **Bro. Loughlan Sofield**
- 2-23 Announcers of a New Pentecost (*) - **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 2-24 Revolutionary Hope (*) - **Jim Wallis**
- 2-25 Islam and the Arab Spring: Democracy and Revolution and War (*) - **Jihad Turk**
- 2-26 The Brain and God: Are We "Wired" for Spirituality? (*) - **Jean Marie Weber**
- 2-27 The Pilgrim Way: Setting Direction for a Future Life - **David Whyte**
- 2-28 Reinvigorating Catholic Identity in a Digital Civilization (*) - **Sr. Angela Zukowski**
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The New Evangelization: Our Identity, Our Mission) (*) - **Fr. Bao Nguyen**

PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 Confirming Adult Catholics (*) - **Mary Birmingham**
- 3-02 "In Joyful Hope" – Songs of Joy and Hope for Our Children (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 3-03 The Heart of It All: Keys to Awesome Adolescent Ministry! (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 3-04 Illuminating Church Teachings on Homosexuality (*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 3-05 Cry Out with Joy: Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word in Song - **David Haas & Lori True**
- 3-06 The Bible is a Dangerous Book: The Radical and Inclusive Kingdom of Jesus (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 3-07 Dying Young: Why the Young Church Is Falling Away and What We Can Do About It (*) - **Mark Hart**
- 3-08 Five Things Every Kid Needs To Know ... However Old We Are! (*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 3-09 Do You See What I See? A Catechist's Perspective (*) - **Dr. Sandra Kennedy**
- 3-10 Discovering the Assembly's Voice: Sacred Music in the Liturgy - **Peter Kolar**
- 3-11 Hearts Burning, or Heartburn? (*) - **Fr. David Loftus**
- 3-12 Music and Multicultural Ministry (*) - **Jesse Manibusan**
- 3-13 Praying with Scripture (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 3-14 The Social Teaching of Pope Francis (*) - **Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 3-15 How to Talk with Young People About God! (*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 3-16 Wear Hope Like a Second Skin! (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 3-17 The Church, Pope Francis and You: Where Are We Going? (*) - **Fr. Jonathan Morris**
- 3-18 The Seven Habits of Highly Evangelistic Catholics - **Hector Molina Jr.**
- 3-19 P.A.R.T.Y. (Parents and Administration Remembering The Youth) (*) - **Anthony Preston**
- 3-20 Does the Word of God Really Have Authority in the Church? (*) - **Fr. Timothy Radcliffe**
- 3-21 Culture, Justice and Caritas: The Vision of Popes Benedict and Francis (*) - **Dr. Jonathan Reyes**
- 3-22 Families ARE the Future of the Church! (*) - **John Roberto**
- 3-23 Crucifixion: How a Terrible Form of Capital Punishment Became a Symbol of Abundant Life (*) - **Fr. Donald Senior**
- 3-24 Pope Francis: How Do We Become the "Church of the Poor"? (*) - **Bishop Sylvester Ryan, Msgr. Timothy Dyer & Joyce Francois**
- 3-25 Intellectual Preparation for the New Evangelization: Four Critical Challenges from Contemporary Culture (*) - **Rev. Robert Spitzer**
- 3-26 Confirmation in a New Translation (*) - **Rev. Paul Turner**
- 3-27 The Common Good and an Un-common Hope (*) - **Jim Wallis**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Teaching Mission and Evangelization Methods for Today's Young People) (*) - **Bro. Fortunat Phong**

🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 3:00 pm

On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

7:50 am

Morning Praise (Arena)

8:30 am

Keynote Address (Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 4 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)

– John Burland, Andrew Chinn
& Michael Mangan

Music (Hall B)

– Val Jansen & Curtis Stephan

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 5 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Period 6 Workshops

5:15 pm

Eucharistic Liturgies
& Prayer Services
(see page 22)

8:00 pm

Concert (Arena)
– Ceili Rain

8:30 pm

Sacred Illuminations 2014
(Convention 213)

9:00 pm

Taizé Prayer
(see page 22)

9:00 pm - midnight

Young Adult Dance
(Marriott)

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)

Speaker Signings

11:30 am - 5:00 pm
(Southeast side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott)

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 7:50 am

Let us welcome a new day and sing out in a chorus of praise and worship to the God of Hope who stirs up the flame burning in the hearts of all of us gathered today. Donna Peña, Pedro Rubalcava and John Angotti will lead this spirit-filled and uplifting celebration. Our presider will be Julianne Donlon-Stanz. Together, we will celebrate and pour out the fire of God's love into our world.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE



Barron

VERY REV. ROBERT BARRON, MA, STD

Arena – 8:30 am

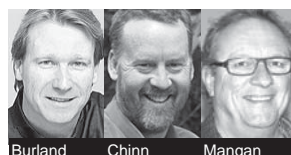
“Hope to Set the World Afire”

Let us explore the essential recommendations for the successful proclamation of Jesus Christ in today's culture. This calls for a “willingness to tell the great story,” lead with the beautiful, preach with ardor, and employ the new media. The presentation will renew our spirits and send us to engage in the transformation of our world.

Fr. Robert Barron is an author, speaker, theologian and Rector/President of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. He is also founder of the global media ministry Word on Fire, which reaches millions of people by utilizing the tools of new media to draw people into or back to the Catholic faith.

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Burland Chinn Mangan

JOHN BURLAND, ANDREW CHINN & MICHAEL MANGAN

“Songs of Hope, Songs of Joy”

All the way from Down Under! Join these three inspirational Australians on an intergenerational musical journey of faith, hope and joy. Come and immerse your spirit in a vibrant and uplifting celebration, sure to set hearts afire!

VAL LIMAR JANSEN & CURTIS STEPHAN

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Come! Join ValLimar Jansen, Curtis Stephan and their friends for unforgettable lunchtime entertainment. Curtis has immense talent and experience, beginning with the prestige of playing trumpet in the University of North Texas' world-renowned “One O’Clock” band (*Google it*). Over the years, we have grown to know ValLimar's musical prowess, beginning with her serving as cantor for the first Jazz Mass at the L.A. Religious Education Congress 20 years ago! You are guaranteed a great time!



Jansen Stephan

SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT



Ceili Rain

CEILI RAIN

Arena – 8:00 pm

Just the heavenly party you are looking for on Saturday night! Ceili Rain's upbeat Celtic pop-rock music makes dancers of us all in the Arena! Featuring songs from their new “Hymns & Hers” CD, along with your old favorites, the Ceili tunes allow no heart to be left unmoved, no feet to stand still! Winners of 12 Unity Awards, and back at Congress by popular demand!

SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2014

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm

Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound – incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, will lead us on a journey into the urgency of God's longing for us.



Sacred Illuminations 2014

PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 Ministers of Hope as Prophets and Mystics (*) - **Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas**
- 4-02 Dancing with Hildegard / Dancing with Hope (*) - **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 4-03 Can the Natural World Afford a “Just War”? (*) - **Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 4-04 Egypt Behind ... Gladness to Find (*) - **Dr. Michael Downey**
- 4-05 Disciple Building Youth Ministry that is BUILT TO LAST (*) - **Tom East**
- 4-06 Prayer Afire: Enlivening Prayer Experiences for Children (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 4-07 Be Dazzled by the Light of Faith: A Practical Look at the Encyclical of Pope Francis (*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 4-08 Will There Be Faith? (*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-09 Say What!?!? Getting the Church More Engaged at Your Parish (*) - **Mark Hart**
- 4-10 Reconciliation: The Forgotten Sacrament (*) - **Rev. James Heft**
- 4-11 Henri Nouwen: A Life of Hope Amidst Tension - **Wil Hernandez**
- 4-12 Scandalous Love: You Can't Get Away From a Love That Won't Let You Go (*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-13 Creating a Culture of Holiness in Your Parish (*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 4-14 Mothers, Mystics, Martyrs and Models of Faith (*) - **Vallimar Jansen & Sarah Hart**
- 4-15 Simplicity: A Freedom, a Challenge and a Mandate for Human Survival (*) - **Jack Jezreel**
- 4-16 What I Heard in the Confessional (*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 4-17 “Post-sacrament” Evangelization (*) - **Cardinal Roger Mahony**
- 4-18 How Religion Both Makes and Unmakes Racial Prejudice and Fear (*) - **Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 4-19 The Peaceful Soul: Making the Serenity Prayer a Way of Life (*) - **Fr. Jonathan Morris**
- 4-20 Native American Spirituality, Tradition and Storytelling (*) - **Georgiana Valoyce Sanchez, Luella Wagner, Clementine Bordeaux & David Valenzuela**
- 4-21 *In Vitro* Fertilization and Assisted Reproductive Technologies - **Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk**
- 4-22 The “Question Behind the Question”: What Youth and Young Adults Really Want to Know and How to Address Their Fears, Hopes and Concerns (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 4-23 Evangelization and Justice in the Church's Mission (*) - **Dr. Jonathan Reyes**
- 4-24 If Loving You is Wrong, I Don't Want to be Right! Exploring God's Unconditional Love (*) - **Rev. R. Tony Ricard**
- 4-25 The New Evangelization: Called to Be Holy (*) - **Bishop David Ricken**
- 4-26 Avoiding the “Stale Air”: A Biblical Reflection on the Mission of Jesus and the Essential Outreach of the Church (*) - **Fr. Donald Senior**
- 4-27 Ecclesia: The Church as a Movement (*) - **Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran**
- 4-28 Riding the Dragon: Strengthening Your Inner Life in Challenging Times - **Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Liturgy and Lay Ministries) (*) - **Fr. Think Duc Pham**

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 All Things Catholic: What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church (*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 Liturgical Movement for Adults (*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 5-03 Human Trafficking: Going Under the Belly of the Beast (*) - **Patrick Atkinson**
- 5-04 *Misio Dei*: Transfiguration of All Creation (*) - **Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 5-05 Standing with Those Who “Live Outside the Camp” (*) - **Rev. Gregory Boyle**
- 5-06 Communion (*) - **Fr. Pat Brennan**
- 5-07 Get Them to Church: Ways to Bring Catholics to Sunday Mass, Every Sunday (*) - **Fr. Louis Cameli**
- 5-08 Secular Sanctity - **Fr. Donald Cozzens**
- 5-09 The Pastor Has All the Power – However... Without the Laity and Lay Leadership, There is Little Power to Exercise! (*) - **Rev. John Cusick**
- 5-10 Parishes Working Together: New Hope for the New Evangelization (*) - **Msgr. Raymond East**
- 5-11 The Passion Calls Us to be Peacemakers (*) - **Fr. Gary Donegan & Brian McKee**
- 5-12 Gay Catholic? Identifying as Catholic Before Gay (*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice & Panel**
- 5-13 A Church Afire with Hope (*) - **Fr. William Headley**
- 5-14 Enriching Sunday Mass with a Hymn of the Day - **Fr. Jan Michael Joncas**
- 5-15 Hi God: Evangelizing Children Through Music, Gesture and Song - **Carol Kinghorn & Carey Landry**
- 5-16 Pilgrim: Seeking the Way - **Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso & Chris de Silva**
- 5-17 Medical and Moral Decision-making in End-of-Life Situations - **Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk**
- 5-18 Collaboration or Competition: Mass and Sports vs. Mass or Sports (*) - **Robert McCarty & Vikki Shepp**
- 5-19 Being Christ's Body (*) - **Fr. Timothy Radcliffe**
- 5-20 Attuning Ourselves to the Fire, the Heartbeat of Christ: Exploring a Rich Mystical Image (*) - **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 5-21 Saved by Beauty: The Healing Power of Art and Music (*) - **Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath & John Angotti**
- 5-22 Growing Up Catholic: Character and Faith (Young Adolescent Ministry) (*) - **Sr. Kieran Sawyer**
- 5-23 Young Adult Ministry: 10 ways to Engage, Empower and Ignite the Faith of Young Adults (*) - **Julianne Stanz**
- 5-24 “I Will Prove My Holiness Through You...” (Ez. 36:23-26) (*) - **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 5-25 American Islam (*) - **Jihad Turk**
- 5-26 Developing the Gift of Faith (*) - **Jean Marie Weber**
- 5-27 Sacramental Imagination and Faith Formation (*) - **Sr. Angela Zukowski**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (One Can't Really Hope Without Faith) (*) - **Bishop Joseph Nguyen Tuoc**

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Imagining God in a Scientific Age (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 6-02 Answer the Call: Ritual Creating Discipleship (*) - **Tom Kendzia**
- 6-03 “Spiritual But Not Religious” Adults and Young Adults Belong Here (*) - **Douglas Leal**
- 6-04 Holding to Belief in an Unbelieving World - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 6-05 Praying in Color (*) - **Sybil MacBeth**
- 6-06 1, 2, 3 ... God Loves Me! Singing and Celebrating with Children (*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 6-07 The Paschal Mystery in Daily Life (*) - **Dr. Timothy Matovina**
- 6-08 Three Jewish Spiritual Heroes: Moses, David, Jesus (*) - **Rabbi Michael Meyersohn**
- 6-09 Are You Certifiable? Exploring National Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification: The Opportunities and Challenges (*) - **Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 6-10 Inspiring Youth to Mission and Solidarity (*) - **Ted Miles, Joyce Francois & Juan Carlos Montenegro**
- 6-11 What is Hope but Courage Willed and Shared! (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 6-12 “For You Were Once Aliens!” (Ex. 22:20): The Bible on Immigrants (*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 6-13 Hold Each Other – For God's Sake: An Affirmation of the Gift of Sexuality (*) - **Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 6-14 T.H.I.N.K.: Five Ways to Deal with the Media in Your (Child's) Life (*) - **Sr. Rose Pacatte**
- 6-15 Catholic Teaching and the Realities of the American Death Penalty (*) - **Dale & Susan Recinella**
- 6-16 Pope Francis: What Does He Mean for the Church? - **Thomas Reese**
- 6-17 Signs of God's Grace: The Sacraments (*) - **Fr. Thomas Scirghi**
- 6-18 The Pastoral Council: Building a Living, Hope-filled Community, Not a Corporate Body of Management (*) - **Bro. Loughlan Sofield**
- 6-19 Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God: Why Would an All-loving God Allow Suffering? (*) - **Rev. Robert Spitzer**
- 6-20 The ABCs of Faith Formation with Youth (*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 6-21 Sacraments for Older Children: Practical Ideas to Address the Need (*) - **Victor Valenzuela**
- 6-22 HIV Prevention Based on the Dignity of the Human Person: Effective and Faithful Responses (*) - **Msgr. Robert Vitillo**
- 6-23 Setting Your Choir on Fire! (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 6-24 Parenting Teens and Surviving With Grace! (*) - **Char Wenc**
- 6-25 Fanning a Small Flame into a Mighty Fire (*) - **David Wells**
- 6-26 Enkindle the Light of Hope Through Dance (*) - **John West**
- 6-27 Attention, Please! Using the Divine Pedagogy to Help Children Focus and Engage in Their Faith (*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Teaching Young People the Burning Question Concerning Moral Life: “Bioethics”) (*) - **Bro. Fortunat Phong**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 11:00 am

On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:00 - 9:30 am

Eucharistic Liturgy
(Arena)

8:30 am

Morning Address
English: Dr. Carolyn Woo
Spanish: Msgr. Eduardo Chávez

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– Donna Peña, Meredith Augustin
& Anna Betancourt

Music (Hall B)

– Estela García-López,
Rudy López & Pedro Rubalcava

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm

Liturgy (Arena)
Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

Registration Hours

8:00 - 11:00 am
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Hall A)

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Convention 304)

Speaker Signings

9:30 am - 3:00 pm
(Southeast side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs

(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott)



SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am

We gather as a community of faith to give thanks and praise. Our morning Liturgy will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange, Calif. Nourished by Word and sacrament, we go out with fire in our hearts to set the world ablaze with the Good News of the Gospel story and tradition.



Vann

SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS



Woo

DR. CAROLYN WOO

8:30 am

“Leadership for Transformation: Ministry Afire for the Common Good with Uncommon Excellence!” 🎧

Join Dr. Carolyn Woo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), as she inspires leadership for transformation of our world. Enjoy music by OCP artists touched by their journey to Ghana, Africa. Enter into the story of Dr. Woo’s journey from her birth place in Hong Kong, her immigration to the United States to attend Purdue University, as Dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, to her current position at CRS, our U.S. Catholic community’s mission to serve millions of our brothers and sisters around the world with compassion and excellence. Leave inspired with the tools to be the body of Christ in the world and lead lives and ministry “afire” for the common good.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Peña Augustin Betancourt

DONNA PEÑA, MEREDITH AUGUSTIN & ANNA BETANCOURT

“Music to Fill Your Soul”

Need to feed your soul? Come and join these three gifted women as they inspire and enrich your lunch hour with a wonderful musical experience that will fill your heart with hope and gratitude.

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

ESTELA GARCÍA-LÓPEZ, RUDY LÓPEZ & PEDRO RUBALCAVA

“Live Your Faith!” / “¡Vive tu fe!”

Join Stella Garcia-Lopez, Rudy Lopez, Pedro Rubalcava and friends for a musical event that will motivate and encourage you through a variety of songs and sounds in praise and thanksgiving of the God of life. Come, set the world afire with hope!



Garcia-Lopez Lopez Rubalcava

Únanse con Estela García-López, Rodolfo López, Pedro Rubalcava y sus compañeros para un evento musical que anima y alienta a través de una matiz de sonidos en gracias y alabanza al Dios de la vida. ¡Vengan y encendamos al mundo con esperanza!

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm



Gomez

ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDER

As Congress 2014 draws to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and stretch out to set our world ablaze. We witness to the transformation that the spark of Jesus effects in us and place our lives and ministry at the service of God’s people. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2014, under the direction of John Flaherty.



Flaherty

PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 The Francis Revolution: The Papacy at the One-Year Mark (*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 7-02 Liturgical Movement: Aflame with the Love of Life (*) - **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 7-03 Get Wet: 12 Ways to Reawaken and Celebrate Your Baptismal Call! (*) - **Nancy Bird**
- 7-04 Breathing Life into Our Faith: Catechesis and the RCIA (*) - **Mary Birmingham**
- 7-05 Enlivening Children's Catechesis Through Song (*) - **John Burland**
- 7-06 Chasing the Devil Out of Your Parish: Recognizing and Resisting Evil in Parish Life (*) - **Fr. Louis Cameli**
- 7-07 The New Evangelization and Catechesis (*) - **Robert Feduccia Jr.**
- 7-08 Play! Pray! Yay! Setting Little Hearts Afire Through Drama (*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 7-09 Renewing Our Passion: The Church (*) - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 7-10 Do Not Be Afraid, I Am With You - **David Haas**
- 7-11 Set Afire: The Transforming Power of Sharing Tales About Catholic Teaching and the Life and Work of Catholics That Inspire (*) - **Deacon Ron Hansen & Deacon Joe Symkowitz**
- 7-12 Solving the Social Media Mystery: Tips, Tools and Techniques for the New Evangelization (*) - **Lisa Hendey & Sarah Reinhard**
- 7-13 Parables of Jesus in Matthew: Fiery Teachings! (*) - **Fr. Felix Just**
- 7-14 Motivator, Model, Minister...Catechist, Who Do You Say You Are? (*) - **Dr. Sandra Kennedy**
- 7-15 The New Evangelization: Re-proposing Christ and the Best Version of You (*) - **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 7-16 Prayer: Turning the Ordinary into Extraordinary Moments of Grace (*) - **Diana Macalintal**
- 7-17 Who is Jesus? (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 7-18 Ecumenism: What Is Its Future? (*) - **Bishop Malcolm McMahon**
- 7-19 Good Church: A Treacherous Adventure (*) - **Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 7-20 Pope Francis: What He Means for the World? - **Thomas Reese**
- 7-21 Living the Mission of Jesus in Our World Today (*) - **Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez-Maradiaga**
- 7-22 Young World Changers – Stories from Middle-School Youth Engaged in Service (*) - **Susan Searle**
- 7-23 Girls Gone Right: Right Foundation, Right Character, Right Relationships (*) - **Pam Stenzel**
- 7-24 Early Childhood Catechesis: Why It's Important and Six Steps for Success (*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
- 7-25 A Rich Garden: Intercultural Leadership and Ministry (*) - **Dr. Vanessa White**
- 7-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Christians: The Witness of Hope) (*) - **Bishop Joseph Nguyen Tuoc**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 Fiery Women! Stories of Hope (*) - **Sr. Kathy Bryant**
- 8-02 "Our Hearts Burn Within Us" – Songs of Scripture to Set Children's Hearts Afire (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 8-03 Journey of the Heart – Turas an Chroi (*) - **Deirdre Ní Chinnéide**
- 8-04 The Raging Flame of Missionary Hope: A Witness of "With-ness" (*) - **Fr. Ken Deasy**
- 8-05 Dealing with the Legacy of Past Conflict (*) - **Fr. Gary Donegan & Brian McKee**
- 8-06 Is Your Hidden Self Growing Strong? The Path Toward Deeper Wholeness (*) - **Sr. Fran Ferder & Fr. John Heagle**
- 8-07 S.O.A.P.: The Importance of Spirituality in Healing Human Trafficking Survivors (*) - **Theresa Flores**
- 8-08 Living Water: Lessons from the Woman at the Well - **Amy Florian**
- 8-09 A Glimpse into the Heart of God: Seeing into the Darkness of Suffering and Evil (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 8-10 Breaking of the Bread: How to Prepare a Successful First Communion Retreat for Children (*) - **Rhea Hristou**
- 8-11 Preparing for the New Order of Celebrating Marriage - **Fr. Michael Joncas**
- 8-12 What Children Give to Parents (*) - **Dr. Christopher Kaczor**
- 8-13 Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying - **Carol Kinghorn & Carey Landry**
- 8-14 Preaching and Teaching Mary: A Sane Approach to Mariology - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 8-15 "Wake Me Up When It Matters": The Real Matters of Faith and How You Can Effectively Call Young People to Passionate Discipleship (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 8-16 Let's Sing our Faith at Weddings, Funerals and Quinceañeras - **Pedro Rubalcava & Estela García-López**
- 8-17 I Can't Tell 'em That! Use of Direct Instruction in Religious Education (*) - **Dr. Richard Rymarz**
- 8-18 Theology of the Body and Chastity Education (*) - **Sr. Kieran Sawyer**
- 8-19 In the Real World, Reach Your Teens the Moment They Walk in the Door! (*) - **Anna Scally**
- 8-20 Raising the Roof: Making Room for all God's Children (*) - **Christine & Michael Skinner**
- 8-21 Jesus the Prophet? Insights from Reading Jesus with the Old Testament Prophets (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 8-22 At the Heart of Adult Faith Formation: Discipleship and Hospitality (*) - **Julianne Stanz**
- 8-23 For Your Eyes Only: The Top Secrets to Successful Event Planning (*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 8-24 Learn How to Use the RCIA to Train for Christian Life (*) - **Nick Wagner**
- 8-25 "Go, and Announce the Gospel of the Lord": Set the World Afire! (*) - **David Wells**

Assemblies

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The ORE Booth at the center of Exhibit Hall A.

LITURGIES/PRAYER SERVICES



Arena Liturgy



Hawaiian Liturgy



Contempative Liturgy



Byzantine Liturgy

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

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

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

FRIDAY – MARCH 14

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Celtic	Msgr. Clement Connolly	Liam Lawton
Jazz	Rev. Patrick Mullen	Curtis Stephan / Chris de Silva
Spanish	Archbishop José Gomez	Santiago Fernandez / Rudy López / Estela García-López
Urban Fusion	Msgr. Ray East	Meredith Augustin
Vietnamese	Bishop Joseph Nguyen Tuoc	Vietnamese Community

FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (5:15 & 9:00 pm)

In addition to our liturgies, we offer non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers) and a later evening Celtic service. In the Celtic tradition, prayer was woven naturally as a liturgy of the hours, calling the heart to stop, listen and open to the presence and movement of God in all. As light departs at the end of the day, we gather in silence, prayer and chant, blessing the gift of our gathering and awakening the soul for the new tomorrow.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Juliette Marsh-Williams	Cesar Marquez / Theresa Weiss
Celtic Prayer (9 pm)	Deirdre Ní Chinnéide	

SATURDAY – MARCH 15

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE (7:50 am)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Praise	Julianne Stanz	Donna Peña / Pedro Rubalcava / John Angotti

SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

Black Culture	Rev. Gregory Chisholm	Los Angeles Archdiocesan Choir / Eddie Hilley / John Allen
Contemplative	Rev. Jack Stoeger	Tony Alonso / Trevor Thomson
Mayan	Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez	Anna Betancourt / Rafael Moreno
Native American	Rev. Henry Sands	Donna Peña
Tongan	TBA	Tongan Community
Young Adult	Rev. Greg Boyle	Jesse Manibusan

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (5:15 & 9:00 pm)

Our evening prayer is a non-Eucharistic vespers service. Later in the evening, there is a Taizé service offering. Taizé, named after the monastic order and city in France, uses silence and music that draws upon simple phrases taken from the psalms.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Diana Macalintal	Jeanne Cotter / Gary Daigle
Taizé Prayer (9 pm)	—	David Anderson

SUNDAY – MARCH 16

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Liturgy (8 am)	Bishop Kevin Vann	Congress Choir 2014
Closing Liturgy (3:30 pm)	Archbishop José Gomez	Congress Choir 2014

Asian and Pacific Presence: A Teaching Moment

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

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

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

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



Filipino Community



Lithuanian Community



Polish Community



Vietnamese Community

VIETNAMESE WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

- 1-70 Fr. Thinh Duc Pham
- 2-70 Fr. Bao Nguyen
- 3-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- 4-70 Fr. Thinh Duc Pham
- 5-70 Bishop Joseph Nguyen Tuoc
- 6-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 7-70 Bishop Joseph Nguyen Tuoc

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

WORKSHOP: 3:00 pm
3-12 Jesse Manibusan

LITURGY: Vietnamese - 5:15 pm
Bishop Joseph Nguyen Tuoc, presider

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

ADDRESS: 8:30 am
Dr. Carolyn Woo

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday
Convention Center, 2nd Floor,
Prefunction Lobby

The Religious Education Congress annually presents a Multicultural Exhibit, a collaborative effort with the Archdiocesan Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry, to expose attendees to the diverse ethnic communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. You will find a variety of cultural and religious artifacts, expressions of faith or religious piety practices, stories of saints and martyrs, and a plethora of items from the cultures of Native America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa/African-American, and Asia. It’s a wonderful resource for catechists and all involved in faith formation processes. The exhibit is available throughout the weekend.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Young Adult Ministry at Congress 2014

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

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



YOUNG ADULT LITURGY

Saturday, March 15 at 5:15 pm

Rev. Gregory Boyle will preside at our Young Adult Liturgy with music led by Jesse Manibusan! Come and worship with other young adults from around the world at this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.



YOUNG ADULT DANCE

Saturday, March 15, 9:00 pm - midnight

Cost: \$7 per person

This annual Congress tradition is a chance to meet new friends and reconnect with old. After a full day of workshops, networking and celebrating liturgy, our DJ will mix the beats to keep the party going into the night! All young adults 18 to 39 are welcome. ID required for admission.

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

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

Mary Birmingham

3-01*: Confirming Adult Catholics

Rev. Gregory Boyle, SJ

5-05*: Standing with Those Who "Live Outside the Camp"

Rev. Donald Cozzens

5-08: Secular Sanctity

Rev. John Cusick

1-04*: Enough is Enough!

Rev. Robert Fabing, SJ

1-03: Not So Fast: Prayer in the Life of Jesus and You and Me

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice

3-04*: Illuminating Church Teachings on Homosexuality

5-12*: Gay Catholic? Identifying as Catholic Before Gay

Amy Florian

2-07: Where is God in All This?

Dr. Christopher Kaczor

8-12*: What Children Give to Parents

Douglas Leal

6-03*: "Spiritual But Not Religious" Adults and Young Adults Belong Here

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

6-04: Holding to Belief in an Unbelieving World

Diana Macalintal

7-16*: Prayer: Turning the Ordinary into Extraordinary Moments of Grace

Rev. James Martin, SJ

3-13*: Praying with Scripture

7-17*: Who is Jesus?

Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson

6-13*: Hold Each Other – For God's Sake: An Affirmation of the Gift of Sexuality

7-19*: Good Church: A Treacherous Adventure

Roy Petitfils

4-22*: The "Question Behind the Question": What Youth and Young Adults Really Want to Know and How to Address Their Fears, Hopes and Concerns

8-15*: "Wake Me Up When It Matters"

Julianne Stanz

5-23: Young Adult Ministry: 10 Ways to Engage, Empower and Ignite the Faith of Young Adults

Congress 2014 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry/areas of interest, has been identified by the speakers and compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

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

Adult Faith Formation

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African

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Catechesis

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Christian Initiation

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Confirmation

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Early Childhood

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Ecclesiology

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Ecumenism

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Hispanic Perspective

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HIV/AIDS

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Human Sexuality

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Human Growth & Development

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Interreligious Dialogue

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Junior High

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Justice & Peace

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Life Issues

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Morality

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Prayer

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Sacraments

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Assemblies

I-01 KEEPING THE FAITH WHILE TEACHING THE FAITH! 🎧

This session is a great spiritual boost for anyone teaching the faith! To be “around” faith is not the same thing as “having” faith. With a little humor and genuine appreciation for what catechists and ministry professionals experience, this workshop provides great spiritual and practical suggestions on keeping our own faith strong and keeping us from mistaking our own spiritual journey with our frequent professional “near faith experiences”!



Steve Angrisano

Steve Angrisano has been a musician, music director and youth minister for over a dozen years. The Dallas-based veteran composer/storyteller has been featured at major conferences and events around the world – including appearances at World Youth Days, the National Catholic Youth Conference, and the L.A. RECongress and Youth Day – and at countless diocesan events in more than 200 dioceses. His latest recording is entitled “A New Day.”

I-02 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🎧

Beginning in the 1950s, a movement began urging the church to embrace pre-evangelization and evangelization. This movement culminated in the writings of Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and currently Pope Francis. This session will explore how Catholics can live practically the New Evangelization in their faith communities.



Fr. Patrick J. Brennan, MDiv, STL, DMin, PsyD

Chicago native Fr. Pat Brennan founded the Office for Chicago Catholic Evangelization as well as the National Council for Catholic Evangelization. He is currently Director of Development at May-slake Ministries in Lombard, Ill. He also serves as the Minister of Formation at St. Julie’s Parish in Tinley Park, Ill., and as President of the National Center for Evangelization and Parish Renewal. His most current book is “Common Sense Faith,” published in April 2013 by Orbis Press.

I-03 NOT SO FAST: PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF JESUS AND YOU AND ME

In this special interest session, Fr. Bob Fabing will ask us to slow down and explore the inner experience of the prayer of Jesus: Why did Jesus pray? How did he pray? What did prayer mean for Jesus? AND ... what does prayer mean for you now in your life experience? Fr. Fabing will touch upon his experience of grace as a spiritual director and marriage and family counselor. Music and poetry will be used to enliven the presentation.



Fr. Robert Fabing, SJ

Fr. Bob Fabing has founded 89 marriage counseling and family therapy centers – The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network – with locations 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 has lived for 30 years. Fr. Fabing is author of five books and composer of 12 CDs of liturgical music with Oregon Catholic Press.

I-04 ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! 🎧

The barriers (rules) in so many parishes are preventing many young people, both single and married, from being present and getting involved in parish life. Let’s begin to put a stop to that. This workshop will take a look at those moments of contact between the parish and young adult people: weddings, baptisms, funerals, eulogies, sponsors (baptism/confirmations). In this session, an alternate model will be presented that is more inviting, inclusive and pastoral to these and other sacred moments in our spiritual lives.



Rev. John C. Cusick

John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, has been an associate pastor, college seminary faculty member, coordinator and (since 1985) Director of Young Adult Ministry. He resides at Old St. Patrick’s Church in downtown Chicago. In May 2004, Fr. Cusick was appointed to the Executive Ethics Commission of the State of Illinois. In February 2012, he received the Blessed John XXIII Award from the Association of Chicago Priests for excellence in priestly ministry and significant contributions to the life of the Church in Chicago.

I-05 THE SLAVE ACROSS THE STREET: A TRUE STORY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE STATES 🎧

Hear Theresa Flores’ powerful story of how an all-American 15-year-old was enslaved into the dangerous world of sex trafficking, all while living at home with unsuspecting parents in an upper middle-class suburb of Detroit. Her story peels the cover off of this horrific crime. Learn why this is a silent epidemic in the United States and how this is happening all around us without most of us even being aware. This is a “must” session for any parent or professional working with youth.



Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS

Theresa Flores is a human trafficking survivor, best-selling author, victim’s advocate and founder of SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution). In 2009, the licensed social worker was appointed to the Ohio Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Commission and testified before the Ohio House and Senate; for her efforts, she received The Courage Award from the governor of Ohio. Flores is an international speaker and guest lecturer on the topic of human trafficking in the United States and abroad.

I-06 LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE: HOW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD 🎧

Catholic schools are places where students can become leaders for a lifetime. Starting with kindergarteners, this dynamic presentation demonstrates how children who are taught the power of a “Social Justice” mind, the “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and “Effective Behavioral Supports” can change the culture of a school and change the world. With practical examples, and a step-by-step process, you will learn how to support the current culture of your school and invite every child to the practice of effective leadership skills filled with hope.

**Dan Friedt**

Since 1980, Dan Friedt has served as an educator, teaching in Catholic schools at every grade level, and has 15 years of administrative experience. He is currently Principal of St. Charles Elementary Catholic School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Over the past 25 years, Friedt has presented liturgical workshops at parishes throughout the Alberta province, to staffs, educational departments, administrators and superintendents, (and for the past five years) on the topic of leadership for all students at all grade levels.

I-07 THE RE-MAKING OF THE PAPACY: FROM POPE PAUL VI TO POPE FRANCIS 🗣️

One of the most remarkable features of the last 50 years is the re-fashioning of the papacy in the wake of Vatican II. This workshop will briefly consider the ways in which Popes Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have each left their mark on the papacy. However, particular attention will be given to the unique contributions of Pope Francis.

**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College. He formerly was Professor at the University of Toledo, Ohio, and Associate Professor at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Gaillardetz has authored over 100 pastoral and academic articles and written or edited 10 books, including "Keys to the Council" (co-authored with Catherine Clifford) and "When the Magisterium Intervenes." He is currently President of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

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I-08 TEMPTATION, SUFFERING AND FORGIVENESS: THE SPIRITUAL LIFE 🗣️

Understanding the interior life is at best difficult, and at worst incomprehensible. As modern-day people, we have become less and less aware of the spiritual legacy to which we have been called. In this workshop, the daily human cycle of temptation, suffering and forgiveness will form the backdrop for an analysis of the Christian call to holiness, as an essential element of setting the world aflame, with the hope that is Christ.

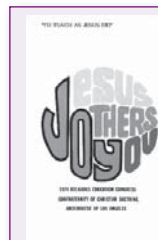
**Dr. Greer G. Gordon**

Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer. She has served on the administration and philosophy faculties at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; on the theology faculty at Regis College in Weston, Mass.; and as a diocesan director in Boston, Washington, D.C., Oakland, Calif., and Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Gordon was one of eight American women invited by the Vatican to respond to Pope John Paul II's Encyclical on Women.

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CONGRESS FACT:

In 1970, the then-named "Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress" moved from the LAX airport area to its current home at the Anaheim Convention Center.

**CONGRESS TRIVIA:**

Forty years ago the "CCD Congress" was renamed to the "Religious Education Congress," and Congress 1974, held February 7-10, had the theme "Jesus, Others, You."

I-09 MAKING A DIFFERENCE: BEING NOT JUST THE BEST IN THE WORLD, BUT THE BEST FOR THE WORLD 🗣️

Have you ever asked the question, "Why should I care anymore?" Peace comes when we see the difference between doing battle with life's obstacles, and seeing this battle as an uninterrupted struggle. Yes, life is difficult. But if we see it only as a struggle, our mindset is consumed by the next bigger and badder thing – and we never arrive. Terry Hershey helps us see that we are not being asked to let go of the obstacle, but to let go of the struggle. This obstacle – whether pain or fear or limitation – is wrapped around an incredible and grace-filled gift. That gift is an inner life fueled by a capacity to doubt, question, dare, forgive, risk, receive, contribute, celebrate, delight and live unabashedly unafraid.

**Rev. Terry Hershey**

Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author, dad, Protestant minister and landscape designer on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound 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. Hershey is a regular contributor to The Hallmark Channel's "New Morning" show, and regularly speaks throughout the United States and Canada.

I-10 FOCUSING ON FORGIVENESS: HOW TO PREPARE A SUCCESSFUL RECONCILIATION RETREAT FOR CHILDREN 🗣️

Are you in need of some new ideas when preparing your classes for reconciliation? This workshop will provide practical ideas that can be used in a retreat format for religious education classes as well as Catholic school classes. We will discuss how to organize, set up and manage a half-day retreat for your classes. You will receive practical applications, ideas for games, book titles, musical suggestions and Bible story examples that really work!

**Rhea Hristou**

Rhea Hristou has 20 years of teaching experience in the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah. Since 1976, she has taught first through third grades and has earned numerous awards and twice nominated for "Teacher of the Year." Hristou is currently a second grade teacher at St. Vincent's Catholic School in Salt Lake City, where she is also Director of Sacramental Preparation. She is a Representative to the Common Core Curriculum team for National Catholic Schools and is an Intel Master Teacher Trainer in her diocese.

I-11 ST. FRANCIS, POPE FRANCIS AND A VISION FOR THE 21ST-CENTURY PARISH ☪

The legacy of St. Francis and the leadership and message of Pope Francis paint a compelling portrait for a possible future for the American Catholic parish. Drawing from the narrative of St. Francis being called to “repair” or “rebuild” God’s Church in the 12th century, we will consider how Pope Francis is calling us to “repair” the current Church and how we might respond with creativity and compassion.



Jack J. Jezreel

Jack Jezreel spent six years in a Catholic Worker community before turning his attention to transformative education. For the past 12 years, he has given an average of 40 presentations and workshops per year, including keynote addresses – and was the keynote speaker for this Congress in 2011. Jezreel leads continuing education for priests, deacons and diocesan staff as well as parish, regional and national convenings. He is the original author of JustFaith and now serves as President of JustFaith Ministries.

I-12 FORMING STUDENTS WITH A GLOBAL CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE ☪

Catholic Relief Services, an agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, brings Catholic social teaching into action in over 100 countries around the world. This workshop will provide suggestions and examples of how to bring the global mission of the Church into the awareness of catechists, teachers and the people they serve. Participants can share best practices and explore some of the challenges they face in forming others in the principles of Catholic social teaching.



Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD

Bishop Gerald Kicanas, ordained a priest for the Chicago Archdiocese, served in the seminary system there for over 25 years. In 1995, he was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. Six years later, he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Tucson, Ariz., and in 2003 was installed as Bishop. Bishop Kicanas is Chair of the Board of Directors for Catholic Relief Services and serves on various committees and other boards of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He has presented at conferences across the country.

I-13 21 WAYS TO BUILD A MORE ROBUST CATHOLIC IDENTITY ☪

If being Catholic doesn’t make a bit of difference in your everyday life, why bother? In this session, Joe Paprocki offers 21 tried-and-true practices that lead us to see differently and, as a result, to live and act differently.



Joe Paprocki, DMin

Joe Paprocki, National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press in Chicago, has over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He has served as a Consultant for Catechist Formation for the Chicago Archdiocese and as a parish pastoral associate and Director of Religious Education. Paprocki has presented in over 80 dioceses across North America. He is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis; he also serves as catechist and blogs about the experience.

I-14 SETTING HEARTS AFIRE: MUSIC AND DRAMA IN SCRIPTURE AND LITURGY ☪

Internationally renowned Australian presenters Michael Mangan and Anne Frawley-Mangan will share their combined expertise in using the arts, especially music and drama, to help make school liturgies and religious education programs more vibrant, engaging and meaningful. Come along ready to sing, move, play and to experience new ways to more effectively proclaim, pray and celebrate in parish and elementary school settings.



Michael Mangan

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Australia. His 200 songs, psalms and Mass settings are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan tours widely presenting school concerts, professional development workshops and speaking at conferences. He is a member of the National Executive of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane, Australia.



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. Anne, who teaches Speech and Proclamation at Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, presents workshops and keynote addresses in Australia, New Zealand and North America. Her research has focused on the arts to enhance religious knowing and celebration. She is presently enrolled in a doctoral program.

I-15 THE BURNING BUSH: A MODEL FOR MINISTRY? ☪

Moses saw a burning bush ... but marveled that it wasn’t consumed. In it, he heard the voice of the Living God. How can we be alive, afire and zealous for God while not getting spent, consumed and turned into ash? How can we burn brightly to help reveal God?



Mike Patin

Mike Patin has worked in youth ministry since 1984, spending six years as a high school teacher and coach before working for the Catholic Youth Organization/Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese. Patin was also on the adjunct faculty at the Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans. Since 2003, the “faith horticulturist” has been speaking full time on the issues of Catholic faith, positive attitude and living life fully. Among his many book titles is “A Standing Invitation.”

CONGRESS FACT:

Our last Congress event, held February 21 (Youth Day) and February 22-24, 2013, had over 37,769 in attendance, with 185 speakers presenting 338 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese), and with 20,783 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 14,613. Our Exhibit Hall had 490 booths with 1,658 representatives from 226 different companies and organizations.

I-16 WERE YOU THERE? WALKING THE ROAD TO CALVARY WITH JESUS 🕊

For Catholics, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and especially Good Friday. This devotion, also known as the “Way of the Cross” or the “Via Dolorosa,” commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ’s crucifixion. For many, praying through these 14 Stations has lost its impact and has become as routine as reciting the rosary. This workshop will help to awaken our understanding of the “Way of the Cross.” It will also help you enter into each Station with a renewed focus on being present for each moment. Soon, you will realize that “Were You There?” is more than a traditional slave spiritual. It is a call to be present with our Savior on the “Via Dolorosa.”

**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv**

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, currently serves as Campus Minister and theology teacher at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also an instructor for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in Cincinnati, and Director of KnightTime Ministries. The New Orleans native and former public school teacher has authored many books and has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation and in 20 countries.

I-17 FEAR AND HER MANY CHILDREN: AS DAMPENING OUR HOPE AND OUR FIRE 🕊

All of us live with religious fears, fears about God, about life, and about our eternal destiny. What kind of fear is healthy in our lives and what kind is unhealthy? From where do our religious fears originate? How do we discern healthy fears from unhealthy ones? How does fear dampen both our hope and our religious fire? This session will be an exploration of the origins and effects of religious fear.

**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI**

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. Fr. Rolheiser’s books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than 80 newspapers worldwide. For most of the 40 years of his priesthood, he has taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

I-18 EVERYTHING IS SACRED: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 🕊

All of creation reveals the presence of God. The sacraments tell the story of the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ and how the presence of Christ is embodied in the church today. They also tell of the relationship of Christians with the Son of God, and how we find the Holy Spirit in the world. This session will tell the story of Christianity from the perspective of the sacrament of baptism, the initiation into the community of Christ.

**Thomas J. Scirghi, SJ, ThD**

Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Scirghi is currently Associate Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York, where he teaches Sacramental Theology. He has taught at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Calif., at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, at the University of Western Australia in Perth, and at the Jesuit Theological College in Melbourne, Australia. Fr. Scirghi is an author and has conducted workshops for clergy and laity nationally and internationally.

I-19 SINGING DANIEL: BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN “SPIRITUALS” 🕊

Although they have been studied from the perspective of music, folk music and African-American musical forms for decades, it is rare to consider the spirituals as a form of serious biblical interpretation. In this workshop, Dr. Daniel Christopher will focus on a selection of spirituals that deal with themes from the stories in Daniel (chapters 1-6) and consider how many of these spirituals reflect rather significant, and even provocative, interpretations of the Book of Daniel. We will consider the meaning of “vernacular” interpretation of the Bible! Hopefully... some music will be featured! Stay tuned!

**Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**

Dr. Smith-Christopher has taught at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles for 24 years, where he serves as Associate Director for Graduate Studies in Theology. He has been honored with numerous research and teaching awards, and has spoken at the RECongress for the past 17 years, in addition to Catholic conferences in Las Vegas, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. Dr. Christopher has published dozens of scholarly articles and over 14 books.

I-20 HOLISTIC CHASTITY EDUCATION: NOT JUST “THE TALK” 🕊

Our culture is bombarding this generation with messages about sex. It is utilizing every available vehicle, from movies to YouTube, from PlayStation to Snapchat – whatever has your attention influences you. Learn the what and how of chastity education to ensure your students are hearing the truth.

**Pam Stenzel**

Pam Stenzel has traveled worldwide and has appeared on numerous national TV and radio programs speaking about the consequences of physical and emotional sex outside of marriage. She is presently Director of Enlightenment Communications, based in Minnesota. She previously served on the “front lines” as Director of Alpha Women’s Center, a counseling center for women with crisis pregnancies. Stenzel speaks full time across the United States as well as in South Africa, Australia, Ireland, Mexico and Canada.

I-21 A LONG LOOK AT THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS



The Lectionary for Mass has been one of the greatest contributions of the post-Vatican II Church. What can we still learn about its organization? How much does it influence the rest of the liturgy? Are we using it well enough ... or too much?



Rev. Paul Turner

Rev. Paul Turner, a priest of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., is Pastor of St. Anthony's Parish in Kansas City. He is a member (and formerly President) of both the North American Academy of Liturgy and of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy. Fr. Turner serves as a Facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. He is an author of many books and writes "Bulletin Inserts" for Ministry & Liturgy Magazine and presents at national and diocesan conferences around the world.

I-22 HIV/AIDS: A CONTINUING CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD



Despite efforts to increase access to treatment of HIV in order to reduce AIDS-related illnesses and death, this pandemic remains a challenge for the Church and the world. Significant numbers of people in developing countries still have no access to treatment, and global solidarity is decreasing because of "aid fatigue" and the global economic crisis. The Church has shouldered some 25 percent of AIDS care in the world, and continues to be present in communities when international agencies withdraw. This workshop will explore challenges and solutions for the Church's ongoing response based in Catholic teaching and tradition.



Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo

Msgr. Robert Vitillo serves as the Special Advisor on Health and HIV/AIDS for Caritas Internationalis and is Head of their Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. He also serves as Attaché for Health and HIV/AIDS and as a Permanent Observer of the Mission of the Holy See to the U.N. in Geneva. He writes and facilitates education and advocacy efforts related to health, HIV/AIDS, human rights, migration and integral human development.

I-23 WE SHALL PRAISE YOUR NAME



Good habits of praying and praising God start when we are very young. We will experience how music, woven into liturgy and prayer times, can engage children in an awareness of their own spirituality.



Christopher Walker

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer and choral conductor. The conductor of choirs and orchestras in England and the United States formerly served for 18 years as Director of Music at the Clifton Cathedral in Bristol, U.K., and presently serves as Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker's music is sung in churches worldwide. He travels around the globe giving workshops and lectures on liturgy, cantor techniques and children's worship.

I-24 PARENTING: ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?



Do you feel exhausted from dealing with your children all day? Do you worry if you are parenting correctly? Do you often ask yourself, "Now what do I do?" If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, come to hear internationally recognized speaker and author Char Wenc, who teaches parenting skills that make a difference in how children and parents live together. Her passion for the topic of parenting is found in her style and content.



Char Wenc, MEd

Char Wenc is an internationally known author and speaker on the topics of parenting and teaching. She is a professor at Loyola University and at the Adler School of Professional Psychology, both in Chicago. A member of the National Speakers Association, Wenc is a popular speaker at the L.A. Congress and elsewhere. She is author of "Parenting: Are We Having Fun Yet?" and "Cooperation Learning Through Laughter," and a winner of Those Who Excel in Education award.

I-25 GROWING A HEALTHY PARISH



Many parishes today are struggling to retain members. Others see congregations aging in place with little success in attracting newcomers. God is the agent of growth in our communities. But, we are responsible for removing growth-restricting barriers. In this session, we will look at specific strategies to make it happen – anywhere!



Fr. Michael White

Fr. Michael White is a priest of the Baltimore Archdiocese, where he served as an archdiocesan Vice-Chancellor; as Priest-Secretary to (then-Archbishop) Cardinal William Keeler and, during that time, as director of Pope John Paul II's visit to Baltimore. Fr. White is presently Pastor at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., which has seen the congregation nearly triple in weekend attendance and a significant increase of giving and service in ministry. Fr. White is also co-author of "Rebuilt," which narrates the story of Nativity Church's rebirth.



Tom Corcoran

Tom Corcoran has served the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., in a variety of roles that give him a unique perspective on parish ministry and leadership. Beginning as a youth minister, he later held positions as coordinator of children's ministry and director of small groups. Corcoran currently serves as Associate to the Pastor and is responsible for weekend message development, strategic planning and staff development. Corcoran is also co-author with Fr. Michael White of "Rebuilt."

I-26 SHARING THE OLD, OLD STORY: STORYTELLING IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY



African-Americans come from a rich storytelling and spiritual tradition that has helped them to survive times of trial and trouble. This tradition can be seen in the lives of African-American women who have shared their stories with an entire world: Sojourner Truth, Sr. Thea Bowman, Venerable Henriette DeLille and so many

others. What can we learn from these women and how can we use our own stories to strengthen and enrich our faith and the faith of others? How can our stories heal a sin-sick soul? This workshop will help the participants affirm their own stories and honor the stories of their ancestors.



Dr. C. Vanessa White

Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is Coordinator of the Elder's Retreat Program at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies as well as on the adjunct faculty at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Dr. White is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator, spiritual director and teacher who lectures nationally.

I-27 SOLACE: THE ART OF ASKING THE BEAUTIFUL QUESTION

Human beings cannot quite believe the depth, drama and even the disappearances involved in the average human life. Each one of us grows almost against our will into a steadily unfolding story where the horizon gets broader and more mysterious, the understanding of loss and mortality more keen, the sense of time more fleeting, and the understanding of our own mistakes and omissions more apparent. In the midst of this deepening, we have to make a life that makes sense: There is no other life than the one that involves this constant beckoning, this invitation to the fiercer aspects of existence.



David Whyte

Poet and lecturer David Whyte, a native of Yorkshire, England, is author of seven books 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 been speaking to large and small audiences around the world for more than two decades. He lives with his family in the Pacific Northwestern United States.

I-28 JUST START WHERE YOU ARE: TURNING THE NEXT CORNER IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Real spirituality dawns when God becomes as real as the problems and joys you face each day. With this in mind, Robert Wicks invites us to become actively and intimately involved in our own personal inner formation. In pursuit of this spiritual goal, some of the intriguing topics will include: rediscovering the lost virtue of the desert; when invited, enter the doorway to awe; mind the wisdom of spiritual sadness; and practice faithfulness and let God take care of the residue. Dr. Wicks will also address the importance of appreciating more clearly Jesus' central call and the three doorways to living a more complete, generative and holy life.



Dr. Robert J. Wicks

Dr. Robert Wicks is on the faculty of Loyola University Maryland, located in Baltimore. He has taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology and social work. Dr. Wicks has published over 50 books for both professionals and the general public. A recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Counseling Association's Division on Ethics and Values, Dr. Wicks also received the Papal Medal from Pope John Paul II for his service to the Church.

I-70 "Miệng lưỡi này xin ca ngợi tán dương": Vai Trò của Thánh Vịnh trong Phụng Vụ ☪

Bài hội thảo sẽ chia sẻ về trọng tâm và vai trò không thể thiếu của Thánh Vịnh trong Phụng Vụ. Nhìn vào sự phong phú về hình ảnh cùng các ý nghĩa tâm linh, chúng ta sẽ học hỏi về những kết hợp mật thiết của Thánh Vịnh trong các nghi lễ phụng vụ và bí tích của Giáo Hội.

"MY LIPS SHALL SPEAK YOUR PRAISE": THE ROLE OF THE PSALMS IN THE LITURGY ☪

The focus of this workshop will be on the significant and indispensable role of the psalms in the liturgy. By looking at the richness of imagery and spiritual meaning, attendees will study the three functions of the psalms in various liturgical and sacramental celebrations of the Church. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



Linh mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh

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, California. 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 cha đang làm giáo sư về Phụng Vụ tại Đại Chủng Viện Thánh Gioan, Camarillo, California.

Rev. Thinh Duc Pham

Ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2002, Fr. Thinh Pham served for four years as Associate Pastor at Saint John of God Parish in Norwalk, Calif. Upon completing his first assignment, he was sent to pursue graduate studies at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy in Rome. He completed his License of Sacred Liturgy in 2010 and is currently teaching Liturgy at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif.



2-01 MESSENGERS OF HOPE: EXPANDING THE VISION OF MINISTRY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Throughout the history of Christianity, faithful ministry has always existed in a deep and authentic relationship with the world. Through song and pastoral reflection, this session will explore the challenges and opportunities contemporary culture offers us to expand our vision of ministry within and beyond worship in a way that faithfully responds to the Gospel.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso's contemporary liturgical music appears in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. An emerging theologian, he is currently a doctoral candidate in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta, where he is focusing on liturgical and ritual studies. Formerly, Alonso served as Director of Music for Campus Ministry at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He has presented at liturgy, music and theology conferences across the world. His latest work, "Pilgrim" with Liam Lawton and Chris de Silva, is due in 2014.



Marty Haugen

For over 30 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific Rim. With over 35 recordings and 400 published editions, his range of musical compositions continues to appear in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and other Protestant denominations. His latest work, "Lyric Psalter" (with Tony Alonso), is a resource of a three-year cycle of Psalms from the Lectionary for Mass.

2-02 DEVELOPING A CHILDREN'S LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY

There is more than one model to organize a successful and meaningful Liturgical Dance Ministry in your school or church. A ministry can be either inclusive (involving all of the children throughout the school year) or exclusive (selecting a small group who are responsible for rehearsing and performing). There is also the option of forming a ministry that goes out into your community to serve in this very special way! Learn how to work as a team with your priest, music director and all those involved in your celebrations. Participants should come ready to put down their notes and learn some simple dances and movement pieces appropriate for children's liturgy!



Donna Anderle

An accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer, Donna Anderle is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet and Midwest Theatre Ballet, and is involved in CincyDance!, an outreach program for Cincinnati inner-city schools. Anderle has choreographed for major conferences, including the National Catholic Youth Conferences and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video with Oregon Catholic Press. She continues to give workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concert.

2-03 WALKING TOGETHER AS ONE HUMAN FAMILY OF HOPE

Hope can truly set the world on fire with God's love! Come meet and listen to Thomas Awiapo, as he is joined by the dynamic presenter and singer ValLimar Jansen. Together, these two powerful speakers share their stories of survival and success – Thomas in Ghana, West Africa, and ValLimar in the United States. Using reflection, prayer and music, along with their personal stories of hunger and hope, Thomas and ValLimar bring to life God's invitation to live as one human family. They will inspire all of us to embrace hope in a world afire!



Thomas Awiapo

Orphaned before the age of 10, Thomas Awiapo survived bleak poverty and hunger in his small village in Ghana. The loss of two younger siblings to malnutrition and his search for food at age 12 led him to school, where he eventually won scholarships to attend college. Today, he works for Catholic Relief Services as an international speaker and trainer for community leaders throughout Ghana, where he lives with his wife and four children.



ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. She was Emcee for the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference held in Indianapolis, and she performed with her husband, Frank, at the Loreto/Angora International Papal Event in Italy, which was broadcast on EWTN and across the world.

2-04 SONGS OF HOPE AND CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN

Have you been searching for vibrant, engaging and prayerful music for children? In this workshop, Australian educator/composer John Burland will use the gifts of song, movement and story to share original music for children at the elementary level. These songs have been created to help children deepen their understanding of Scripture and provide age-appropriate songs for Mass and celebration. Join Burland and students from Catholic schools in Sydney, Australia, as we gather with joy and hope to celebrate Word and Sacrament.



John Burland

John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults. He is 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.

2-05 MAKING THE CONNECTION WITH PARENTS WHILE PREPARING YOUTH FOR CONFIRMATION ☪

How can we support and involve parents as their adolescent child is preparing for confirmation? It's all about strengthening the Church of the home! Research and personal experience demonstrate that parents make a huge difference in the faith life of youth, and that preparing youth for confirmation can be an opportunity to renew the faith life and active participation of the whole family. This workshop will explore resources and strategies to help make the connection to parents and the families of young people as they prepare for confirmation.



Tom East

Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development, based in Washington state. Previously, he served as Director of Youth Ministry and as Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. East is a popular speaker at youth and religious education conferences across the country. He is author of numerous books, including "Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry."

2-06 WHO'S SORRY NOW? THE CHALLENGE OF FORGIVENESS ☪

The themes of forgiveness, guilt and human sorrow are everywhere. Each of us carries wounds from past hurts, and each of us knows that we have hurt others. What does the Gospel say about relational brokenness and the healing power of forgiveness? Is forgiveness the same as reconciliation? Is it possible – or even healthy – to “forgive and forget”? This presentation explores these deeply human questions in the light of Jesus’ vision and practice: forgiveness is an intentional attitude of the heart, a journey rather than an event. And, in the end, it is a doorway to true freedom.



Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD

Sr. Fran Ferder, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, is a clinical psychologist, university teacher, author and international speaker. Since 1985, she has been the Co-Director of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA) in the Pacific Northwest. She is also an adjunct instructor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. Sr. Ferder has authored several books, including "Words Made Flesh" and, with John Heagle, "Tender Fires: The Spiritual Promise of Sexuality." She lives on the Oregon coast.



Rev. John Heagle, MA, JCL

Fr. John Heagle is a priest, counselor and author with more than 48 years of pastoral experience as campus minister, college professor, pastor and retreat director. Since 1985, he has served as a licensed psychotherapist and Co-Director of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA). He is also an adjunct instructor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University in Washington. Fr. Heagle is the author of eight books and lives near Lincoln City, Ore.

2-07 WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THIS?

If God is so good, why do bad things happen? Why doesn't God prevent disasters and tragedy? Why are some people spared while others die? Is God punishing me or teaching me a lesson? If you are willing to challenge your own beliefs and re-examine some things you've always been taught, then come explore the tough questions that inevitably arise when we suffer. It will change the way you pray and the way you minister with and comfort others.



Amy Florian

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant, an instructor in a graduate ministry program at Loyola University of Chicago, and CEO of Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals how to support grieving clients. Florian has 30 years of parish and conference experience, and has authored over 90 articles and three books. She has presented keynote talks and workshops at over 20 diocesan conferences.

2-08 DIVINIZATION: THE INVITATION OF THE EUCHARIST TO COMMUNION OF LIFE AND LOVE WITH GOD ☪

Early Church writers spoke of the mystical communion with God as the central gift of the Eucharist. Participants will be given a glimpse into this mystery and the wonder of the transformation of all of creation into Christ.



Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni

Fr. 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 Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In addition to his teaching, preaching and other duties, Fr. Fragomeni serves as spiritual director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii. He has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the Catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children, among other subjects.

2-09 GETTING TEENS TO "LOL" – LOVE OUR LITURGY ☪

Let's face it, Generation Y (the Millennial Generation) and Generation Z can find liturgy boring and disengaging; yet it is one of the most powerful ways we can have to connect with our awesome God. Fr. Rob Galea will share stories and give practical tips on how to engage (and possibly draw) young people as well as share about his coming-to-appreciation and love for the liturgy and how it played a vital role in his freedom from addiction and anger.



Fr. Rob Galea

Fr. Rob Galea is currently serving as an assistant parish priest and also as a Chaplain at Notre Dame College, both in Shepparton, Victoria, Australia. He is a singer and songwriter with an international fan base. Apart from his series of recordings and CD releases, Fr. Galea has also written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. He is the co-founder of Stronger, a youth program that is quickly becoming one of Victoria state's largest Catholic youth movements.

2-10 RCIA: DISCERNING CONVERSION

This workshop will focus on ways to discern the level of Christian formation for those who come to us seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We will also examine the types of conversion we can help facilitate for catechumens and candidates in the 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 a former parish director of liturgy and music, and is past Chair of the Board of Directors for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Dr. Galipeau has presented keynotes and workshops throughout the United States and Canada, and has authored numerous publications and keeps a blog for those interested in liturgy, music and initiation.

2-11 CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: A TREASURY OLD AND NEW

No faith tradition has a richer treasury of spiritual practices than Catholicism. This legacy from our foremothers and forefathers in faith can truly be a treasury for our time as we reclaim and refurbish their rich array of practices. This workshop will highlight some of the most promising for our own time.



Dr. Thomas Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education and Chair of the Department of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. The award-winning author has written or edited 10 books and numerous articles and essays. Dr. Groome has made over 500 public presentations over the last 30 years, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators.



Dr. Colleen Griffith

Dr. Colleen Griffith has taught for nearly 20 years at Boston College, where she is currently Associate Professor in the Practice of Theology at the School of Theology and Ministry, and has lectured widely with special focus on the theology and spirituality of the body. Dr. Griffith has published numerous articles in her fields of specialization, and is co-editor with her spouse, Dr. Thomas Groome, of "Catholic Spiritual Practices: A Treasury Old and New."

2-12 TODAY'S DOMESTIC CHURCH: DRIVING THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

With minivan travels from Scouting meetings to soccer games and all the points in between, today's families are busier and yet more in need of the graces of the Church and the promise of the Gospel than ever before. Learn what Catholic families want from their parishes and schools and hear success stories and concrete examples of faith in action in homes and dioceses around the country. We will offer innovative ways to nurture and invigorate the domestic church as the heart and soul of the New Evangelization.



Lisa M. Hendey

Lisa Hendey is founder and editor of CatholicMom.com and bestselling author of "The Handbook for Catholic Moms." She is a technology contributor for EWTN's "Son Rise Morning Show" and a regular guest on Relevant Radio's "On Call" afternoon show. Hendey is a columnist for Faith & Family, Catholic News Agency, and Catholic Exchange, and her articles have appeared in the National Catholic Register and Our Sunday Visitor. She gives workshops on faith, family and Catholic new media topics, and was selected to participate in the Vatican Bloggers Meeting.



Sarah Reinhard

Based in Ohio, Sarah Reinhard is a Catholic wife, mom, writer, parish employee and catechist. She has spoken at numerous conferences throughout the United States. In addition to being author of several books, Reinhard is a daily blogger for SnoringScholar.com; a columnist for CatholicMom.com, New-Evangelizers.com, and for Integrated Catholic Life e-zine; and a contributor for AmazingCatechists.com and CatholicExchange.com. She writes and produces segments for popular podcasts and is a frequent guest on other podcasts.

2-13 IMMIGRATION: A MORAL, ETHICAL ISSUE

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD (bio 1-12)

For many years, the United States has been struggling to fix a broken system by passing comprehensive immigration policy reform. This workshop will explore why this is a moral, ethical issue and how we can move forward in securing our border as well as providing migrants economic opportunities for a decent way of life.

2-14 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. A brief introduction to the prayer will be followed by a presentation on how the Lord's Prayer can be a powerful guide for daily living. This is an ideal workshop for those seeking the deeper meaning of our church's spiritual treasures. This presentation is based on Dr. Lombardi's book, "On Earth as it is in Heaven." Handouts will be given with activities, resources and suggestions on how to start a study group on the Lord's Prayer in your school or parish.



Josephine Lombardi, PhD

Dr. Josephine Lombardi has worked in a variety of ministries. Currently, she is 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. She is an author, retreat leader and has presented at numerous conferences. Dr. Lombardi is host of a weekly radio show on Radio Teopoli (AM 530) on the New Evangelization. She has made numerous guest radio appearances and television interviews.

**CONGRESS FACT:**

Lunchtime entertainment at Congress 2014 will include Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart and Jackie Francois (on Friday); Australians John Burland, Andrew Chinn and Michael Mangan (on Saturday); and Pedro Rubalcava, Rudy López and Stella García-López (on Sunday), plus MANY more.

2-15 TEACHING KIDS TO PRAY – PRAYING IN COLOR 🎧

Prayer is about being wide-eyed, openhearted, spontaneous and receptive. Kids are all of these things. But sometimes, like adults, they cannot find the words to say in their prayers. They feel shy with God. Their bodies wiggle, their minds daydream, and their eyes wander. Praying in Color invites wiggly bodies, dreamy minds and wandering eyes into prayer. With paper, colored pencils, markers, pens and doodles, children can pray for others, express their gratitude, or learn to listen for the “still small voice of God.” Bring a pen, colored pencils or markers, paper and a hard surface to draw on.

**Sybil MacBeth**

Sybil MacBeth is an author, a workshop and retreat leader, and a former community college mathematics professor. She has been a ballet and pre-ballet teacher and liturgical dance workshop leader. MacBeth combines her experience in the classroom with her lifelong love of prayer, and has lead over 150 workshops and retreats on Praying in Color. Her 2007 book, “Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God,” has now been translated into Korean, Spanish and Italian.

2-16 WHY CATHOLICS SHOULDN'T BE FUNDAMENTALISTS 🎧

Many Catholics and others receive their understanding of the Bible from the loudest voices on the radio, who often take positions that leave their listeners confused. This session will provide strategies for helping RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) instructors and parish Bible study leaders move adults from fundamentalist approaches to more satisfying, authentically Catholic interpretations of the Bible. The starting point will be both faith-filled and rational, combining an ongoing trust of the Holy Spirit's inspiration with genuinely intelligent investigation. Bring your Bible.

**Rev. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD**

Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of Los Angeles, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary and Pastor of Blessed Junipero Serra (Padre Serra) Parish, both in Camarillo, Calif. He is author of “Dining with Pharisees” and “Sacred Scripture,” a high school introduction to the Scriptures. Fr. Mullen speaks annually at the Los Angeles Congress and to diocesan priests in Phoenix, Utah, and seven of the 12 California dioceses, as well at diocesan conferences throughout the Southwest, Texas and Australia.

2-17 HOPE AND FIRE: CATECHETICAL INSIGHTS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT 🎧

As Catholics throughout the world embark on the journey of a New Evangelization, it is imperative that we ponder how the Spirit that guides the Church on this important journey works in the lives of believers. In this session, we explore key theological and spiritual insights from various Christian thinkers and consider how these may help us to develop a catechesis on the Holy Spirit that speaks to today's Christians in our faith communities.

**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

Dr. Hosffman Ospino teaches pastoral theology and religious education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, where he is also Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. His research and writings focus on the conversation between faith and culture. Dr. Ospino is currently working on a book on multicultural congregations as well as one on parishes with Hispanic ministries. His most recent book is entitled “Evangélicación y Catequesis en el Ministerio Hispano,” published by Liguori.

2-18 REKINDLING THE FLAME 🎧

The Celtic Christian propensity to find the Divine in nature speaks to many of the concerns of our present era. The ancient wisdom, visual images, poetry, prayers and blessings of Celtic Christian spirituality take us beyond words to re-ignite our imagination. Seeing through the sentimentality of the stories and legends surrounding saints Patrick and Brigid of Kildare, we re-discover the transformative power of becoming an *Anam Cara* (soul-friend) to ourselves and to those we meet on the road of life. They both epitomize the beauty of hospitality and companionship. Exploring their witness of tireless evangelization can re-ignite our own imaginations and creativity.

**Sr. Carol Quinlivan, CSJ**

Sr. Carol Quinlivan, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a spiritual director and also a retreat director, with extensive experience in spiritual formation at both the archdiocesan and parish levels. Over the last 20 years Sr. Quinlivan has created Sophia Circles, intergenerational gatherings of women for group spiritual direction. Presently, she is a doctoral candidate at the Jungian Institute in Carpinteria, Calif., while ministering at the Serra Retreat Center in Malibu, Calif.

2-19 THAT'S A GOOD STORY! USING NARRATIVE TO TEACH ABOUT MORALITY ☪

In teaching about morality from a Catholic perspective, especially in senior high school, a challenge the teacher faces is presenting complex and often countercultural ideas in ways that interest students and can facilitate future learning. One very valuable pedagogical technique is the use of narratives or stories. This is often a powerful way of introducing complex issues in a succinct but engaging manner. This workshop will examine the use of narratives as a means of presenting abstract notions, such as what conscience is and how it is formed.



Richard M. Rymarz

Richard Rymarz is the Peter and Doris Kule Chair in the Catholic Religious Education Department at St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta, Canada. He worked as a high school religious education teacher for 12 years before entering academic life. For the past 15 years, his primary teaching has been in programs that prepare teachers to teach religious education Catholic schools. His latest book is entitled "Taking the Next Step: Teaching Religious Education in Catholic Schools."

2-20 BRINGING THE DEATH PENALTY UP CLOSE ☪

Dale Recinella, a Catholic Correctional Chaplain for Florida's death row, and Dr. Susan Recinella, volunteer lay minister for families of the condemned during executions, take the audience by the hand and lead them into the halls of death row, the death house, the death watch visits and final good-byes, the execution chamber and official witness room, and the church where the condemned person's family waits to hear if their loved one has been killed. They will share the rarely discussed truths about how the death penalty affects flesh and blood human beings, including the staff, witnesses and family of the condemned.



Dale S. Recinella, JD, MTS

Dale Recinella has served for 20 years as a spiritual counselor and as a Catholic Correctional Chaplain in Florida's prisons; since 1998, serving 400-plus men on death row and 2,000 men in long-term solitary confinement. Dale is an international speaker on the death penalty, prison conditions and faith perspectives on crime and punishment. He has appeared frequently on Vatican Radio and on European and domestic radio. His latest work, "When We Visit Jesus in Prison," is a resource for Catholic prison ministry.



Dr. Susan M. Recinella

Dr. Susan Recinella has served in volunteer ministry to families of the executed for 14 years. She has worked as a licensed clinical psychologist since 1991 in outpatient and inpatient settings. She is presently Clinical Psychologist and Director of Intern Training at the Florida State University Counseling Center in Tallahassee. Dr. Recinella, an international speaker, has worked as a Director of Training for the last 10 years in American Psychological Association-accredited pre-doctoral internship programs.

2-21 FUEL FOR THE FIRE: HOW TO KEEP FROM BURNING OUT, BURNING OVER OR BEING BURNED ☪

The road toward justice and inclusion of the marginalized in the church and in society can be fraught with roadblocks, hills and even danger. As parents (and teachers) of children with a variety of special needs, we need a body of wisdom to help us feed the fire of passion for inclusion in a way that it can be sustained over the course of a lifetime.



Christine & Michael Way Skinner

Christine Way Skinner is a full-time catechist at St. John Chrysostom Parish in Ontario, Canada. Michael is Coordinator of Religion, Family Life and Equity for Canada's York Catholic District School Board, where he has also worked as an English religion teacher. Together, they are monthly columnists for The Messenger of St. Anthony Magazine. They are parents to six children with varying special needs and are committed to finding creative and inclusive ways to pass on the church's tradition to the next generation.

2-22 DEVELOPING THE PARISH AS A COMMUNITY OF SERVICE: A PARISH FILLED WITH LIFE AND HOPE ☪

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that the purpose of a parish is "to feed and nurture people to be a leaven in society." This workshop will focus on practical, concrete ways to achieve that. It will explore both the nurturing and the calling forth of all to assume their God-given call to ministry and service.



Bro. Loughlan Sofield, ST

Based in Maryland, Bro. Loughlan Sofield, a member of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, is currently Director of their Senior Ministry II Cenacle. He previously served as Director of their Center for Collaborative Ministry in New Jersey; as Director of the Washington Archdiocesan Consultation and Counseling Center; and as Assistant Director of the Center for Religion and Psychiatry in Washington, D.C. Bro. Sofield has taught and spoken in almost 300 dioceses on six different continents. He is the recipient of numerous awards and co-author of several books.



CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Youth Day's attendance is limited to the seating capacity of the Convention Center Arena – just under 15,000 youth and their chaperones – and usually fills to capacity by the date of the fee increase.

**CONGRESS TRIVIA:**

The labyrinth has become a landmark feature of Sacred Space, tucked away on the third floor of the Convention Center. In addition to the chapel, Eucharistic Adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation this year, you can pray the Stations of the Cross with an artistic display of artifacts left behind by our undocumented brothers and sisters who traverse the U.S.-Mexican border.

2-23 ANNOUNCERS OF A NEW PENTECOST 🗣️

Pope John XXIII believed Vatican II could be a “new Pentecost.” That dream is still in progress, since we are the bearers of that message. It is time for us to re-discover the Holy Spirit in our midst and to realize what is made possible by this Spirit. We know that our time offers us numerous challenges. This session will examine these challenges and offer ways to “find” the Holy Spirit in our midst and spark the fire of renewal in ourselves and in those to whom we minister. We are guided by the belief that in the end we can discover some meaning to human existence, a meaning that is not imposed ... rather, a meaning that is already there, waiting to be discovered.

**Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP**

For the past 23 years Sr. Maureen Sullivan, a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York, has been a Professor of Theology at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. In addition to her teaching, she also serves as a Religion Consultant for the RCL Benziger Publishing Co. and has been a popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. Sr. Sullivan has written two books on Vatican II: “101 Questions and Answers on Vatican II” and “The Road to Vatican II: Key Changes in Theology.”

2-24 REVOLUTIONARY HOPE 🗣️

Jesus was not a zealot, but his movement was revolutionary in that it exposed the misplaced priorities of the world’s systems. Jesus puts the last at the front of the line, blesses the poor, promising them his Kingdom, and offers hope to the hopeless. So what does Jesus’ Kingdom look like, and how is his Kingdom different from any other kingdom? What are the ways in which we’re called to share this hope with a hopeless world?

**Jim Wallis**

Jim Wallis is a best-selling author, public theologian and frequent national and international speaker. Author of 10 books, he is founder and President of Sojourners and Editor-in-Chief of Sojourners magazine. Wallis’ columns run in major newspapers and blogs, and he appears on radio and television as a commentator. He has taught at Harvard University and currently teaches a course on “Faith, Social Justice, and Public Life” at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

2-25 ISLAM AND THE ARAB SPRING: DEMOCRACY AND REVOLUTION AND WAR 🗣️

This workshop will give both a historical and religious context to the political upheavals in the Muslim world, with a focus on the role of the youth and social media. It is hoped that our discussion will lead to greater insight into understanding some of the ongoing regional conflicts.

**Jihad Mohammed Turk**

Jihad Turk, a Palestinian-American Muslim, studied Arabic at the Islamic University in Saudi Arabia and Farsi at Qom College at the University of Tehran in Iran. Turk is currently President of Bayan Claremont, an Islamic graduate school at Claremont Lincoln University in Claremont, Calif. Formerly, he served as Imam/Religious Director of the Islamic Center of Southern California in Los Angeles. He has been featured in the Los Angeles Times as well as on the History Channel and CNN.

2-26 THE BRAIN AND GOD: ARE WE “WIRED” FOR SPIRITUALITY? 🗣️

How is our brain “wired” for God? St. Augustine, who lived long before scientists knew that there were brain waves, observed that God has made us, and our hearts and minds are restless until they rest in God! What is some of the recent research by neuroscientists that enlightens our understanding of the brain and God? We will look at how these findings influence our spirituality particularly within the Catholic tradition. We will also explore how this information enhances an understanding of our own uniqueness and connectedness with others. Jesus was an outstanding brain-friendly teacher! Let’s aim at imitating the Master himself who invited us to do so!

**Jean Marie Weber**

Jean Marie Weber serves as Director of Educational Programs at the Saint Clare Center for Catholic Life at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. She is the former Director of Certification for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Commission on Certification/Accreditation, and former Associate Director of the Office for Schools and Child/Youth Ministries at the Milwaukee Archdiocese, where she currently chairs the Commission on Continuing Formation for Clergy and Lay Ecclesial Ministers.



CONGRESS SOUVENIRS:
Congress annually has an offering of buttons (pictured), pens, magnets and other assorted Congress logo-ed souvenirs. And look for the Congress 2014 logowear in Hall A.

2-70 Tân Truyền Giáo: Căn Tính và Sứ Mạng của Chúng Ta ☪

Ngày 21 tháng 9 năm 2010, Đức Giáo Hoàng Bênêđictô XVI qua tự sắc *Ubicumque et semper* (Mọi Nơi và Mọi Lúc) công bố thiết lập một bộ ngành mới trong Giáo Triều Roma mang tên: Hội Đồng Giáo Hoàng Cổ Võ Tân Truyền Giáo. Từ ngày 7 đến 28 tháng 10 năm 2012, Đức Thánh Cha triệu tập một Thượng Hội Đồng Giám Mục Thế Giới tụ về Tòa Thánh nghiên cứu đề tài: Tân Truyền Giáo Đê Thông Truyền Đức Tin Kitô. Và Năm Đức Tin hoàn vũ được đề xướng kể từ ngày 11 tháng 10 năm 2012 đến ngày 24 tháng 11 năm 2013 cũng không ngoài mục đích đẩy mạnh về Tân Truyền Giáo. Buổi hội thảo này trình bày một vài khía cạnh cốt yếu về Tân Truyền Giáo và tại sao đáp lại lời mời gọi này là căn tính và sứ mạng của mỗi người Công Giáo.

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: OUR IDENTITY, OUR MISSION ☪

On September 21, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI, through a *motu proprio* entitled "*Ubicumque et semper*," established a new commission in the Roman Curia named the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. From October 7-28, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI also convened a World Synod of Bishops to Rome to discuss New Evangelization for the transmission of the Christian faith. It was for the same purpose – pushing for the New Evangelization in the world – that the Year of Faith, October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013, was proclaimed. This workshop discusses some principal dimensions of the New Evangelization and how it is every Catholic's identity and mission. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



Cha Nguyễn Huy Bảo

Cha Nguyễn Huy Bảo là linh mục triều thuộc Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles. Cha tốt nghiệp bằng Cao Học và thành công đệ trình luận án về linh đạo của Đức Hồng Y Nguyễn Văn Thuận. Năm 2011, cha được mời bởi Bộ Tuyên Ân Phong Thánh cho Đức Hồng Y Thuận làm chứng về vị Tội Tử Chúa. Cha Bảo từng là giảng viên tại Religious Education Congress và Đại Hội Giáo Lý Việt Nam Toàn Quốc. Cha hiện phục vụ tại Giáo Xứ Thánh Gregory the Great, Whittier, California.

Rev. Bao Huy Nguyen

A priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Fr. Bao Nguyen completed a Master of Arts and successfully defended his thesis on the spirituality of Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan. He was invited by the Postulation for the Cause of Cardinal Thuan's Canonization to give formal testimony regarding this Servant of God for sainthood. He has been a presenter at the Religious Education Congress and the Vietnamese-American National Catechetical Conference. He currently serves as Administrator Pro Tempore at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Whittier, California.



2-27 THE PILGRIM WAY: SETTING DIRECTION FOR A FUTURE LIFE

David Whyte (bio 1-27)

Join David Whyte for an exploration of the great questions of human life through the eyes of the pilgrim: someone for whom the nature of the destination changes step by step as the end of the path approaches. One of the central themes will be internal resilience, the necessity for following a certain star not seen or perceived by anyone else, on a path keeping the journey in the world relevant and true. We will look at the necessity for hardiness, for shelter, for risk, for companionship, for vulnerability, for creating a more beautiful mind and the absolute need to ask for help at transition points combined with an ability to recognize when it is being offered and the humor, humility and open hands necessary to receive it.

2-28 REINVIGORATING CATHOLIC IDENTITY IN A DIGITAL CIVILIZATION ☪

Pope Francis is calling all Catholic educators and catechists to study and implement new methodologies for faith formation in a digital civilization. New digital learning environments, brain research, collaborative learning and stimulating learning experiences demand we re-imagine how we communicate faith in the 21st century. How can we apply these new developments and insights for reinvigorating the Catholic identity of our Catholic schools and parish catechetical communities, as well as adult faith formation?



Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, MSHS, DMin

Sr. Angela Zukowski is Director of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton in Ohio. There, she also serves as a professor in the Department of Religious Studies and teaches online for the School of Education. Sr. Zukowski, a member of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, serves as an international consultant for incorporating digital resources for faith formation in diocesan, parish and school pastoral communication plans.

3-01 CONFIRMING ADULT CATHOLICS 🗣️

This workshop will explore ways to evangelize and form already practicing Catholics who simply “missed” the sacrament of confirmation. Using a liturgical approach, Mary Birmingham will unpack a model that provides appropriate and proximate preparation for the sacrament, which has been used effectively in a parish setting for years.

**Mary Birmingham**

Mary Birmingham is Director of Liturgy, Music and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Fla. She has been involved in RCIA ministry on a national level since 1992. An author and a Master Catechist for the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., Birmingham travels extensively throughout the United States and Canada providing diocesan workshops in the areas of initiation, sacramental and liturgical catechesis. She is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

3-02 “IN JOYFUL HOPE” – SONGS OF JOY AND HOPE FOR OUR CHILDREN 🗣️

Australian Andrew Chinn shares songs of joy and hope, some from his new collection and some old favorites, for the passing on of our faith from one generation to the next. Chinn shares his experiences, skills and songs gathered over 30 years as a teacher firstly, and then as a full-time music minister for children. Come and bring the child within and share your joy as we visit songs for celebrations: sacraments, liturgies, prayer, blessings and special events throughout the year. This session is geared to those who work with elementary and early childhood students.

**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 presented at Catholic education conferences in 20 dioceses across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released nine CDs, four DVDs and five picture books. In 2013, Chinn became part of the WLP family, who now distribute his music in North America.

3-03 THE HEART OF IT ALL: KEYS TO AWESOME ADOLESCENT MINISTRY! 🗣️

Effective ministry begins with effective ministers. In this workshop, we will take some time to look deeply at our role as ministers to adolescents and see how our approach directly impacts the effectiveness of our ministry. If you are looking to start or renew your work with adolescents and learn some of the key influencing factors, you don’t want to miss this workshop!

**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.

3-04 ILLUMINATING CHURCH TEACHINGS ON HOMOSEXUALITY 🗣️

Homosexuality is a controversial topic within the Church and in society. Official Church teachings offer a plethora of information for lesbian and gay Catholics and their families, but it’s often misquoted or out of context. This workshop will provide an overview of Church teachings on homosexuality from the Scriptures, Catechism, papal encyclicals and pastoral letters. Attendees can expect to better understand the Church’s three primary teachings on homosexuality: 1) the dignity of the human person; 2) the Church’s opposition to discrimination and harassment; and 3) the call to chastity. Additionally, teachings to help lesbian and gay Catholics participate fully and actively in the Church will be discussed.

**Arthur G. Fitzmaurice, PhD**

Based in Washington, D.C., Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is Resource Director of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry. He formerly served as Chair for the Los Angeles Archdiocese’s Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. Dr. Fitzmaurice speaks on topics ranging from bullying and suicide prevention to the pastoral care of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) Catholics, and has presented at various regional and annual conferences. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.

**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 (during the AIDS pandemic), and has been involved for over 25 years as Director of the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. He also serves as Pastor of St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care. Fr. Ponnet has spoken about consistent life ethics and the death penalty at the Pax Christi Peace and Justice Conferences, to local congregations, and at meetings around the county.

**CONGRESS FACT:**

One of the most popular locations of Congress is the Exhibit Hall. Congress 2014 will showcase 489 booths housing over 200 companies as exhibitors – ranging from religious art to music, and from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to our own represented Archdiocesan ministries. Exhibit Hall A hours at Congress are from 8 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday and from 8 am until 3 pm on Sunday.

3-05 CRY OUT WITH JOY: CELEBRATING THE LITURGY OF THE WORD IN SONG

One of the most significant reforms of the liturgy since Vatican II has been the evolution of the importance of the Liturgy of the Word. The significance of the renewed Lectionary has become a central path for celebrating the presence of Christ in the praying assembly, and music continues to be an important force bringing the Scriptures to life. This workshop will be a musical celebration of the ritual tonality needed for the Word to be integrated in the prayer of the liturgy. Come and learn how the ritual elements are connected and take part in the singing, praying and celebrating while we examine many musical examples and options, as well as the roles of the cantor/psalmist and the choir/vocal ensemble.



David Haas

David Haas is a member of the Campus Ministry team at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn., where he is founder and Executive Director of "Music Ministry Alive!" – an international liturgical music formation program for high school and college-age youth. Haas has composed over 50 original collections and recordings of liturgical music, available through GIA Publications. He has spoken internationally and has authored over 20 books on music, liturgy, prayer and spirituality.



Lori True

Lori True is Campus Minister and Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn. She is Associate Director of "Music Ministry Alive!" and active as a workshop presenter, concert performer, master cantor and recording artist. A published composer of several collections of liturgical music with GIA Publications, True has authored several articles on liturgy and music, the ministry of cantor, and liturgical planning.

3-06 THE BIBLE IS A DANGEROUS BOOK: THE RADICAL AND INCLUSIVE KINGDOM OF JESUS

Jesus' teaching of the doctrine of the Kingdom of Heaven was an uncompromising demand for a transformative change; an utter cleansing, without and within. Jesus asks us to put him before all else – before nation, ethnic clan, family or self. It is dangerous because Jesus gives everything on our behalf and then demands the same of us. It is radical and inclusive because Jesus' teachings defy the social, political and religious foundations of the times. What was it about Jesus and his message that led the Jewish Sanhedrin and Imperial Rome to join forces to execute him? And what does it mean to be a new creation in Christ?



Darrell Hall

Darrell Hall is former principal at St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, where he has taught religious education at the senior high level for 34 years. Hall has spoken at the Catholic Educators' Conference (in Vancouver, Canada), at the Reverence for Life conferences, at various high schools and senior retreats, and at numerous parishes. He last presented at the Religious Education Congress in 2013; his book is entitled, "I Am Convinced: God the Truth and You."

3-07 DYING YOUNG: WHY THE YOUNG CHURCH IS FALLING AWAY AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

The Church isn't getting any younger ... but why not? While youth and young adult ministries flourish in some parishes, young people are seemingly non-existent in others. We know the challenges, and in this session Mark Hart will propose some tangible and practical solutions to the problem.



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, including "Embracing God's Plan for Marriage," and has created the popular DVD Bible Study Series, "T3." Hart has traveled the globe speaking to millions and is a regular guest on several Catholic radio programs, including a weekly spot on SiriusXM and produces a weekly podcast for Life Teen.

3-08 FIVE THINGS EVERY KID NEEDS TO KNOW... HOWEVER OLD WE ARE!

Every child – whatever our age – needs to know these five essential truths about ourselves and our place in the world. As a parish priest of 34 years, Fr. Joe Kempf sees what yields lives "afire" with hope, meaning and joy, and shares his insight as only he can. Through demonstration, stories and down-to-earth wisdom, find anew what matters most for your children ... and the child in you. (Including a brief segment on what every religious educator needs to know!)



Fr. Joe Kempf

Fr. Joe Kempf is Pastor of Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, Mo., and founder and President of "Gospel Values." He is a well-known speaker and appears at religious education gatherings around the country and Canada. Fr. Kempf is author of numerous books, videos and CDs, including "You Want Me to be Good ALL DAY?" and "My Sister is Annoying!" He also has four volumes of DVDs under the "Big Al LIVE" series.

3-09 DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE? A CATECHIST'S PERSPECTIVE

What we see in life depends on lots of things. What is it that contributes to how we see or how we form our perspectives? What are the perceptions that we hold as catechists? It's important to ask ourselves these questions from time to time to make sure that our answers reflect the call of Jesus in our lives. This presentation will discuss perspectives and perceptions that catechists might hold in regard to their ministry, their faith and their students, and how these perspectives and perceptions contribute to our teaching as Jesus did.



Dr. Saundra Kennedy

After many years as a Catholic elementary, junior high and high school teacher, Dr. Saundra Kennedy became a representative for William H. Sadlier publishing, where she now serves as National Religion Consultant. Kennedy has been a contributor

and consultant for the production of many of Sadlier's religious education materials and their sacramental programs. She has been keynote for diocesan Catholic school events and major religious education conferences across the country.

3-10 DISCOVERING THE ASSEMBLY'S VOICE: SACRED MUSIC IN THE LITURGY

According to the U.S. bishops' document on liturgical music, "Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship": "The musical formation of the assembly must be a continuing concern in order to foster full, conscious, and active participation" in the liturgy. This means that musical formation is not just for the choir, but for everyone. How can parishes form their assemblies so that vibrant sung participation is the norm? This session explores how to improve our singing and to be more attentive to sacred music's role in the liturgy, so that, as the gathered body of Christ, we may to lift our voices in praise to God in the manner our Church envisions.



Peter Kolar

Peter Kolar is Senior Editor of Hispanic Resources for World Library Publications. His bilingual Mass setting, "Misa Luna," is sung in cathedrals and parishes nationwide. Kolar is a faculty instructor and Music Program Coordinator for the Tepeyac Institute in El Paso, Texas, and sits on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Liturgical Conference. He resides in El Paso, Texas, where he is Director of the El Paso Diocesan Choir. He is a frequent workshop presenter at the Religious Education Congress.

3-11 HEARTS BURNING, OR HEARTBURN? 🎧

Fifteen years ago, the visionary and inspirational document "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us" charted a course for the future of adult faith formation in the United States. This session will explore some of what has occurred in these 15 years, taking into consideration changes that have taken place in our Church, in our country and in our world. To where does Jesus now call us?



Fr. David Loftus

A priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese and a graduate of both All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland, and Boston College, Fr. David Loftus currently serves as Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge, Calif. For a number of years, he worked in the archdiocesan Office of Religious Education as Coordinator/Consultant in Catechist Formation and Adult Education. Fr. Loftus maintains membership in the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, where he has served as Vice President.

3-12 MUSIC AND MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY 🎧

Navigating multi- and inter-cultural realities in ministry is a lifelong process of learning, unlearning and learning anew! Come enter into an experience that will inspire, affirm and encourage the ongoing ministry and work of living, teaching, welcoming and worshiping in a Church and world that is wonderfully and beautifully diverse! There will be singing, laughing and a great cultivation of hope and joy!



Jesse Manibusan

Itinerant witness, songwriter, speaker, joy cultivator, storyteller and evangelizer, Jesse Manibusan is co-founder, along with his wife, Jodi, of 2by2 Ministries. With over 28 years of experience as a music minister, catechist and youth worker, he travels throughout the United States, Canada and beyond, with numerous appearances at the L.A. Congress, World Youth Days, and various parish missions, Catholic schools and diocesan events. A workshop clinician, composer and recording artist, Manibusan has several CDs published by Oregon Catholic Press and spiritandsong.com.

3-13 PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE 🎧

How can I pray with the Bible? Fr. James Martin will teach you two simple ways to help you enter more deeply into the Old and New Testaments, enrich your spiritual life, and encounter God in Scripture. We'll use simple methods to learn about the practices of *lectio divina* and Ignatian contemplation, and you will learn easy techniques of prayer that anyone can use.



James Martin, SJ

Fr. James Martin, a Jesuit priest, is Editor at Large of America, the Catholic magazine. He is author of several award-winning books including, most recently, "Together on Retreat," "Between Heaven and Mirth," "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything" and "My Life with the Saints." A popular speaker, Fr. Martin presents frequently at parish groups, retreats and national conferences, including the past several years at the Religious Education Congress.

3-14 THE SOCIAL TEACHING OF POPE FRANCIS 🎧

Pope Francis has captivated those both within and outside of the Catholic Church with his sense of open engagement. For many, he represents a new beginning and thus has created a renewed interest in Catholicism. This session will explore Pope Francis' teachings on social justice issues. We will discover how he is deeply rooted in the long history of prior Catholic social teaching, and consider the new emphases and challenges he offers to people of faith living in an unjust world.



Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is Professor of Moral Theology at Marquette University. A former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, he is a noted expert on Catholic social thought and a speaker on social justice issues. A former Congress keynote, he has addressed most major Catholic social justice conferences in the country and is a consultant to many faith-based leadership groups nationally and internationally.

3-15 HOW TO TALK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT GOD! ☺

The call to discipleship is a response to the Word! This session will provide participants with practical skills on how to use symbols, analogy and metaphors in developing God talk. These skills are applicable to home, classes, youth ministry settings and in our conversations. Further, this session will identify spiritual practices, faith skills and rituals that enable young people to “talk” about God and faith, and to live out their discipleship. Let’s talk about young people and about God!



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. McCarty also provides training in ministry skills and issues internationally. He serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical programs at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md., and his hobbies include cycling, rock climbing and now grandparenting!

3-16 WEAR HOPE LIKE A SECOND SKIN! ☺

Desmond Tutu, the retired South African Anglican bishop, has said: “Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.” The Light of Christ is a spark that is seeded in each of us, in all of us. Life in God as the children and the servants of light is our birthright and our way of setting the earth on fire with hope and compassion. Hope, like the Spirit of God, “sleeps beneath our paper flesh like dynamite,” writes Thomas Merton. Come practice hope!



Dr. Megan McKenna

Megan McKenna, a native of New York City now living in Albuquerque, N.M., is an international speaker, storyteller and author of 49 books, including “This Will be Remembered of Her,” which won her an award from the Catholic Press Association. The Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA also won the Isaac Hecker Award for Justice and Peace. McKenna teaches at a number of universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world. Her recent book is “Like a Hammer Shattering Rock.”

3-17 THE CHURCH, POPE FRANCIS & YOU: WHERE ARE WE GOING? ☺

Fr. Jonathan Morris will give a synopsis of what Pope Francis has done for the Church and how the Pope wants us to respond in our own lives and as a Catholic family.



Fr. Jonathan Morris

Fr. Jonathan Morris is Program Director for the Catholic Channel on SiriusXM, the Communications Advisor to Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the New York Archdiocese, and parochial vicar at the historic Saint Patrick’s Old Cathedral in New York City. Fr. Morris also serves as Campus Minister at Columbia University in Upper Manhattan in New York City. He is author of “The Promise” and “God Wants You Happy,” both available from HarperOne. Fr. Morris regularly presents at universities, parishes and conferences, including the University Series, sponsored by parishes in the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

3-18 THE SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY EVANGELISTIC CATHOLICS

Every Catholic is called to live out and share their faith with others. Yet exactly how should we go about it? The Church holds up the great example of the saints, whose very lives give witness to what it means to be joyful messengers and ambassadors for Christ. Join Hector Molina as he shares the seven common habits of these highly evangelistic Catholics and how we might incorporate them into our daily lives in order to win others for Christ.



Hector Antonio Molina Jr.

Hector Molina is an international lay apologist and speaker for Catholic Answers, the largest lay-run apostolate of apologetics and evangelization in North America. The seasoned evangelist was a former Director of Evangelization for the St. Louis Archdiocese, and founding Director of their Office for the New Evangelization. Molina has nearly 25 years of professional speaking throughout the United States, Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, Australia, and Singapore.

3-19 P.A.R.T.Y. (PARENTS & ADMINISTRATION REMEMBERING THE YOUTH) ☺

Having a hard time speaking to your teen? Getting lost in the onslaught of technology? Need to figure out pop culture nomenclature or desperately trying to understand the acronyms of texting? Look no further. The ELEV8 team’s P.A.R.T.Y. workshop is for you. We even answer some of those questions about a teen struggling with their sexual orientation. That’s right. We said that. Come to this empowering session for adults, learn how ELEV8 bridges the gap between parent and teen, and leave knowing your teen really is looking to you more than you think they are.



Anthony Preston

Anthony Preston is an actor, musician, motivational speaker, and creator and Executive Producer of ELEV8, a teen integrity program based in Southern California. 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. His presentations call teens to embrace a holistic lifestyle, free of bullying, drugs and promiscuous sex.

3-20 DOES THE WORD OF GOD REALLY HAVE AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH? ☺

At Vatican II, the Church affirmed the preeminent authority of the Word of God, whose servant we all are. What does this mean? Does it challenge how authority is exercised by the Church?



Timothy Radcliffe, OP

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe joined the Dominicans in 1965 and 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 (1992- 2001). Fr. Radcliffe is an itinerant lecturer who has preached in over a hundred countries. His books include “Seven Last Words,” and he is an Editor Advisor and regular contributor to the daily prayer periodical, Give Us This Day.

3-21 CULTURE, JUSTICE AND CARITAS: THE VISION OF POPES BENEDICT AND FRANCIS 🗣️

This workshop will consider the interaction between modern culture and the Catholic commitment to justice and caritas through the lens of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. The Church's ethical voice and witness are much needed in the current debates about globalization, human development and the common good, as much of this discourse has been dominated by political rather than deeper cultural concerns. At the heart of this conversation is an understanding of what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God and how this informs everything we do for justice, charity and truth in the world around us.

**Jonathan J. Reyes, PhD**

Dr. Jonathan Reyes is Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. In 2009, he became President/CEO of Catholic Charities in the Denver Archdiocese. In 2005, Dr. Reyes helped found the Augustine Institute of Denver, and served as its first President. He also taught in the History Department at Christendom College in Front Royal, Va., where he served two years as Vice President for Academic Affairs.

3-22 FAMILIES ARE THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH! 🗣️

The research tells us! Our pastoral experience tells us! Our own faith journey tells us! SO, when are we going to make families – across the life cycle – the center of faith formation in every parish? If we want vibrant faith in our children, teens and young adults, then family faith formation needs to be our No. 1 priority – and we need to devote our time and resources to building strong family assets and strong family faith. Learn how to equip today's family for discipleship and lifelong faith growth, and how to support parents and grandparents as faith formers.

**John Roberto**

John Roberto is President of LifelongFaith Associates, based in Naugatuck, Conn., and Editor of the Lifelong Faith Journal. He is also coordinator of the Faith Formation 2020 Initiative and the Faith Formation Learning Exchange (with Vibrant Faith Ministries). Roberto works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, and give presentations and workshops in lifelong faith formation across the United States. Among his latest publications is "Faith Formation 2020: Designing the Future of Faith."

3-23 CRUCIFIXION: HOW A TERRIBLE FORM OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BECAME A SYMBOL OF ABUNDANT LIFE 🗣️

In Roman antiquity, death on the cross was considered as the most horrible and shameful form of capital punishment. The Gospel Passion narratives reflect the actual procedures used in the process of crucifying a condemned prisoner. Yet, because of who Jesus was and

why he was led to the cross enabled the New Testament to transform this most abject form of death into a symbol of life for all humanity.

**Fr. Donald Senior, CP**

Fr. Donald Senior is President Emeritus of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also a member of the faculty as Professor of New Testament. The Philadelphia native is a member of the Passionist Congregation and was ordained a priest in 1967. Fr. Senior has published both scholarly and popular works on Scripture, is a frequent lecturer and speaker throughout the United States and abroad, and serves on numerous boards and commissions.

3-24 POPE FRANCIS: HOW DO WE BECOME A "CHURCH FOR THE POOR"? 🗣️

In his inaugural homily, Pope Francis committed himself to "embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially to the poorest, the weakest, the least important, those whom Matthew lists in the final judgment on love: the hungry, thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison." We can do no less! Join Bishop Sylvester Ryan and a panel of educators working in solidarity with the poor in the United States and internationally, as they reflect how, as a Church community, we can be the "church for the poor" together.

**Bishop Sylvester Ryan**

Bishop Sylvester Ryan, a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, served as principal of St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Calif., in the 1970s. In 1986, he was named President-Rector of the archdiocesan St. John's College Seminary, and then appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles in 1990. He was installed as the third Bishop of Monterey in California in 1992; he retired December 2006 at age 76. Bishop Ryan also served as President of the California Catholic Conference from 1997-2004.

**Msgr. Timothy Joseph Dyer**

Timothy Dyer, born and raised in Los Angeles, attended St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and St. Mary's College in Baltimore. A priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, he has served the parishes of St. Columbkille and Nativity Church since 1974 and was archdiocesan Vicar for Clergy from 1991-1995. Msgr. Dyer has taught Scripture courses and presented parish retreats and archdiocesan events for parish communities and schools. He is currently Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Los Angeles.

**Joyce Francois**

Joyce Francois has worked for years in the Office for Youth Ministry for the Detroit Archdiocese, where she is currently Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator. She has created a partnership between her archdiocese and the Diocese of Riobamba, Ecuador, and has taken numerous groups on mission and cultural immersion trips. Francois works primarily with youth from churches within the city of Detroit. She leads various local presentations and training connected to youth ministry.



BOOK SIGNING:

Last year at Congress, there were 56 scheduled times by 29 authors and musical artists to sign their books, CDs or other materials (pictured is 2013 keynote Mark Shriver).

3-25 INTELLECTUAL PREPARATION FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: FOUR CRITICAL CHALLENGES FROM CONTEMPORARY CULTURE ☪

A Pew Research Center study indicates that unbelief among Americans is increasing at 1 percent per year (from 25 percent to 35 percent in the last 10 years). Catholics are no exception. Much of this unbelief is attributable to three false dichotomies from popular culture: 1) faith vs. science and reason; 2) suffering vs. the love of God; and 3) virtue and morality vs. individual freedom. There is also considerable doubt surrounding the historicity and divinity of Jesus. Fr. Robert Spitzer will address resolutions to these intellectual challenges from the latest scientific, philosophical, historical and exegetical evidence. He will also address ways they can be taught in our schools and parishes so that we can help stem the tide of unbelief.



Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD

Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Institute and of the Spitzer Center in Irvine, Calif. The former President of Gonzaga University (from 1998 to 2009) has published five books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer gives over 90 public lectures annually at universities in the United States, Canada, Europe, Hong Kong, as well as presentations to Boards of Directors of major corporations, to priests conferences and other Catholic academic societies and meetings.

3-26 CONFIRMATION IN A NEW TRANSLATION ☪

Rev. Paul Turner (bio 2-21)

The Rite of Confirmation in the Catholic Church will soon be reissued with a new English translation. What should we expect? How different will the prayers sound? What can we learn by looking once more at the confirmation liturgy?

3-27 THE COMMON GOOD AND AN UN-COMMON HOPE ☪

Jim Wallis (bio 2-24)

Ours is a shallow and selfish age and we are in need of conversion – from looking out just for ourselves to looking out for one another. It is easy to feel hopeless, that this is all there is. But how does our pursuit of the common good point us to and awaken an “uncommon hope” of the world that is to come?

3-70 Thử chia sẻ một lớp cho giới trẻ về sứ mạng và phương thức rao truyền Tin Mừng của người trẻ thời nay ☪

Chúng ta sẽ cùng nhau thử tìm cách chia sẻ với giới trẻ về lời mời gọi của Chúa Giê-su – “Hãy đi và biến muôn dân thành môn đệ” – của Chúa, giúp các bạn trẻ nhận ra sứ mạng cao cả và thúc bách này, cũng như một vài phương thức và môi trường thích hợp với tuổi trẻ, để các bạn đóng góp tích cực vào việc Tân Phúc Âm Hóa của Giáo Hội.

TEACHING MISSION AND EVANGELIZATION METHODS FOR TODAY’S YOUNG PEOPLE ☪

In this workshop, we will share with youth about the urging of Jesus’ challenge – “Go and make disciples of all nations” – some instruments of and environments for evangelization suitable for today’s youth, so they can actively contribute to the New Evangelization of the Church. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



Frère Fortunat Phong, FSC

Frère Fortunat Phong là một tu sĩ thuộc Dòng La San, chuyên lo việc giáo dục. Trước năm 1975, Frère từng phục vụ tại trường La San Taberd, Sài Gòn, và các trường La San khác bên Việt Nam. Ngoài việc dạy học trong các cơ sở giáo dục của Dòng La San trong 48 năm qua, Frère thường được các nơi, trong nước cũng như ngoài nước, mời đến chia sẻ trong các khóa huấn luyện giáo lý viên, tình tâm, đại hội giới trẻ.

Bro. Fortunat Phong, FSC

Brother Fortunat Phong, a member of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, is an international speaker and retreat facilitator. Prior to 1975, he served at the La San Tabard in Saigon, Vietnam, and at other Lasallian schools in Vietnam. In addition to teaching in the educational institutions of the Lasallian order for 48 years, Bro. Phong is often invited to present at catechist trainings, retreats and youth conferences both in the United States and in foreign countries.



4-01 MINISTERS OF HOPE AS PROPHETS AND MYSTICS 🗣️

This session is a basic introduction to the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church and a reflection on how to live them in our global communities. The reflection on the challenges to hope includes such topics as immigration reform, responsible use of water, voting, racism and similar issues.

**Msgr. Arturo J. Bañuelas**

Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas is a native of the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, where he presently serves as Pastor of St. Pius X Church. He is co-founder of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States and is founding Director of the Tepeyac Institute, a diocesan ministry formation center. Msgr. Bañuelas is a member of various boards and commissions and presents at conferences in dioceses across the country.

4-02 DANCING WITH HILDEGARD / DANCING WITH HOPE 🗣️

Hildegard of Bingen, the German Benedictine abbess canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012, is one of the church's newest saints and the fourth woman ever to be named a Doctor of the Church! Come learn about this 12th-century mystic and artist as we explore prayers, dances and songs based on her teachings. Experience her gift of virtues, move with the psalms that nurtured her spirit, and embody Hildegard's spirit of *viriditas* as the greening of our souls. Through her vision of the Divine – "I, the fiery life of divine wisdom..." – let Hildegard lead us dancing into hope!

**Betsey Beckman, MM**

Betsey Beckman is a freelance liturgical movement artist, storyteller, author and InterPlay leader based in Seattle. She regularly appears as artist/presenter for national conventions, online retreats and international journeys. Back at home, Beckman is Director of Movement Ministry at St. Patrick Church in Seattle and Director of The Dancing Word, her company that produces DVDs celebrating women's arts and spirituality.

**Laura Ash**

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Church in Seattle, where she has supported the ministry of movement for over 20 years. Laura and her husband, David, have composed and published three collections of liturgical music, have created music for many dance offerings with Betsey Beckman, and have composed the music for the musical "Grace on the Margins," which debuted in April 2013.

4-03 CAN THE NATURAL WORLD AFFORD A "JUST WAR"? 🗣️

The traditional understanding of "just war" addresses the effect of war on human beings and property. It does not include the destruction done to the natural world. This presentation will address this aspect. It will raise the question of the legitimacy of this tradition for today.

**Dianne Bergant, CSA**

Sr. Dianne Bergant, a Sister of St. Agnes, is the Distinguished Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She was President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and has been an active member of the Chicago Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue for the past 30 years. For more than 20 years, she was the Old Testaments book reviewer for The Bible Today, a member of their editorial board and serving as general editor. She also wrote the weekly column, The Word, for America magazine (2002-05).

4-04 EGYPT BEHIND ... GLADNESS TO FIND 🗣️

The beginning of God's people on the earth involved God moving Abraham across ancient borders. Movement to places of new hope is a theme woven into the very fabric of the biblical story. The "negro spirituals" sing over and over of crossing the Jordan as the sign of hope and an escape from despair. In this workshop, Dr. Michael Downey will chart the contours of a spirituality of migration, with attention not only to the migration of persons and peoples across many borders, but to the migration of our own weary spirits from the confines of despair to the gladness of hope.

**Dr. Michael Downey**

Dr. Michael Downey has served as professor at U.S. universities and seminaries for 30 years, in addition to guiding retreats, giving conferences and lecturing in developing countries throughout the world. After nearly 20 years of service in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Dr. Downey is now Professor of Theology at Saint Mark's College at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. He is author or editor of more than a dozen books. In 1995, he was honored with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award.

4-05 DISCIPLE BUILDING YOUTH MINISTRY THAT IS BUILT TO LAST 🗣️**Tom East (bio 2-05)**

Parishes throughout the country have found key practices and are providing youth ministry in new ways that help young people live their faith actively as young adults and adults. These communities built a strong foundation for effective youth ministry through vision, collaboration, faith witness, connections with families and active involvement of youth. This workshop will explore the essential strategies and practices of parishes that are building youth ministry that lasts and developing young disciples who thrive.

4-06 PRAYER AFIRE: ENLIVENING PRAYER EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN 🗣️**Steven Ellair (bio 3-03)**

Do you feel like it's time to energize and enliven how we use prayer in the classroom? Then this is a workshop for you! We will explore some effective and creative ways to bring prayer alive with children and focus on a variety of prayer ideas that can be used immediately. Come and learn how to awaken the prayer potential for your ministry with children!

4-07 BE DAZZLED BY THE LIGHT OF FAITH: A PRACTICAL LOOK AT THE ENCYCLICAL OF POPE FRANCIS ☪

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni (bio 2-08)

Participants will bask in the light of faith that is presented to us in the words of *Lumen Fidei* (Light of Faith), the first encyclical of Pope Francis. Practical implications will be offered for our lives, our ministries and our relationships with one another.

4-08 WILL THERE BE FAITH? ☪

According to St. Luke's account, toward the end of his public ministry, Jesus himself wondered if, when he'd come again, would he "find faith on earth?" This question seems all the more urgent in our postmodern times and as our societies become more secularized. This workshop says "yes, but" So much depends on what faith we share and how we share it.



Dr. Thomas Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education and Chair of the Department of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. The award-winning author has written or edited 10 books and numerous articles and essays. Dr. Groome has made over 500 public presentations over the last 30 years, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators.

4-09 SAY WHAT?!? GETTING THE CHURCH MORE ENGAGED AT YOUR PARISH ☪

Mark Hart (bio 3-07)

How do we connect with the Church when they're away from the parish? How do we get the souls in the pews on Sunday to engage Monday through Friday? Join Mark Hart as he offers some interesting insights and practical ideas on how to engage all ages of the Church the other 167 hours a week.

4-10 RECONCILIATION: THE FORGOTTEN SACRAMENT ☪

During the first half of the 20th century, Catholics went to confession frequently, even weekly. In the second half of the last century, they had gone less and less often but still receive communion, always. What has happened? How often should a Catholic receive the sacrament of confession? Why not go straight to God?



Fr. James L. Heft, SM

Marianist priest Fr. James Heft is the Alton Brooks Professor of Religion, and President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He is author and editor of 12 books and 190 articles. Fr. Heft spent many years at the University of Dayton in Ohio as Chair of the Theology Department as well as Provost and Chancellor. In 2011, he was honored with the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for his long and distinguished service to Catholic higher education.

4-11 HENRI NOUWEN: A LIFE OF HOPE AMIDST TENSION

Henri Nouwen, the Dutch-born Catholic priest and writer, no doubt embodied a tension-filled life riddled with the sobering realities of spiritual imperfections, paradoxes and polarities. Yet, he also exemplified for us all what it means to befriend mystery and tension via the transformative dynamic of hope which can serve to fuel our own continuing journey.



Wil Hernandez, PhD, OBI OSB

Dr. Wil Hernandez is founder and President of CenterQuest, an ecumenical hub for the study and practice of Christian spirituality. A lay Benedictine Oblate of St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., Dr. Hernandez conducts retreats and teaches courses across the country and abroad on the spirituality of Henri Nouwen. He is author of a trilogy on Nouwen, all published by Paulist Press. He also serves on the Planning Committee of the Leadership Institute for Spiritual Directors International.

4-12 SCANDALOUS LOVE: YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM A LOVE THAT WON'T LET YOU GO ☪

Rev. Terry Hershey (bio 1-09)

In the Gospel of Luke, a woman lives in a world where she is shunned, criticized and belittled. She has felt broken, and is looking for hope, and grace, and rest. We can all relate. So she goes to a party and pours perfume on Jesus' feet, weeping, caressing and kissing. In our culture, we believe, or recite creeds. And we certainly discourage indiscriminate desire. And yet this woman finds herself by falling in love. And what are you in love with? What seizes your imagination? God, wonder, wholeheartedness, gratitude will affect everything. In the end, *grace* heals not by taking shame away, but by removing the one thing our shame makes us fear the most: rejection.

4-13 CREATING A CULTURE OF HOLINESS IN YOUR PARISH ☪

Do you want to set your parish on fire? If you do, then plan to create a culture of holiness there. In this workshop, Bill Huebsch will help us imagine and plan for how a parish can launch and sustain a culture in which the call to holiness is sounded often and people are helped to respond. This would be a culture of welcome and generosity; one of self-giving love and dying to self; one of corporal and spiritual works of mercy; one in which people's hearts are dedicated to the poor; a culture of shared faith, prayer, fasting and almsgiving – all grounded in the liturgical and catechetical life of the parish.



Bill Huebsch

Bill Huebsch is Director of the online Pastoral Center at Twenty-third Publications, where he previously served as President. He worked as diocesan administrator for many years in the Diocese of New Ulm, Minn., where he served with Bishop Ray Luckner. He later served as Director of Religious Education in a suburban Minneapolis parish. Huebsch has spoken to thousands of people both nationally and internationally and has many published works, including the recent, "Come to the Table/Ven a la Mesa."

4-14 MOTHERS, MYSTICS, MARTYRS AND MODELS OF FAITH 🗣️

In this workshop, we will examine the lives of women from our ancient mothers to contemporary women of faith. How do we apply their experiences to our daily lives to discover joy and fulfillment? Join ValLimar Jansen and Sarah Hart as they use music, storytelling, Scripture, reflection and poetry, to weave a tapestry of faith, hope and love.

**ValLimar Jansen**

ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer! She received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. She was MC for the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference held in Indianapolis, and she performed with her husband, Frank, at the Loreto/Angora International Papal Event in Italy, which was broadcast on EWTN and across the world!

**Sarah Hart**

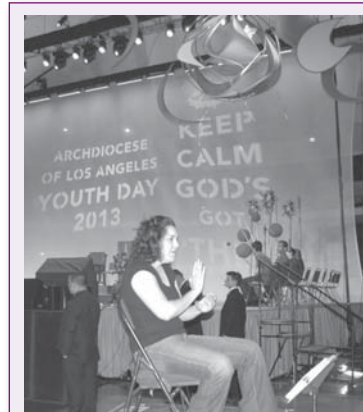
Sarah Hart is a Grammy-nominated songwriter, recording artist and producer, based in Nashville, Tenn. For 20 years, the traveling "itinerant minister" and musician has performed, keynoted and/or presented at World Youth Day, national youth conferences and numerous diocesan youth events, women's conferences and parish missions across the United States and abroad. In March 2014, Hart's first musical, "Bernadette of Lourdes," will have its world premiere in Nashville, Tenn.

4-15 SIMPLICITY: A FREEDOM, A CHALLENGE AND A MANDATE FOR HUMAN SURVIVAL 🗣️**Jack J. Jezreel (bio 1-11)**

The modest and simple lifestyle of Pope Francis provides an occasion for the faith community to revisit the Gospel call to live simply. The words of Jesus and the testimony of the saints make clear that simplicity is an essential part of the spiritual and moral life of the Christian disciple. In addition, the 21st-century reality makes clear that simplicity is a requirement for our future survival as a species. We will look at the call to simplicity through the lenses of human fulfillment, holiness, resisting consumerism and scarcity of resources.

4-16 WHAT I HEARD IN THE CONFESSIONAL 🗣️**Fr. Joe Kempf (bio 3-08)**

These amazing, funny and tender moments (with no names given, of course) teach us profound and liberating truths about life *outside* the confessional! What makes it so hard for us to believe that we can be forgiven? Why forgive? Is there ever a time when we should NOT forgive someone else? What do I teach those entrusted to my care about offering forgiveness? Come learn and laugh with Fr. Joe Kempf as he shares what he has learned through the stories and lives of those who have passed through his confessional.

**CONGRESS FACT:**

We make every effort to assure that Congress is accessible to deaf and hard of hearing persons, offering services including sign interpreters at Youth Day and Congress and Assistive Listening Devices.

4-17 "POST-SACRAMENT" EVANGELIZATION 🗣️

As we emphasize the New Evangelization, one avenue we need to explore I call "post-sacrament" evangelization. We are quite skilled at pre-sacrament catechesis, but what happens the day after? After a wonderful confirmation liturgy, what do we have for these young people the next day? After First Communion, what contact do we maintain with those children and families? After marriage, what do we have for the newly married couples? We have terrific RCIA teams; but what concrete steps do we take to make the newly baptized become active members of our faith communities?

**Cardinal Roger Mahony**

Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Fresno, Calif. In 1975 he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Fresno, and in 1980 he was named Bishop of Stockton, Calif. From 1985-2011, Bishop Mahony served as the fourth archbishop of Los Angeles, and was elevated to Cardinal in 1991. Today, Cardinal Mahony continues to work for comprehensive immigration reform. In 2012, he celebrated his golden jubilee (50 years) as priest.

4-18 HOW RELIGION BOTH MAKES AND UNMAKES RACIAL PREJUDICE AND FEAR 🗣️**Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD (bio 3-14)**

It is a disturbing paradox that religious people of all faiths are among the most intolerant persons, and yet people of faith are also at the forefront of justice movements. This session explores how religion has been – and still is – used to justify injustice and exclusion, and how religious faith can also lead to a deeper commitment to human equality and justice for all.

4-19 THE PEACEFUL SOUL: MAKING THE SERENITY PRAYER A WAY OF LIFE 🗣️**Fr. Jonathan Morris (bio 3-17)**

Fr. Jonathan Morris will break down for us the classic "Serenity Prayer" and teach us how to accept the things we cannot change, courageously change the things we can, and to wisely know the difference.

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

RECongress not only draws people from across the country and from Canada and Mexico, but last year we had attendees from Australia, Canada, England, Guam, Ireland and Northern Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand and Panama.

4-20 NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY, TRADITION AND STORYTELLING

This session, comprised of a panel of presenters, will discuss Native American spirituality and its connection to Catholicism. Storytelling, traditions, culture, song, dance and rituals will be presented by members of The Kateri Circle, who will take a look at their role in Southern California and beyond. Each presenter will speak on the relevance of Native American tradition and wisdom for today's society, share their life experiences and speak about the recent canonization (October 21, 2012) of St. Kateri Tekakwitha by Pope Benedict XVI.



Georgiana Valoyce Sanchez

Georgiana Volyce Sanchez is a Native American of the Chumash and O'odham people, born and raised in Southern California. She is an Elder on the Barbareno Chumash Council and Chair of the Chumash Elders Women's Council of the Wishtoyo Foundation. Sanchez has taught for the American Indian Studies program at California State University, Long Beach for over 27 years. She is a renowned storyteller and lecturer, and a Board Member of the California Indian Storytellers Association.



Luella Wagner

Luella Wagner has taught for 19 years in Catholic education at both the elementary and high school levels. She has taught internationally in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and in the mission field in American Samoa. She recently spent a year teaching on the Northern Cheyenne Indian reservation in Montana. Wagner has been a presenter at Regional Congresses of the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has conducted retreats and workshops throughout the Los Angeles area. She writes for the Inner Wisdom blog.



Clementine Bordeaux

An enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, Clementine Bordeaux was raised on the Pine Ridge Reservation, where she worked as Youth Ministry Coordinator at the Red Cloud Indian School before attending the Native Voices Film program at the University of Washington. She has presented on American Indian histories as well as on St. Kateri Tekakwitha and now works as an Academic Coordinator for the American Indian Studies program at the University of California, Los Angeles.



David Valenzuela

David Valenzuela has been a member of the Native American community in the Los Angeles Archdiocese for over 25 years. He has held positions of Liturgy Chairperson and committee member assisting in the preparation of monthly liturgies for the Native American community at St. Marcellinus Church in Los Angeles. Valenzuela has spoken often to groups about Native American culture, and has assisted at the L.A. Religious Education Congress in the preparation of many of the Native American liturgies.

4-21 IN VITRO FERTILIZATION AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

This workshop will examine the current methods of assisted reproductive technology, including *in vitro* fertilization (IVF). Fr. Tad Pacholczyk will begin with the physiology of human reproduction and the properties of the human embryo. A review of documents containing the Church's teaching will be discussed, including *Donum Vitae*, *Evangelium Vitae* and citations from the "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services." Alternative methods to assist couples in the procreation of children that are consistent with Catholic ethical teaching will be discussed, as well as evaluating emerging technologies, including Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer and Natural Procreative Technology.



Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

A priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., Fr. Tad Pacholczyk is Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. With his advanced work in dogmatic theology and bioethics, he has testified on stem cell research and cloning before members of state legislatures. Fr. Pacholczyk has given presentations and has participated in roundtables on contemporary bioethics throughout the United States, Canada and Europe and has appeared on CNN International, National Public Radio, and ABC's "World News Tonight."

4-22 THE "QUESTION BEHIND THE QUESTION": WHAT YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS REALLY WANT TO KNOW AND HOW TO ADDRESS THEIR FEARS, HOPES AND CONCERNS

In this dynamic workshop, you'll discover common pitfalls of attempting to answer tough questions from "tough" young people and young adults. You'll learn skills to help you go deeper to find the "question behind the question" – the real issue, fear, longing or concern of that young person that is not evident in their initial question. You'll discover a method of dialoguing with them to help clarify their thinking, identify their values, articulate their concerns and uncover answers to the real questions of faith and life they most deeply long to understand.



Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered to youth and young adults as a teacher, high school campus minister, administrator and school counselor in parish, school and diocesan settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice. Petitfils has spoken in over 30 dioceses throughout the United States to youth, young adults and adults at conferences, workshops and parish missions. He has written many articles, and his latest published book is entitled "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."

4-23 EVANGELIZATION & JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Jonathan J. Reyes, PhD (bio 3-21)

The link between evangelization and justice has been frequently articulated by recent popes as inseparable for the Church's mission. Still, these two dimensions of the

Christian mission have not always been easily linked in the actual ministry of the Church. The papacy of Francis provides an opportunity to consider the history of the Church's vision of its evangelizing and social missions and to offer reflections on some recent developments in this area.

4-24 IF LOVING YOU IS WRONG, I DON'T WANT TO BE RIGHT! EXPLORING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE ☪

Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (bio 1-16)

Some have come to believe that they are responsible for telling God whom to love. Rather than loving unconditionally, they choose to exclude folks from the embrace of our Heavenly Father. They choose to marginalize anyone who is not like them. Somehow the poor, the weak, the immigrant and even the gay communities are not deserving of God's love. This interactive workshop will explore God's offer of love to those who are often cast aside by the self-righteous. In the eyes of Jesus, we should all be saying, "If loving you is wrong, I don't want to be right!"

4-25 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: CALLED TO BE HOLY ☪

To be Catholic is to be called to holiness. In this call to holiness, "we realize that a great love has been offered, a good word has been spoken to us, and that when we welcome that word, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit transforms us, lights up our way to the future and enables us joyfully to advance along that way on wings of hope" (Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*). This workshop draws on Sacred Scripture and the deep spiritual treasures of our Catholic faith to outline the New Evangelization through the lens of the universal call to holiness.



Most Rev. David L. Ricken

Bishop David Ricken is the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and was installed on August 28, 2008. Prior to his appointment, he served as Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne, Wyo. Bishop Ricken is a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. He also serves as a member of the Bishops' Advisory Council for the Institute for Priestly Formation and the Catholic Mutual Relief Society.

4-26 AVOIDING THE "STALE AIR": A BIBLICAL REFLECTION ON THE MISSION OF JESUS & THE ESSENTIAL OUTREACH OF THE CHURCH ☪

Fr. Donald Senior, CP (bio 3-23)

In the first months of his papacy, Pope Francis urged Catholics, including bishops, priests, religious and lay leaders, to reach out beyond the boundaries of the Church to serve those in need. In so doing, the Pope reflects a deep spiritual dynamic found in the ministry of Jesus himself and amplified in the New Testament writings.

4-27 ECCLESIA: THE CHURCH AS A MOVEMENT ☪

Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran (bios 1-25)

God created the Church to be a movement of his people and not simply the preservation of a building. In this session, we will share why it is vital we see the Church as a movement. We will also share strategies for getting your church moving – especially if it has been static.

4-28 RIDING THE DRAGON: STRENGTHENING YOUR INNER LIFE IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Dr. Robert J. Wicks (bio 1-28)

One of the greatest gifts we can share with others is a sense of our own peace. However, we can't share what we don't have. By discussing spiritual and psychological approaches to maintaining perspective and inner strength in challenging times, Dr. Robert Wicks, an expert on the prevention of secondary stress (the pressures experienced in reaching out to others), offers insights into how we can live in peace and, in turn, extend our warmth to others without losing our own inner fire in the process. Practical, illustrative and lively, this rich presentation will provide essential information on professional resilience and personal well-being.

4-70 Phụng Vụ và Tông Đồ Giáo Dân ☪

Linh mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh (buhay 1-70)

Hiến Chế về Phụng Vụ Thánh của Công Đồng Vatican II đã mở một chân trời mới cho mọi tầng lớp trong Giáo Hội khi tham dự vào Phụng Vụ Thánh, đặc biệt là nhiệm vụ tông đồ giáo dân. Buổi hội thảo sẽ nhìn vào hai khía cạnh thần học và giáo lý để giúp tham dự viên hiểu rõ hơn về vai trò của người giáo dân trong phụng vụ của Giáo Hội ngày nay.

LITURGY AND LAY MINISTRIES ☪

Rev. Thinh Duc Pham (bio 1-70)

The "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council opened a new horizon for all members of the Church on their conscious and active participation in the liturgical celebrations. This workshop will focus on theological and catechetical aspects that enable a better understanding on the role of the laity in the liturgy of the Church today. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



5-01 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC: WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH ☪

Veteran Vatican writer John Allen takes a 360-degree look at the highlights and lowlights of Catholic news in the past 12 months, drawing out a few big-picture conclusions about what it all means, and then outlines some important stories to watch in the year to come. This session is for Catholics who want a keen sense of what's happening in their Church, not just in the United States, but in Rome and around the world.



John L. Allen Jr.

John Allen is the prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He is author of six best-selling books and writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications.

His weekly internet column, "All Things Catholic," is widely read as a source of insight on the global Catholic Church. Allen divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver.

5-02 LITURGICAL MOVEMENT FOR ADULTS ☪

Donna Anderle (bio 2-02)

Come experience the spiritual expression of prayer through movement, simple gesture and dance! Participants will be guided through the process of preparation – stretching and ballet warm-ups, centering – through meditation and breath work, and execution of the dance and ritual movement to beautiful liturgical music. This workshop is all about participating, so come ready to work!

5-03 HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GOING UNDER THE BELLY OF THE BEAST ☪

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



Patrick Atkinson

Missioner, educator and human rights defender, Patrick Atkinson is best known as founder and Executive Director of The God's Child Project, a non-profit charity he began in 1991. Founder of several schools, clinics and community development centers, Atkinson also founded in 2001 the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited & Missing Persons to promote action against contemporary slavery and human trafficking. He has given presentations at universities, churches, schools and conferences located from Nairobi, Kenya, to Okinawa, Japan, and from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles.

5-04 MISSIO DEI: TRANSFIGURATION OF ALL CREATION ☪

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA (bio 4-03)

At the end of St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus sends his Disciples to proclaim the Gospel "to the whole creation." This session will show that the mission of God – given to Jesus, then to his Disciples, and finally to us – calls for the "transfiguration of all creation."

5-05 STANDING WITH THOSE WHO "LIVE OUTSIDE THE CAMP" ☪

This workshop will explore Jesus' invitation to move from "fan" to "follower," from "cure" to "inclusion." Join Fr. Greg Boyle as he shares stories, parables and lessons learned from ministry to Los Angeles-area gang members at Homeboy Industries, a non-profit organization that employs, trains and provides a path of change to more than 300 former gang members every year.



Gregory Boyle, SJ

Author and speaker Fr. Greg Boyle is Executive Director and founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention program in the United States (soon entering its 25th year). After his work in Bolivia, Mexico and California's Folsom Prison, Fr. Boyle, a native Angelino, returned to the Boyle Heights community of Los Angeles. It was there that the Jesuit priest started what would become Homeboy Industries.

5-06 COMMUNIO ☪

Fr. Patrick J. Brennan, MDiv, STL, DMin (bio 1-02)

God did not intend that we live the isolation, independence and loneliness that so many people experience. This session will explore how small Christian communities, neighborhood ministry, family ministry, and leadership and ministering communities can transform a parish into a relational net reflective of the Reign of God.

5-07 GET THEM TO CHURCH: WAYS TO BRING CATHOLICS TO SUNDAY MASS, EVERY SUNDAY ☪

Drawing from his book, "Bread of Life: Exploring the Presence of Eucharist in Our Lives," and the recent Year of Sunday Mass in the Chicago Archdiocese, Fr. Louis Cameli will suggest ways of addressing decreasing participation in Sunday Mass. The focus will be on deeper understanding, clear witness and creating a supportive environment.



Fr. Louis J. Cameli

A priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, Fr. Louis Cameli's ministry of service in Illinois has included: Pastor of Divine Savior Church in Norridge; teaching for over 20 years at Mundelein Seminary; director of ongoing formation for priests; and theologian for the Chicago Archdiocese, where he serves as Cardinal's Delegate for Formation and Mission. Fr. Cameli has authored books and monographs, and has led retreats as well as catechetical conferences in collaboration with RCL Benziger.

5-08 SECULAR SANCTITY

Can we find wholeness and holiness in our secular age? Author and spiritual guide Fr. Donald Cozzens believes we can. This workshop will draw on the insights of contemporary saints and mystics who have found calm in the midst of chaos, serenity in the face of struggle, and compassion in a culture of fierce competition.

**Fr. Donald Cozzens**

Spiritual writer and retreat master, Fr. Donald Cozzens is Writer in Residence and Adjunct Professor of Theology at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He formerly served as President-Rector at Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, also in Cleveland. Dr. Cozzens has lectured in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and at numerous universities and organizations in the United States. He has made many TV and radio appearances, including "Meet the Press" with Tim Russert and "Fresh Air" with Terry Gross.

5-09 THE PASTOR HAS ALL THE POWER – HOWEVER...WITHOUT THE LAITY AND LAY LEADERSHIP, THERE IS LITTLE POWER TO EXERCISE!**Rev. John C. Cusick (bio 1-04)**

How often I have heard, "Father, you have some great ideas and suggestions, but in my parish, our pastor makes all the decisions and he likes the way things are"! Sadly, too many lay leaders and parish volunteers become paralyzed by this. This workshop will offer some very practical pastoral strategies for ALL levels of parish life. They can be employed by a pastor, parish council, catechetical board, liturgy team, ministers of care, and you – to enhance our ministry. Don't stay paralyzed!

5-10 PARISHES WORKING TOGETHER: NEW HOPE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Jesus came to set the world afire with hope. It's difficult however to keep hope alive when parish attendance is dwindling and programs are struggling. Is your parish in competition with others? Are you losing members to neighboring parishes or vice versa? What's growing and what's dying? Starting with New Testament examples of inter-church action, we will share new ways of evangelizing, where parishes and vicariates or deaneries work with each other in cooperation, not competition. Come learn about the "Mission in Motion" initiative between 12 parishes. Bring your examples of evangelizing with other parishes or congregations.

**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, Calif. A priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., he served in six local parishes before being named Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. Msgr. East formerly served as Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization in the Washington Archdiocese. He travels the country presenting at local and regional gatherings as well as at major national events.

5-11 THE PASSION CALLS US TO BE PEACEMAKERS

The Passionist parish of Holy Cross Church in Belfast has suffered more deaths in the conflict in the north of Ireland than any other community. The traumatic events of "The Troubles" are still being witnessed by people from the community and violence is still a reality on its streets. Fr. Gary Donegan and Brian McKee have lived through the events in Holy Cross Parish and will reflect on the role of faith in bringing about peace and reconciliation in a divided community. This workshop will explore how the call to work for justice and peace has been lived out on the streets of Belfast, and the lessons for other communities marked by conflict and division.

**Fr. Gary Donegan, CP**

Fr. Gary Donegan has been an itinerant preacher for over 20 years and presently is Rector of the Passionist Community at Holy Cross Parish in Ardoyne, Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he has lived since 2001. He is involved in many initiatives aimed at building peace at both the parish and national levels in the north of Ireland. Fr. Donegan has acted as mediator between armed groups – both police and community groups – over many years and brings a wealth of personal experience to peacemaking.

**Brian McKee**

Brian McKee taught theology and was Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry for 10 years in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He served for several years as Chair of the National Committee of Diocesan Youth Directors in Ireland and is a frequent speaker at both adult and youth conferences. McKee is currently working in the field of peace and reconciliation with the Passionists in their Holy Cross Parish in Belfast and as Director of the nearby Passionist retreat center.

5-12 GAY CATHOLIC? IDENTIFYING AS CATHOLIC BEFORE GAY

Many people have left the Church, but even more couldn't ever even consider that. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) people offer a model for what it means to identify as Catholic above all else. In this workshop, a panel lead by Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice will share why they are Catholic to the end in light of Church teachings on homosexuality. In fact, we will share how homosexual identity has brought us closer to the Church and affirmed our Catholic identity.

**Arthur G. Fitzmaurice, PhD & Panel**

Based in Washington, D.C., Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is Resource Director of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry. He formerly served as Chair for the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. Dr. Fitzmaurice speaks on topics ranging from bullying and suicide prevention to the pastoral care of LGBT Catholics, and has presented at various regional and annual conferences. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.

5-13 A CHURCH AFIRE WITH HOPE

We are a Church afire with hope! But, with the Boston Marathon bombing, Syrian and other Middle East conflicts and stories of violence, we forget our baptismal call to be “ministers of peace” and to build hope in our communities. Join Fr. Bill Headley, a long-time global peace-builder and professor at the University of San Diego’s Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. Explore stories of Catholic peacebuilding, learn how these peacebuilders were inspired and how we can be “ministers of peace” in our own communities and join this hope-filled movement.



Rev. William R. Headley, CSSp, PhD

Dr. Bill Headley, a Spiritan priest, is founding Dean and faculty member at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego. He also serves as Professor of Peacebuilding Practice. Fr. Headley initiated Conflict Resolution at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, served as Counselor to CRS’ President, and was Coordinator for his Congregation’s inaugural International Justice and Peace Office.

5-14 ENRICHING SUNDAY MASS WITH A HYMN OF THE DAY

One of the great legacies of the liturgical reforms initiated by Vatican II is the three-year Sunday and Solemnity lectionary cycle. Explore how employing a Hymn of the Day may enrich the community’s experience of the proclaimed Scriptures, mirror and reinforce the homily, and deepen the experience of eucharistic worship. We will be singing together many examples of Hymns of the Day.



Fr. Jan Michael Joncas

Composer, author and speaker, Fr. Michael Joncas is Associate Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He has served as a parochial vicar, a campus minister, and a pastor. Fr. Joncas, ordained in 1980 as a priest for the St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese, is author of four books and over 200 articles and reviews in journals. He is also composer and arranger of over 300 pieces of liturgical music.

5-15 HI GOD: EVANGELIZING CHILDREN THROUGH MUSIC, GESTURE AND SONG

Carol Jean Kinghorn and Carey Landry have been helping teachers, catechists and musicians minister to children for over 40 years. In this workshop, they will demonstrate music from their recordings for children; signs and gestures for many of their songs; music from their new “Mass of Thanks and Praise”; and new ways of celebrating First Communion through song and gesture. There will be an emphasis on music for First Communion.



Carol Jean Kinghorn & Carey Landry

Carol Jean Kinghorn and Carey Landry are partners in marriage as well as in ministry and have been ministering together in the field of music for liturgy, religious education and prayer since 1972. Carey and Carol Jean are also coordinators of liturgical music at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Indianapolis, where Carey directs the choir. Many of their recordings are available from OCP.

5-16 PILGRIM: SEEKING THE WAY

The church is specifically described as the pilgrim church, and for centuries it has pursued and sought truth, life’s meaning, sacred shelter in times of difficulty, and above all, a greater understanding of God’s presence among humankind. These quests, called pilgrimages, can be internal or physical and have their origins deeply rooted in biblical history and folklore. This concept of traveling in search of the way toward a more intimate relationship with God provides the basis of this contemplative prayer experience.



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. He has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States, and is a regular presenter at the L.A. Congress.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso’s contemporary liturgical music appears in numerous compilations and hymnals, and he has presented at liturgy, music and theology conferences throughout the world. Alonso is currently a doctoral candidate in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta. Formerly, he served as Director of Music for Campus Ministry at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. His latest work, “Pilgrim” (with Liam Lawton and Chris de Silva), is due in 2014.



Chris de Silva

Chris de Silva is a composer, arranger and recording artist with GIA Publications, and shares his gift of music ministry at national conferences, diocesan and parish retreats around the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. He has served at several faith communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is presently Associate Director of Music and Liturgy at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

5-17 MEDICAL AND MORAL DECISION-MAKING IN END-OF-LIFE SITUATIONS

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD (bio 4-21)

In this highly informative session, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk will discuss end-of-life circumstances that call for ethical decision-making. The parameters and benefits of Advanced Directives and Health Care Proxies will be compared and contrasted. Concepts of benefits and burdens will be discussed including extraordinary and ordinary medical means vs. extraordinary and ordinary moral means. The statements of Pope Pius XII and Pope John Paul II will be reviewed on the provision of artificial hydration and nutrition to persistent vegetative state patients. “The Ethical and Religious Directive for Catholic Health Care Services” (nn. 56-61) will be highlighted as a guide to policy formation and care vs. treatment.

5-18 COLLABORATION OR COMPETITION: MASS AND SPORTS VS. MASS OR SPORTS 🗣️

As resources become stretched and young people have more options with their time, should we be competing with other youth-serving agencies or start seeing them as partners in ministry? Learn how partnering with “secular” organizations can enhance your ministry. Using newly established principles for cooperative partnerships (from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry) as a framework, Bob McCarty and Vikki Shepp will walk you through a process for partnering that will allow collaboration, maintain Catholic identity and capture young people’s interest. Though aimed at youth ministry, these principles can easily be applied to other parish ministries.

**Robert J. McCarty, DMin**

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

**Vikki Shepp**

Vikki Shepp currently serves as Vice President of Fund Development for the Girl Scouts of Orange County in California. She has been serving youth and the adults who work with them for nearly 30 years: as a youth minister, Junior Girl Scout leader, middle-school teacher and consultant to parishes and dioceses, as well as a professional Girl Scout. Shepp has authored and co-authored numerous books and articles. She presents volunteer management workshops throughout the United States and Canada.

5-19 BEING CHRIST’S BODY 🗣️**Timothy Radcliffe, OP (bio 3-20)**

In the West, the Church faces a vast challenge in the communication of our faith. Fr. Timothy Radcliffe will argue that we can only do this by being Christ’s Body, a Word Incarnate.

5-20 ATTUNING OURSELVES TO THE FIRE, THE HEARTBEAT OF CHRIST: EXPLORING A RICH MYSTICAL IMAGE 🗣️**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser (bio 1-17)**

How do we listen to Christ’s heartbeat? What are the signs that we are listening? What is then asked of us? The Gospel of John presents discipleship in precisely those categories. How do we become “the beloved disciple” who hears Christ’s heartbeat? This presentation will try to unpack John’s mystical description of discipleship. As Evagrius of Pontus, the fourth century ascetic monk, puts it: *Breast of the Lord, Kingdom of God: Who rests against it, a theologian shall be.*

5-21 SAVED BY BEAUTY: THE HEALING POWER OF ART AND MUSIC 🗣️

Refresh the eyes and ears of your soul through the colorful art of Bro. Mickey McGrath and the soulful sounds of John Angotti as they lead us on a delightful journey of inner peace. Stories from the Gospels and lives of the saints in all their healing beauty will inspire you with new ways to pray and be aware of God’s loving presence. Saints from Gospel times to Dorothy Day and Pope John XXIII will help us celebrate the beautiful diversity of our universal Church.

**Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath**

Bro. Mickey McGrath is an artist and author currently living in Camden, N.J. He is also a popular speaker at retreats and religious education conferences around the country. The main theme of all his work centers on the healing power and prayerful nature of art and beauty. In 2013, Bro. McGrath’s book, “Saved By Beauty,” received first place awards from the Association of Catholic Publishers and the Catholic Press Association. He has published articles in Commonweal magazine and illustrated posters for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**John Angotti**

Originally from Clarksburg, W.V., John Angotti is a full-time music missionary now residing in Memphis, Tenn. He travels most parts of the world performing at workshops, retreats, missions, conferences, liturgies and concerts from Carnegie Hall to World Youth Day. Angotti is an accomplished composer with numerous CDs and collections with World Library Publications. With the completion of his rock-opera, “Job: The NOW Testament,” he is currently working on a book of prayers and reflections for teens.

5-22 GROWING UP CATHOLIC: CHARACTER AND FAITH (YOUNG ADOLESCENT MINISTRY) 🗣️

Sr. Kieran Sawyer will show the inter-relationship of character development and faith development in the lives of middle-school children and teens. She will discuss how to create classroom, youth group and school environments that promote both moral behavior and a deepening faith commitment. This session will include practical techniques for guiding the minds and hearts of today’s young people and for teaching them to be responsible for their own moral growth and for the moral climate of their school, family and friendship group.

**Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND**

Sr. Kieran Sawyer, a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, is an author, catechetical speaker and trainer known nationally for her creative work in youth ministry and catechesis. She has taught religion at all levels of elementary and high school, in Catholic schools and in religious education programs, and has presented numerous workshops and programs for religion teachers, catechists and youth ministers across the country. Sr. Sawyer is Director Emeritus of the TYME OUT Youth Center in Wisconsin.

5-23 YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: 10 WAYS TO ENGAGE, EMPOWER AND IGNITE THE FAITH OF YOUNG ADULTS ☪

Ministry to young adults is complex, challenging but extremely rewarding. In our parishes, we often meet young adults at the most joyful and hope-filled moments of their life – when they get engaged, married, at baptism and when they seek out faith formation for their children. But our young adult efforts often do not keep pace with where young adults are at and what they are searching for. This workshop will give participants 10 practical and effective ways to engage, empower and ignite the faith of our young adults so that they will “set the world ablaze,” in the words of Catherine of Siena.



Julianne Stanz

Julianne Donlon-Stanz is Director of the Department of New Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and is a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. She has extensive workshop, retreat and presentation experience at both local gatherings and national conferences. Stanz, born in Ireland, is presently an adjunct faculty member of Silver Lake College of the Holy Family in Manitowoc, Wis., and serves on the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership Committee for Adult Faith Formation.

5-24 “I WILL PROVE MY HOLINESS THROUGH YOU...” (EZ. 36:23-26) ☪

Sr. Maureen Sullivan (bio 2-23)

We are meant to be manifestations of God’s holiness. For many of us baptized so early in our Christian journey, there comes a time when we must come to understand what baptism means and consciously accept the offer of grace made to us so many years ago. Baptism is the embrace of God who first loved us. Have we truly accepted that embrace? Does our daily life attest to that acceptance? Our earthly journey is to become “morally” what we already are by virtue of our baptism. Only then can we begin to embody God’s claim to us offered in the words of the prophet Ezekiel. Benedict XVI’s Year of Faith has concluded ... might the fire of renewal follow?

5-25 AMERICAN ISLAM ☪

Jihad Mohammed Turk (bio 2-25)

Despite the high profile nature of Islam in the media, it is not common to hear from or about American Muslims. This session will focus on the history and demographics of the American Muslim community and the role that they are playing in American pluralism.

5-26 DEVELOPING THE GIFT OF FAITH ☪

Jean Marie Weber (bio 2-26)

Faith is a gift! This workshop will focus on the recognition of the gift of faith and our response. We will pursue such questions as: What does an active faith life look

like? Who assists in the process of developing this life? And how can one consciously help to develop the gift of faith in oneself and others? Come and explore!

5-27 SACRAMENTAL IMAGINATION AND FAITH FORMATION ☪

Sr. Angela Zukowski, MSHS, DMin (bio 2-28)

What is “sacramental imagination”? Why should catechists and Catholic schoolteachers be concerned with cultivating the sacramental imagination of those to whom we proclaim the Good News? Our ability to imagine is a great resource in cultivating a deeper appreciation of the Holy Spirit which surrounds us. In a digital world that clutters our time, attention and imagination with a diversity of distractions, we are discovering a loss of appreciation of mystery, wonder and beauty. This workshop explores ways to re-capture a sense of sacramental imagination for embracing a living faith, as Pope Francis invites us today!

5-70 Không thể hy vọng vững vàng nếu không có Đức Tin ☪

Đề tài nhằm minh chứng rằng Hy Vọng là điều thật cần thiết, nhất là trong bối cảnh xã hội hôm nay, để con người và nhất là kitô hữu có thể sống và sống dồi dào. Đồng thời, niềm Hy Vọng đúng đắn phải gắn liền với Đức Tin như là nền tảng. Chính trong đức tin vững vàng và sống động, người kitô hữu tỏ lộ khuôn mặt rạng rỡ niềm hy vọng.

ONE CAN'T REALLY HOPE WITHOUT FAITH ☪

The Congress theme emphasizes that hope is vital, especially in our social context, so that everyone, particularly Christians, can live abundantly. Simultaneously, genuine hope always closely associates with its foundation: our faith. In fact, with an earnest and living faith, Christians confidently reveal their radiant face of hope. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



Đức Cha Nguyễn Tấn Tước

Cha Nguyễn Tấn Tước thụ phong Linh Mục tháng 4 năm 1991 cho Giáo Phận Phú Cường, phục vụ rất sát cánh với Giáo dân và giới trẻ trong GX Tha La, đặt biệt là lo cho người nghèo. Năm 2006 Cha tốt nghiệp Cao học Institut Catholique tại Parish. Cha trở về quê hương và đặt trách ơn gọi Linh Mục GP. Ngày 14 tháng 3 năm 2011 ĐGH Benêđictô 16 bổ nhiệm làm GM Phó. Ngày 30 tháng 6 năm 2012 Đức Cha Tước đã lên kế vị làm GM Chính của GP Phú Cường.

Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc

Bishop Joseph Tuoc Tan Nguyen was ordained a priest for the Phu Cuong Diocese in Vietnam in April 1991 and served at Tha La Parish, he works closely with young people, loves the parishioners and support to poor. He finished his Master's degree in Biblical Theology in France in 2006. Returning to Vietnam, he was placed in charge of The Religious Vocation for the Diocese. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as a Coadjutor Bishop of Phu Cuong diocese on March, 2011. He became Bishop of Phu Cuong on July, 2012.

6-01 IMAGINING GOD IN A SCIENTIFIC AGE 🔊**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (bio 1-07)**

Too often Christianity is belittled as an intellectually bankrupt religion that, under the scrutiny of modern science, no longer can offer a credible account of God and God's activity in the world. In this workshop, we will explore our own customary forms of imagining God and will consider how our great theological tradition can enrich our religious imaginations and offer a compelling account of God that can respond to the challenges of a scientific world.

6-02 ANSWER THE CALL: RITUAL CREATING DISCIPLESHIP 🔊

Our ritual experiences have the power that can open the eyes of our hearts to become the living light of Christ. Music, wed to ritual action, makes this happen in a profound way, especially when we are called into one voice by the sheer act of communal song. Sacramental celebrations can't do this on their own, but must be followed by ongoing, weekly opportunities for conversion. Come and explore sung ritual experience that can "set the world afire."

**Tom Kendzia**

Tom Kendzia has been a professional liturgical musician, speaker, performer and consultant since 1980. He has spoken at diocesan gatherings and international events, and presented many parish workshops/concerts throughout the United States, Canada, the West Indies, Europe and Asia. The author and consultant is currently Director of Music at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. Kendzia's published works include "Lead Us To The Water," "Create In Me" and "Taste and See."

6-03 "SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS" ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS BELONG HERE 🔊

There's a lot of eye-rolling and hand-wringing in church circles whenever the subject of "spiritual but not religious" adults and young adults comes up. But the good news is that these people are already interested in the spiritual life! And the spiritual traditions of the church are the perfect home for them; we just need to start the conversation! In this workshop, we'll examine current trends in spirituality and their impact on outreach, evangelization and formation. We will also identify practical strategies for meeting these seekers (hint: they're already in our midst), and ways to evangelize, especially with young adults.

**Douglas Leal**

Douglas Leal is Coordinator for Adult Faith Formation and Young Adult Ministry for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and previously served as Director of Ministries at St. Sebastian Parish in Los Angeles. Leal is author of the skill-building book for lectors, "Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!" and has presented at many regional and national gatherings, including the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and the Center for Religion & Spirituality at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

6-04 HOLDING TO BELIEF IN AN UNBELIEVING WORLD

It is hard to underestimate the impact that the new atheists have had on many Christian believers and young Catholics too. What challenges are our detractors giving us? What are our responses? Through story, media and humor, we will explore how we can best witness to faith in a sometimes hostile world.

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, based in Melbourne, Australia. He is a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome and has been a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. A popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress since 2003, Fr. Leonard offers workshops that look at the intersection between our faith and contemporary culture. His books include "Why Bother Praying" and "Where the Hell is God?"

6-05 PRAYING IN COLOR 🔊**Sybil MacBeth (bio 2-15)**

Praying in Color is an active, meditative and playful prayer practice that uses pen, markers and doodles to create an entrance into stillness and listening. Participants will learn this versatile practice through an intercessory prayer exercise and an introduction to *lectio divina*. If you have a short attention span and a restless body OR would like to talk to God without words OR are just looking for a new way to let God in, come experience Praying in Color. Absolutely no artistic ability is necessary! Bring a black pen, colored pencils or markers, paper and a hard surface to draw on.

6-06 1, 2, 3 ... GOD LOVES ME! SINGING AND CELEBRATING WITH CHILDREN 🔊

Music and movement are such natural ways for 5- to 8-year-old children to joyfully learn about and celebrate their faith. Bring your voice and re-discover your "inner child" as Michael Mangan introduces a collection of exciting new songs that will have children enthusiastically singing in religious education classes and liturgical celebrations throughout the Church year. Themes include God, Scripture, Church, creation, praise, thanks, belonging, prayer and family.

**Michael Mangan**

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Australia. His 200 songs, psalms and Mass settings are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Michael tours widely presenting school concerts, professional development workshops and speaking at conferences. He is a member of the National Executive of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane, Australia.

6-07 THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN DAILY LIFE ☪

The Paschal Mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection is meant to be the pattern of our spirituality and our daily living. Thus, as St. Paul instructs us, "you must consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). Similarly, in the Memorial Acclamation of the Eucharist, we proclaim, "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and Resurrection, you have set us free" (option C). This presentation will reflect on some of the ways the Eucharist can transform our daily lives and enable us to live more fully the Paschal Mystery we celebrate.



Dr. Timothy Matovina

Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he is also Executive Director of the Institute for Latino Studies. He has offered presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and various theological topics for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the United States. Dr. Matovina is a frequent and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. His latest publications include "Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church."

6-08 THREE JEWISH SPIRITUAL HEROES: MOSES, DAVID, JESUS ☪

Moses, David and Jesus – three very different scriptural and historical figures – present similar and different models of Jewish spiritual heroism. In their own ways, they are courageous, humble and imbued with faith. Each is an example to all of us of how we can achieve our own spiritual heroism.



Rabbi Michael Mayersohn

Speaker and teacher, Michael Mayersohn is a Reform Rabbi who is committed to interfaith cooperation and learning. He teaches Bible, both Hebrew and New Testament, teaching Christians the Jewish background and context of the life and ministry of Jesus. Since 2003 Rabbi Mayersohn has spoken at over 20 churches in Southern California and Arizona. He has presented at several Religious Education Congresses and is author of the book "Are We Sinners?"

6-09 ARE YOU CERTIFIABLE? EXPLORING NATIONAL LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY CERTIFICATION: THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES ☪

Why would a Lay Ecclesial Minister (LEM) seek national certification? How does it benefit the LEM, their local faith community, and the larger Church? These are two important questions that will be answered in this workshop, as well as what qualifications are required and how to apply. Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale will help those attending explore the benefits and challenges of national certification, as well as review the various elements of the national process. Additionally, those present will have the opportunity to evaluate their readiness as well as interest in national certification.



Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD

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

6-10 INSPIRING YOUTH TO MISSION AND SOLIDARITY ☪

In his 2013 World Youth Day homily, Pope Francis reminded the young Church that "Jesus is calling you to be a disciple with a mission. ... Go, do not be afraid, and serve." Indeed, youth all over the world embrace this call as evidenced in their creative witness to love, service, peace and solidarity. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) invites you to a panel presentation and discussion designed to inspire. Discover how young people all over the world are setting the world afire through their transforming service. Explore models and resources for inviting young people to a faith life rooted in the Gospel, charged with a vision of solidarity and mission, and leading to deeper engagement with the world.



Ted Miles

Ted Miles, a native of Baltimore, has worked for CRS since 2005 as the Relationship Manager for Religious Education and Coordinator of CRS' Youth Outreach in the United States. Prior to joining CRS, Miles served in parish youth ministry and Catholic high school education for over 25 years, including development of an immersion experience for youth of the Baltimore Archdiocese. In 2009, he received the award for leadership in youth ministry from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.



Joyce Francois

Joyce Francois has worked for years in the Office for Youth Ministry for the Detroit Archdiocese, where she is currently Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator. She has created a partnership between her archdiocese and the Diocese of Riobamba, Ecuador, and has taken numerous groups on mission and cultural immersion trips. Francois works primarily with youth from churches within the city of Detroit. She leads various local presentations and training connected to youth ministry.



Juan Carlos Montenegro

Juan Carlos Montenegro is Youth Ministry and Volunteer Coordinator for the Salesians of Don Bosco in Bellflower, Calif. He has devoted his life to working with youth, as a missionary in the middle of the Amazon rainforest and as a speaker at several international conferences. "JC," as he is known to youth, has 17 years of youth ministry experience and has written three books; his latest publication, "Intentionally Catechist," has been reproduced in Peru and Ecuador.

6-11 WHAT IS HOPE BUT COURAGE WILLED AND SHARED! 🗣️

Dr. Megan McKenna (bio 3-16)

We are told by Jesus: Do not be afraid! We are to live in the light, live in hope, standing with the Son of Man, and together be a blessing upon all and upon the earth. Where we stand, how we stand and with whom we stand is the stance of hope. How we share each other's burdens reveals the depth of our hope. Come, dream visions of such clear light.

6-12 "FOR YOU WERE ONCE ALIENS!" (EX. 22:20): THE BIBLE ON IMMIGRANTS 🗣️

Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD (bio 2-16)

America, once a land of opportunity welcoming the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free," has reconsidered itself as a place of open immigration ... but not without controversy. Good people line up on both sides of this hot topic. This workshop will investigate the biblical starting points and values, expanding the conversation beyond economic and legal considerations, to a Divine perspective on the outsider and the undocumented. Bring your Bible.

6-13 HOLD EACH OTHER – FOR GOD'S SAKE: AN AFFIRMATION OF THE GIFT OF SEXUALITY 🗣️

Just before he died, Jesus said, "Into your hands I commend my spirit." Another way to hear that: "Daddy, please hold me." This plea, this need, this impulse, to hold and be held is at the core of sexuality. Jesus was good at this, good at sexuality. And like in all things, he invites us into this mystery with him, in the hope that, through the good use of this God-given gift of sexuality, all human beings might live more abundantly, more freely. This workshop will challenge you to be held when needed and to hold each other better.

**Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**

A self-described "street theologian" who uses storytelling, poetry and humor, Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson is author and leader of the *Beloved Retreat* experience. He holds the position of Resident Theologian and Animator of Faith at Old St. Patrick's Church in downtown Chicago. Dr. Nelson-Johnson also founded and is Animating and Creative Partner of *Soul Play*, based in Evanston, Ill., and has a two-volume audio CD set entitled "Soul Playdates." His talks take him into Canada and across the United States.

6-14 T.H.I.N.K.: FIVE WAYS TO DEAL WITH THE MEDIA IN YOUR (CHILD'S) LIFE 🗣️

Entertainment media and consumerism are everywhere today. Advertising wants to sell us "family" values that have nothing to do with the Gospel. We wonder if media – from the movies to the news – is trying to inform us or entertain us. Violence as a way to solve problems is the dominant theme. Sr. Rose Pacatte will use T.H.I.N.K. as a framework that catechists and parents can use with students to engage popular culture through the lens of faith.

**Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP**

Sr. Rose Pacatte, a Daughter of St. Paul, is Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Culver City, Calif. She is an award-winning film columnist for *St. Anthony Messenger* and the *National Catholic Reporter*. Her online show "The INNdustry with Sr. Rose" is a production of the Ignatian News Network and she reviews movies for kids for RCL Benziger. The media literacy education specialist has presented at the "Roots & Wings" Religious Education Conference in Durban, South Africa, and is a frequent presenter at the L.A. Congress.

6-15 CATHOLIC TEACHING AND THE REALITIES OF THE AMERICAN DEATH PENALTY 🗣️

Dale Recinella, JD & Dr. Susan Recinella (bios 2-20)

Dale Recinella, Catholic Correctional Chaplain for Florida's death row, and Dr. Susan Recinella, clinical psychologist and volunteer lay minister for families of the condemned during executions and for families of murder victims in non-death penalty cases, present the realities of the American death penalty from the standpoint of Catholic teaching and explore the erroneous Scriptural support that is claimed by many pro-death-penalty Christians.

6-16 POPE FRANCIS: WHAT DOES HE MEAN FOR THE CHURCH?

Pope Francis has been a happy surprise for most Catholics. What will his papacy mean for the church? What are his views on the important issues facing the church? Where does he want to lead the church? Will he be a reforming pope? Will he make a difference?

**Thomas J. Reese, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Reese is a senior analyst at the *National Catholic Reporter*. From 2006-13 he was Senior Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, where he focused on religion and public policy. From 1998-2005, he was Editor in Chief of *America* magazine. Among Fr. Reese's books is "Inside the Vatican: The Politics and Organization of the Catholic Church." He has presented numerous parish and university talks across the country, and is often quoted in the press and frequently appears on television and radio on Catholic issues.

6-17 SIGNS OF GOD'S GRACE: THE SACRAMENTS 🗣️

Thomas J. Scirghi, SJ, ThD (bio 1-18)

Our sacramental celebration is "primary theology," for it is in church that we receive our first lesson in the study of God. The Christian sacraments are rooted in the teaching and ministry of Jesus Christ. This session will explore the origin of the sacraments through their scriptural foundation and their development through the history of the church. We will also explore the rituals of the church, for sacraments are designed to be celebrated.

6-18 THE PASTORAL COUNCIL: BUILDING A LIVING, HOPE-FILLED COMMUNITY, NOT A CORPORATE BODY OF MANAGEMENT ☪

Bro. Loughlan Sofield (bio 2-22)

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops describes the purpose of the pastoral council: “to build the parish as a living Christian community.” This workshop will explore ways to structure the council in such a way that it helps to build a parish that is hope-filled, life-filled and life-giving. The material presented is based on Bro. Loughlan Sofield’s experience of working with councils on a number of different continents.

6-19 HAPPINESS, SUFFERING AND THE LOVE OF GOD: WHY WOULD AN ALL-LOVING GOD ALLOW SUFFERING? ☪

Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD (bio 3-25)

One of the most difficult intellectual challenges Catholics must face today is why an all-loving God would allow suffering. Inability to explain suffering not only leads to unbelief, but wasted pain and an embittered spirit. Fr. Robert Spitzer will discuss a proven, four-step method for helping people in our schools, colleges and parishes to resolve this quandary properly: 1) developing a contributive and transcendent view of happiness and purpose in life; 2) presenting evidence of a soul and eternal life; 3) explaining why God would allow people and nature to cause suffering; and 4) showing how we can suffer well – with deep benefit toward an eternal life of unconditional love with the Lord.

6-20 THE ABCs OF FAITH FORMATION WITH YOUTH ☪

When we gather young people together, are we playing games, hoping to survive, or intentionally forming disciples? What’s the secret to staying faithful to our catechetical calling of echoing the faith while leading teens down the road of discipleship? Come and (actively) learn the ABCs of faith formation designed to help you engage young people’s heads, hearts and hands.



Michael Theisen

Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and adolescent catechesis for 30 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. His experience extends from parish to diocesan and national levels, and is a frequent speaker and trainer throughout the United States. Theisen is Director of Membership Services for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C., and is extensively involved in two national initiatives: the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis; and Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth.

6-21 SACRAMENTS FOR OLDER CHILDREN: PRACTICAL IDEAS TO ADDRESS THE NEED ☪

There are many children in our parishes who have reached the age of reason (7 years or older) without receiving one or all of their primary sacraments. For some,

it may be appropriate to start an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process adapted for children. For the other children who have already been baptized and need First Eucharist and Reconciliation, we have to design a catch-up process. The goal of this workshop is to provide helpful ideas and practical ways to address that need. The importance of bringing parents into the process in an intentional manner will also be discussed.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela is a National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources for William H. Sadlier, Inc. He has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. He has been in ministry for 20 years including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training, and writing and development of new materials. Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent and fully bilingual and bicultural, he has lived most of his life in the Bay Area and currently resides in Alameda, Calif.

6-22 HIV PREVENTION BASED ON THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON: EFFECTIVE AND FAITHFUL RESPONSES ☪

Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo (bio 1-22)

The Catholic Church is often scapegoated, by media and by public health officials, as an obstacle to effective HIV prevention. This workshop will examine scientific facts and strategies as well as Church teachings on HIV prevention. Examples of successful prevention efforts undertaken by Catholic Church-inspired organizations will be presented, including those that promote risk-avoidance rather than mere risk-reduction behavior changes and other holistic interventions that are respectful of the dignity of the human person.

6-23 SETTING YOUR CHOIR ON FIRE! ☪

Christopher Walker (bio 1-23)

The liturgical choir is one of God’s secret weapons that can inspire a dull liturgy and a listless assembly! We will explore ways the choir can itself be energized to minister more effectively. Come ready to sing!

6-24 PARENTING TEENS & SURVIVING WITH GRACE! ☪

Char Wenc, MEd (bio 1-24)

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

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Each year, there is a Congress theme and song. Congress 2013's theme song for was "Enter the Mystery" by Curtis Stephan. Since 2004, Youth Day has also had its own theme and song. Last year's Youth Day theme song was "Your Love," written and performed by The Jacob and Matthew Band.

6-25 FANNING A SMALL FLAME INTO A MIGHTY FIRE 🔔

Sometimes our hope and enthusiasm can be smothered by anxiety and tiredness. Unintentionally and unconsciously, we lose hope and replace our confidence with self-doubt. In a recent synod in Rome, the bishops called for a New Evangelization, an experience they say that must begin with us, a sometimes "weary" Church. Is it time to fan the flame we carry into a new fire, a fire the world will recognize? Like St. Paul challenging Timothy, it may be that we too are entering a new era, a season to "fan into flame the gifts God has given us." In this session, we will explore how a New Evangelization will help us to invigorate our Catholic confidence and renew our hope for a world afire.

**David Wells**

David Wells began his career as a teacher before becoming a research assistant for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Since then, his work has taken him all over the world, and especially to Canada where he has appeared on national television. He presently serves as Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Plymouth, in the south of England. Wells has spoken at more than 350 conferences worldwide, in Europe and North America, and he has guest lectured in three English universities. This is his 14th appearance at the Los Angeles Congress.

6-26 ENKINDLE THE LIGHT OF HOPE THROUGH DANCE 🔔

If we "learn to live by practicing living," then come practice movements in dance that will help exercise our social justice, equity and peace. The principles are the same. With an eye toward realizing a world that embraces the spiritual and social challenges of the Gospel message, experience the power of prayerful movement and sacred dance. This interactive workshop will be led by John West, Artistic Director of the Valyermo Dancers.

**John West, OBI OSB, MEd, MA**

John West is Headmaster for the Mirman School for the Gifted in Los Angeles and serves as an Educational Consultant for independent schools and schools for the gifted. This oblate of St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., is an international and national workshop leader/lecturer in medieval and sacred dance. West's experience with the Religious Education Congress began in 1970; since 1991, he has served on the Congress Liturgy Committee. He is also a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy.

6-27 ATTENTION, PLEASE! USING THE DIVINE PEDAGOGY TO HELP CHILDREN FOCUS AND ENGAGE IN THEIR FAITH 🔔

In the midst of our culture of distractions, God is continually inviting us into a relationship with him. By reflecting on the divine pedagogy (the way God teaches us), we can gain insights about how to craft our catechesis in ways that meet the attentional and spiritual needs of children today. This workshop, facilitated by child psychologist and catechetical author Dr. Joseph White, will provide practical steps for making our catechesis more attention-grabbing, formative and fun.

**Dr. Joseph D. White**

Based in Austin, Texas, Dr. Joseph White is a clinical child psychologist and National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He has taught courses in catechetics and pastoral guidance at the University of Dallas and at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Dr. White is a popular workshop presenter at national and diocesan conferences, a frequent guest on national Catholic radio shows and maintains a blog on catechesis.

6-70 Thử chia sẻ một lớp cho giới trẻ về các câu hỏi nóng bỏng liên quan đến luân lý sự sống - "Bioethics" 🔔**Frère Fortunat Phong, FSC (buhay 3-70)**

Chúng ta sẽ cùng nhau thử tìm cách chia sẻ với giới trẻ cái nhìn đầy thương yêu và kính trọng của Giáo Hội về luân lý sự sống, các vấn nạn mà các bạn bè hay chính các em đang thắc mắc, như việc ngừa thai, phá thai, giúp thụ thai, dùng thai nhi để thử nghiệm, chọn lựa phả tính, hay trợ giúp kết thúc cuộc đời.

TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE THE BURNING QUESTION CONCERNING MORAL LIFE: "BIO-ETHICS" 🔔**Bro. Fortunat Phong, FSC (bio 3-70)**

In this workshop, we will share with youth the loving and caring teaching of the Church concerning some keys to bioethics, including abortion, prenatal screening, assisted reproductive technology, embryo research, and end-of-life issues. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



7-01 THE FRANCIS REVOLUTION: THE PAPACY AT THE ONE-YEAR MARK 🗣️

John L. Allen Jr. (bio 5-01)

Both in terms of style and substance, Pope Francis has brought dramatic change to Rome and revitalized the papacy as a player on the global stage. John Allen will trace the main lines of the Francis revolution and project where things may go from here, with a special focus on what it all means for Catholics in the United States.

7-02 LITURGICAL MOVEMENT: AFLAME WITH THE LOVE OF LIFE 🗣️

Betsey Beckman, MM & Laura Ash (bios 4-02)

Ambrose of Milan, the fourth-century saint, called sacred dance “spiritual applause” for a God full of life. How can we bring artful movement to enhance, uplift and deepen our communal prayer? Explore gesture, procession, sign language, ritual action, movement and drama as ways to embody our faith, break open the Gospel, and ignite all ages with the spark of love that brings life.

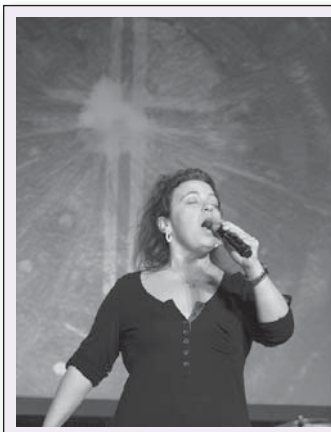
7-03 GET WET: 12 WAYS TO REAWAKEN AND CELEBRATE YOUR BAPTISMAL CALL! 🗣️

In 1997, Pope John Paul II, on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, said that we should celebrate the day of our baptism as we do our birthday. How are you celebrating? This workshop will awaken your baptism vocation and help you discover creative ways to celebrate, teach and live your baptism throughout the entire year. Also included will be practical and simple suggestions for the faith-formation classroom.



Nancy Bird

Nancy Bird has been involved in religious education for over 30 years as a catechist, parish catechetical leader and youth minister. Bird has been a featured speaker at events across the country, including the National Catholic Educational Association, the National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors, the Ohio Catholic Education Association, the Los Angeles Congress, and many other international and diocesan events. Presently, she serves as Division Manager for RCL Benziger and resides in Tallmadge, Ohio.



CONGRESS FACT:

There is a choice of lunchtime entertainment (in the Arena and Hall B) each day of Congress, and on Friday and Saturday there are Evening Concerts held in the Arena. (Meredith Augustin pictured from last year's lunchtime concert.)

7-04 BREATHING LIFE INTO OUR FAITH: CATECHESIS AND THE RCIA 🗣️

Mary Birmingham (bio 3-01)

Passing on the faith to catechumens and baptized candidates must employ solid principles of adult learning. Discover ways to bring the faith alive in your parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process. This session will examine the adult learning model and explore how it can be effectively used to unpack Sacred Scripture, doctrine and the sacramental symbols of the Church.

7-05 ENLIVENING CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS THROUGH SONG 🗣️

John Burland (bio 2-04)

Acclaimed educator and composer John Burland will share a variety of engaging songs for creatively enlivening catechesis at the elementary level. Incorporating movement and story, these songs and activities will enrich and energize faith formation across a range of doctrinal themes. Join Burland and a group of talented students from Catholic schools in Sydney, Australia, as they help us to be more effective communicators of the treasure of our Catholic faith.

7-06 CHASING THE DEVIL OUT OF YOUR PARISH: RECOGNIZING AND RESISTING EVIL IN PARISH LIFE 🗣️

Fr. Louis J. Cameli (bio 5-07)

Fr. Louis Cameli will draw from his book, “The Devil You Don't Know: Recognizing and Resisting Evil in Everyday Life,” and show how to apply these lessons to the struggles that we frequently encounter in parish life. He will reflect on the four ordinary works of the devil: deception, division, diversion, and discouragement.

7-07 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS 🗣️

Pope Benedict XVI's call for a Year of Faith was to set the Church's ministries on a new trajectory – the path of the New Evangelization. The fruits of the New Evangelization are to be a renewal of our culture. We will assess our catechetical efforts in light of this mandate, examine the catechetical needs of today's youth, and learn new methods and new expressions for reaching the current generation of young people.



Robert Feduccia Jr.

Robert Feduccia has worked as a parish youth minister, retreat leader and trainer. He was founding Director of the Youth Liturgical Leadership Program at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana. Feduccia is now based in Portland, Ore., as General Manager for spiritandsong.com, a division of OCP. Also an author, he is a program instructor and speaker at various national youth conferences and a keynote speaker at diocesan youth conferences, and has led diocesan in-services on the New Evangelization in over 20 dioceses.

7-08 PLAY! PRAY! YAY! SETTING LITTLE HEARTS AFIRE THROUGH DRAMA 🎧

Children love to play. Children learn by playing. And adults can too! Come and join Anne Frawley-Mangan in this interactive workshop to discover ways that creative play, story drama, Scripture drama and drama games can enhance your religious education lessons. By drawing on these dramatic activities, you will help the little children come to Jesus as they develop their religious imaginations. What a joy!



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. Anne, who teaches Speech and Proclamation at Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, presents workshops and keynote addresses in Australia, New Zealand and North America. Her research has focused on the arts to enhance religious knowing and celebration. She is presently enrolled in a doctoral program.

7-09 RENEWING OUR PASSION: THE CHURCH 🎧

Dr. Greer G. Gordon (bio 1-08)

The tragic scandals of the last several years have left many believers heartbroken and confused. Distrustful of leadership and doubtful of proposed solutions, we appear to be languishing in paralyzed disillusionment. If ever there were a time to renew our passion for God and set the world aflame with the hope that is Christ, it surely is now! This session will address the mission and identity of the Body of Christ: the Church.

7-10 DO NOT BE AFRAID, I AM WITH YOU

Most people would agree that the ministry of music has been a source of comfort, healing and hope for all who struggle in the midst of the terror of life. The celebration of the Eucharist and the sacraments of penance and anointing are at the center of our ritual expressions of our walk with suffering and the promise of hope found in Christ. This session will be a musical journey examining, singing and praying hymns, psalms and inspired songs that can become a source of healing and restoration, deepening the prayer and the walk of faith for the entire Body of Christ. Come sing, pray and let the music take us to a place of transformation.



David Haas

David Haas is a member of the Campus Ministry team at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn., where he is also founder and Executive Director of "Music Ministry Alive!" – an international liturgical music formation program for high school and college-age youth. Haas has composed over 50 original collections and recordings of liturgical music, available through GIA Publications. He has spoken internationally and has authored over 20 books on music, liturgy, prayer and spirituality.

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 around 15,000 youth and their chaperones.

7-11 SET AFIRE: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF SHARING TALES ABOUT CATHOLIC TEACHING AND THE LIFE AND WORK OF CATHOLICS THAT INSPIRE 🎧

Ron Hansen and Joe Symkowick are experienced permanent deacons specially trained as Catholic Relief Services Global Fellows. Hansen is a professor of English at California's Santa Clara University and a novelist; Symkowick, a recognized attorney and advocate. Together, they will share stories about transformed lives and engage attendees in their own powerful stories – personal and learned from others. Both deacons will draw from their varied and rich life experiences and Hansen will also briefly pull from some of his published fiction where Catholic themes of unconditional love, redemption and resurrection recur.



Deacon Ron Hansen

Deacon Ron Hansen is the Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ Professor in the Arts and Humanities Department at Santa Clara University (California), where he teaches courses in writing and literature. In January 2007, he was ordained as a Permanent Deacon of St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish in California. He also serves as a Catholic Relief Services Global Fellow. Deacon Hansen has written nine books and has numerous short stories in literary magazines that have earned him recognition and many literary awards.



Deacon Joe Symkowick

Deacon Joe Symkowick's life experiences include government official, attorney, manager, lobbyist, husband, father and grandfather. A deacon for 28 years, he serves as Deacon for the Newman Catholic Community at California State University, Sacramento, where he previously served as Adjunct Professor in the Consortium Programs. Symkowick also works with Catholic Relief Services as a Deacon Global Fellow and formerly served as their Partnerships and Advocacy Officer.

7-12 SOLVING THE SOCIAL MEDIA MYSTERY: TIPS, TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🎧

Lisa Hendey & Sarah Reinhard (bios 2-12)

With new social media solutions being launched at such a frenetic pace, this session will look at the most effective strategies for incorporating technology into your catechetical, ministerial, administrative and communications efforts. We will explore the latest solutions and trends and offer concrete examples of how dioceses, parishes and apostolates around the country have successfully harnessed the power of these ever-evolving tools.

7-13 PARABLES OF JESUS IN MATTHEW: FIERY TEACHINGS! 🎧

We all know that Jesus taught using many parables, but do you realize how different the parables in the three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) are from each other? As 2014 is Year A of the Lectionary cycle, this workshop will focus on the parables of Matthew's Gospel. Why are some of them so fiery, violent and challenging? What are Jesus and Matthew trying to teach us in these stories?



Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD

Jesuit priest Fr. Felix Just is Executive Director of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif. He has taught at all three Jesuit universities in California – at Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. Fr. Just conducts many adult faith formation programs for parishes and dioceses, leads biblically based days of prayer, parish missions and weekend or week-long retreats. He also maintains a large internationally recognized website of “Catholic resources.”

7-14 MOTIVATOR, MODEL, MINISTER...CATECHIST, WHO DO YOU SAY YOU ARE? 🎧

Dr. Sandra Kennedy (bio 3-09)

As Jesus asked the Apostles, “Who do you say that I am?” he also asks the same of us. Who do we say that Jesus is? And the question we must ask of ourselves is, “Who do we say that we are as his disciples?” The way we answer that question helps define who we are as believers, as Christians, as evangelizers, as people of faith. It determines how we identify ourselves as teachers, as catechists. In this session, the role of catechist as motivator, role model and minister will be discussed in light of Jesus' call to catechetical ministry.

7-15 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: RE-PROPOSING CHRIST AND THE BEST VERSION OF YOU 🎧

Josephine Lombardi, PhD (bio 2-13)

The New Evangelization is all about re-proposing Jesus Christ, the Gospel, Salvation and the best version of you. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will provide a brief overview of the New Evangelization and how it applies to self-knowledge, knowledge of God and the great gift God offers us through Jesus Christ – salvation. The New Evangelization re-proposes an encounter with Jesus Christ. This presentation is based on Dr. Lombardi's new book on the New Evangelization. The seven sectors targeted for the New Evangelization will be addressed. Handouts will be given with suggestions on how to present on the New Evangelization in your school or parish.



CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez has continued the tradition begun by Cardinal Roger Mahony in conducting an annual online chat live from Congress – and last year was the first video chat (with Auxiliary Bishop Edward Clark).

7-16 PRAYER: TURNING THE ORDINARY INTO EXTRAORDINARY MOMENTS OF GRACE 🎧

As people who hope in Christ, we don't just “take time out” to pray. Rather, we strive to make every moment of our lives a prayer that culminates in our communal liturgies and daily devotions. How then do we transform the ordinary events of our lives into opportunities for hearing God's voice, naming God's grace, and seeing the world as God sees it? Drawing from basic principles from our Church's communal prayer and using music, text, movement and art, we will explore simple ways to bring the ordinary events of our lives into the extraordinary light of God's grace.



Diana Macalintal

Diana Macalintal is a liturgist, musician, author, speaker and prayer leader. She is currently Director of Worship for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif. Previously, she served as Music and Liturgy Director at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, Calif., and at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Concord, Calif. Macalintal is a presenter and co-founder of TeamRCIA, and is on the Adjunct Faculty at Saint Mary's University in Winona, Minn. Her collection of prayers, “The Work of Your Hands,” is available through Liturgical Press.

7-17 WHO IS JESUS? 🎧

James Martin, SJ (bio 3-13)

Jesus Christ will always be a mystery to us. And yet, we are called into a relationship with him. The two traditional ways of approaching Jesus – learning about the “Jesus of history” (that is, the man who walked the landscape of first-century Palestine); and praying with the “Christ of faith, the Resurrected One” – are often seen as in opposition. But they are not! Understanding more about the historical Jesus helps us understand the Risen One. Fr. James Martin, who is at work on a new book on Jesus, will introduce you again to the most important person in our lives.

7-18 ECUMENISM: WHAT IS ITS FUTURE? 🗣️

This session will examine the theology of ecumenism to discover ways forward out of the present impasse so that Christ's prayer – "That they may all be one" – be fulfilled. Particularly, Bishop Malcolm McMahon will discuss the attitude that the present state of affairs "is as good as it gets."



Bishop Malcolm McMahon, OP

Rt. Rev. Malcolm McMahon has served as Bishop for the Diocese of Nottingham, England, since 2000. The London native has served in a variety of pastoral and academic posts, including as provincial for the English Dominican Province. Bishop McMahon is Chair of the Department for Catholic Education and Formation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He also served on the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission that produced the statement titled "Mary, Grace and Hope in Christ."

7-19 GOOD CHURCH: A TREACHEROUS ADVENTURE 🗣️

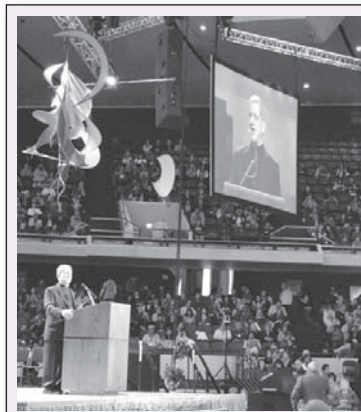
Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson (bio 6-13)

The psychotherapist Alfred Adler said: "The chief danger in life is that you may take too many precautions." Pope Francis said: "I prefer a thousand times over a Church of accidents than a sick Church." And Jesus challenged: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross." These are calls for risk-taking, for experiences of Church that are bold, daring, demanding, surprising, delightful and ultimately reckless. Church should be a treacherous adventure! And if it were, imagine how many young people might get involved. What would that look like? What would that feel like? Come find out.

7-20 POPE FRANCIS: WHAT DOES HE MEAN FOR THE WORLD?

Thomas J. Reese, SJ (bio 6-16)

Pope Francis is not only the leader of the Catholic Church, he is also a world leader. What impact will his papacy have on the world? What are his views on politics, economics, justice, the environment and interreligious relations? Will he make a difference?



CONGRESS FACT:

RECongress annually offers a Keynote on Saturday morning (this year with Rev. Robert Barron) and two Sunday morning addresses: one in English (with Dr. Carolyn Woo) and one in Spanish (with Msgr. Eduardo Chavez).

7-21 LIVING THE MISSION OF JESUS IN OUR WORLD TODAY 🗣️

As people of faith, we are sent to participate in the evangelizing mission of the Church, to proclaim the Good News, to act justly and love tenderly, and to witness to our relationship with Jesus Christ. This session will examine the hopes and challenges involved in living out this vision and mission in our world today.



Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez-Maradiaga

Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez, a Salesian priest, is Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and President of Caritas Internationalis. He was President of the Latin American Episcopal Conference (CELAM) from 1995-99. Cardinal Rodríguez was elevated to the cardinalate in 2001. He was the Vatican's spokesman with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank on issues of Third World debt.

7-22 YOUNG WORLD CHANGERS – STORIES FROM MIDDLE-SCHOOL YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE 🗣️

Yes, you can take middle-schoolers on an extended community service learning event! Not only will younger adolescents spend hours cleaning, digging, sorting and cooking for others, they have fun in the process! Studies have shown that by participating in meaningful service together with their peers, middle-schoolers can increase their personal, interpersonal and social development. By sharing and reflecting on these service experiences, youth also grow in their understanding of spirituality and strengthen their commitment to live out Gospel values. Come hear some of the stories and experiences of younger adolescents who have set the "world afire."



Susan C. Searle

Based in Colorado, Susan Searle is the Center for Ministry Development's Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services, and Project Coordinator for their Just5Days and YouthLeader programs. She teaches the Prayer and Worship, and Skills for Christian Leadership courses for the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies Program and writes for Youth Ministry Access. Searle is an Ambassador/speaker for the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change and speaker at numerous diocesan retreats and workshops.

7-23 GIRLS GONE RIGHT: RIGHT FOUNDATION, RIGHT CHARACTER, RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS 🗣️

Pam Stenzel (bio 1-20)

Girls are unique, and reaching today's teen girl with truth is critical. From "The Bachelor" to Miley Cyrus, our culture is telling her that her sexuality gives her value, but God says she IS valuable! Explore how to help our girls develop inward beauty and become the women God created them to be.

Workshops

7-24 EARLY CHILDHOOD CATECHESIS: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT AND SIX STEPS FOR SUCCESS 🗣️

Dr. Joseph D. White (bio 6-27)

This workshop, led by a child psychologist and author of the Allelu Early Childhood Curriculum, will focus on current research about how preschoolers and kindergartners learn best. Participants will be shown specific techniques for actively engaging the mind of the preschooler in learning the lessons of our faith.

7-25 A RICH GARDEN: INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY 🗣️

Dr. C. Vanessa White (bio 1-26)

Today, ministers must be conscious and open to the diverse communities in which they minister. What skills are needed to move from being multicultural-parallel communities into intercultural communities that enrich and enliven each other's faith and spiritual journey? What stands in the way of our truly inviting and nurturing the diverse gifts of our members so that they can truly become the authentic ministerial leaders that they are called to be. Through story, dialogue, prayer and various multimedia resources, this workshop will address our intercultural reality in ministry and offer suggestions for forming leaders who are attentive to our diverse Church communities.

7-70 Kitô hữu, chứng nhân của niềm hy vọng 🗣️

Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc (buhay 5-70)

Hy Vọng đích thực cũng cần liên kết với Đức Mến để có thể tỏa sáng và sưởi ấm cuộc đời. Kitô hữu, dù là giáo dân, tu sĩ hay giáo sĩ, không chỉ là người có niềm hy vọng, mà còn phải là chứng nhân của niềm hy vọng, nghĩa là phải “sẵn sàng trả lời cho người khác lý do của niềm hy vọng” (1 Pr 3, 15) trong chính cuộc sống cụ thể của mình. Đó là góp phần thấp sáng niềm hy vọng cho thế giới.

CHRISTIANS: THE WITNESS OF HOPE 🗣️

Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc (bio 5-70)

It is true that genuine hope is always tied to charity so that it may shine on and warm our lives. To be a Christian, no matter lay or religious, is not only to be a person full of hope, but also a witness of hope. In our present life, one has to “always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Pt 3:15). By doing so, one contributes to illuminate hope for this world. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)

CONGRESS FACT:

The Convention Center Arena is one of the main locations of Congress events – including the Opening Rite & Welcome, eight workshops, six Eucharistic liturgies and the keynote (this year with Rev. Robert Barron). Congress' Opening event incorporates different cultures as a welcome/blessing that signals the beginning of the main three days of Congress.



8-01 FIERY WOMEN! STORIES OF HOPE ☪

We have a rich inheritance as Catholic women! From mystics to social activists, from victims of injustice to advocates, from women preachers to modern-day evangelists. Women use their voices in sync with their hearts to give hope to the world. How does your spiritual development as a woman enhance your fiery feminine gifts to bring about justice? Explore a woman's way to God – not a ladder or a straight line, but more of a circle and a spiral leading us to the Center of All. We are pregnant with hope and ready to give birth to a new consciousness.

**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 and Africa as well as throughout the United States.

8-02 "OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US" – SONGS OF SCRIPTURE TO SET CHILDREN'S HEARTS AFIRE ☪

Andrew Chinn (bio 3-02)

Not only is music a source of great joy for children and for us all, it is also a great way to learn about our story, our Scripture and our faith. Join Australian Andrew Chinn on a journey through the Bible, from Genesis to the Prophets, from the Psalms and the Gospels to the letters of St. Paul. Come and gather songs and strategies that will bring the Bible to life and set the hearts of your children afire! This session is geared for catechists, teachers and parents ... and the child within us all!

8-03 JOURNEY OF THE HEART – TURAS AN CHROI ☪

Music, meditation and sound can take us closer to what language cannot reach. It is a journey into stillness, mystery and our own creativity. This workshop is an invitation to experience the healing power of prayer, music and mediation, calling us into relationship with ourselves, to others and the seasons of our own heart. Celtic spirituality becomes the well source as we explore the healing potential of these disciplines in relation to the depth and beauty of the heart's journey through darkness and light.

**Deirdre Ní Chinnéide**

Deirdre Ní Chinnéide is as a licensed psychotherapist, spiritual director and workshop facilitator, presenting throughout Ireland, the United States and Europe, including Bosnia and Kosovo. The Aran Islands, off the west coast of Ireland, provides the special setting for her retreat work and inspiration for her CD, "Celtic Passage," released in 2007 and which won Celtic album of the year. Chinnéide divides her time between the Aran Islands and the mainland, offering retreats, workshops and performances of spiritual music.

8-04 THE RAGING FLAME OF MISSIONARY HOPE: A WITNESS OF WITNESS ☪

The original missionaries of our Church were people who were "with Christ" and "sent out by Christ"; giving witness of their first-hand experience of being with Jesus (with-ness). Fr. Ken Deasy will give *witness* of Christ's *witness* among the persons and ministries of our foreign missionary men, women and families. In bringing the flame of hope to the world – to the slums of Bangkok, Thailand; to the deaf and mute children of Haiti; to the massive outstation missions in the jungles of Kenya; to a desperate people cut off from life resources in South Sudan – do we give witness of God's *witness* as we catechize and evangelize here at home?

**Fr. Ken Deasy**

Fr. Ken Deasy, a native Californian Catholic priest, has worked in community organizing and with imprisoned youth, gangs and children. In his 22 years as a priest, he served for 10 years as Pastor of St. Agatha Parish in Los Angeles. Presently, Fr. Deasy is Coordinator of the Holy Childhood Association, an office of the Vatican's Office for the Propagation of the Faith. He was a story advisor for the movie "Bruce Almighty" and recently co-hosted, with Rabbi Jerry Cutler, the radio movie-review program, "Review from the Pew."

8-05 DEALING WITH THE LEGACY OF PAST CONFLICT ☪

Fr. Gary Donegan, CP & Brian McKee (bios 5-11)

The north of Ireland has been presented as a model for peacemaking. However, the absence of violence does not mean the presence of peace. More "peace walls" have been built in Belfast since the formal end of "The Troubles," and conflict still erupts on a regular basis. The experience of conflict inflicts deep hurt and creates a legacy that must be addressed before peace can be countenanced. This workshop explores practical steps toward restoring trust between communities divided by generations of suspicion and hatred. (This workshop builds upon Session 5-09.)

8-06 IS YOUR HIDDEN SELF GROWING STRONG? THE PATH TOWARD DEEPER WHOLENESS ☪

Sr. Fran Ferder & Fr. John Heagle (bios 2-06)

The Gospel offers us an invitation to live a transformed life – to discover, expand and deepen our "hidden self" (Ephesians 3:17). Essentially, this means to "grow stronger" in all of the places of our lives where we struggle, where we question, where we feel unfinished. This includes those parts of us that are still wounded or not directed toward wholeness. In this session, we will use insights from Scripture and human development to explore the sacred path that leads toward wholeness – and the ultimate, loving leap into self-transcendence and love.

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8-07 S.O.A.P.: THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUALITY IN HEALING HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS 📞

Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS (bio 1-05)

Learn how we all can be God's shepherds and search for his missing sheep. There are 1.3 million missing and run-away youth in the United States, and human trafficking is the second leading violent crime in the country. This is the social justice issue of our day. Learn how the SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) Ministry was created by survivor Theresa Flores and how a simple, tiny bar of soap with a phone number is rescuing human trafficking victims all across the country. Also hear her recommendations for incorporating prayer, hope and love in the process and how spirituality plays a key role in the healing of victims.

8-08 LIVING WATER: LESSONS FROM THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Amy Florian (bio 2-07)

Do you constantly realize how imperfect you are? Do you get tired, depleted and discouraged? You want to push ahead on your faith journey and be better able to minister to others, but how do you get the renewal, sustenance, inspiration and joy required to do that in the midst of a world where there is too little time and too much judgment and criticism? Come for a power-packed session to explore lessons from the Woman at the Well, and then hear the woman's version of the story as you've never heard it before. Come away changed.

8-09 A GLIMPSE INTO THE HEART OF GOD: SEEING INTO THE DARKNESS OF SUFFERING AND EVIL 📞

Darrell Hall (bio 3-06)

Suffering and evil are spoken of throughout Scriptures. However, Jesus never offered a philosophical or theological explanation to any of the suffering he encountered. Instead, he asked us to trust in God. But the issue of suffering and evil still remains. How do we balance God's goodness and omnipotence with the existence of suffering and evil? Can God create a free world with free creatures with no evil? Is it possible that suffering and evil help to create a morally good world? Perhaps the "why me?" question is the wrong question. If so, what is the right question? The answers are found in examining God's objectives in Creation and in Jesus' ministry.

8-10 BREAKING OF THE BREAD: HOW TO PREPARE A SUCCESSFUL FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT FOR CHILDREN 📞

Rhea Hristou (bio 1-10)

Help your children prepare to receive the Body of Christ. This workshop will provide practical ideas that can be used to organize, set up and manage a half-day retreat

for your religious education classes as well as Catholic school classes. We will discuss how to make unleavened bread, taking church tours, a skit about the Last Supper, and other practical ideas you can use for this special day.

8-11 PREPARING FOR THE NEW ORDER OF CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

Fr. Jan Michael Joncas (bio 5-14)

In 1991, the second edition of the *Ordo Celebrandi Matrimonium* was promulgated, but due to many factors, vernacular translations of this new rite for celebrating marriage have taken many years to appear. Explore the content of the new rites in preparation for their pending official approval for use in English in the dioceses of the United States. Proposed music for these new rites will be part of the workshop.

8-12 WHAT CHILDREN GIVE TO PARENTS 📞

Firstly, children are a realization of the drive of erotic love toward unity. Children manifest that unity and give rise to that unity on a physical, social and emotional level. Secondly, children aid parents in developing a friendship of virtue by eliciting from the parents repeated good actions that which build up the character of husband and wife. Thirdly, children help their parents to get to heaven by facilitating the parents' obedience to the commandments. How wise of the Second Vatican Council to teach, "Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute in the highest degree to their parents' welfare" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 50).



Dr. Christopher Kaczor

Dr. Christopher Kaczor is Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He previously served as Director of the University Honors Program for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Dr. Kaczor has written 10 books, and his research on issues of ethics, philosophy and religion has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Huffington Post*, and the *National Review* as well as all the major television news networks.

8-13 PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND DYING

Carol Kinghorn & Carey Landry (bio 5-15)

Chaplains Carey Landry and Carol Jean Kinghorn will share insights on ministering to the sick and dying, based on their 20-plus years of experience in hospital ministry. This workshop will focus on practical aspects of pastoral care ministry to the sick, providing support to those in grief and mourning, music for memorial services, and music of healing that is peaceful and comforting. There will be an emphasis on music that ministers.

8-14 PREACHING AND TEACHING MARY: A SANE APPROACH TO MARIOLOGY ☺

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (bio 6-04)

Mary is either given too much attention or none at all. How can we present a contemporary image of Mary that is inclusive, liberating and Catholic? We will explore the development of our teaching about Mary in film, music and story that is good news for women and men.

8-15 “WAKE ME UP WHEN IT MATTERS”: THE REAL MATTERS OF FAITH AND HOW YOU CAN EFFECTIVELY CALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO PASSIONATE DISCIPLESHIP ☺

Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC (bio 4-22)

Have you ever had a class, group or young person you secretly dreaded to work with or teach? Do you ever feel like you’re wasting your time because you’re not getting through to them? What if you could actually look forward to working with the “toughest,” most apathetic youth? In this dynamic and humorous workshop, you’ll discover the real reasons young people hit the snooze button in Church, recognize different levels of human resistance, and acquire a new set of tools you can begin using immediately to effectively reach youth and even enjoy working with hard-to-reach youth.

8-16 LET’S SING OUR FAITH AT WEDDINGS, FUNERALS AND QUINCEAÑERAS

In this workshop, we will focus on the songs that are used to accompany the celebration of sacraments and of the various rites that assist us in helping the community to express their faith during these important moments in life. We will review the documents tied to these ritual celebrations and will introduce songs to add to your community’s repertoire.



Pedro Rubalcava

Pedro Rubalcava is a well-known liturgical composer, musician and conference speaker. He currently serves as Director of Hispanic Ministries at OCP in Portland, Ore. He has been a pastoral associate and director of liturgy at various parishes in the San Diego Diocese, where he also served as associate director of the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Rubalcava is a frequent presenter at liturgy and other ministry conferences on the national, diocesan and parish levels.



Estela Garcia-Lopez

Stella Garcia-Lopez is a pastoral musician, composer and event presenter. She has worked in various bilingual parishes in Southern California as a music director, choir director, cantor and chorister. Currently, she is working as a bilingual music development specialist at Oregon Catholic Press. She lives in Portland, Ore., with her husband and frequent collaborator, Rodolfo “Rudy” Lopez, and serves as cantor at Ascension Church.

8-17 I CAN’T TELL ’EM THAT! USE OF DIRECT INSTRUCTION IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ☺

Richard M. Rymarz (bio 2-19)

Several recent studies have pointed out that, in a number of situations, direct instruction has a place in contemporary pedagogy. Many of these insights dovetail with established theoretical approaches such as utilizing psychologist Lev Vygotsky’s zone of proximal development. This workshop will explore some of the principles behind how direct instruction can be used effectively in the religious education classroom – these include reducing cognitive load, signposting and scaffolding of learning.

8-18 THEOLOGY OF THE BODY AND CHASTITY EDUCATION ☺

Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND (bio 5-22)

Over his long papacy, Pope John Paul II gave the Church a vast theological system intended to guide our understanding of sexual love. This system has come to be called the “theology of the body.” In 2008 the U.S. bishops issued the document “Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living,” which tells us how to apply Pope John Paul’s teachings to the chastity education of our children. In this workshop, Sr. Kieran Sawyer will show how to apply the core teachings of these important documents in the parish or school curriculum. She will also show how a comprehensive chastity education program provides a necessary context for teaching the mandatory safe environment sessions.

8-19 IN THE REAL WORLD, REACH YOUR TEENS THE MOMENT THEY WALK IN THE DOOR! ☺

The world of ministry can be challenging and a blessing. No matter where you are at or where your young people are from, you are dealing with slices of real life. Jesus knew this and did all he could to connect with the everyday issues of the people he met. Jesus got real! How can you do this as well? It may be easier than you think, and your young people will help you. You will leave this workshop with practical and powerful tips to implement in your ministry right away. Arrive ready to enjoy.



Anna Scally

Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media, has received the National Youth Ministry Performer, Artist and Author of the Year Award from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. She is a columnist for Cornerstone Media’s Top Music Countdown online resource and host of their audio show, “Burning Issues,” which deals with relevant youth topics. 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.

Workshops

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8-20 RAISING THE ROOF: MAKING ROOM FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN 🗨️

Christine & Michael Way Skinner (bios 2-21)

In Mark's Gospel, we are told of the story of how a group of people opened up the roof of the house where Jesus was teaching to gain access for their friend who was paralyzed. This session will focus on the vision to which we are called – toward full inclusion of all of God's people no matter what their level of cognitive, social or physical ability. It will include practical strategies for how to do this in parish ministry, liturgy, catechetical programs and sacramental preparation.

8-21 JESUS THE PROPHET? INSIGHTS FROM READING JESUS WITH THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS 🗨️

Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher (bio 1-19)

The Christian tradition has tended, in both Catholic and Protestant traditions, to place a great deal of emphasis on the identity of Jesus. But what if we also want to talk about the teachings of Jesus, and even the human example of Jesus, especially in relation to the Hebrew tradition? We will see in this session that reading Jesus in relation to the Old Testament prophets raises some fascinating, and quite challenging, insights into the Gospels and their portrait of Jesus as not only Redeemer and Lord, but also among the most radical prophets! What would it mean to modern Christian faith to take Jesus seriously as Prophet?

8-22 AT THE HEART OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION: DISCIPLESHIP AND HOSPITALITY 🗨️

Julianne Stanz (bio 5-23)

St. Patrick has been often called the "model of discipleship," while St. Brigid has been called the "model of hospitality." Discipleship and hospitality lie at the heart of the New Evangelization, and Julianne Stanz will share insights from the lives of these spiritual giants that has tremendous value for our respective ministries. In the words of Pope Francis, "With your daily service, you are the hands of God who satisfies the hunger of every living thing." Particularly suited for those working in adult faith formation, this session will explore practical ways to form intentional disciples at the parish level so that we can satisfy the hunger of those whom we serve through the lens of hospitality and discipleship.

8-23 FOR YOUR EYES ONLY: THE TOP SECRETS TO SUCCESSFUL EVENT PLANNING 🗨️

Michael Theisen (bio 6-20)

Have you been given the responsibility of organizing a large event be it a retreat, a mission trip, concert or regional or diocesan event? Do you often contemplate a job as a travel agent given all of the trips you've organized? Most of us in ministry have some large event we become

responsible for planning and most of us have learned the hard way about the difficulties in navigating the logistical mine fields we encounter during the planning process. Come and learn, laugh and share your own wisdom as together we reveal the secrets to successful event planning that will help transform an "Events 'R' Us" mindset into moments for evangelization and discipleship!

8-24 LEARN HOW TO USE THE RCIA TO TRAIN FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE 🗨️

The General Directory for Catechesis says the baptismal catechumenate is the model for all catechesis. How do we make that happen? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) compels us to shift our understanding of catechesis out of education and into training for Christian living. In this information-packed workshop, we will discuss why it is important to understand the deep structure of the RCIA as a model for all catechesis, what we mean by "training" vs. "education," how we adapt the RCIA for more effective catechesis in all of Christian life, and what would happen if we really shifted to a "catechumenate model" for all of Christian formation.



Nick Wagner

Nick Wagner is co-founder and Director of Team-RCIA.com, a free online resource for Catholic parishes. He has more than 25 years' experience as a leader and trainer in liturgical and catechetical ministries, serving as a diocesan director of worship and a parish liturgist. For 20 years Wagner was an active team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and speaks at national, diocesan and parish training events. He is author of many publications, including "The Heart of Faith."

8-25 "GO, AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD": SET THE WORLD AFIRE! 🗨️

David Wells (bio 6-25)

At the end of Mass, we are commissioned to "go, announce the Gospel of the Lord." According to the teaching of the Church, we gather together with that as our purpose. Our Church exists to evangelize. Following the Synod of 2012, the Church is in preparation for a New Evangelization. Based upon the documents of that synod and recent homilies from Pope Francis, we will explore what is new about a "New" Evangelization, and consider together what it might mean for us, our families and for our ministry. With a focus upon the challenging and untidy circumstances of our daily life, let us be renewed in our energy and conviction for the task of evangelization and so together, hope for a world afire.



Te invitamos al Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles 2014, la reunión anual más grande de su tipo en el mundo. El Congreso comienza el jueves, 13 de marzo 2014 con el Día de la Juventud, un evento para jóvenes de preparatoria. Y el fin de semana, viernes a domingo, es para adultos y jóvenes – con más de 200 conferencistas presentados más de 300 conferencias, incluyendo entretenimiento a la hora del almuerzo y por la noche, la liturgia, la Sala de Exposiciones y mucho más. Encuéntranos en línea en Facebook (RECongress) y Twitter (LACongress), y ahora hemos añadido Pinterest (LACongress) e Instagram (LACongress)!



EN VIVO Vea la Ceremonia de Oración y Bienvenida en la Arena en viernes que se transmitirá en vivo en el Sala B. Con la creciente popularidad de nuestras transmisiones, RECongress.org/LIVE es otro lugar para ver el evento de la Arena durante la mañana.
(Solo viernes, 8:30-9:30 am, Sala B)



CONFERENCISTAS Durante los cuatro días, el Congreso 2014 ofrecerá conferencias con temas que van desde el crecimiento personal, la música y temas espirituales – se ofrece en tres idiomas: español, inglés y vietnamita. Nuestra función “Keynote” (en inglés) es el sábado y nuestra asamblea en español el domingo.



EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE Karen Schmidt crea esculturas que transmiten la verdad espiritual a través de los símbolos, los gestos y la forma. Su trabajo se ha presentado en toda América, y su estudio en Anaheim, California, sirve como un centro para conectar y apoyar a los artistas locales. (Arena Lobby)



MUESTRA DE CINE Este año la Muestra de Cine, en colaboración con la Universidad Loyola Marymount, presenta fragmentos de una serie de ficción, cortos, documentales, experimentales y películas de dibujos animados, cuyos elementos temáticos se basa en la doctrina social católica, la justicia, el ministerio, la espiritualidad y la teología. (Viernes)



ESPACIO SAGRADO Además de la capilla, la adoración eucarística, el sacramento de la reconciliación y un laberinto, este año en el Espacio Sagrado oren el Vía Crucis por medio de una exposición artística de los artefactos de indocumentados dejan atrás al atravesar la frontera entre los Estados Unidos y México. (Viernes a domingo)



LITURGIAS El Congreso anualmente ofrece una serie de liturgias de carácter diferente. El Congreso 2014 ofrece 16 liturgias eucarísticas: incluso contemplativa, jazz, maya, nativo americano, español, tongano, vietnamita y adultos jóvenes, así como oración de la tarde y servicios de taizé y celta. (Consulte la página 22.)



DOMINGO “¡Vive tu fe!” – Acompañen a Estela García-López, Rudy López, Pedro Rubalcava y sus compañeros para un evento musical que anima y alienta a través de una matiz de sonidos en gracias y alabanza al Dios de la vida. ¡Vengan y encendamos al mundo con esperanza! (11:45 am, Sala B)



EXPOSICIONES Uno de los beneficios de registrarse para el congreso es la Sala de Exposiciones – mostrando más de 250 empresas como expositores que van desde el arte religioso a la música, de las editoriales a las instituciones educativas, además de una variedad de ministerios. (Lista de expositores en las páginas 90-91.)

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BIENVENIDO

JUEVES – 13 DE MARZO

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5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Inscripción

VIERNES – 14 DE MARZO

7:00 am - 3:00 pm Inscripción
(Prefunción Lobby)
8:30 - 9:30 am Oración y Bienvenida (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am 1ª Sesión de Conferencias
ALMUERZO
11:30 - 1:00 pm **Música (Arena)**
– Jacob & Matthew Band
Music (Hall B)
– Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart y Jackie Francois
1:00 - 2:30 pm 2ª Sesión de Conferencias
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TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

Esperanza que enciende al mundo fluye de las lecturas de la Palabra proclamada en el segundo Domingo de Cuaresma. Esperanza enraizada en gracia y bondad brilla en el rostro de Jesús. Mientras reflexionamos en el momento de la transfiguración, también nosotros nos sentimos transportados a esa increíble experiencia. En presencia de lo Sagrado, nos sentimos estrellas brillantes de esperanza.

Nuestra experiencia no es siempre de luz, pero siempre puede ser de esperanza. Maya Angeleu sugiere que “Dios pone arco iris en las nubes para que cada uno de nosotros en nuestra propia oscuridad y más temibles momentos pueda ver la posibilidad de la esperanza.” Creer en la luz aun en nuestros momentos de oscuridad y saber que el fruto de la esperanza es valentía, audacia, compromiso para encender el fuego de la esperanza extendiéndonos hacia las personas pobres, frágiles y hambrientas de alimento espiritual.

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

¿QUÉ ES EL CONGRESO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA?

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es el evento más grande de su clase en los Estados Unidos. Su objetivo continúa siendo el de ofrecer capacitación y formación espiritual a aquellas personas involucradas en el ministerio catequético y otros ministerios relacionados con la catequesis. Hoy en día, sin embargo, el Congreso va más allá de la formación de los educadores religiosos. El Congreso congrega a más de 40,000 participantes durante los cuatro días en que se celebra, ofreciendo más de 280 talleres con una amplia gama de temas sobre la espiritualidad, música religiosa, desarrollo personal, estudios bíblicos y catequesis.

Regístrese ya a este enriquecedor fin de semana, vital para el crecimiento y formación de ministros de la iglesia. Complete el formulario de inscripción que se encuentra en la parte interna de la contraportada de este cuaderno. También puede visitarnos en el internet en www.RECongress.org; allí puede usar su tarjeta de crédito para pagar su inscripción.

LUGAR Y PRECIO

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa se lleva a cabo en las instalaciones del Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim, ubicado en 800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, California, al Sur de Disneyland y Disney California Adventure.

COSTO: \$70 (antes del 22 de enero, 2014); \$80 (después del 22 de enero, 2014). El costo de inscripción cubre la admisión a todos los eventos: exposiciones, conciertos, liturgias de los tres días y a las conferencias (debe de presentar sus boletos de inscripción para entrar a estas).

NOTA: También pueden inscribirse, en persona, durante el congreso. Solamente presenten su formulario completo junto con la cuota de inscripción.

UN MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO



Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

¡Bienvenidos al Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2014 de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles!

El tema que nos une este año, **“Esperanza que enciende al mundo,”** es una hermosa invitación a cada uno de nosotros. Cuanto más crezcamos en la virtud teológica de la esperanza, más podremos encender al mundo, más podremos transformarlo en un lugar mejor, lleno de amor, paz, justicia y respeto para todos.

Para poder hacer esto, es necesario que recordemos siempre a qué tipo de esperanza nos referimos. El Papa Francisco lo explicó muy bien:

“La esperanza no es optimismo. La esperanza es un don, es un regalo del Espíritu Santo. San Pablo nos dice que la esperanza tiene un nombre. La esperanza es Jesús. Si no dices: ‘Tengo esperanza en Jesús, en Jesucristo, persona viva, que ahora viene en la Eucaristía, que está presente con su Palabra,’ esa no es esperanza. Será buen humor, optimismo...”

“Jesús, la esperanza, lo rehace todo: en mi vida, en tu vida, en nuestra vida. Rehacer. Y esto que rehace Él es precisamente el motivo de nuestra esperanza. Cristo es el motivo de nuestra esperanza. Y esta esperanza no decepciona porque Él es fiel. Esta es la virtud de la esperanza.”

“El Señor que es la esperanza de la gloria, que es el centro, que es la totalidad, nos ayude en este camino: dar esperanza, tener pasión por la esperanza.”

Rezo para que estos días de formación, compartir, oración y adoración sean una excelente oportunidad para que crezcamos en conocimiento y comprensión de nuestra fe Católica, así como en amor y devoción al Señor Jesús, a quien servimos con nuestra vida, en nuestro trabajo, nuestro ministerio, nuestra vida pública y familiar.

Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente durante este fin de semana y siempre.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

+ José H. Gomez
+ José H. Gomez
Arzobispo de Los Ángeles

SALUDO DE LA DIRECTORA

Estimados Amigos,

Siempre es de gran gozo extender una calurosa bienvenida a nuestro muy animado Congreso de Educación Religiosa. Este increíble fin de semana ofrece un gran número de oportunidades para recargar nuestras vidas, para llenarnos de recursos y para enriquecer nuestros ministerios.

El tema de este año, **“Esperanza que Enciende al Mundo,”** fluye de la historia de la transfiguración proclamada durante el segundo Domingo de Cuaresma. Esta es la Esperanza enraizada en la bondad que brilla radiantemente en el rostro de Jesús. Sabiendo que el fruto de la esperanza es la valentía, nos comprometemos a encender el fuego de la esperanza y hacer arder al mundo con el evangelio y con nuestro compromiso al ministerio catequético.

La variedad de talleres y charlas presentadas durante el fin de semana son valiosos recursos de formación y enriquecimiento para ustedes y para sus comunidades de fe. La oportunidad de escuchar y de renovarse por la sabiduría ofrecida por los conferencistas nacionales e internacionales es un verdadero don y una bendición.

Seguramente que nuestros espíritus serán elevados por las celebraciones litúrgicas, el entretenimiento y las experiencias multiculturales. En medio de tanta actividad también se ofrece la oportunidad de pasar tiempo en oración en el “lugar sagrado” apto para la contemplación, caminar el laberinto o hacer uso del sacramento de la reconciliación.

Gracias a todos por su liderazgo maravilloso y su fiel dedicación por compartir la Buena Nueva. Espero acogerlos en este evento lleno de espíritu.

Atentamente,

Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC

Hna. Edith Prendergast
Directora de Educación Religiosa
Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles





MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL CONGRESO

Queridos amigos y amigas:

Como co-coordinadoras del Congreso de Educación Religiosa, con gran alegría les estamos dando la bienvenida al Congreso del año 2014 cuyo tema es “Esperanza que enciende al mundo.”

Nuestro fin de semana lleno de prometedoras esperanzas, dará comienzo con el lleno de vitalidad y entusiasmo Día de la Juventud, y continuando a través de todo el fin de semana con una gran variedad de oportunidades para el enriquecimiento. Como siempre el Congreso es una caja de sorpresas para renovar amistades y conocer nuevas personas de muchas partes del mundo en esta reunión internacional.

Asegúrense de permanecer largos momentos en el espacio de las exhibiciones, el cual les ofrece una variedad significativa de recursos para sus ministerios y representantes de las compañías para atenderles personalmente.

En este libro de guía encontrarán la información sobre los diversos conferencias, los presentadores, horarios, lugares de hospedaje e información y guía para la registración/ inscripción para el Congreso. También encontrarán las direcciones para entrar a la internet – www.RECongress.org – información adicional puede ser obtenida enviando un correo electrónico a Congress@la-archdiocese.org o llamando al (213) 637-7346. Nuestro evento pueden verlo en vivo a través de la red en www.RECongress.org/Live.

Esperando verles en el Congreso de Educación religiosa y en gran unión hagamos realidad nuestra misión de ser personas de esperanza que enciende al mundo.



Paulette Smith
Coordinadora de Eventos

Jan Pedroza
Coordinadora de Programación

MENSAJE DE LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Queridas compañeras y compañeros en el ministerio catequético:

Podemos ya ver en el horizonte la llegada del Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2014 y nos vamos llenando de alegría e ilusión por los días tan felices que viviremos a partir del 13 y hasta el 16 de marzo.

“Esperanza que enciende al mundo” es el tema con que se desarrollará el contenido del congreso; esperanza la segunda de las tres virtudes teologales y muy entrelazada con las lecturas del domingo 16 de marzo. La esperanza es el acompañante inseparable de la fe, por esto con mucha alegría les estoy invitando a que vengan a participar en estos días tan fortalecedores que nos impulsarán a continuar caminando por el camino que Jesús nos diseñó.

Como en todos los congresos de Educación Religiosa encontraremos muchas y magníficas oportunidades para revitalizar nuestros ministerios. La gran variedad de talleres y conferencistas son recursos de formación y crecimiento para ustedes y sus comunidades parroquiales.

Las hermosas e inspiradoras liturgias, los momentos de esparcimiento y encuentros de compañerismo y fraternidad, llenarán de gozo nuestros corazones.

Las compañías editoras de libros y materiales enriquecedores de lecturas. Los puestos de artículos de arte religioso. En fin, se hacen largos los meses de espera para volvernos a encontrar y hasta que llegue el feliz día del encuentro, les abrazo con mucho cariño y entusiasmo,

Lourdes González-Rubio
Coordinadora de Ministerios Catequéticos (Sp)



¡Adultos Jóvenes en el Congreso 2014!

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

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

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



LITURGIA DE ADULTOS JÓVENES

Sábado, 15 de Marzo a las 5:15 pm

Rev. Gregory Boyle presidirá nuestra liturgia para adultos jóvenes con la música dirigida por Jesse Manibusan. Ven a dar culto con otros jóvenes de todo el mundo en esta celebración que destaca los dones de los adultos jóvenes.



BAILE PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Sábado, 15 de Marzo, 9:00 pm - media noche

Costo: \$7 por persona

Esta tradición anual del Congreso es una oportunidad para reencontrarse con viejos amigos y hacer nuevos. Después de un día completo de conferencias, convivir con otras personas y haber celebrado la liturgia, nuestro DJ mezclará una variedad de ritmos musicales para continuar la fiesta por la noche. Todos los adultos jóvenes de 18 a 39 años son bienvenidos. Se requiere identificación para entrar.

TE INVITAMOS A CONSIDERAR ESTAS CONFERENCIAS PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

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

Dr. Alejandro Aguilera-Titus

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Dr. Augusto Castañeda

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Francisco Castillo

8-51*: La espiritualidad y visión hispana/latina de los Estados Unidos como modelo para pastoral y ministerio

Pbro. José Román Flecha

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Sr. Teresa Forcades i Vila

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Hector Molina Jr.

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Rev. Donald Cozzens

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Amy Florian

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Douglas Leal

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Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

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Rev. James Martin, SJ

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ASAMBLEA GENERAL

Domingo, 8:30 am



CANÓNIGO DR. EDUARDO CHÁVEZ SÁNCHEZ

“Santa María de Guadalupe – Mujer de Esperanza” 🎧

Santa María de Guadalupe es una mujer de advenio, de espera, de esperanza. Jesucristo, es el centro de su mensaje y de su prodigiosa imagen. Ella es una mujer embarazada, una mujer que es el “Arca viviente de la Alianza.” Ella es la verdadera estrella de la primera y de la Nueva Evangelización.

MISAS ESPAÑOL

Viernes y Sábado – 5:15 pm

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

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- 5-58 Cantemos nuestra fe en las bodas, funerales y las quinceañeras - **Pedro Rubalcava y Estela García-López**

SESIÓN 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-51 La biblia, la familia y la iglesia domestica (*) - **Dr. Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**
- 6-52 Orientaciones para la catequesis, la pastoral y la evangelización a la luz del magisterio del Papa Francisco (*) - **Luis Benavides**
- 6-53 La Iglesia en procesión: Las devociones populares latinoamericanas como modelo eclesiológico (*) - **Francisco Castillo**
- 6-54 Conectando la vida, la catequesis y la liturgia (*) - **Dr. Jose Medina**
- 6-55 Los siete hábitos de católicos evangelizadores - **Hector Molina Jr.**
- 6-56 Que las hijas puedan vivir (*) - **Dra. Nancy Pineda-Madrid**
- 6-57 El papel de padres en el proceso de RICA (*) - **Pbro. Richard Vega**
- 6-58 Estamos estrenando párroco: “Padre Francisco” (*) - **Pbro. Luigi Zanotto**

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SESIÓN 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-51 Renovando la Iglesia (*) - **Dr. Augusto Castañeda**
- 7-52 Alguien está orando por mí (*) - **Hna. Glenda Hernandez**
- 7-53 La Iglesia, ¿Problema o solución? (*) - **Hernán Pereda Bullrich**
- 7-54 Orando con nuestras voces y cuerpos - **Dra. Nancy Pineda-Madrid y Pedro Rubalcava**
- 7-55 Resultados de nuestra evangelización y pastoral si no inculturamos el Evangelio y la Iglesia (*) - **Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña**
- 7-56 Cómo ser felices en el matrimonio (*) - **Dr. John Yzaguirre**
- 7-57 El problema más grave y urgente de la iglesia católica: El agua potable (*) - **Pbro. Luigi Zanotto**

SESIÓN 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-51 La espiritualidad y visión hispana/latina de los Estados Unidos como modelo para pastoral y ministerio (*) - **Francisco Castillo**
- 8-52 Acoger e incluir a los hispanos es el futuro de la Iglesia Católica (*) - **P. Charles Dahm**
- 8-53 La iniciación cristiana: ¿comienzo o clausura? (*) - **Pbro. Fabian Esparafita**
- 8-54 ¿Sanar nuestras heridas es importante en nuestro caminar? (*) - **Rev. Michael Kennedy y Javier Stauring**
- 8-55 La formación musical de la asamblea: Como seguir las notas escritas - **Peter Kolar**
- 8-56 ¿Cómo entender la Nueva Evangelización para encender la esperanza? (*) - **Marcelo Murúa**
- 8-57 El poder de la esperanza (*) - **Maruja Sedano**
- 8-58 Evangelizar a través de la fotografía (*) - **Hna. Xiskya Valladares**



I-51 MINISTROS DE ESPERANZA COMO PROFETAS Y MÍSTICOS

Esta conferencia es una introducción básica a las enseñanzas de justicia social de la Iglesia Católica y una reflexión de vivir estas enseñanzas en nuestras comunidades globales. La reflexión sobre los desafíos a la esperanza incluye temas como la reforma migratoria, el uso responsable del agua, la votación, el racismo y temas similares.



Mons. Arturo J. Bañuelas

Monseñor Arturo Bañuelas es originario de la diócesis de El Paso, Texas, donde actualmente ejerce como Párroco de la Iglesia de San Pío X. Es cofundador de la Academia de Teólogos hispanos católicos de los Estados Unidos y es Director fundador del Instituto Tepeyac, un centro de formación pastoral diocesana. El monseñor Bañuelas es un miembro de varios consejos y comisiones y presenta conferencias en las diócesis a través del país.

I-52 CÓMO HABLAR DE LA MUERTE Y OTROS TEMAS DIFÍCILES CON LOS NIÑOS

Cómo hablar de la muerte, el dolor, las separaciones, las internaciones, la llegada de un hermanito y otros temas difíciles con los niños. Como acompañar y preparar a los niños frente a situaciones difíciles. La esperanza y confianza en Dios: actitudes fundamentales de todo creyente.



Luis M. Benavides

Catequista y maestro, Luis Benavides es Director del Colegio Sagrada Familia de Buenos Aires, Argentina, y miembro del equipo directivo y formador del Instituto Superior de Catequesis de Argentina. Escritor y formador de formadores, también es miembro de la Junta Catequística Arquidiocesana de Buenos Aires, bajo la guía del Cardenal Jorge Bergoglio (actual Papa Francisco). Sus libros han sido publicados en Argentina, México, España, Brasil, Bélgica y Estados Unidos.

I-53 LUMEN FIDEI: LA FE QUE PROFESAMOS, CELEBRAMOS, VIVIMOS Y ORAMOS

Esta conferencia es una introducción a la *Lumen Fidei*, la primera encíclica del Papa Francisco, que busca presentar la fe como una luz que disipa las tinieblas e ilumina el camino del ser humano, recorriendo la historia de la fe de la Iglesia, la relación entre la razón y la fe, el papel de la Iglesia en la transmisión de la fe, así como el efecto de la fe para construir sociedades en busca del bien común.



Prof. Alejandro Crosthwaite, OP

Prof. Alejandro Crosthwaite es Decano de la Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Director del Programa de Liderazgo Ético en Los Negocios y Política Internacional, y Profesor en Doctrina Social de la Iglesia y Ética Social, Política y Cultural en la Pontificia Universidad de Sto. Tomás de Aquino en Roma, Italia. Es autor de varias conferencias y artículos en el pensamiento social y político de Sto. Tomás de Aquino, ética y moral social latina y latinoamericana y medios de comunicación de masas. El Prof. Crosthwaite es sacerdote en la Orden de Frailes Predicadores (Dominicos).

I-54 LA LUZ DE LA TEOLOGÍA FEMINISTA EN LA HISTORIA

Te has preguntado: ¿Qué es la teología feminista? ¿Desde cuándo existe en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Cuáles son sus postulados? ¿Qué corrientes hay? Desde estas preguntas recorreremos el emocionante mundo de la reflexión y participación, relevantes para una comprensión de la feminidad y la masculinidad acorde con los evangelios en un mensaje permanentemente impactante.



Hna. Teresa Forcades i Vila

Teresa Forcades es monja en el Monestir de sant Benet de Montserrat, España, donde fue sirviendo con profesora. Es una medical doctor (MD y PhD) como es actualmente profesora de teología en la facultad de teología de la Universidad Humboldt de Berlin, Alemania. Hna. Forcades impartido cursos en catalán, castellano, inglés y alemán en diferentes centros de enseñanza y universidades en España y Alemania. Ha escrito varios libros sobre teología feminista, crecimiento personal y espiritual y las problemáticas con la industria farmacéutica.

I-55 PREDICANDO LA BUENA NUEVA DE SOLIDARIDAD GLOBAL

Ser Católico es vivir solidaridad global. Esta conferencia trata de globalización y los efectos en los países en desarrollo, especialmente los pobres, y como católicos pueden responder. Revisamos temas de solidaridad para catequesis y predicación enfocando en los evangelios de domingos seleccionados en este año litúrgico.



Rev. David H. Garcia

El padre David Garcia es el director de las Antiguas Misiones Españolas de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, Texas, donde él es el administrador parroquial de la Misión Concepción. Él también es el asesor superior de Alcance para los Servicios Católicos de Ayuda del Clero, la agencia humanitaria oficial de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos en los Estados Unidos. En San Antonio, ha estado involucrado en la organización de la comunidad tanto como en numerosos proyectos civiles, incluyendo su servicio como oficial de la Conservación y Fomento de la Plaza Principal en el centro de San Antonio, recientemente nombrada entre los 10 mejores espacios en el país.



DATO DEL CONGRESO:

El entretenimiento durante el almuerzo del Congreso de 2014 incluirán a Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart y Jackie Francois (el viernes), a los australianos John Burland, Andrew Chinn y Michael Mangan (el sábado), y Pedro Rubalcava, Rudy López y Estela García-López (el domingo), y muchos más.

I-56 ¿QUÉ QUIERE DIOS DE MÍ? 🎧

¿Cómo descubrir la voluntad de Dios en tu vida, cómo encontrar tu vocación o ayudar a alguien a que la encuentre; cómo hacer discernimiento espiritual según las Escrituras y algunos maestros espirituales? Porque Dios siempre habla, es el verbo, pero hay que aprender a escucharlo y reconocerlo.



Hna. Glenda Valeska Hernandez Aguayo

“Hna. Glenda” Hernández es una Profesora en España y conferencista en Europa y Latinoamérica. Mejor conocida como cantautora de música cristiana contemporánea con conciertos y conferencias multitudinarios en Latinoamérica. Lleva 21 años como consagrada al Señor. Chilena con nacionalidad española, actualmente reside en Barcelona, España. Su ciudad natal, Parí, en Chile, la declaró “Servidora Ilustre” en el año 2003. Sus publicaciones recientes incluyen “El Señor es mi Pastor-Orar con los Salmos.”

I-57 HOMO BIBLICUS: LA REALIDAD HUMANA EN PERSPECTIVA BÍBLICA 🎧

La antropología moderna propone enfoques que los escritores sagrados nunca pudieron alcanzar en su tiempo. Pero, sin la erudición griega antigua ni el bagaje científico actual, los textos bíblicos dan una visión asombrosa, universal, integral y divina del ser humano, que Jesús explicó ampliamente como “lugar de encuentro con Dios.”



Abundio Parra Sánchez

Abundio “Tomás” Parra Sánchez es escritor, conferencista y catedrático que radica en la Ciudad de México, México. Ha sido profesor en diversas universidades de México y centros de estudios teológicos. Licenciado en ciencias bíblicas, ha desarrollado su experiencia como escritor de más de 30 libros y numerosos artículos. Viaja a Tierra Santa como orientador y es asesor en cursos bíblicos parroquiales. Actualmente, es catedrático ordinario en el Seminario de Vocaciones Adultas en Texcoco en el área bíblica y colabora en el “Instituto Fe y Vida” con sede en Stockton, California.

2-51 TRATA DE PERSONAS: PASANDO POR DEBAJO DEL VIENTRE DE LA BESTIA 🎧

¿Qué es la trata de personas y qué significa para usted? ¿Está usted en riesgo? ¿Están sus hijos en riesgo? Únase junto al líder internacional en derechos humanos, Patrick Atkinson, que con sus 30 años de lucha contra la Guerra, la pobreza y la prostitución en todo el mundo, explora la dinámica histórica y contemporánea de la trata de personas. Aprenda lo que usted puede hacer para protegerse y para proteger a sus seres queridos, así como también para ayudar a poner fin a la esclavitud moderna.



Patrick Atkinson

Patrick Atkinson es un administrador, educador, defensor de los derechos humanos y misionero. Él es mejor conocido como el fundador y Director Internacional Ejecutivo de “God’s Child Project,” una obra de caridad de carácter internacional que fue fundada en 1991. A través de los años, Atkinson ha sido personalmente testigo de la esclavitud forzada y de la trata de personas, ha intervenido a favor de las víctimas y fuertemente ha abogado por la protección de los derechos humanos. Es el fundador de varias escuelas, clínicas y centros de desarrollo comunitario.

2-52 ACERCANDO A LA PRIMERA GENERACIÓN DE JÓVENES/ADOLESCENTES A CRISTO – ¡RETO ACEPTADO! 🎧

El desarrollo de un programa de liderazgo para la primera generación de jóvenes/adolescentes para el apoyo del proceso de evangelización en la Iglesia Católica es un tema no solamente interesante, pero al mismo tiempo necesario para el futuro de nuestra Iglesia. En el año 2010 tuvimos 50,729,570 hispanos viviendo en Estados Unidos, de este número el 62.9 por ciento nacieron en este país, y el 33.8 por ciento son menores de edad. Des-

de nuestro punto de vista estos jóvenes sufren una falta de identidad, muchas veces ellos mismos se consideran – que no son ni de aquí, ni de allá – creando así una falta de pertenencia e identidad que no nos ayuda en el proceso de evangelización. En esta conferencia compartiremos técnicas y/o experiencias que podemos utilizar para ayudar a que estos jóvenes creen una relación con Cristo.



Juan Carlos Montenegro

Juan Carlos Montenegro es coordinador de la pastoral juvenil y coordinador del voluntariado salesiano en Bellflower, California. El ha entregado toda su vida a trabajar con los jóvenes, ha trabajado como misionero en medio de la selva Amazónica y ha tenido la oportunidad de participar en varios congresos internacionales. “JC,” como le conocen los jóvenes, gracias a la experiencia que tiene de 17 años en la pastoral juvenil ha logrado escribir tres libritos; su última publicación, “Intencionalmente Catequista,” ha sido reproducido en Perú y en Ecuador.

2-53 DAR RAZÓN DE LA ESPERANZA 🎧

No podemos vivir sin esperar. Y necesitamos que alguien espere algo de nosotros. Esta conferencia analiza la virtud de la esperanza y nos propone medios para vivirla, celebrarla y anunciarla.



Rev. José-Román Flecha

El padre José-Román Flecha es un sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, en la que ha sido párroco. Es Profesor Emérito en la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca en España, donde es miembro del Comité de Bioética para el Asesoramiento del Banco Nacional de ADN. Por muchos años ha sido profesor invitado por varias universidades internacionales y conferencista en numerosos países, incluyendo al Instituto Pastoral de Los Ángeles y al Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles en varias ocasiones.

2-54 JESÚS NOS SANA: TALLER DE SANACIÓN POR MEDIO DE LA ORACIÓN Y EL CANTO

Nuestro Señor Jesucristo nos quiere sanos de alma y cuerpo, invitándonos primero a ser Testigos de su poder y de su amor; y como fruto de ese encuentro, proclamar su mensaje a los demás. En esta conferencia conoceremos (y experimentaremos) el poder y la eficacia de la oración y el canto como herramientas para nuestra sanación física y sobre todo espiritual, para utilizarlas en nuestras comunidades y ministerios personales.



Rafael Moreno

Rafael Moreno es un cantante y compositor de música católica. Nació en México y ha utilizado sus dones para la música desde muy temprana edad, en su niñez participo en festivales católicos y coros parroquiales. Arquitecto de profesión y músico por vocación, con más de 30 años de experiencia es que se dedica profesionalmente a la producción musical. Director musical en "ESNE El Sembrador" radio/TV Católica in Chatsworth, California. Su música con WLP incluye "Sanación y Perdón," "Jesús Sana," "Parábolas de Jesús" y "Cantando una oración."

2-55 NECESIDAD DE INCULTURAR EL EVANGELIO Y LA IGLESIA

El Pueblo de Dios se formó con 12 pueblos (tribus de Israel). Cada pueblo tuvo su territorio, su patriarca y hasta una manera propia de llamar a Dios cuyos nombres aparecen en los textos del Antiguo Testamento. Aunque en el pozo de Siquém todos los pueblos habían acordado que ya no usarían esos nombres sino el de Yahvéh, a Dios lo siguieron llamando según su tradición histórica, cultural y religiosa y a Yahvé lo dejaron como el In-nombrable. Esto fue debido a la absoluta necesidad de que la experiencia religiosa debe responder a la historia y tradiciones de los pueblos y no precisamente a una intención teológica por más acertada que ésta sea. En su predicación Pablo nunca usa el nombre de Yahvé. El griego era el idioma y la cultura dominantes; por lo tanto, para evangelizar, él usa el nombre con el que tradicionalmente esos pueblos llamaban a Dios, Théos. Así también nosotros debemos hacer hoy con nuestra predicación si queremos seguir el camino y el método que tenemos en la Palabra de Dios.



Pbro. Clodomiro Siller Acuña

El padre Clodomiro Siller Acuña, nacido en Saltillo Coahuila, México, e inició su educación en una escuela para indígenas en Oaxaca, es Sacerdote Diocesano de Tehuantepec. Es Coordinador del área de Investigación y Consultoría del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas en la Ciudad de México. Fue Secretario Ejecutivo de la Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Indígena del Episcopado Mexicano y Director del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas. Asesora a varias diócesis de México, América Latina y los Estados Unidos. El padre Siller Acuña es miembro del Consejo Consultivo de la Dimensión de Indígenas del Episcopado Mexicano y del Comité de Garantes del Tribunal Permanente de los Pueblos.

2-56 LOS SACRAMENTOS CON ADOLESCENTES: IDEAS PRÁCTICAS PARA IMPLEMENTAR

Hay muchos niños en nuestras parroquias que han llegado a ser adolescentes sin recibir sus primeros sacramentos. Para algunos de esos niños el proceso más adecuado es el RICA adaptado para niños. Para un gran número de esos niños que ya están bautizados y solos necesitan la primera comunión y la reconciliación tenemos que hacer un proceso para rectificar la situación. La meta de esta conferencia es de dar ideas prácticas para implementación en nuestras parroquias. Los componentes esenciales de ese proceso serán elaborados, por ejemplo, los temas principales que se deben usar e ideas para incluir a los padres de familia en un modo satisfactorio para todos.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela es un consultor nacional Religión de Recursos Bilingües para William H. Sadlier, Inc. Ha presentado numerosos conferencias para grupos tanto a nivel regional como nacional. Él ha estado en el ministerio por 20 años, incluyendo enseñanza en el aula, pastoral juvenil, la formación docente y la escritura y el desarrollo de nuevos materiales. Nació en Arizona de padres mexicanos, ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida en el área de la bahía, y actualmente vive en Alameda, California.

2-57 BAILANDO EN EL MISTERIO DE LA NUEVA EVANGELIZACIÓN

La historia de la evangelización y la catequesis nos invita a imaginar el hermoso misterio del arte de Dios como el artista del baile de esta nueva llamada a evangelizar y catequizar colaborando con el ejemplo de nuestra vida cristiana en áreas cruciales. ¿Cuáles son esas áreas? La familia es una de las más importantes. Como líderes, tenemos el deber de dar especial atención a los padres de familia. Para encontrar a Dios, la familia y la Iglesia son compañeros de esta nueva aventura de la "Nueva Evangelización." En la sesión nos enfocaremos en ideas técnicas creativas para ser usadas inmediatamente en las familias que ustedes evangelizan y catequizan. Basándonos en los documentos de "El Anuncio del Evangelio de Hoy," Directorio Nacional de Catequesis y Aparecida. ¡Te espero!



Lupita Vital Cruz

Lupita Vital, del Estado de Jalisco en México, tiene una gran experiencia en el ramo de la catequesis, ha trabajado en este ministerio por los últimos 25 años. Las diócesis en las que ha servido son la de Tabasco y Guadalajara en México, y San José, en California. Desde el 2000, Vital Cruz sirve en la Diócesis de San José, California, como Asociada para la Catequesis de los Hispanos. En junio del 2007 recibió de la Santa Sede el reconocimiento de la Cruz "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice." En 2009 fue nombrada Directora del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de San José, California.

3-51 EL MINISTERIO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN DE JESÚS 🕊

Uno de los retos más grandes que tenemos es saber cómo reconciliarnos. Esta sesión muestra como Jesús nos deja un modelo para saber reconciliarnos, con los demás y con Dios. Utilizando la imagen y el gesto, los participantes descubrirán, paso a paso, como Jesús modela el ministerio de la reconciliación en un pasaje del evangelio según San Juan. La misión, la amabilidad, la hospitalidad y la ternura forman parte del ministerio de la reconciliación que modela Jesús. ¡Ven y descubre como Jesús mismo nos da los pasos necesarios para realizar el ministerio de reconciliación!



Alejandro Aguilera-Titus

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus tiene 30 años de experiencia pastoral con énfasis en formación de líderes, catequesis, espiritualidad, pastoral juvenil, comunicación intercultural y planeación pastoral. Su trabajo pastoral a nivel parroquial, diocesano, regional y nacional lo han convertido en un teólogo práctico de gran influencia en la pastoral Hispana/Latina en Estados Unidos. Actualmente es Director de la Pastoral Hispana en Estados Unidos bajo el Secretariado de la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia (USCCB).

3-52 COMO MULTIPLICAR LA ESPERANZA EN NUESTRAS FAMILIAS 🕊

Ser testigos de Cristo en el contexto de la Nueva Evangelización significa recuperar el carácter luminoso propio de la fe, especialmente en nuestras familias. Durante esta conferencia descubriremos prácticos ejemplos para aplicar en las familias que se encuentran luchando en transmitir la esperanza de nuestra fe en medio de los retos que enfrentamos día a día.



Katherine Angulo

Nació en México, criada en Colombia, Katherine Angulo domina el inglés, español y francés. Ha trabajado por más de 14 años en el ministerio juvenil, ministerio pastoral a nivel de iglesia, ministerio universitario en las diócesis de Richmond, Virginia; Knoxville, Tennessee; y la Arquidiócesis de Miami, Florida. Actualmente es Directora de Youth Ministry de la diócesis of Raleigh, North Carolina.



DATO DEL CONGRESO:

El Congreso ofrece anualmente una conferencia magistral el sábado por la mañana (este año con el Rev. Robert Barron) y dos asambleas en la mañana del domingo: una en español (con Mons. Eduardo Chávez.) y una en inglés (con la Dra. Carolyn Woo).

3-53 EL PAPA FRANCISCO: ¿ADÓNDE NOS LLEVA? 🕊

Hace un año que inesperadamente apareció la figura luminosa del Papa Francisco y un terremoto comenzó a sacudirnos. El ministerio energético del Papa se enfoca en una seria reforma interna y externa de la Iglesia como institución y como Pueblo de Dios. Sin duda las directrices del Papa retoman el camino de renovación propuesta por el Segundo Concilio Vaticano. Las raíces de su visión atrayente se encuentran en la “conversión pastoral” delineada por la Iglesia en América Latina en la Conferencia de Aparecida de 2007 que tanto inspiró al Papa Francisco. ¿Cómo se entiende esto y como se puede poner en práctica las consecuencias de esta conversión en las parroquias, programas de catequesis y formación religiosa y en la vida de todos nosotros ministros y agentes de pastoral hispanos en los Estados Unidos hoy? ¿Seremos simplemente admiradores y espectadores de la historia que este Vicario de Cristo hace o seremos colaboradores y agentes suyos en este momento inesperado de gracia?



Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ

Reconocido nacional e internacionalmente como experto en la pastoral hispana en los Estados Unidos, el padre Allan Deck lleva casi 40 años de servicio a la Iglesia como administrador de una parroquia latina, director diocesano de la pastoral hispana en Orange County, California, y asesor de los obispos de California y de los Estados Unidos. El padre jesuita es fundador del Instituto Hispano de la Escuela Jesuita de Teología en Berkeley, California; y del Instituto Loyola para la Espiritualidad en Orange, California; es Catedrático de Valores Sociales Católicos y Profesor de Teología en Loyola Marymount Universidad en Los Ángeles.

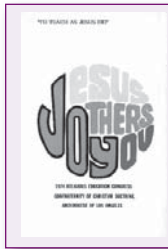
3-54 LA INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA: ¿ILUSIÓN O DESAFÍO? 🕊

La Iglesia desde los tiempos apostólicos, impulsada por el mandato pascual del Señor, a quienes acogían la Buena Noticia de Salvación, los fue acompañando por caminos de la iniciación cristiana. Un itinerario que no siempre tuvo un mismo ritmo ni un mismo método... (Cf CEC 1229). La realidad cultural ha cambiado vertiginosamente en las últimas décadas. La invitación a una Nueva Evangelización reclama un nuevo estilo de iniciación cristiana. En esta conferencia intentaremos ensayar respuestas, tomar decisiones, planear nuevas acciones que renueven nuestro servicio evangelizador en la iniciación a la vida cristiana...



Rev. Fabian Oscar Esparafita

El padre Fabian Esparafita fue ordenado Presbítero en 1987, actualmente es Párroco de la Parroquia Nuestra Señora del Carmen en Wilde, en la Diócesis de Avellaneda-Lanús, Argentina. Simultáneamente, es miembro del Equipo de formadores del Seminario Diocesano Pablo VI, asesor para América del Fiac y Director de la Junta Nacional de catequesis en Argentina. Autor de la Colección “Kainos.” Conferencista en numerosas diócesis de Argentina para sacerdotes, catequistas, agentes de pastoral, seminaristas y religiosos. Colaborador con Marcelo Muriúa y otros en el “Diario del Catequista 2013.”



DATO DEL CONGRESO:

Hace cuarenta años, el “Congreso CCD” fue renombrado “Congreso de Educación Religiosa.” Y el Congreso de 1974, que se llevó a cabo del 7-10 de febrero, tuvo el tema “Jesús, Otros, Tú.”

3-55 ¡CONÉCTATE A LA ESPERANZA! ANUNCIAR LA BUENA NOTICIA EN LA ERA DIGITAL

La era digital es un desafío actual e importante para los catequistas y educadores cristianos. El “continente digital” es el hábitat en el que ya vivimos, nos movemos y existimos. Especialmente los jóvenes y los niños son “nativos digitales” (digital natives) y necesitan acoger la Buena Noticia de Jesús en su contexto. Una Nueva Evangelización requiere que sea contextualizada en nuevos espacios y lugares. La Iglesia tiene el deber y la responsabilidad de anunciar la Buena Noticia a las nuevas generaciones que viven “en-redados” (Internet) y “siempre conectados” (always on). Conocer con más profundidad esta “cultura digital” y la “era de la información” nos ayudará, sin duda, a realizar mejor nuestra tarea en el ámbito de la educación de la fe y la evangelización. Esta conferencia quiere ofrecerte una buena oportunidad para comprender, con sencillez y profundidad todo lo que está en juego.



Rev. Fernando Prado, CMF

El padre Fernando Prado, misionero Claretiano (predicador), es director de la editorial católica “Publicaciones Claretianas” y profesor de Medios de Comunicación Social y Teología de la Misión en la Escuela Regina Apostolorum (ITVR-ERA) de Madrid, España. Igualmente es profesor invitado en el Instituto de Vida Religiosa de la Universidad Pontificia Salamanca. Autor de “Los cinco minutos de la Nueva Evangelización,” varios libros y artículos, así como editor del conocido blog especializado en vida religiosa.

3-56 ¿DÓNDE QUEDÓ LA ALEGRÍA DE TU MINISTERIO?

La esperanza es una virtud, pero también un estado de ánimo. Se apaga la alegría de tu servicio en la parroquia cuando no ves mucha esperanza en lo que está sucediendo. Veamos de cerca y hablemos de ti, de tu auto-estima, de tu liderazgo, de lo que no te ayuda a seguir adelante con entusiasmo. ¿Qué es lo que Dios quiere de ti?



Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

Radica en Maryland, el padre Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana es el Vicario General y Procurador de Misiones de los Siervos Misioneros de la Santísima Trinidad así como facilitador de retiros, misiones y conferencias. El padre Rodríguez es columnista del periódico católico para las arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey, y la diócesis de Rockville Center, New York. Fue también presidente del Consejo Nacional Católico de Pastoral Hispana y un predicador itinerante y facilitador de las comunidades hispanas en todo el país y América Latina.

3-57 VIVIENDO LA MISIÓN DE JESÚS EN NUESTRO MUNDO DE HOY

Como gente de fe, hemos sido enviados para participar en la misión evangelizadora de la iglesia, para proclamar la Buena Nueva, actuar con justicia, amar con ternura y dar testimonio de nuestra relación con Jesucristo. Esta sesión examinará las esperanzas y los retos implicados en la realización de esta visión y misión en el mundo de hoy.



Cardenal Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga

Cardenal Oscar Rodríguez, sacerdote salesiano, es arzobispo de Tegucigalpa, Honduras, y Presidente de Caritas Internationalis. Fue Presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal Latinoamericana (CELAM) 1995-99. Cardenal Rodríguez fue elevado al cardenalato en 2001. Fue el portavoz de la Santa Sede con el Fondo Monetario Internacional y el Banco Mundial, en los temas de la deuda del Tercer Mundo.

3-58 EL LIDERAZGO DE JESÚS: LECCIONES DE ESPERANZA

¿Quién es el líder más grande de la historia? ¿Cuáles son las características que definen a ese gran líder? ¿Qué lecciones podemos aprender de ese gran líder? ¿Cómo podemos usar esas lecciones en nuestro ministerio como líderes catequéticos, catequistas, evangelizadores, padres y madres de familia? En esta conferencia exploraremos estas preguntas y otras relacionadas con el liderazgo cristiano. El liderazgo de Jesús es un liderazgo que nos lleva a la acción, a la esperanza y a la seguridad de que es posible trabajar por una sociedad más justa y llena de paz.



Maruja Sedano

Maruja Sedano es la directora de la Oficina de Catequesis y Ministerio Juvenil en la Archidiócesis de Chicago. Previamente fue directora asociada, responsable de educación religiosa de adultos y del Instituto Bíblico en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, donde trabajó por 26 años. Desarrolló programas para la formación de catequistas, evangelizadores y animadores bíblicos. Durante los últimos 10 años sirvió en el Comité de Evangelización y Catequesis de la Conferencia Católica de Obispos en los Estados Unidos.



4-51 VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA: COMO LA IGLESIA DEBE RESPONDER 🎧

La violencia doméstica es demasiado común en nuestras comunidades. Pero pocas parroquias y diócesis responden al dolor y sufrimiento de las víctimas de la violencia. Las víctimas sufren solas y en secreto. Sin embargo, nuestras parroquias deben reflejar la compasión de Jesús, respondiendo a las víctimas de violencia doméstica y a sus hijos, con comprensión y apoyo para que se liberen de la violencia. En esta conferencia aprenderán sobre la dinámica de la violencia doméstica, la resistencia de la Iglesia de tocar el tema de violencia doméstica y los pasos prácticos para desarrollar un ministerio parroquial para las víctimas.

**Charles W. Dahm, OP**

El padre Carlos Dahm sirvió cinco años como misionero en Bolivia trabajando con universitarios y organizando un centro de formación de adultos. Después de su regresar a Estados Unidos, ayudó a fundar un centro de justicia y paz en Chicago donde trabajó por 12 años. Por 21 años, sirvió al pueblo hispano inmigrante como Párroco de la parroquia de San Pio V en Chicago. Ahora es vicario en esta parroquia, es Co-Coordenador de Justicia y Paz para los Dominicanos de América del Norte y también Promotor de Servicios para Víctimas de Violencia para la Arquidiócesis de Chicago.

4-52 “CHALE, ¿NETA HAY QUE IR A MISA?” COMO ENGANCHAR A LOS JÓVENES EN LA MISA Y EN EL MINISTERIO PARROQUIAL

¿Están realmente alcanzando, sirviendo y enganchando a los jóvenes en sus misas dominicales y en su parroquia? ¿Se preguntan cómo pueden realmente capturar su entusiasmo e incorporarlos a su comunidad? ¿Les gustaría facultarlos y animarlos para que compartan sus dones con el resto de la feligresía? ¿Se han percatado de la presencia de estos jóvenes en sus alrededores pero no han podido involucrarlos en su ministerio litúrgico-parroquial? En esta sesión se hablará de cómo hacer que la liturgia sea interesante, atractiva, vivencial y plena para nuestros jóvenes, y de algunos abordajes de Pastoral Juvenil que los inspirará para construir una comunidad que realmente atienda las necesidades de nuestra creciente población joven. ¡No falten!

**Santiago Fernández**

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por 25 años. Él trabaja actualmente en la parroquia de San Damián de Molokai en Pontiac, Michigan, como director de música y también como presentador de conferencias para Oregon Catholic Press. Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, director musical del NCCHM (National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry), Instituto Fe y Vida y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006.

4-53 JÓVENES, LA IGLESIA CUENTA CON USTEDES 🎧**Rev. José-Román Flecha (biografía 2-53)**

Estas son las palabras del Papa Francisco en la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud. La conferencia recoge este mensaje, analiza la situación de los jóvenes y ofrece pautas para su formación y su servicio en la familia, la Iglesia y la sociedad.

4-54 CATOLICISMO LATINO: LA TRANSFORMACIÓN DE LA IGLESIA EN ESTADOS UNIDOS 🎧

¡La importancia de los hispanos no consiste solo en su presencia significativa que sigue aumentando! Las contribuciones hispanas a la Iglesia empezaron siglos antes de que los Estados Unidos existiera como nación. Hoy en día los hispanos transforman la vida católica en parroquias, movimientos apostólicos, liturgia y devoción, la formación de nuestros niños y jóvenes en la fe, y mucho más. Esta conferencia examina la fe y los ministerios entre las comunidades hispanas, con la esperanza de enriquecer la fe y el liderazgo de todos los participantes.

**Dr. Timoteo Matovina**

Dr. Timoteo Matovina tiene más de 30 años de experiencia sirviendo entre los católicos hispanos. Ha dado presentaciones sobre temas pastorales y teológicos en numerosos diócesis, institutos pastorales y programas de formación. Actualmente es Profesor de Teología en la Universidad de Notre Dame en South Bend, Indiana, donde también es Director Ejecutivo del Instituto de Estudios Latinos. Entre sus libros, Dr. Matovina es autor de “Catolicismo Latino: La transformación de la Iglesia en Estados Unidos.”

4-55 EVANGELIZACIÓN Y CATEQUESIS EN EL MINISTERIO HISPANO: POSIBILIDADES 🎧

Cuando la evangelización y la catequesis están íntimamente compenetradas, nuestras familias y comunidades participan de una experiencia única que les permite gozar de la esperanza que enciende corazones. Toda catequesis debe ser evangelizadora; toda forma de evangelización debe tener un espíritu catequético. En esta conferencia exploraremos como esta relación íntima se hace vida en el contexto del ministerio hispano en los Estados Unidos.

**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

El Dr. Hosffman Ospino es profesor de teología pastoral y educación religiosa en la universidad jesuita Boston College, Massachusetts, en donde también es director de programas de postgrado en ministerio hispano. Su trabajo académico y pastoral le ha llevado a hacer presentaciones en Norteamérica, Latinoamérica y Europa. La investigación del Dr. Ospino se enfoca en el diálogo entre fe y cultura y el impacto de esta conversación en los procesos de educación cristiana en la Iglesia. Su libro más reciente es “Evangelización y Catequesis en el Ministerio Hispano” (Ligouri, 2013). Actualmente se encuentra trabajando en un libro sobre parroquias católicas con ministerio.

4-56 LA AMISTAD CULMINA EN LA CARIDAD: ACTITUDES CRISTIANAS SEGÚN LUCAS

Abundio Parra Sánchez

Todo cristiano asume las implicaciones de la fe, la esperanza y la caridad como esencia de su ser y actuar. Por su parte, muchos textos de la Escritura resaltan el papel de las actitudes previas: la fe se muestra en la fidelidad; la paciencia precede a la esperanza; y la amistad culmina en la caridad. ¿Qué dice al respecto Jesús en el Evangelio de Lucas?

4-57 PAPA FRANCISCO: ¿CÓMO PODEMOS CONVERTIRNOS EN LA “IGLESIA DE LOS POBRES”?

En su homilía inaugural, el Papa Francis se comprometió a “abrazar con ternura y efusión a toda la humanidad, especialmente a los más pobres, a los más débiles, a los menos importantes, a todos aquellos que están en la lista que Mateo hace cuando habla sobre el juzgamiento final del amor: los hambrientos, los sedientos, los extranjeros, los desnudos, los enfermos y aquellos que están en prisión.” ¡Nosotros no podemos hacer menos que esto! Únase al Obispo Sylvester Ryan y a un panel de educadores que trabajan en solidaridad con los pobres de Estados Unidos e internacionalmente, mientras ellos reflexionan en cómo juntos, como comunidad Católica podemos convertirnos en la “Iglesia de los pobres.”



Obispo Sylvester Donovan Ryan

El Obispo jubilado de la Diócesis de Monterey, California, Sylvester Ryan continúa haciendo retiros para sacerdotes, religiosas, laicos, desarrollo de formación litúrgica y de la fe para adultos, talleres de administración pastoral, preparación de predicación para futuros diáconos permanentes, asistiendo en confirmaciones y en las necesidades sacramentales de la parroquia. El Obispo Ryan trabajó tres años como uno de los ocho ministros diocesanos observando las actividades de Catholic Relief Services en favor de los pueblos campesinos de la India.



Rev. David H. Garcia

El padre David Garcia es el director de las Antiguas Misiones Españolas de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, Texas, donde él es el administrador parroquial de la Misión Concepción. Él también es el asesor superior de Alcance para los Servicios Católicos de Ayuda del Clero. En San Antonio, ha estado involucrado en la organización de la comunidad tanto como en proyectos civiles, incluyendo su servicio como oficial de la Conservación y Fomento de la Plaza Principal en el centro de San Antonio, recientemente nombrada entre los 10 mejores espacios en el país.



Juan Carlos Montenegro

Juan Carlos Montenegro es coordinador de la pastoral juvenil y coordinador del voluntariado salesiano en Bellflower, California. Él ha entregado toda su vida a trabajar con los jóvenes, ha trabajado como misionero en la medio de la selva Amazónica y ha tenido la oportunidad de participar en varios congresos internacionales. “JC,” como le conocen los jóvenes, gracias a la experiencia que tiene de 17 años en la pastoral juvenil ha logrado escribir tres libritos; su última publicación, “Intencionalmente Catequista,” ha sido reproducido en Perú y en Ecuador.

4-58 BUENAS PRÁCTICAS PARA INSTITUCIONES CATÓLICAS EN TWITTER

El objetivo de esta conferencia es presentar 10 razones por las que es importante que las instituciones católicas estén presentes en Twitter. Así mismo para ilustrarlo mejor, esta conferencia ofrece 30 buenas prácticas basadas en ejemplos sobre el uso más creativo y eficaz de este servicio aplicado a la Nueva Evangelización.



Hna. Xiskya Lucia Valladares Paguaga

La Hermana Xiskya Valladares, nicaragüense, pertenece a la Congregación de la Pureza de María, es profesora de enseñanza media y trabajo en la universidad CESAG en Mallorca, España. La hermana Valladares es muy conocida en las redes sociales y la prensa como “La Monja Tuitera.” Experiencia en enseñanza y oratoria cursos y ponencias sobre evangelización digital, y así como co-fundadora del proyecto iMisión. Escribió el libro, “#Arezaryadormir 99 tuits para la esperanza y el futuro.”



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5-51 LA VERDAD DE GUADALUPE 🎧

Se han dicho muchísimas cosas en torno a la Virgen de Guadalupe, algunas cosas asombrosas; pero, ¿cuál es la verdad sobre la Virgen de Guadalupe? ¿Qué es cierto y qué no, sobre la Virgen de Guadalupe? ¿De dónde surgió esta devoción que sigue trascendiendo fronteras? ¿Cuáles son los elementos más importantes del Acontecimiento Guadalupano? ¿Cuál es el punto central del mensaje y de la imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe y que enciende los corazones de todo ser humano?

**Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez**

El Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez nació en la Ciudad de México, México, y fue ordenado sacerdote por la Arquidiócesis de México. Posee un Doctorado en Historia de la Iglesia y trabajó con éxito como Postulador de la Causa de Canonización de San Juan Diego. Es cofundador del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos y es Canónigo de la Basílica de Guadalupe, en donde continúa su trabajo como Director del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos, así como Asesor Cultural de la Basílica de Guadalupe. El Canónigo Chávez ha hecho grandes contribuciones al estudio del evento guadalupano, dirigiéndose a las más importantes instituciones académicas internacionales y publicando más de 38 obras, especialmente en el tema de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

5-52 PUNTOS CLAVE DE LA DOCTRINA SOCIAL DE LA IGLESIA QUE LA LUMEN FIDEI ILUMINA 🎧**Alejandro Crosthwaite, OP (biografía 1-53)**

Esta conferencia reflexiona a la luz de la Lumen Fidei, la primera encíclica del Papa Francisco, sobre puntos clave de la doctrina social de la Iglesia que demuestran como el cuidado amoroso de la vida humana y el compromiso con la justicia social son parte esencial de nuestra fe.

5-53 ¿ACTÚA DIOS EN EL MUNDO? EL FACTOR PROVIDENCIA 🎧**Teresa Forcades i Vila (biografía 1-54)**

Un líder ha de tener claro si Dios actúa o no en el mundo y como lo hace. La providencia es la garantía que nos da Dios que en cualquier circunstancia de nuestra vida, por dura o desesperada que sea, nos es posible realizar un acto libre de amor en la acción directa de la historia. En esta conferencia conversaremos sobre cuál ha de ser nuestra respuesta activa de amor ante los desafíos de la sociedad.

5-54 10 ENSEÑANZAS DEL PAPA FRANCISCO PARA LOS CATEQUISTAS 🎧

Los gestos y palabras del papa Francisco representan una verdadera primavera para la Iglesia y una fuente actual para renovar la vocación de los catequistas. Sus enseñanzas nos señalan actitudes para vivir y prioridades para la misión. Su testimonio es una guía para revisar nuestra vida en el espíritu de Jesús Maestro. Contemplar a Francisco nos brinda claves para pensar la catequesis de hoy, caminar en la Iglesia con fidelidad al Evangelio y vivir como discípulos misioneros.

**Marcelo A. Murúa**

Marcelo Murúa es Director del Centro Diocesano de Formación Pastoral de la Diócesis de Bariloche, Argentina, y Director de www.BuenasNuevas.com. También es miembro del Departamento Nacional de Pastoral Bíblica de Comisión Episcopal de Argentina. Catequista y formador, cuenta con más de 30 libros publicados para editoriales de varios países de habla hispana, y cursos de formación bíblica y catequística en más de 30 diócesis de Argentina, en Estados Unidos y en centroamericana.

5-55 LA HISTORIA, FUENTE DE ESPERANZA 🎧

La aventura humana parece abocada irremediadamente a un fin irreversible e irremediable. ¿La existencia del hombre en el planeta tierra: un error divino, o un fracaso de Dios? A medida que avanza el tiempo, y los progresos humanos parecen suplantar la necesidad de Dios, nada parece predecir esperanza alguna en el campo de la fe y de la religión. Además la desaparición de nuestro planeta es un dato científico indiscutible, ¿Qué esperanza queda para una humanidad que vive en un callejón sin salida? La fe, sin embargo, prevé todo esto y tiene una respuesta luminosa y cargada de esperanza. La visión cósmica en las Escrituras hebreas y cristianas nos lo anuncian. La persona de Jesucristo y su mensaje es la propuesta y la respuesta final.

**Pbro. Hernán Jorge Pereda Bullrich**

El padre Hernán Pereda Bullrich nació en Buenos Aires, Argentina, ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida religiosa en Italia y España. Es miembro de la congregación de los Cooperadores Parroquiales. Actualmente vive en Madrid donde es presidente de FECOM (Fundación para la Evangelización y Comunicación), es director de ejercicios espirituales y bíblicos. Es autor de unos 40 títulos de cursos multimedia. Fundador de dos centros televisivos en Argentina y España y durante 30 años director de numerosos programas televisivos.

5-56 ¿NÁUFRAGOS O NAVEGANTES? CONSEJOS PARA MENSAJEROS DE LA ESPERANZA 🎧**Rev. Fernando Prado, CMF**

El Papa Francisco ha hablado de nuestra cultura actual como una “cultura del naufragio.” El naufragio camina solo, a la deriva. Hoy, en la era digital, a pesar de estar quizá más conectados que nunca, paradójicamente, tenemos el sentimiento de estar, a su vez, más solos que nunca. No son pocos los que naufragan en la red: soledad, adicciones, escapatorias. ... Sin embargo, el creyente sabe que con Jesús se navega mejor. El creyente nunca está solo. Nunca es un naufragio. Siempre es un navegante. Esta conferencia quiere ofrecerte pautas y consejos para ser un buen navegante en la era digital y convertirte como catequista y educador cristiano en un verdadero “mensajero/a de la esperanza.”

SESIÓN 5

5-57 ¿QUÉ HACEMOS CON NUESTROS ENOJOS Y DESENCANTOS? 🗣️

Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST (biografía 3-56)

Los comprometidos en los ministerios parroquiales son los que fueron llamados por el Espíritu – y el Espíritu no se equivoca. Entonces, ¿cómo seguir sirviendo con tantos tropezones? En esto el tolerar y perdonar son indispensables, pero no todos son capaces. El perdón no es lo mismo que la reconciliación. Detallemos la experiencia del perdonar.

5-58 CANTEMOS NUESTRA FE EN LAS BODAS, FUNERALES Y QUINCEAÑEROS

Los cantos que utilizamos para acompañar las celebraciones de los sacramentos y los diversos rituales nos facilitan ayudar a la comunidad a expresar su fe durante estas etapas importantes de la vida. Desglosaremos la documentación ligada con estas celebraciones y presentaremos cantos para agregar a su repertorio.



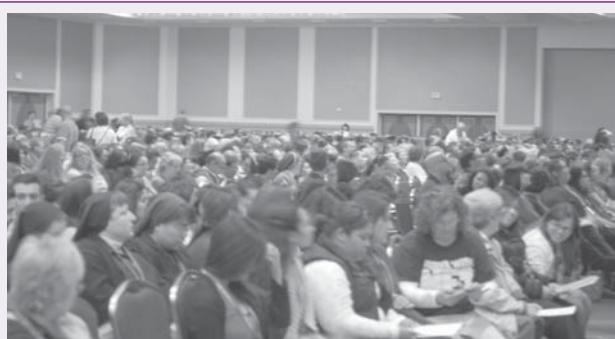
Pedro Rubalcava

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Estela García-López

Estela García de López es cantante, compositora y presentadora de talleres. Su talento la ha llevado a trabajar en comunidades bilingües como directora de música, directora coral y cantante, tanto en las parroquias de Oregón y del sur de California. Actualmente trabaja como especialista de desarrollo de música y es directora de música en la Iglesia de la Ascensión en Portland, Oregón. A través de Oregon Catholic Press, Estela con su esposo Rodolfo “Rudy” López en 2010 publicaron la nueva misa en español, “Misa Santa Cecilia/Mass of St. Cecilia” en 2010.



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SESIÓN 6

6-51 LA BIBLIA, LA FAMILIA Y LA IGLESIA DOMESTICA 🗣️

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus (biografía 3-51)

¿Cómo lograr que la palabra de Dios transforme nuestro hogar en una verdadera iglesia doméstica, y en fuerza de la nueva evangelización? Ven y descubre maneras prácticas de estudiar, compartir y orar con la palabra de Dios en el hogar. Esta conferencia presenta metodologías y consejos prácticos para que las familias entren en contacto con la biblia y la apliquen a su vida diaria. La conferencia toma elementos de aparecida y de eclesial en américa para mostrar como las sagradas escrituras transforman cada familia en una verdadera iglesias doméstica, la cual comparte la misma misión evangelizadora de la iglesia universal.

6-52 ORIENTACIONES PARA LA CATEQUESIS, LA PASTORAL Y LA EVANGELIZACIÓN A LA LUZ DEL MAGISTERIO DEL PAPA FRANCISCO 🗣️

Luis M. Benavides (biografía 1-52)

Ex-Cardenal Jorge Bergoglio, ya Francisco, el Papa del fin del mundo, una puerta a la esperanza. Su pensamiento, intuiciones e ideas fuerzan para la catequesis y la pastoral. Salir a las periferias existenciales. Recomenzar desde Cristo. Discípulos misioneros. Diaconía de la proximidad y la cercanía. Pedagogía de los vínculos y la ternura. Un nuevo paradigma catequístico y pastoral para el siglo XXI: la dimensión gestual y testimonial.

6-53 LA IGLESIA EN PROCESIÓN: LAS DEVOCIONES POPULARES LATINO AMERICANAS COMO MODELO ECLESIOLOGICO 🗣️

Esta conferencia presenta, desde una perspectiva eclesiológica hispana/latina, una imagen de la Iglesia que se reúne en asamblea para explorar, aprender y celebrar los misterios de la fe, la moral o vida cristiana, y la vida de los santos a través de la cultura, el arte y los ritos. Párrocos, directores de educación religiosa, catequistas y maestros son invitados a descubrir y explorar los dones únicos que la espiritualidad hispana/latina y sus prácticas religiosas aportan a la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos.



Francisco Hernán Castillo, DMin

Francisco Castillo es Senior Editor y Especialista Multicultural de RCL Benziger. Es profesor adjunto de Broward College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Trabajó como educador de escuela secundaria en la arquidiócesis de Miami como jefe del departamento de teología y director de campus ministry. Castillo es miembro de ACHTUS (Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States) y miembro del instituto nacional hispano de liturgia. Además, es poeta y escritor.

6-54 CONECTANDO LA VIDA, LA CATEQUESIS Y LA LITURGIA 🎧

La liturgia es la mejor expresión de la fe de la comunidad cristiana en Cristo verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre. En ella celebramos el triunfo de Cristo sobre el pecado y la muerte, al mismo tiempo que proclamamos su presencia en nuestras luchas diarias. La Misa es un adelanto del cielo, pero también es un compromiso con nuestro mundo. En esta conferencia estudiaremos como los gestos, símbolos y acciones litúrgicas que son acciones humanas al mismo tiempo nos introducen en el misterio inabarcable de Dios.

**Dr. José Antonio Medina**

El Dr. José Antonio Medina obtuvo sus grados académicos en la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca en España. Ha sido profesor, catequista, presentador en Estados Unidos, España y México. Ha enseñado en la mayor parte de los institutos de formación para el ministerio de las diócesis de California y Nevada. Actualmente es el Director de la formación de los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de San Bernardino y Consultor teológico para RECOSS en la Conferencia de Obispos de California.

6-55 LOS SIETE HÁBITOS DE CATÓLICOS EVANGELIZADORES

Cada católico está llamado a vivir su fe y compartirla con los demás. ¿Sin embargo, como lo debemos hacer? La Iglesia nos presenta el ejemplo de los grandes santos, cuyas vidas dan testimonio de lo que significa ser mensajeros y embajadores alegres del Señor. En esta conferencia práctico e informativo, el evangelista internacional, Héctor Molina, nos presentará los siete hábitos comunes de estos santos evangelizadores y cómo podemos incorporarlos en nuestras vidas diarias para ganar almas para Cristo.

**Héctor Antonio Molina Jr.**

Héctor Molina es un apologeta y conferencista con Catholic Answers, el apostolado de apologética y evangelización más reconocido en Norte América. Un evangelista veterano y pasado director de la Oficina de Evangelización para la Arquidiócesis de St. Louis, donde fue Director fundador de la Oficina para La Nueva Evangelización. Molina cuenta con casi 25 años de experiencia como presentador y conferencista profesional. He ministrado a través de los Estados Unidos, Canadá, Latinoamérica, El Caribe, Australia y Singapur.

6-56 QUE LAS HIJAS PUEDAN VIVIR 🎧

Nada desafía nuestra fe más profundamente que la experiencia del sufrimiento y la maldad prolongada. Desde 1993 las mujeres en Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, han conocido los grandes azotes de la maldad. Muchas han sido asesinadas de una manera brutal. Sin embargo, las madres, hermanas, tías y amigos de las víctimas se han opuesto públicamente a esta maldad y, al hacerlo, nos han enseñado mucho acerca de la fe y de las formas en que experimentamos la salvación en nuestras vidas en el presente. Vengan a aprender 10 que las mujeres de Ciudad Juárez tienen que enseñarnos.

**Nancy Pineda-Madrid, PhD**

Dra. Nancy Pineda-Madrid es Profesora Asociada de Teóloga y Ministerio Latina/o en Boston College en Massachusetts. Nació en Albuquerque, Nuevo México, y creció en El Paso, Texas. Tiene un Doctorado en Teología Sistemática y Filosófica de la Graduate Theological Union en Berkeley, California. Sus libros incluyen "Suffering and Salvation in Ciudad Juárez" y la colección que ella fue la co-editor, "Hope: Promise, Possibility, and Fulfillment." Está escribiendo un libro sobre la Virgen de Guadalupe.

6-57 EL PAPEL DE PADRES EN EL PROCESO DE RICA 🎧

Como despertar y encender la fe en los padres de familia cuyos niños están involucrados en el proceso de RICA (rito de iniciación cristiana de adultos) para que sean los primeros maestros en jornada de fe.

**Rev. Richard Vega**

Actualmente el padre Richard Vega es Párroco de Santa Francis de Roma en Azusa, California. Antes de tomar el puesto como párroco sirvió por seis años como Presidente de la Federación Nacional de Consejos Presbiterales. Previamente el padre Vega ha servido como Vicario Parroquial dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles del 1983-1994. Él también es miembro del SOMELIT (Sociedad Mexicana de Liturgistas) y también ha sido conferencista para las oficinas de Educación Religiosa y de Culto Divino en Los Angeles y Chicago.

6-58 ESTAMOS ESTRENANDO PÁRROCO: "PADRE FRANCISCO" 🎧

Imagina por un momento que el papa Francisco fuera asignado a tu parroquia como párroco. En la realidad en que vives, ¿cuáles serían sus prioridades? ¿Cómo organizaría la comunidad? ¿Qué tipo de catequistas y agentes de pastoral promovería? ¿Cuál sería el rol del diácono permanente y de los sacerdotes? La característica más sobresaliente del papa Francisco es de "pastor." A partir de su actuar en Buenos Aires y en Roma vamos a dibujar un proyecto pastoral para la parroquia al estilo "Francisco de Latinoamérica."

**Pbro. Luigi Zanotto**

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



7-51 RENOVANDO LA IGLESIA 🗣️

Llamados a ser Católico/as de convicción no solo de tradición. Conociendo y viviendo “las maravillas de la iglesia” – la renovación tan necesitada en la Iglesia será más fácil en alcanzar.



Dr. Augusto Julian Castañeda

Dr. Augusto Castañeda, médico pediatra peruano, ha trabajado por más de 20 años en la pastoral de la Iglesia. Vive en Santa Bárbara, California, está involucrado en grupos bíblicos, de oración, encuentros de evangelización y diaconado. Desde 1998 es conferencista en parroquias de Perú y los Estados Unidos. En diferentes oportunidades ha sido conferencista en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de los Ángeles, California. Recientemente público “Las Maravillas de la Iglesia.”

7-52 ALGUIEN ESTÁ ORANDO POR MÍ 🗣️

Hna. Glenda Valeska Hernandez (biografía 1-56)

Nos adentraremos en el misterio de la oración de unos por otros; en los diferentes tipos y formas que aparecen en la Biblia y ha utilizado la Iglesia a lo largo de los siglos; también la experiencia de algunos santos iluminarán nuestra vivencia de que siempre, en el cielo y en la tierra, hay ¡alguien que está orando por mí!

7-53 LA IGLESIA, ¿PROBLEMA O SOLUCIÓN? 🗣️

Hernán Pereda Bullrich (biografía 5-55)

Jesucristo ha creado el movimiento de mayor expansión en el mundo, superando razas, culturas, continentes desafiando el tiempo, los progresos humanos y las nuevas mentalidades. El problema no es hoy Jesucristo sino su Iglesia. Pero Jesucristo sin su Iglesia pasa a ser un ser del pasado, inoperante y puro dato histórico. Así es como se han multiplicado “las Iglesias,” pero éstas, ¿resuelven o complican? La multiplicación de las Iglesias no resuelve sino agudizan el problema. Las distintas formas de persecución de la Iglesia no son sino un dato anunciado por el mismo Jesucristo: “si me han perseguido a mí, los perseguirán a ustedes.” Es que a Jesucristo en su tiempo, tampoco se lo podía ver “ni en pintura.” Conclusión: la Iglesia debe seguir avanzando en el camino de su identidad, conocimiento propio y crecimiento con una esperanza cuyo fin y éxito final está anunciado pero éste, solo se lo puede “ver” desde la fe en un proyecto que va por caminos y vericuetos insospechados.

7-54 ORANDO CON NUESTRAS VOCES Y CUERPOS

La oración nos invita a experimentar más profundamente la presencia activa de Dios en nuestras vidas. Cuando oramos a través del canto y la danza sagrada, nuestros cuerpos celebran la grandeza de Dios (Lucas 1:46-47). Vengan a cantar y danzar, profundicen su intimidad con Dios. No solo examinaremos la oración a través del canto y la danza sagrada, sino también ampliaremos nuestra comprensión de esta forma de oración. Levanten sus voces en el canto, tomen el paso en la danza.



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Pedro Rubalcava

Pedro Rubalcava es un conocido compositor litúrgico y presentador de música litúrgica. Es Director de Ministerios Hispanos en Oregon Catholic Press en Portland, Oregón. Ha sido director de ministerios litúrgicos parroquiales, co-director de pastoral juvenil diocesana (en San Diego) y coordinador de pastoral parroquial. Rubalcava es orador frecuente en el Congreso de Los Ángeles, así como en varios congresos litúrgicos y en conferencias de educación religiosa a nivel nacional, diocesano y parroquial.

7-55 RESULTADOS DE NUESTRA EVANGELIZACIÓN Y PASTORAL SI NO INCULTURAMOS EL EVANGELIO Y LA IGLESIA 🗣️

Pbro. Clodomiro Siller Acuña (biografía 2-55)

Nosotros, como pueblo, tenemos un idioma, historia, cultura y tradición religiosa que proceden de una antigüedad de milenios. Cuando nos comunicamos lo hacemos expresándonos precisamente según nuestra manera de hablar, de vivir cotidianamente y de responder con fe a nuestra Revelación. Pero sucede que al recordar o repetir muchas palabras de la Biblia o de la catequesis usamos términos que están en idiomas que vinieron dentro de otras culturas apenas en el siglo XVI cuando los europeos se encontraron con la realidad que vivíamos en este continente. Incluso usamos muchas palabras en latín o en griego que nos separan de la simplicidad y comprensión de la Escritura que hemos recibido y que tienen la Revelación de Dios en la Biblia. De esta manera la evangelización, la catequesis y la pastoral con las que nos comprometemos no llega, como decía el Papa Juan Pablo II, al corazón y a la raíz de la cultura. Este proceso que el Papa nos recomienda en su documento, “La Misión del Redentor,” es el que debemos adoptar nosotros si buscamos una auténtica inculturación y si queremos estar en la Iglesia con la diversidad social, cultural y religiosa que tradicionalmente vivimos. La inculturación del Evangelio y de la Iglesia son esenciales para nuestro compromiso social y pastoral.

DATO DEL CONGRESO:

En el segundo piso del centro de convenciones está localizada la Exposición Multicultural (Multicultural Exhibit) que muestra fotografías, iconos, vestimentas así como también la explicación de la diversidad cultural que existe dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles.

7-56 CÓMO SER FELICES EN EL MATRIMONIO 🗣️

La felicidad matrimonial depende en gran parte de la capacidad de manejar bien las emociones experimentadas a lo largo de la convivencia matrimonial. ¿Cómo eliminar sentimientos de resentimiento hacia nuestra pareja? ¿Cómo controlar nuestra ansiedad sobre el futuro de nuestra relación? ¿Cómo superar estados de desánimo? ¿Cómo ser agentes de felicidad conyugal? En esta conferencia el Dr. John Yzaguirre ofrece estrategias psicológicas y espirituales que promueven la fortaleza emocional y una felicidad auténtica y duradera.

**Dr. John Yzaguirre**

El Dr. John Yzaguirre es un psicólogo y autor que se especializa en la integración de la psicología y la espiritualidad católica en la vida familiar. Actualmente es Co-Director el Instituto Prosocial de California junto con su esposa, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MDiv, MFT, con la que ha escrito el libro "Casados y Felices." Ha dado conferencias en Estados Unidos, Canadá, México, Europa y Australia. Además de su práctica privada en Irvine, California, ofrece sus programas de formación y vida familiar en muchas iglesias de Estados Unidos.

7-57 EL PROBLEMA MÁS GRAVE Y URGENTE DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA: EL AGUA POTABLE 🗣️**Pbro. Luigi Zanotto (biografía 6-58)**

¿Te sorprende? Es que nuestra pastoral falta de encarnación en la vida de todos los días. Presentamos a un Dios que nos salva de algo que está en las nubes. Hay que poner los pies en el suelo. Desde su primer aparecer en la escena mundial el Papa Francisco manifestó que su primera atención era a la persona y a la comunidad humana. Antepuso esto: a lo que dirán, al siempre se hizo así, a las "normas" litúrgicas no humanas, a las estructuras rígidas. ... Presentaremos unas de las realidades humanas más cruciales del momento presente como el agua potable, la sociedad plural, la necesidad de un trabajo digno para todos/as ... y como estas desafían a tu comunidad parroquial.

**8-51 LA ESPIRITUALIDAD Y VISIÓN HISPANA/LATINA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS COMO MODELO PARA PASTORAL Y MINISTERIO CON JÓVENES DE ESCUELA INTERMEDIA Y SECUNDARIA** 🗣️**Francisco Hernán Castillo, DMin (biografía 6-53)**

El propósito de esta presentación es ayudar a los párrocos, capellanes (campus ministers), maestros y directores de educación religiosa a trazar los parámetros que puedan ayudar a los adolescentes en la trayectoria y búsqueda espiritual y religiosa de sus vidas. Para lograrlo, el conferencista propone las ricas tradiciones y características de la espiritualidad y cosmovisión hispana/latina de los Estados Unidos como modelo concreto para un programa de pastoral y ministerio juvenil en las escuelas y parroquias católicas.

8-52 ACOGER E INCLUIR A LOS HISPANOS ES EL FUTURO DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA 🗣️**Charles W. Dahm, OP (biografía 4-51)**

Cada día la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos se vuelve más hispana. El futuro de la Iglesia Católica está, en gran parte, con los hispanos. Al mismo tiempo, muchos hispanos católicos dejan la Iglesia Católica y entran otras iglesias o religiones. La Iglesia Católica tiene que aprender cómo acoger a los hispanos y ser sensibles

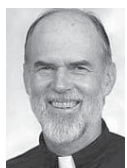
a su cultura y su forma de celebrar la fe. Tiene que responder a las necesidades de los hispanos, apreciar su cultura y tradiciones y acompañarlos en sus luchas por la justicia. Esta conferencia reflexionará sobre los valores de los hispanos que pueden enriquecer a nuestra Iglesia y cómo la Iglesia, y en particular, la parroquia, puede incorporar sus valores y su cultura y ayudar a los hispanos a conservarlos y ser miembros plenos de la Iglesia Católica.

8-53 LA INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA: ¿COMIENZO O CLAUSURA? 🗣️**Rev. Fabian Oscar Esparafita (biografía 3-54)**

Muchas veces se vive la Iniciación Cristiana como un hito que clausura la participación del cristiano en la comunidad. Sin embargo creemos que es un don destinado a crecer y prolongarse en itinerarios catequéticos y formativos que dispongan para ese crecimiento. ¿Es posible articular la iniciación cristiana con lo que nosotros llamamos itinerario catequístico permanente? ¿Es éste un desafío exclusivo de los catequistas? ¿Cómo vincular a los otros agentes de pastoral de nuestras comunidades y qué actitudes encarnar? En esta conferencia intentaremos responder estos interrogantes y valorar experiencias ensayadas en diversas comunidades.

8-54 ¿SANAR NUESTRAS HERIDAS ES IMPORTANTE EN NUESTRO CAMINAR? 🎧

Con los ejercicios espirituales de San Ignacio, el Jesuita Michael Kennedy y Javier Stauring guiarán a los participantes en una experiencia con el poder de la imaginación en el Evangelio. Con esta conferencia nos conectaremos con las heridas en nuestra propia vida y se sanarán con la medicina de Jesús. Este método de oración Ignaciana puede ser practicado en sus propios ministerios, especialmente en clases de catecismo, con jóvenes y ministerios de detención.



Michael Kennedy, SJ

Michael Kennedy, sacerdote jesuita por más de 35 años, ha trabajado con los más pobres y desprotegidos en California, México, Centro América y Suramérica. Es autor de cinco libros que presentan un método dinámico de oraciones usadas en casas, escuelas y centros de detención. Actualmente, es director de la organización "Iniciativa Jesuita de Justicia Restaurativa" y es Co-Capellán en el Centro Juvenil Barry J. Nidorf en Sylmar, California. Rev. Kennedy trabaja con jóvenes encarcelados e imparte retiros en las prisiones del Estados Unidos.



Javier Stauring

Javier Stauring es Co-Director de la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Desde 1996 ha supervisado el ministerio más grande de detención católico en la nación. Stauring supervisa los programas de detención del ministerio católico en todos los centros de detención juveniles en Los Ángeles, Ventura y Santa Barbara. Sus responsabilidades incluyen la supervisión de otros tres programas de justicia restaurativa: Ministerio para las víctimas de crimen; Ministerio para las familias de los encarcelados; y el Ministerio para ex reclusos.

8-55 LA FORMACIÓN MUSICAL DE LA ASAMBLEA: COMO SEGUIR LAS NOTAS ESCRITAS

Según el documento, "Cantemos al Señor: La Música en el Culto Divino": "La formación musical de la asamblea debe ser una preocupación constante." Esta formación debe incluir aprendizaje sobre los recursos musicales del pueblo – los himnarios o misales – y específicamente, cómo seguir la música escrita que estos contienen. En esta sesión, aprenderemos en grupo los fundamentos de ritmo y melodía, incluso cómo funciona el pentagrama, para que usted pueda cantar mejor los cantos en la Misa y así alzar sus alabanzas a nuestro Dios.



Peter Kolar

Peter Kolar es Editor Principal de Música y Recursos Hispanos en la casa editorial World Library Publications de Chicago, Illinois. Es también el director del Coro Diocesano de El Paso, Texas, y desde 2007 es Instructor y Coordinador del Programa de Música para el Instituto Tepeyac en la Diócesis de El Paso. Kolar es conferencista en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles y de convenciones del National Association of Pastoral Musicians. Es el conferencista principal ("Keynote") de la Conferencia de Músicos Hispanos Pastorales del Suroeste.

8-56 ¿CÓMO ENTENDER LA NUEVA EVANGELIZACIÓN PARA ENCENDER LA ESPERANZA? 🎧

Marcelo A. Murúa (biografía 5-54)

La Nueva Evangelización es el horizonte de la Iglesia para los próximos años. Un mundo con diversidad de culturas es una oportunidad y un desafío para encender la esperanza con el anuncio de la Buena Noticia de Jesús. Un recorrido histórico nos ayudará a reconocer sus raíces desde el Concilio Vaticano II hasta el Sínodo de la Nueva Evangelización. El papa Francisco nos ofrece con su ejemplo un testimonio renovador para la misión. ¿Qué desafíos para evangelizar nos plantea la palabra de la Iglesia a luz de sus más recientes enseñanzas?

8-57 EL PODER DE LA ESPERANZA 🎧

Maruja Sedano (biografía 3-58)

¿Cuántas veces te has sentido sin ánimo, sin ganas de seguir caminando? ¿Qué ha sido lo que te ha mantenido de pie y te ha dado fuerza? La esperanza es el motor que nos impulsa a seguir caminando, a seguir luchando en medio de las dificultades. Veremos cómo la esperanza cristiana, una de las virtudes teologales, nos desafía y nos anima a la vez; y cómo nosotros podemos ser profetas, líderes, padres y madres de familia que ayuden a los niños, jóvenes y adultos a construir caminos de esperanza en medio de un mundo que a veces pierde el rumbo hacia Dios.

8-58 EVANGELIZAR A TRAVÉS DE LA FOTOGRAFÍA 🎧

Hna. Xiskya Lucia Valladares (biografía 4-58)

El objetivo de esta conferencia es ofrecer ideas innovadoras para utilizar la fotografía como medio de evangelización, tanto a nivel teórico como práctico.



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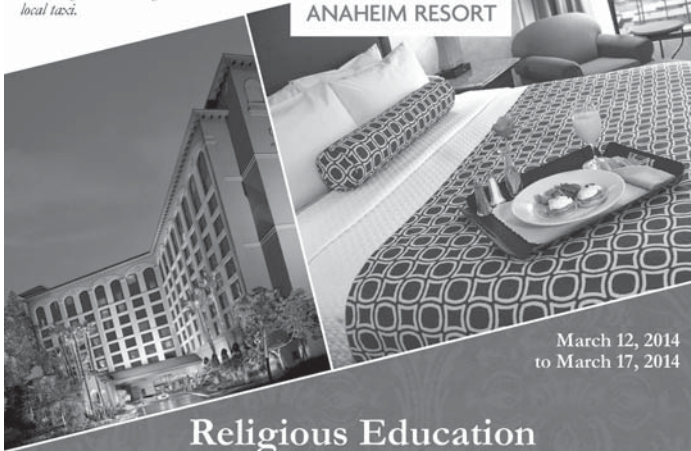
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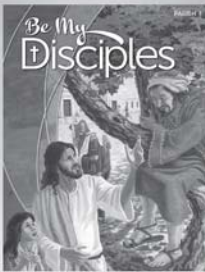
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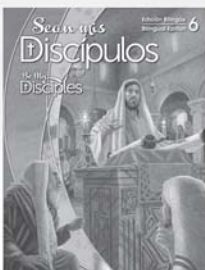
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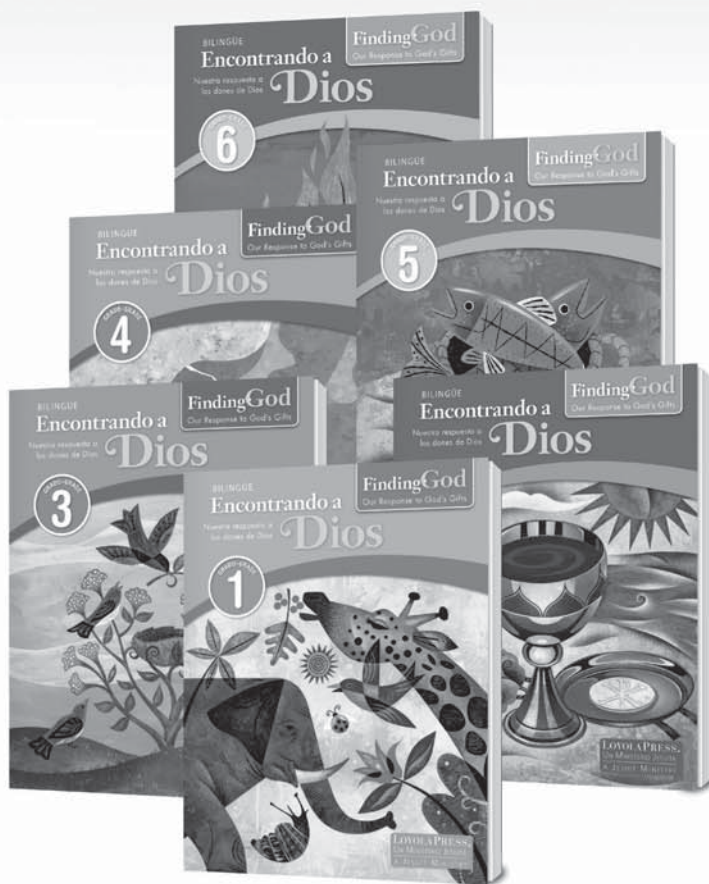
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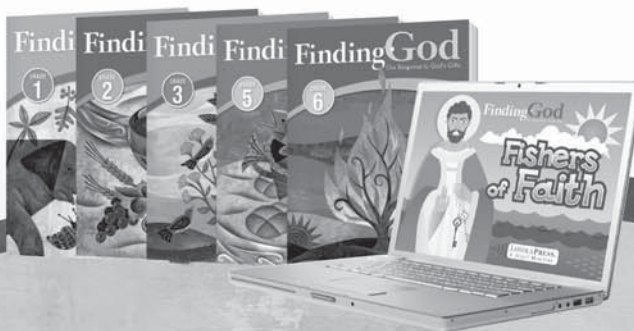
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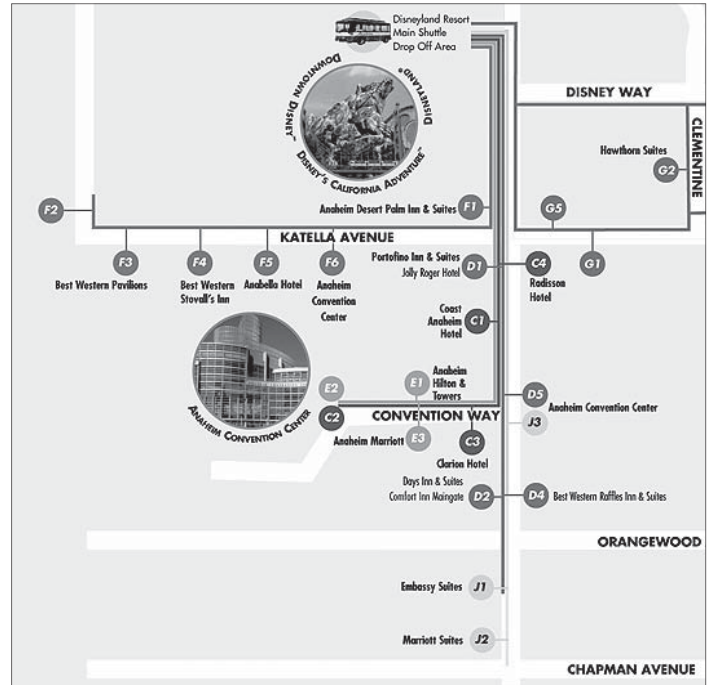
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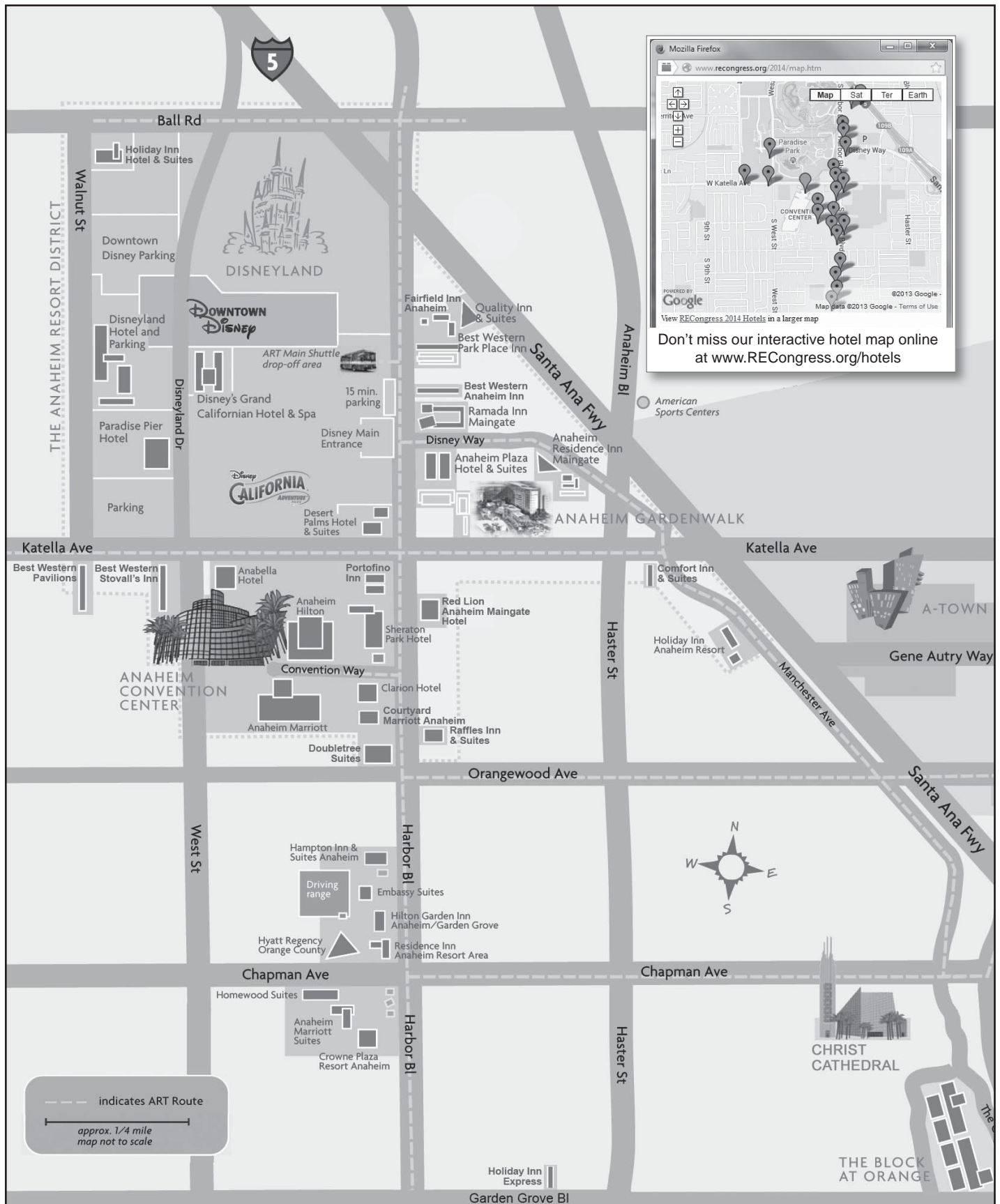
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STANFORD INN & SUITES 2171 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 703-1220		\$106 / \$139		\$106 / \$139		3:00 pm	Deluxe hot breakfast; WiFi; rate good through Feb. 20
STOVALLS INN (Best Western) 1110 W Katella Ave	(714) 778-1880	\$109	\$109				4:00 pm	Rate good through February 20, 2014

Check online for additional phone numbers, notes and updates

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2014 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

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FAX FORM FOR THE 2014 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

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Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp.: _____

City of Departure: _____ or Airport of Departure: _____

Date of Departure: _____ Time: _____ AM or PM

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

Date

Signature of Cardholder

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LMU|LA Extension

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

2014 Religious Education Congress

“Hope: A World Afire” / “Esperanza que Enciende al Mundo”

March 14-16, 2014

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

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

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

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

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

- ❖ **To register**, fill out the form below, and either FAX it or mail it to the address below.
 - You can also register by phone (310-338-2799) or online (<http://extension.lmu.edu/religion>).
 - You can also register at Congress; just come by the LMU Booth in the Exhibit Hall.
- ❖ **To receive credit**, submit your paper (typed, double-spaced), along with a list of all the sessions you attended, on or before **March 31, 2014** (two weeks after Congress).
 - Send your materials by **e-mail** (CRS@lmu.edu), or **FAX** (310-338-2706), or **regular mail** to:
Center for Religion & Spirituality, 1 LMU Drive, Suite 1863, Los Angeles, CA 90045-2659

REGISTRATION FORM – LMU EXTENSION

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

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

FULL NAME _____
Title First Middle Last Suffix

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____
(Optional)

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

Please submit this form along with the appropriate registration fee on or before **March 16, 2014**.
 Make checks payable to “Loyola Marymount University,” or give credit card information above.

Center for Religion & Spirituality, 1 LMU Drive Suite 1863, Los Angeles, CA 90045-2659, 310-338-2799; FAX 310-338-2706

CERTIFICATION



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Graduate Religious Studies Program

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CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PASTORAL / CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Mount St. Mary's College offers you one *Continuing Education Unit (C.E.U.)* for attending workshops and Keynotes at the 2014 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. This C.E.U. is recorded by the American Council on Education.

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact: Sonia Rosales • (213) 477-2640 • SRosales@msmc.la.edu

Mount St. Mary's College

Continuing Education for Pastoral / Catechetical Ministry

Congress 2014

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

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

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

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

Circle one: 0001 0002 0003 0004 0005 0006

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ SS# _____

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

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

LAST DAY TO REGISTER BY MAIL: March 7, 2014

HOTEL FACILITIES/HOSPITALITY

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

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

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

BANQUET / CATERING CONTACTS ONLY

DOUBLETREE:	Deborah Fisher	(714) 383-7020
HILTON:	Debbie Igna	(714) 740-4258
MARRIOTT:	Bernadette Chute	(714) 748-2431
SHERATON:	Melissa Ponce	(714) 740-4190

CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

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

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

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

PARKING

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

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

MESSAGE CENTER

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

WORKSHOP RECORDING

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

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2014 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you have need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices.

We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by February 14, 2014, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received. The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, you may request an interpreter upon your arrival.

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

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other Congress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant’s – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by January 22, 2014.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large. However, the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.
- NOTE: The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Alpha Drugs Pharmacy at either of their two locations in Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; or 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

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

REGISTRATION

MARCH 13 (YOUTH DAY) & 14-16, 2014

REGISTRATION FORM

DO . . .

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

PLEASE . . .

1. **DO NOT** make copies of the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after March 1, 2014.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.

REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$70. Postmarked after January 22, 2014 is \$80.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by January 22, 2014. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. If you have not registered online or mailed in your Registration Form by **March 1**, please register on site. Registrations will be processed but must be picked up at the Registration area at Congress. Tickets will only be given to the registered individual with ID.
4. **TICKETS will be mailed after JANUARY 1 2014. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.**
5. **Replacement tickets cost: \$30.**
6. You must present a printed ticket at workshops. Photographed tickets (via smartphone, iPad or tablet) or photocopies are NOT acceptable.

ADVANCE TICKET/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a “jump start” on Congress and avoid the Program Book lines! Pick up your Congress Program Book and badge holder beginning **Thursday, March 13, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm**, in the Convention Center Hall A Prefunction Lobby. Please bring your program card with you!

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

LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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1. Pegue la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su nombre, dirección, zona postal y número de teléfono y correo electrónico.
2. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
3. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
4. FIRME SU CHEQUE.
5. Se aceptan tarjetas de crédito en línea en www.RECongress.org
6. Inscripciones estarán disponibles durante el fin de semana del Congreso.

POR FAVOR . . .

1. **NO** reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. **NO** inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. **NO** envíe su registración después del 1 de marzo, 2014.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.

RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$70 (U.S.). Después del 22 de enero, 2014 será \$80.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 22 de enero, 2014. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del **1 de marzo**, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se le entregaran solamente a la persona que se registró y necesitará presentar identificación en el Centro de Convenciones.
4. **LOS BOLETOS se enviarán por correo después del 1 de enero, 2014. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.**
5. **El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$30.**
3. Debera enseñar un boleto para entrar a los talleres. Boleto fotografados (smartphone, iPad o tablet) y/o fotocopios NO son aceptables.

RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Evite las largas líneas y recoja su libro a partir del día **jueves 13 de marzo, por la noche desde las 5:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm** en la área de la Prefunciones del Centro de Convenciones.

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

REQUEST FORM FOR SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS

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

SERVICES

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

WORKSHOPS

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

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Email: _____ Cell/Phone: _____

CHANGING REQUESTS

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