



A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR

Dear Friends,

Youth Day is here again! It is a special day that celebrates the gift that young people are to our Catholic faith. Young people are the present and future of our Church; their presence is an invitation for all to encounter Christ in our midst. Let us come together as a Church to deepen our relationship with Christ through Eucharistic liturgies, workshops, prayer and more. Join us as we allow the joy that young people bring to radiate through us, sending us forth as #hopebound people.

Youth Day is planned, from beginning to end, by a committee composed of adults and young people from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese who are joyfully sharing their gifts and talking about the Good News. The team is planning an energetic, exciting and faith-filled day for everyone. The day is already taking shape and a few surprises await. The dialogue is already live on social media, so join the conversation today! The handle is @LAYouthDay across all platforms and we encourage you to use the hashtags #hopebound and #LAYouthDay.

The following pages in this Guidebook offer information about opportunities for young people and adults, how to prepare attendees for the day, and a reflection on the theme prepared by young people for young people. You will also find instructions for registering online or by mail. When registering for the day, make sure to select a track and take note of the schedule for the track you selected. You will see that this year we have adjusted the schedule of the day in order to add an extra workshop. We hope this addition and a few other changes will enrich all attendees' experience of the day.

I encourage you to frequently visit our Web site www.RECongress.org/YD where you will find the most current information about the day, including resources for engaging young people through social media leading up to, during and after Youth Day. Our team looks forward to celebrating with you at Youth Day 2016! Thank you for your willingness to share this great day with young people from your parish and school. I leave you with a special invitation written by young people serving on the Youth Day Coordinating Team. Please share this message with all the young people considering attending Youth Day.

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Blessings,

Christina Lamas
Associate Director
Coordinator for Youth Ministry
Office of Religious Education



A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATING TEAM:

Welcome, Jesus Lovers,

Do you know why we are going to Youth Day? Are you ditching class? Peer pressure? Perhaps you're required to attend? We get it, we've been there. One thing you may not notice right now is that God wants you to be here. You were meant to be here!

Our theme for the day is #hopebound. Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. Many of us hope for good grades. We hope for our parents to buy us the new iPhone. Seniors hope for college acceptance. We hope for many things, but our biggest hope should be that the outcome is what God desires of us. That's what it means to be #hopebound – to fully put your trust in God.

We hope you enjoy this day and can open up to the wonderful experience awaiting you. You can offer all your doubts, worries, troubles and problems to God and engulf yourself in his love. So remember, whatever your thoughts and feelings may be, remember to stay #hopebound.

PREPARING FOR THE DAY

Youth Day 2016 takes place on Thursday of the Second Week of Lent. Here are the readings of the day along with a theme reflection prepared by young people for young people:

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

All of the readings have one connection: hope. We are called to let that hope lead us to Christ. This is why the theme #hopebound was chosen. It is a call to be bound to hope. This hope is what fuels us to go and serve Christ. The term implies that we are "bound to something" and will drop everything in order to complete the mission.

There are a couple of dictionary definitions for the word "bound." One is to be tied down by something, which is not what our theme is about. Another is to be inexplicably drawn to something and heading toward it with eagerness and enthusiasm, which is exactly what we want people to feel at Youth Day. We often use the term "homebound" as a way to communicate our desire to be "home" and we strive to reach that destination no matter what. We want people at Youth Day to be inexplicably drawn to hope in the Lord and head toward it with eagerness and enthusiasm. Therefore, this year's theme is an invitation people can use to explain how they are bound to hope and are led to closer to Christ.

TRACK 1

8:00 AM

– GENERAL SESSION ARENA

For those registered for Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2016 begins in the Arena, with energetic **Sarah Hart** and **Steve Angrisano** 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 throughout the morning.



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY



Track 1 participants will participate in a spirit-filled liturgy with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita. *(Please note that this liturgy will begin approximately at 8:45 am.)*

KEYNOTE

Immediately following the liturgy, Track 1 participants will remain in the Arena for our featured speaker, **Dr. Ansel Augustine**. He will focus on our theme for the day, **#hopebound**.



11:45 AM – LUNCH

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

12:45 PM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Track 1 participants will be able to attend two of the 14 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.

3:15 PM – PRAISE/WORSHIP & SENDING



To complete the day, Track 1 participants may choose between the energetic sending forth musical groups of **WAL** in Hall B and **Jeremy and Ryan** in the third-floor Ballroom. 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 to be **#hopebound** every day and everywhere – in our parishes, our schools, our homes and the entire world – participants will be sent out to be missionary disciples.

REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

All high school students (grades 9-12 only) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with an Adult Chaperone, who must attend with the group. For the initial group of 1 to 10 youth, there must be two Adult Chaperones. An additional Chaperone must be included with every additional group of up to 10. Chaperones are required to stay with their group throughout the day. Each group chooses Track 1 or Track 2 (Arena access allowed only during assigned times) and then selects the Convention Center workshops of their choice. 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 BY THE JANUARY 8 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. Try to register as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but please understand there are no exceptions.

To enter the Arena for either Track 1 or Track 2, please line up and use the fountain doors nearest the Hilton Hotel. We allow the exact number of participants as there are seats in the Arena. So please know 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. Please remember that we will clear out the Arena at mid-day.



VOLUNTEER FOR THE DAY

Want more than just to attend the day? Check our site at www.RECongress.org/YD for complete details about all the ways you can be more involved at Youth Day 2016 or email us at layoutday@gmail.com. There is a Training Day on December 19 and some of these positions require attendance on that day.

SPIRIT SQUAD – Throughout the day, the Spirit Squad will pump up the crowd with games and chants, promote our theme, and transition participants to their events.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Are you good with social media? **#LAYouthDay** needs you! We are seeking a team of high school-aged youth to help us with social media during Youth Day.

EMCEES – We are looking for high schoolers to introduce speakers and help with general sessions. If you like performing before large crowds, come be part of this great day!

ARENA LITURGY CHOIR & BAND – We need youth voices and musical talent for the Arena Liturgy Choir & Band. (Check for rehearsal dates and audition information.)

LITURGICAL MOVEMENT – “I’m not a dancer,” you say? Can you keep time to music? We are seeking youth (girls and boys!) to participate as Ministers of Liturgical Movement.

All young people wishing to take part in any volunteer opportunity must register for the event and attend all trainings/rehearsals with supervision. Any expenses incurred while participating in these efforts is the responsibility of the adult registering the young person.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY

We invite any adult not chaperoning a parish or school group to be a volunteer for our event. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone – and to enjoy our event free of charge. To volunteer for Youth Day 2016, all adults must be compliant with their Diocese’s Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks) *including* compliance with required Safe Environment Adult Training. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to learn 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 layoutday@gmail.com or at (559) 259-8232. Come join the fun!

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NEW FOR THE DAY

For the first time, Sacred Space will be a part of Youth Day. Sacred Space provides a quiet place to pray in the chapel and the opportunity to walk the labyrinth, where you can mindfully reflect on your life as you journey toward a fuller life in God. Included this year, you can pray the Stations of the Cross focusing on the victims of human trafficking, modern-day slaves. You are invited to stand in prayerful solidarity with the victims.

LOGOWEAR FOR THE DAY

Attention Group Leaders: Order your official Youth Day T-shirts in *advance* through PAL (Peace and Love) Campaign! 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 only \$3 more. All orders with payment must be received by January 25, 2016, for direct shipping.

This special pre-order discount pricing is valid through January 25, 2016:

T-shirts: \$13* (\$15 at Youth Day)

Hoodie Sweatshirts: \$30* (\$35, with limited quantity)

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

*2XL-4XL sizes are \$2 extra for T-shirts and \$5 extra for hoodie sweatshirts.

Please order online at www.palcampaign.com/layoutday or email layoutday@palcampaign.com. Please email if you should have any questions.

APP FOR THE DAY

Keep watch on our Web site for the Youth Day app, made for iOS. With this app, you can stay up-to-date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them over social media and viewing their Web sites. Youth Day is more than just a one-day experience and this app will help you keep connected with the day's speakers and musicians.

SUPPORTING OTHERS ON THE DAY

In an effort to enhance the ORE's work in developing youth leaders and to support the work of other key organizations, there will be a collection during Youth Day liturgies. Some of the collection will go to help young people who need assistance in attending programs at the local, regional and national levels. We also share the collection with different organizations each year; for 2016 we have chosen Saving Innocence (www.savinginnocence.org). This non-profit aims to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children and restore human worth. Share this information with your group 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 – GATHERING & PRAISE/WORSHIP



For those who register for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2016 begins with the opportunity to experience one of two energetic gatherings: **WAL** will perform in Hall B and the third-floor

Ballroom will host **Jeremy and Ryan**. Young people from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese will also be part of these great events. Groups are welcome to attend either of these high-energy gatherings – you get to choose that day!



8:45 AM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

After our opening event, Track 2 participants will be able to attend two of the 14 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.

11:15 AM – LUNCH

Following the workshops, Track 2 participants are invited to 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 must enter through the main Arena glass doors near the fountain and may line up early. There are seats for all – so enjoy lunch!

12:15 PM – GENERAL SESSION ARENA



For Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day continues in the Arena with **Sarah Hart** and **Steve Angrisano** on hand to get everyone energized, followed by young people from the Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities throughout the afternoon.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Track 2 participants will participate with a spirit-filled liturgy presided by our own Los Angeles **Archbishop José Gomez**. The music will be led by the 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 1 pm.)*



KEYNOTE



Immediately following the liturgy, Track 2 participants will remain in the Arena for our featured speaker, **Dr. Ansel Augustine**. He will focus on our theme for the day, **#hopebound**.

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ARENA KEYNOTE

Both Youth Day tracks get to see our Arena speaker. In addition to the Arena Keynote, you make your choice of two Convention workshops from the remaining 14 sessions held in the Convention Center meeting rooms.

STEP UP THE HOPE

In this keynote, Dr. Ansel Augustine, along with The Psalm 119 Step Team of the New Orleans Archdiocese, will help us look at who we are as children of God. We will learn how to look at life, especially when we face challenges. God is always “in step” with us, and we must remember that no matter what we face, we already have victory in Christ and, therefore, are called to live in hope.

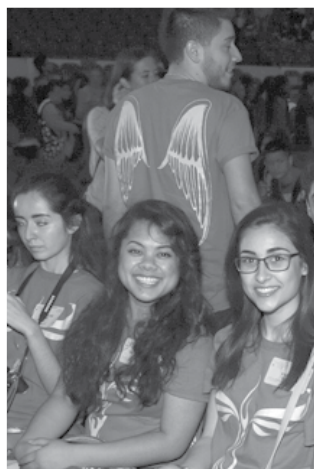


Dr. Ansel Augustine & The Psalm 119 Step Team

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked for over 15 years in his native New Orleans and is presently Director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministries for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He also serves on the faculty for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana and is on the Board for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Augustine has presented workshops at youth rallies and national conferences around the country and has written various publications related to ministry.



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A BEYOND BORING: READING THE BIBLE FOR A CHANGE HALL B

Reading the Bible can seem boring, intimidating or pointless. So *why* would God give us the Scriptures? What does He want you to take from His Book, does it really matter to your life, and why should you care? Come laugh and learn with Mark Hart, as he dispels the myths, gives practical advice and, basically, kicks the devil in the face.



Mark Hart

Mark Hart is Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. The best-selling and award-winning author and co-author of over a dozen books has traveled the globe speaking to millions. Hart is a regular guest on several Catholic radio programs, a co-host on SiriusXM Radio, and producer of a weekly podcast for Life Teen. He has a popular DVD Bible Study series “T3” and “Altaration.” His latest books include “Behold the Mystery” and “Zealous: Following Jesus with Guidance from St. Paul.”

B “I DON’T BELIEVE IN GOD; I BELIEVE IN SCIENCE” CONVENTION 210

“I don’t believe in God; I believe in science,” states Esqueleto, Nacho’s tag team partner in the movie “Nacho Libre.” Was Esqueleto right? Must we choose between science and faith? Science and modern atheists present believers in God with real challenges that can feed our natural questions and doubts. Come to this open discussion about the universe, science and God. Your doubts, your questions and those hard questions your friends ask are here.



Robert Feduccia Jr.

Robert Feduccia was formerly General Manager at Spirit & Song and is now Executive Director and Producer for Mission Eighty5 at Saint Mary’s Press. He is founding Director of the national Youth Liturgical Leadership Program and an instructor for the Permanent Deacon Formation Program at Saint Meinrad Seminary and the formation program at the School of Theology in Indiana and for the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn. Feduccia has been keynote speaker and retreat leader at liturgical conferences, diocesan youth conferences and college events.

C PROUDLY PROCLAIM CONVENTION 213

Our faith is supposed to be shared in an enthusiastic, contagious and compelling way. How are you doing with that? This workshop is about evangelization as a way of life for young Catholic faithful. Come learn about healthy ways to share the Word and practical tips on how to live out the New Evangelization in the modern world.



Doug Tooke

Doug Tooke, Executive Director of Reach Youth Ministry and owner of Monarch Catholic Ministries, directs youth ministry events in the Diocese of Helena, Mont., where he formerly served as diocesan Director of Faith Formation. He has over 20 years of professional ministry experience and has traveled to more than 75 dioceses in the past 15 years teaching, training youth ministers, keynoting conventions and presenting at events, including World Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry.

D KEEP CALM & LOVE JESUS: DEALING WITH STRESS AND CHAOS EVERY DAY CONVENTION 206

Life can be really chaotic – what with school and family, dating and trying to look and act your best, the chaos can sometimes overtake what should be the most important thing in your life: your relationship with Jesus Christ. Katie Prejean is a teacher, youth minister, graduate school student, fiancée, friend, and dog-mom who keeps a busier schedule than anyone she knows, and she’s learned (the hard way) how to balance the daily stresses of life and her relationship with Jesus. We’ll spend time learning how to find balance and peace as you try to maintain your sanity.



Katie Prejean

Katie Prejean teaches at St. Louis Catholic High School and is Youth Director at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, both in Lake Charles, La. She has spoken at events throughout the country, ranging from small sessions to the National Catholic Youth Conference. Prejean reads voraciously, blogs occasionally, is a die-hard New Orleans Saints fan, binge watches Netflix, loves Jesus, works out every day, and doesn't like to be hugged.

E THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE, SEX & RELATIONSHIPS CONVENTION 207

This talk presents the two hottest topics on the planet for teens: God and sex. Focusing on the virtue of chastity as being more than just “no sex,” this session exposes the lies of culture and reveals our true identity in Christ. Through funny stories and compelling witness, Mary Bielski will reveal the message of hope for purity and freedom found in Jesus.



Mary Bielski

Based in New Orleans, Mary Bielski is a national speaker, youth minister and founder of ALL4HIM Ministries. With 15 years in youth ministry and 12 years as a speaker, she has presented to teens and adults across the nation, at high schools, parish and diocesan rallies and young adult retreats and conferences, including the Steubenville Youth Conference and Life Teen-Inspiration. Bielski focuses on a variety of topics, including prayer, the Holy Spirit, sacraments, chastity and the theology of the body.

F “HEY YOU! YEAH, YOU!” WHAT IS GOD SAYING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE? (VOCATION DISCERNMENT MADE EASY!) CONVENTION 209

Do you know what you want to do? Have you known since you were 2? Do you wish God would just tell you? Everyone has a vocation in life – it’s the way we will give and receive love. How can you get a handle on your future? What are some wrong ways and some right ways to discern your vocation in life? It doesn’t have to be *that* confusing. :-)



Sr. Helena Burns, fsp

Sr. Helena Burns, a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, is a movie reviewer for Life Teen. She is writer-director of the documentary on the life of Blessed Fr. James Alberione, founder of the Daughters of St. Paul, a co-producer on www.The40Film.com, and on the vocation team of the Daughters of St. Paul. Sr. Burns has presented media literacy talks and seminars since the 1990s, and since 2006 she has presented Theology of the Body talks to teens and adults across the United States and Canada.

REMEMBER: When you register, you choose one session from among these seven workshops and one session from the group of workshops on the next pages.

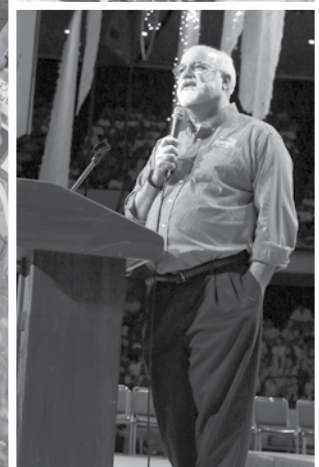
G BFFS FROM HEAVEN CONVENTION 208

In this hands-on workshop led by Brother Mickey McGrath, we will discover how saints and angels of every color and culture can lead us from our fears and anxieties to a place of self-confidence and faith instead. Following a brief look at Bro. Mickey’s own art and the stories behind it, we will be guided through quiet meditation and colorful activity to uncover our own capacity for creativity and inner peace. The end results will become part of a mural depicting our “BFFs from Heaven” right here in our midst.



Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath

Bro. Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is an artist, author and popular speaker at retreats and religious education conferences throughout the country. He also creates art for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and many Catholic publishers. Bro. McGrath has won awards for his books “Go to Joseph” and “Good Pope John XXIII,” which was presented to Pope Francis. His latest works are “Dear Young People: Inspiration from Pope Francis for All” and a series of videos based on his most popular books.



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H MESSY, MADNESS, MAYHEM: FAMILIES! HALL B

We all have families. There's stuff we like and stuff that drives us crazy! They come in all varieties. Sometimes we compare and wish for different. Where's the hope? Where's God in our family?



Mike Patin

"Faith Horticulturist" Mike Patin lives in Lafayette, La., and has worked in ministry since 1984 as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan youth minister for the New Orleans Archdiocese. He has spoken to groups ranging from 10 to 23,000 in over 130 dioceses in the United States and Canada on the issues of Catholic faith, positive attitude, using your gifts and living life fully. Patin has published two books: "A Standing Invitation" and "This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry."

I SHARE YOUR STORY CONVENTION 210

Snapchat has made it easier than ever to share our "story." But sharing our "real" story is more than a snap. People say healthy communication is important – but how do I share who I "really" am, in ways that make sense and with people who matter to me?



Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

For 20 years Roy Petitfils has ministered among youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, a counselor in private practice and a speaker, Petitfils has presented at conferences, workshops and parish missions in over 30 dioceses throughout North America. He has written many articles, has a syndicated monthly column and has published several books, including "What Teens Want You To Know (But Won't Tell You)" and "What I Wish Someone Had Told Me About the First Five Years of Marriage."

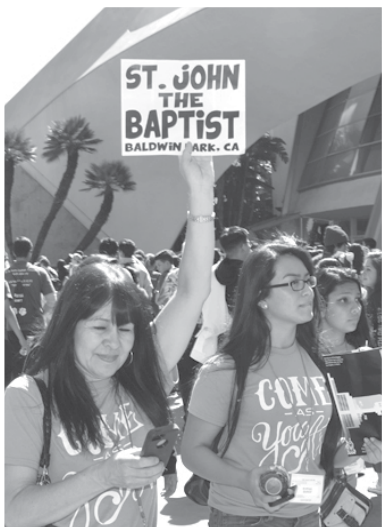
J CREATED TO RELATE CONVENTION 213

We were created for relationships. From the moment we are born, they are central to who we are and who we become. Through our interactions with our parents and family, and through our friendships, we learn the most valuable lessons of life. Building strong relationships in youth ministry is an art. This workshop will provide practical ways to build solid relational ministry that will ultimately point young people to a relationship with Christ.



Bob Perron

Bob Perron is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.V. He is one of the most popular Catholic speakers in the United States and Canada, and for over a decade, he has presented in more than 60 dioceses. Perron has been keynote presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference and moderated workshops at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. His most recent book is entitled "Lessons Learned From a God-Sized Family: In a Me-Sized World."



K A BAR OF SOAP HOPE ... HUMAN TRAFFICKING: WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO FIGHT IT!

CONVENTION 204

Human trafficking is the second leading crime in the United States. Believe it or not, *you* and your friends could be victims of this tragedy. Come and find out how vulnerable someone might be to becoming trafficked, how they are exploited, and what the “red flags” are. Help us help the victims by giving them “hope” as we label SOAP with the National Human Trafficking Hotline phone number.



Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS

Theresa Flores is a human trafficking survivor, best-selling author, licensed social worker and founder of SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution). In 2009, she was appointed to the Ohio Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Commission and testified before the Ohio House and Senate in support of human trafficking legislation. Flores received The Courage Award from the governor of Ohio for her efforts and was honored with the 2013 Christian Service Award from the University of Dayton for her work with SOAP.

L GOD IS MY H.E.R.O. CONVENTION 207

Come to this workshop if you want to find out why God is the greatest of all superheroes. He is omnipotent and omniscient. (If you do not know what these two words mean you need to be at this workshop!) Come and find out why God is my Hero and why He can be yours as well. He gave us four reasons and they will be revealed only to those who want to receive His super powers!



Rev. Joseph A. Espallat II

Fr. Joe Espallat is Pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Church in the Bronx, N.Y., as well as Director of Hispanic Charismatic Renewal for the New York Archdiocese and of the Hispanic Charismatic Catholic Center in the Bronx. Before this, he was assigned by Cardinal Timothy Dolan to open up an Office for Youth Ministry, where he became Director and is now Spiritual Advisor. Growing up in Manhattan, he speaks three languages: English, Spanish and Street! Fr. Espallat is also founder of the ministry, “Messengers of Christ.”

M FINDING HOPE IN THE MIDST OF PAIN AND TRAGEDY CONVENTION 209

Come meet Rosario Rodriguez, an innocent victim and miraculous survivor of two violent crimes. She will share how, after spending years struggling with depression and questioning her dignity and worth, she found hope and healing through the grace of the sacraments and in forgiving her assailants.



Rosario Rodriguez

Rosario Rodriguez has spent most of her life working in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom with different Catholic ministries, from campus ministry and RCIA to working with inner-city youth, the poor and the homeless. In Los Angeles, she has worked in Hollywood at Act One, an organization training Christian writers and producers. Most recently she is sharing her story with gang members, with the Los Angeles Police Department, and at prisons.

N HOPEBOUND IN PRAYER CONVENTION 203

In saying, “Come follow me!” (Matt. 4:19), Jesus is offering an invitation rooted in hope. This is also an invitation intimately bound up with the practice of prayer, for prayer connects us with God and others. It leads us into the heart of love in which we discover what we need – not what we want – to grow in our desire to follow Christ. Bind your Youth Day in an experience of prayer, hopeful reflection and deepening commitment to the practice of love. This interactive workshop explores practices of prayer and contemplation through Scripture, music, conversation, silence and a brief overview of a tradition that spans thousands of years.



Ted Miles

Baltimore native Ted Miles first worked in Belize and Guatemala in a two-year Jesuit Volunteer position. For nearly 30 years since then, he has served in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development. For 10 years now, Miles has worked for Catholic Relief Services as Relationship Manager for Youth and Religious Education and Coordinator of the Youth & Religious Education Outreach for the United States. He has spoken nationally and internationally on behalf of CRS.



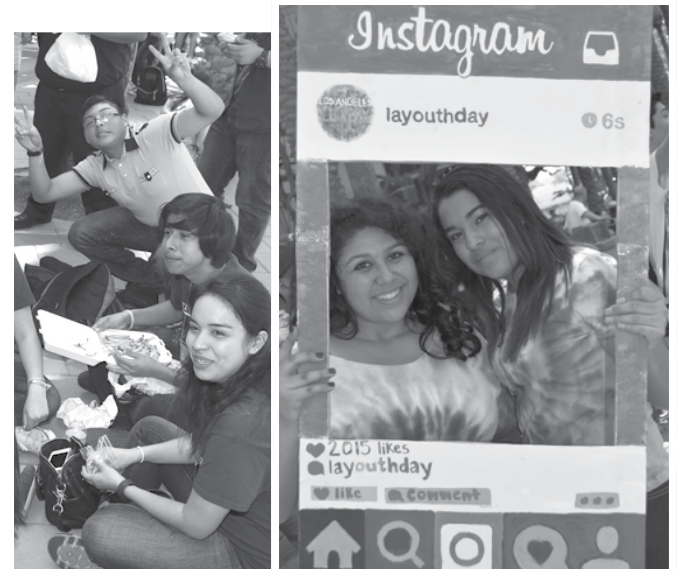
Sarah Kroger

Singer/songwriter Sarah Kroger first performed publicly at Life Teen camps and Steubenville Youth conferences. In the short time she has been composing and performing, she has participated in a range of national and international events, including the JubilMusic International Christian Music Festival in San Remo, Italy, World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and countless other parish and youth events across the United States. Kroger is published with Oregon Catholic Press/SpiritandSong.com.



Ben Walther

Ben Walther began writing songs while serving as a worship leader in college. He taught religion for over five years and spent 13 years in parish and school ministry. He has served as a diocesan event worship leader, retreat host and conference speaker. Walther now teaches religion at St. Paul Catholic School in North Canton, Ohio. A recent addition to the OCP/ SpiritandSong.com family, his CD is titled “Make Your Home in Me.”



YOUTH DAY

WHO MAY ATTEND?

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

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$30 per person. After January 8, 2016, 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. Another Chaperone must be included with every additional group of up to 10 youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day. Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and must remain 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 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.

Chaperones/Adult participants attending Youth Day at the Religious Education Congress with their group must be compliant with their diocese's Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks) including compliance with required Safe Environment Adult Training. The contact person must be able to produce records indicating completion of these awareness sessions should he/she be asked. **Please contact your parish or school for more information on these guidelines for your diocese.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early because of the limited number of seats. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. Please note we often reach capacity **before the registration fee increase on January 8, 2016.** If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. *Sorry, there are no exceptions to this guideline.*

NAME BADGES

All registered persons receive a name badge that serves as their admission to Youth Day. Each person must wear their 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. The name badge color also identifies the track to which you are 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 begin to be mailed after January 15, 2016, 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. Everyone **MUST** be registered for the day (including Chaperones and priests – even if they are coming for Mass only). A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. **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. 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 they are coming for Mass only.
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 8, 2016 to: Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, PO Box 761157, Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157. Make checks payable to: Religious Education Congress. Total fees must accompany registration forms. All incomplete registrations will be returned. We can-not accept registration forms by phone or
7. See www.RECongress.org/YD for online registration info.
8. After January 8, 2016, the Youth Day Registration fee will increase to \$35 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by December 27, 2015. 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 two workshops from the listings on the previous pages. The same workshops are offered for both tracks.

Workshop Note: 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, FEBRUARY 25, 2016 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

**REGISTER ONLINE
AT ARCHLA.ORG/
YDREGISTRATION**

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

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

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

– For Office Use Only –	
Stamp Number	_____
Total Registrants	_____
Check Number	_____
Total Amount	_____

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

It is the responsibility of the Contact Person to ensure that all attending adults are in compliance with their Diocese's Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks) performed by their Diocese.

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

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

SELECT TRACK AND WORKSHOPS

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

* Indicates Diocesan compliance with Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks), including compliance with required Safe Environment Adult Training.

Track 1 – and choose

Convention Workshop A-G:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Convention Workshop H-N:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Track 2 – and choose

Convention Workshop A-G:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Convention Workshop H-N:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

ADULT CHAPERONE

*Compliant?	First Name	Last Name
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REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Compliant and Adult)

Adult?	*Compliant?	First Name	Last Name
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	\$30	\$35
	By Jan. 8	After Jan. 8
	\$60	\$70
	\$90	\$105
	\$120	\$140
	\$150	\$175
	\$180	\$210
	\$210	\$245
	\$240	\$280
	\$270	\$315
	\$300	\$350
	\$330	\$385

Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 8, 2016.

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 form with check or money order to: RECONGRESS, PO BOX 761157, LOS ANGELES CA 90076-1157

– YOU MAY DUPLICATE THIS FORM –