

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: Diana Macalintal
Spanish: Dr. Maria Aquino

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– David Haas
Music (Hall B)
– Donna Peña, ValLimar Jansen,
Anna Betancourt
& Dolores Gomez

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

As we welcome a new day, we share the opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give praise and thanks. Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will preside at the morning Eucharistic Liturgy. Nourished by Word and sacrament we go forth with “eyes wide open” to recognize signs of God in us and around us.



SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS

8:30 am



DIANA MACALINTAL

“Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord” 🎧

Has the mystery of faith become a bit too mysterious? Do your parishioners’ eyes glaze over when you try to explain what we believe? Look no further for an answer than your baptism when all the baptized received the ability to see the mystery and goodness of God right in front of us. Rediscover this power and learn how to use it to help others really see God’s presence in their daily lives.

Diana Macalintal is Director of Worship for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif. She holds a Master of Arts in Theology, cum laude, from Saint John’s University in Collegeville, Minn. She has served as a liturgist, music and catechumenate director in campus, parish and diocesan ministries for over 25 years and has authored numerous articles on liturgy, music and the catechumenate.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

DAVID HAAS

“I Will Live On”

Come and spend your midday break with singer and composer David Haas, as we honor those who have died who were and are dear to us – singing and praying the journey of sorrow, loss and grief to “live on” toward the promise of hope, healing, acceptance and resurrection. In memory of Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ.



Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



**DONNA PEÑA, VALLIMAR JANSEN,
ANNA BETANCOURT & DOLORES GOMEZ**

“A Tapestry of Life and Love”

Come! See! Listen! (*Ven! Vee! Escucha!*) Listen to the voice of women as we weave a musical tapestry. Hear songs of life and love that emerge from this world we live in today. Songs of hope, faith, joy and healing.

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm



ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDER

As Congress 2015 comes to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and to give thanks for the blessings of the weekend. We will go forth to “see” anew and perceive God’s presence in all of life, in joy, in pain and in struggle. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez, features the 200- plus voice Congress Choir 2015, under the direction of John Flaherty.



PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 **The Francis Mission: Progress Report on a Populist Pope and His Historic Reform** (*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 7-02 **Many Paths, One Lord, One Family of Faith** (*) - **Fr. Christopher Bazouros & Joseph Bazouros**
- 7-03 **Serving the World Based on Need Not Creed: Interreligious Collaboration and the New Evangelization** (*) - **Michele Broemmelsiek**
- 7-04 **Seeing Reality with a Double Vision** (*) - **Rev. James Clarke**
- 7-05 **See the Bright Star of Black Catholic Evangelization!** (*) - **Msgr. Raymond East**
- 7-06 **Awesome Prayer Experiences with Adolescents** (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 7-07 **Art and Hispanic Popular Piety: Doors to the Sacred** (*) - **Rev. Eduardo Fernandez & Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid**
- 7-08 **The Early Church's Practice of Eucharist: A Provocative Treasure** - **Rev. Edward Foley**
- 7-09 **Songs, Stories and the Spirit of God** (*) - **Fr. Robert Galea**
- 7-10 **The Faith of Ruth, Esther and Judith: Hidden Gems of the Bible and Pope Francis** (*) - **Fr. Garrett Galvin**
- 7-11 **Justice and the Table: Eucharistic Spirituality** - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 7-12 **A Deep Theological Truth Revealed: Everybody's a Bit Weird!** (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 7-13 **The Psalms and the Catechesis of the Heart** - **Bob Hurd**
- 7-14 **Who Do You See at the Center? Creating a Culture of Adult Faith Formation** (*) - **Douglas Leal**
- 7-15 **Meeting Them Where They Are: Catechizing Digital Natives through Visual Language** (*) - **Lir Mac Cárthaigh**
- 7-16 **Multicultural Church: Many and One** (*) - **Jesse Manibusan**
- 7-17 **Youth and Discipleship in Cyberspace** (*) - **Judy McDonald**
- 7-18 **Pope Francis and the Joy of the Good News** (*) - **Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath & John Angotti**
- 7-19 **Seeing Good Church: Healing Our Fearful Blindness to Risk** (*) - **Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 7-20 **Religious Freedom in the United States and Abroad** - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 7-21 **Why Should I Feel Discouraged? Facing the Disappointments of Ministry While Singing Hallelujah** (*) - **Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 7-22 **The Life Issues in Light of the Fundamental Principles of Justice** (*) - **Rev. Robert Spitzer**
- 7-23 **Parents Matter: Involving Parents in Chastity Education** (*) - **Pam Stenzel**
- 7-24 **All Are Welcome: Catechesis and Special Needs** - **Joseph White & Ana Arista White**
- 7-25 **How to Ask for What We Need** (*) - **John Yzaguirre**
- 7-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (The Relationship Between History, Tradition AND Evangelization of the Catholic Faith in Vietnam)** (*) - **Bishop Cosma Hoàng Van Dat**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 **Sojourn to a Joyful Heart** - **Mary Amore**
 - 8-02 **Formation of RCIA Catechists** (*) - **Mary Birmingham**
 - 8-03 **The Transformative Power of Faith** (*) - **Grayson Warren Brown**
 - 8-04 **How to Make Saints and Evangelize People** (*) - **Dr. Stephen Bullivant**
 - 8-05 **Just Say No: Naysayers in the Bible's Wisdom Books** (*) - **Alice Camille**
 - 8-06 **Living the Eucharist in Daily Life** (*) - **Rev. Christopher Collins**
 - 8-07 **A Form of "New Evangelization": A Model for Parish Bereavement Ministry** (*) - **Amy Florian**
 - 8-08 **Franciscan Spirituality Today: A New Way of Seeing the World!** (*) - **Fr. Daniel Horan**
 - 8-09 **Missionary Discipleship** (*) - **Fr. Anthony J. Gittins**
 - 8-10 **Pastoral Leadership for the New Evangelization** (*) - **Rev. John Hurley**
 - 8-11 **Children on the Run: Why Children are Fleeing Mexico and Central America and What the Church Can Do About It** (*) - **Richard Alan Jones**
 - 8-12 **Jesuit Mysticism, Pope Francis and Compassion** (*) - **Rev. Michael Kennedy**
 - 8-13 **New Media and the New Evangelization** (*) - **Rev. Matthew Malone**
 - 8-14 **Bearing Gifts Among Us: International Ministers and Parish Life Today** - **Rev. Ricky Manalo**
 - 8-15 **Super Songs of Superheroes** (*) - **Michael Mangan**
 - 8-16 **Balancing Marriage and Ministry: The Great Dance!** (*) - **Robert & Maggie McCarty**
 - 8-17 **Engaging EVERY Learner EVERY Time: A Simple Format for Planning Engaging Faith Formation** (*) - **Charlotte McCorquodale**
 - 8-18 **A Call to "a Church That is Poor": Re-imagining Youth Ministry through Pope Francis** (*) - **Ted Miles & Ben Walther**
 - 8-19 **Evangelizing Families Today: Engaging Parents as Partners in Faith Formation** (*) - **Thomas Quinlan**
 - 8-20 **Sleeping with the Enemy? Esther, Judith and Sexualized Politics in the Old Testament** (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
 - 8-21 **Mary and Jesus in Islam and the Qur'an** (*) - **Jihad Turk**
 - 8-22 **Renewing Young Adult Catholic Imagination** (*) - **Matthew Weber**
 - 8-23 **"I Was Blind, Now I See"** (*) - **David Wells**
 - 8-24 **Europe 1914-1918: The Roots of Our Present Misery** (*) - **Rev. Thomas Weston**
 - 8-25 **You Cared for Me** (*) - **Dr. C. Vanessa White**
 - 8-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Envisioning the Future: Vietnamese American Catholics)** - **Fr. Hung Viet Nguyen & Prof. Le Xuan Hy**
- 🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions.
 Arena sessions in color.

Assemblies



The ORE Booth at the center of Exhibit Hall A.

7-01 THE FRANCIS MISSION: PROGRESS REPORT ON A POPULIST POPE AND HIS HISTORIC REFORM 📍 ARENA

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

The Boston Globe's John Allen will review the latest twists in the Pope Francis story, bringing into focus the overall strategy of this populist pope for a renewed and evangelically dynamic Catholicism. We will examine reform moves by Francis on financial transparency, sexual abuse, the family, and ecumenism and interfaith dialogue, suggesting what they mean not just for Rome but for the Church at all levels and in all places.

7-02 MANY PATHS, ONE LORD, ONE FAMILY OF FAITH 📍

How do I know what God is calling me to do? Who is God calling me to be? Come and hear how two very different brothers share the paths of their lives with humor, faith and music. Discuss with other young adults about discerning your path in life or how to build your own family of faith. This session could help you see what God is doing in your life!



Fr. Christopher Bazyouros

Ordained in 2003, Fr. Chris Bazyouros has served the Los Angeles Archdiocese in various parishes. He now works as the Adult Faith Formation Consultant for the Office of Religious Education and is also involved in the Catholic Bible Institute and various programs in that field. Fr. Chris was a member of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission for five years, two years of which he served as Chair. He has presented workshops and facilitated retreats at numerous diocesan events.



Joseph Bazyouros

Joe Bazyouros is Director of Music at the University of Southern California Caruso Catholic Center. He formerly served in the Los Angeles Archdiocese as Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Frances of Rome in Azusa and as Director of Music at St. Martin de Porres in Yorba Linda. Joe has served on the Music Advisory Board for the Office for Worship for the Diocese of Orange and as Chair on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. He is also in his 14th season as a member of Los Angeles Master Chorale.



RECongress annually offers a Keynote on Saturday morning (last year with Rev. Robert Barron; this year with Pastor Rick Warren) and two addresses on Sunday morning: one in English (with Diana Macalintal) and one in Spanish (with Dr. Maria Pilar Aquino).

7-03 SERVING THE WORLD BASED ON NEED NOT CREED: INTERRELIGIOUS COLLABORATION AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 📍

Michele F. Broemmelsiek (bio 5-05)

For over 70 years, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been a living witness to the U.S. Catholic community's commitment to the poor and vulnerable around the world. Through its partnership with local interreligious leaders, CRS has helped to shed light on what it means to respond to Jesus' invitation to be "peacemakers" in our day. Join Michele Broemmelsiek, Vice President of Overseas Operations for Catholic Relief Services, as she shares how the Catholic Church is bringing the Good News to the ends of the earth.

7-04 SEEING REALITY WITH A DOUBLE VISION 📍

Adult faith and spirituality are always seeing with a "double vision," through both the inner and outer lens of our humanity. We cannot separate faith from lived reality without doing serious damage to our relationships. This workshop will explore the necessary mature relationships between the human and the divine aspect of reality.



Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD

Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of Spiritual Formation and an Assistant Professor of Spiritual Theology at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. With an extensive academic background in the fields of spirituality, adult education, counseling, ritual and depth psychology, Dr. Clarke currently serves as Chair of the Spirituality Commission of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and is an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests.

7-05 SEE THE BRIGHT STAR OF BLACK CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION! 📍

Come see the bright future of evangelization in the black Catholic community. Using James Weldon Johnson's song-poem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," come and hymn hope for peoples of African descent living in a world too often unaware of their gifts. Examine what the Holy Spirit is doing through the New Evangelization among 200 million black Catholics worldwide. Envision the "bright gleam of the bright star" in our future Church for all people of all backgrounds. All are welcome; bring your voices and eyewitness accounts of the "Joy of the Gospel."



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. 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 was Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He is a regular and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and he continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynote addresses at major national events.

Workshops

7-06 AWESOME PRAYER EXPERIENCES WITH ADOLESCENTS 🎧

Steven Ellair (bio 3-05)

In this engaging and experiential workshop, we will explore how essential prayer is for the adolescent and learn easy techniques and styles of prayer that help create powerful experiences with youth. We will also identify the keys necessary for nurturing an adolescent's relationship to God. Don't miss this one!

7-07 ART AND HISPANIC POPULAR PIETY: DOORS TO THE SACRED 🎧

Recently Pope Francis, echoing Aparecida (the 2007 meeting of Latin American bishops), has been reminding us of the great spiritual riches found in popular religious expressions. By way of their altars, processions, vigils and other manifestations, these artistic dances, dramas and food are often not only the way in which a people celebrate the mysteries of the faith, such as Christmas and Easter, but also the way in which they pass on their beliefs to the next generations. This workshop presents various vibrant examples of these artistic manifestations, allowing participants to reflect on how God often becomes present through beauty in their own cultures.



Rev. Eduardo C. Fernandez, SJ

Fr. Eduardo Fernandez teaches at the California Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University and at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley; he gives workshops and retreats and assists at local parishes. His two latest books are the award-winning "Mexican American Catholics" and one co-written with Kenneth McGuire, CSP, and Anne Hansen, "Culture-Sensitive Ministry: Helpful Strategies for Pastoral Ministers."



Nancy Pineda-Madrid, PhD

Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid is Associate Professor of Theology and U.S. Latina/o Ministry in the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College, where she has taught since 2005. She presents lectures and workshops around the country and internationally. Dr. Pineda-Madrid is author of "Suffering and Salvation in Ciudad Juarez" and co-editor of the book "Hope: Promise, Possibility and Fulfillment."

7-08 THE EARLY CHURCH'S PRACTICE OF EUCHARIST: A PROVOCATIVE TREASURE

Edward Foley, OFM Cap (bio 5-12)

Some believe Christianity was born in uniformity and has become more diverse over the centuries. This consideration of Eucharistic practice in the first three centuries will dismantle that myth. Exploring some of the great diversity of practice in these centuries will allow for fresh interpretations of our Eucharistic traditions. In the process, we will challenge narrow thinking about a moment of consecration, and offer pathways for thinking about inculturating worship today, founded upon ancient and foundational practices of Christian communities.

7-09 SONGS, STORIES AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD 🎧

Fr. Rob Galea will share stories and songs about his search for God. A journey from "victim" to "victor," this session will be heartfelt and inspirational. Music from his latest releases will be featured.



Fr. Rob Galea

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

7-10 THE FAITH OF RUTH, ESTHER & JUDITH: HIDDEN GEMS OF THE BIBLE AND POPE FRANCIS 🎧

Recent scholarship has called attention to the importance of the books of Ruth, Esther and Judith. Though Ruth and Esther are often grouped together in Hebrew for liturgical purposes, in this session all three will be examined as representative of an incarnational or lived theology that Pope Francis focuses upon in his book, "Open Mind, Faithful Heart." The three biblical books make a powerful statement on the value of constructing theology based on lived experience and boundary-breaking love.



Garrett Galvin, OFM

Dr. Garrett Galvin, a Franciscan Friar of St. Barbara Province, teaches a variety of Old and New Testament courses at the Franciscan School of Theology and at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. Dr. Galvin has lectured at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, was Adjunct Professor at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, and a Teaching Fellow at The Catholic University of America. Author of "Egypt as a Place of Refuge," he is currently working on his next book.

7-11 JUSTICE AND THE TABLE: EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY

Dr. Greer G. Gordon (bio 3-11)

Christian understanding of the centrality of the Eucharist has become distant from daily life. For many, the adoration of Christ in the Sacred Species is limited to a form of personal spirituality that is completely private. If Christ in the Eucharist is at the center of God's presence in the Church, then that fellowship offered to us in and through the presence of Christ in the Eucharist requires us to act justly and to live righteously in the midst of this unjust and unrighteous world. This workshop is an exploration of the relationship between the Eucharist and our daily lives. It will present insights into Eucharistic spirituality, while discussing the theology of the Eucharist, and the social teachings of the Church.

7-12 A DEEP THEOLOGICAL TRUTH REVEALED: EVERYBODY'S A BIT WEIRD! 🎧

Darrell Hall (bio 6-12)

We all want to see and think of ourselves as normal, but the Bible insists that no one is truly normal: “We are all like sheep that have gone astray” and “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Ever notice how many messed up families there are in Genesis? Why does the writer of Genesis include all this stuff? The writer is trying to establish a deep theological truth: Everybody’s a bit weird! Despite our weirdness, we were made for relationships, but all relationships are broken. The solution to our brokenness? The carpenter from Nazareth!

7-13 THE PSALMS AND THE CATECHESIS OF THE HEART

Like actors learning and rehearsing a script, making the words of the psalms our own in prayer and song allows them to tutor our hearts, drawing us “from image to appropriate affect and back again,” as one theologian has put it. In reflection and song, Bob Hurd will explore this catechesis of the heart by the psalms, especially their role in the unfolding Liturgy of the Word.



Bob Hurd

Bob Hurd has served as a teacher, composer and liturgist in various pastoral and academic settings in California, including Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, and St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park. He currently teaches in the Graduate Pastoral Ministries Program of Santa Clara University. His widely used liturgical music is featured in numerous hymnals in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Australia. Dr. Hurd has authored many articles and has contributed to several books.

7-14 WHO DO YOU SEE AT THE CENTER? CREATING A CULTURE OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION 🎧

Our Church documents encourage us to put “adults at the center” of our faith formation efforts. What does a parish community that really puts adults and young adults at the center look like? It’s not so much about creating more programs as it is about creating a culture where adults are encouraged and nourished to grow in faith together – a community that transforms lives and creates disciples. What supports do we need to provide – and what impediments do we need to remove? We will explore what an “adult growing in faith” looks like, and how we might nurture an engaged community of adult faithful committed to lifelong formation.



Douglas Leal

Douglas Leal is Director of Mission Services for St. Joseph Health in Mission Viejo, Calif. He formerly served as Division Coordinator for Adult Faith Formation and Young Adult Ministry in the Office of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Leal, who has worked as a management consultant and a professional actor and director, has presented at national and local diocesan events. He is also author of the skill-building book for lectors, “Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!”



Congress 2006, with its theme “Step into Freedom”/“Paso a la Libertad,” marked the 50th annual event sponsored by the Office of Religious Education (beginning with the first CCD “institute” in 1956). The event in 2006 brought together 39,444 registrants, 200 speakers, 447 volunteers, 226 exhibitors with 1,676 representatives, and 15,324 in attendance for Youth Day.

7-15 MEETING THEM WHERE THEY ARE: CATECHIZING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH VISUAL LANGUAGE 🎧

Lir Mac Cárthaigh (bio 2-16)

From illuminated manuscripts to Instagram, the combination of Word and image has long been one of the catechist’s most effective tools. This workshop provides insights into the ways in which educators can employ graphics and imagery to connect with the lives of today’s digital natives.

7-16 MULTICULTURAL CHURCH: MANY AND ONE 🎧

Jump into an experience that embraces the variety and diversity in our parishes and in the world. Moving toward oneness and communion in many cultures requires a small portion of courage, humility and, dare we say, *faith!* This workshop will transform more than your liturgies. Come and see!



Jesse Manibusan

With over 28 years of ministry in the church, Jesse Manibusan is an itinerant witness, songwriter, speaker, joy cultivator, storyteller and evangelizer. Together with his wife, Jodi, they are co-founders of 2by2 Ministries. Manibusan is a keynote speaker, workshop clinician and musician at numerous national and international events. He is a composer and recording artist with spiritandsong.com and has various CDs published by Oregon Catholic Press.

7-17 YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP IN CYBERSPACE 🎧

Pope Francis says the Internet is a wonderful thing ... just don’t overdo it. The Pope gets it; he knows where our teens are sometimes better than we do! Do you, as a parent, priest or youth minister, understand how to post, tweet, tag, upload and hashtag Jesus into your teens’ hearts? (Warning: The technology I just referred to might be obsolete by the time RECongress happens!)



Judy McDonald

Judy McDonald, a professional comedienne for the past 20 years, is in great demand at parishes and conferences across the United States and internationally. She was a residential minister at the University of San Diego and became Youth Minister for the San Diego Diocese. McDonald has been in full-time traveling ministry for over 10 years, including shows for military bases in Germany, Italy, Belgium and parishes in Ireland, Croatia, Scotland and across the United States.

Workshops

7-18 POPE FRANCIS AND THE JOY OF THE GOOD NEWS 🕊

Refresh the eyes and ears of your soul through the beautiful paintings and rich insights of Brother Mickey McGrath and the soulful sounds of John Angotti. Renowned for the ways that he sparks the Catholic imagination, Bro. McGrath will share his new works of art that are inspired by the words of Pope Francis, while Angotti's music will bring an added dimension to the Pope's words. Come and be inspired by a new awareness of God's loving presence and discover new ways to bring that love and mercy to others each day.



Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath

Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is an artist, author and popular speaker at retreats and religious education conferences around the country. He also creates art for many Catholic publishers including America Magazine and the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bro. McGrath's work and ministry have been featured in St. Anthony Messenger, USA Today, and Catholic newspapers around the country. In 2014, he received a Catholic Press award for his book, "Go to Joseph."



John Angotti

John Angotti is a full-time music missionary. He travels worldwide providing concerts, workshops, retreats, missions, conferences and liturgies. Angotti has won numerous awards, including "Male Vocalist of the Year" from the United Catholic Music and Video Association. He performed at the 2008 World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, and at Carnegie Hall in New York. His song, "Stand in the Light," was the 2007 RECongress theme song and is the title of one of his latest recordings.

7-19 SEEING GOOD CHURCH: HEALING OUR FEARFUL BLINDNESS TO RISK 🕊

Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson (bio 6-16)

"Good Church" means encountering Jesus in a way that transforms, provokes, disturbs, prods or even offends. Good Church requires risk. Jesus was risky all the time. In the Congress theme scripture (John 9:1-41), Jesus messily (with mud and spit!) heals a blind man. Rather than celebrate a miracle, the Pharisees argue about accuracy, propriety and consequences. What if, unlike the Pharisees, we courageously risked an authentic encounter with Jesus? What would that look like? It will be messy. It will be demanding. It will heal and transform. It will be Good Church!

7-20 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD

Rev. Thomas J. Reese, SJ (bio 3-24)

Freedom of religion is a fundamental human right that was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. People are persecuted and killed for their faith in many countries around the world, and wars are waged between different faith groups. Even in the United States, the bishops complain believers' freedom of religion is being violated by some laws. The purpose of this presentation is to introduce you to these issues and give you the tools to think about them.



Held in the Anaheim Convention Center Arena, the Opening Rite of Congress incorporates different cultures as a welcome/blessing that signals the beginning of the adult three days of Congress.

7-21 WHY SHOULD I FEEL DISCOURAGED? FACING THE DISAPPOINTMENTS OF MINISTRY WHILE SINGING HALLELUJAH 🗣️

Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (bio 6-19)

St. John Paul II said, “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.” Sometimes, it is not easy to live as an Easter people in an eternal Good Friday world. We have so many situations that can discourage us from being about the business of God. Yet, God calls to be strengthened by our very moments of disappointment. This interactive workshop will present ways to deal with the disappointments of ministry while staying true to the joys of Christianity. Come learn ways to deal with circumstances that may be blocking you from reflecting the light of Christ.

7-22 THE LIFE ISSUES IN LIGHT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE 🗣️

Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD (bio 3-26)

The teachings of Jesus Christ and their interpretation by the Church have led to the formulation of many of the fundamental principles of justice embraced by secular society today: the principle of unjust laws (St. Augustine); the inherent dignity of the person (Bartolome de las Casas, OP); and even inalienable rights (Francisco Suarez, SJ). Fr. Robert Spitzer will show how disregard for these principles led to both the Dred Scott decision (sanctioning slavery) and the Roe v. Wade (abortion) decision. He will then suggest a strategy to restore these principles to public consciousness so that they can again guide our country toward a culture of life.

7-23 PARENTS MATTER: INVOLVING PARENTS IN CHASTITY EDUCATION 🗣️

Pam Stenzel (bio 2-26)

The most important voice in developing faith and values for students is still the parents’. It is imperative that parents are equipped and empowered to be an integral part of the faith formation of their children, especially when it comes to chastity. We will discuss tools for involving parents, and the importance of parental involvement not only for the faith formation of their child but for the parents’ own continued education and spiritual growth. We will also discuss the character qualities needed for a student to make moral choices when it comes to sexuality.

7-24 ALL ARE WELCOME: CATECHESIS & SPECIAL NEEDS

Dr. Joseph White & Ana Arista (bios 2-28)

We know the Gospel message is for everybody, but how can we make it more accessible for children and teens with special needs? In this session, we will discuss what our Church teaches about inclusion of persons with disabilities and learn basic skills that catechists and catechetical leaders can use to ensure that everyone can discover the faith.



Exhibit Hall A is home to 490 booths housing over 200 companies as exhibitors – ranging from religious art to educational institutions, in addition to our own represented Archdiocesan ministries.

7-25 HOW TO ASK FOR WHAT WE NEED 🗣️

When our needs are not met by the people we care about, we often end up venting our frustrations, complaining, criticizing or sometimes we might resign ourselves and withdraw and detach emotionally from them. Unfortunately, none of these approaches help others respond to our needs. In this session, Dr. John Yzaguirre will offer a more effective way to communicate our needs described as “interpersonal coaching.” This approach is an essential component in building relationships of high mutuality.



Dr. John Yzaguirre

Psychologist and author Dr. John Yzaguirre specializes in family life and Catholic spirituality. He co-directs the California Prosocial Institute with his wife, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored “Thriving Marriages.” Dr. Yzaguirre has been a keynote speaker at conventions in Europe, Australia, Canada, Mexico and the United States. In addition to his active private practice in Irvine, Calif., he offers numerous marriage and family formation seminars at churches across the country.

Workshops

7-70 Sự liên hệ giữa lịch sử, truyền thống và sự truyền bá Đức Tin của người Công Giáo Việt Nam 🗣️

Đức Cha Cosma Hoàng Văn Đạt, SJ (buhay 2-70)

Một chuỗi dài về truyền thống và lịch sử của người VN. Con người của tín ngưỡng. Làm sao người Công Giáo Việt Nam dùng những truyền thống Đức Tin của cha ông để lại và truyền bá đức tin ấy như thế nào, để mọi người nhìn thấy Thiên Chúa trong môi trường đang sống.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HISTORY, TRADITION AND EVANGELIZATION OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN VIETNAM 🗣️

Bishop Cosma Hoang Van Dat, SJ (bio 2-70)

There is a long chain of tradition and history for the Vietnamese people – a religious people. How can the Vietnamese use the Catholic faith traditions from our ancestors to evangelize to help the people “see” God in the society in which we live.

8-01 SOJOURN TO A JOYFUL HEART

Mary Amore, DMin (bio 1-02)

Pope Francis is capturing the hearts and minds of Christians everywhere. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to prayerfully prepare your heart for ministry by reflecting on the writings of this inspiring man of God. In this presentation, we will explore ways to develop a friendship with Jesus, respond to others with love and mercy, and live in this world as Spirit-filled evangelizers.

8-02 FORMATION OF RCIA CATECHISTS

Mary Birmingham (bio 6-3)

The catechetical components of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults call for ministry from priests, deacons and catechists. Catechumenal catechesis is a shared endeavor, yet training is needed for initiatory catechesis. Come and learn ways to train your parish catechists to embrace the vision of the RCIA and develop sound education models that will engage the minds and hearts of catechumens and candidates.

8-03 THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF FAITH ARENA

Grayson Warren Brown (bio 4-03)

In Romans 8:21, St. Paul makes a remarkable statement: If God is for us, who can stand against us? Today, that message might translate: Hey, get up, go out and stop being afraid! Change the world; because God is with you and with God on your side, you are unstoppable! We live in a world today that is in desperate need of the healing power of the love of Christ. But Christ cannot change the world with just his words alone; he needs to get his body in motion. And who is the body of Christ? We are! In this session, we are going to preach and sing and get "fired up" about God's call to bring light to darkness and hope to the weary. Let's strengthen our faith together, so that we can take Paul completely at his Word.

8-04 HOW TO MAKE SAINTS AND EVANGELIZE PEOPLE

Stephen Bullivant (bio 6-05)

In the words of second-century martyr St. Ignatius of Antioch, "It is good to teach, if he who speaks also acts." This basic idea recurs throughout the Christian tradition, not least in Pope Paul VI's famous observation, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 41). Drawing on examples from the early church and new research in the social sciences, in this workshop we will explore why and how this age-old missionary insight is so crucial for the success of the New Evangelization.

8-05 JUST SAY NO: NAYSAYERS IN THE BIBLE'S WISDOM BOOKS

Alice Camille, MDiv (bio 3-02)

Is it possible to say a small "no" in order to arrive at a big "Yes"? Is there room in the life of faith for doubt and disagreement? The Bible contains many examples of how "no" can become the ultimate "yes" in the life of the faithful. Disagreeable folks are welcome to participate!

8-06 LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN DAILY LIFE

Rev. Christopher Collins, SJ (bio 3-03)

If the liturgy is, as Vatican II put it, the source and summit of our lives as Christians, exactly how does that work when we look at the specifics of the liturgy itself, especially the offertory, consecration and communion? We can come to see that the liturgy is the perfect pattern for living our ordinary lives when they are lived united to the Heart of Christ. This session will explore new ways of looking at the Sacred Heart of Christ and how that spirituality can be fruitful in ordinary day-to-day living.

8-07 A FORM OF "NEW EVANGELIZATION": A MODEL FOR PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Amy Florian (bio 2-07)

When a loved one dies, mourners feel lost, alone and in desperate need of the faith community. Yet most parishes provide little more than assistance in planning the services, and often not even that. Learn an integrated model for how your parish can serve and comfort people in the toughest times of their lives. It not only fulfills our Gospel calling to comfort those who mourn, it is also an extremely effective form of evangelization that touches people's hearts and changes lives.

8-08 FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY TODAY: A NEW WAY OF SEEING THE WORLD!

Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM (bio 4-10)

St. Francis of Assisi remains one of the most popular saints in all of Christian history and has come into the worldwide spotlight in a new way with Pope Francis, who has taken his name and pastoral inspiration from the saint from Assisi, Italy. While most people are familiar with some aspects of St. Francis's history, experiences and even writings, few are well versed in what is generally called "Franciscan spirituality." This workshop presents insights from the Franciscan tradition brought together in a dynamic, creative and renewing spiritual vision. The themes presented provide an introductory approach to the many riches of the tradition named for St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

8-09 MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP 🗣️**Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp (bio 5-14)**

Looking at the instructions of Jesus and the New Testament writings, we will construct a profile of discipleship as Jesus sees it. We will consider some obstacles and also some aids to discipleship, and show how all authentic discipleship – then and now – must have a missionary or “missional” dimension. This call to discipleship is for all the baptized.

8-10 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🗣️**Rev. John E. Hurley, CSP, DMin (bio 5-15)**

Pope Francis is raising the bar of expectation in the pews of our churches. The challenge for all of us in pastoral leadership is to get with the program to lead, inspire, invite and celebrate how our communities are fostering the mission entrusted to us and missionary disciples. Evangelizing communities get involved by word and deed, are supportive, patient and have apostolic endurance. We will explore key ways to move from a maintenance model of ministry to a mission-focused one. As Pope Francis reminds us, “An essential principle of management is the refusal to be satisfied with current results and to press forward, in the conviction that those gains are only consolidated by working to achieve even more.”

8-11 CHILDREN ON THE RUN: WHY CHILDREN ARE FLEEING MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND WHAT THE CHURCH CAN DO ABOUT IT 🗣️

In 2014, an estimated 60,000 minors crossed into the United States from Mexico and Central America. Many of these children are forced from their homes and families, propelled by violence, insecurity and abuse in their communities and at home. This session will review why this is happening, what the cost is to families, children, and the United States, and what the Church can do about it.

**Richard Alan Jones**

Rick Jones, based in San Salvador, El Salvador, is Deputy Regional Director for Global Solidarity and Justice in Latin America and the Caribbean for Catholic Relief Services. During the last 20 years, he has worked for human rights, peace-building and development programs in Latin America. In his capacity, Jones has made official appearances before the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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8-12 JESUIT MYSTICISM, POPE FRANCIS AND COMPASSION 🗣️

What does it mean to find God in all things? How can we be in union with God with our busy lives? This session will explore the Jesuit approach to prayer and present a practical tool for “present-day mystics.” We will look at Jesuit spirituality by exploring the personal spirituality of Pope Francis and his lived experience as both a Jesuit and as Pope. We will examine the concept of “compassion” in two of Pope Francis’ letters on how Jesuit meditation can lead us gracefully into everyday compassion.

**Rev. Michael Kennedy, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Michael Kennedy has worked in parishes in Latin America and in the United States, including at Dolores Mission in Los Angeles. As a spiritual director, he specializes in Ignation Spirituality and conducts meditation retreats. Fr. Kennedy also ministers as a prison chaplain and is currently Executive Director of the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative and Co-Chaplain at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar, Calif.

8-13 NEW MEDIA AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🗣️**Rev. Matthew Malone, SJ (bio 3-18)**

This workshop will explore the intersection of new media and the New Evangelization in the contemporary United States. What are the theological, pastoral and social resources that the Catholic media can draw upon to more fully realize their potential as ministries of the church and multi-platform communicators? Topics will include mission and identity for media, the social and ecclesial context of the New Evangelization, managing relationships with the secular press, as well as suggestions for managing organizational change in light of different apostolic priorities.

8-14 BEARING GIFTS AMONG US: INTERNATIONAL MINISTERS AND PARISH LIFE TODAY

There is a rising population of foreign-born ministers in the Church in the United States today, including priests, women and men religious. The cultural gifts they bear and share are numerous and are influencing parish life and ministry. As a result, understanding how to recognize and respect cross-cultural boundaries is crucial. This session presents some of the intercultural dynamics of learning and sharing between international ministers, pastors and parish ministers.

**Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, PhD**

Fr. Ricky Manalo is a Paulist priest currently teaching at Santa Clara University and the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif. In addition to his liturgical compositions, he has written numerous articles and books. Fr. Manalo is also Director of the Cultural Orientation Program for International Ministers/Priests at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and serves as an advisor to the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and the Secretariat on Divine Worship.

8-15 SUPER SONGS OF SUPERHEROES 🎧

Jesus, Mary and the saints are the “superheroes” of our faith. Songs which celebrate their lives, words and deeds can inspire everyone, especially children, to follow in their footsteps as people of faith. Come along ready to sing, move and have fun as Australian composer Michael Mangan shares his vibrant, inter-generational songs that are sure to engage and enthuse children and adults alike!



Michael Mangan

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He is a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, is Deputy Chair of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. The former elementary school music teacher's 250 compositions are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. He has been performing concerts for the last 18 years.

8-16 BALANCING MARRIAGE AND MINISTRY: THE GREAT DANCE! 🎧

Balancing family life and ministry can be rewarding, fulfilling and life-giving – as well as stressful, demanding and frustrating. This workshop will consider the stressors, pitfalls and challenges inherent in balancing ministry and family life, identify coping strategies for when one or both spouses engage in ministry, and remember the profound blessings when ministry and family mesh.



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Dr. Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. Bob 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!



Maggie McCarty, DMin

Dr. Maggie McCarty is Executive Director of the Christian Brothers Conference in Washington, D.C. She has worked for three decades with youth and youth ministry and has experience at the parish, diocesan and national levels. Maggie teaches courses in youth ministry at several universities and is a nationally and internationally known speaker and retreat leader. She recently co-authored, with Robert McCarty, “Be a Champion for Youth: Standing With, By, and For Young People.”

8-17 ENGAGING EVERY LEARNER EVERY TIME: A SIMPLE FORMAT FOR PLANNING ENGAGING FAITH FORMATION 🎧

Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD (bio 4-19)

How can we design learning that engages every learner, every time? We will explore what it means to reach all learners regardless of age and learning style. We will examine how using four critical questions and steps in the learning cycle – Why, What, How and If – can help anyone design learning that engages learners. This model

integrates well with other models like Shared Christian Praxis and will help every catechist develop engaging faith formation for all age’s children, youth and adults.

8-18 A CALL TO “A CHURCH THAT IS POOR”: RE-IMAGINING YOUTH MINISTRY THROUGH POPE FRANCIS 🎧

In his inaugural homily, Pope Francis committed himself to “embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important, those whom Matthew lists in the final judgment on love: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison.” We can do no less. Using teachings from the Holy Father as well as prayer, music, media and dialogue, explore what it means to be a Church that is poor and how that might shape our ministry to and with the young church.



Ted Miles

Baltimore-native Ted Miles is Catholic Relief Services’ Relationship Manager for Religious Education and Coordinator of their Youth Outreach in the United States. Prior to joining CRS, Miles served in parish youth ministry, Catholic high school education and faith formation for over 25 years, including the development of “Justice Action Week” for the Baltimore Archdiocese. In 2009, he was honored with the award for leadership in youth ministry from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.



Ben Walther

Singer/songwriter Ben Walther has been making music for more than 15 years. Having been a part of Steubenville Youth conferences across the country and Life Teen events, he began co-writing with Christian music artist Matt Maher and released “Everything Can Change” in 2008. His spiritandsong.com debut release, “Make Your Home In Me” debuted at No. 12 on the iTunes Christian and Gospel charts. Walther continues to make music and travels across the country to lead worship.

8-19 EVANGELIZING FAMILIES TODAY: ENGAGING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN FAITH FORMATION 🎧

Those in catechetical ministry today face the daunting challenge of providing foundational faith formation to two generations: the children and their parents. As Tom Quinlan puts it, “We can no longer be on for simply catechizing children. We must be evangelizing households.” This workshop will explore practical ways to create a partnering dynamic with parents that can foster conversion and engage them more meaningfully in the faith formation of their children.



Tom Quinlan

Tom Quinlan is in his 14th year as diocesan Catechetical Director for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill. He was a parish director of religious education and on the boards of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and of Paulist Evangelization Ministries. Quinlan also co-chairs the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership’s Evangelization Committee. He has presented at the parish, diocesan and national levels, and he has written numerous magazine articles.

8-20 SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY? ESTHER, JUDITH AND SEXUALIZED POLITICS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT 🗣️

Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher (bio 1-23)

Both Esther and Judith are portrayed as female heroes of the Bible who manipulated sexual relationships with foreigners. In this session, we will explore some of the troubled implications of these sexualized politics of the Bible, and raise questions about the portrayal of women in the Bible.

8-21 MARY AND JESUS IN ISLAM AND THE QUR'AN 🗣️

This session will focus on the Islam narrative of Mary and Jesus in the Qur'an. As both Mary and Jesus are major figures in Islam's holy scripture, how is it that Muslims view these two figures, and how does that perception inform Muslims' view of Christianity?



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.

8-22 RENEWING YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC IMAGINATION 🗣️

Reflecting on 20 consecutive years of Catholic schooling, Harvard humorist Matt Weber shares his story of overcoming the myriad challenges that come with being a twentysomething Catholic in an increasingly secular world. Both inspiring and entertaining, Weber brings energy and joy to the New Evangelization with his public witness as the "Andy Rooney of CatholicTV," and delivering a unique approach to connecting young Catholics with a renewed faith perspective – prompting CBS News to call Matt Weber "the voice of a new generation of Catholics."



Matthew Martin Weber

Since 2009, Matt Weber has appeared as host and producer on CatholicTV, the television network based in Watertown, Mass. He is a frequent contributor to the Huffington Post and the "Spiritual Something" blog on BustedHalo.com. Weber is an award-winning multimedia producer as Digital Strategist at Harvard University. For the past two years, he has had regular speaking engagements, from major national conferences to parish events, along with many college appearances.

8-23 "I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE" 🗣️

David Wells (bio 2-27)

Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote, "The world is charged with grandeur of God." Some people see it, some people don't. When we move into the light of Christ, he reveals new truth and life to us. Through him we are forever journeying from our blindness into sight. In this workshop, we will look at what the wisdom of the Church and the saints have to say about spiritual blindness. We will consider how we move from darkness through dappled vision toward clarity, so that like the man born blind we too can say with hope, "I was blind, now I see."

8-24 EUROPE 1914-1918: THE ROOTS OF OUR PRESENT MISERY 🗣️

Rev. Thomas Weston, SJ (bio 1-28)

One hundred years ago, Europe exploded into a nightmare of violence and chaos, which today we call the First World War. We are living in the world created by this conflict. In this session, we will look at the role of Pope Benedict XV and President Woodrow Wilson, our fleeting hopes for peace, our addiction to violence, and the impact of those dreadful years on our modern world.

8-25 YOU CARED FOR ME 🗣️

Dr. C. Vanessa White (bio 6-27)

The ministry of caregiver is important and challenging – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. This workshop will focus on the ministry of the caregiver and specifically address ways that the caregiver can be attentive to their own health and wholeness as they minister to others.

8-70 Nhìn về người Việt Công Giáo tại Hoa Kỳ trong tương lai: Cùng nghĩ cách đào tạo giới trẻ

Rev. Giuse Nguyễn Việt Hưng, ICM & Prof. Lê Xuân Hy, PhD (buhay 3-70)

Dưới ánh sáng đức tin, người Công giáo Việt Nam tại Hoa Kỳ, căn cứ trên những ân huệ và thực diện với những thách đố, nhận định lời gọi mời của Chúa làm sao để có thể truyền đạt đức tin cho thế hệ tương lai.

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE: VIETNAMESE AMERICAN CATHOLICS

Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen, ICM & Prof. Le Xuan Hy, PhD (bios 3-70)

In the light of faith, Vietnamese American Catholics discern the call God gives us, based on our gifts and challenges, so that we can respond in a way that fosters the development of future generations.

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