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# 2017

**February 23 - Youth Day**  
**February 24-26**

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# OVERVIEW

## THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 23, 2017

See pages 7-15 for the Youth Day schedule.

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm On-site registration

## FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 24

7:00 am - 3:00 pm On-site registration  
 8:30 - 9:30 am Opening Ceremony & Welcome (Arena)  
 10:00 - 11:30 am Period 1 Workshops  
 11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH  
 11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)  
 – Vallimar Jansen  
 Music (Hall B)  
 – Vietnamese Lasallian Youth Troupe with Tuan Quoc Le  
 1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 2 Workshops  
 3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 3 Workshops  
 5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies  
 7:45 - 9:45 pm Film Showcase 2017 (Convention 201)  
 8:00 pm Concert (Arena)  
 – "With Gratitude"  
 9:00 pm Taizé Prayer (Convention 303)

## SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 25

7:30 am - 2:30 pm On-site registration  
 7:50 am Morning Praise (Arena)  
 Morning Praise (Hall B)  
 8:30 am English Keynote (Arena)  
 – Msgr. Ray East  
 Spanish Keynote (Hall B)  
 – Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS  
 10:00 - 11:30 am Period 4 Workshops  
 11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH  
 11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)  
 – Rubalcava, Lopez, Garcia-Lopez, Diaz & Perez  
 Music (Hall B)  
 – Craig Colson & Trevor Thomson  
 1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 5 Workshops  
 3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 6 Workshops  
 5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies  
 8:00 pm Concert (Arena)  
 – "Mardi Gras"  
 8:30 pm Sacred Illuminations 2017 (Convention 213)  
 9:00 pm - 12 mid Young Adult Dance (Marriott)

## SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 26

7:15 am Morning Rosary (Convention 303)  
 8:00 - 11:00 am On-site registration  
 8:00 - 9:30 am Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)  
 10:00 - 11:30 am Period 7 Workshops  
 11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH  
 11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)  
 – Jesse Manibusan & Sarah Hart  
 Music (Hall B)  
 – Rafael Moreno  
 1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 8 Workshops  
 3:30 pm Closing Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)



Congress 2016 welcomed attendees with a Mercy Door at the entrance of the Convention Center for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy called for by Pope Francis, which ended November 20, 2016, on the Feast of Christ the King.

## 2017 THEME REFLECTION

"No one can serve two masters" (Matt 6:24): In our Gospel reading for Congress, Jesus teaches his disciples that we can only focus on one master. How difficult it is to put our whole trust in God! Many times we want to hedge our bets and choose the immediate, the tangible, the seen rather than trust completely in God whose wisdom and providence see far beyond our vision.

While I was in Poland for World Youth Day I had the opportunity to visit a museum dedicated to St. John Paul II. In one of the rooms was a large boat (like one that Peter and his brother may have used) with the words: "Put out into the deep" (Lk 5:4). Out of darkness, doubt and fear we are called to Embrace Trust! I invite you all to join us at the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim and open your heart to this call.

– Fr. Christopher Bazyouros  
 Director, Office of Religious Education

## WHAT IS THE RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the world. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 300 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You may register online at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) by credit card, or use the Registration Form on the **inside back cover** to register by check or money order through the mail.

## RECONGRESS LOCATION & COST

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

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

**\$70 – by January 13, 2017 deadline**      **\$80 – after January 13, 2017**

**NOTE:** If you have not mailed in your Registration Form by February 3, 2017, please register online or on site at the Convention Center. Online registration closes 9 am Sunday of Congress.

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**FEBRUARY 23, 2017 (YOUTH DAY)  
& FEBRUARY 24-26, 2017**

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- Exhibitor listings and categories
- Office of Religious Education staff and program offerings
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# OVERVIEW



**IN ANAHEIM** Begun as an Institute that grew into the “CCD Congress,” our event – now called the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress – had its beginnings back in 1956. And since 1970, the Anaheim Convention Center has been home to our event, while Orange County was still a part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.



**YOUTH DAY** Congress starts off on Thursday, Feb. 23, with the high-energy, day-long event for high school youth. It’s an opportunity for students – from throughout the western states – to share in a mix of workshops, liturgies and lively rallies. (See pages 7-15.)



**LITURGIES** Congress has always offered a variety of liturgies of different character. This year we present 16 Eucharistic Liturgies, from Celtic to Contemplative, Spanish to Vietnamese – along with morning and evening prayer and a Taizé service. (See page 22.)

**ART EXHIBIT** All around the world, natural and human-made disasters are preventing our sisters and brothers from fulfilling their most basic needs. Catholic Relief Services invites you to take a meditative photo-journey of the most pressing humanitarian emergencies of our day. (Arena Lobby)



**HALL EVENTS** The Exhibit Hall is one of the liveliest and busiest locations during Congress. Be sure to check out what is going on in the **ORE Booth** throughout the weekend. The nearby Tech Center is the location for Friday’s **Congress Chat** (pictured) with Archbishop José Gomez. (Exhibit Hall A)



**SPEAKERS** Over the four days, Congress 2017 will offer 320 workshops presented by 199 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And this year, we feature a new Keynote format on Saturday with one in English and one in Spanish at the same time.



# RECONGRESS AND...

General Info

## SACRED SPACE

This year, in response to Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment and human ecology, *Laudato Si* (On Care for Our Common Home), Sacred Space offers an experience of prayer through a multimedia exhibit in which we are invited to make the connections between our faith, the Earth and with one another. (Thursday through Sunday)



## FILM SHOWCASE

In partnership with Loyola Marymount University's Center for Religion and Spirituality, RECongress annually presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts and documentaries whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. (Friday evening)



## SACRED ILLUMINATIONS

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



## ENTERTAINMENT

Admission to Congress includes both free lunchtime and evening concerts presented by the well-known and loved Congress artists – ranging from contemporary Christian music to the leading Latino composers and artists. Enjoy the variety of musical styles using sounds and rhythms from around the world. (Friday through Sunday)



## PERFORMANCE STAGE

Several of the performing artists at Congress have scheduled time to appear at the new music stage in Hall A. The stage showcases 20-minute sets of live music and is located in the southeast area of Exhibit Hall A. Check the posted schedule onsite for appearance times. (Friday through Sunday)



## EXHIBIT HALL

One of the perks of registering for Congress is admission to Exhibit Hall A – showcasing over 250 companies as exhibitors ranging from religious art to music, from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to a variety of Los Angeles archdiocesan ministries. (Friday through Sunday)



**MORE** There is much more to Congress, whether for Youth Day or our three-day main event, you will find constant events from early morning until late at night.



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### CONGRESS SPEAKERS

Workshops are designated by two numbers separated by a dash. The first number indicates the period; the number after the dash is the workshop number. Workshop numbers -01 to -30 are in English; -51 to -60 are in Spanish; and -70 is in Vietnamese. Sessions -01 are in the Arena; Session -51 are in Hall B. "**YD**" denotes a Youth Day workshop. "**Key**" indicates the English or Spanish Saturday Keynote.

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🔊 and (\*) indicate recorded sessions

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	7-10*	
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Garcia, Noelle	<b>YD</b>	
Garcia-Siller, Archbishop Gustavo	2-56*	
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Gordon, Dr. Greer	5-15,	8-08
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the 2017 Religious Education Congress of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles!

I pray that this will be a time of prayer and renewal and a time for growing closer to Jesus Christ in his love.

The theme for this year's Congress is "*Embrace Trust.*" This is the invitation of the Gospel – our Lord's beautiful invitation to trust in God's loving Providence. "*Look at the birds in the sky – they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them*" (Matt. 6:26).

God will provide! He is in charge of history and he is in charge of our individual lives. That means that we matter to God. Each one of us.

Jesus has given his life – he has died and rose again – out of love *for you*. Now he lives with you, walks with you on the journey of your life. To show you the path, to lead you on the mission he gives you as disciples. The mission of service and love.

We need to trust in God's plan for our lives! We need to trust in his Providence and love. And we need to help our brothers and sisters discover God's beautiful plan of God for creation.

This is the great message of hope that we are called to teach and proclaim in the Church.

So I pray that this will be a great weekend for you, an excellent opportunity to grow in knowledge of our Catholic faith, as well as love and devotion to the Lord, whom we serve in our daily life, in our work, ministry, family and public life.

I entrust you to the tender care of our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Providence – may she help us all to walk with confidence on our journey of faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Jose H. Gomez*  
Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Alleluia! Welcome to Congress 2017! Alleluia!

I am very happy to extend to you an invitation to join us for the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. Every year we are blessed to have so many people come to share their story of faith and be strengthened for the journey.

As human beings, we long for connection with others, a sense that we belong to each other. The greatest obstacle to this, many times, is that we have difficulty trusting others. The theme for this year, "Embrace Trust," comes from the readings of the eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time wherein we hear that in all things we must trust in God. Not only are we called to trust in God, but as stewards of God's mysteries, we are called to be found trustworthy (1 Cor. 4:2). How do we navigate this course? How do we protect our hearts from the fears and anxieties that threaten to close them? St. Francis de Sales would say, "We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God."

Come and be guided to deeper trust in God through a variety of workshops, liturgies, entertainment and resources that are offered throughout the weekend. Come and be replenished deep in your spirit and be challenged to live the Gospel by our national and international speakers.

Together with all the many activities, you will find opportunities to encounter God in Sacred Space, in walking the labyrinth and the art exhibit area as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you for your gracious support of the Congress and participation in your communities through ministry. Trust in God's Providence which never fails us! Alleluia!

I look forward to greeting you at the Religious Education Congress 2017.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Chris Bazzyouros*

Fr. Christopher Bazzyouros  
Director, Office of Religious Education





## A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS



Dear Friends,

We are so looking forward to welcoming each and every one of you to the Religious Education Congress. Our 2017 theme, “Embrace Trust,” is drawn from the Sunday readings of the third Sunday of Lent, which reminds us that we are invited into a relationship with a God of second chances. A God who offers mercy over judgment and who offers us hope for the journey of life. We are not only recipients of this unearned gift but we are invited to be agents of this mercy in our own relationships and daily encounters.

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

Workshop descriptions and event listings, housing information, mail-in and online registration instructions are included in this Registration Guidebook and updated regularly on our web site at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org). Additional information can be obtained by email at [congress@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:congress@la-archdiocese.org) or by calling the Congress Office at (213) 637-7346 or (213) 637-7301.

If you know of others whom you feel may be enriched by participating in Congress, please do share with them your experience of Congress and extend a personal invitation to them to join us for the weekend. We would love to see them!

For those who are not able to join us in Anaheim, remember that our event can be viewed via our live stream at [www.RECongress.org/Live](http://www.RECongress.org/Live).

We look forward to being with you soon, as we together make it our mission to be people who see more clearly and recognize God’s presence ever more deeply in our daily encounters with one another.

Paulette Smith  
Associate Director  
Congress Event Coordinator

Jan Pedroza  
Congress Program Coordinator

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR OF CATECHIST FORMATION

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the “Year of Mercy” draws to a close, I am joyfully aware of the gift this year has been to our Church. People have gathered in our pews, our halls and our churches seeking that which calls them forth: *the mercy of our God*. When they come, they encounter God’s presence in many ways.

One of those ways is *you*.

How have *you* been a visible witness to the grace of God in this past year? How will you continue to be so beyond this Year of Mercy? In what ways is the Spirit calling you to continue, to grow, and to live out your faith daily?

It is through this lens that I challenge you to view this *Registration Guidebook*. Consider it a path to growth in your own faith so that you might go out and continue God’s mission more fully formed and informed of not only what the Church teaches but how she worships and ministers to her people.

Our workshop offerings have something for everyone and every ministry whether you are just beginning or more *seasoned*. Some workshops will challenge you, others will make you laugh and some – oh, some will fire you up to go out and do! Let me know what you decide and how you were transformed by the experience.

I look forward to witnessing, in some small way, the workings of the Spirit in and through *you*. You can find me on all major social media platforms.

A reminder to those certified catechists of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles that ALL Congress workshops count towards your 30-hours of recertification. A limited number of re-certification forms will be available at the ORE Booth each day of Congress. I look forward to visiting with you if you are able to stop by during my booth hours.

Until then, I wish you peace,

Dione L. Grillo  
Coordinator for Advanced Catechetical Ministries and Basic Catechist Formation (English)



## A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH MINISTRY DIVISION

Dear Friends,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Youth Day 2017! We look forward to once again gathering with the young Church to celebrate our Catholic faith. As we join together, we know we will encounter Jesus in the Eucharistic liturgies, through the words of our speakers, through the energy and joy of young people, and in so much more.

Youth Day is planned by a talented group of young people who come from throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Our theme **What Are You Waiting For?** is coming to life through their vision, creativity and hard work. They look forward to encouraging all Youth Day participants to stop waiting for some other day before making the choice to respond to God's love and compassion. Now is the time! Today is the day! **What Are You Waiting For?**

In the pages of this Registration Guidebook, you will find information to help you prepare for Youth Day, including the readings for the day and a reflection on the theme from the Coordinating Team. You will also find instructions to help you register for the day online or by mail. Details about the Youth Day schedule and the workshops offered will help you select the options that will best meet the needs of your group.

To stay up to date on the most current information about Youth Day, we invite you to follow our social media channels. You will find us @LAYouthDay across all platforms. We hope you will join in the conversation using #LAYouthDay! As details for Youth Day are finalized, updates will also be posted on our website [www.RECongress.org/YD](http://www.RECongress.org/YD), so we encourage you to visit frequently. While there, be sure to explore the resources to help you prepare for the day.

So, **What Are You Waiting For?** It's time to gather your group and register for Youth Day 2017! We look forward to seeing you there, and we pray that your preparations are filled with much joy and many blessings.

Peace,



*Katie Zeigler*  
Katie Zeigler  
Division Coordinator of Youth Ministry



*Victoria Radleigh*  
Victoria Radleigh  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Youth Day Coordinator



*Heather MacDonald*  
Heather MacDonald  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

## PREPARING FOR YOUTH DAY

Youth Day 2017 takes place on Thursday of the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time. Here are the readings of the day along with a theme reflection prepared by young people for young people:

- First Reading: Sirach 5:1-8
- Psalm: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
- Gospel: Mark 9:41-50

The readings for Youth Day 2017 are about conversion; a change of heart. That change of heart is conveyed in each of the readings. The first reading from Sirach tells us to not delay, but rather turn to Jesus before it is too late. The Gospel from Mark gives us a look at what to expect if we hesitate or put off turning to the Lord, or if we lead others astray. He speaks of an unquenchable fire where suffering never ends. So why wait to convert and change our ways? The time is now! This year's theme is a question: **What Are You Waiting For?**

**"What Are You Waiting For?"** is first and foremost a call to action, a wakeup call. Jesus invited us to turn to Him and to not delay. However, it is also our call to reflection. It gives us a chance to examine our lives and our faith journey and encourages us to bring our hopes, fears, doubts, and dreams to the Lord. Christ awaits you with open arms. So, **What Are YOU Waiting For?**



Youth Day

## TRACK 1

### 8:00 AM – GENERAL SESSION ARENA

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### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Track 1 participants will participate in a Spirit-filled liturgy with Los Angeles **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by the Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita.



### KEYNOTE

Our featured keynote speaker, **Bob Perron**, is known for his storytelling and humor. He will encourage participants to grow in their relationship with Christ as he breaks open our theme for the day: **What Are You Waiting For?**



### 11:45 AM – LUNCH

Following the General Session, Track 1 participants are invited to have lunch with old and new friends. There will be 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 with them the offerings found on the following pages.

### 3:15 PM – PRAISE/WORSHIP & SENDING

To complete the day, Track 1 participants are invited to Hall B for the energetic musical group **Emmaus Boulevard**. Young people from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese will also be helping us to close out our day with much excitement.



### 3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

After being reminded to be Jesus for others 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 be registered with Adult Chaperones (at least 21 years old) who will accompany their group on Youth Day. For the initial group of 1 to 10 youth, there must be two Adult Chaperones. An additional Adult Chaperone must be included with every additional group of up to 10 students. Chaperones are required to stay with their group throughout Youth Day. When registering, each group must select Track 1 or Track 2, as well as the Convention Center workshops of their choice. We try to accommodate each group's selections until capacity is reached. Please note that groups will be permitted in the Arena only during the times assigned for the Track in which they are registered.

**Note: Registration fees for Youth Day increase on January 13, 2017.** Keep in mind that there is limited seating for Youth Day, and it often reaches capacity prior to the date of the fee increase. We encourage you to register as soon as possible since registration will close when capacity is reached. If capacity is not reached earlier, the final date to mail your registration is February 3, and the final date for online registration is February 10. Any registrations received after registration has closed will be returned to the contact person. Please understand there are no exceptions.

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE DAY

Every year, numerous youth share their gifts and talents in various roles to help make Youth Day a success. Though some spaces have already been filled by teens who participated in Youth Day Training Day, additional help is still needed in some areas! All high school teens are invited to consider volunteering in one of the following ways:

**HOSPITALITY** – Youth with lots of energy, who are outgoing and enjoy interacting with their peers are invited to get the crowd pumped at Youth Day with chants, signs and cheers.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES** – We need youth to serve within the Eucharistic Mass as cross-bearers, candle-bearers, altar servers, gift-bearers and other assisting roles to support our ritual worship. This role does not require public speaking and works closely with clergy.

**MOVEMENT & DANCE** – We need dancers of all styles. Some may lead the assembly in gesture or sign-language and ritual movement during liturgy. Previous movement/dance experience is useful, but NOT required!

**MUSIC** – Singers, instrumentalists and others who have a passion for performing music are invited to join a choir led by Ed Archer for liturgy. Instrumentalists will audition for places in the ensemble. There are also opportunities to build playlists, DJ and coordinate music.

**PRODUCTION & TECHNOLOGY** – Volunteers should love technology and be great on all social media platforms. They might also help assemble the lyrics, text and graphics for projection. These are non-speaking roles.

**SPEAKING ROLES** – We are seeking youth who are confident in speaking in front of large crowds. They may serve as hosts, lectors or may provide narration, storytelling, acting and also have opportunities to introduce the speakers/presenters in their sessions.

Most roles will require additional days of preparation and rehearsals. These will be scheduled by the leaders of each aspect of Youth Day. Youth volunteers must arrange their transportation and must be accompanied by a chaperone for each of these events. Youth volunteers and their Chaperones must register for Youth Day 2017 at the regular registration rate, and are responsible for any expenses (travel, accommodations, meals, etc.) related to their participation in Youth Day. For complete details, visit [www.RECongress.org/YD](http://www.RECongress.org/YD) or email us at [layoutday@gmail.com](mailto:layoutday@gmail.com).

## ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY

We invite any adult who is not chaperoning a parish or school group to volunteer for a variety of positions throughout the day. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone – and to enjoy our event free of charge. All adult volunteers must provide documentation that they are compliant with their Diocese's Safe Environment policies and procedures, including training and fingerprinting/background checks. 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](mailto:layoutday@gmail.com) or at (559) 259-8232. Come join the fun!



## SACRED SPACE ON YOUTH DAY

Again this year, Sacred Space will be a part of Youth Day. It provides a quiet place to pray in the chapel, an opportunity to walk the labyrinth, or discover an experience of prayer through a multimedia exhibit. Sacred Space is located in Convention 304. Hours: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

## LOGOWEAR FOR THE DAY

**Attention Group Leaders:** Order your official Youth Day T-shirts in advance from Seraph7 Clothing! Youth Day T-shirts are available for custom and group pre-orders. Customize your Youth Day shirt with your youth ministry or parish name on the back for only \$3 more. All orders with payment must be received by January 27, 2017 for direct shipping.

Special pre-order discount pricing (valid through January 27, 2017):

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

Hooded Sweatshirts are \$25\* (\$30, limited quantity at Youth Day)

Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

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

Place orders online at [www.seraph7.com](http://www.seraph7.com) or email them directly at [seraph7clothing@gmail.com](mailto:seraph7clothing@gmail.com) with any questions.

## APP FOR YOUTH DAY

Keep watch on our website at [RECongress.org/YD](http://RECongress.org/YD) for updates about the Youth Day app. With this app, you can stay up to date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them over social media to help you stay connected during and after Youth Day.

## SUPPORTING OTHERS ON THE DAY

Each year, a collection is taken during the Youth Day liturgies to support the Youth Ministry Division's efforts to form youth leaders by making financial assistance available for them to participate in local, regional and national programs. Part of the collection is also donated to other key organizations to support their work. For 2017, the primary beneficiary will be House of Ruth ([houseofruthinc.org](http://houseofruthinc.org)), an organization dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of women, men and children victimized by domestic violence. Please share this information with your group to help them understand how their contributions will help to assist others. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## TRACK 2

### 8:00 AM – GATHERING & PRAISE/WORSHIP

For those registered in Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2017 begins in Hall B with the energetic music of **Emmaus Boulevard**. Young people from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese will also help get our day going with a lot of excitement and energy!



### 8:45 AM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

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

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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.

### WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

God is calling you to something better. He is calling you to be the saint you were created to be. In this Youth Day Keynote, Bob Perron will look at three practical ways we can grow in our relationship with Christ. How do we trust God with our everyday decisions? Do we surround ourselves with a community to support us on the journey? Will we have the courage to change the things in our life that stop us from letting God transform our lives? *What Are You Waiting For?* Today is the day!



#### Bob Perron

*Bob Perron is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va. For over a decade he has presented his stand-up and storytelling in over 60 dioceses across the United States and Canada. 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."*

**WORKSHOPS** When you register, you will need to select one session from among these seven workshops and one session from workshop sessions H-N on the following pages.

### A RELATIONSHIPS 101: DRAMA, FANTASY OR REALITY

The media (television and the internet) put forth a lot of ideas about how to be in relationship(s) with other people. Let's take a look at some myths and some values for our relationships today ... from Jesus' point of view.



#### 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 issues of Catholic faith, positive attitude, using our 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."*

### B LIT FOR THE LORD! – LIVING OUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Get ready! Get pumped! Get lit ... on the love of Jesus! What does it mean to live out our Catholic faith? How can we define our Catholic identity as young people in the church? Through energetic testimony, dynamic teaching and moving music, Joe Melendrez will help you live your faith today! Be prepared to pray like never before, create new bonds of friendship, and get lit for the Lord!



#### Joe Melendrez

*Latino, relevant and relatable – Joe Melendrez is a professional youth minister, inspirational speaker and Catholic performer. He is Assistant Director of Campus Ministry at Chaminade College Preparatory School in Canoga Park, Calif., where he has served as religion teacher since 2008. Melendrez' works range from creating faith-based clothing (God Swagg Apparel), to high energy Catholic hip hop concerts, to transformative spiritual retreats.*

### C NOW IS THE TIME TO FACE FEAR

Fear of uncertainty, messing up, being rejected and feeling awkward can keep us paralyzed in our "comfort zone." But stress, worry and loneliness are the real costs of staying "comfortable." Our God calls us to risk choosing a life of action, adventure and vulnerability. By learning to lean into fear, awkwardness and uncertainty, we can discover the joy, peace and happiness God promises.



#### Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

*For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered to youth and young adults in parish, school and diocesan settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice and a speaker. Petitfils has presented at numerous national and regional conferences, workshops and parish missions throughout North America. He writes a syndicated monthly column, "Our Young Church," and has written many articles and has published several books; his most recent is "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."*



YOU WHAT?

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**D THE ART OF CARING FOR ALL GOD'S CREATION**

When you look at what is happening to Earth – our common home – and to many of our sisters and brothers, it's easy to despair. Jesus, however, offers us a way of hope, and Pope Francis issues a challenge: "Humanity today needs ... young people ready to spend their lives freely in service to those of their brothers and sisters who are poorest and most vulnerable, in imitation of Christ." Join Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for an interactive workshop to explore how God might be calling you to live your faith in care for all God's creation, each other and our common home. So, when it comes to the care of our common home and each other, *What Are You Waiting For?*



**Ted Miles**

*Baltimore native Ted Miles first worked in Belize and Guatemala with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. For nearly 30 years since, he has served in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development. For the*

*past 10 years, Miles has worked for Catholic Relief Services as Relationship Manager for Youth and Religious Education and Coordinator of Outreach for the United States. He now speaks nationally and internationally on behalf of CRS.*



**Sergio Lopez**

*Musician and speaker, Sergio Lopez is a former youth minister and worship leader from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He has presented at the Los Angeles Regional Congresses as well as the Fresno Diocesan Youth Day, the Christian Leadership Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif., and the Center for Ministry and Development in Buffalo, N.Y. Since 2014, Lopez has worked for Catholic Relief Services as a Relationship Manager and is based in*

*Simi Valley, Calif.*

**E WONDERFULLY MADE**

Most of us have been faced with the question, "Am I good enough?" In this workshop, Noelle Garcia will share her own efforts at answering that question as a young teen through struggles with self-image, cutting and suicidal thoughts. Through an encounter with God that changed her life, Noelle overcame these difficulties and came to believe she was wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God. God has a plan for you, and you are fearfully and wonderfully made!



**Noelle Garcia**

*Noelle Garcia is a Catholic singer, performer and recording artist with World Library Publications. She travels the country speaking at parishes and conferences, leading music ministry and sharing faith at events including CNN's "Latino in America" documentary, EWTN's weekly show "Life on the Rock," in addition to World Youth Day 2008, the National Catholic Youth Conference, and the L.A. Congress. She is the wife of fellow musician and youth minister David Garcia, and resides in Dodge City, Kan.*

**F ART: SAINTS, CULTURAL DIVERSITY, HEALING AND FORGIVENESS**

Using his own paintings and stories, Bro. Mickey McGrath will share multicultural images of Jesus, Mary and the saints, followed by a period of creative prayerful silence and coloring. This is a perfect time to simply relax and be yourself, and in the process gain a whole new perspective on the many beautiful faces of God in our multicultural world and church. As St. Francis de Sales used to say, "Heaven is peopled with people from earth." Jesus will reveal himself in a way that looks like you!



**Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath**

*Bro. Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is an artist, author, speaker and keynote presenter who currently lives and works in Camden, N.J. He is illustrator and author of 13 books; his latest is entitled "Dear World: Art Reflections on Laudato Si." In addition, Bro. McGrath paints commissions for churches and schools throughout the United States. He is also a popular retreat leader and presenter in a variety of venues on the national Catholic circuit.*

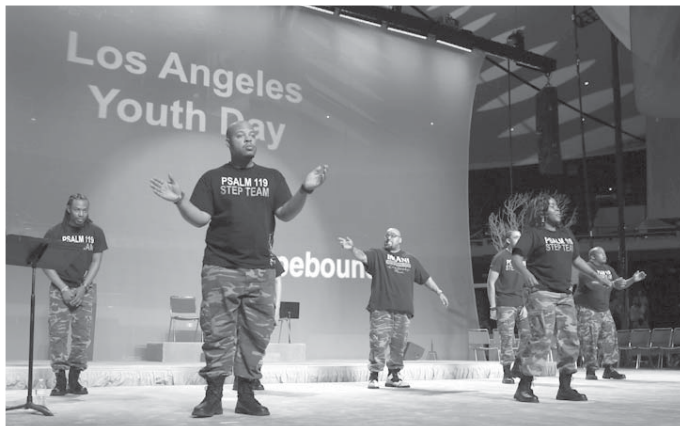
**G #GOALS: PUT MY #FAITH INTO ACTION FOR A #BETTERWORLD**

Violence, racism, sickness and even climate change? The world just seems to get crazier and crazier, so we really need to step up! Jesus is calling on us to make some moves and take action. So what is your faith telling you to say and do in this crazy time? Let's put it all out there and discuss one of the biggest concerns affecting all of us today and how our faith is calling us to take action. Each one of us can make a huge difference. Are you up for the challenge? Come find out how you can make it your #goal to make this world a better place. *What Are You Waiting For?* – cause ain't nobody got time for that! The time is now to put your faith into action.



**Miriam G. Hidalgo**

*Miriam Hidalgo is Coordinator of Catechesis with Hispanics for the Office of Education, Evangelization & Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. For more than 15 years she has served in catechetical and youth ministry at the parish and diocesan levels. A national speaker for Loyola Press, Hidalgo has presented at numerous diocesan and parish conferences throughout the country as keynote speaker and workshop presenter. She is currently President of the Federation for Catechesis with Hispanics from National Conference of Catechetical Leadership.*



**A REMINDER:** When you register, you will need to select one session from among these seven workshops and one session from the group of workshops on the previous pages.

## H CREATED AND CALLED INTO LOVE

When God created the world, he said everything was “good.” But then he made mankind, and he said it was “very good.” What’s the difference between us and a zebra? Simple. We are created in the image of Love, and we are called to love others with the same love of the Creator. We share that love with our families, our friends, significant others and even our enemies. What a gift to be made like God. What a challenge to live the life God wants for us. Come explore how you can do this and explore how you are created in and called to love.



**Katie Prejean McGrady**

*Katie Prejean McGrady is a theology teacher at St. Louis Catholic High School and Youth Director at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Lake Charles, La. She is author of “Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist” and, since 2007, she has been traveling throughout North America using her original blend of humor and storytelling to speak at events ranging from small sessions to national conferences. Prejean is presently working on her Master’s degree in theological studies.*

## I NO WAY THAT’S IN THE BIBLE!

The Bible is one of the funniest books on the planet ... if you know where to look and how to read it. The Bible is also *the* most important book on the planet, filled with things that literally will save your life. Come laugh and learn with the one and only Mark Hart as he walks you through a few Bible stories that will leave you laughing and thinking about how God really works.



**Mark Hart**

*Based in Phoenix, Mark Hart is Executive Vice President for Life Teen International, a Catholic youth ministry movement found in 30 countries worldwide. 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. His popular DVD Bible Study series includes “Altaration,” “Encounter” and “T3.” His latest books are “A Second Look” and “Behold the Mystery.”*

## J REAL PRESENCE IN THE SACRAMENT – SO WHAT?

The Catholic Church teaches that Christ is really present in the Eucharist, which is at the center of our faith. While this is the Church’s teaching, many teens don’t feel a personal connection to the Eucharist. Why should the Eucharist matter to high school students who are just trying to get through school, get along with friends and live at home without too many fights? Come to this workshop and you’ll never look at the Eucharist in the same way.



**Robert Feduccia Jr.**

*Robert Feduccia was founding Director of the Youth Liturgical Leadership Program and instructor in the Permanent Deacon Formation Program at Saint Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He is now Vice President of Christian Faith Events for Declan Weir Productions. With work as a parish youth minister and retreat leader, Feduccia has presented at local and diocesan conferences as well as national events, including the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Conference for Catholic Youth Ministry.*



**Danielle Rose**

*At age 17, Danielle Rose traveled to India to volunteer with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. This experience gave her a desire to serve the poorest of the poor as a "music missionary." She recorded her third album, "I Thirst," as a musical tribute to the life and work of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Since 2002, Rose has travelled the globe as a music missionary, ministering from World Youth Day in Toronto to her hometown of Duluth, Minn. Now a wife and mother, Rose's CD titles include "Culture of Life," "Pursue Me" and "Mysteries."*

**K BE REAL ...**

Young Catholics demand a genuine, authentic and compelling faith. This attitude is the core of healthy evangelization. How can we help empower this reality? This workshop is all about becoming the disciple you were born to be! With laughter, Scripture, prayer, practice and perseverance, we will break open some true strategies for sharing the faith and growing in personal relationship with our Lord and Savior!



**Doug Tooke**

*Doug Tooke is Director of Youth Ministry events for the Diocese of Helena, Mont., Youth Minister at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish and owner of Monarch Catholic Ministries. He has over 20 years of professional ministry experience and has traveled to over 75 dioceses teaching, keynoting conventions and training youth ministers. Tooke has spoken at national gatherings, including World Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry.*

**L IMAGINE THAT! PRAYING WITH OUR IMAGINATION**

Albert Einstein said that imagination is more important than knowledge, and this is so true when it comes to prayer! Join Anne Frawley-Mangan on a creative journey through a variety of prayer styles that engage your imagination. Come to this fun and interactive workshop ready to move, play, pray ... and be still, as we make space to encounter our awesome God!



**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

*Based in Brisbane, Australia, Anne Frawley-Mangan is an experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist who specializes in using the Arts (particularly drama) to enhance religious education and liturgy. She presents workshops and keynotes nationally and internationally as well as World Youth Days in the diocese. Frawley-Mangan currently is Creative Director of Litmus Productions and teaches at Holy Spirit Seminary in Queensland and at the Australian Catholic University in Sydney.*

**M WHO IS THE SAINT THAT IS "JUST YOU"? DISCERNING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR VOCATION**

Are you trying to discern the will of God for an important decision in your life? Are you searching for your vocation? At every moment, God is pursuing our souls. In the invitation to follow him, Christ mysteriously only makes one step clear: the one that lies directly in front of us. Come join Danielle Rose as she reflects in story and song upon the intimate process of listening to the voice of God, struggling to surrender, accepting in faith and finding freedom in obedience.

**N BACK ON MY FEET AGAIN! OVERCOMING OBSTACLES**

Just two months before her wedding, Renée Bondi suffered a freak accident leaving her quadriplegic. Although her life drastically changed overnight, she has triumphed and become an inspiration to many because of her perseverance and unflinching faith. Renée will share her faith journey starting before her accident, continuing through the valley of fear, and finally standing strong once again. Renée's personal testimony is sure to melt your heart and lift your soul!



**Renée Bondi**

*Renée Bondi is a popular Catholic recording artist, speaker and author who founded Bondi Ministries. She travels throughout the United States, singing and speaking her profound story that includes paralysis and a life confined to a wheelchair, for conferences, churches, retreats, youth rallies and corporate events. Bondi has been featured on several Catholic radio and TV programs as well as "Focus on the Family" and "Life Today."*





## 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 13, 2017, 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.

All **Adult Chaperones** should be at least 21 years of age and must remain with the group throughout the day for supervision. Chaperones must participate in the events – youth find it more difficult to participate if adults are not engaged. The format of Youth Day ensures everyone will 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 a group chaperone or registrant.

Chaperones/Adult participants attending Youth Day at the Religious Education Congress must be in compliance with their diocese's Safe Environment policies and procedures, including Safe Environment Adult Training and fingerprinting/background check. The contact person must be able to produce compliance records 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 seats are limited. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. Please note we often reach capacity **before the registration fee increases on January 13, 2017.** If capacity is not reached earlier, the final date to mail your registration is February 3, and the final date to register online is February 10. 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, 2017, 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](http://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, 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 13, 2017 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 cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. See [www.RECongress.org/YD](http://www.RECongress.org/YD) for online registration info.
8. After January 13, 2017, the Youth Day Registration fee will increase to \$35 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by January 6, 2017. There are **NO REFUNDS** after that date. There will be a \$10 per registration refund processing fee.
10. **There is NO onsite registration on Youth Day.**
11. Questions? Call (213) 637-7346 or (213) 637-7301.

## 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 23, 2017 – 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Day

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**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:  
 1<sup>ST</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>ND</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 Convention Workshop H-N:  
 1<sup>ST</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>ND</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Track 2** – and choose  
 Convention Workshop A-G:  
 1<sup>ST</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>ND</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 Convention Workshop H-N:  
 1<sup>ST</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>ND</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT CHAPERONE**

*Compliant?	First Name	Last Name
<input type="checkbox"/>		

**REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Compliant and Adult)**

Adult?	*Compliant?	First Name	Last Name
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	\$30	\$35
By Jan. 13	\$60	\$70
After Jan. 13	\$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 13, 2017.**

**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 –

## FRIDAY SCHEDULE

**7:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
On-site registration  
& Program Book Pick-up  
(Prefunction Lobby)

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

**10:00 - 11:30 am**  
Period 1 Workshops

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
LUNCH

**11:45 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Music (Arena)**  
– ValLimar Jansen

**Music (Hall B)**  
– Vietnamese Lasallian Youth  
Troupe with Tuấn Quốc Lê

**1:00 - 2:30 pm**  
Period 2 Workshops

**3:00 - 4:30 pm**  
Period 3 Workshops

**5:15 pm**  
Eucharistic Liturgies  
& Evening Prayer  
(see page 22)

**7:45 - 9:45 pm**  
Film Showcase 2017  
(Convention 201)

**8:00 pm**  
**Concert**  
– “With Gratitude”

**9:00 pm**  
Taizé Prayer  
(Convention 303)

**Registration & Program Book  
Pick-Up**  
7:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Prefunction Lobby)

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

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

**Speaker Signings**  
11:30 am - 5:00 pm  
*New location!*  
(Northwest side, Hall A)

**Massage Chairs**  
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

**A.A. Meeting**  
Noon (Marriott) San Diego

## OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME

Arena – 8:30 am

### “EMBRACE TRUST”

We come together in joyful celebration to live out the invitation of the Gospel: to *Embrace Trust* in God’s loving Providence. Come, let us join our voices in a chorus of praise and gratitude. This energetic gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

Archbishop José Gomez	Jeanne Cotter	Roger Holland	Rafael Moreno
Fr. Christopher Bazzyouros	Jaime Cortez	Bob Hurd	Ann Myers
Paulette Smith	Harrison Crenshaw	Darrell Jackson	Linda Nguyen
Jan Pedroza	Gary Daigle	Frank Jansen	Paul Nguyen
John Flaherty	Iván Díaz	ValLimar Jansen	Kristina Ortega
Tony Alonso	Chris de Silva	Mary Janus	Pedro Rubalcava
Donna Anderle	Christine Engelfried	Mel Kennedy	Brenda Smith
David Anderson	Chris Estrella	Kristin Kissell	Ginny Temple
John Angotti	Santiago Fernández	Gaile Krause	Trevor Thomson
Ed Archer	Rob Galea	Liam Lawton	Lori True
Meredith Augustin	Noelle Garcia	Rudy López	Chris Walker
Betsy Beckman	Estela Garcia-López	Michael Mangan	John West & the
Anna Betancourt	Dolores Gomez	Jesse Manibusan	Valyermo Dancers
John Burland	Laura Gomez	Clarissa Martinez	Mark Voris
Helena Buscema	David Haas	Nicole Masero	Janet Sullivan-Whitaker
Karla Carrillo	Sarah Hart	Emily McKinley	Rufino Zaragoza
Andrew Chinn	Marty Haugen	Monica Miller Luther	... and many others
Craig Colson	Lorraine Hess	Lourdes Montgomery	

## FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### ARENA:

#### VALLIMAR JANSEN

“Run the Race”



In her well-known, high-energy performance style, ValLimar will exhort you to “Keep your eye on the prize” and “Run the race!” Come experience music infused with fire and passion – fun lunchtime entertainment designed to inspire you to celebrate the joy of our faith as you *Embrace Trust!* Jansen has invited dynamic dancers from the young church and the young-at-heart to accent her songs with dance styles from House to Hip Hop, Rock to Afro-Cuban. Make sure to eat quickly and work off those calories as you “dance like no one is watching!”

### HALL B:

#### VIETNAMESE LASALLIAN YOUTH TROUPE WITH TUẤN QUỐC LÊ



Feel the drumming and watch the colorful steps of this youth group from San Jose, led by Bro. Fortunat Phong. Vocalist Tuan Le will be joining them this year, sharing bilingual (Vietnamese/English) songs.



## FILM SHOWCASE 2017

Convention 201  
7:45 - 9:45 pm



The Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University’s Center for Religion and Spirituality, presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts and documentaries whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, social justice, ministry, spirituality and theology.

## EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

“With Gratitude: An Evening Celebrating the Liturgical Music of David Haas, Marty Haugen & Michael Joncas”



Come together to conclude the first full day of Congress 2017 with an evening of sung prayer – featuring both classic favorites like “Shepherd Me, O God,” “You Are Mine” and “On Eagle’s Wings,” and newly composed pieces for the singing Church. This event will mark the very last time David, Marty and Michael will appear and sing together as a trio. A time to sing, pray and celebrate a collaborative and ministerial friendship of over 30 years, that has gifted praying assemblies around the world with songs that have enriched the faith of believers throughout the world.

## PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 **Trust as Living Out of a Blessed Consciousness – Living In Trust as Jesus Did (\*)** - Rev. Ronald Rolheiser
- 1-02 Divine Renovation: Developing Parish Leadership for the Sake of Mission (\*) - Fr. James Mallon
- 1-03 Eucharist: Broken Open in Everyday Life - Tony Alonso & Jeanne Cotter
- 1-04 Music for Celebrating Reconciliation and Eucharist with Children (\*) - John Burland
- 1-05 Taking a Peek Inside the Door of a Catholic Home, Apartment or Condo (\*) - Fr. John Cusick
- 1-06 Aligning Responses to Bullying with Catholic Schools (\*) - Frank DiLallo
- 1-07 The Child and the Heart - Fr. Michael Fish
- 1-08 A Word That Will Rouse Them - Fr. Edward Foley
- 1-09 The Denial of Death and Dying with Christ: What Do They Have in Common? (\*) - Fr. Richard Fragomeni
- 1-10 Catholic Students, Leadership and a Social Justice Attitude (\*) - Dan Friedt
- 1-11 Pope Francis and the Emergence of a Truly Pastoral Magisterium (\*) - Dr. Richard Gaillardetz
- 1-12 Intentional Discipleship and the RCIA (\*) - Dr. Jerry Galipeau
- 1-13 Over Bored? Five Keys to a More Vibrant Parish Community (\*) - Mark Hart
- 1-14 Stop. Look. Listen: An Invitation to Pay Attention Every Single Day (\*) - Rev. Terry Hershey
- 1-15 Discipleship: A Vision for Individual and Community Living (\*) - Satish Joseph
- 1-16 What Every Serious Christian Should Know About Judaism (\*) - Rabbi Michael Lotker
- 1-17 Revisioning the New (\*) - Mike Patin
- 1-18 Reaching the In-Betweens: Young Adult Ministry in Our Church (\*) - Katie Prejean McGrady
- 1-19 Same Lord, New Soundtrack: Their Music Is Telling Us What They Are Going Through ... Are You Listening? (\*) - Anna Scally
- 1-20 Blessed but Broken? Marriage, Divorce and the Catholic Annulment Process (\*) - Sr. Tracey Sharp
- 1-21 St. Paul's Practical and Relevant Spirituality (\*) - Thomas Stegman
- 1-22 The Church and Digital Culture: Sharing Good News (\*) - Bishop Paul Tighe
- 1-23 What's New About Catholic Weddings? (\*) - Rev. Paul Turner
- 1-24 Reading and Living the Scriptures (\*) - Catherine "Cackie" Upchurch
- 1-25 Ministry, Inc. (\*) - Greg Wasinski
- 1-26 Early Childhood Catechesis – Why It's Important and Six Steps for Success (\*) - Dr. Joseph White
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop (*Amoris Laetitia*: Embracing Trust in Pastoral Outreach to All) (\*) - Fr. Truc Nguyen

## PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 **Conscience and Adult Conscience Formation (\*)** - Fr. Bryan Massingale
- 2-02 Divine Renovation: Developing Parish Leadership for the Sake of Mission (\*) - Fr. James Mallon
- 2-03 Lord, Help Me Find the Words - Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera
- 2-04 The Difference Talent Makes (\*) - Leisa Anslinger
- 2-05 Ennobling: Gang Members Finding Their True Selves in a Community of Tenderness (\*) - Fr. Gregory Boyle
- 2-06 A Leap of Faith: Dancing with Mary into Trust (\*) - Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash
- 2-07 Proclaim! Songs and Strategies for Teaching, Celebrating and Living the Good News with Elementary Children (\*) - Andrew Chinn
- 2-08 Living in Trust While Acknowledging Our Fears (\*) - Fr. James Clarke
- 2-09 Discipline and Punishment: Why One Works and the Other Appears to Work (\*) - Barbara Coloroso
- 2-10 Witness: Learning to Tell the Stories of Grace that Illumine Our Lives (\*) - Leonard DeLorenzo
- 2-11 Called to Intimacy: Catholic Sexuality in Troubled Times (\*) - Fr. Luke Dysinger & Aaron Kheriaty
- 2-12 Turning the Tide (\*) - Robert Feduccia Jr.
- 2-13 Chastity: Gift, Grace, Fruit (\*) - Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet
- 2-14 Suffering, Pain and Joy (\*) - Fr. Rob Galea
- 2-15 The Future of the Global Church: Building Intercultural Communities (\*) - Anthony Gittins
- 2-16 Healthy and Holy Marriages: Effective Parish Marriage Prep and Beyond (\*) - Dr. Veronica Marchese
- 2-17 Wise and Holy Women – and a Few Good Men (\*) - Bro. Michael O'Neil McGrath
- 2-18 Trust! Live and Die with Passion and Grace (\*) - Dr. Megan McKenna
- 2-19 "Take Nothing for the Journey": Pilgrimage in the Bible (\*) - Fr. J. Patrick Mullen
- 2-20 I Thirst for Your Love: A Musical Biography of St. Teresa of Calcutta - Danielle Rose
- 2-21 Discernment 101 (\*) - Fr. Mike Schmitz
- 2-22 Empowered by the Spirit: How College Campus Ministry Influences Parish Life (\*) - Rosie Chinae Shawver
- 2-23 Middle School: From Maintenance to Mission (\*) - Doug Tooke
- 2-24 The Role of the Priest in the RCIA (\*) - Rev. Paul Turner
- 2-25 Making Liturgical Rituals Accessible for Children (\*) - Christopher Walker
- 2-26 Beyond the School Gate – Can Catholic Schools Extend the Embrace? (\*) - David Wells
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop ("But Seek First His Kingdom" - Mt. 6:33) (\*) - Bishop Linh Chi Nguyen

## PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 **Catechists, Apologists, Evangelists ... WAKE UP!** - Bishop Robert Barron
- 3-02 Divine Renovation: Developing Parish Leadership for the Sake of Mission (\*) - Fr. James Mallon
- 3-03 I'm Not a Liturgist! How Do I Prepare a Liturgy? (\*) - Joseph Bazouros
- 3-04 Breaking Through the Wall (\*) - Renée Bondi
- 3-05 Embracing Trust with a Woman's Heart (\*) - Sr. Kathleen Bryant
- 3-06 Where in the World? Biblical Geography and its Significance for Bible Study (\*) - Fr. William Burton
- 3-07 "Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit" – the Dignity of Physical Death (\*) - Very Rev. Javier Bustos Lopez
- 3-08 Empowering Parents as Disciples and Teachers (\*) - Jared Dees
- 3-09 Ministry with Gen Z – There's an App for That! (\*) - Tom East
- 3-10 Bringing the Bible to Life for Children! (\*) - Steven Ellair
- 3-11 Fulfilling Our Christian Responsibility: Serving Those in Need (\*) - David Fields
- 3-12 Dementia: What You Need to Know (\*) - Amy Florian
- 3-13 Hungers of the Heart: A "Catholic" Response (\*) - Dr. Thomas Groome
- 3-14 Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming! Bringing Scripture to Life (\*) - Douglas Leal
- 3-15 God at the Movies - Fr. Richard Leonard
- 3-16 Let the Children Come: Preparing and Celebrating Family-friendly Liturgies (\*) - Michael Mangan & Anne Frawley-Mangan
- 3-17 Making Time for the Sacred (\*) - Jesse Manibusan
- 3-18 Shifting Parents from the Parking Lot to Participation (\*) - Sr. Patricia McCormack
- 3-19 A New Solidarity: A Spirituality for Caring for Our Common Home (\*) - Ted Miles & ValLimar Jansen
- 3-20 Using Smart-Phone Technology to REACH All of Your Parishioners (\*) - Peggy O'Flaherty
- 3-21 Healing Dialogue with Teens Who Don't Believe in God (\*) - Roy Petitfils
- 3-22 "Still We Rise": Living and Leading with Trust in Seasons of Dark and Light (\*) - Sr. Edith Prendergast
- 3-23 The Redemptive Power of Suffering (\*) - Fr. Robert Spitzer
- 3-24 The Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Reflections on the 20 Mysteries - Dr. Edward Sri
- 3-25 How to Embrace the Use of Children's Books for Catechesis (\*) - Julianne Stanz & Joellyn Ciccirelli
- 3-26 Unconditionally: Finding Jesus in the Eucharist (\*) - Greg Wasinski
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (A New Revolution in Our Catechetical Class) (\*) - Bro. Fortunat Phong

🎧 and (\*) are recorded sessions.  
Arena sessions in color.

## SATURDAY SCHEDULE

### 7:30 am - 2:30 pm

On-site registration & Program Book Pick-up (Prefunction Lobby)

### 7:50 am

Morning Praise (Arena)  
Morning Praise (Hall B)

### 8:30 am

Keynote - English (Arena) – Msgr. Ray East  
Keynote - Spanish (Hall B) – Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS

### 10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 4 Workshops

### 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

### 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

**Music (Arena)**  
– Rubalcava, Lopez, Garcia-Lopez, Diaz & Perez

**Music (Hall B)**  
– Craig Colson & Trevor Thomson

### 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 5 Workshops

### 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Period 6 Workshops

### 5:15 pm

Eucharistic Liturgies & Prayer Services (see page 22)

### 8:00 pm

**Concert (Arena)**  
– “Mardi Gras”

### 8:30 pm

Sacred Illuminations 2017 (Convention 213)

### 9:00 pm

Young Adult Dance (Marriott)

### Registration & Program Book Pick-Up

7:30 am - 2:30 pm (Prefunction Lobby)

### Exhibit Hours

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

### Sacred Space

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

### Speaker Signings

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

### Massage Chairs

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

### A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott) San Diego

## SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 7:50 am

Join us in opening the new day with prayer and praise as representatives from Catholic Relief Services and music artists from Oregon Catholic Press lead us through song and Scripture to embrace trust and solidarity on a global scale. Come and give praise and thanks to the God who holds the world in his hands.

## SATURDAY KEYNOTE

Arena – 8:30 am



### MSGR. RAYMOND G. EAST

“Embrace Trust”

Msgr. Ray East, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., is Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. The grandson of Baptist Missionaries to South Africa, Msgr. East was born in Newark, N.J., and raised in San Diego, Calif. He is former Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Msgr. East is a popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynotes at national events.

## SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### ARENA:

**PEDRO RUBALCAVA,  
RUDY LOPEZ, ESTELA  
GARCIA-LOPEZ, IVAN DIAZ  
& MARIO PEREZ**

“Sing the Gospel of Joy /  
Cantemos la Alegría del Evangelio”

“The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus,” states Pope Francis’ Evangelii Gaudium. Let us join hearts and voices to proclaim the Good News in songs of thanks and praise.

“La alegría del Evangelio llena el corazón y la vida entera de los que se encuentran con Jesús,” declara Papa Francisco en la Evangelii Gaudium. Unamos corazones y voces para proclamar la Buena Nueva con cantos de gracias y alabanza.



### HALL B:

**CRAIG COLSON  
& TREVOR  
THOMSON**

Come, nourish your soul! Join WLP artists Craig Colson and Trevor Thomson for a lunchtime concert that will touch your heart and have you singing along.



## EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:30 pm

“Mardi Gras: Carnival Around The World”

Mardi Gras at the Religious Education Congress means *Laissez les bon temps rouler!* (Let the good times roll!)

Our celebration will prepare you to enter Lent filled with the richness of a spirit-filled Mardi Gras. In this multilingual celebration rooted in the cultures of the world, you’ll experience the diversity of sounds, sights and rhythms that put the “fun” in the Fat Tuesday of our faith tradition.



## SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2017

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm

You are invited to ... *Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound* incorporating the liturgical and fine art photography and reflections of Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND. Come and pray. Embrace Trust: Believe in, surrender to, and live in the Father’s love for you.



## PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 **The Bridge to a New America (\*)**  
- **Jim Wallis**
- 4-02 Re-energizing Children’s Catechesis Through Song (\*) - **John Burland**
- 4-03 The Bully, the Bullied and the Not-So-Innocent Bystander (\*) - **Barbara Coloroso**
- 4-04 The Now and the Quest - **Fr. Michael Fish**
- 4-05 It’s All About Baptism: The Sacrament That Endures (\*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 4-06 When I Am Weak, I Am Strong: Singing, Praying and Walking Amid the Mystery of Suffering - **David Haas**
- 4-07 The Transforming Power of Authentic Love (\*) - **Sr. Miriam James Heidland**
- 4-08 Born to Dance: Living from the Inside Out (\*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-09 Our Faith Matters: A Candid Discussion About Race (\*) - **Vallimar Jansen, Msgr. Raymond East, Fr. Bryan Massingale & C. Vanessa White**
- 4-10 “On Earth as It Is In Heaven” (\*) - **Satish Joseph**
- 4-11 Do Not Be Afraid: Faith as Trust in the Lord! (\*) - **Fr. Felix Just**
- 4-12 What a Global Catholic Church Looks Like: A Resource for Religious Educators (\*) - **Thomas Landy**
- 4-13 A Woman’s Place, A Woman’s Work, A Woman’s Call to Ministry (\*) - **Diana Macalintal**
- 4-14 A New President: In Conflict or Harmony with the Gospels? (\*) - **Cardinal Roger Mahony**
- 4-15 You Can Call Us? Understanding the Up and Coming Post-Millennial Generation of Children and Adolescents (\*) - **Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 4-16 Embrace Trust with Both Arms and Heart (\*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 4-17 Reading the Scriptures with the Mind, Eyes and Heart of a Woman (\*) - **Sr. Barbara Reid**
- 4-18 Eucharistic Evangelization Like Never Before (\*) - **Fr. Mike Schmitz**
- 4-19 Something’s Happening Here: What Makes Vibrant Catholic Parishes Work (\*) - **William Simon Jr.**
- 4-20 Challenges and Opportunities of Faith as Presented in the Gospels (\*) - **Thomas Stegman**
- 4-21 Oh This Grace Reaching Out for Me – How Can It Be? (\*) - **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 4-22 Beauty That Saves: Art in Service of Liturgy and Catechesis (\*) - **Dr. Johan van Parys**
- 4-23 It’s All About Joy – Evangelizing Young Adults (\*) - **Joan Weber**
- 4-24 Moving with Trusting Hearts and Minds for Grace to Enter from Unlikely Places (\*) - **John West**
- 4-25 Five Ways Psychology Can Inform Catechesis (\*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
- 4-26 Prayer in the Catholic Tradition: Exploring the Other Side of Your Soul - **Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Epiclesis: The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Liturgy) (\*) - **Fr. Thinh Duc Pham**

## PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 **Voices of Angels - Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso, Jeanne Cotter, Chris de Silva, Fr. Rob Galea**
- 5-02 The Francis Mission: Progress Report on a Populist Pope and His Historic Reform (\*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 5-03 Rituals, Symbols and Prayer Services (\*) - **Dr. Mary Amore**
- 5-04 The Role of Liturgy in Youth Ministry (\*) - **Leisa Anslinger**
- 5-05 Let Go ... Trust: Music, Movement, Breath Work and Prayer (\*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 5-06 Trusting in God: Helps, Hindrances and Traps (\*) - **Rev. Claudio Burgaleta**
- 5-07 Pregnancy Loss and Unresolved Grief (\*) - **Theresa Burke**
- 5-08 Bullying Out – Formation In (\*) - **Frank DiLallo**
- 5-09 Catechesis for Children with Special Needs (\*) - **Peter Ductram**
- 5-10 “But YOU Said ... !” (\*) - **Early Childhood Board**
- 5-11 Rebalancing the Power: Finding Common Ground Between Lay Ministers and Clergy (\*) - **Fr. Edward Foley & John Angotti**
- 5-12 A Sower Went Out to Sow: A Spirituality for Young Adults in Ministry (\*) - **Tom East**
- 5-13 Teachers, Transformation and Technology: How Can Teachers Help Their Students Change the World? (\*) - **Dan Friedt**
- 5-14 Mission Discipleship as Authentic Christianity - **Anthony Gittins (\*)**
- 5-15 In the Midst of the Storm: Grace! - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 5-16 Living the Fruit of the Spirit (When We’re All Nuts) (\*) - **Sarah Hart**
- 5-17 Franciscan Spirituality of Creation (\*) - **Rev. Daniel Horan**
- 5-18 If You’re Green, You Grow! (\*) - **Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie**
- 5-19 The Storm Before the Calm: Learning to Embrace Trust Using *Lectio and Visio Divina* (\*) - **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 5-20 “BEING” a Catechist vs. “WORKING” as a Catechist (\*) - **Sr. Patricia McCormack**
- 5-21 Unleash the Spiritual Gifts of Your Parish (\*) - **Peggy O’Flaherty**
- 5-22 The Dustbowl Bible: Reading the Old Testament Exile in California (\*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 5-23 The Culture of Life and Social Justice (\*) - **Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 5-24 The New Evangelization and the Extraordinary Mission of Our Times - **Dr. Edward Sri**
- 5-25 Transformative Adult Faith Formation: The Discipleship Check In (\*) - **Julianne Stanz**
- 5-26 Five Concrete Ways to Reach Millennials and Their Children (\*) - **Victor Valenzuela**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Lead Like Jesus, the Servant Leader) (\*) - **Sr. Vuong Do**

## PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 **Say Something ... I’m Giving Up On You! (\*)** - **Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 6-02 To Have and to Hold – Let Trust Make Me Bold - **Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera**
- 6-03 The Grand Narrative of Scripture (\*) - **Stephen Binz**
- 6-04 Discipleship and Confirmation: Putting an End to Confirmation as THE END (\*) - **Dr. Michael Carotta**
- 6-05 Let’s Answer Those Tough Catholic Questions (\*) - **Fr. John Cusick**
- 6-06 Praying with the Body (\*) - **Roy DeLeon**
- 6-07 Art, Literature and the Renewal of the Christian Imagination (\*) - **Leonard DeLorenzo**
- 6-08 The Joy of Love and Marriage (\*) - **Michael DiPaolo**
- 6-09 Transgender in the Family: One Bread, One Body (\*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 6-10 Praised Bee (\*) - **Martin Marklin & John Flaherty**
- 6-11 Suicide: Better Understanding and Support for This Incomprehensible Tragedy (\*) - **Amy Florian**
- 6-12 Christianity, Mysticism and the Esoteric: Pathways to the Divine (\*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 6-13 Wrestling with the Tradition -- Why Belonging to a Community of Faith Still Matters (\*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 6-14 Hopes for the Church of the 21st Century (\*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 6-15 Singing Truth to Power: Music That Embraces and Empowers Us to Trust in God’s Reign - **Marty Haugen**
- 6-16 The Fifth Encuentro: Historical Roots and Vision for Pastoral Renewal (\*) - **Dr. Timothy Matovina & Hosffman Ospino**
- 6-17 Recalibration: Moving to a Grace-filled Future! (\*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 6-18 “And She Ministered to Them”: Women in Mark’s Gospel (\*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 6-19 With Christ on the Border (\*) - **Rev. Peter Neeley**
- 6-20 Why Catholic Schools Matter - **Fr. Ronald Nuzzi**
- 6-21 Nine Steps to Transforming Lives: Teaching and Proclaiming a Gospel of Transformation (\*) - **Joe Paprocki**
- 6-22 Be My Witness: Practical Ways to Share Powerful Faith Stories (\*) - **Sr. Theresa Rickard**
- 6-23 A Secret Hidden Since the Foundations of the World: The Cross as Revealing the Real Basis for Trust (\*) - **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 6-24 Engaging the Head, Heart and Hands of Young People Through Creative Catechesis (\*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 6-25 Where is the Assembly’s Voice? (\*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 6-26 Faith and Politics (\*) - **Jim Wallis**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (A New Vision, A New Sending Forth, A New Culture for Our Youth) (\*) - **Bro. Fortunat Phong**

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**7:15 am** Morning Rosary  
(Convention 303)

**8:00 - 11:00 am** On-site registration &  
Program Book Pick-up  
(Prefunction Lobby)

**8:00 - 9:30 am** Eucharistic Liturgy  
(Arena)

**10:00 - 11:30 am** Period 7 Workshops

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm** LUNCH

**11:45 am - 12:30 pm** Music (Arena)  
– Jesse Manibusan & Sarah Hart  
Music (Hall B)  
– Rafael Moreno

**1:00 - 2:30 pm** Period 8 Workshops

**3:30 pm** Liturgy (Arena)  
Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

**Registration & Program Book  
Pick-Up** 8:00 - 11:00 am  
(Prefunction Lobby)

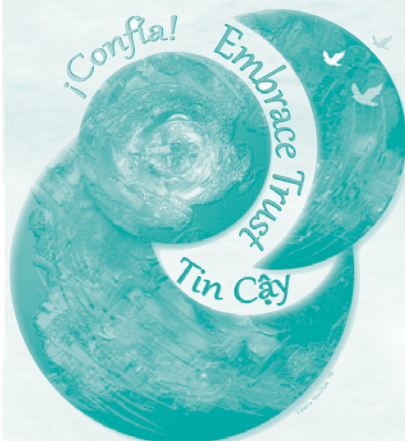
**Exhibit Hours** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Hall A)

**Sacred Space** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
(Convention 304)

**Speaker Signings** 9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
(Northwest side, Hall A)

**Massage Chairs**  
(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)

**A.A. Meeting**  
Noon (Marriott) San Diego



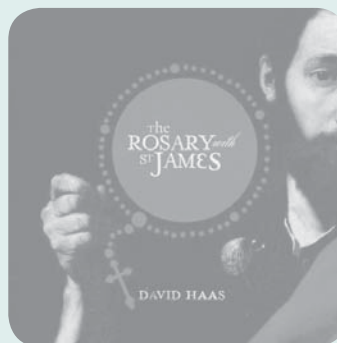
## MORNING ROSARY

Convention 303 – 7:15 am

*“The Rosary with St. James”*



For you early risers, come and begin the final day of Congress 2017 by gathering together to pray the rosary with David Haas with a new freshness – this beloved prayer will be weaved together with song, passages from the Letter of James, and wisdom from prophets and heroes like Blessed Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day, Henri Nouwen, Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, and other prophetic voices. Come and pray with us.



## 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, may we go forth, recognizing God’s *Embrace Trust* all around us.



## SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### ARENA:

#### JESSE MANIBUSAN & SARAH HART



OCP artists, songwriters and storytellers Sarah Hart and Jesse Manibusan team up to share stories and songs, both new and old, for Sunday lunchtime entertainment. Come experience the joy of these two friends, and sing along!

### HALL B:

#### RAFAEL MORENO



*“Praise the Lord at all times!”*  
/ *“Alaben al Señor en todo tiempo!”*

We invite you to find God, our Lord, through singing; praise him, bless him, thank him and receive the peace and joy that only he can give us.”

*Te invitamos a encontrarte con Dios nuestro Señor por medio del canto; alabarle, bendecirle, darle gracias y recibir la paz y la alegría que sólo Él nos puede dar.*

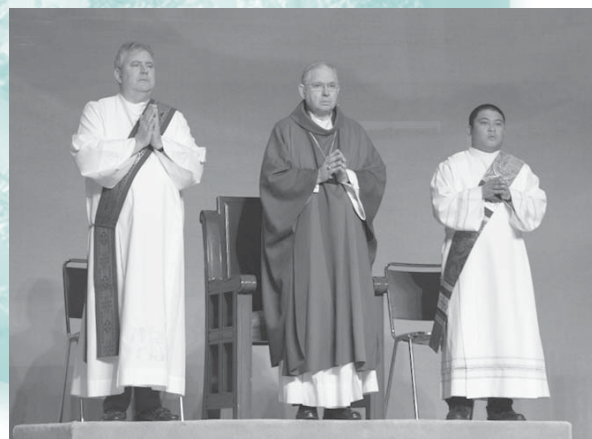
## CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm

### ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDER



As our Religious Education Congress 2017 comes to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and to give thanks for the blessings of the weekend. May we go forth to *Embrace Trust* at all times – in joy, in pain and in struggle. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2017, under the musical direction of John Flaherty.



## PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 **All Things Catholic: What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church (\*)**  
- **John Allen Jr.**
- 7-02 I Will Lift My Eyes: Embracing Trust Through Song - **Tony Alonso**
- 7-03 From Saint Peter to Pope Francis: How the First Pope Inspires Our Current Pope (\*)  
- **Stephen Binz**
- 7-04 How Do We Know What We Know About St. Paul and His Letters? (\*)  
- **Fr. William Burton**
- 7-05 Thank You, God! (\*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 7-06 The Questions That Deepen Our Faith  
- **Fr. Dave Dwyer**
- 7-07 The New Evangelization: Trust the Holy Spirit for the Holy Results (\*)  
- **Msgr. Raymond East**
- 7-08 Eucharistic Adoration: A Communal Invitation to Mission (\*)  
- **Fr. Edward Foley & Lorraine Hess**
- 7-09 Lord, I Love 'em, but They're Driving Me Nuts! (\*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 7-10 Sacraments and Snapchat (\*)  
- **Fr. Rob Galea**
- 7-11 *Laudato Si* and Liturgical Catechesis: Praying and Singing for Our Common Home (\*) - **Bob Hurd**
- 7-12 Enhancing Our Creativity: Lessons from Neuroscience and Spirituality (\*)  
- **Anne Kertz Kernion**
- 7-13 Expressions of Catholic Life in a Global Church (\*) - **Thomas Landy**
- 7-14 Job, Career or Calling? A Spirituality of Work for Today (\*) - **Douglas Leal**
- 7-15 What Does It All Mean? A Guide to Being More Faithful, Hopeful and Loving  
- **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 7-16 Encountering Christ in Lay Preaching (\*)  
- **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 7-17 Living Liturgically: Becoming Stewards of the Mysteries in a Search-Engine World (\*) - **Diana Macalintal**
- 7-18 Sing Justice, Live Justice – Liturgical Song Inspiring Social Action (\*)  
- **Michael Mangan**
- 7-19 Being a Merciful Church ... to, with, for, and by Young People (\*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 7-20 Digital Media and Ministry: New Tools for Sharing Faith (\*)  
- **Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 7-21 Parables of Jesus and Disney: Embracing Justice from Dory to Moana (\*)  
- **Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 7-22 Pope Francis' Message of Faith, Love, Humility and Mercy: Does It Really Matter? (\*) - **Mark Shriver**
- 7-23 Tell Me Why? – Understanding What We Believe (\*) - **Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 7-24 Start Where They Are (And Other Secrets to Effectively Engage Families in Faith) (\*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 7-25 The Living Language of Christian Symbols (\*) - **Dr. Johan van Parys**
- 7-26 Father and Son, Daring to Embrace Trust (\*) - **David & Matthew Wells**
- 7-70 Vietnamese Workshop (“No One Can Serve Two Masters” - Mt. 6:24) (\*)  
- **Bishop Linh Chi Nguyen**

## PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 **Fear: The Enemy of Christian Discipleship (\*)** - **Rev. Daniel Horan**
- 8-02 Fig Tree Spirituality: Tilling the Soil with Seeds of Trust (\*) - **Dr. Mary Amore**
- 8-03 Healing the Wounded Heart (\*)  
- **Theresa Burke**
- 8-04 Teaching for Discipleship: The Call, the Challenge, the Difference (\*)  
- **Dr. Michael Carotta**
- 8-05 Mothers at the Foot of the Cross (\*)  
- **Rita Chairez & Amalia Molina**
- 8-06 The Art of Forgiveness - **Jeanne Cotter**
- 8-07 Praying St. Francis with the Body (\*)  
- **Roy DeLeon**
- 8-08 Justice, Mercy and Forgiveness: The Ways of God - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 8-09 The Glory of God: Man and Woman Fully Alive (\*) - **Sr. Miriam James Heidland**
- 8-10 Sisters: The Friendships of Women as Told in the Scriptures and Sacred Tradition (\*)  
- **Vallimar Jansen & Sarah Hart**
- 8-11 The Joy of the Eucharist (\*) - **Tom Kendzia**
- 8-12 Confirmation: Road to Discipleship or Graduation? (\*) - **Jim Knowles**
- 8-13 When Justice and Peace Shall Kiss (\*)  
- **Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie**
- 8-14 Evangelizing to Families  
- **Fr. Ronald Nuzzi**
- 8-15 12 Things We Need to Do NOW to Radically Change the Way We Do Faith Formation (\*) - **Joe Paprocki**
- 8-16 Married and Holy? (\*) - **Jo Ann Paradise**
- 8-17 The Mission-Driven Parish: Forming Missionary Disciples (\*)  
- **Sr. Theresa Rickard**
- 8-18 A Model for Progressive Solemnity in Hispanic Worship (\*) - **Pedro Rubalcava**
- 8-19 Volunteers: A New Approach to Getting Them, Keeping Them, Surviving Them (\*) - **Anna Scally**
- 8-20 Flamenco Theology: Reading Lamentations with Gypsy Tradition (\*)  
- **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 8-21 “My Ears Had Heard of You But Now My Eyes Have Seen You” (Job 42:5) (\*)  
- **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 8-22 Building a Culture of Encounter: Humanizing the Social Networks (\*)  
- **Bishop Paul Tighe**
- 8-23 Trust is the Key to Faithfulness (\*)  
- **Catherine “Cackie” Upchurch**
- 8-24 Inspiring Young People with Catholic Social Teaching (\*) - **Joan Weber**
- 8-25 Many Paths, One God (\*)  
- **C. Vanessa White**
- 8-70 Vietnamese Workshop (“Bone of My Bones and Flesh of My Flesh” - Gen. 2:23) (\*)  
- **Fr. Thinh Duc Pham**

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Dennis Doyle providing live music in Sacred Space.



# LITURGIES/PRAYER SERVICES



Closing Liturgy



Mass of Compassion



Blessing of Elect



Contemplative Liturgy



Black Culture Liturgy

**THE LITURGIES** at the Religious Education Congress have grown as they have embraced a wonderfully diverse church. We have worked diligently to inculturate the liturgy to authentically reflect the church of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, where liturgy is celebrated every Sunday in no fewer than 40 different languages.

Occasionally our Congress occurs during Ordinary Time and this year is one of those times. Living in the gift, promise and spirit of the Second Vatican Council we were inspired by the work and writings of Pope Francis as well as the Masses for Various Needs in the Roman Missal. This year we not only offer liturgies of a particular intention or focus but they are offered in the context of one of the many cultures that exist in the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

Our hope is that these liturgies allow all the participants to take everything they have experienced that day and lift it up in grateful prayer united as the Body of Christ and that they give our participants an opportunity to encounter Christ present among us through the many different traditions and expressions of our Church. Alleluia!

## FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Celtic	Bishop David O'Connell	Liam Lawton
Contemplative in the Filipino Tradition	Rev. Ricky Manalo	Clarissa Martinez
Mass of Healing	Rev. Chris Ponnet	Janèt Sullivan Whitaker / Sarah Hart
Preservation of Peace & Justice African-American Tradition	Msgr. Ray East	M. Roger Holland II / Darrell Jackson
The Joy of Love – Celebrating Christian Marriage	Rev. Luke Dysinger	Carol Browning
Spanish	Archbishop José Gomez	Lourdes Montgomery / Pedro Rubalcava / Ivan Diaz

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

*In addition to our liturgies, we offer non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers), including Taizé, named after the monastic order and city in France, which uses silence and music that draws upon simple phrases taken from the psalms.*

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Tony Alonso	John Angotti / Meredith Augustin
Taizé Prayer (9 pm)	—	David Anderson

## SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Care of the Earth in the Hawaiian Tradition	Rev. Alapaki Kim	Lori True
Immigrants, Exiles, Refugees (English)	Bishop Robert McElroy	Jaime Cortez / Bob Hurd
Immigrantes, Exiliados, Refugiados (Spanish)	Bishop Gerald Barnes	Rafael Moreno / Dolores Gomez
Maronite Divine Liturgy	Bishop Elias Abdallah Zaidan	Maronite Community
Vietnamese	Bishop Linh Chi Nguyen	Bro. Rufino Zaragoza / Paul Nguyen
Young Adult	Rev. David Dwyer	Craig Colson / Chris Estrella

## SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (5:15 pm)

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Michelle Youssef	Jeanne Cotter / Chris de Silva
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## SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (8 am & 3:30 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Liturgy (8 am)	Bishop Kevin Vann	Congress Choir 2017
Closing Liturgy (3:30 pm)	Archbishop José Gomez	Congress Choir 2017

# MULTICULTURAL EVENTS

## MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

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

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



Filipino Community



Korean Community



Polish Community



Indonesian Community



American Indian Community

Assemblies

## ASIAN AND PACIFIC PRESENCE

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

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

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

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

## IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC PERSPECTIVE

### ASIAN WORKSHOPS

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 1-70 Fr. Truc Nguyen
- 2-70 Bishop Linh Chi Nguyen
- 3-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong, FSC

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 4-70 Fr. Thinh Duc Pham
- 5-70 Sr. Vuong Do, FMA
- 6-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong, FSC

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 7-70 Bishop Linh Chi Nguyen
- 8-70 Fr. Thinh Duc Pham

### ASIAN PERSPECTIVE LITURGIES

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Contemplative in the Filipino Tradition
- 5:15 pm
- Rev. Ricky Manalo, presider

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Vietnamese - 5:15 pm
- Bishop Linh Chi Nguyen, presider

# YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

## Young Adult Ministry at Congress 2017

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



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



### YOUNG ADULT LITURGY

*Saturday, February 25 at 5:15 pm*

Fr. David Dwyer, Director of Busted Halo Ministries based in New York, will celebrate the liturgy with music led by Craig Colson and Chris Estrella. Come and worship with other young adults from around the world at this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.



### YOUNG ADULT DANCE

*Saturday, February 25, 9:00 pm - midnight*

*Cost: \$7 per person*

After a full day of workshop, networking and celebrating liturgy, our DJs will mix the beats to keep the party going into the night. All young adults 18 to 39 are welcome. Picture ID is required for admission. Complimentary water stations are provided as well as a no-host bar. NO outside containers are permitted.

### WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

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

Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera – 2-03 & 6-02  
Tony Alonso & Jeanne Cotter – 1-03  
Renée Bondi – 3-04\*  
Fr. Gregory Boyle – 2-05\*  
Rev. Claudio Burgaleta – 5-06\*  
Theresa Burke – 5-07\*  
Fr. John Cusick – 1-05\* & 6-05\*  
Jared Dees – 3-08\*  
Leonard DeLorenzo – 2-10\*  
Michael DiPaolo – 6-08\*  
Fr. Dave Dwyer – 7-06  
Fr. Luke Dysinger & Aaron Kheriaty – 2-11\*  
Tom East – 5-12\*  
Robert Feduccia Jr. – 2-12\*  
Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet – 2-13\*  
Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Bryan Massingale – 6-09\*

Amy Florian – 6-11\*  
Dr. Richard Gaillardetz – 6-13\*  
Fr. Rob Galea – 2-14\* & 7-10\*  
Dr. Thomas Groome – 3-13\*  
Mark Hart – 1-13\*  
Sarah Hart – 5-16\*  
Sr. Miriam Heidland – 4-07\* & 8-09\*  
Vallimar Jansen, Msgr. Raymond East, Fr. Bryan Massingale & C. Vanessa White – 4-09\*  
Thomas Landy – 4-12\*  
Douglas Leal – 3-14\*  
Dr. Veronica Marchese – 2-16\*  
Dr. Timothy Matovina & Hosffman Ospino – 6-16\*  
Robert McCarty – 7-19\*  
Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale – 7-20\*  
Katie Prejean McGrady – 1-18\*

Fr. Patrick Mullen – 2-19\*  
Fr. Ronald Nuzzi – 8-14  
Peggy O'Flaherty – 3-20\*  
Jo Ann Paradise – 8-16\*  
Danielle Rose – 2-20  
Anna Scally – 8-19\*  
Rosie Chinae Shawver – 2-22\*  
Fr. Mike Schmitz – 2-21\*  
Sr. Tracey Sharp – 1-20\*  
Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher – 8-20\*  
Julianne Stanz – 5-25\*  
Michael Theisen – 7-24\*  
Bishop Paul Tighe – 1-22\*  
Rev. Paul Turner – 1-23\*  
Victor Valenzuela – 5-26\*  
Greg Wasinski – 1-25\* & 3-26\*  
Joan Weber – 4-23\*

Congress 2017 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry/areas of interest, has been identified by the speakers and compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

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

### Adult Faith Formation

1-01\* 1-03 1-05\* 1-07 1-09\* 1-12\*  
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