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February 23 - Youth Day

February 24-26

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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 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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- Daily schedule, workshops and highlights of RECongress
- Maps to the Anaheim Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, hotel workshops and Anaheim-area restaurants
- Exhibitor listings and categories
- Office of Religious Education staff and program offerings
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- Workshop recording form
- Restaurant guide information
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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)



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)



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)

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.



Aguilera-Titus, Alejandro	1-52*	4-52*
Alarcón, Fr. Carlos	5-53*	
Alcántara Mendoza, Rev. Rogelio	5-52*	8-52*
Aljentera, Clarissa Valbuena	2-03,	6-02
Allen Jr., John	5-02*	7-01*
Alonso, Tony	1-03,	5-01,
	7-02	
Amore, Dr. Mary	5-03*	8-02*
Anderle, Donna	5-05*	
Angotti, John	5-11*	
Angulo, Katherine	6-52*	8-53*
Anslinger, Leisa	2-04*	5-04*
Arévalo, Elsy	3-52*	
Ash, Laura	2-06*	
Bagladi, Lisa Ferlita	1-53*	
Barron, Bishop Robert	3-01	
Bazyouros, Joseph	3-03*	
Beckman, Betsey	2-06*	
Binz, Stephen	6-03*	7-03*
Bondi, Renée	YD,	3-04*
Boyle, Fr. Gregory	2-05*	
Bryant, Sr. Kathleen	3-05*	
Burgaleta, Rev. Claudio	3-51*	5-06*
Burke, Theresa	5-07*	8-03*
Burland, John	1-04*	4-02*
Burton, Fr. William	3-06*	7-04*
Bustos Lopez, Very Rev. Javier	3-07*	4-53*
Cabarrús Pellecer, Dr. Carlos	2-52*	6-53*
Cano Valero, Julia	2-53*	6-51*
Carotta, Dr. Michael	6-04*	8-04*
Carrillo Velásquez, Carlos	7-52*	
Chairez, Rita	5-54*	8-05*
Chinn, Andrew	2-07*	7-05*
Cicciarelli, Joellyn	3-25*	
Clarke, Fr. James	2-08*	7-53*
Coloroso, Barbara	2-09*	4-03*
Cortés, Sr. Ondina	5-55*	8-54*
Cotter, Jeanne	1-03,	5-01,
	8-06	
Cusick, Fr. John	1-05*	6-05*
Deck, Rev. Allan Figueroa	3-53*	
Dees, Jared	3-08*	
DeLeon, Roy	6-06*	8-07*
DeLorenzo, Leonard	2-10*	6-07*
De Silva, Chris	5-01	
Díaz, Iván	2-54*	8-55*
DiLallo, Frank	1-06*	5-08*
DiPaolo, Michael	6-08*	
Do, Sr. Vuong	5-70*	
Ductram, Peter	1-54*	5-09*
Dwyer, Fr. Dave	7-06	
Dysinger, Fr. Luke	2-11*	
Early Childhood Board	5-10*	
East, Msgr. Raymond	4-09*	7-07*
East, Tom	3-09*	5-12*
Elias-Juarez, Dr. Marco	3-54*	7-54*
Ellair, Steven	3-10*	7-09*
Encarnacion, Catherine	1-55*	4-54*
Espín, Dr. Orlando	5-51*	7-55*
Feduccia Jr., Robert	YD,	2-12*
Félix-Rivera, Sr. Karla	7-56*	
Fernández, Santiago	2-55*	
Fields, David	3-11*	
Fish, Fr. Michael	1-07,	4-04
Fitzmaurice, Arthur	2-13*	6-09*
Flaherty, John	6-10*	
Flecha Andrés, Rev. José-Román	2-51*	6-54*
Florian, Amy	3-12*	6-11*
Foley, Fr. Edward	1-08,	5-11*,
	7-08*	
Fragomeni, Fr. Richard	1-09*	6-12*
Frawley-Mangan, Anne	YD,	3-16*
Friedt, Dan	1-10*	5-13*
Gaillardetz, Dr. Richard	1-11*	6-13*

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.

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

and (*) indicate recorded sessions

Galea, Fr. Rob	2-14*	5-01,
	7-10*	
Galipeau, Dr. Jerry	1-12*	4-05*
Garcia, Noelle	YD	
Garcia-Siller, Archbishop Gustavo	2-56*	
Gittins, Anthony	2-15*	5-14*
Gordon, Dr. Greer	5-15,	8-08
Groome, Dr. Thomas	3-13*	6-14*
Grzona, Ricardo	1-56*	6-55*
Guerra Calderon, Rev. Walter	3-55*	6-56*
Haas, David	4-06	
Hart, Mark	YD,	1-13*
Hart, Sarah	5-16*	8-10*
Haugen, Marty	6-15	
Heidland, Sr. Miriam James	4-07*	8-09*
Hershey, Rev. Terry	1-14*	4-08*
Hess, Lorraine	7-08*	
Hidalgo, Miriam	YD,	1-57*
Horan, Rev. Daniel	5-17*	8-01*
Hurd, Bob	7-11*	
Jansen, ValLimar	3-19*	4-09*,
	8-10*	
Jiménez, Rev. Manuel José	2-57*	5-56*
Joseph, Satish	1-15*	4-10*
Just, Fr. Felix	4-11*	
Kendzia, Tom	8-11*	
Kernion, Anne Kertz	7-12*	
Kheriaty, Aaron	2-11*	
Knowles, Jim	8-12*	
Landy, Thomas	4-12*	7-13*
Lavoie, Archbishop Sylvain	5-18*	8-13*
Lawton, Liam	5-01	
Leal, Douglas	3-14*	7-14*
Leonard, Fr. Richard	3-15,	7-15
Lombardi, Dr. Josephine	5-19*	7-16*
Lopez, Sergio	YD	
Lotker, Rabbi Michael	1-16*	
Macalintal, Diana	4-13*	7-17*
Mahony, Cardinal Roger	4-14*	
Mallon, Fr. James	1-02*	2-02*,
	3-02*	
Mangan, Michael	3-16*	7-18*
Manibusan, Jesse	3-17*	
Marchese, Dr. Veronica	2-16*	
Marklin, Martin	6-10*	
Massingale, Fr. Bryan	2-01*	4-09*,
	6-09*	
Mateo, Sr. Hilda	4-55*	8-51*
Matovina, Dr. Timothy	4-51*	6-16*
McCarty, Robert	6-17*	7-19*
McCormack, Sr. Patricia	3-18*	5-20*
McCorquodale, Dr. Charlotte	4-15*	7-20*
McGrath, Bro. Michael O'Neil	YD,	2-17*

McKenna, Dr. Megan	2-18*	4-16*
Medina, Dr. Jose	7-57*	
Melendez, Joe	YD	
Miles, Ted	YD,	3-19*
Molina, Amalia	5-54*	8-05*
Moreno, Rafael	3-56	
Mullen, Fr. J. Patrick	2-19*	6-18*
Narro, Victor	8-56*	
Neeley, Rev. Peter	6-19*	7-51*
Nguyen, Bishop Linh Chi	2-70*	7-70*
Nguyen, Fr. Truc	1-70*	
Nuzzi, Fr. Ronald	6-20,	8-14
Ocegueda, Lic. Maria Elena	3-57*	4-56*
O'Connell, Bishop David	5-57*	
O'Flaherty, Peggy	3-20*	5-21*
Ospino, Hossfman	4-51*	6-16*
Paprocki, Joe	6-21*	8-15*
Paradise, Jo Ann	8-16*	
Patin, Mike	YD,	1-17*
Perron, Bob	YD	
Petitfils, Roy	YD,	3-21*
Pham, Fr. Think Duc	4-70*	8-70*
Phong, Bro. Fortunat	3-70*	6-70*
Plascencia, Javier	5-53*	
Ponnet, Fr. Chris	2-13*	7-21*
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Prendergast, Sr. Edith	3-22*	
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Rickard, Sr. Theresa	6-22*	8-17*
Rodríguez, Rev. Domingo	1-58*	4-57*
Rolheiser, Rev. Ronald	1-01*	6-23*
Romero, Mario	4-58*	8-57*
Rose, Danielle	YD,	2-20
Rubalcava, Pedro	1-53*	8-18*
Ruiz, Msgr. Lucio	5-58*	8-58*
Saju, Lic. Juan Pablo	1-59*	5-59*
Scally, Anna	1-19*	8-19*
Schmitz, Fr. Michael	2-21*	4-18*
Sedano, Maruja	2-58*	
Sharp, Sr. Tracey	1-20*	
Shawver, Rosie China	2-22*	
Shriver, Mark	7-22*	
Siller Acuña, Rev. Clodomiro	1-60*	7-58*
Simon Jr., William	4-19*	
Smith-Christopher, Dr. Daniel	5-22*	8-20*
Spitzer, Fr. Robert	3-23*	5-23*
Sri, Dr. Edward	3-24,	5-24
Stanz, Julianne	3-25*	5-25*
Stegman, Thomas	1-21*	4-20*
Sullivan, Sr. Maureen	4-21*	8-21*
Theisen, Michael	6-24*	7-24*
Tighe, Bishop Paul	1-22*	8-22*
Tobar Mensbrugge, Dr. Dora	5-60*	8-59*
Tooke, Doug	YD,	2-23*
Torres, Fr. Augustino	1-51*	4-59*
Trujillo, Yunuen	5-53*	
Turner, Rev. Paul	1-23*	2-24*
Upchurch, Catherine "Cackie"	1-24*	8-23*
Valenzuela, Victor	3-58*	5-26*
Valladares Paguaga, Sr. Xiskya	3-59*	6-58*
Van Parys, Dr. Johan	4-22*	7-25*
Vega, Rev. Richard	2-59*	7-59*
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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,

+ José 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. Additional information can be obtained by email at 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.

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.

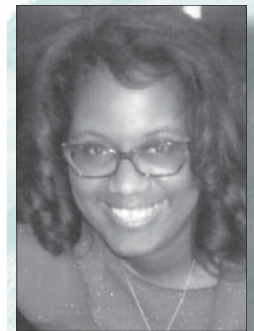
Our workshop offerings have something for everyone and every ministry whether you are just beginning or more *seasoned*. Some workshops will challenge you, others will make you laugh and some – oh, some will fire you up to go out and do! Let me know what you decide and how you were transformed by the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



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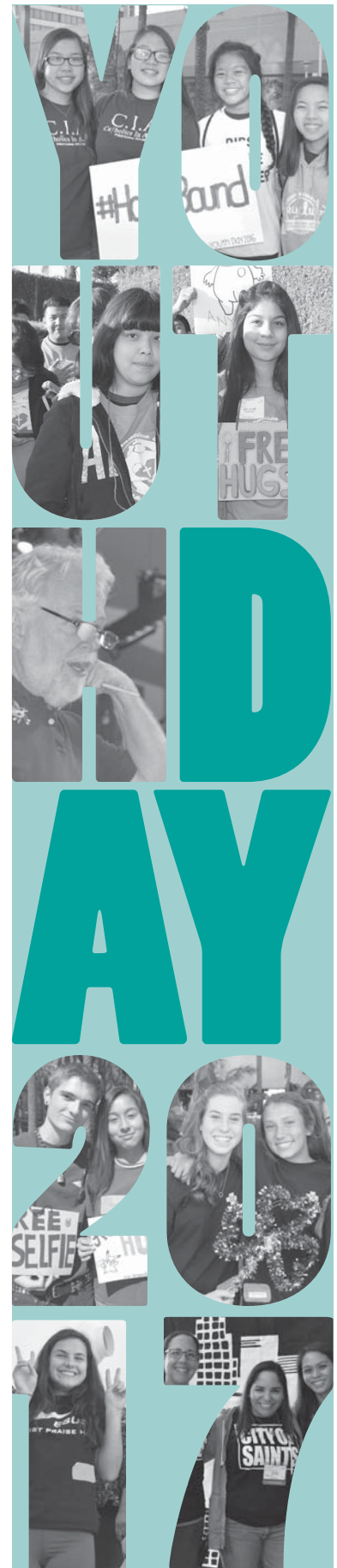
PREPARING FOR YOUTH DAY

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

For those registered in Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2017 begins in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by **Fr. Rob Galea**. The General Session will also include:



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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.



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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 or email us at 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 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 or email them directly at seraph7clothing@gmail.com with any questions.

APP FOR YOUTH DAY

Keep watch on our website at 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), 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

For Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day continues in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by **Fr. Rob Galea**. The General Session will also include:



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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.

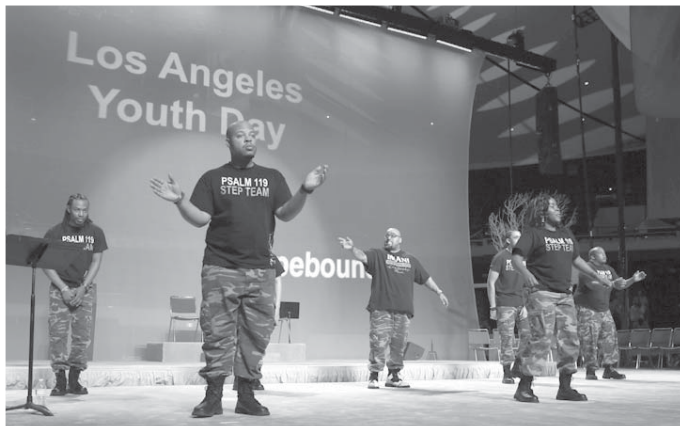
G #GOALS: PUT MY #FAITH INTO ACTION FOR A #BETTERWORLD

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.**

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 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:
 1st Choice _____
 2nd Choice _____
 Convention Workshop H-N:
 1st Choice _____
 2nd Choice _____

Track 2 – and choose
 Convention Workshop A-G:
 1st Choice _____
 2nd Choice _____
 Convention Workshop H-N:
 1st Choice _____
 2nd Choice _____

ADULT CHAPERONE

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REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Compliant and Adult)

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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:

VALIMAR 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

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

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

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



East

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.



Rubalcava



Lopez



Garcia-Lopez



Diaz



Perez

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.



Colson



Thomson



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

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)

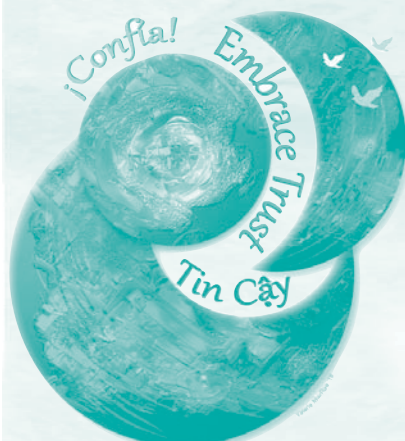
Exhibit Hours 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Hall A)

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
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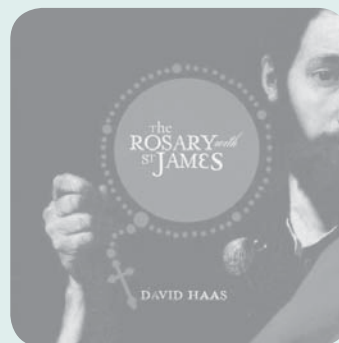
MORNING ROSARY

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.

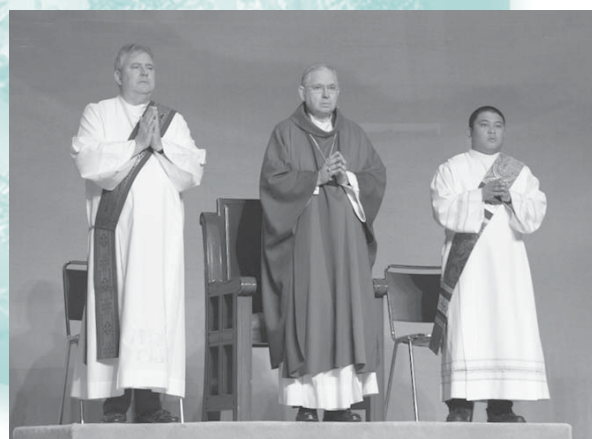
CLOSING LITURGY

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**

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



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	Psallite (the Collegeville Composers Group)
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 Web site for updates as well as the category listings of speakers by topics. **Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.**

Adult Faith Formation

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African-American Perspective

4-09*

Catechesis

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Christian Initiation

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Confirmation

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Dance

5-05*

Early Childhood

1-26* 3-25* 5-10* 7-05*

Ecclesiology/Church

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Ecumenical

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Elementary

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Evangelization

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Gay/Lesbian Ministry

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Hispanic Perspective

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Human Growth & Development

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Human Sexuality

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Interreligious Dialogue

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Junior High

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Justice & Peace

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I-01 TRUST AS LIVING OUT OF A BLESSED CONSCIOUSNESS – LIVING IN TRUST AS JESUS DID 🎧 ARENA

What does it mean to live in trust? Is trust simply a temperamental quality, like optimism? Trust and distrust are fundamental qualities of soul that color or discolor every one of our actions. To live in trust is to live out of a blessed consciousness, as Jesus did, rather than out of a cursed consciousness. What does that mean? How is trust grounded in a blessed consciousness? How is that lived out?



Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. He formerly taught at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and served as Provincial Superior of his Oblate Province and on the General Council for the Oblates in Rome. Fr. Rolheiser's books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and have been translated into many languages. His weekly column is carried by more than 80 publications worldwide.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TRACK

We invite your parish team to join us on Friday, February 24 for a full day of workshops, discussions, networking and prayer in this Parish Leadership Track. Note: You must register for all three sessions. (Please make sure to also select Sessions 2-02 and 3-02.)

I-02 DIVINE RENOVATION: DEVELOPING PARISH LEADERSHIP FOR THE SAKE OF MISSION 🎧

“Divine Renovation” is for pastors and parish leaders who want to renew and revitalize their parish for mission and evangelization. Participants will be led through a series of interactive reflections and exercises to help them establish a functioning leadership team that will assist the pastor in leading the parish in a new direction. We will look at how a leadership team is different from a staff team or pastoral council, and how it best functions in relation to these other groups within the parish. Each team (the pastor or parish administrator along with four to eight team members) will be led through a process to examine the essentials of common vision, team balance, healthy conflict, trust and vulnerability. Pastors and team members will receive tools and insights to form or become a healthier and more effective leadership team. (It is presumed that participants will have read or are familiar with the key insights of Fr. James Mallon’s book, “Divine Renovation.”)



Fr. James Mallon

Fr. James Mallon, a priest of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth in Nova Scotia, Canada, currently serves as Pastor of Saint Benedict Parish and is founder and Chair of the Board of the John Paul II Media Institute. Fr. Mallon is creator of the video-based catechetical series, “Catholicism 201.” In 2014, he published his first book on parish renewal, followed in 2016 with “The Divine Renovation Guidebook: A Step-by-Step Manual for Transforming Your Parish.”

I-03 EUCHARIST: BROKEN OPEN IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Celebrated faithfully, Eucharist sends us with eyes wide open into a world filled with God’s presence in the practices of everyday life, made extraordinary by grace. Through storytelling, song and pastoral insight, Tony Alonso and Jeanne Cotter will open up eucharistic theology as it takes seriously the blessing and bruising of daily life.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso is one of the most prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music. His latest release is “A House of Prayer” with GIA Publications. He presents at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. Alonso formerly served as Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston, Ill. An emerging theologian, he is currently a doctoral candidate at Emory University in Atlanta.



Jeanne Cotter

Based in St. Paul, Minn., Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, speaker and owner of Mythic Rain. She is also Artist in Residence at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville, Ill. Cotter has directed parish missions and retreats throughout the United States and has presented at diocesan gatherings and national events including the RECongress, the National Catholic Educational Association, and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. Her latest works are “Tender Hearted” and “The Old Gravel Road.”

I-04 MUSIC FOR CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST WITH CHILDREN 🎧

Are you responsible for preparing children for reconciliation and Eucharist? Music is the natural means for both praising God and learning the language of our faith. Join internationally renowned composer and educator John Burland as he explores liturgical catechesis that builds knowledge, increases participation in learning and moves children to full, conscious and active participation in the rites. This workshop will present a variety of engaging, age-appropriate songs with accompanying prayerful gestures for celebrating the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist. You will leave with more than one song in your heart!



John Burland

John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music and has written and recorded over 250 songs and published 14 music collections internationally. He is the Education Officer for Liturgy & Music for the Sydney Catholic Schools in Australia. Burland is also National Music Consultant for Bayard, Inc. During his extensive career, he has worked as a classroom teacher, principal and a Religious Education coordinator in school and parish communities. He is a regular speaker at conferences and gatherings across Australia, North America, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

I-05 TAKING A PEEK INSIDE THE DOOR OF A CATHOLIC HOME, APARTMENT OR CONDO 🗣️

Our Catholic faith is grounded in signs, symbols, images and rituals. Yes, in our very secular society, the places where we live can be void of religious/spiritual images and symbols. This workshop will offer a variety of suggestions to heighten the presence of some of the Catholic symbols, images and rituals that can be reminders of the sacred. Specific prayers will accompany each image and symbol. (Many of these suggestions can be great gifts for newlyweds, new parents and first-time renters and condo dwellers!)

**Rev. John C. Cusick**

Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, was creator, coordinator and Director of their Young Adult Ministry from 1970-2013 and was an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. In 2012, Fr. Cusick received the Blessed John XXIII Award from the Association of Chicago Priests for "excellence in priestly ministry." In 2014, he received The Spirit of the Conference Award for Service on behalf of Lay Ministry from the National Association of Lay Ministers.

I-06 ALIGNING RESPONSES TO BULLYING WITH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 🗣️

Jesus consistently models what it means to love our neighbor with compassion and dignity. But current terminology to describe bullying as well as traditional forms of discipline do not align with Jesus' teachings. Frank DiLallo, author of "Peace Be With You: Building Christ-Centered School Communities," will make a compelling case for how common, pejorative bullying responses make things worse while providing many positive practical and compassionate alternatives consistent with our Catholic faith. This workshop is an important update for educators to ensure meaningful and hopeful responses toward a Christ-centered school climate.

**Frank A. DiLallo**

Since 1997, Frank DiLallo has been Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, serving 124 parishes and 79 Catholic schools. With over 30 years of experience in education and counseling, he conducts numerous educator trainings and is a frequent local, regional and national speaker on the topic of bullying prevention. DiLallo's "Peace Be With You: Christ Centered Bullying Solution" and his soon-to-be-released book titled, "Peace Be With You: Building Christ Centered School Communities," is a grass-roots effort that is gaining momentum across the country.

2015

was the first year at the helm as Director of the Office of Religious Education (ORE) for **Fr. Christopher Bazyouros**. He had been working with ORE to help in their Adult Formation program. By the time Fr. Bazyouros took over the role from Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC, she had served the office for nearly three decades.

**I-07 THE CHILD AND THE HEART**

In this workshop, Fr. Michael Fish will lead us in finding the treasure of the Kingdom in the field of modern life.

**Fr. Michael Fish, OSB Cam**

Michael Fish, a native of South Africa, spent many years as a Redemptorist priest before leaving the Redemptorists and South Africa to become a Camaldolese Benedictine at New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, Calif. Fr. Fish now explores solitude and the way of the hermit, while offering retreats, talks and spiritual direction to religious, parochial and lay communities. With the assistance of contemporary writing and teaching, he continues to develop the notion of the "inner monk," "the hermit in the world" and how to live a monastic rhythm in the world.

I-08 A WORD THAT WILL ROUSE THEM

A perennial challenge of preaching is relating the scriptural and liturgical texts to the lives of people and the concerns of our world. What does prophetic preaching sound like? This workshop will explore that question, especially through the method of narrative preaching, a method particularly useful for engaging the prophetic Word.

**Edward Foley, OFM Cap**

Capuchin priest Fr. Edward Foley is the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality, and Professor of Liturgy and Music at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he was founding Director of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program. He is also past President of the North American Academy of Liturgy. Fr. Foley has lectured in over 60 dioceses and has written over 300 book chapters, articles and reviews. The award-winning author has 23 books in print, most recently "Theological Reflection Across Faith Traditions."

I-09 THE DENIAL OF DEATH AND DYING WITH CHRIST: WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON? 🗣️

At the Easter Vigil, we will hear again the proclamation from St. Paul: Do you not know that you have died with Christ? What does that mean in a culture that denies death, living in the illusion that we have the power to never die? Learn about the mystical saying, "Die before you die, so that when you die, there is not much left to die." Learning to die is learning to live. Stop the denial and find the promise now!

**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

Fr. Richard Fragomeni, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics, and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the Catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children among other subjects. In addition to his teaching and preaching duties, Fr. Fragomeni serves as Spiritual Director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian-American parish in Chicago's Little Italy.

I-10 CATHOLIC STUDENTS, LEADERSHIP AND A SOCIAL JUSTICE ATTITUDE

What does it mean to be a leader in our world today? Can Catholic teachers and catechists “teach” leadership skills to students? Whether you are teaching in a Catholic school, a parish religious faith formation program or working with sacramental preparation programs in your parish, leadership – with a social justice attitude – can be learned and lived by every single child within a parish or school setting. In this dynamic presentation, Dan Friedt will demonstrate how children from kindergarten to grade 12 can use the power of the “Five Stages of Social Justice” and “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” (with scriptural support) to become leaders for a lifetime.



Dan Friedt

Dan Friedt is Principal of St. Angela School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has 37 years of teaching experience from kindergarten to grade 12, with 19 years in administration. Over the past 10 years Friedt has presented workshops and conferences throughout North America, including Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec and California. As an Apple Distinguished Educator (2013), he presents about technology in the classroom and one-to-one environments with iPads.

I-11 POPE FRANCIS AND THE EMERGENCE OF A TRULY PASTORAL MAGISTERIUM

With Pope Francis’ pontificate, we are witnessing an important new stage in the development of a postmodern papacy. Fifty years later, Pope Francis is realizing Pope St. John XXIII’s vision of a truly pastoral magisterium.



Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College and Chair of the Theology Department. He has authored or edited over 100 pastoral and academic articles and 13 books, including “An Unfinished Council: Vatican II, Pope Francis, and the Renewal of Catholicism” and “Go Into the Streets! The Welcoming Church of Pope Francis” (co-edited with Thomas Rausch, SJ). Dr. Gaillardetz also served as President of the Catholic Theological Society of America from 2013-14.

I-12 INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP AND THE RCIA

How does a parish make a disciple? If we believe the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is all about making disciples, rather than a sole focus on teaching Catholic doctrine in “Conference Room 102 in the Parish Center on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.,” how do we re-shape our initiation processes so that making intentional disciples is the goal and the outcome?



Dr. Jerry Galipeau

Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Vice President and Chief Publishing Officer at World Library Publications in Franklin Park, Ill. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has authored numerous publications and has presented keynotes and workshops throughout the United States and Canada. His blog provides an arena for those interested in liturgy, music and initiation.

I-13 OVER BORED? FIVE KEYS TO A MORE VIBRANT PARISH COMMUNITY

How does a parish light (or rekindle) “the fire” in the hearts of their parishioners? What evangelization strategies are currently working and which might need to be re-evaluated? How do we empower the right people to maximize our efforts but without adding significant cost? Come laugh and learn what the souls in the pews are responding to and those outside the Church need to hear.



Mark Hart

Based in Phoenix, Mark Hart serves as 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.”

I-14 STOP. LOOK. LISTEN: AN INVITATION TO PAY ATTENTION EVERY SINGLE DAY

We live driven, distracted and depleted. Is there a different way? Terry Hershey invites us to heed the simple instruction from our childhood: Stop. Look. Listen. Three simple words can free us, encourage us and help us to live fully awake in the present, and to literally see God in all things. Three simple words can give us the permission to absorb – to rest, renew and live. Permission to see the fullness of life that surrounds us, and make us glad to be alive.



Rev. Terry Hershey

Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author, dad, Protestant minister and landscape designer on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound near Seattle. The internationally renowned speaker and retreat facilitator regularly travels throughout the United States and Canada. His work has been featured on The Hallmark Channel, CNN, PBS and NPR and his gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest.

I-15 DISCIPLESHIP: A VISION FOR INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY LIVING

Late in his priestly formation in India, Fr. Satish Joseph came to insights into discipleship – a call to “radical” discipleship and a way for fellow Christians to envision, organize and live their lives as a response to this most basic Gospel call. Over the last eight years, he has succeeded in organizing his parish into an intentional community of disciples. He defines discipleship as, “Think like Jesus, talk like Jesus and act like Jesus.” In this workshop, participants will not only rediscover the Gospel call to discipleship but learn practical ways for growing toward intentional and radical discipleship. Practical ways to organize parish communities into communities of disciples will also be offered.



Fr. Satish Antony Joseph

Fr. Satish Joseph has served in the Cincinnati Archdiocese for over 16 years. He is presently Pastor at both Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St. Helen Church in Dayton, Ohio. Apart from serving at the two parishes, he organizes parish retreats and parish missions, facilitates retreats for archdiocesan staff, and leads professional development days for Catholics school staff. Fr. Joseph is also founder of Ite Missa Est Ministries, an adult faith formation program at Immaculate Conception parish.

I-16 WHAT EVERY SERIOUS CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT JUDAISM

Did you know that Judaism is much more than the religion of the Hebrew Bible? Did you know that Jews have sacred literature beyond the Hebrew Bible (and have their own “New Testament”)? Did you know that Jews mean something completely different than Christians when speaking of the Messiah, sin, redemption, salvation, repentance and forgiveness? Come and question, learn and explore with Rabbi Michael Lotker, author of “A Christian’s Guide to Judaism.”



Rabbi Michael Lotker

Rabbi Michael Lotker spent the bulk of his first career as president of a variety of alternative energy companies, working in wind power, solar and geothermal energy. In 2003, he was ordained as a rabbi at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. He presently is the Community Rabbi for the Jewish Federation of Ventura County, Calif., and was recently invited to be a Guest Chaplain at the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition to his studies, Rabbi Lotker teaches widely on topics relating to religion and science, Jewish theology, interfaith dialogue and spirituality.

I-17 REVISIONING THE NEW

Playing on the title of the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ document on youth ministry, “Renewing the Vision,” this workshop will look at today’s Snapchat, Instagram and YouTube culture and rethink how adults can “win the right to be heard.”



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. Patin has published two books: “A Standing Invitation” and “This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry.”

I-18 REACHING THE IN-BETWEENS: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY IN OUR CHURCH

There is an awkward time in every person’s life. Figuring out life as a young adult anywhere between the ages of 18 and 35 is remarkably tough. Discerning how to actually live faith while in college, beginning a career and forming mature friendships is a unique challenge. It’s as if young adults are in a constant state of transition and transformation. Walking the path with these young adults seeking to grow in holiness during this season of life is an even greater challenge. Come discover practical methods for successful young adult ministry while also unpacking the uniqueness of this “in-between” time with Katie Prejean McGrady, who is in this very season of life herself.



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-19 SAME LORD, NEW SOUNDTRACK: THEIR MUSIC IS TELLING US WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH ... ARE YOU LISTENING?

How did Jesus do it? He met people and knew instantly what they needed. He was in tune with the soundtrack of their lives. Can we claim this in our own ministry with young people? Like the ever-changing music that teens listen to, Jesus’ message is also constant. Learn ways to incorporate the real needs of young people, honor their culture and tap into the music of their hearts to improve your ministry. Arrive at this workshop ready to laugh, listen, share and walk away with four proven strategies.



Anna Scally

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

Workshops

1996

Photos taken at Congress 1996, held March 21-24, include (from left to right) the Opening Event; choir at the Opening Event; a reading at a Liturgy in the Anaheim Room; and the Exhibit Hall (Hall A) at the Anaheim Convention Center .



1998 was the year the “ninth period” workshop was replaced by two Sunday morning keynote talks, and the Closing Liturgy time was moved up to begin earlier, at 3:30 pm. This year, Congress is again changing its



format to present two Saturday Keynotes at 8:30 am – one in English in the Arena with Msgr. Ray East (at left) and one in Spanish in Hall B with Arzobispo Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS (on right).



I-20 BLESSED BUT BROKEN? MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND THE CATHOLIC ANNULMENT PROCESS



Pope Francis has encouraged us as Church to address the sad fact that some marriages do not work out and sometimes Catholics find themselves in the troubled waters of separation and civil divorce, wondering about the possibility of marriage in their future. This workshop addresses why the Church cares about something as “private” as marriage and civil divorce, the practical aspects of the marriage nullity (“annulment”) process, and the insights and innovations of Pope Francis.



Sr. Tracey Sharp, SCRH, STL

Sr. Tracey Sharp is an Auditor with the Marriage Tribunal of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. The former Assistant Professor of Theology at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., now presents numerous presentations and workshops on the annulment process. Sr. Sharp is also Vocation Director for the Sisters of Charity of Rolling Hills, and has given presentations and workshops on the history and theology of religious life. She is currently pursuing studies for a Licentiate in Canon Law at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Canada.

I-21 ST. PAUL’S PRACTICAL AND RELEVANT SPIRITUALITY



The empowerment of God’s Spirit lies at the heart of St. Paul’s description of what we today call “spirituality” (i.e., what life in the Spirit looks like). The Apostle offers several ways of reflecting on what it means to say “yes” to God’s living presence within us: the virtues that he calls “the fruit of the Spirit”; the various lists of charisms; the community-orientation of life in the Spirit; and the ministry of reconciliation, to name a few. Paul’s spirituality has uncanny relevance for Christians of all ages today.



Thomas D. Stegman, SJ

Fr. Thomas Stegman has taught theology for 13 years at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology and at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, where he is Professor Ordinarius and Dean. The Jesuit from the Wisconsin Province specializes in the letters of St. Paul and has several academic papers. In addition to his more technical work, Fr. Stegman is a frequently invited speaker at workshops, parishes and diocesan gatherings.

I-22 THE CHURCH AND DIGITAL CULTURE: SHARING GOOD NEWS



In this workshop, we will focus on establishing criteria to ensure that the Church maintains an appropriate presence in the digital environment. The following issues will be addressed: the mission of the Church, the nature of digital culture, the digital presence of believers and Church institutions, and the language of the networks. The workshop will attempt to articulate a strategy for appropriate engagement and evangelization by the Church.



Most Rev. Paul Tighe

Bishop Paul Tighe, a priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland, served as Head of the Department of Theology at the Mater Dei Institute in Dublin before moving to the Vatican in 2007, first serving as Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communication and most recently appointed by Pope Francis as Bishop and Adjunct-Secretary to the Pontifical Council of Culture. Bishop Tighe has been involved with various social media initiatives of the Holy See, including the Vatican’s use of Twitter and development of the Pope app.

I-23 WHAT’S NEW ABOUT CATHOLIC WEDDINGS?



The English-speaking Catholic Church just begun using the second edition of the liturgical book for weddings, The Order of Celebrating Matrimony. This workshop will demonstrate the differences between the two editions, the changes that have occurred, and the new opportunities that have arisen.



Rev. Paul Turner

Fr. Paul Turner, a priest of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph in Missouri, is currently Pastor of St. Anthony’s Parish in Kansas City. A former President of the North American Academy of Liturgy, he is also a member of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy. Fr. Turner serves as a Facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. Author of many books, his latest publication is “One Love: A Pastoral Guide to the Order of Celebrating Matrimony.”

I-24 READING AND LIVING THE SCRIPTURES



What is the point of modern believers reading the Bible, a collection of documents that are centuries old? What makes them ever new and what gives these sacred words the ability to continually transform our lives and our world? Come get motivated, informed and inspired to be people of the Word.



Catherine “Cackie” Upchurch

A native of Fort Smith, Ark., Cackie Upchurch has been Director of Little Rock Scripture Study since 1998. She is an editor and contributor for numerous books, publications, articles, study guides and periodicals. Upchurch has been keynote speaker in multiple dioceses and currently presents at diocesan and regional gatherings as well as for parish missions. In addition to her national work, she oversees international partnerships on behalf of Little Rock Scripture Study with the Petrie Catholic Community in Queensland, Australia and Noah’s Ark Ltd. in Singapore.

I-25 MINISTRY, INC. 🗣️

You love the Lord, you possibly even acquired a degree in ministry, but no one ever said you would be running a mini-corporation within your parish or on your campus. Former corporate executive Greg Wasinski looks to give you a few tools to help run your mini-empire effectively. From organizational charts, to project plans, to budgets, you will learn just a few of the business basics to alleviate headaches that creep into your day-to-day ministry lives robbing you of precious time. Additionally, we will discuss the management traits of Jesus, identify office issue resolutions and reference professional ways to engage volunteers while nurturing them to prevent burnout.

**Greg Wasinski**

Greg Wasinski is a speaker, author and Executive Director of "Let Me Be..." Ministries and appears daily on SiriusXM Radio's "The Catholic Channel." He has been a presenter at many parishes, diocesan rallies and national youth conferences, as well as keynote at youth rallies across the country. Wasinski is a confirmation retreat leader and Bible study lecturer and a contributor to faith formation resources. His book is titled, "Unconditionally: Finding Jesus in the Eucharist."

I-26 EARLY CHILDHOOD CATECHESIS – WHY IT'S IMPORTANT & SIX STEPS FOR SUCCESS 🗣️

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

**Dr. Joseph D. White**

Dr. Joseph White is a child psychologist and National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He has worked as a parish catechetical leader and spent seven years as Director of Family Counseling and Family Life in the Diocese of Austin, Texas. A frequent guest on Catholic radio and television, Dr. White is author of 10 books and numerous articles on catechesis and ministry, and co-authored the "Allelu" and "Alive in Christ" catechetical series.

I-70 ĐTC Phanxicô Xác nhận các Giáo Huấn về Gia Đình & Kêu gọi Tinh Thần Hiệp Thông trong các Mục Vụ của Giáo Hội 🗣️

Dựa theo Kinh Thánh và Giáo Huấn của Giáo Hội, ĐTC Phanxicô trong Tông Huấn, *Amoris Laetitia* (Niềm Vui Yêu Thương) nhấn mạnh những tín lý và giáo huấn cần thiết về gia đình: Sự chuẩn bị, hôn nhân, và con cái. Trong ánh sáng của lòng thương xót và tình yêu của Thiên Chúa, ĐTC kêu gọi tất cả chúng ta nên có tinh thần: Hướng dẫn, phân tích, và hoà hợp thay vì sợ hãi, ghét bỏ hay kết tội những người đang sống trong hoàn cảnh ngoại thường phức tạp hoặc không hợp lệ (ly dị, tái hôn hay hôn nhân cùng phái). Bài thuyết trình sẽ tập trung vào quan điểm của ĐTC Phanxicô về ý nghĩa gia đình và tinh thần mục vụ trong giáo xứ để giúp Dân Chúa biện phân và đi đến hội nhập.

POPE FRANCIS AFFIRMS DOCTRINAL TEACHING ON THE FAMILY AND EMBRACES TRUST IN PASTORAL OUTREACH TO ALL 🗣️

Through biblical and doctrinal teachings of the Church, Pope Francis, in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), explores the essential understanding of family life: preparation, marriage and children. In light of God's mercy and love, he also calls all of us to *embrace trust* through guidance, discernment and integration instead of fear, alienation or condemnation of those who are living in "irregular situations" (divorced and remarried or in same-sex marriages). This session will focus on Pope Francis' theological insights and pastoral outreach from discernment to integration.

**Linh M□c Nguy□n Quang Tr□c**

Cùng với hàng ngàn người rời khỏi Việt-Nam sau khi Saigon thất thủ, Cha Truc cùng với cha mẹ và 7 anh chị em rời khỏi Việt-Nam đến Hoa-Kỳ năm 1975 và định cư tại thành phố Cypress, California. Cho đến nay đã được gần 40 years cha mẹ ngài vẫn còn cư ngụ tại đó. Sau 8 năm làm việc trong ngành Production manager tại Santa Fe Springs và Quality control manager tại Irvine, California. Cha Truc đã thụ phong linh mục năm 2000 cho Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles. Hiện tại cha Truc là thẩm phán cho Tòa An Hôn Phối của Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles và là chánh xứ của giáo xứ Cathedral Chapel of Vibiana thuộc Los Angeles từ năm 2010.

Rev. Truc Quang Nguyen

Among the thousands of refugees escaping Vietnam after the fall of Saigon, Fr. Truc Nguyen came the United States in 1975 with his parents and seven siblings and settled in Cypress, Calif., where his parents still live. Having worked professionally for eight years as a production manager in Santa Fe Springs and a quality control manager in Irvine, Fr. Nguyen answered the call of God and was ordained a priest in January 2000 for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is currently the Judicial Vicar for the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese and Pastor at Cathedral Chapel of St. Vibiana in Los Angeles since 2010.



2-01 CONSCIENCE AND ADULT CONSCIENCE FORMATION ARENA

There are few sayings more often cited, yet most misunderstood, than “Let your conscience be your guide” or “You have a duty to follow your conscience.” This session explores the meaning of conscience in the Catholic’s moral life. It will focus on the teachings found in Vatican II and Pope Francis’ recent letter on marriage. It will conclude by applying this teaching to pressing moral challenges and dilemmas facing contemporary believers.



Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York. He has lectured extensively on ethical and racial justice issues throughout the United States and internationally. A previous Religious Education Congress Keynote, Fr. Massingale is a former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and has been a leader of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TRACK

Join us Friday for a full day of workshops, discussions, networking and prayer in this Parish Leadership Track. Note: You must register for all three periods. (Please make sure to also select Sessions 1-02 and 3-02.)

2-02 DIVINE RENOVATION: DEVELOPING PARISH LEADERSHIP FOR THE SAKE OF MISSION

Fr. James Mallon (bio 1-02)

“Divine Renovation” is for pastors and parish leaders who want to renew and revitalize their parish for mission and evangelization. Participants will be led through a series of interactive reflections and exercises to help them establish a functioning leadership team that will assist the pastor in leading the parish in a new direction. We will look at how a leadership team is different from a staff team or pastoral council, and how it best functions in relation to these other groups within the parish. Each team (the pastor or parish administrator along with four to eight team members) will be led through a process to examine the essentials of common vision, team balance, healthy conflict, trust and vulnerability. Pastors and team members will receive tools and insights to form or become a healthier and more effective leadership team. (It is presumed that participants will have read or are familiar with the key insights of Fr. James Mallon’s book, “Divine Renovation.”)

2-03 LORD, HELP ME FIND THE WORDS

In this session, we will look at ways to restart our conversation with God when words have failed us. As our lives become busier with obligations and more saturated with news and technology, finding time to reclaim our faith in quiet and unassuming ways can mean revisiting the written Word. Communicating in this way can intimately connect us to our own lived faith.



Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera

Clarissa Aljentera is Senior Coordinator of Family Ministries for the Chicago Archdiocese, where she previously served as Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation and Media Resources. She is a national speaker and consultant, appearing at parish and regional conferences around the Chicago area and across the country. Aljentera is author of “The Parish Guide to Social Media: How Social Networking Can Recharge Your Ministry.” Originally a newspaper reporter from California, Aljentera now performs “improv” and writes rap based on Scripture.

2-04 THE DIFFERENCE TALENT MAKES

Have you ever faced a challenge and felt you just didn’t know what to do? Have you ever been asked to participate in a project and know you have exactly what was needed? The difference comes down to talent. Explore the role talents play in our daily lives, clues to discovering your talents and strengths, and ways to draw on your talents and build strengths in the future.



Leisa Anslinger

Leisa Anslinger regularly presents at national, regional and diocesan conferences as well as parish leadership days and parish missions. Based in Ohio, she is Co-Director of Catholic Life and Faith. Anslinger is a contributing author to The Living Word and Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons; her most recent projects include “Grateful Disciples” and “The Bridges Leadership” Series, all issued by Liturgy Training Publications. She has a regular column in Catechetical Leader magazine and is author of books and numerous e-resources for catechesis and stewardship.

2-05 ENNOBLING: GANG MEMBERS FINDING THEIR TRUE SELVES IN A COMMUNITY OF TENDERNESS

Fr. Gregory Boyle, founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries of Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world, will talk about the work of ennobilizing that Homeboy does – fostering a community of tenderness in which gang members discover and become their true selves. If love is the answer, community is the context and tenderness the methodology. Ennobilization is not about saving lives, but about our own willingness to be reached and transformed by the poor, the easily despised and demonized, so that the demonizing stops.



Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ

In 1986, Jesuit priest Fr. Gregory Boyle became Pastor of Dolores Mission in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, then the poorest Catholic parish in the city. By 1988, he with parish and community members started what would become Homeboy Industries. Fr. Boyle is author of “Tattoos on the Heart” and the subject of the 2012 documentary, “G-Dog.” He was inducted into the California Hall of Fame, named a Champion of Change by the White House, and won the Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2016 from the James Beard Foundation.

2-06 A LEAP OF FAITH: DANCING WITH MARY INTO TRUST 🗣️

When Mary gave her “yes” to bear the Christ, she gave herself body and soul in trust. How can we do the same? Come dance with Mary on her journey from fear to faith. Witness the Annunciation in storydance, pray the Hail Mary in gesture, move with the strength of her powerful Magnificat, and dance your own yes to being a Christ-bearer for our world. No previous dance experience necessary ... simply a willingness to take a “leap” of faith!

**Betsey Beckman, MM**

Betsey Beckman is founder of The Dancing Word: Embodying the Sacred in Liturgy and Life, a ministry that includes her offerings in liturgical movement, choreography, SpiritPlay and spiritual direction. Beckman also directs the Movement Ministry at her home parish, St. Patrick's Church in Seattle, and collaborates with Abbey of the Arts in creating online retreats, overseas pilgrimages and prayer resources including her “Dancing with Monks and Mystics” DVD.

**Laura Ash**

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Parish in Seattle, where she has supported the ministry of movement for over 20 years. She has presented with Betsey Beckman at a number of RECongress workshops over the last 15 years. Laura and her husband, David, have composed and published three collections of liturgical music and have created music for many dance offerings with Beckman. Their most recent work is music for the production, “Grace on the Margins.”

2-07 PROCLAIM! SONGS AND STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING, CELEBRATING & LIVING THE GOOD NEWS WITH ELEMENTARY CHILDREN 🗣️

Music has long been central to the celebration of our faith. But we also know that, as teachers, catechists and parents, music can be a vital resource in teaching Scripture and key doctrine, embedding our faith deep in our hearts and urging us forward to live and proclaim our faith. Come and join Australian Andrew Chinn as he shares songs, stories and strategies to engage your elementary students in knowing, celebrating and living their faith.

**Andrew Chinn**

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has presented at Catholic education conferences in dioceses across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released 10 CDs, five DVDs and five picture books that are widely used by teachers and catechists in the faith development of children. In 2013, he became part of the WLP family that now distributes his music in North America.

2-08 LIVING IN TRUST WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING OUR FEARS 🗣️

Living with the paradox of conflicting thoughts and feelings is the necessary work of any mature human being. In this internal environment, how are we to embrace a trusting attitude toward God and reality? This workshop will offer some helpful insights and tools to facilitate this process.

**Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD**

Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He also serves as Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles, as an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Marymount University, and was Assistant Professor at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. Fr. Clarke has over 35 years of facilitating retreats and parish missions and has presented at the Southern California Renewal Communities, the Religious Education Congress and the L.A. Regional Congresses. He is author of “Soulful: Spirituality for People on the Go.”

2-09 DISCIPLINE AND PUNISHMENT: WHY ONE WORKS AND THE OTHER APPEARS TO WORK 🗣️

Discipline that gives life to a student's learning can be a path to self-discipline. Punishment and its cousin, zero-tolerance, are roadblocks on that path. This session covers ways to use the stuff of everyday life to help our students become self-disciplined, resourceful, resilient, responsible human beings. Barbara Coloroso will address bribes and threats, rewards and punishment, and how they can interfere with teaching kids to act with integrity, civility and compassion, as well as what to do instead when they have made a mistake, created mischief or caused mayhem.

**Barbara Coloroso**

Barbara Coloroso is President and CEO of Kids Are Worth It!, Inc. The internationally recognized author and educator is an educational consultant for school districts, medical and business communities, the criminal justice system and other associations throughout the world. Coloroso is author of four best-selling publications and two programs, and is the recipient of many awards including the Pope John XXIII International Award for Humanitarian Efforts.

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The labyrinth (pictured) has become a landmark feature of Sacred Space, which began in 2004. Sacred Space first appeared in Hall E and is now located on the third level of the Convention Center, in a space that offers a respite from the buzz of Congress, with music, art and a chapel.



2-10 WITNESS: LEARNING TO TELL THE STORIES OF GRACE THAT ILLUMINE OUR LIVES

Recent research shows that the single greatest difference between those who identify as “Catholic” and those who identify as “former Catholic” is “the belief that God is a personal being involved in the lives of people today.” If we are to shape our whole lives as a Christian story, we must first learn how to recognize, craft and share stories of grace about particular life experiences. We will focus on seven principles for crafting stories of grace for teens, young adults and even not-so-young-anymore adults that allow us to speak of God’s action in our lives persuasively and in real terms.



Leonard J. DeLorenzo, PhD

Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo is Director of Notre Dame Vision at the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he also teaches theology. He is author of “Witness: Learning to Tell the Stories of Grace That

Illuminate Our Lives” and “Work of Love: A Theological Reconstruction of the Communion of Saints.” Dr. DeLorenzo is author of many articles and book chapters, and is a frequent speaker at national faith formation and youth ministry events.

2-11 CALLED TO INTIMACY: CATHOLIC SEXUALITY IN TROUBLED TIMES

In this workshop, we will reflect together on Catholic teaching concerning human sexuality. The capacity for intimacy is a gift from God, intended to be lived out in different contexts depending on one’s vocation and gifts. All are called to exercise the virtues of friendship, chastity and modesty, while some are called to the sacrament of matrimony or to consecrated celibacy. In addition to these different ways of living out our sexuality, we will also discuss the “Theology of the Body,” the practice of Natural Family Planning and suggestions for those struggling with pornography and internet addiction.



Fr. Luke Dysinger, OSB, MD, DPHI

Born in Fullerton, Calif., and raised in Huntington Beach, Fr. Luke Dysinger is a Board Certified doctor in family practice. In 1980, he joined St. Andrew’s Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., and for the past 16 years the Benedictine monk and priest has taught moral theology and church history at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. Fr. Dysinger continues to lecture in bioethics, gives annual seminars at the International Conference on Patristics at Oxford University, and presents workshops and retreats at St. Andrew’s Abbey.



Dr. Aaron Kheriaty

Dr. Aaron Kheriaty is Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Medical Ethics Program for the School of Medicine at the University of California, Irvine. He is author of several books and articles for professional and lay audiences on bioethics, social science and psychiatry. On matters of public policy and healthcare he has been invited to address the California Medical Association, the University of California Center in Sacramento, the Sacramento Press Club, and has testified before the California Senate Health Committee.

2-12 TURNING THE TIDE

Many people in pastoral ministry are seeing large numbers of youth and young adults leave the Catholic Church. Recent sociological studies have reported that 34 percent of the Millennial Generation does not claim affiliation with any faith tradition, with more leaving every year. This workshop will take an in-depth look at the most current statistics, and it will also listen to why they say they are leaving. Finally, we will discover the sure-fire key to keeping our youth and young adults within the fold of the Catholic Church.



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.

2-13 CHASTITY: GIFT, GRACE, FRUIT

Chastity is not the absence of sexuality. According to the Catechism, “Chastity means the successful integration of sexuality” – the inner unity of body and spirit. Unifying our bodily and spiritual desires with integrity is a challenging journey that we cannot embark upon alone. This session will discuss Catholic teachings on chastity from the Catechism, Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, and Pope Francis’ *Amoris Laetitia*. The latter offers a reflection on how to live out sexual love, strengthen the family, and support the faithful in pursuit of chastity. Chastity for married, single, ordained/religious and LGBT persons will be considered.



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD

Freelance speaker and minister Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice has served a decade in ministry with LGBT Catholics. He has spoken at various gatherings, including the Religious Education Congress, the Faith Formation Conference, the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, and the Gay Christian Network. Dr. Fitzmaurice appears in several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network. He has also received the Archdiocese’s Lumen Christi and the Cardinal’s Young Adult in Ministry awards.



Fr. Chris Ponnet

Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983. Since then, he has served as Director for the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. He also serves as Pastor at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. Fr. Ponnet has spoken at the RECongress and at the archdiocesan regional congresses for many years and has made presentations at Pax Christi Peace and Justice conferences and at local congregations and meetings around the county.

2-14 SUFFERING, PAIN AND JOY 🗣️

In this workshop, Fr. Rob Galea will attempt to address the concept of suffering. Why do we suffer? Where is God through the pain? Can we experience joy in suffering?

**Fr. Rob Galea**

Fr. Rob Galea serves in the Diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria, Australia. Apart from his series of recordings and CD releases, the singer/songwriter has also written a number of songs for various international conferences. Fr. Galea was selected to sing in the English version of the 2016 World Youth Day song, "Blessed Are The Merciful." He is co-founder and Director of "Stronger," a fast-growing regional youth movement.

2-15 THE FUTURE OF THE GLOBAL CHURCH: BUILDING INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITIES 🗣️

In a *multicultural* environment, people of diverse cultures live side by side. But often, this can be described as "people living together – separately." This is not what Jesus wanted and worked for. *Intercultural* living could be described as "people living together – together!" But it is demanding, and costly. We will look at the demands ... and the cost.

**Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp**

Fr. Anthony Gittins, a religious of the Holy Ghost community (the Spiritans), is originally from Manchester, England, and served as a missionary in Sierra Leone in the 1970s. He taught at the Missionary Institute in London and, since 1984, has taught at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is now Emeritus Bishop Ford Professor of Theology and Culture. For the past 27 years, Fr. Gittins has worked at a shelter for homeless women in Chicago, and continues to lead retreats, workshops and seminars in over 30 countries.

2-16 HEALTHY AND HOLY MARRIAGES: EFFECTIVE PARISH MARRIAGE PREP AND BEYOND 🗣️

With over 40 years of research on marriage and grounded in this research and existing programs in popular use today, we have a clear understanding of the critical factors that help promote marriage stability and satisfaction. This presentation will explore ways to implement effective and engaging approaches to parish marriage preparation and ongoing marriage ministry. You will walk away with clear suggestions for implementing the new Order of Celebrating Matrimony as well as how to best support couples in creating and sustaining healthy and holy marriages.

**Dr. Veronica Marchese, LMFT**

Dr. Veronica Marchese, a licensed marriage and family therapist, has worked as a parish minister, retreat leader and therapist, working with the Los Angeles Archdiocese for more than 25 years through workshops, retreats and faith formation classes at the parish level and workshops at the regional Los Angeles Congresses. In 2015, Marchese launched TheCatholicMarriageProject.com providing resources and conducting ongoing research in the area of marriage preparation and enrichment.

2017 Our evening Eucharistic Liturgies and evening concerts are open to Congress attendees and their guests. It is the day events that require registration for admission, including the workshops, lunchtime entertainment, and the very popular Exhibit Hall A (pictured).

**2-17 WISE AND HOLY WOMEN – AND A FEW GOOD MEN** 🗣️

Using his own paintings and stories, Bro Mickey McGrath will offer a colorful look at great women (and a few good men) in church history, from Mary and Elizabeth to Dorothy Day and Thea Bowman, and show their deep spiritual connections to the four women who have been proclaimed Doctors of the Church – Hildegard of Bingen, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Ávila and Thérèse of Lisieux. Past, present and future unfold as we look at the beauty and creative inspirations of the feminine divine. We will also take a look at Pope Francis through his letters and his recent encyclical, *Laudato Si*.

**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.

2-18 TRUST! LIVE AND DIE WITH PASSION AND GRACE 🗣️

John of the Cross, Teresa of Ávila and Mother Jones all knew what it meant to trust. As the old adage states, "Pray as though everything depended on God, but work as though everything depended on you – it does!" Or more contemporarily, in the famous war cry of Mother Jones, "Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living." How do we embody the two thrusts of trust: consolation and confidence; expectation and faithfulness as individuals and as Church? Come, seek justice and respond to God's trust in us!

**Megan McKenna**

Storyteller and theologian Megan McKenna travels across the globe, speaking at national and international conferences and working with indigenous peoples, base communities, parishes, diocese, religious orders and organizations. She presents workshops for dioceses and small communities and teaches at universities, colleges and pastoral institutes worldwide. Author of 50 books, McKenna is an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA and has won the Isaac Hecker Award for Justice and Peace.

2-19 “TAKE NOTHING FOR THE JOURNEY”: PILGRIMAGE IN THE BIBLE

Whether it be walking the Camino to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, or from one California mission to the next, or to raise funds for breast cancer research, pilgrimages have regained a place in the contemporary Catholic religious imagination. This workshop will dive into the biblical spirituality entailed in the journey to the Promised Land, to the temple mount, and to follow Jesus on “the Way.”



Rev. J. Patrick Mullen

Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of Los Angeles, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., and Pastor at the neighboring Junipero Serra Church. He is author of “Dining with Pharisees” and “Sacred Scripture,” a high school introduction to the Scriptures. Fr. Mullen presents at the Religious Education Congress as well as to diocesan conferences across the nation and to diocesan priests in Arizona, Utah and seven of the 12 dioceses of California.

2-20 I THIRST FOR YOUR LOVE: A MUSICAL BIOGRAPHY OF ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

The recently canonized St. Teresa of Calcutta once described America as “the poorest country in the world” because so many people do not know God. Come join Danielle Rose as she presents a musical biography inspired by the life and prayers of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. By pondering the themes most central to Mother Teresa’s personal relationship with Jesus, these songs seek to unveil the mystery of her motivation to serve the poorest of the poor: to quench Christ’s thirst for souls. If there is one thing that St. Teresa would want you to know, it is that Jesus thirsts for you.



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. Her fifth album is titled “Culture of Life.”

2-21 DISCERNMENT 101

God is constantly speaking to us. But many people have a hard time hearing God’s voice and knowing his will for their lives. Since we trust that God desires our good, we are confident that he wants us to know his will for our lives. What are the most basic (yet most powerful) tools we can have for knowing God’s will?



Rev. Michael Schmitz

Fr. Michael Schmitz is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth, Minn., as well as Chaplain for the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He offers weekly homilies on iTunes and bulldog-

Catholic.org and has appeared in programs for youth and young adults as well as through regular short video messages on Ascension Presents. Fr. Schmitz has preached to youth and young adults across the country as a presenter at Steubenville Youth and Young Adult Conferences and at FOCUS national and local events.

2-22 EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT: HOW COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY INFLUENCES PARISH LIFE

“If the Church is to continue to regenerate and renew its members, the training of young adults is key,” the U.S. Catholic bishops’ state in their pastoral plan for young adult ministry. How can college campus ministries provide tools for parishes in crafting young adult ministries that are effective and life giving? This workshop will discuss techniques on how parishes can welcome and empower young adults in parish life. It will also offer suggestions for college campus ministers and college students on how to strengthen the transition from college campus ministry to parish life. Join the discussion on why college campus ministry and young adult ministry are essential for the vitality and future of our Church.



Rosie Chinae Shawver, MDiv

Rosie Shawver, a native of Southern California, began her work experience volunteering at Annunciation House, a home for immigrants in El Paso, Texas. She then moved to Albuquerque, N.M., to become Director of Campus Ministry at the University of New Mexico and then worked as the Parish and Faith Community Outreach Liaison at Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M. She is currently Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Southern California’s Caruso Catholic Center in Los Angeles.

2-23 MIDDLE SCHOOL: FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION

Early adolescence is the beginning of authentic discipleship for many youth. How are we challenging the diverse culture of young adolescents to grow in their authentic relationship with Jesus Christ? This workshop blows up the mythology of middle school youth ministry and lays the ground work for inspiring evangelization to, with, by and for junior high-aged believers! If you work with young adolescents, you won’t want to miss this!



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.

2-24 THE ROLE OF THE PRIEST IN THE RCIA 🗣️

Paul Turner (bio 1-23)

Christian initiation is the responsibility of all the baptized. As such, each parish should involve a variety of people to participate in the many catechetical preparations and liturgical celebrations associated with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This workshop will offer ideas for involving priests in evangelization, catechesis, discernment and presiding for these liturgies.

2-25 MAKING LITURGICAL RITUALS ACCESSIBLE FOR CHILDREN 🗣️

Come and explore ways we can encourage children to enjoy, understand and take active part in liturgical celebrations. From school Masses and classroom prayers to Sunday worship – *music* is the key!

**Christopher Walker**

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, speaker on liturgical music and choral conductor. Presently, he is Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker travels around the globe giving workshops and lectures on church music and liturgy, choral and cantor techniques and children's spirituality. His music is sung in churches worldwide. His latest work is "Many More Stories and Songs of Jesus," the third in a series for children.

2-26 BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATE – CAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EXTEND THE EMBRACE? 🗣️

In September 2015, at the request of his bishop, David Wells began a project in his own diocese to assist schools to develop their sense of mission and their confidence to proclaim the Gospel. Could the school itself become a locus for evangelization beyond the confines of the classroom? What is beginning to emerge from the project has implications not just for schools, but for parishes too. From a whole range of small victories and embarrassing failures, good lessons are being learned about how to *embrace trust*, dare to proclaim and reach out beyond the usual suspects! Come and see!

**David Wells**

David Wells was a teacher before becoming a research assistant for the Bishops' Conference in England and Wales. His latest position is as Project Manager for School Evangelization. Wells has travelled the world, speaking at more than 350 conferences in Europe, North America and Australia. He guest lectures in three English universities and in 2015 was MC for the Bishops' Conference national gathering in England and Wales. Wells is author of two books, "The Reluctant Disciple" (which tells of his experience at RECongress), and more recently, "The Grateful Disciple."

2-70 “Trước hết, hãy tìm kiếm Nước Thiên Chúa” (Mt. 6:33) 🗣️

Đề tài “Trước hết, hãy tìm kiếm nước Thiên Chúa” (Mt 6, 33) sẽ được triển khai theo ba tiêu điểm chính sau đây: 1) Nguy cơ của chủ nghĩa hưởng thụ vật chất đối với đời sống đức tin: con người thời đại chỉ tìm kiếm những tiện nghi vật chất mà không quan tâm tới nhu cầu tâm linh; 2) Nguy cơ của chủ nghĩa duy khoa học đối với niềm tin vào Chúa Quan Phòng: con người thời đại chỉ tin vào những thành tựu khoa học mà không thấy được bàn tay quan phòng của Thiên Chúa; 3) Kitô hữu phải biết chọn Thiên Chúa như là điều ưu tiên trong cuộc sống: Kitô hữu phải tâm niệm rằng giá trị hàng đầu con người phải theo đuổi là chính Thiên Chúa.

“BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM” (MT. 6:33)

The theme of Matthew 6:33, to “strive first for the kingdom of God,” will be implemented in the following three main focal points: 1) The danger of enjoying materialism over living the faith: People today seek materialism but never pay attention to spirituality; 2) The danger of science over faith in God's mercy: People today only believe in the success of science and miss seeing God's mercy; 3) Christians must choose God as our first priority in life: A Christian's first priority is to pursue a life in God.

**Đức Cha Giuse Nguyễn Chí Linh**

Đức Cha Giuse Nguyễn Chí Linh sinh năm 1949 tại Thanh Hóa. 1954 theo gia đình di cư vào Nam. Vì chiến tranh Đức Cha về tạm với gia đình, Ngày 20 tháng 12 năm 1992 Cha được thụ phong Linh Mục cho Giáo phận Nha Trang. Năm 1995 Cha được du học tại Học Viện Công Giáo Paris và tốt nghiệp Tiến Sĩ Triết học. Năm 2003 trở về Việt Nam, dạy tại Đại chủng Viện Nha Trang. Ngày 12 tháng 6 năm 2004 Đức Giáo Hoàng Phaolô II bổ nhiệm Linh Mục Guise Nguyễn Chí Linh làm tân Giám Mục Giáo Phận Thánh Hóa.

Bishop Joseph Linh Chi Nguyen

Bishop Joseph Nguyen was born in November 1949 at Ba Lang in Thanh Hoa, Vietnam. In 1954, he moved, accompanied by his family, to South Vietnam. Due to political uprising in his homeland, he returned to his family and did many jobs to help support his parents until 1992, when he was ordained a priest. In 1995, Bishop Nguyen went abroad to study and graduate with a doctorate in Philosophy from the Institute Catholic de Paris. In 2003, he returned to Vietnam and taught at the Stella Maris Major Seminary in Nha Trang. On June 12, 2004 Pope John Paul II named him Bishop of the North Thanh Hoa Diocese.



3-01 CATECHISTS, APOLOGISTS, EVANGELISTS ... WAKE UP! ARENA

The rise of the “nones” – those who do not claim any religion – and attrition rates from the Church are a wake-up call. A recent study by the Pew Research Center indicates that the reasons cited by young people for leaving the Church are not simply existential or ideological, but intellectual, and based on the perception that faith and reason, religion and science, the Church and culture aren’t necessarily at odds. It is our privilege as catechists, apologists, evangelists, teachers and theologians to engage this crisis with confidence and intelligence.



Most Rev. Robert Barron

Bishop Robert Barron, media evangelist and international speaker, was appointed in 2015 as Auxiliary Bishop of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and host of “Catholicism,” the award-winning documentary aired on PBS. Bishop Barron is a best-selling author who has published numerous books, essays and articles. He is also a religion correspondent for NBC and has appeared on FOX News and EWTN.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TRACK

We invite your parish team to join us on Friday, February 24 for a full day of workshops, discussions, networking and prayer in this Parish Leadership Track. Note: You must register for all three sessions. (Please make sure to also select Sessions 1-02 and 2-02.)

3-02 DIVINE RENOVATION: DEVELOPING PARISH LEADERSHIP FOR THE SAKE OF MISSION

Fr. James Mallon (bio 1-02)

“Divine Renovation” is for pastors and parish leaders who want to renew and revitalize their parish for mission and evangelization. Participants will be led through a series of interactive reflections and exercises to help them establish a functioning leadership team that will assist the pastor in leading the parish in a new direction. Each team (the pastor or parish administrator along with four to eight team members) will be led through a process to examine the essentials of common vision, team balance, healthy conflict, trust and vulnerability. Pastors and team members will receive tools and insights to form or become a healthier and more effective leadership team.

3-03 I'M NOT A LITURGIST! HOW DO I PREPARE A LITURGY?

How often, as a catechist or teacher, have you been asked to assist with the preparation of a liturgy? This can be a daunting task, especially if you haven’t had any experience or formation in how to do it. In this session, we will go through some helpful exercises that will show you that preparing a liturgy can be an engaging and formative experience for both you and your students. Music, environment, hospitality and more – we will cover it all!



Joseph Bazyouros

Joe Bazyouros worked as pianist, cantor and choir director before his positions at St. Frances of Rome in Azusa, Calif., and St. Martin de Porres in Yorba Linda. He served on the Music Advisory Board of the Office for Worship in the Diocese of Orange, Calif., in addition to the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Bazyouros is currently on the campus ministry team at the USC Caruso Catholic Center, serving as their Director of Music. He is a member of the Liturgical Commission for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, serving as Vice/Acting Chair of the Music Subcommittee.

3-04 BREAKING THROUGH THE WALL

Am I my own worst enemy? Our negative “self-talk” can often keep us from embracing an intimate, trusting relationship with Jesus. Through Scripture, song and reflection, Renée Bondi will help you break through the debilitating barrier of shame and unworthiness into the joy of God’s grace and unconditional love.



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.”

3-05 EMBRACING TRUST WITH A WOMAN'S HEART

So many things are coming at us and so much is expected of us, where is God’s invitation in all of this frenzy? God invites us to *embrace trust*, not just to make an act of trust. As women, God invites us to trust in the deepest reality, that we are loved beyond imagination and to trust God at work in our spiritual hungers and longings. This workshop offers a look at the specific ways we women are called to trust in our lives and to be faithful to a spirituality that is truly life giving.



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathy Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, is a former teacher and missionary who now ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. She has authored numerous articles and books and presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States. Sr. Bryant's special interests are in spirituality, formation, women's spiritual development and the abolition of human trafficking.

3-06 WHERE IN THE WORLD? BIBLICAL GEOGRAPHY AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR BIBLE STUDY

The first and most basic context for Scripture is its geographical context. The major historical events behind biblical history are driven primarily by Israel’s geo-

raphy and the geography of her ancient neighbors. And yet this fundamental aspect of Scripture study is all but completely overlooked by teachers of Scripture. We will look at biblical geography and suddenly begin to understand geographical reasons for the great historical movements reflected in the Torah and the prophetic books of the Old Testament.



Fr. William L. Burton, OFM

Fr. Bill Burton, a Franciscan friar of the Sacred Heart Province, began his 20-year teaching career at Quincy University and then DePaul University in Illinois. He is currently Professor of Scripture and a spiritual director at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla. Fr. Burton has several published articles in The Bible Today and a DVD series. Outside the classroom, he has guided hundreds of pilgrims and students on study tours and pilgrimage travels throughout the Holy Land, Greece and Turkey.

3-07 “INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT” – THE DIGNITY OF PHYSICAL DEATH

We are called to not only live according to God’s will, but also to die according to it. In a culture that emphasizes the “power” of individual choices and a blind rejection of any kind of sacrifice, planning for one’s physical death has become a major moral issue. This workshop seeks to study this issue by exploring: 1) the meaning of human life; 2) the meaning of suffering and sacrifice; 3) the meaning and dignity of death; 4) the remote preparation for the end of physical life; and 5) the immediate preparation for the end of physical life.



Very Rev. Javier Ignacio Bustos Lopez, STD

Originally from Venezuela, Fr. Javier Bustos was ordained a priest for the Milwaukee Archdiocese, where he continues to serve in parish and academic settings. He is presently Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Vicar for Hispanic Ministry, and Delegate for Healthcare. Fr. Bustos is also Professor of Moral Theology in the Diaconate Formation Program for the archdiocese and at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. He is a national presenter and an author whose work has appeared in several publications.

3-08 EMPOWERING PARENTS AS DISCIPLES AND TEACHERS

What if we looked at parents as the primary beneficiaries of our religious education programs instead of just the kids? How would that transform our catechetical ministries? In this session, Jared Dees will offer a new vision for religious education that catechizes the kids and evangelizes the parents. Only after the parents have encountered Christ through the evangelizing efforts of the parish, can they truly embrace their calling as primary educators of the faith. With the practical tools and inspiring case studies offered in this session, participants will be able to go back to their parishes to tear down the barriers between the parents and their catechetical programs.



Jared Dees

Jared Dees is creator of The Religion Teacher website, which provides resources to religious educators. He is author of “Praying the Angelus,” “To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach” and “31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator.” Dees, a Catholic school teacher and catechist for the last eight years, offers workshops and keynote addresses at dozens of parishes and diocese across the country.

3-09 MINISTRY WITH GEN Z – THERE’S AN APP FOR THAT!

Here comes Generation Z, which includes youth born in the mid- to late-1990s, mostly to Gen X parents. These young people are tech savvy, social innovators and anxious to create a customized way to belong and contribute. How can we create pathways and on-ramps for Gen Z youth so that we can share the Good News and include their many gifts and their seemingly boundless energy? How can we make a faith connection with Gen X parents? This workshop will share the research about Gen Z youth and their families along with starting points for making the connection.



Tom East

Based in Washington state, Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development. He previously served as Director of Youth Ministry and Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. East is a popular speaker at major youth ministry, religious education and catechetical conferences across the country, as well as those sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development. He is editor and author of numerous books, including “Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry.”

3-10 BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE FOR CHILDREN!

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



Steven Ellair

Steven Ellair is Managing Editor, Curricula and Content Engagement Specialist and a national speaker with Saint Mary’s Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 24 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic school teacher and archdiocesan educational consultant. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for over 12 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for nearly 20 years.

3-11 FULFILLING OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY: SERVING THOSE IN NEED 🗣️

The goal of this workshop is to create an awareness about poverty and to move people to action, inviting them to get involved at their parish level in works of charity – through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul or other works available in their local communities. One of the primary objectives is to instill in every person a sense of responsibility and empowerment of the tools and resources available to overcome or survive financial and related difficulties. Anyone can suffer difficulties of this nature, but everyone is able to provide assistance and in a Christian manner, offering support to our brothers and sisters in need.



David R. Fields

For more than 20 years, David Fields has been a dedicated Vincentian with the Los Angeles Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and currently serves as Executive Director. He has made numerous presentations for St. Vincent de Paul as well as Rotary and other organizations. Fields served as Chair of the L.A. Council's Vincentian Services Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He has also served as President of the Black Catholic Association of Altadena and Pasadena.

3-12 DEMENTIA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW 🗣️

Currently 1 in 9 people over the age of 65 has dementia, and the number rises to almost half by age 85. Before it affects you, a family member or a colleague at the parish, you need to be educated. Learn about the various types of dementia, including the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Understand the warning signs and how far ahead of time they appear. Get a plan in place to protect yourself, your loved ones and your parish staff when dementia inevitably occurs. Become a trust-worthy resource and a bearer of hope.



Amy Florian

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant, on the Adjunct Faculty at Loyola University Chicago, and CEO of Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals how to support clients in transition and loss. She has 30 years of parish and conference experience, and she authored over 100 articles and three books. Her workshops, training sessions and retreats span the country, presenting at over 20 diocesan conferences as well as national conferences, including the L.A. Congress, the East Coast Conference and the Hofinger Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference.

3-13 HUNGERS OF THE HEART: A "CATHOLIC" RESPONSE 🗣️

Many of our Millennials and "nones" – those who say they do not belong to any religion – still claim that they are "spiritual but not religious." How might we engage the deep hungers of their hearts with the rich spiritual food of Catholic Christian faith; there is nothing more "satisfying."



Dr. Thomas Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, and also Director of their Church in the 21st Century Center. The award-winning author has written or edited 10 books and numerous articles and essays. Dr. Groome has made over 800 public presentations throughout the last 40 years, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators, Catholic educators and pastoral ministers. A favorite speaker at the Religious Education Congress, 2017 will mark his 36th year of giving presentations.

3-14 STOP READING AND START PROCLAIMING! BRINGING SCRIPTURE TO LIFE 🗣️

Those who think Scripture is "boring" have likely never heard it really proclaimed. Whether in liturgy, a prayer service or a formation session, Scripture read aloud should be engaging and life giving. If we want to trust God's Good News, someone must proclaim it to us well! This workshop will introduce practical techniques, borrowed from the time-tested work of professional actors, to turn any reader into a vibrant proclaimer (but not a performer). Anyone who proclaims Scripture to others – catechists, lectors, presiders, deacons, ministry leaders, cantors – will benefit from learning how to make Scripture really soar!



Douglas Leal

Douglas Leal is Vice President of Mission Integration with St. Joseph Health in Irvine, Calif., and previously led the Division of Adult Faith Formation for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He has also worked as a management consultant and a professional actor and director. Leal is author of the skill-building book for lectors, "Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!" and co-author of the 2017 and 2018 editions of LTP's "Workbook for Lectors" and "Gospel Proclaimers."

3-15 GOD AT THE MOVIES

From "Hail, Caesar!" to "Brooklyn," from "Risen" to "Miracles from Heaven" and "Ben-Hur," contemporary cinema is once again looking at religious themes and ideas. How can we navigate the media world within which we want to find God and use it for the proclamation of the Gospel?



Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, based in Sydney, Australia. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome and a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. A popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress, Fr. Leonard is author of nine books, including "The Mystical Gaze of the Cinema," "Movies That Matter" and his latest title, "What Does it All Mean? A Guide to Being More Faithful, Hopeful and Loving."

3-16 LET THE CHILDREN COME: PREPARING AND CELEBRATING FAMILY-FRIENDLY LITURGIES 🎧

Michael Mangan and Anne Frawley-Mangan will unpack their “Family Mass Toolbox” as they share their experience and expertise in engaging the hearts, heads and hands of children and their families in parish and school celebrations. Discover how music, drama, movement and storytelling can combine to promote vibrant, meaningful and inclusive liturgy and enhance fully conscious and active participation by children and adults alike. Come along ready to sing, move and play!

**Michael Mangan**

Michael Mangan is a composer, educator and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The former elementary school specialist music teacher has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan is President of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, and is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. His latest music collection is entitled “Let the Children Come.”

**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 Australian Catholic University in Sydney.

3-17 MAKING TIME FOR THE SACRED 🎧

It's less about “making time for the sacred” and more like ways to discover the “sacred already in our midst”! How do we discover, recognize, enter in and embrace the transforming grace and healing that empowers the people of God to walk and live in faith rather than fear. This will be a multimedia experience that will include sung and instrumental music as well as spoken word, reflection, prayer and celebration. The session will include some practical tips to cultivate practice and skill amid blessings and burdens.

**Jesse Manibusan**

Jesse Manibusan has over 30 years in ministry as a liturgical minister, youth worker, parish associate, catechist and director of parish missions and retreats. Founder of Over the Fence ministries, Manibusan has presented at conferences worldwide, including national youth and pastoral musician conferences and international World Youth Days in Denver, Toronto, Rome, Cologne, Sydney, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro. He has several CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.

3-18 SHIFTING PARENTS FROM THE PARKING LOT TO PARTICIPATION 🎧

Why do some parents rely on religious education programs to be the primary providers of faith formation for their children? How can catechists move parents from the parking lot to fuller participation? This presentation will provide practical, applicable, inspirational and compassionate insights for “backdoor” evangelizing.

**Patricia M. McCormack, IHM, EdD**

Dr. Patricia McCormack, a Sister Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is an international formation-education consultant and presently Program Director at the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers in Philadelphia. Her 30 years in education includes both classroom and administration experience. In addition to her publications, Sr. McCormack's full-time ministry includes presentations to a variety of audiences, from diocesan-wide conferences to national religious education gatherings as well as retreats and days of in-service to the educational community.

3-19 A NEW SOLIDARITY: A SPIRITUALITY FOR CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME 🎧

Pope Francis makes an appeal early on in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: “We require a new and universal solidarity” (no. 14). Let us join together through prayer, music, visual arts, storytelling and dialogue as we explore a solidarity with all God's creation. Discover how God is always inviting us to a deeper encounter of the sacredness all around us. Listen to how God might be calling you to a care for each other and our common home that truly shouts, “*Laudato Si', mi' Signore*” (“Praise be to you, my Lord.”)

**Ted Miles**

Baltimore native Ted Miles first worked in Belize and Guatemala in a two-year position 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.

**ValLimar Jansen**

Traveling to over 80 events annually, ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums, “You Gotta Move” and “Anointing,” winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. She was the MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis. ValLimar and her husband, Frank, performed for over 300,000 people at the Loreto/Angora international papal event in Italy, broadcast on EWTN and across the world.

3-20 USING SMARTPHONE TECHNOLOGY TO REACH ALL OF YOUR PARISHIONERS 🎧

In this presentation, you will be introduced to helpful ways to use mobile technology, social media and crowd-funding most effectively. Come and learn how to tell your parish's unique story to grow engagement, drive up participation at events, increase involvement in ministries, increase stewardship and donations, and be an agent for evangelization.



Peggy O'Flaherty

With 30 years' experience in business development, project management and faith formation, Peggy O'Flaherty is founder and President of Creating Space and a parish evangelization and strategic development expert. A certified spiritual director from The Christos Center in Minnesota, O'Flaherty writes and blogs on matters of faith and offers small group facilitation and parish discernment. She currently serves as a technology and evangelization consultant for the OneParish app, an offering of J.S. Paluch Company.

3-21 HEALING DIALOGUE WITH TEENS WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD 🎧

"I'm atheist," "I'm agnostic" or "I just don't care" seem to be the battle cry of many teens and young adults. You've tried "talking" to them and getting others to "talk" to them, but to no avail. In this workshop, you'll learn why "talking" doesn't work. You'll learn the deeper emotional and identity issues that shape their belief systems and a way to dialogue that heals hurts, honors their experience and fosters mutual understanding.



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)."

3-22 "STILL WE RISE": LIVING AND LEADING WITH TRUST IN SEASONS OF DARK AND LIGHT 🎧

In a world of uncertainty, we are called more than ever to trust in the outrageous and steadfast Love of God, who accompanies us on the way. Drawing wisdom from Scripture, poetry and stories of courage, we are strengthened to trace fresh paths toward personal and communal transformation. This means building trusting relationships in our communities of faith and digging deeply into the fountain of life. Likewise, it means walking in the footprints of Jesus who awakened his followers to a new vision, who endured struggle and yet in the process shone light in the darkness. This session will explore both the challenges and hopes of awakening hearts to the gift of the transforming power of God's presence in our lives, in our ministry and in the world.



Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC

Sr. Edith Prendergast, a Religious Sister of Charity, is former Director for the Office of Religious Education in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. She is a frequent speaker both locally and nationally and has written and contributed to several articles. Sr. Prendergast is author of the book "Grace Abounds." In 2015, she received the "Evangelii Gaudium – Joy of the Gospel" Award from St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., and in 2016, she was awarded the "Religious Service Angel Award" from the Catholic Association of Latino Leaders.

3-23 THE REDEMPTIVE POWER OF SUFFERING 🎧

Suffering seems to set up obstacles to faith, yet it can be one of the most creative, constructive and redemptive powers in our lives. Fr. Robert Spitzer will address four topics that can transform suffering into a creative redemptive power: Why would an all-loving God allow suffering caused by others and nature? What can we do when suffering strikes to mitigate fear and anxiety? How can we best use faith and prayer to make suffering into a vehicle for self-transformation, an impetus for compassion and a path to salvation? What are the opportunities in suffering – and how does the Holy Spirit lead us to them?



Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD

Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Center at Christ Cathedral in Orange County, Calif., and President of the Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership, based in Michigan. He served as President of Gonzaga University from 1998 to 2009, and has published eight books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer gives over 90 public presentations per year and appears on radio and television, including "Larry King Live" (debating Stephen Hawking), the "Today" show, the History Channel and PBS, among others.

3-24 THE ROSARY IN SCRIPTURE: BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS ON THE 20 MYSTERIES

The rosary is a powerful prayer, but it is also challenging for many of us to pray. We get distracted, we say we don't have time and every decade feels like 10 years. Learn practical tips on how to encounter Jesus and Mary more profoundly in this devotion. This session will address common questions, such as "Why all the repetition?" and "Why is so much attention given to Mary and not to Christ?" and will help everyone – beginners and avid devotees – experience more deeply the great spiritual treasures found in the rosary and Scripture.



Dr. Edward Sri

Theologian, author and internationally known Catholic speaker, Dr. Edward Sri is host of the video series, "Symbolon," which is used in over 5,000 parishes. He serves as Professor of Scripture and Theology at the Augustine Institute in Colorado, where he is also Vice President of Mission. Dr. Sri is one of the founding leaders of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and has spoken to numerous audiences of laity, catechists, clergy and religious. His latest book is "Love Unveiled: The Catholic Faith Explained."

3-25 HOW TO EMBRACE THE USE OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR CATECHESIS 🗣️

A well-crafted story inspires belief, solidifies knowledge and renews hope. Jesus knew this too – that stories are an effective way to awaken faith and a desire to pursue the truth. With Jesus as our model, we can make appropriate use of children's books when we gather for religious education or spiritual formation. In this engaging workshop, presenters will share how the storytelling process is intrinsic to growing in faith, demonstrate how children's books can inspire faith at home, school or the parish setting, offer practical ways to employ story effectively in faith formation programs and provide inspirational ideas and handouts.

**Julianne Stanz**

Julianne Stanz is Director of New Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and is a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. The nationally known speaker, retreat leader and storyteller is co-author with Joe Paprocki of "The Catechist's Backpack: Spiritual Essentials for the Journey." Stanz presents workshops and retreats in addition to numerous diocesan and national gatherings, including several of the major catechetical and youth conferences.

**Joellyn Cicciarelli**

Joellyn Cicciarelli is Vice President of Product Development at Loyola Press. With over 20 years of experience, she has developed award-winning literacy and faith formation curriculum for early childhood through high school, including a preschool curriculum titled "The InvestiGator Club Pre-k Learning System." Most recently, she was the architect of Loyola Press' "Adaptive Finding God." Cicciarelli also served as editor for the TV series "Mister Roger's Neighborhood" and "Jay Jay the Jet Plane."

3-26 UNCONDITIONALLY: FINDING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST 🗣️**Greg Wasinski (bio 1-25)**

This session will illustrate how we are accepted, connected, forgiven, led, loved and redeemed through receiving the Eucharist. Participants will have a better understanding of what it means to "become the church" – because of our transformation through receiving Jesus Christ in Holy Communion – and will gain a better understanding of the foundation of our Catholic faith. A combination of saint quotes, scriptural encounters and Catechism references will educate attendees, while presenter Greg Wasinski infuses practical language and personal reflections to inspire Catholics of all ages to see beyond the host and once again find Jesus in the Eucharist.

1971 Only 15 years after the first "CCD institute" was begun, the first "Youth Rally" was held in 1971. That year the half-day event set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually brings together almost 15,000 youth and their chaperones.

3-70 Một cuộc Cách Mạng mới trong lớp Giáo Lý 🗣️

Trong khóa này, chúng ta sẽ cùng nhau chiêm ngưỡng một vài biểu tượng ("icon") của Chúa Giê-su Đầy Lòng Thương Xót, rồi tìm cách đáp trả một cách cụ thể lời kêu gọi của ĐTC Phan-xi-cô thực hiện một cuộc cách mạng mới ngay trong lớp giáo lý: cuộc cách mạng của dịu dàng – khoan dung hơn, kiên nhẫn hơn và dịu dàng hơn, ngõ hầu học sinh cảm thấy thoải mái hơn, thích thú hơn khi đến học giáo lý với chúng ta, những người tạo cơ hội chứ không phải đặt điều kiện, cho học sinh đến với ân sủng và bí tích (*Evangelii Gaudium*, số 47).

A NEW REVOLUTION IN OUR CATECHETICAL CLASS 🗣️

In this session, we will contemplate a few icons of the Merciful Jesus, in order to find concrete ways to respond to Pope Francis' call to start a new revolution in our catechetical sessions: the revolution of tenderness – to be more tolerant, more patient, more tender, so our students might feel more comfortable and enthusiastic studying the Catechism with us, the facilitators and not arbiters of grace (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 47).

**Frère Fortunat Phong, FSC**

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

Bro. Fortunat Phong, FSC

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



4-01 THE BRIDGE TO A NEW AMERICA ARENA

America was founded by the near-genocide of one people and the enslavement of another. Since that foundation, the United States has now confronted the realized structures and systems put in place at the outset. Soon, in only a few decades from now, the United States will be – for the first time in history – a majority of minorities. This fact underlies much of the political rhetoric and discourse we now see. This session will look at that reality and how “white Christians” need to become more Christian than white.



Jim Wallis

A theologian and frequent speaker, Jim Wallis is author of 10 books, including the New York Times best-seller “God’s Politics” and his most recent, “On God’s Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn’t Learned about Serving the Common Good.” Wallis is founder and President of Sojourners and Editor-in-Chief of Sojourners magazine. His columns appear in major newspapers and blogs, and he regularly appears as a television and radio commentator. He has taught at Harvard University in Massachusetts and currently teaches a course on faith and social justice at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

4-04 THE NOW AND THE QUEST

Fr. Michael Fish, OSB Cam (bio 1-07)

In this session, we will delve into looking for a spirituality and a way of praying that works for our lives today.

4-05 IT’S ALL ABOUT BAPTISM: THE SACRAMENT THAT ENDURES

Dr. Jerry Galipeau (bio 1-12)

Discovering the power and potential of our baptism creates a key foundational element to our ministry. Too often, baptism is seen as a compartmentalized moment, “something that happened to me.” Recapture anew the sacramental moment when everything changed, when the apostles danced: the day of your baptism.

4-06 WHEN I AM WEAK, I AM STRONG: SINGING, PRAYING AND WALKING AMID THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING

There is one common thread for all of us on the pilgrim journey: Suffering is inescapable and part and parcel of our human journey and in the many turns and tumbles that occur in our pilgrimage of faith. This session will be an opportunity to sing, pray, reach out, ache, lament, rejoice and restore. Come ready to sing, pray, reflect and ponder on what this suffering means and holds for us.

4-02 THE RE-ENERGIZING OF CHILDREN’S CATECHESIS THROUGH SONG

John Burland (bio 1-04)

Have you noticed that children respond with added enthusiasm whenever music and gesture are incorporated into catechesis? Are you looking for practical, engaging and energizing songs that deepen understanding of our Catholic faith? Then this workshop is for you! Composer and educator John Burland will share a variety of songs and activities that will energize elementary-age learners. Come ready to raise your voice as we deepen our understanding of Scripture, sacraments and Church teaching. Sing the prayers of our faith and honor Mary, as together we experience the oneness of heart that music creates.



David Haas

David Haas is a member of the Campus Ministry team at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn., where he is also founder and Executive Director of “Music and Ministry Alive!” – a formation program for high school and college-age youth. Haas has composed over 50 original collections and recordings of liturgical music with GIA Publications and has been active as a conference and workshop speaker, concert performer and recording artist for over 30 years. He has spoken internationally and has authored more than 20 books.

4-03 THE BULLY, THE BULLIED AND THE NOT-SO-INNOCENT BYSTANDER

Barbara Coloroso (bio 2-09)

Breaking the cycle of violence in our homes, schools and communities involves more than merely identifying and stopping the bully. It requires that we examine the why and the how a child becomes a bully, the target of a bully and the role that bystanders play. A deadly combination is a bully who gets what he wants from his target, a bullied child who is afraid to tell, bystanders who look away, and adults who see bullying as teasing, not the predatory aggression that it is. If this combination of relationships is not radically transformed, we have enough incidences in our recent past to convince us that it is not only the bully who can terrorize our community.

4-07 THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF AUTHENTIC LOVE

Have you ever longed for “more” in life? Do you ache to live the abundant life that Jesus speaks of us John 10:10? In this workshop, we will delve into what holds us back, how authentic love sets us free, and the daily encounter with Jesus Christ who powerfully transforms us into the saints we are called to be!



Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

Sr. Miriam Heidland, a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, currently serves as Assistant to the SOLT Sisters American Region Superior. Originally a Division I athlete who wanted to work for ESPN, Sr. Heidland has been speaking at various conferences and retreats for over 10 years. She now speaks extensively across the United States and internationally as well on the topics of authentic love, healing, personal conversion (and sports!). She tweets and authored her first book, titled “Loved As I Am,” released in 2014.

4-08 BORN TO DANCE: LIVING FROM THE INSIDE OUT 🔊**Rev. Terry Hershey (bio 1-14)**

In our hearts, we are all dancers. God wants us to be our true selves – joyous, aware and living each moment with arms wide open, responding to the love of the Beloved. So why do we choose to live guarded and afraid, our days filled with hurry and noise? Fear labels and dismisses and restricts. The voice of Grace tells us that we are more than our labels. More than our fear. The Hopi Native Americans say, “To watch us dance is to hear our heart speak.” So, in this workshop, let’s dance. Terry Hershey will help us learn what it means to dance free from our limitations of fear, insecurity or pain, and how, in the eyes of the Beloved, we are free to love and serve.

4-09 OUR FAITH MATTERS: A CANDID DISCUSSION ABOUT RACE 🔊

Most people do not understand social movements such as “Black Lives Matter.” What do our Roman Catholic bishops have to say regarding race relations in the United States? How do the social teachings of the Roman Catholic Church tell us to respond to the current sociopolitical and racial issues of our day? Come and experience a candid conversation with some of the most honored and nationally recognized Roman Catholic, African-American advocates for solidarity and social justice. With music, Scripture, prayer, preaching and reflection, this panel of renowned speakers will skillfully lead us in examining thorny issues. This session will conclude with a Q&A session, open mic sharing and honest discussion.

**ValLimar Jansen**

Traveling to over 80 events annually, ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums, “You Gotta Move” and “Anointing,” winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. She was the MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis. ValLimar and her husband, Frank, performed for over 300,000 people at the Loreto/Angora international papal event in Italy, broadcast on EWTN and across the world.

**Msgr. Raymond G. East**

The grandson of Baptist Missionaries to South Africa, Msgr. Ray East was born in Newark, N.J., raised in San Diego, Calif., and is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., where he is Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. 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 regular and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Congress and continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynote addresses at major national events.

**Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD**

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, he has lectured extensively on ethical and racial

justice issues throughout the United States and internationally. A previous Religious Education Congress Keynote, Fr. Massingale is a former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and has been a leader of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

**Dr. C. Vanessa White**

Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Ministry and Director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies and Main Specialized Ministry at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is Coordinator of the Elder’s Retreat in the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana as well as advisor to the U.S. bishops’ Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service. Dr. White has numerous published articles and is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator, spiritual director.

4-10 “ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN” 🔊**Fr. Satish Antony Joseph (bio 1-15)**

At the heart of a Christian disciple is the Kingdom (Reign) of God. In fact, the Kingdom of God is at the heart of Jesus’ proclamation. Yet, this is the most under-proclaimed message in contemporary Catholic circles. This session will survey Scripture to understand the Kingdom of God as the primary message of Jesus and the Gospels, and as the focus of the prayer that Jesus taught: “Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven.” What does it mean to “seek *first* the Kingdom of God” (Mt 6:33)? How can we make the Kingdom of God a reality “on earth as it is in heaven”? This session will reflect on these questions in depth and in very practical ways.

4-11 DO NOT BE AFRAID: FAITH AS TRUST IN THE LORD! 🔊

In the biblical foundations of Christianity, the concepts of “faith” and “trust” are essentially the same. Having faith in God does not mean that everything in life will always be smooth and easy, but that we can trust God to be with us always, to help us in our needs and never to abandon us. That, in turn, is the reason the Bible so often tells us, “Do not be afraid!” This workshop will explore some biblical stories that give us inspiring role models for trusting, faithful, fearless discipleship!

**Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD**

Fr. Felix Just is Executive Director of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif. He has taught as a Theology Professor at three Jesuit universities in California: Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco and Santa Clara University. Fr. Just conducts adult faith-formation programs for parishes and dioceses, and leads biblically based days of prayer, parish missions and retreats. He has produced seven audio-CD programs with Now You Know Media and also maintains a large internationally recognized website of “Catholic resources.”

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The RECongress event, under the Director of the Office of Religious Education, Fr. Christopher Bazyouros, is coordinated by Paulette Smith (Event Coordinator) and Jan Pedroza (Program Coordinator), and aided by three committees: the Congress Committee, the Liturgy Committee, and the Registration Committee – and worked by hundreds of staff and volunteers.

4-12 WHAT A GLOBAL CATHOLIC CHURCH LOOKS LIKE: A RESOURCE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

Catholics often experience faith through the lens of their own cultural context. Yet people all around the world imagine it in an amazing range of ways. Drawing from research on the new Catholics & Cultures website, founder and scholar Tom Landy will illustrate practices and contexts that shape Catholic life for millions of people in different parts of the world, yet largely unknown to Americans. Even those participants who imagine they already know all that is interesting about Catholicism will leave this multimedia presentation with resources and ideas for exploring with their students the rich and varied expressions of faith lived by Catholics around the world.



Thomas M. Landy

Sociologist Tom Landy is Director of the Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., where he also is a lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. With his primary research in global Catholicism, he founded and leads research for the web-based initiative Catholics & Cultures. Landy also founded in 1992 the Collegium, a consortium of 65 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

4-13 A WOMAN'S PLACE, A WOMAN'S WORK, A WOMAN'S CALL TO MINISTRY

What does it really mean to be a woman serving in ministry in the Catholic Church today? Through Scripture, storytelling and song, in hard questions that seek complex but hopeful answers, let us explore the unique gifts and blessings that women bring. Come be inspired by the example of disciples who have embraced trust in their baptism, giving new meaning to leadership, authority and ministry. With them and for all women and men of faith, let us renew our claim to our rightful place, our indispensable work, and our prophetic call to serve God's people in the Church.



Diana Macalintal

Diana Macalintal is Director of Worship for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif. She has been keynote at several gatherings, including the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Collegeville Conference on Music, Liturgy and the Arts, in addition to her appearances at the L.A. Congress as prayer leader. Macalintal is author of four books. Her latest, "Joined by the Church, Sealed by a Blessing," to help parishes prepare engaged couples for discipleship, she co-authored with her husband, Nick Wagner, with whom she co-founded TeamRCLIA.

4-14 A NEW PRESIDENT: IN CONFLICT OR HARMONY WITH THE GOSPELS?

A new U.S. President and a new Congress mean changes in vision, mission and priorities for our country. What are the implications for us as disciples of Jesus? As Catholics? As leaders in the ministry and service of our parish communities? For the next four years, who will be the most needy in our communities? This workshop will explore some of those possibilities, and help us fashion a way forward that continues to be prophetic and faithful to our mission to serve others after the example of Jesus.



Cardinal Roger M. Mahony

Cardinal Roger Mahony led the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1985 until his retirement in 2011. Born in Hollywood, he was the first native Angeleno to be elevated to the position of Cardinal. Cardinal Mahony oversaw the design and building of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2012. Since his retirement, the Archbishop Emeritus has devoted himself exclusively to the cause of comprehensive immigration reform on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters.

4-15 YOU CAN CALL US? UNDERSTANDING THE UP AND COMING POST-MILLENNIAL GENERATION OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

For years all of the talk has been about the Millennial Generation, but in our families, classrooms and churches, another generation of young people are growing up and graduating, who are very different from the millennials. What will be the impact of this next generation? Regardless of what you call them – Generation Z, the Plurals, Digitals, Posts or iGen – each name sheds a light on how we are coming to understand this new generation. This workshop will share what we know about them, what we don't know and the implications for those who parent, teach and minister to them.



Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD

Louisiana-native Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale is currently President of Ministry Training Source. Dr. McCorquodale's professional career in Catholic youth ministry and lay ecclesial ministry has spanned three decades, serving in parish, school, diocesan and university ministry settings. She serves as an international educator, researcher and consultant for the fields of lay ecclesial ministry, certification standards and processes, youth ministry and e-learning. Her recognitions include receiving the 2002 National Youth Ministry Award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

4-16 EMBRACE TRUST WITH BOTH ARMS AND HEART

Megan McKenna (bio 2-18)

"Hope" and "trust" are like two arms. "Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage," says St. Augustine. We are given both to live life with others and embrace the vast world and all our brothers and sisters. Who do you grasp and hold onto for a

dearer truer life? How do you take courage and grab ahold of life with both arms? Come, seek to both embrace and entrust your life and others to the fullness of God's way – as God embraces and trusts us.

4-17 READING THE SCRIPTURES WITH THE MIND, EYES AND HEART OF A WOMAN

This is a presentation on feminist biblical interpretation that will explain what it is, when it began, how to do it, and why it is important not only for women believers but for men as well. Examples will be shared of how feminist liberative biblical interpretations springing from circles of grassroots women and biblical scholars have transformed families and faith communities in Latin America and the United States.



Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD

Sr. Barbara Reid, a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., is Vice President and Academic Dean at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she has served since 1988 as Professor of New Testament Studies. She is author of several works, her latest book is "Wisdom's Feast: An Invitation to Feminist Interpretation of the Scriptures." In addition to her books and teaching, Sr. Reid has approximately 25 speaking engagements a year throughout the United States and Canada along with travel to Ireland, New Zealand, Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, Thailand and Guatemala.

4-18 EUCHARISTIC EVANGELIZATION LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Rev. Michael Schmitz (bio 2-21)

True evangelization involves an encounter with the true and living God. It is something more and more profound than mere "assent" to the "idea" of Jesus. It is meeting Jesus in a real way. Because of this, our single most powerful place of encountering the Lord is in the Eucharist. How could Catholics help more people get in contact with the Real Presence of Jesus in a way that transforms their lives?

4-19 SOMETHING'S HAPPENING HERE: WHAT MAKES VIBRANT CATHOLIC PARISHES WORK



Bill Simon and his team at Parish Catalyst researched 244 vibrant Catholic parishes to determine what made them exceptional. The study found that the parishes shared four essential practices: 1) a form of shared leadership; 2) intentional fostering of spiritual maturity and discipleship in their parishioners; 3) excellent Sunday worship; and 4) strong focus on effective evangelization. His new book, "Great Catholic Parishes," presents the research findings, shares ideas and provides encouragement for building healthier parishes. In this workshop, Simon takes us through some of the findings and offers a few practical solutions to familiar challenges.



William E. Simon Jr.

Catholic author, businessman, lawyer, gubernatorial candidate and philanthropist, Bill Simon has spearheaded a variety of faith-based initiatives. He is a former Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles in the School of Law and Department of Economics and was a Senior Fellow at their School of Public Policy. In 2012, he founded Parish Catalyst, a non-profit that stimulates creative ideas in parish ministry. The results of their research is gathered in a new book, "Great Catholic Parishes: How Four Essential Practices Make Them Thrive."

4-20 CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF FAITH AS PRESENTED IN THE GOSPELS

Thomas D. Stegman, SJ (bio 1-21)

In addition to presenting the life, ministry, death and Resurrection of Jesus, the four Gospels set forth the challenges of a life of faith. Faith, in the biblical understanding, focuses first and foremost on our relationship with Christ within the context of community. Matthew presents the life of faith in terms of being learners of Jesus and his ways; Mark as following Jesus on his "way" to the cross; Luke as imitating God's generosity and mercy; and John as abiding in Christ's love. While the life of faith is challenging, it is also an opportunity to continue the ministry of Jesus.

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The Anaheim Convention Center is again expanding (rendering of the Grand Entrance shown). The area of Car Park 1, off of Katella Ave. and adjacent to the Arena, is the site of their latest project. This expansion – its seventh since opening in 1967 – will provide 200,000 square feet of meeting space and will replace Car Park 1. The construction began in summer 2015 and is expected to open in late-summer 2017 and will be used for Congress 2018.

With the loss of Car Park 1, you are encouraged to use Car Park 4 or Car Park 6 (both accessed from West Street), or the Disney Toy Story Lot (off of Harbor Blvd.) or the parking structure at the Anaheim GardenWalk (off of Katella Ave.) You can find information about the expansion and temporary shuttle service, as well as links and a suggested parking map at www.RECongress.org/2017/updates.htm.



4-21 OH THIS GRACE REACHING OUT FOR ME – HOW CAN IT BE?

How do we as believers, move from doubt to *embrace trust*? The journey from doubt to trust can only occur when we have a deep understanding of the concept of grace. It is only when grace becomes not something to get, but rather something that is ... the very self-gift of God, the very presence of God in the core of our being. Only then can we encounter this grace reaching out to us and enabling us to say, “I trust in you.” Understanding this journey is at the heart of this session.



Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD

Sr. Maureen Sullivan is a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York. After 26 years of teaching theology, she is now Professor Emerita at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. She also serves as a religion consultant for the William H. Sadlier Publishing Company. A popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, Sr. Sullivan has written two books on Vatican II: “101 Questions and Answers on Vatican II” and “The Road to Vatican II: Key Changes in Theology.”

4-22 BEAUTY THAT SAVES: ART IN SERVICE OF LITURGY AND CATECHESIS

Since the dawn of Christianity, architects and artists have assisted the Church in the proclamation of the Gospel and the celebration of the liturgy. Each generation has brought new insights, new technologies and new styles to this process. And yet, the mission of the Sacred Arts has always remained the same. This workshop will look at how art and architecture from past and present can best enhance our prayer and catechesis today.



Johan M.J. van Parys, PhD

Dr. Johan van Parys has served as Director of Liturgy and the Sacred Arts at The Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis since 1995. He is a national consultant and speaker for RCL Benzinger, is a Professor in Theology at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minn., and a member of the International Board of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. Dr. van Parys is as an art consultant for numerous dioceses, cathedrals and parishes and lectures throughout the country. His book, “What’s the Smoke For? And Other Burning Questions About the Liturgy,” was published in 2014.

4-23 IT’S ALL ABOUT JOY – EVANGELIZING YOUNG ADULTS

We can’t expect young adults to join our faith communities if we haven’t reached out to them with the Good News. This workshop will unpack the Church’s vision for evangelizing young adults and Pope Francis’ challenge to do so with joy. We will explore practical strategies for meeting them where they are, forming relationships with them and inviting them to encounter Jesus Christ in Word, sacrament and community.



Joan C. Weber

Based in Omaha, Neb., Joan Weber is Project Coordinator for Youth and Family Ministry Services at the Center for Ministry Development (CMD). She is Coordinator for Young Neighbors in Action, editor of Fashioning Faith (CMD’s subscription website for lifelong faith formation), and teaches the Justice and Service Course in the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. She is a contributing author to a number of publications and trains parish leaders in lifelong faith formation and young adult ministry.

4-24 MOVING WITH TRUSTING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR GRACE TO ENTER FROM UNLIKELY PLACES

The Psalms call us to lift up our hearts and trust in God. We are called to let kindness and loyalty never leave us, as Solomon notes in Proverbs: “tie them around [our] necks and write them on the tablet of [our] hearts, so that [our] lives should be set on a pathways of love and trust.” Come practice walking along these paths. Be challenged to stretch soul, heart and body to a new consciousness of our daily encounters with God through prayerful movement and dance. John West, Artistic Director of the Valyermo Dancers, leads this interactive workshop. All levels of experience are welcome.



John West, Obl OSB, BA, MEd, MA

John West is a sacred and liturgical dance workshop leader and clinician. The Oblate of St. Andrew’s Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy. West, a noted choreographer in the California Dance Research Project, has led international and national workshops and lectured on medieval and sacred dance. His Religious Education Congress experience began in 1970, and since 1991, he has served on the Congress Liturgy Committee.

4-25 FIVE WAYS PSYCHOLOGY CAN INFORM CATECHESIS

Dr. Joseph D. White (bio 1-26)

How can what we know about human behavior, cognition and memory, child development and emotions help us form the faith of others? In this session, Dr. Joseph White, Clinical Psychologist and National Catechetical Consultant, will discuss the ways psychology can help us be more effective as catechists.

4-26 PRAYER IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION: EXPLORING THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR SOUL

In 1955, when the Benedictine priest Fr. Bede Griffiths went to India to establish a Christian contemplative community he said that he was also going there to “explore the other half of my soul.” Catholic prayer is so much richer than many people realize. In this lively, informative, encouraging and sometimes challenging presentation, Dr. Robert Wicks will offer practical approaches to

learning, practicing and sharing a vital prayer life that can, in Jesus' words, "make all things new." Topics will include making friends with the Gospel, deepening your own "rule of prayer" and "street spirituality."



Dr. Robert J. Wicks

Dr. Robert Wicks has taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology and social work, and has published over 50 books for both professionals and the general public. He is currently on the faculty at Loyola University Maryland. In 2006, Dr. Wicks received the first annual Alumni Award for Excellence in Professional Psychology from Widener University and is a recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Counseling Association. He also received the Papal Medal from Pope John Paul II for his service to the Church.

4-70 **Epiclesis: Vai trò Chúa Thánh Linh trong Phụng Vụ**

Buổi hội thảo sẽ trình bày vai trò không thể thiếu của Chúa Thánh Thần trong phụng vụ của Giáo Hội. Tập trung vào các bản văn phụng vụ quan trọng, buổi hội thảo sẽ giúp các tham dự viên nhận biết nhiều hơn về công việc của Chúa Thánh Thần trong khi cử hành Thánh Lễ và đặc biệt qua các bí tích của Giáo hội.

EPICLESIS: THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LITURGY

This workshop will study the indispensable role played by the Holy Spirit in the Liturgy of the Church. By focusing on liturgical texts and sources, attendees will have a better understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments and especially in the Eucharistic celebration.



Linh Mục Phạm Đức Thịnh

Thụ phong linh mục cho Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles năm 2002, Cha Phạm Đức Thịnh đã phục vụ 4 năm trong vai trò phó xứ của Giáo xứ Thánh Gioan Thiên Chúa ở Norwalk. Sau 4 năm phục vụ, cha được gởi đi du học tại Roma theo ngành phụng vụ tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Pontifical Institute. năm 2010 Cha đã hoàn tất chương trình Cao học của Phụng vụ. Hiện tại cha là Giáo sư dạy về môn Phụng vụ của Đại chủng viện Saint John's

Rev. Thanh Duc Pham

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

5-01 **VOICES OF ANGELS ARENA**

Here in Los Angeles, the "City of Angels," this session gives us an opportunity to reflect on the place of *angels* in our lives and how God communicates to us through them. Based on Holy Scripture, the Catechism of the Church and the writings of the saints and mystics, the role and presence of angels is explored through Word, music and prayer, inviting the participants to embrace and renew our relationships with this beautiful gift of God.



Liam Lawton

Liam Lawton is a priest of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, where he serves as Director of Music. He has recorded 16 collections of music and has written two books. Fr. Lawton has recorded a number of TV specials including two on PBS. He has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States, and is one of the most frequent L.A. Congress presenters.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso, a prominent voice in contemporary liturgical music, presents at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. His latest release is "A House of Prayer" with GIA Publications. Alonso formerly served as Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston, Ill. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Emory University in Atlanta.



Jeanne Cotter

Based in St. Paul, Minn., Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, speaker and founder of Mythic Rain. She is also Artist in Residence at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville, Ill. Cotter has directed parish missions and retreats throughout the United States and has presented at diocesan events and at major national gatherings. Her latest works are "Tender Hearted" and "The Old Gravel Road."



Chris de Silva

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



Fr. Rob Galea

Fr. Rob Galea serves in the Diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria, Australia. Apart from his series of recordings and CD releases, the singer/songwriter has also written a number of songs for various international conferences. He is co-founder and Director of "Stronger," a regional youth movement. Fr. Galea was selected to sing in the English version of the 2016 World Youth Day song, "Blessed Are The Merciful."

5-02 THE FRANCIS MISSION: PROGRESS REPORT ON A POPULIST POPE AND HIS HISTORIC REFORM

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



John L. Allen Jr.

John Allen is Editor of Crux, an independent Catholic news site in partnership with the Knights of Columbus, and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He previously served as both Associate Editor for the Boston Globe and Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter. Author of 10 best-selling books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, Allen is also a nationally and internationally known speaker on the Vatican and Catholic affairs. He divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver.

5-03 RITUALS, SYMBOLS & PRAYER SERVICES

You are a catechist and you've been given the task of creating a prayer space and service. What do you do? Join us as we discuss the rituals and symbols of our Catholic faith and the ways in which they speak to our life experience. Time will be given for participants to learn how to write prayers and design prayer services and sacred spaces for their students.



Dr. Mary Amore

Dr. Mary Amore is Executive Director of May-slake Ministries, based in Lombard, Ill. The monthly blogger and magazine columnist is author of a book and creator of the DVD series, "Eucharist: Pathway of Transformation, Healing and Discipleship." A Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Dr. Amore has been a presenter at the L.A. Congress, the University of Dallas Ministry Conference, the Diocese of New Hampshire Ministry Conference, as well as conducting parish missions, retreats and adult faith formation programs.

5-04 THE ROLE OF LITURGY IN YOUTH MINISTRY

Leisa Anslinger (bio 2-04)

The 2013 document, "For Ages Unending: The Ministry of Liturgy with Adolescents," produced by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, describes the ministry of prayer and worship as "an essential part of comprehensive youth ministry." This workshop will invite those leaders involved in parish youth ministry to deepen their understanding of the Sunday Mass and its role in the entire life of the parish so they can (and lead the youth to) serve the Church and the world with the power found in the Word and the Eucharist.

5-05 LET GO ... TRUST: MUSIC, MOVEMENT, BREATH WORK AND PRAYER

Allow yourself to be in the moment, letting go of all that pulls you down. Step out of your comfort zone and experience release and joy while moving through a series of movement improvisations, dancing our prayers and renewing our spirits. (Please wear comfortable clothing that will allow you to move!)



Donna Anderle

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

5-06 TRUSTING IN GOD: HELPS, HINDRANCES AND TRAPS

Like Abraham, Moses, the prophets and the saints, every disciple has moments of distrust in God for diverse reasons. This workshop draws on the spiritual wisdom of the Catholic tradition, especially the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and the spiritual guide of Pope Francis, to understand those moments of desolation and how to overcome them with God's help.



Rev. Claudio M. Burgaleta, SJ, PhD

Fr. Claudio Burgaleta is Superior (Rector) of the Jesuits of New Jersey. The Cuban-born priest has taught at several Jesuit universities, including Fordham University in New York, St. Peter's University in New Jersey and Loyola Marymount University in California. He is a frequent presenter on theological and spirituality topics at pastoral conferences in across the United States and abroad. Fr. Burgaleta has also served as a spiritual and retreat director, formator of lay ecclesial ministers, and as a weekend assistant for various Spanish-speaking parish communities.

5-07 PREGNANCY LOSS AND UNRESOLVED GRIEF

This workshop will explore a trauma sensitive perspective on how women and men cope with pregnancy loss. Symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder as they relate to the loss of a child through abortion will be described as we explore how unresolved grief and repressed feelings can be acted out through self-destructive behavior, broken relationships, obsessions, eating disorders, parenting difficulties, faith struggles and other emotional problems. Indeed, every symptom tells a story! This workshop will give you insights to unravel the mystery, the drama and the repetition of trauma that frequently accompanies this hidden epidemic of forbidden grief.

**Theresa M. Burke, PhD**

Dr. Theresa Burke is founder and Executive Director of Rachel's Vineyard, a post-abortion ministry model that, since 1993, has spread to 49 states and over 70 countries. She has lectured and trained professionals internationally on the subject of post-abortion trauma and healing and has developed "Grief to Grace: Reclaiming the Gift of Sexual Dignity," a five-day program for healing sexual abuse. Dr. Burke serves as a Pastoral Associate of Priests for Life and presented as an expert for the 2011 Pontifical Academy of Life's General Assembly.

5-08 BULLYING OUT – FORMATION IN**Frank A. DiLallo (bio 1-06)**

Why does it seem that bullying is in and formation is out? Catholic formation seems impossible at times with the myriad of bullying behaviors, violence and negativity in our world. How do we effectively teach youth that bullying is unacceptable without shame or blame? How do we help youth make a deeper connection with the virtuous behaviors of Jesus we know from Scripture? This interactive session will demonstrate how to effectively make a connection with select Scripture to reduce the harm of bullying behaviors.

5-09 CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sacred Scripture and church documents call us to form the faith of all the baptized, especially those with special needs. And although we echo this view, we wonder how do we invite? How do we welcome or we include them? Where do we start? What are the most effective strategies out there? How do we know if we are ready to work with children with disabilities? In this session, we will discuss the vision of the Church in the United States for catechesis with people with special needs and the effective implementation of that vision. We will share valuable resources to help start and build a more creative catechesis.

**Peter Joseph Ductram**

Peter Ductram is Director of Catechesis for the Miami Archdiocese. Born in Lima, Peru, he has served in ministry in Peru, Chile, Brazil and the United States. He served in the Chicago Archdiocese for 12 years as Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry, Director of Religious Education, and Coordinator of Evangelization. Ductram currently serves as Co-Chair of the ENAVE National Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Cultural Diversity and as a member of the writing team of the National Initiative for Adolescent Catechesis.

2016 Our last event, RECongress 2016, had 37,956 in attendance, with 204 speakers presenting 308 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese). In the Exhibit Hall, there were 1,680 representatives of 257 companies filling 539 booths.

5-10 "BUT YOU SAID ...!"

Relationship. Young children need to know they can depend on the adults entrusted with their care. At this stage in their development, it can be challenging for them to communicate their needs and, more importantly, their feelings. Effective communication skills are essential in building that trust and require us to be fully present. Join the Early Childhood Advisory Board as we offer practical ways and creative ideas that build trusting relationships between young children and the catechists, teachers, parents and caregivers who have been blessed and called by God to provide this care.

**Early Childhood Advisory Board**

Continuing the vision that has spanned over 40 years, the Los Angeles Early Childhood Advisory Board, a group of talented catechist educators and professionals, strives to serve the needs of the parish and school communities of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. The board members offer hands-on, engaging and creative training for adults working with young children. These workshops are crucial to the proper development and implementation of age-appropriate programs for children ages 3, 4 and 5.

5-11 REBALANCING THE POWER: FINDING COMMON GROUND BETWEEN LAY MINISTERS AND CLERGY

Whether a volunteer or employed ecclesial minister, whether a visiting clergy or pastor, often clergy and laity have differing views about how the parish should operate, events should unfold or liturgies should be enacted. Sometime those differences devolve into personal confrontations or unseemly machinations. But there are other ways. Frank dialogue will explore the potential for creating common ground despite the power differential, educational disparities and differences in social location that often exist between laity and clergy.

**Edward Foley, OFM Cap**

Capuchin priest Fr. Edward Foley is the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality, and Professor of Liturgy and Music at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he was founding Director of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program. He is past President of the North American Academy of Liturgy. The award-winning author has written over 300 book chapters, articles and reviews, and has 23 books in print, most recently, "Theological Reflection Across Faith Traditions."

**John Angotti**

Based in Memphis, Tenn., John Angotti is a full-time music missionary providing concerts, workshops, retreats and worship. He is a frequent presenter at parish missions as well as regional and diocesan conferences across the United States and abroad. Angotti is an accomplished composer, with numerous publications under the World Library Publications label. His latest work is the John Angotti Music Mission (JAMM) original musical, "Job: The NOW Testament."

5-12 A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW: A SPIRITUALITY FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN MINISTRY

Tom East (bio 3-09)

Ministry leaders and catechists draw upon wells that are full and help others grow in faith and friendship with Christ. This workshop will provide a “mini-retreat” for young adults who are catechists and ministry leaders. We will look at the Scripture of the Sower and the Seed in new ways that remind us of our call to be close to the *Sower*, to become the *Seed* of Good News and to take time to nourish the *Soil* of our personal prayer and spirituality.

5-13 TEACHERS, TRANSFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY: HOW CAN TEACHERS HELP THEIR STUDENTS CHANGE THE WORLD?

Dan Friedt (bio 1-10)

What does it take to be an effective teacher in today’s Catholic school classroom and parish? How can your pedagogy and the tools of technology support effective learning for every child in your school and parish community? In this interactive presentation, Dan Friedt will encourage you to examine your teaching practice. Are you a connected educator? Are you teaching students who want to make a difference? With powerful “in the trenches” stories, Friedt will teach simple, effective pedagogical shifts to transform your teaching practice and infuse technologies to stretch your teaching and make a difference in the learning of every student.

5-14 MISSION DISCIPLESHIP AS AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY

Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp (bio 2-15)

Pope Francis is echoing Jesus when he insists that true discipleship is outgoing, always seeking to encounter, never to coerce, and deliberately moving from our comfortable center to the edge, the boundary, the margin, where many of our sisters and brothers are to be found. “Missionary discipleship” is bold, risky and necessary today.

5-15 IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM: GRACE!

Whatever form it may take, the storms of life test all people. Life-altering illness, sudden financial instability, the death of a loved one or a 1,000-year rain storm: all bring a level of unnerving vulnerability that forces us to face the fragile nature of our existence. Yet, living through such events, as opposed to simply surviving, is dependent on an unseen factor that Christians refer to as “grace.” This session will offer an overview of the Church’s theology of grace, including an analysis of the pastoral and catechetical implications of the Church’s teachings. This session is recommended for all those engaged in catechetical and pastoral ministries.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer. She served in administration at the University of Massachusetts and at Regis College in Weston, Mass., and was a diocesan director in Washington D.C., Oakland, Boston and Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Gordon was one of eight American women invited by the Vatican to respond to John Paul II’s encyclical on women. The first woman to deliver a Baccalaureate Address for Boston University, Greer is a frequent speaker at RECongress. She is currently a theological consultant for a social service collective in South Louisiana.

5-16 LIVING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (WHEN WE’RE ALL NUTS)

In the Book of Galatians, Paul gives us a beautiful – if not lofty – litany of what the yield will be when we live a “life in the spirit.” Love, joy, peace, patience ... all at the same time? Easier said than done! In this workshop, join Sarah Hart and come delve more deeply into these words of Paul, illustrated by the life of Jesus, with singing, praying and storytelling. Be prepared for laughter, tears, sharing and general joyful frivolity.



Sarah Hart

Sarah Hart of Nashville, Tenn., has been a singer, songwriter, retreat author and keynote speaker for more than 20 years. She has performed at countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis at St. Peter’s in 2013. The Grammy-nominated songwriter has songs recorded by numerous artists and has appeared in TV, film and commercials. Hart’s writing is visible in hymnals across the globe. She has authored four retreats for parish missions, women’s retreats and adult catechesis, which she presents nationally.

5-17 FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY OF CREATION

In the age of *Laudato Si*, we are mindful of the need for an integral ecology that joins together our faith with a proper relationship to the rest of creation. Drawing on the wisdom of St. Francis of Assisi and those who follow him, this workshop focuses on the contributions that the Franciscan spiritual tradition offers to contemporary women and men for better incorporating the teachings of *Laudato Si* in both faith and action. This session provides insights that are helpful in the parish, school and other ministries concerned with engaging the Church’s teachings on creation with the modern world and natural sciences, recalling our place within the broader family of God’s creation.



Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM

Franciscan friar Fr. Daniel Horan, a theologian and columnist at America magazine, has lectured across North America and Europe. He teaches theology and spirituality at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago; he previously taught at Boston College as well as at Siena College and St. Bonaventure University, both in New York. Fr. Horan is author of numerous academic and popular articles. His recent books include “God is Not Fair and Other Reasons for Gratitude,” “The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton” and “The Last Words of Jesus.”

5-18 IF YOU'RE GREEN, YOU GROW! 🗣️

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often," wrote theologian John Henry Newman. Based on biblical, Indigenous and 12-Step spirituality, Marriage Encounter, contemporary authors and 40 years of pastoral ministry and spiritual direction, this presentation will explore the many dimensions of personal growth and human development such as self-awareness, emotional intelligence, achieving intimacy, effective communication, forgiveness, grieving and healing life's hurts, all aimed at living life more fully and freely. Expect a session that is informative, formative and transformative.

**Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI**

Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie is a missionary Oblate who has spent over 30 years ministering among the aboriginal peoples of north and central Saskatchewan, Canada. In 2006, he became Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas. Now as Archbishop Emeritus, he has a new role as a chaplain and spiritual director at the North Retreat Center in St. Albert, Alberta, Canada; his ministry includes lectures, workshops and retreats. He is author of "Walk A New Path."

5-19 THE STORM BEFORE THE CALM: LEARNING TO EMBRACE TRUST USING LECTIO & VISIO DIVINA 🗣️

This workshop is designed to give an introduction to beginners on how to use *lectio divina* (sacred reading) and *visio divina* (sacred seeing) in both communal and individual prayer. We will follow the process of listening, meditating, seeing, praying and contemplating God's call to trust using Sacred Scripture and images. *Lectio* and *visio divina* provide a wonderful faith-sharing experience for small groups in parishes and schools. Once the process is explained, Dr. Josephine Lombardi will facilitate/demonstrate a *lectio* and *visio divina* reflection based on the theme of trust.

**Josephine Lombardi, PhD**

Dr. Josephine Lombardi is an author, retreat leader and workshop presenter who has worked in a variety of ministries. She is currently Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education, and Director of Lay Formation at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Lombardi has worked in television and radio and has hosted a weekly radio show on the New Evangelization. Her book, "Experts in Humanity," has been well received and featured on Salt and Light Television.

5-20 "BEING" A CATECHIST VS. "WORKING" AS A CATECHIST 🗣️**Patricia M. McCormack, IHM, EdD (bio 3-18)**

John Paul II wrote, "People today put more trust in witnesses than in teachers, in experience than in teaching, and in life and action than in theories" (*Redemptoris Missio*, 42). Enrich your personal commitment to Jesus and affirm your calling as catechist by reflection on the threefold vocational call of catechists: 1) to witness to

personal faith; 2) to mentor by sharing life experience of continual personal conversion; and 3) to teach matters of faith and morals.

5-21 UNLEASH THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF YOUR PARISH 🗣️**Peggy O'Flaherty (bio 3-20)**

Scripture tells us there are many gifts, but the one same Spirit. Come explore meaningful and effective ways to unleash the spiritual gifts of your parishioners in your quest to grow discipleship and shape your parish ministries. You'll learn from real life parish experiences where intentionality and the power of the Spirit has been used to discover, cultivate and share the gifts of members of the community. You'll also learn how those gifts are used serve others in transforming ways.

5-22 THE DUSTBOWL BIBLE: READING THE OLD TESTAMENT EXILE IN CALIFORNIA 🗣️

What does it mean to read the Old Testament in California? Does this place change things? In this experiment, Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher suggests that it does! By thinking about the famous Dustbowl Migration to California in the 1930s, and making comparisons to the Exile period of the Old Testament, strange and yet interesting comparisons come up. Sometimes these kinds of comparisons raise interesting questions. A special welcome to attendees from Central California – Bakersfield to Salinas – since we will refer to your histories and locations in this session. Come find out what Merle Haggard and Woody Guthrie have to do with the Psalms, for example!

**Prof. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher**

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher has taught for 27 years at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is Professor of Old Testament Studies and Associate Graduate Director of Theology, and Director of Peace Studies. He has been honored with numerous awards for research and has published over 40 scholarly articles and 14 books. In addition to his primary focus on Old Testament, Dr. Christopher also maintains particular interest in theological issues related to African-American and Native-American history and experience.

5-23 THE CULTURE OF LIFE & SOCIAL JUSTICE 🗣️**Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD (bio 3-23)**

Perhaps more than any other world institution, the Catholic Church has been responsible for developing the institutions and principles leading to social justice and a culture of life. Fr. Robert Spitzer will discuss not only the remarkable impact of the Church's three great institutions – public education, public health and public welfare – that led to our Declaration of Independence and the U.N. Charter on Human Rights, including the principles of universal inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness (Francisco Suarez, SJ), the equality of persons (Bartolomé de las Casas, OP), and the dictum that an unjust law is no law at all (St. Augustine).

5-24 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MISSION OF OUR TIMES

Dr. Edward Sri (bio 3-24)

Though there is much talk about the New Evangelization, most Catholics don't understand what it really means. And even fewer knew how it affects their daily lives. In this session, Dr. Edward Sri will offer a clear explanation of what exactly the New Evangelization is and how it should shape every Catholic's life – at home, at work, at the parish and in the world. Learn from Popes John Paul II, Benedict and Francis how to make the New Evangelization not just a Catholic “buzzword” but a reality that transforms your parish, your family and your own personal life.

5-25 TRANSFORMATIVE ADULT FAITH FORMATION: THE DISCIPLESHIP CHECK IN

Within the process of conversion and ongoing conversion, identifiable stages of faith are evident as people grow in faith. In light of these stages of conversion, ministry should adapt and flex to accommodate those in the beginning stage of their discipleship journey to becoming a missionary disciple. Understanding this process and how to identify and accompany people on their discipleship journey will be the focus of this session, including sharing practical and concrete frameworks that you can incorporate into your ministry.



Julianne Stanz

Julianne Stanz is Director of New Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. The nationally known speaker, retreat leader and storyteller is co-author with Joe Paprocki of “The Catechist's Backpack: Spiritual Essentials for the Journey.” Stanz presents workshops and retreats in addition to numerous diocesan and national gatherings.

5-26 FIVE CONCRETE WAYS TO REACH MILLENNIALS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Millennials are defined as 18 years of age through 35. Their children – called “click babies” – are growing up in a completely new digital, virtual world. Many forces in our culture are competing for their attention, their energy and their talents. The church, as statistics tells us, is not a place where they are engaging their time and energy. They are being referred to as the “nones” because when asked about religious affiliation they write down none! This workshop will focus on how we got to this point with millennials and, more importantly, will offer some strategies to better work with them. Concrete hands-on ideas will be discussed and shared.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela is an independent catechetical consultant based in Northern California. He has been in ministry for 30 years including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training and writing and development of new materials.

Valenzuela has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent, he is fully bilingual and bicultural. He is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Barry University in Miami.

5-70 Lãnh Đạo như Chúa Giêsu Người Tôi Tớ

Chúa Giêsu nói: “Ta đến không phải để được phục vụ nhưng để phục vụ” (Mc 10:45). Là thành viên của Giáo Hội, chúng ta được mời gọi để sống phục vụ như Chúa Kitô đã phục vụ. Qua Lãnh Đạo Phục Vụ, chúng ta có thể đưa người khác đến gần Thiên Chúa và cho họ cảm nghiệm được tinh thần lãnh đạo phục vụ như Chúa Giêsu; và để họ tạo được một môi trường hài hòa, đầy niềm tin và yêu thương. Cuộc hội thảo này sẽ cung cấp cho quý vị những điểm đặc biệt của một nhà lãnh đạo phục vụ, như Chúa Giêsu là người Lãnh Đạo hoàn hảo qua mọi thời đại.

LEAD LIKE JESUS, THE SERVANT LEADER

Jesus said, “I did not come to be served but to serve” (Mk 10:45). As members of the Church, we are called to live out our Christian life of service. Through service, we can lead people to God and empower them to lead others to creating an environment of harmony, trust and love. This workshop will provide leadership skills of a servant leader like Jesus who is the Perfect Leader of all time.



Sr. Đỗ Minh Vương, FMA

Sr. Đỗ Minh Vương là nữ tu của Dòng Con Đức Mẹ Phù Hộ (thuộc dòng Salêdiêng Don Bosco). Năm 1979, Sr và gia đình đã vượt biên để đi tìm tự do và định cư tại miền nam California. Sr đã phục vụ trong Phong Trào Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể Việt Nam tại Hoa Kỳ gần 20 năm và trên 10 năm sinh hoạt mục vụ trong giáo xứ Huntington Beach và Thánh Linh tại Orange County trước khi Sr đáp lời mời gọi đời sống tu trì. Sr Vương hiện là giám đốc điều hành trường tiểu học Con Đức Mẹ Phù Hộ và là bề trên của chi nhánh dòng tại Laredo, Texas.

Sr. Vương Minh Do, FMA

Sr. Vương Do is a Daughter of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sister). In 1979, she and her family fled communist Vietnam to find freedom. Moving to America, she has worked with Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth in Orange County for several decades and over 10 years in pastoral ministry at St. Bonaventure and Holy Spirit Churches before joining the Salesian Sisters. Sr. Do is currently Chief Executive Officer at Mary Help of Christians School and Superior of her community in Laredo, Texas.



6-01 SAY SOMETHING ... I'M GIVING UP ON YOU!

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At times, “Silence is golden” is indeed quite true. But there are times when our silence can truly become deadly. That is why the Lord said to St. Paul, “Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you” (Acts 18:9-10). Sometimes, we have to “say something.” The marginalized sectors of society are begging us to speak up. This workshop will strive to be a voice for our society’s voiceless. It will address the silent cries of the unborn, the underemployed, the LGBT community, the incarcerated and many others. It is time for us to break the silence and “say something”!

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

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, currently serves as Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish and as Campus Minister and Chair of Theology for St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also an Instructor for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University and Director of Knight Time Ministries. Fr. Ricard has authored many books, has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation and has preached in 22 countries.

6-02 TO HAVE AND TO HOLD – LET TRUST MAKE ME BOLD

Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera (bio 2-03)

Inviting young adults into a deeper faith through the sacrament of marriage begs us to be creative and innovative as leaders. We will look at ways to evangelize and energize engaged couples and recently married couples in our pews and beyond. We will spend some time with the “three S’s” to accompany the faith lives of young adults: Scripture, Spirituality and Social Media.

6-03 THE GRAND NARRATIVE OF SCRIPTURE 🔊

While every character, story, and book of Scripture is significant in itself, stepping back for a broad, panoramic view of the entire Bible helps us to take in and understand God’s unified plan for human history. In this workshop, you will learn how all of the Bible’s many parts fit together in a grand and awesome narrative. With a clear vision of this sweeping unity, we can then understand far better our own place within the storyline and our own personal role within the mission of God.

**Stephen J. Binz**

Stephen Binz is a biblical scholar and award-winning author. He was founder and author of the Threshold Bible Study with Twenty-Third Publications. Binz has spoken at national gatherings, including the L.A. Congress, the Mid-Atlantic Congress, and the National Catholic Education Association. He has traveled the United States and Canada, offering keynote at diocesan conferences, parish missions and retreats, and he leads pilgrimages to the lands of the Bible and other sacred sites.

6-04 DISCIPLESHIP AND CONFIRMATION: PUTTING AN END TO CONFIRMATION AS ‘THE END’ 🔊

Given what we know about adolescent spirituality, effective catechesis and good youth ministry, how might we enhance confirmation preparation’s ability to be a more formative experience in the lives of young people? What have we learned from the efforts of others around the country? This session offers eight potential enhancements you can make and invites you to select the one(s) that might most enhance your efforts. Note: We will not focus on the practical; instead, we will consider the merits of what is possible.

**Dr. Michael Carotta**

Based in Nebraska, Mike Carotta is Senior Manager of Catholic Initiatives for the American Bible Society. The religious educator and consultant taught catechetics at six Catholic universities, has spoken at national, international and diocesan events, and recently directed the national Confirmation Prep Project in 18 dioceses. Carotta’s most recent book is “Teaching For Discipleship: The Call, The Challenge, The Difference for Discipleship.” In 2012, he received the Emmaus Award for Excellence in Catechesis.

6-05 LET’S ANSWER THOSE TOUGH CATHOLIC QUESTIONS 🔊

Fr. John Cusick (bio 1-05)

Too often today the critical questions asked by people about the practices of our Church are either answered with a law or a rule, or simply go unanswered. Not only do they demand answers, but they also need pastoral understandings. This workshop will answer many of those “tough questions” such as: Why should I go to Church? Why go to confession? Why do Catholics have to be married inside a church? Why do I have to be registered in a parish? Why are many churches being so tough on eulogies at funerals? Why are there so many rules and regulations in my parish?

6-06 PRAYING WITH THE BODY 🔊

Applying the practices from his book, “Praying with the Body: Bringing the Psalms to Life,” this workshop will let you experience a creative approach to praying The Lord’s Prayer, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, and the Sign of the Cross. Roy DeLeon will be your guide in moving these traditional prayers from our heads into our hearts, into our entire being, into a more intimate and mindful time with the Creator. The guided body movements will be slow and very gentle. There will be instructions on how to adapt them to your physical needs.

**Roy E. DeLeon, ObiSB**

Roy DeLeon has been a member of the Oblates of St. Benedict with St. Placid Priory in Lacey, Wash., since 2002, and he represented his community at the First World Congress of Benedictine Oblates in Rome, Italy in 2005. A spiritual director and certified yoga instructor, DeLeon regularly conducts workshops on body prayer and other forms of expressive contemplative prayer at St. Placid’s Spirituality Center.

6-07 ART, LITERATURE AND THE RENEWAL OF THE CHRISTIAN IMAGINATION

Leonard J. DeLorenzo, PhD (bio 2-10)

Studying art and literature assists in the formation of a sacramental imagination while also fostering the skills, behaviors and dispositions of mature discipleship. We will see how those of us who live in a consumer culture are slowly formed to hold unstable desires, fueled by a general inability to pay attention. We will then explore how the discipline of “strategic patience” that art and literature demand helps heal us of this malady, schooling us in the virtues of stability and the generosity of attention.

6-08 THE JOY OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE

Would Pope Francis be a good marriage therapist? While hot button issues have grabbed the headlines, Pope Francis’ 2016 document, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), provides a beautiful reflection on love, marriage and family. Francis states, “Every marriage is a kind of salvation history,” providing the couple with a pathway to heaven when they embrace trust to build upon their strengths, address their challenges and invite God’s presence into their marriage. Integrating the psychological and the spiritual, we’ll provide strategies to build healthy marriages – both for ourselves and our ministries – that leave you feeling “the Joy of Love.”



Michael DiPaolo, PhD

Dr. Michael DiPaolo is a clinical psychologist and a certified Imago Relationship Therapist in private practice in Los Angeles. He works with individuals and couples and has counseled over 1,000 couples in marriage preparation throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Dr. DiPaolo is a retreat leader, staff trainer to several community-based mental health agencies and workshop presenter at archdiocesan events including the Our Lady of the Angels Regional Congress and Theology on Tap. His recently updated book is titled, “The Impact of Multiple Childhood Trauma on Homeless Runaway Adolescents.”

6-09 TRANSGENDER IN THE FAMILY: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Gender identity and transgender issues have become hot topics in media, politics, schools and other religious and social arenas. In this session, a panel moderated by Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice will speak from lived experience to help us be sensitive, loving and supportive of transgender Catholics and their families in the midst of transition. Fr. Bryan Massingale will offer theological reflection and respond to the witnesses of transgender Catholics and family members on the panel. Attention will be given to exploring best practices for integrating gender-diverse families in our parishes, schools and health-care systems.



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD

Freelance speaker and minister Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice has served a decade in ministry with LGBT Catholics. He has spoken at various gatherings, including the Religious Education Congress, the Faith Formation Conference, the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, and the Gay Christian Network. Dr. Fitzmaurice appears in several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network. He has also received the Archdiocese’s Lumen Christi and the Cardinal’s Young Adult in Ministry awards.



Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, he has lectured extensively on ethical and racial justice issues throughout the United States and internationally. A previous Religious Education Congress Keynote, Fr. Massingale is a former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and has been a leader of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

6-10 PRAISED BEE

The beloved bee is in peril, yet its work remains critical for the balance of our world. In light of Pope Francis’ challenging encyclical on the environment, what should we know about American agriculture, the stewardship of creation and the preservation of the bee? This cross-curricular workshop will provide resources, insights and valuable information for all who share a care and concern for this beautiful and fragile world, and in particular, those who teach religion, music, science and social studies for grades 1 through 12 and beyond. Come prepared to learn and participate in this workshop in which intellect meets the affect – the head meets the heart.



Martin G. Marklin

Martin Marklin received his early childhood liturgical training in St. Louis while serving at the side of his pastor and namesake, Msgr. Martin B. Hellriegel. In 1975, he began creating paschal candles and worked to perfect a wax-inlay process. He, along with his wife, Christine, now live in New Hampshire and are principals of Marklin Candle Design. Martin, a woodworker by training, made candles for the U.S. visits of Pope Francis, John Paul II and Benedict XVI.



John K. Flaherty

John Flaherty has been involved in music and educational ministry for over 20 years as an educator, elementary school principal, music director, liturgy director and composer. He is presently on the Campus Ministry team at Loyola Marymount University, where he serves as Director of Liturgy and Music. Flaherty has served as the chairperson of the Liturgy Committee and Music Director for the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress since 1991.

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Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ served as Keynote at the 2016 Religious Education Congress, speaking on the topic of "Boundless Mercy and the Compassion of Christ." Following her talk, she appeared at the Book Signing area, where there were 74 scheduled times by 43 authors to sign their books, CDs or other materials.



6-11 SUICIDE: BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR THIS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TRAGEDY

Amy Florian (bio 3-12)

Suicide is now the third leading cause of death of young adults ages 15-29. Yet so few people are educated about suicide, the warning signs, how to help and how to support families in the aftermath. Learn, too, how Catholic teaching on funerals and eternal life for suicide victims has changed over the years, and where we stand now. Come be informed and challenged, and get your questions answered.

6-12 CHRISTIANITY, MYSTICISM & THE ESOTERIC: PATHWAYS TO THE DIVINE

Fr. Richard Fragomeni (bio 1-09)

In this session, examine why and enjoy the hidden dimensions of Christian wisdom as we examine the mystery of God who is All in All.

6-13 WRESTLING WITH THE TRADITION – WHY BELONGING TO A COMMUNITY OF FAITH STILL MATTERS

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (bio 1-11)

In the midst of scandal and controversy, many people today, especially young adults, are finding it difficult to see the point of belonging to the church. For them, one can still pursue an authentically moral and spiritual existence without belonging to a church suffering a major credibility crisis. In this workshop, Dr. Richard Gaillardetz will argue why belonging to a community of faith matters more than ever in our contemporary world.

6-14 HOPES FOR THE CHURCH OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Dr. Thomas Groome (bio 3-13)

As we settle into the 21st century, what are our best hopes for our Church and Catholic faith, and how do we move forward toward the realization of our hopes. The challenges of our times also bring new opportunities, and while faith is often challenged, we must rise to the challenge.

6-15 SINGING TRUTH TO POWER: MUSIC THAT EMBRACES AND EMPOWERS US TO TRUST IN GOD'S REIGN

Old Testament scholar and theologian Walter Brueggemann notes that God's Reign is best and most powerfully envisioned, embraced and realized through the voice of the prophet and the poet. How do we sing God's Word in these challenging times with passion and integrity? In this session, we will explore how God's Spirit is speaking and moving in our world, embrace our calling as poets and prophets of hope, and raise our voices to proclaim that trust in the Gospel.



Marty Haugen

For over 36 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. His range of musical compositions continues to appear in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and other Protestant denominations. His most recent works include "Here Among Us" and "Lyric Psalter," a project in collaboration with Tony Alonso.

6-16 THE FIFTH ENCUESTRO: HISTORICAL ROOTS AND VISION FOR PASTORAL RENEWAL

Since 1972, the National Hispanic Pastoral Encuentros have inspired countless Latinos and other Catholics to live their Christian identity as leaders in the Church. Encuentros draw their energy from thousands of small faith communities in parishes and dioceses, constituting a major force for Catholic renewal. The four-year process of the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latina Ministry begins in 2017 and will conclude in 2020, with a national gathering in 2018. This is an exceptional opportunity for pastoral planning, leadership formation, consultation and evangelization. Come and learn about this exciting moment in our Church!



Dr. Timothy Matovina

Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana and Co-Director of the Institute for Latino Studies. He works in the area of theology and culture, with specialization in U.S. Catholic and U.S. Latino theology and religion. His most recent books are the award-winning "Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church" and the Spanish version of that work, "Ministerio Hispano: Una introducción."



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

Dr. Hosffman Ospino is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College, where he is Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. He is author or editor of several books and he served as the principal investigator for the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry and is a co-principal investigator for the National Survey of Catholic Schools Serving Hispanic Families.

6-17 RECALIBRATION: MOVING TO A GRACE-FILLED FUTURE! 🎧

This session is for pastoral ministers in the wisdom generation (in their 50s and 60s) who are considering their “next stage” in life and ministry and not ready to completely leave the ministry vineyard. Recalibration is a life-giving option to retirement, a re-examination of vocation and ministry, and a joy-filled pathway to our next stage. We will identify the practical challenges, key questions to consider and specific strategies to honor our past and enhance our preferred future.



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty has been in pastoral ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, diocesan and national settings. He is currently Chief Operating Officer of the Catholic Mobilizing Network, formerly serving as Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. McCarty provides training in ministry skills internationally, while continuing to serve as a volunteer in youth ministry and faith formation at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md. His hobbies include cycling, rock climbing and grandparenting!

6-18 “AND SHE MINISTERED TO THEM”: WOMEN IN MARK’S GOSPEL 🎧

Rev. J. Patrick Mullen (bio 2-19)

The women in Mark are brave and cowardly, brassy, generous to a fault and occasionally hidden by the translated text. In this workshop, we will focus on the actions, motives and message of the women who populate Jesus’ world to consider our own place – both as women and men – in the Reign of God.

6-19 WITH CHRIST ON THE BORDER 🎧

In this session, we will take a look at the church’s work on Mexico’s borders with the United States and with Guatemala. Using the theme of “trust” in the Lord and in God’s plan for each one of us, we will look at the work that the Kino Border Initiative does, based in the eucharistic celebration of a meal shared and life given. This can only be accomplished through trust in the God’s Divine Providence. All of us baptized followers of Jesus share in the work of the parable found in Matthew 25 when we join our prayers and thoughts with those seated at the table.



Peter G. Neeley, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Peter Neeley has done extensive work with disenfranchised people from Mexico and Central America. For the last eight years he has directed educational programs for parishes and schools regarding border issues and immigration. The work is done out of the Center for Deported Migrants (Kino Border Initiative) in Sonora, Mexico. He also is Co-Director of “Kino Teens,” a program teaching high school students about the reality of deportation and immigration.

6-20 WHY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MATTER

Catholic schools have experienced tremendous success in evangelizing families, educating youth and forming the next generation in the wisdom and traditions of the faith. Based on 25 years of research, this session explores why Catholic schools matter by presenting the Top 10 reasons for supporting and selecting a Catholic school education.



Rev. Ronald Nuzzi

Fr. Ron Nuzzi, a priest of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, has served as a parish priest, retreat leader, teacher, school administrator, university professor as well as in Catholic elementary, secondary and post-secondary institutions. Fr. Nuzzi has developed leadership programs for aspiring Catholic school principals at the University of Dayton in Ohio, at Saint Louis University in Missouri, and at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he currently serves as a Senior Director of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Program.

6-21 NINE STEPS TO TRANSFORMING LIVES: TEACHING AND PROCLAIMING A GOSPEL OF TRANSFORMATION 🎧

Proclaiming the Gospel is much more than transmitting information: It is about transformation. In this workshop, Joe Paprocki will identify nine steps to transforming hearts and minds so as to make disciples whose lives are truly under the influence of Jesus Christ.



Joe Paprocki, DMin

Joe Paprocki has over 35 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He has presented in over 100 dioceses in North America, including Alaska, Hawaii and Canada. Paprocki served as a Consultant for Catechist Formation in the Chicago Archdiocese and is now National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press in Chicago. He still serves as a catechist and blogs about the experience and is author of several books on pastoral ministry and catechesis. His latest is “A Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion.”

6-22 BE MY WITNESS: PRACTICAL WAYS TO SHARE POWERFUL FAITH STORIES 🎧

Seekers and believers alike need to hear a faith story to help them encounter Christ in a new and personal way. Each of us has a story about how our lives have been graced through the power of the Holy Spirit. When we share, we give witness to the power of God’s love and become “agents of evangelization” to others. You will learn practical tips to develop and share your faith story with others.



Sr. Theresa Rickard, OP

Sr. Theresa Rickard, a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, N.Y., is President and Executive Director of RENEW International. Before joining RENEW, she ministered in two inner-city parishes in the South Bronx, was Director of Vocation and For-

mation ministry for her congregation, and was a member of the New York Archdiocese's Parish Mission Team. Sr. Rickard is author of "Live Lent!" and "We Preach Christ Crucified." She also blogs for RENEW under "God in the Stuff of Life" and is an avid sports fan.

6-23 A SECRET HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD: THE CROSS AS REVEALING THE REAL BASIS FOR TRUST

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (bio 1-01)

The famed French anthropologist René Girard teaches that the cross of Christ reveals a deep secret that has been hidden since the beginning of time. What is that secret? How is it revealed in the cross of Christ? What is revealed in the brokenness of Jesus? What wisdom hidden inside the cross is the basis for trust? The revelation of God's nature and love in the cross is the ground for human trust.

6-24 ENGAGING THE HEAD, HEART & HANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH CREATIVE CATECHESIS

When we gather young people together are we just playing games, hoping to survive or are we intentionally forming disciples? How can we be faithful to our catechetical calling to echo the faith and lead young people down the road of discipleship, while making sure that we actively engage their head, hearts and hands in their own learning process? Let's have some fun as we creatively answer these questions together.



Michael Theisen

Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and faith formation for 30 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles and was a contributor to the Catholic Youth Bible. His experience as a speaker, trainer and ministry leader spans from parish to diocesan and national levels. Theisen serves as Director of Training and Formation for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C., where he also is National Coordinator for the Strong Catholic Families Initiative. He resides with his family in Rochester, N.Y.

6-25 WHERE IS THE ASSEMBLY'S VOICE?

Chris Walker (bio 2-25)

As church musicians become more sophisticated and performance-focused, there is a danger that our assembly is being turned into a passive audience rather than taking "full, active and authentic" participation in liturgy. Come and explore ways we can give them back their voice!

6-26 FAITH AND POLITICS

Jim Wallis (bio 4-01)

In this session, Jim Wallis will take a look at the intersection of faith, religion, society and politics in the United States. Biblical as well as secular versions of "social justice" will be explored.

6-70 Một tầm nhìn mới, Một cuộc ra đi mới, Một văn hóa mới cho giới trẻ

Thầy Fortunat Phong, FSC (tiếng 3-70)

Trong khóa này chúng ta sẽ cùng nhau tìm cách chia sẻ với giới trẻ, đặc biệt các em trong các chương trình sau Thêm Sức, một lối nhìn mới về Bí Tích Hòa Giải, như là một bí tích tuyên xưng, cử mừng Lòng Thương Xót Chúa thay vì chỉ "đi xưng tội," để rồi đáp trả bằng cách trở thành những thừa tác viên ngoại thường đầy năng động của Lòng Thương Xót, dám đi đến các vùng ven biên, chia sẻ Lòng Thương Xót với người khác, và chung nhau góp phần xây dựng nền Văn Hóa Liên Kết trong một thế giới đầy vô cảm như hiện nay, theo như Đ.T.C. Phan-xi-cô mời gọi.

A NEW VISION, A NEW SENDING OUT, A NEW CULTURE FOR OUR YOUTH

Frère Fortunat Phong, FSC (bio 3-70)

In this session we will offer, especially to youth in post-confirmation programs, a new way to look at the sacrament of reconciliation as Confession of the Merciful God, a celebration of his mercy instead of only confession of sins. As a result, the youth can become dynamic extraordinary ministers of mercy, going out to the periphery, sharing God's mercy with others, thus contributing in the building of the new culture of solidarity, as called for by Pope Francis.



7-01 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC: WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH

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



John L. Allen Jr.

John Allen is Editor of Crux, an independent Catholic news site in partnership with the Knights of Columbus, and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He previously served as both Associate Editor for the Boston Globe and Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter. Author of 10 best-selling books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, Allen is also a nationally and internationally known speaker on the Vatican and Catholic affairs. He divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver.

7-04 HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT ST. PAUL AND HIS LETTERS?

Fr. William L. Burton, OFM (bio 3-06)

Paul is notoriously difficult to understand and is even more difficult to teach. The first difficulty is that we have confusing, and occasionally, contradictory information about Paul in our sources. To assess these sources (Paul's own letters and Acts), we will compare and contrast both sources. Then we will look at the earliest history of the church after Jesus' Ascension to help us understand both what Paul tells us in his letters and what Acts tells us about Paul. There we will see how the stresses within the early Church about Gentile converts profoundly shaped both Paul and Acts.

7-05 THANK YOU, GOD!

Andrew Chinn (bio 2-07)

This is a workshop aimed at those who teach early childhood students. Those of us who work with young children just know how important music is to them. But exactly why is this so? How does music move the heart, engage us in our faith, guide us in prayer and create bonds from one to another? Join Australian composer and experienced early childhood teacher Andrew Chinn as we discover the power of music to "let the children come unto me." Leave with a deeper understanding of the power of music in your Religious Education classroom and a rich range of songs and strategies to engage the hearts of those you teach.

7-02 I WILL LIFT MY EYES: EMBRACING TRUST THROUGH SONG

Music gives us a vocabulary to cry out to God in all the colors of life. This workshop will inspire reflection on ways in which music-making inside and outside of liturgy helps us *embrace trust* in our daily lives.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso is one of the most prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music. His latest release is "A House of Prayer" with GIA Publications. He presents at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. Alonso formerly served as Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston, Ill. An emerging theologian, he is currently a doctoral candidate at Emory University in Atlanta.

7-03 FROM SAINT PETER TO POPE FRANCIS: HOW THE FIRST POPE INSPIRES OUR CURRENT POPE

Stephen J. Binz (bio 6-03)

The way Peter the Apostle is presented in the four Gospels, in the Acts of the Apostles and in his two Letters inspires a vision for leadership in the church. Pope Francis has taken up the legacy of Peter and has called the church to be renewed. This workshop will focus on five attributes of the church, learned by Peter and embraced by Francis today as he serves the church from Peter's chair: 1) a church that is not afraid to be bold; 2) a church that takes up the cross; 3) a church that embraces mercy; 4) a church that welcomes all; 5) a church of missionary disciples.

7-06 THE QUESTIONS THAT DEEPEN OUR FAITH

Each weekday on "The Busted Halo Show" on SiriusXM radio, Fr. Dave Dwyer tackles questions from people of varied experiences of religious faith, from the most devout to those with barely any faith connection. He has come to believe that inviting questions is an important form of evangelization. In this interactive workshop, Fr. Dwyer will recount some of the most common questions he has answered and allow time for you to ask your own.



Fr. David Dwyer, CSP

Paulist priest Fr. Dave Dwyer is Director of Busted Halo Ministries, publisher of Busted-Halo.com and YoungAdultMinistryInaBox.com, and host of the "Sacraments 101" videos and of the daily program "The Busted Halo Show" on SiriusXM radio. Fr. Dwyer has appeared on CNN, Fox News and NBC News as well as "Entertainment Tonight" and "The Daily Show." The former campus minister at the universities of Colorado and Texas has been a major keynote speaker at Catholic events for the past 10 years.

7-07 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: TRUST THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE HOLY RESULTS 🎧

Evangelization, old or new, is always the work of the Holy Spirit. As we *embrace trust*, how can we rely on the same Holy Spirit at work in the Old and New Testaments? Starting with the Bible, let's journey into the "New Testament" and share the testimonies coming from our own families, parishes, schools, neighborhoods and dioceses. A special focus will include Spirit-filled community organizing, racial reconciliation and prison ministry.



Msgr. Raymond G. East

Msgr. Ray East, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., served in six local parishes before being named 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 regular and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynote addresses at major national events.

7-08 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: A COMMUNAL INVITATION TO MISSION 🎧

Eucharistic adoration is a traditional Roman Catholic devotion. Vatican II's emphasis on the ecclesial and missional nature of all worship invites us to reimagine a reformed version of adoration. This workshop will offer historical, theological, liturgical and music suggestions for communities who wish to shape vibrant experiences of adoration that will nourish a truly eucharistic vision of Church.



Fr. Edward Foley, OFM Cap

Fr. Edward Foley, a member of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, is the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality and Professor of Liturgy and Music at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He has authored 19 books and over 300 scholarly and pastoral articles and reviews. Fr. Foley is a founder and originating member of the Executive Committee of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy. He sits on the Executive Committee of the International Academy of Practical Theology.



Lorraine Hess

New Orleans native, Lorraine Hess is a singer, songwriter and recording artist with World Library Publications. She has 30 years of experience in music ministry and has a solo CD, "As I Pray," as well as a series of compilation sound recordings titled "More Voices as One." Hess is Music Ministry Director at Divine Mercy Parish in Kenner, La., and travels to present concerts, parish missions and retreats. She is near completion of her Master's degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University New Orleans.

2016 Several of the performing artists who appear at Congress have scheduled time at the new Performance Stage in Hall A.



The stage, begun at Congress 2016, shows 20-minute sets of live music and is located in the southeast area of Exhibit Hall A.

7-09 LORD, I LOVE 'EM, BUT THEY'RE DRIVING ME NUTS! 🎧

Steven Ellair (bio 3-10)

This lively and practical workshop will explore effective ways to handle classroom discipline and reveal successful behavior-management tricks and tips. Focus will be on preventative measures and positive solutions. If you've ever had "one of those days" with student behavior in your ministry, then this workshop is for you!

7-10 SACRAMENTS AND SNAPCHAT 🎧

Fr. Rob Galea (bio 2-14)

"Father, will you hear my confession over Snapchat?" I get asked this question time and time again. With much of the world spending more time in front of their screens, Fr. Rob Galea will attempt to give answer to this question. In this workshop, you will receive a deeper understanding of the sacraments and how they become a powerful means of grace.

7-11 LAUDATO SÍ AND LITURGICAL CATECHESIS: PRAYING & SINGING FOR OUR COMMON HOME 🎧

In Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, does his call to "hear both the cry of earth and the cry of the poor" have relevance to the liturgy? Our relation to creation is just as central to the Gospel and the Eucharist as our relation to our neighbor. Bob Hurd will explore the main lines of the encyclical, showing how preaching and music ministry can help worshipers to form awareness and appreciation of ecological spirituality and justice.



Bob Hurd

Author and composer Bob Hurd has taught for 39 years at the college and graduate level in the California institutions of Loyola Marymount University, the Franciscan School of Theology, St. Patrick's Seminary, and Santa Clara University. Over the same period, he continued as a liturgical composer and workshop presenter. His widely used liturgical music is featured in numerous hymnals in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Australia. In 2010, Hurd was honored with the Pastoral Musician of the Year award from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

Workshops

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The first Congress Chat was a (typing) chat held on Friday, February 23 in 1996 on CompuServe with Cardinal Roger Mahony. Since then, the Cardinal participated in 22 Congress chats (both nationwide and with schools) over 14 years. Archbishop José Gomez has continued the tradition of (now, video) chats with school students from the Archdiocese. This will be his seventh Congress chat from Hall A.



7-14 JOB, CAREER OR CALLING? A SPIRITUALITY OF WORK FOR TODAY

Douglas Leal (bio 3-14)

Work might be the defining characteristic of adulthood. After all, we will spend more of our adult lives working than any other activity. But work is changing rapidly in today's "disrupter" economy. We may have multiple careers and many different employers in our working lifetime. Is it time for a new theology and spirituality of work? How do we help young adults or those seeking a career change find their calling? How do we help all adults – and ourselves – find meaning and purpose in work? We'll draw upon Scripture, spiritual writers and Catholic social teaching to explore a spirituality of work to offer some practical ways to integrate work life with faith life.

7-15 WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? A GUIDE TO BEING MORE FAITHFUL, HOPEFUL AND LOVING

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (bio 3-15)

If we are going to trust in God's love, it means we cannot shy away from the biggest challenges to faith inside and outside of the Church. This workshop outlines a contemporary and accessible response to the issues that confront – and sometimes confound – believers today.

7-16 ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN LAY PREACHING

Josephine Lombardi, PhD (bio 5-19)

The Church allows for lay preaching in certain contexts. However, formation for these lay ministers in the area of preaching is a must. Even our U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offers an instruction on lay preaching. This workshop is designed to give an introduction to the when, where and how of lay preaching. It will provide a brief overview of the legalities associated with lay preaching and a model for planning and facilitating a preached reflection for retreats, prayer services, parish missions and other opportunities for lay preachers. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will conclude with a demonstration using a model she has designed for lay preachers.

7-17 LIVING LITURGICALLY: BECOMING STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES IN A SEARCH-ENGINE WORLD

Diana Macalintal (bio 4-13)

Some try to make Mass more meaningful by explaining it. That's easy when you can Google it, download it and put it on a PowerPoint. But catechists and liturgists do more than give information: We open hearts to Christ. To do this we need to be stewards of these mysteries, seeing life through a deep religious imagination. Through prayer, song, ritual and story, we'll explore eight disciplines for expanding our symbolic vision so we can engage the disengaged at Sunday Mass, attract the uninterested to our best-kept secrets, and rekindle our own appreciation for the Mysteries of God.

7-12 ENHANCING OUR CREATIVITY: LESSONS FROM NEUROSCIENCE & SPIRITUALITY

Pope Francis has proclaimed: "A spark of divine light is within each of us." How can we nurture that spark to bring more love, compassion and energy to our work, our families, our communities? Creativity is the fuel that allows us to more thoughtfully tend to the needs of others. The question is not "Are you creative?" but "How are you creative?" Come explore current neuroscience research and spiritual practices that offer specific ways to inspire our creative souls, ignite our passion and enhance the Divine Light in our world.



Anne Kertz Kernion

Based in Pittsburgh, Anne Kertz Kernion is owner and artist of *Cards by Anne*, which is sold online and in stores across the United States and abroad. She has taught theology at Carlow University in Pittsburgh for over a decade and chemistry and religion courses at the nearby Community College of Allegheny County. Kertz is also a public speaker, gives retreats and teaches yoga. Her latest book is entitled, "A Year of Spiritual Companionship."

7-13 EXPRESSIONS OF CATHOLIC LIFE IN A GLOBAL CHURCH

Thomas M. Landy (bio 4-12)

American Catholics comprise just 7 percent of all Catholics in the world. Sociologist Tom Landy, founder of the new website *Catholics & Cultures*, illustrates surprising aspects of Catholic life, including charismatic Catholicism and popular devotions in countries as diverse as Uganda, Argentina, Norway, Israel, China and the Philippines. This multimedia session will provide examples of the vitality of Catholic life around the world, and show how Americans can better assess their own situations. Participants will leave with resources and discussion ideas to bring back to their parishes about how culture is shaped by Catholic experience around the world.

7-18 SING JUSTICE, LIVE JUSTICE – LITURGICAL SONG INSPIRING SOCIAL ACTION 🔊

“Inspired by sung participation, [the church] goes forth to spread the Gospel with full force and compassion” (no. 9), states the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ document “Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship.” Liturgical song can be a powerful way to awaken, inspire and motivate our parishes and schools to actively live core Gospel values. Join Michael Mangan as he shares an engaging repertoire that highlights justice as well as the common that can send our liturgical assemblies out to “announce the Gospel” through our everyday lives.



Michael Mangan

Michael Mangan is a composer, educator and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The former elementary school specialist music teacher has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan is President of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, and is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. His latest music collection is entitled “Let the Children Come.”

7-21 PARABLES OF JESUS AND DISNEY: EMBRACING JUSTICE FROM DORY TO MOANA 🔊

The biblical parables of Jesus and the Disney parables, including films “Finding Dory” and “Moana,” teach values of life, peace and justice. This session will use Jesus’ parables along with clips from various Disney movies as a model for spiritual living and justice practice. Join the conversation, as teacher, parish new evangelist or person in the pews. Parables can be fun and reflective as well as models for living the justice and consistent life ethics of our Catholic Church. Join us for singing, fun and spiritual renewal.



Fr. Chris Ponnet

Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983. Since then, he has served as Director for the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. He also serves as Pastor at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. Fr. Ponnet has spoken at the RECongress and at the archdiocesan regional congresses for many years and has made presentations at Pax Christi Peace and Justice conferences and at local congregations and meetings around the county.

7-19 BEING A MERCIFUL CHURCH ... TO, WITH, FOR, AND BY YOUNG PEOPLE 🔊

Robert J. McCarty, DMin (bio 6-17)

The Year of Mercy can never be over! We are challenged continually – to proclaim the Good News of mercy and compassion, but mercy is counter-cultural. Our young people are immersed in all the prolife issues from abortion to the death penalty, from immigration to health-care. We must connect the personal and communal dimensions of mercy with youth so they can rightfully live as ambassadors of mercy.

7-20 DIGITAL MEDIA AND MINISTRY: NEW TOOLS FOR SHARING FAITH 🔊

Charlotte McCorquodale (bio 4-15)

Today our lives are bombarded by the images on TV, computers and our mobile devices. How many times have you heard someone say, “I am a visual learner”? But, in this digital age, aren’t we all “visual learners”? This workshop will explore the role images and video have in learning today, as well as provide tips for how we create, curate and utilize images and videos in sharing faith with all generations of Catholics.

7-22 POPE FRANCIS’ MESSAGE OF FAITH, LOVE, HUMILITY AND MERCY: DOES IT REALLY MATTER? 🔊

Pope Francis has breathed new life into the Catholic Church and revitalized the faith of millions, including Mark Shriver, who recently traveled to Argentina to meet with the people who knew the Pope as a young Jorge Bergoglio, as a young Jesuit priest and as a reforming bishop. Shriver visited the confessional where the Pope first felt called to a faith-based life and the humble parish where he answered Christ’s call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. In this session, Shriver will share what he learned on that journey and discuss how Francis’ message of faith, love, humility and mercy are relevant in today’s world.



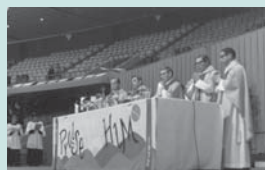
Mark K. Shriver

Mark Shriver is President of Save the Children Action Network, based in Washington, D.C. He created the Choice Program and is a former Maryland state legislator. His new book, “Pilgrimage: My Search for the Real Pope Francis,” was released in November 2016. Shriver is also author of the New York Times best-selling memoir, “A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver.” He and his wife, Jeanne, have their three children, Molly, Tommy and Emma.

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Photos from 55 years of Congress Liturgies (from left to right): 1962 with celebrant Cardinal James McIntyre (at Immaculate Heart College); 1972 with Cardinal Timothy Manning; 1986 & 1996 with Cardinal Roger Mahony; 2016 with Archbishop José Gomez.



7-23 TELL ME WHY? – UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (bio 6-01)

Catholic belief is succinctly expressed in the profession of our faith, or credo, called the Nicene Creed. From “I believe in God” to believing in this “one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church” and looking forward to “the life of the world to come,” Roman Catholics believe a lot of stuff. Some of it is easy to understand and some of it can be confusing. This interactive workshop will deal with some of the major questions of faith. It will also allow participants to ask questions about faith, hope and love. Come prepared to ask Fr. Tony Ricard, “Tell me why?”

7-24 START WHERE THEY ARE (& OTHER SECRETS TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE FAMILIES IN FAITH)

Michael Theisen (bio 6-24)

Pope Francis has clearly articulated a path for the Church and church leaders everywhere that directs us into the homes and the lived reality of families. Why is family so central to an evangelizing church? How can ministry leaders effectively accompany parents and families in their faith journeys? And perhaps most important, what’s keeping us from taking those necessary next steps to partner more closely with parents in the faith transmission process? Join others who are seeking the answers to these same questions as we explore the secrets to bringing home the faith.

7-25 THE LIVING LANGUAGE OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Johan M.J. van Parys, PhD (bio 4-22)

For centuries Christian symbols have been an important way to express our faith and in turn to learn about our faith. Some symbols have gone out of favor as we no longer understand them. On the other hand, new symbols have risen from our daily experience of Church. This workshop will look at the ways in which we best engage with this beautiful language and use it enhance our liturgy and catechesis.

7-26 FATHER & SON, DARING TO EMBRACE TRUST

In 2016, Pope Francis gave to the Church, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), which spoke of the family as a foundation for growth in love. In response to this exhortation, David and Matthew Wells will speak to each other about their experience of being father and son, of what each has taught the other about life, themselves and about God. Witness a dialogue between the first half of life and the second as we explore, in this far-from-perfect relationship, how out of the ordinariness and messiness of daily life can emerge a gentle awareness of God’s lifelong embrace.



David Wells

David Wells was a teacher before becoming a research assistant for the Bishops’ Conference in England and Wales. His latest position is as Project Manager for School Evangelization. Wells has travelled the world, speaking at more than 350 conferences in Europe, North America and Australia. He guest lectures in three English universities and in 2015 was MC for the Bishops’ Conference national gathering in England and Wales. Wells is author of two books, “The Reluctant Disciple” (which tells of his experience at RECongress), and more recently, “The Grateful Disciple.”



Matthew Wells

Matthew Wells is currently studying toward his degree in Geography at the University of Cardiff in the United Kingdom and expects to graduate this coming summer. He will present alongside his Dad, David Wells, a regular speaker at Congress. Matthew has spoken once before with David, at a conference of several hundred people when he was just 14. This will be his second experience of public speaking. For two years now he has taken part in a Church-based program called “Release,” designed to encourage young people into leadership and witness.

7-70 “Không ai có thể làm tôi hai chủ” (Mt. 6, 24)

Đức Cha Giuse Nguyễn Chí Linh (tiểu sử 2-70)

Đề tài “không ai có thể làm tôi hai chủ” (Mt. 6, 24) sẽ được triển khai như sau: 1) Những nhu cầu thực sự của con người: con người cần phải đáp ứng những nhu cầu vật chất để tồn tại về thể xác. Nhưng con người có cuộc sống thứ hai quan trọng hơn: cuộc sống thân linh. 2) Giáo huấn của Chúa Giêsu: phải chọn lựa một trong hai, hoặc tiền bạc, hoặc Thiên Chúa. 3) Giải pháp của Chúa Giêsu: tin tưởng vào Chúa Quan Phòng.

“NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS” (MATT. 6:24)

Bishop Joseph Linh Chi Nguyen (bio 2-70)

Using the theme of Matthew 6:24, “no one can serve two masters,” we will assess the following: 1) The demand on people: People do have material needs to live, but second most important is their spiritual life. 2) The teaching of Jesus: Choose God or mammon. 3) The solution of Jesus: Believe in the God of mercy.



8-01 FEAR: THE ENEMY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP 🎧 **ARENA**

Nearly every one of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances to his disciples includes the exhortation, "Be not afraid!" And yet, we live in a world in which fear is a constant threat to Christian discipleship, to our becoming instruments of God's peace, love and justice in the world. This workshop looks at how to respond to a culture that promotes fear of the "other," especially those who are different in race, gender, religion, nationality or language. Drawing on the Gospels and the wisdom figures, including Pope Francis, Thomas Merton, Oscar Romero and others, we will examine how to *embrace trust* in God and carry out our discipleship amid a culture of fear and violence.



Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM

Franciscan friar Fr. Daniel Horan, a theologian and columnist at America magazine, has lectured across North America and Europe. He teaches theology and spirituality at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago; he previously taught at Boston College as well as at Siena College and St. Bonaventure University, both in New York. Fr. Horan is author of numerous academic and popular articles. His recent books include "God is Not Fair and Other Reasons for Gratitude," "The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton" and "The Last Words of Jesus."

8-02 FIG TREE SPIRITUALITY: TILLING THE SOIL WITH SEEDS OF TRUST 🎧

Dr. Mary Amore (bio 5-03)

In this presentation, we will explore the many ways that the daily demands of ministry can strip away the soil of our soul and leave us dry and barren. By sowing seeds of perseverance and trust in the workings of the Lord we can produce abundant fruit for the Kingdom of God, not only in our personal life but also in our ministry.

8-03 HEALING THE WOUNDED HEART 🎧

Theresa M. Burke, PhD (bio 5-07)

Rachel's Vineyard offers retreats (in 32 languages in 82 countries) that provide a unique combination of psychological and spiritual recovery for healing after abortion. This workshop will present an overview of the "Living Scripture" technique, which provides an integrated sensory-based treatment for psychological and spiritual healing. Similar exercises are also used as the basis for their "Grief to Grace" retreats (for healing abuse) and "Duty to Heal" (finding peace for a soldier's heart). The retreats are an effective "therapy for the soul" that result in evangelization, community and recovery as participants open their traumatic wounds to the grace of God.

8-04 TEACHING FOR DISCIPLESHIP: THE CALL, THE CHALLENGE, THE DIFFERENCE 🎧

Dr. Michael Carotta (bio 6-04)

The three most recent Church documents on faith formation call us to focus on discipleship. How is this different than our past approaches? What are the challenges? What are the tasks? Whether you work with children, youth or adults, what specific techniques and catechetical methods might get us there?

8-05 MOTHERS AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS 🎧

How do we live Restorative Justice in our lives and community? How do we trust that we are not alone in our journey of healing? Do we want to walk with others? At times when we are struck by the loss of a loved one, either by a violent death or a life sentence in a prison, are we able to trust God, friends or others who have been through it? Let us be instruments of peace and dialogue. We are called not only to witness to people who have lost their loved ones by violence or prison, but also to walk together to heal families and communities.



Rita Chairez


Born in Zacatecas, Mexico, Rita Chairez now lives in Boyle Heights, Calif., where she has been actively involved, for the past 20 years, with Dolores Mission and Proyecto Pastoral, sitting on their Board as Community Representative. In 2008, she started working with the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Office of Restorative Justice as their Victims of Violence Coordinator. Chairez is now Program Coordinator for Healing Hearts Restoring Hope for those affected by homicide. She continues to work with the incarcerated in the prison system.



Amalia Molina

Originally from El Salvador, Amalia Molina has worked with immigrants, prisoners and their families, offering workshops, support groups and assistance. Her experience has led her to give presentations across the United States, including Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and Loyola University Chicago. She is currently Executive Director at the Center for Restorative Justice Works in North Hollywood, Calif. In 2010, Molina was honored with the "Voices of Courage" award by The Refugee Women Commission.

2007 What debuted as a two-night event at Congress 2007 called the "Catholic Filmmakers' Showcase" continues still as the Congress Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University's Center for Religion and Spirituality. The evening presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. As always, filmmakers are present to meet with audience members.



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8-06 THE ART OF FORGIVENESS

True forgiveness is not an act of will, it is a consciously chosen participation in redemption and grace. Drawing upon our Christian tradition as well as groundbreaking research from the therapeutic community on the power and process of Mindful Self-Compassion, Jeanne Cotter will explore the highly creative path of forgiveness.



Jeanne Cotter

Based in St. Paul, Minn., Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, speaker and owner of Mythic Rain. She is also Artist in Residence at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville, Ill. Cotter has directed parish missions and retreats throughout the United States and has presented at diocesan gatherings and national events including the RECongress, the National Catholic Educational Association and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

8-07 PRAYING ST. FRANCIS WITH THE BODY

Roy E. DeLeon, OBlSB (bio 6-06)

St. Francis is one of the most beloved saints of all time. And most spiritual seekers in all traditions pray his Peace Prayer. This workshop will bring another dimension to praying this popular prayer and his Canticle of the Sun. The body, this temple of the Spirit, will join in movement as we say or sing his sacred words. We will feel as we pray with Francis of Assisi while he spends time with the Almighty One. The guided body movements will be slow and very gentle. There will be instructions on how to adapt them to your physical needs.

8-08 JUSTICE, MERCY AND FORGIVENESS: THE WAYS OF GOD

Dr. Greer G. Gordon (bio 5-15)

For those who love God, an understanding of the ways of God is essential for the continued development of our relationship with God. Unlike the world, God deals with us from a posture of justice that is rooted in mercy and forgiveness. This session will address the practical implications of being a Christian in an unforgiving and unmerciful world. It will offer insights into our growth in wisdom, charity and daily faith-filled living. This session is recommended for those seeking a life of prayer and those engaged in catechetical and pastoral ministries.

8-09 THE GLORY OF GOD: MAN & WOMAN FULLY ALIVE

Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT (bio 4-07)

Have you ever looked at a member of the opposite sex and said to yourself, "What are they thinking!?" Rather than seeing our differences as complementary, many times we experience our sexuality as men and women as contradictory! In this workshop, we will sketch out God's glorious plan that he has written into the body and soul of every man and woman, how healing from brokenness restores us to the core of our being, and how to fully live out our gifts in a broken world in need of hope and mercy.

8-10 SISTERS: THE FRIENDSHIPS OF WOMEN AS TOLD IN THE SCRIPTURES AND SACRED TRADITION

Sarah Hart and ValLimar Jansen return with new, exciting stories and songs, celebrating the great friendships of women in Scripture and religious tradition. Some of these friendships are filled with love, joy and mutual support. Others are complicated and challenge us to examine our own lives. Find laughter and catechesis in the complications of sisters Leah and Rachel. Have fun and be inspired by the experiences of Mary, Mary, Mary and Mary in Scripture. Experience the joy and tears in the work of women saints. Finally, be moved by the music interwoven throughout this session, as these two dynamic women focus on how holy women embrace trust.



ValLimar Jansen

Traveling to over 80 events annually, ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums, "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. She was the MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis. ValLimar and her husband, Frank, performed for over 300,000 people at the Loreto/Angora international papal event in Italy, broadcast on EWTN and across the world.



Sarah Hart

Sarah Hart of Nashville, Tenn., has been a singer, songwriter, retreat author and keynote speaker for more than 20 years. She has performed at countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis at St. Peter's in 2013. The Grammy-nominated songwriter has songs recorded by numerous artists and has appeared in TV, film and commercials. Hart's writing is visible in hymnals across the globe. She has authored four retreats for parish missions, women's retreats and adult catechesis, which she presents nationally.

8-11 THE JOY OF THE EUCHARIST

The story of the road to Emmaus is central to our appreciation and understanding of the living Christ, made known to us in the breaking of the Bread. Good liturgy is the means by which eucharistic joy can become a reality. Liturgical catechesis will naturally flow from liturgy that is life-giving and joy-filled. In this session, we will experience together a variety of ritual prayer experiences designed for catechesis and faith formation for all ages – food for our own journey to Emmaus.



Tom Kendzia

Tom Kendzia has been a professional liturgical musician, speaker, performer and consultant since 1980. He is currently a Liturgy and Music Consultant for Sadlier Religion Publishers and Director of Music at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. A composer, performer, teacher, clinician and author, Kendzia has presented at international events, most national diocesan gatherings and many parish workshops/concerts throughout the United States, Canada, the West Indies, Europe and Asia. His numerous published songs include "Lead Us To The Water," "Taste and See" and "Like A River."

8-12 CONFIRMATION: ROAD TO DISCIPLESHIP OR GRADUATION? 🎧

Studies have indicated that over 65 percent of those confirmed in high school will no longer be active in the Catholic Church. With this dire statistic, what can be done to change this? What are practical ideas to keep those confirmed involved in their Catholic faith? What are current programs that are addressing this topic and what makes them so different than what has been done before? If you want to make a difference in teens' lives by keeping them active, you don't want to miss this workshop!

**Jim Knowles**

Jim Knowles has been involved in youth ministry for over 30 years at the parish, archdiocesan and national levels through work as a parish youth minister, Catholic high school teacher, Director of Parish Services for the Archdiocese of Denver and as Executive Director for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. In addition, Knowles has worked for both Catholic and interdenominational publishers, including Group, St. Mary's Press, RCL Benziger, and Ascension Press. Currently, he works for The Augustine Institute as Regional Manager for Diocesan Partnerships and is based in Colorado.

8-13 WHEN JUSTICE AND PEACE SHALL KISS 🎧

Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI (bio 5-18)

Despite the reality that social justice is integral to the Gospel and to ministry, the quip that the social justice teachings of the church are its "best kept secret" is still all too applicable. Now more than ever, these teachings cry out to be unwrapped, explored and applied to our wounded world in an understandable manner. This presentation will bring together the social teachings of the Church, Scripture, social analysis, contemporary justice issues and leaders in the area of justice work so as to sketch a strategy for a more peaceful world.

8-14 EVANGELIZING TO FAMILIES

Rev. Ronald Nuzzi (bio 6-20)

The 2015 World Synod of Bishops on the Family began a robust conversation worldwide about the many blessings and challenges of family life. Reviewing results of the synod along with contemporary research on family life in United States provides a blueprint for ministry for parishes, schools and catechetical programs. The future of the Church is found in the family.

8-15 12 THINGS WE NEED TO DO NOW TO RADICALLY CHANGE THE WAY WE DO FAITH FORMATION 🎧

Joe Paprocki, DMin (bio 6-21)

Too often, the New Evangelization amounts to saying the same things we've always said but louder and faster. While the New Evangelization does need new ardor, it also needs new methods and expressions. In this work-

shop, Joe Paprocki will identify 12 things that we need to do differently NOW in the area of faith formation if the New Evangelization is really going to be new.

8-16 MARRIED AND HOLY? 🎧

The call of baptism to holiness and mission is the core of discipleship. In the vocation of marriage, the journey to holiness lives in the relationship between husband and wife. That sacred truth is often lost in the day-to-day challenges of family and work. Join us as we explore marriage as a reflection of God's gift of enduring love in light of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). With story and humor, we will discover the secrets of a happy and holy marriage.

**Jo Ann Paradise, DMin**

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

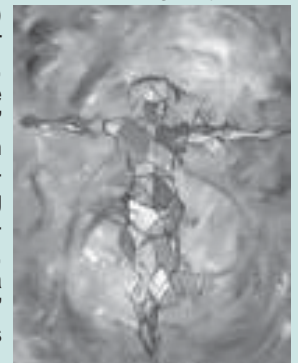
8-17 THE MISSION-DRIVEN PARISH: FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES 🎧

Sr. Theresa Rickard, OP (bio 6-22)

Is your parish a "ministry service station" – or is it, in Pope Francis' words, a "center of constant missionary activity"? Do parishioners act like consumers, or do they act like disciples? The difference is a missionary mindset, which often involves a significant change of parish culture. This workshop offers practical ideas to help leaders view every parish effort through the lens of evangelization. Special attention will focus on sacramental preparation as opportunities to evangelize young couples and families, and fostering vibrant small-groups as cells of discipleship.

2011

Recently the Stations of the Cross at Sacred Space became themed. At Congress 2011, the work "The Stations of the Cross: A Contemporary Meditation on the Passion of Christ" featured paintings by Chris Hull (12th Station pictured) accompanied by a prayer written by John Hull. In 2014, "A Journey of Hope Along the Migrant Trail: A Via Crucis" was presented by Deborah McCullough and Pamela Hoffmeister about the suffering taking place on the Arizona-Mexico border. In 2016, "Garden of Dreams – A Via Crucis on Human Trafficking" highlighted the countless victims of human trafficking.



8-18 A MODEL FOR PROGRESSIVE SOLEMNITY IN HISPANIC WORSHIP

Accompanying the liturgical year musically in the parish and developing a repertoire that allows the faithful to express their faith communally from season to season can be a challenge. Directed especially for those in parish liturgical and music ministry who plan with and for Hispanic/Latino communities, and using the principle of Progressive Solemnity, we will examine how we might look at the nature and style of the songs we select to accompany the liturgical year. We will share repertoire and best practices.



Pedro Rubalcava

Pedro Rubalcava is a bilingual/bicultural composer, clinician, recording artist, cantor and pastoral minister, who is Director of Hispanic Ministries at Oregon Catholic Press in Portland. He also serves on the Executive Boards of the Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia, the National Council for Hispanic Ministry, and the Northwest Regional Office for Hispanic Affairs. Since 1985, Rubalcava has been a frequent speaker at liturgy and other ministry conferences at the parish, diocesan and national levels.

8-19 VOLUNTEERS: A NEW APPROACH TO GETTING THEM, KEEPING THEM, SURVIVING THEM

Anna Scally (bio 1-19)

The need for competent volunteers is essential in all ministries. How can you get even the busiest people to help you expand your ministry? Learn effective skills to motivate people to want to be on your ministry team. Take care of them and they will help you.

8-20 FLAMENCO THEOLOGY: READING LAMENTATIONS WITH GYPSY TRADITION

Prof. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher (bio 5-22)

And now for something completely different! Something unusual has been happening among Southern European Gypsies almost entirely unknown in the United States: a massive charismatic Christian revival involving nearly 80 percent of the entire Gypsy population in France and Spain. This presents fascinating possibilities – like a “Gypsy reading” of biblical books. So, in this session, we will explore what a “Flamenco” theology might look like, and how a “Gypsy reading” of Lamentations may look ... and sound! Our special guest will be Briseyda Zárate, a Flamenco dancer in Los Angeles, who will perform and dance the first 15 verses of Lamentations.

1971

Only 15 years after the first “CCD institute” was begun, the first “Youth Rally” was held in 1971. That year the half-day event set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually brings together almost 15,000 youth and their chaperones.

2016

While the majority of Congress attendees come from the United States (we had registrations from 46 states – and 20,266 just from California alone), there are a number of people who travel a distance to attend Congress. Not only from neighboring Canada (444 registered) and Mexico (112 registered), but last year attendees also travelled from Argentina (1), Australia (86), Belize (1), El Salvador (1), Guam (6), Guatemala (1), Haiti (1), Ireland (29), Korea (5), New Zealand (14), Panama (1), Philippines (5), Singapore (5), Spain (4), Taiwan (5), Thailand (1), Uganda (1), United Kingdom (35), Vietnam (1) and even the Vatican (1).

8-21 “MY EARS HAD HEARD OF YOU BUT NOW MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOU” (JOB 42:5)

Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD (bio 4-21)

When we first encounter Job in the Old Testament, we find him in despair. Yet, even in his feeling of abandonment, he persisted in his trust of God. Like Job, our ears have heard much about God, but now we are called to truly see this God of Mercy and to *embrace trust*. But this leap of faith is sometimes challenged by the sufferings we endure. Job is a perfect example of this sentiment of how we can feel alone and want to be sure that God is aware of our tribulations. What if the trials of this life are your mercies in disguise? What if our greatest disappointments or the aching of this life is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can’t satisfy? These questions will serve as the focal point of this session.

8-22 BUILDING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: HUMANIZING THE SOCIAL NETWORKS

Bishop Paul Tighe (bio 1-22)

The focus of this workshop will be on identifying the possibility of social networks realizing their potential to be places of dialogue and authentic human growth. In particular, Bishop Paul Tighe will seek to clarify how Christian believers, together with others of goodwill, can work to ensure that social networks promote a greater sense of the unity of the human family and foster understanding between different cultures.

8-23 TRUST IS THE KEY TO FAITHFULNESS

Catherine “Cackie” Upchurch (bio 1-24)

Ultimately, faith is a matter of trust. The content of our teachings and beliefs can change our lives only in the context of a trusting relationship with the God who made us and accompanies us. We sometimes carry within us certain myths or illusions about trust, but our biblical tradition offers us a new vision where trust is the most necessary and realistic choice.

8-24 INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING 🗣️

Joan Weber (bio 4-23)

The Catholic Church’s social principles are bold, inspiring and rooted in the Gospel. But many young Catholics are unaware of what the Church teaches about justice and service. This workshop will provide practical ways we can inspire young people with the social teachings of the Church in creative and engaging ways. We will also look at ways to support youth and young adults in taking action to live the social teachings of the Church in their own lives.

8-25 MANY PATHS, ONE GOD 🗣️

As we journey together as one community, we acknowledge the diverse ways that we pray, celebrate and honor our God. Guided by the words and example of Pope Francis, Archbishop Oscar Romero, Sr. Thea Bowman, Thomas Merton and other spiritual wisdom figures, we will take time during this session to reflect how we can respect and honor the many distinct ways we share and celebrate our faith.



Dr. C. Vanessa White

Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Ministry and Director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies and Main Specialized Ministry at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is a member of the summer faculty and

Coordinator of the Elder’s Retreat in the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana as well as advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service. Dr. White has numerous published articles and is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator and spiritual director.

8-70 “Xương bởi xương tôi, thịt bởi thịt tôi” (Sáng thế 2:23) 🗣️

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Qua Tông Huấn *Amoris Laetitia* của Đức Thánh Cha Phanxicô, buổi hội thảo sẽ thảo luận sự phát triển về linh đạo và phụng vụ của Bí Tích Hôn Nhân. Tham dự viên sẽ cảm nhận thế nào là ân sủng của Thiên Chúa, tác động trong việc cử hành phụng vụ, tiếp tục trợ giúp cho niềm tin cùng ơn gọi nên thánh trong đời sống hôn nhân và gia đình.

“BONE OF MY BONES AND FLESH OF MY FLESH” (GEN. 2:23) 🗣️

Rev. Thinh Duc Pham (bio 4-70)

Focusing on *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation, this workshop will discuss the liturgico-spiritual development of the sacrament of marriage and will show how God’s grace, flowing from the liturgical celebration, continues to enhance the trust and call to holiness in marriage and family life.

Workshops

1956-2017

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

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

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

Today, the Religious Education Congress supports the diverse needs of parish leaders as well as sessions of benefit to families and for personal growth. Our last event, held February 25 (Youth Day) and February 26-28, 2016, had over 38,000 in attendance, with 204 speakers presenting 308 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese), and with 20,976 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 13,833. Our Exhibit Hall had 539 booths with 1,680 representatives from 257 different companies and organizations.

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



ABOVE – Over 5,000 (well-dressed) catechists were enrolled in the 1963 CCD Institute held at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles. BELOW – The Closing Liturgy in the Anaheim Arena at the 1974 Congress, with the theme “Jesus, Others, You.”



EVENTOS



EN ANAHEIM Lo que empezó en 1956 como un Instituto y se convirtió en el “CCD Congreso,” nuestro evento – ahora llamado el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles. Y desde 1970, el Centro de Convenciones en Anaheim ha sido sede de nuestro evento, cuando el condado de Orange era todavía una parte de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles.



DÍA DE LOS JÓVENES

El Congreso comienza el jueves, 23 de febrero, con el evento de alta energía. Es una oportunidad para que los estudiantes – de todos los estados occidentales – compartan una mezcla de talleres, liturgias y manifestaciones animadas. (Vea las páginas 7-15.)



LITURGIAS El Congreso anualmente ofrece una serie de liturgias de carácter diferente. El Congreso 2017 ofrece 17 liturgias eucarísticas, incluso cuidado de la tierra, español, indonesio, la iglesia en los márgenes y la misa de la compasión, nigeriano y vietnamitas. (Consulte la página 22.)

EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE

Catholic Relief Services los invita a meditar en un viaje fotográfico alrededor del mundo de las zonas más impactadas por las necesidades humanitarias de nuestros días. Ven a contemplar los rostros de las familias a las que sirve y se testigo de un mundo que tiene grandes necesidad y mucho amor. (Arena Lobby)



EVENTOS

La sala de exposiciones (“Hall A”) es uno de los lugares más llenos de vida del Congreso. Durante el fin de semana asegúrate de ver que está pasando en el área de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa (ORE). El Centro Tecnológico es allí donde se llevara a cabo el viernes el Chat (foto) con el Arzobispo José Gomez.



CONFERENCISTAS

Durante los cuatro días, el Congreso 2017 ofrecerá conferencias con temas que van desde el crecimiento personal, la música y temas espirituales – se ofrecen en tres idiomas: español, inglés y vietnamita. Este año nuestro asamblea general será el sábado a las 8 am – uno en español en el Sala B y uno en inglés en la Arena.



EL CONGRESO ES...

ESPACIO SAGRADO

Respondiendo a la encíclica del Papa Francisco, *Laudato Sí* (Sobre el cuidado de la casa común), el Espacio Sagrado ofrecerá una experiencia de oración a través de una exposición artística de multi-media en la cual estaremos invitados a conectar nuestra fe con la madre tierra *Pachamama* y al mismo tiempo, entre nosotros mismos. *(Viernes a domingo)*



MUESTRA DE CINE

En este año la Muestra de Cine, en colaboración con el Center for Religion and Spirituality de la universidad de Loyola Marymount, presenta fragmentos de una serie de ficción, documentales y películas de dibujos animados, cuyos elementos temáticos se basa en la Doctrina Social Católica, la justicia, el ministerio, la espiritualidad y la teología. *(viernes por la tarde)*



ILUMINACIONES SAGRADAS

Una característica perenne en el Congreso es *Iluminaciones Sagradas*: Una coreografía mística de luz y sonido. Incorporando su más reciente fotografía de bellas artes y reflexión litúrgica, Hna. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, nos llevará más profundamente a la entrega al cuidado y al corazón de Dios. *(Sábado por la noche)*



ENTRETENIMIENTO

La entrada al Congreso incluye conciertos gratuitos por el almuerzo y por la noche presentados por las artistas del Congreso los conocidos y amados. Disfrute de la variedad de expresiones musicales con sonidos y ritmos de todo el mundo. Y ahora con nuestro Performance Stage (foto) en Sala A, se puede escuchar música en vivo durante todo el día!



EXPOSICIONES

Uno de los beneficios de registrarse para el congreso es la sala de exposiciones en Sala A – mostrando más de 250 empresas como expositores, que van desde el arte religioso a la música, de las editoriales a las instituciones educativas, además de una variedad de ministerios de la Arquidiócesis del Los Ángeles.



CONCIERTOS

En sábado, Carnaval en el Congreso significa *Laissez les bon temps rouler* (¡Deja que los buenos tiempos rolen!). Nuestra celebración les preparará para entrar a la Cuaresma llenos de la riqueza que trae consigo el espíritu carnavalesco. Vivir de ritmos y colores que le agregan el toque festivo a nuestra tradición de fe del Martes de Carnaval.



Y MÁS

Hay mucho más en el Congreso, ya sea para el Día de la Jóvenes o nuestro evento principal de tres días, usted encontrará eventos constantes desde la mañana temprano hasta tarde en la noche.



HORARIO

JUEVES – 23 DE FEBRERO DE 2017

(Horario de Día de los Jóvenes en las páginas 8-9)
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Inscripción

VIERNES – 24 DE FEBRERO

7:00 am - 3:00 pm Inscripción
(Prefunción Lobby)
8:30 - 9:30 am Oración y Bienvenida (**Sala B**)
10:00 - 11:30 am 1ª Sesión de Conferencias
11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm Música (**Arena**)
– ValLimar Jansen
Música (**Sala B**)
– Grupo Vietnamita Lasaliana de Jóvenes
1:00 - 2:30 pm 2ª Sesión de Conferencias
3:00 - 4:30 pm 3ª Sesión de Conferencias
5:15 pm Servicio de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas
7:45 - 9:45 pm "Film Showcase" 2017 (Convenciones 201)
8:00 pm **Concierto (Arena)**
– "With Gratitude"
9:00 pm Oración taizé (Convenciones 303)

SÁBADO – 25 DE FEBRERO

7:30 am - 2:30 pm Inscripción
7:50 am Alabanza matutina (**Sala B**)
Morning Praise (**Arena**)
8:30 am Asamblea General (**Sala B**)
Español: – Arzobispo Gustavo García-Siller, MSPS
Asamblea General (**Arena**)
Inglés: Mons. Ray East
10:00 - 11:30 am 4ª Sesión de Conferencias
11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm Música (**Arena**)
– Rubalcava, Lopez, García-Lopez, Díaz y Perez
Música (**Sala B**)
– Craig Colson y Trevor Thomson
1:00 - 2:30 pm 5ª Sesión de Conferencias
3:00 - 4:30 pm 6ª Sesión de Conferencias
5:15 pm Servicios de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas
8:00 pm **Concierto (Arena)**
– "Mardi Gras"
8:30 pm Iluminaciones Sagradas (Convenciones 213)
9:00 pm - 12:00 Baile (Marriott)

DOMINGO – 26 DE FEBRERO

7:15 am Rosario (Convenciones 303)
8:00 - 11:00 am Inscripción
8:00 - 9:30 am Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am 7ª Sesión de Conferencias
11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm **Música (Arena)**
– Jesse Manibusan y Sarah Hart
Música (Sala B)
– Rafael Moreno
1:00 - 2:30 pm 8ª Sesión de Conferencias
3:30 pm Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)



TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

“Nadie puede servir a dos señores” (Mat 6:24): En el evangelio por Congreso, Jesús enseña a sus discípulos que solo puede dedicarse a un señor. ¡Qué difícil es de confiar totalmente en Dios! Muchas veces queremos fiarse en el conocido, el tangible, lo visible más que en el Dios cuya providencia y sabiduría ve más allá de nuestra visión.

Mientras estuve en Polonia para La Jornada Mundial de Jóvenes, visité el museo dedicado a San Juan Pablo II. Entré a un salón y vi una gran barca (del tipo que quizás usaban San Pedro y su hermano) con estas palabras: “Sal a la parte más profunda” (Lc 5:4). Desde la oscuridad, la duda y el miedo el Señor nos llama ¡Confía! Yo les invito a Ustedes a venir al Congreso de Educación Religiosa y abran sus corazones a esta llamada.

– P. Christopher Bazzyouros
Director, Oficina de Educación Religiosa

¿QUÉ ES EL CONGRESO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA?

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es el evento más grande de su clase en los Estados Unidos. Su objetivo continúa siendo el de ofrecer capacitación y formación espiritual a aquellas personas involucradas en el ministerio catequético y otros ministerios relacionados con la catequesis. Hoy en día, sin embargo, el Congreso va más allá de la formación de los educadores religiosos. El Congreso congrega a más de 40,000 participantes durante los cuatro días en que se celebra, ofreciendo 300 conferencias con una amplia gama de temas sobre la espiritualidad, música religiosa, desarrollo personal, estudios bíblicos y catequesis.

Regístrese ya a este enriquecedor fin de semana, vital para el crecimiento y formación de ministros de la iglesia. Complete el formulario de inscripción que se encuentra en la parte interna de la contraportada de este cuaderno. También puede visitarnos en el internet en www.RECongress.org; allí puede usar su tarjeta de crédito para pagar su inscripción.

LUGAR Y PRECIO

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa se lleva a cabo en las instalaciones del Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim, ubicado en 800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, California, al Sur de Disneyland y Disney California Adventure.

COSTO: \$70 (antes del 13 de enero, 2017); \$80 (después del 13 de enero, 2017). El costo de inscripción cubre la admisión a todos los eventos: exposiciones, conciertos, liturgias de los tres días y a las conferencias (debe de presentar sus boletos de inscripción para entrar a éstas).

NOTA: Si no ha enviado su formulario de inscripción antes del 3 de febrero del 2017, inscribirse por internet o en el Centro de Convenciones. Inscripciones por internet se cerraran a las 9 am el domingo del Congreso.



UN MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Bienvenidos al Congreso de Educación Religiosa de la Arquidiócesis de los Ángeles 2017.

Rezo para que éste sea un tiempo de oración y renovación, así como tiempo de acercamiento al amor de Jesucristo.

El tema del Congreso este año es “¡Confía!” Esta es la invitación del Evangelio – la hermosa invitación de nuestro Señor a confiar en la amorosa providencia de Dios. “*Mirad las aves del cielo, que no siembran, ni siegan, ni recogen en graneros; y vuestro Padre celestial las alimenta*” (Mateo 6:26).

¡Dios proveerá! Él está a cargo de la historia y está a cargo de nuestras vidas. Esto significa que le importamos a Dios. Cada uno de nosotros le importa.

Jesús ha dado su vida – él ha muerto y resucitado – por amor a todos nosotros. Ahora, Él vive y camina con nosotros en nuestra jornada de vida. Nos muestra el camino y nos guía en la misión que nos ha encomendado como sus discípulos. La misión de amor y servicio.

¡Tenemos que confiar en el plan de Dios para nuestras vidas! Necesitamos confiar en su providencia y en su amor. Debemos ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas a descubrir el hermoso plan de Dios para su creación. Este es el gran mensaje de esperanza que estamos llamados a enseñar y proclamar en la iglesia.

Así que rezo para que este sea un gran fin de semana para todos, una excelente oportunidad para crecer en el conocimiento de nuestra fe Católica y en el amor y devoción al Señor a quien servimos en nuestra vida diaria a en nuestro trabajo, ministerio, familia y vida pública.

Yo los encomiendo al tierno cuidado de nuestra Santísima Madre María, Nuestra Señora de la Providencia – que ella nos ayude a caminar con confianza en nuestro camino de fe.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

José H. Gomez

+ Jose H. Gomez
Arzobispo de Los Ángeles

SALUDO DEL DIRECTOR

¡Aleluya! ¡Bienvenidos al Congreso 2017! ¡Aleluya!

Me alegra extenderte desde lo más profundo de mi corazón una invitación para reunirnos en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles en Anaheim. Cada año somos bendecidos al recibir a miles de personas que comparten su historia de fe y somos fortalecidos para el camino.

Como seres humanos buscamos tener una conexión con los demás, sentirnos que pertenecemos unos a otros. Muchas veces el mayor obstáculo para ello, es que tenemos dificultad para confiar en los demás. El tema de este año, Confía, está inspirado en las lecturas del 8º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario en las que escuchamos que debemos de confiar en Dios en todo momento. No solo somos llamados a confiar en Dios, sino también a ser confiables como buenos administradores de los misterios de Dios (1 Cor 4:2). ¿Cómo protegemos nuestro corazón de los miedos y las ansiedades que lo encierran? San Francisco de Sales nos dice: “Nos dirigimos de manera segura a través de la cada tormenta, siempre y cuando nuestro corazón este bien, nuestra intención ferviente, nuestro valor firme, y nuestra confianza fija en Dios.”

Ven y abre tu vida a una confianza más profunda en Dios por medio de espléndidas conferencias, liturgias, conciertos y recursos que se ofrecen todo el fin de semana. ¡Ven! Nuestros conferencistas te ayudarán a renovarte en espíritu y corazón y a desafiarte a vivir por el Evangelio.

Al igual que con esas actividades, tendrás otras oportunidades de encontrar a Dios en el Espacio Sagrado, al caminar el laberinto, en la exhibición de arte y en el sacramento de reconciliación.

¡Mil gracias por tu apoyo al Congreso y tu participación en los ministerios de tu comunidad!

¡Confía en la Providencia de Dios que nunca nos abandona! ¡Aleluya!

Te esperamos en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2017.

Sinceramente,

Fr. Chris Bazzyouris

Rev. Christopher Bazzyouris
Director, Oficina de Educación Religiosa



BIENVENIDO

MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL CONGRESO



Queridos amigos y amigas:

Queremos darles la bienvenida a cada uno de ustedes al Congreso de Educación Religiosa. Nuestro tema del 2017, “*¡Confía!*” surge de las lecturas del tercer domingo de Cuaresma que nos recuerda que estamos invitados a una relación con un Dios que nos da segundas oportunidades. Un Dios que ofrece misericordia en lugar de un juicio y esperanza para el viaje de la vida. No sólo somos beneficiados por este don sino que también somos invitados a ser misericordiosos en nuestras relaciones y encuentros cotidianos.

Nuestro fin de semana promete ser gratificante y enriquecedor, comenzando con la vitalidad del Día de la Jóvenes y continuando con una variedad de oportunidades para enriquecerse. Como siempre, el Congreso que es una reunión internacional es una maravillosa oportunidad para renovar amistades y conocer a nuevas personas de diferentes partes del mundo. Asegúrate de pasar tiempo en la Sala de Exhibiciones que ofrece una variedad significativa de recursos y representantes de compañías con un servicio personalizado.

La descripción de las conferencias, lista de eventos, información de hospedaje, correos electrónicos e información de cómo inscribirse están incluidas en la Guía de Registro y son actualizadas con regularidad en nuestra página de internet www.RECongress.org. Información adicional se puede obtener en el correo electrónico del congreso congress@la-archdiocese.org o llamando a la oficina del Congreso al (213) 637-7346 or (213) 637-7301.

Si conoces a otros que se sentirán enriquecidos al participar en el Congreso, por favor comparte con ellos tu experiencia y extiéndeles una invitación personal a que nos acompañen durante el fin de semana. ¡Nos encantaría verlos!

Para todos los que no nos pueden acompañar en Anaheim, les recordamos que pueden ver el evento en vivo a través de nuestra página www.RECongress.org/Live.

Ansiosamente esperamos estar con ustedes muy pronto, mientras nosotras también hacemos nuestra misión el ser personas que podamos ver más claramente y reconocer más profundamente la presencia de Dios en nuestros encuentros cotidianos el uno con el otro.

Paulette Smith
Directora Asociada
Coordinadora de Eventos

Jan Pedroza
Coordinadora de Programación
Coordinadora de Programa de Pre-Escolar

MENSAJE DE LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Queridas compañeras y compañeros en el ministerio catequético:

Cuanta alegría siento solamente de pensar que muy pronto estaremos juntas, juntos nuevamente. Estaremos abrazándonos nuevamente ¡Qué lindo es vivir para amar! Y encontrarse para poderlo experimentar.

¡Confía! Es la expresión que basada en las escrituras de las fechas del Congreso, el P. Chris Bazyouros, nuestro director, con el equipo escogimos para el desarrollo de este evento. Confianza es lo que todas las personas necesitamos para la lucha por la vida y sus peligros. ¿Pero en quien confiar? Naturalmente en Dios, Él nos tiene siempre la respuesta a nuestros interrogantes y sabe que nos angustiamos pensando en cosas como el comer y el vestir y nos dice; no se preocupen por el comer y el vestir, busquen primero el reino de Dios y su justicia, y lo demás lo recibirán por añadidura.

Por esta invitación de nuestro Dios a confiar es que yo me atrevo a invitarles a vivir el Congreso 2017 desde el 24 al 26 de febrero, con todas las novedades que como siempre nos ofrecerá, para crecer como personas adultas, renovar nuestras amistades, orar, convivir, comprar todo lo que nos falta para llevar a cabo nuestros ministerios y salir después totalmente renovadas, renovados para continuar en la misión a la que Dios nos llama y Jesús nos acompaña. Hasta que volvamos a encontrarnos en nuestro Congreso de Educación Religiosa les abraza con igual cariño.

Lourdes González-Rubio
Coordinadora de Ministerios Catequéticos (esp.)



¡Adultos Jóvenes en el Congreso 2017!

Un ministerio para y desde los jóvenes de 18 a 39 años, casados y solteros



El Congreso de Educación Religiosa ofrece numerosas oportunidades para promover y capacitar a los adultos jóvenes en este vibrante ministerio. Este fin de semana es una excelente ocasión para que ellos renueven y revigoricen su vida espiritual y su compromiso en nuestra iglesia. Los adultos jóvenes están especialmente invitados a participar y compartir los diferentes momentos de oración, música, ambiente y alegría durante el congreso. Acompáñanos en la variedad de experiencias orientadas principalmente para ellos.



LITURGIA DE ADULTOS JÓVENES

Sábado, 25 de febrero a las 5:15 pm

Padre David Dwyer, Director de Busted Halo Ministries de Nueva York, presidirá nuestra liturgia para adultos jóvenes con la música dirigida por Craig Colson y Chris Estrella. Ven a dar culto con otros jóvenes de todo el mundo en esta celebración que destaca los dones de los adultos jóvenes.



BAILE PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Sábado, 25 de febrero, 9:00 pm - media noche

Costo: \$7 por persona

Después de un día completo de conferencias, convivir con otras personas y haber celebrado la liturgia, nuestro DJs mezclará una variedad de ritmos musicales para continuar la fiesta por la noche. Todos los jóvenes adultos de 18 a 39 años son bienvenidos. Identificación con foto es requerida para la admisión. Tendremos estaciones de agua de cortesía, así como un bar del hotel. NO se admitirán botellas ni contenedores de agua.

TE INVITAMOS A CONSIDERAR ESTOS CONFERENCIAS PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Las siguientes conferencias abarcarán los temas de formación psicológica y espiritual de los adultos jóvenes. Extendemos una invitación particular a todos ellos y a quienes sirven en este ministerio. Sugerimos también la lectura de esta guía para una selección de conferencias que respondan a sus necesidades e intereses. (Las conferencias con un asterisco serán grabadas.)

Katherine Angulo

6-52* - ¿Qué esperan nuestros jóvenes de su preparación para el sacramento de la confirmación?

8-53* - ¿Qué estás esperando? Los jóvenes de tu iglesia necesitan tu talento

Carlos Carrillo Velásquez

7-52* - Cuando el sufrimiento de los jóvenes no es normal

Hna. Ondina Cortés

8-54* - ¿Se puede ser espiritual, pero no religioso?

5-55* - ¿Cómo seguir siendo un joven católico en medio de tantas religiones?

Rev. Allan Figueroa Deck

3-53* - ¡Adelante! ¡Católicos Latinos, enfréntense con el mundo como es!

Iván Díaz

2-54* - Música y educación: Una conexión humana

Tom East

5-12* - A Sower Went Out to Sow: A Spirituality for Young Adults

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

6-13* - Wrestling with the Tradition - Why Belonging to a Community of Faith Still Matters

Robert McCarty

7-19* - Being a Merciful Church ... to, with, for, and by Young People

Dra. Charlotte McCorquodale

7-20 - Digital Media and Ministry: New Tools for Sharing Faith

Katie Prejean McGrady

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Lic. Juan Pablo Saju

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5-59* - Jesús nos ha dado un mandamiento nuevo y un amor nuevo

Rev. Clodomiro Siller Acuña

7-58* - Dialogo y ecumenismo interreligioso

Rev. Augustino Torres

1-51* - Misericordia en acción

Hna. Xiskya Valladares Paguaga

3-59* - Catequesis con videos en YouTube

Victor Valenzuela

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ARZOBISPO GUSTAVO GARCIA-SILLER, MSPS

“¡Confía!” 🎧

Gustavo García Siller fue nombrado Arzobispo de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, Texas, por el Papa Benedicto XVI en 2010. Antes de eso, sirvió como Obispo Auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago durante siete años. Nacido en San Luis Potosí, México, el misionero del Espíritu Santo fue enviado a los Estados Unidos. En el ámbito nacional, el actualmente sirve en varios Comités para la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos en los Estados Unidos (USCCB).

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- 5-52 Curación, sanación y liberación (*)
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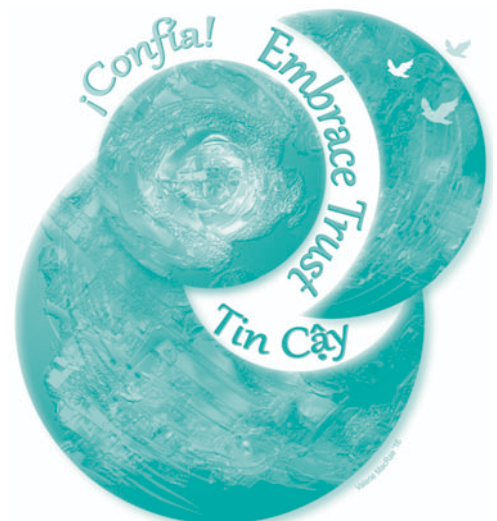
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I-51 MISERICORDIA EN ACCIÓN SALA B

¿Cómo podemos responder al reto de concretizar el mensaje de Jesús Cristo que el Papa Francisco nos ha encomendado? Hacerlo requiere algunos pasos prácticos. En esta enseñanza, veremos cómo realizar un proyecto sostenible y alentador.



Rev. Agustino Torres, CFR

El Padre Agustino Torres es Director de Evangelización de los Frailes Franciscanos de la Renovación en el Bronx, Nueva York. También es cofundador de Catholic Underground y fundador y Presidente de organización católica de Corazón Puro, un movimiento que se centra en enseñar de la sexualidad humana a través de los escritos de Juan Pablo II, "Teología del Cuerpo." Es Presidente de la casa de discernimiento Casa Guadalupe y previamente fue Director Ejecutivo de Casa Juan Diego, en servicio a los inmigrantes de Yonkers, New York.

I-52 EL V ENCUENTRO: LA IGLESIA EN SALIDA

Los obispos de Estados Unidos han convocado el Quinto Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana/Latina (V Encuentro). El V Encuentro es un proceso misionero y de consulta de cuatro años (2017-2020) que nos invita a ser verdaderos Discípulos Misioneros: Testigos del Amor de Dios. Ven y descubre cómo te puedes involucrar en este proceso transformador que lleva a la conversión personal y pastoral. Atrévete a decir con miles de líderes hispanos/latinos y de otras culturas; ¡V Encuentro: La Iglesia en Salida!



Alejandro Aguilera-Titus

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus tiene 30 años de experiencia ministerial con énfasis en formación y catequesis, pastoral juvenil y familiar y justicia social. Es un conferencista y escritor reconocido a nivel nacional como teólogo práctico y pastoralista en contextos multiculturales. Actualmente, Aguilera-Titus Director de la Pastoral Hispana en Estados Unidos Bajo, el Secretariado de la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia (USCCB) y Director del Quinto Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana/Latina es el responsable nacional de la pastoral hispana bajo es Secretariado para la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia, USCCB. Además, es Profesor Adjunto en la University of Dallas en Texas.

I-53 RITMO, ORACIÓN Y MOVIMIENTO (RHYTHM, PRAYER, MOVE) – ORACIÓN CORPORAL

“Somos cuerpo y espíritu, ... es necesario rezar con todo nuestro ser para dar a nuestra súplica todo el poder posible” (Catecismo, 2702). Vengan a experimentar una forma de la oración en ritmo, respiración y movimiento. Este método de oración corporal le introducirá a nuevos pasos hacia la sanación y paz interior por medio de la intención combinada con el movimiento del cuerpo, acompañados con música y canto. Utilizaremos música y ritmo especialmente preparada para apoyar este método maravilloso y así profundizar su oración y espiritualidad para dirigirnos a la salud y santidad. Traigan ropa y calzado cómodo.



Lisa Ferlita Bagladi

Lisa Ferlita Bagladi ha sido una practicante del movimiento de la oración y músico durante más de 30 años. Combinando su experiencia como bailarina profesional, músico y ministro pastoral, ha llevado a cabo cursos de clases de estudio en el área de Chicago, así como talleres del movimiento de la oración en la parroquia, la diócesis y conferencias nacionales. El proyecto más reciente de Bagladi – RPM: Ritmo, Oración, Movimiento – es una colaboración con el artista Pedro Rubalcava que ofrece música. Ella también es una consultante de la parroquia con J.S. Paluch Company/Library World Publications.



Pedro Rubalcava

Pedro Rubalcava es un bilingüe/bicultural compositor, médico, artista de grabación, cantor y ministro pastoral. Actualmente, es Director de Ministerios Hispanos de Oregon Catholic Press en Portland. También es miembro de los Consejos de Administración del Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia, el Consejo Nacional para el Ministerio Hispano, y la Oficina Regional del Noroeste de Asuntos Hispanos. Desde 1985, Rubalcava ha sido un orador frecuente en la liturgia y otras conferencias ministeriales en los niveles nacionales, diocesanos y parroquiales, y un presentador en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa.

I-54 CATEQUESIS CON NIÑOS CON NECESIDADES ESPECIALES

El arte de compartir la fe con niños con necesidades especiales toma muchos aspectos, empezando por la gracia divina. ¿Y aunque hacemos eco a esta visión, nos preguntamos, como los invitamos? ¿Cómo damos la bienvenida o los incluimos? ¿Dónde iniciamos? ¿Cuáles son las estrategias más efectivas? ¿Cómo saber si estamos preparados para trabajar con niños con necesidades especiales? En esta sesión, hablaremos sobre la visión de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos para la catequesis con las personas con discapacidad y la aplicación efectiva de esa visión. Compartiremos recursos valiosos que ayudarán a iniciar y fortalecer una catequesis más creativa.



Peter Ductram

Peter Ductram es el Director Arquidiocesano para la Catequesis en la Arquidiócesis de Miami, Florida. Nacido en Lima, Perú, sirvió en Perú, Chile, Brazil y los Estados Unidos. Él sirvió en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago por 12 años como Coordinador del Ministerio Hispano, Director de Educación Religiosa y Coordinador de Evangelización. En este momento, Ductram sirve como Co-Chair del comité nacional ENAVE de la Conferencia de los Obispos de Estados Unidos y como un miembro del equipo de redacción de la Iniciativa Nacional para la Catequesis para Adolescentes. Él está finalizando un doctorado en la Universidad de Barry in Florida.

I-55 REALIZAMOS UN AMBIENTE SANO PARA UNA ECONOMÍA GLOBAL MÁS JUSTA

Por medio de los pasos de una reflexión teológica, vamos a subrayar la íntima vinculación entre salud ambiental con justicia y paz. Se espera que en el transcurso de nuestra conversación lleguemos a descubrir o reafirmar nuestros mejores deseos de vivir nuestra fe para el bien de toda la comunidad de vida, no sólo para hoy, sino para las generaciones futuras.



Lourdes Catherine O. Encarnación

Antes de entrar con las Hermanas de Maryknoll en 1996, Cathy Encarnación, nació en Manila, Filipinas, enseñó en la escuela primaria y después trabajó en una organización ambiental. Actualmente está asignada en Panamá, en la provincia de Darién, donde convive con el bosque tropical, una de las áreas del mundo más rica en biodiversidad, donde imparte talleres en la integridad de la creación y educación ambiental.

I-56 GPS: REDIRECCIONANDO NUESTRA VIDA ESPIRITUAL

De la misma manera que el GPS nos orienta en la carretera, también en la Sagrada Escritura nos vuelve al camino cuando nos equivocamos o encontramos obstáculos para avanzar. Presentaremos casos fuertes de la vida real y sus respuestas desde la *Lectio Divina*. Oraremos juntos.



Ricardo Grzona

Ricardo Grzona fue rector de la Universidad Champagnat de Mendoza, Argentina, la ciudad donde nació. Dirigió Departamentos de Educación y fue profesor de catequética, teología y ciencias religiosas en ITEPAL-CELAM y en varias universidades de América Latina. Grzona actualmente es Presidente de la Fundación Ramon Pane en Miami, Florida. Ha dedicado su vida a formar en la espiritualidad bíblica a catequistas y jóvenes. Dirige los programas de Lecto Divina para jóvenes y para niños y conduce retiros, talleres de oración.

I-57 UNA CONVERSIÓN NECESARIA PARA EL LIDERAZGO DE HOY Y DEL FUTURO

Todos los grandes líderes de la Iglesia tuvieron una conversión profunda que les motivo cambiar su vida, seguir al Señor y trabajar por el Reino de Dios en este mundo. Pero hoy día, hay una conversión en particular que el mismo Papa Francisco nos urge a experimentar. Esta conversión nos pide hacer mucho más que lo normal y tradicional, y muchísimo más que lo suficiente; nos pide a empezar a ver nuestro papel en este mundo con ojos verdes. Esta conversión en particular es muy necesaria para los líderes de hoy y del futuro.



Miriam G. Hidalgo

Miriam Hidalgo es la Coordinadora de la Catequesis Hispana de la Oficina de Educación, Evangelización y Catequesis de la Arquidiócesis de Hartford, Connecticut. Nació en Rhode Island, su familia es de Guatemala. Por más de 15 años, Hidalgo ha servido a nivel parroquial y diocesano y es la Presidente de la Federación de la Catequesis con Hispanos de National Conference of Catechetical Leadership.

I-58 “SEÑOR YO CONFÍO EN TI ... PERO YO NO SOY TONTO”

Confiar quiere decir, tener la capacidad de aceptar a Dios, a otras personas, a cualquier situación humana cual sea, sin tener garantías de nada. Vamos a cuestionar la fuerza o profundidad de nuestra fe que debe de capacitarnos a aceptar la experiencia de riesgo. El atrevernos a confiar, implica un tipo de crecimiento personal que

muchos damos por sentado, hasta que somos retados por lo que no podemos resolver fácilmente. ¡Confiamos en Dios, ... pero no somos tontos!



Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

El Padre Domingo Rodríguez, un Siervo Misionero de la Santísima Trinidad, es predicador y facilitador de las comunidades hispanas en los Estados Unidos, México y Centro América. El Padre Rodríguez es también columnista del periódico católico para las arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey; la diócesis de Rockville Center, New York; y San Juan, Puerto Rico. Fue también presidente del Consejo Nacional Católicos de Pastoral Hispana y vicepresidente de la Asociación Nacional de Sacerdotes Hispanos.

I-59 NUESTRA VIDA ESCRITA EN LAS SAGRADAS ESCRITURAS

Veremos en esta conferencia como a través de la lectura de la Sagrada Escritura descubriremos como Dios a través de los escritores sagrados, ha querido revelar nuestra historia de salvación, mostrándonos el camino que nos ha trazado para que podamos ir al cielo y ser eternamente felices. Dios en su inmensa sabiduría nos enseña que ser santos significa ser uno mismo, lo cual coincide con el fin para el que Él nos ha creado. Por eso si profundizamos en los escritos sagrados descubriremos que nuestra vida e identidad está escrita allí.



Lic. Juan Pablo Saju

El Lic. Juan Saju, nació en Mendoza, Argentina, ha escrito tres libros y enseñó Biblia en el Instituto Bíblico de Hong Kong, donde ayudó a traducir la Biblia en chino en el Instituto Franciscano. El Lic. Saju participó en la creación y el desarrollo de una editorial en Asia. Se dedica parte de su tiempo a la transmisión de la fe a través de los diferentes métodos. Se encuentra escribiendo un libro llamado, “La Iglesia en la Carta de Pablo a los Efesios.”

I-60 MULTICULTURALISMO EN LA EVANGELIZACIÓN Y EN LA PASTORAL

Nuestros servicios de evangelización y pastoral los hacemos tomando en cuenta el texto de la Biblia y el texto de los directorios de nuestra diócesis. Estos textos están redactados en el marco de la cultura envolvente de nuestro país. Si servimos o evangelizamos en otro país, allí hay otras culturas que tienen un sentido de vida cultural y religioso diferentes. Por lo que, cuando evangelizamos o servimos pastoralmente, debemos tomar en cuenta a las diversas culturas y lenguas, y hablar, explicar y expresarnos de modo que nuestro servicio se encuadre y entienda en la cultura que servimos.



Rev. Clodomiro Siller Acuña

Nacido en Saltillo Coahuila, México, El Padre Clodomiro Siller es Coordinador del área de investigación y Consultoría del Centro Nacional de Misiones indígenas en la Ciudad de México, donde colabora desde hace 40 años. Fue Secretario Ejecutivo de la Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Indígenas del Episcopado Mexicano y Director del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas. Imparte talleres y asesora a varias diócesis de México, América Latina y los Estados Unidos.

2-51 ALMA DE CRISTO SALA B

La célebre oración “Alma de Cristo” es aconsejada por San Ignacio en los Ejercicios Espirituales. Es un bello resumen de la fe en Jesucristo. Pero en ella, se encuentra un resumen de la comprensión del ser humano y de la espiritualidad Cristiana. Esta conferencia presenta este hermoso texto como una pauta para la oración y para la orientación de las actitudes morales de la persona.



Rev. José-Román Flecha Andrés

El Padre José-Román Flecha, un sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, es en la que ha sido párroco. Por muchos años ha sido profesor universitario, conferencista en numerosos países, invitado en varias universidades internacionales, al instituto de pastoral de Los Ángeles y al Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles. Es profesor emérito de la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca y miembro del Comité de Bioética. El Padre Flecha es miembro de una Comisión de Estudios en la Congregación para la Educación Católica (Santa Sede) y trabajo apostólico en California, New York, Arizona, Panamá, Costa Rica y en Chile.

2-52 LA ARTICULACIÓN DE LOS VALORES HUMANOS CON LA DIMENSIÓN CRISTIANA

1) Valor es algo que atrae y se aprecia; 2) sin embargo, no todo lo que gusta, “vale” y es valor; 3) para captar el valor, tiene que darse una repetición de actos, para generar un hábito; 4) la exigencia por la que se está en disposición de arriesgar cosas importantes es lo más dirimente. Los valores humanos que vamos a trabajar son: Dignidad de la persona y de la tierra; la tolerancia; la justicia; y la solidaridad. La dimensión cristiana de todo esto es: Ser hijos e hijas de Dios; la misericordia; el reino de Dios; y la compasión.



Dr. Carlos Rafael Cabarrús Pellecer, SJ

El Dr. Carlos Cabarrús, un jesuita guatemalteco y Doctor en Antropología, es Director del Movimiento Ignaciano de Formación Integral para la provincia Centroamericana y de la Universidad Rafael Landívar en Guatemala, donde es también las vicerrectorías de Integración Universitaria y la de Investigación y Proyección. Además de ser un autor prolífico, ha sido maestro de novicios para los Jesuitas, es conferencista intencional y fundó el Instituto Centroamericano de Espiritualidad para laicos y religiosos.

2-53 LA VIOLENCIA CONTRA LAS MUJERES: UN DRAMA QUE NO CESA

Desgraciadamente sigue siendo un asunto preocupante el hecho de que las mujeres continúen siendo víctimas de sus parejas o ex-parejas. Hay que seguir en alerta. Los conflictos siguen ocurriendo aún después de años de información, de intentos de soluciones y de campañas para detectarlo y evitarlo. Algunas de las claves del origen y del mantenimiento de este doloroso problema se tratarán en esta conferencia, desde un punto de vista eminentemente práctico de atención y apoyo a personas implicadas, a las causas y a las consecuencias. Muchas mujeres se han liberado, se han salvado, por la ayuda de otras personas. Eso es lo que nos mueve a seguir.



Julia Cano Valero

Julia Cano Valero, nacida en Cádiz, en el sur de España, es Doctora en Medicina, especialista en psiquiatría y Magister en Psiquiatría Legal. Es Profesora Asociada en el Departamento de Neurociencias de Universidad de Cádiz, docencia desde el año 1982, imparte asignatura de Psicología Médica en Facultad de Medicina y la Psiquiatría Forense en Criminología, Facultad de Derecho. Trabaja como médico psiquiatra en consulta privada. Perito en procedimientos judiciales, participación en cursos, congresos y seminarios de psiquiatría y criminología.

2-54 MÚSICA Y EDUCACIÓN: UNA CONEXIÓN HUMANA

Motive e inspire su programa de educación religiosa y grupos juveniles, con la música y sus ventajas pedagógicas. Descubra como la música y la educación en la fe, pueden conectarle con los demás, y fomentar conciencia de diversidad incluyendo raza, cultura, lenguaje, ubicación geográfica, discapacidad y más. Un conferencia dedicado a catequistas, educadores, lideres juveniles y todos los que quieren conocer nuevos recursos musicales para el trabajo pastoral y el crecimiento humano.



Iván Díaz

Iván Díaz, un músico y comunicador colombiano-americano, es compositor, educador y conferencista de Oregon Catholic Press. Es Director Musical de la Iglesia San Francisco de Sales en Miami Beach, Florida, y Director de Coros Juveniles en Broward County Schools. Tienes 15 años como un talento radial católico en Colombia y en Miami en Radio Paz. Díaz es cantautor, conferencista y líder de pastoral juvenil. Su última producción musical es “Discípulos Misioneros,” con canciones originales inspiradas en el V Encuentro de Pastoral Hispana en Estados Unidos.

2-55 CONVERSIÓN IMPOSIBLE: LA HISTORIA DE SANTA MÓNICA Y SAN AGUSTÍN

En esta sesión, Constanza Fernández y Santiago, madre e hijo, nos hablarán de las vidas de estos dos grandes santos de nuestra fe católica, que también fueron madre e hijo. Santa Mónica, con la oración y su ardiente fe logró la conversión de su esposo y de su hijo descarriado, por lo tanto, es considerada como modelo de esposa y madre, y patrona de las madres cuyos hijos se han extraviado. San Agustín, por su parte, tuvo una conversión radical a lo largo de toda su vida, definida como un verdadero camino, que se convierte en un modelo para cada uno de nosotros. ¡Vengan a descubrir el poder de la oración de una madre y la conversión “imposible” de un hijo!



Santiago Fernández

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por 25 años. Él actualmente como Director de Música de Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia en Novi, Michigan y también como presentador de talleres y compositor para OCP. Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, director musical del National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, Instituto Fe y Vida y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro Nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006.

2-56 “NUNCA TE OLVIDARE – ¡CONFÍA EN MÍ!” 🎧

Hay momentos en los que experimentamos alienación, quebrantamiento, distanciamiento. Esto es especialmente cierto para las personas obligadas a vivir lejos de su tierra natal. La Biblia nos asegura que Dios nunca nos abandonará o se olvidará de nosotros. Jesús nos dice que no nos preocupemos de nuestra vida. Nuestro Padre celestial nos cuida a cada uno de nosotros en cada momento y en cada circunstancia. Cuando permitimos que esta seguridad entre en lo más profundo de nuestro ser, estamos llamados a compartir con todos los que nos encontramos la enseñanza acerca de la misericordia, la compasión de Dios, y el amor perdurable para todos nosotros.

**Arzobispo Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS**

Gustavo García Siller fue nombrado Arzobispo de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, Texas, por el Papa Benedicto XVI en 2010. Antes de eso, sirvió como Obispo Auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago durante siete años. Nacido en San Luis Potosí, México, el misionero del Espíritu Santo fue enviado a los Estados Unidos, donde trabajó en estrecha colaboración con la comunidad de inmigrantes, convirtiéndose en un ciudadano de Estados Unidos en 1998. En el ámbito nacional, el actualmente sirve en varios Comités para la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos en los Estados Unidos (USCCB).

2-58 LLAMADOS A SER LÍDERES Y COLABORADORES EN LA VIÑA DEL SEÑOR 🎧

Quizás te preguntes si el Señor te está llamando a dar un paso más en tu compromiso cristiano, si Jesús, el líder por excelencia, te está pidiendo que te formes y prepares para ser un líder en tu parroquia, un guía que pueda llevar a otros al encuentro con Dios nuestro Padre. Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos llaman a esos líderes laicos, que coordinan algún ministerio pastoral o de enseñanza en las parroquias, “ministros eclesiales laicos.” En nuestro taller, hoy veremos cuáles son las señales de que Jesús y la Iglesia nos están llamando a liderar, cuales son las áreas de formación y las cualidades específicas que tenemos que desarrollar en nosotros para que nuestro ministerio sea efectivo.

**Maruja Sedano**

Maruja Sedano es la Directora del Departamento de Formación para los Ministerios en la Diócesis de San Bernardino, California. Previamente fue la Oficina de Catequesis y Ministerio Juvenil en la arquidiócesis de Chicago. También fue directora asociada, responsable de Educación Religiosa de Adultos y del Instituto Bíblico en la arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, donde trabajó por 26 años. Desarrolló programas para la formación de catequistas, evangelizadores y animadores bíblicos. Durante los últimos 10 años sirvió en el Comité de Evangelización y Catequesis de la Conferencia Católica de Obispos en los Estados Unidos.

2-57 LA CATEQUESIS AL SERVICIO DE LA INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA 🎧

La iniciación cristiana es una opción común hoy en la Iglesia universal y en los planes de evangelización de las Iglesias particulares. Ello pide reflexionar y analizar los alcances y modalidades de esta opción, así como sus implicaciones en la renovación de las parroquias y comunidades. La opción por la iniciación cristiana es mucho más que asumir una nueva técnica catequística, es signo de una Iglesia en salida misionera. Puede decirse que estamos ante una Iglesia en actitud misionera, si cuenta con una verdadera y auténtica iniciación cristiana.

**Rev. Manuel José Jiménez Rodríguez**

El P. Manuel Jiménez Rodríguez, un presbítero con 29 años de ministerio, es Director de Catequesis y Coordinador del Proyecto de Iniciación Cristiana en la Arquidiócesis de Bogotá, Colombia. Fue miembro del equipo de expertos del CELAM para los países Bolivarianos en catequesis. Asesor externo de la Conferencia Episcopal de Colombia en catequesis. Docente del Instituto Teológico pastoral para América Latina, P. Rodriguez es miembro de redes de investigación en teología y pastoral: América, red de teólogos del CELAM y miembro de la sociedad de Catequetas de América Latina (SCALA). Consultor del Pontificio Consejo para la Promoción de la Nueva Evangelización. Director de catequesis y coordinador del proyecto de iniciación cristiana en la arquidiócesis de Bogotá.

2-59 SACRAMENTOS: EL AMOR Y LA CONFIANZA DE DIOS HACIA NOSOTROS 🎧

Los sacramentos son signos visibles que manifiestan la vida y el amor de Dios al avanzar en nuestra peregrinación y relación con nuestro Dios. ¿Realmente entendemos la vida que Dios desea compartir con nosotros a través del agua, el aceite, las palabras, el pan y el vino, la imposición de manos y el intercambio de palabras? Esta conferencia examinará cómo los sacramentos son una vía para nosotros de experimentar la vida y el amor de Dios a través de los elementos comunes que comunican a la vida y el Espíritu de Dios para nosotros sus elegidos.

**Rev. Richard Vega**

Actualmente el Padre Richard Vega es párroco de Santa Francis de Roma en Azusa, California, desde 2012. Antes de tomar el puesto como párroco sirvió por seis años como Presidente de la Federación Nacional de Consejos Presbiterales. El Padre Vega ha servido previamente como párroco de La Purísima Concepción en Lompoc, California, y como Vicario Parroquial dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Él también es miembro del Sociedad Mexicana de Liturgistas y era Tesorero de North American FORUM on the Catechumenate; también ha sido conferencista para las oficinas de Educación Religiosa y de Culto Divino en Los Angeles y Chicago. Actualmente es Presidente de la Comisión Litúrgica de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.

3-51 CONFIAR EN DIOS: AYUDAS, OBSTÁCULOS Y TRAMPAS 🎧 SALA B

Como Abraham, Moisés, los profetas y los santos, todo discípulo tiene sus momentos de desconfianza en Dios, por diversas razones. Esta conferencia se basa en la sabiduría espiritual de la tradición católica, especialmente la espiritualidad de San Ignacio de Loyola, fundador de los jesuitas y guía espiritual del Santo Padre Francisco, para comprender esos momentos de desolación y como superarlos con la ayuda de Dios.



Rev. Claudio M. Burgaleta, SJ, PhD

El Padre Claudio Burgaleta es superior (rector) de los jesuitas que trabajan en Nueva Jersey. Nacido en Cuba, el padre enseña a nivel universitario en la Universidad de Fordham en Nueva York, Universidad de St. Peter's en Nueva Jersey y Loyola Marymount en California. Ha impartido clases en el nivel secundario, ha sido director asistente de los novicios y ministrado a diversas comunidades hispanas en los Estados Unidos y en el extranjero. El Padre Burgaleta también se ha desempeñado como director espiritual y de retiros, formación de ministros laicos eclesiales y como asistente de fin de semana para diversas comunidades parroquiales de habla hispana.

3-52 LA ORACIÓN: CAMINO HACIA LA UNIÓN Y CONFIANZA 🎧

En su famoso poema, "Nada te Turbe," Santa Teresa de Jesús proclama, "Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta. ¡Solo Dios basta!" ¿Cómo crece ese sentido de confianza en Dios en lo más profunda del alma? Los místicos de la tradición cristiana, nos dejan ver por medio de su ejemplo y caminar que es posible vivir la vida con gran cercanía, confianza y unión con Dios. ¿No es esa nuestra mayor hambre? Estos hombres y mujeres nos apuntan hacia la oración como un lugar sagrado de encuentro en donde podemos poco a poco dejar a Dios ser verdaderamente Dios en nuestras vidas. En esta sesión, exploraremos diferentes formas de oración que fomentan y nutren nuestra conexión con Dios, las cuales podemos incorporar en formas simples y concretas en nuestro diario vivir.



Elsy Arévalo, MA

Elsy Arévalo es una entrenadora con experiencia ocupando puestos de liderazgo en instituciones de formación y entrenamiento en California y a nivel nacional. Actualmente sirve como Subdirectora del Centro para la Religión y Espiritualidad en la Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Angeles, California. En esa capacidad, coordina programas certificados y talleres en el área de teología y espiritualidad. Su área de interés principal es dirección espiritual y espiritualidad cristiana. Arévalo dirige un programa de tres años en español para individuos interesados en prepararse como directores espirituales.

3-53 ¡ADELANTE! CATÓLICOS LATINOS, ¡ENFRÉNTENSE CON EL MUNDO COMO ES! 🎧

La realidad del mundo alrededor nos pide a enfrentarla con confianza y alegría. Ese mundo abarca varias generaciones de latinos y es tremendamente plural e intercultural. Hay mucha confusión. ¿Qué hacer? ¿Qué nos pide

nuestra fe católica en estas circunstancias? El evangelio y la reforma eclesial de Papa Francisco nos dan muchas pistas y ¡nos alientan en el camino adelante! El Pbro. Allan Deck nos indicará las pistas a seguir y nos animará para la jornada.



Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ

Rev. Allan Deck, un jesuita sacerdote, es Catedrático de Valores Sociales Católicos y Profesor de Teología en la Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Angeles. Reconocido nacional e internacionalmente como experto en la pastoral hispano en los Estados Unidos, el padre lleva casi 40 años de servicio a la Iglesia como administrador de una parroquia latina, director diocesano de la pastoral hispana en Orange County, California, y asesor de los obispos de California y de los Estados Unidos. El Padre Deck es fundador del Instituto Hispano de la Escuela Jesuita de Teleología en Berkeley, California; del Instituto Loyola para la Espiritualidad en Orange, California; y co-fundador de la Académica de Teología Hispana.

3-54 PUENTES DE PAZ, CANALES DE ESPERANZA: AGENTES DE PASTORAL ANTE LOS RETOS DEL ODIOS Y LA VIOLENCIA 🎧

Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz, porque serán llamados hijos de Dios. Ser Puentes y Canales de paz y de esperanza, es reto y misión para todos los agentes de pastoral, especialmente en nuestra sociedad azotada por violencia, odio y desesperanza. Esta conferencia ofrecerá elementos teológicos y psicológicos que ayuden al agente de pastoral a establecer relaciones pacíficas consigo mismo, y que pueda ser Puente para establecerlas con los demás. También reflexionaremos acerca del papel fundamental de ser Canales de esperanza que ayuden a formar ministerios más comprometidos en la misión de construir un mundo donde la paz y la esperanza triunfen sobre el odio y la violencia.



Dr. Marco A. Elias-Juarez

Marco Elias-Juarez colabora como instructor de temas teológicos para las diócesis de Reno, Sacramento y San Bernardino en California. Es profesor invitado en la Universidad Loma Linda para impartir Psicología Multicultural. Él es Director de la Oficina Diocesana para las Transiciones en el Diócesis de San Bernardino y Director Asociado del Departamento Oficina para la Protección de los Niños y de los Jóvenes. Él trabaja como terapeuta familiar y de pareja para Caridades Católicas por San Bernardino-Riverside, California. Es un instructor en el Instituto de Formación en la Diócesis de San Bernardino, enseñando diferentes temas teológicos desde 2008.

3-55 LA COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL Y SU COMPROMISO CON LOS POBRES 🎧

La parroquia, comunidad de comunidades y movimientos, acoge las angustias y esperanzas de los hombres, anima y orienta la comunión, participación y misión. No es principalmente una estructura, un territorio, un edificio, ella es la familia de Dios, como una fraternidad animada por el Espíritu de unidad. Es la Iglesia que se encuentra entre las casas de los hombres, ella vive y obra entonces profundamente insertada en la sociedad

humana e íntimamente solidaria con sus aspiraciones y dificultades. Por lo cual, la parroquia, asume en todas sus dimensiones la opción preferencial por los pobres propuesta por las últimas conferencias del Episcopado Latinoamericano (CELAM).



Rev. Walter Godofredo Guerra Calderon

El Padre Walter Guerra es sacerdote diocesano en Santa Ana, El Salvador, San Salvador. Es profesor de sociología en la Universidad Centroamericana "José Simeón Cañas" (UCA) y previamente Profesor en la Universidad Iberoamericana en México.

El Padre Guerra es responsable de Caritas para Centroamérica y México durante 10 años. Actualmente párroco en Asunción, Los Naranjos, Juayúa en la diócesis de Sonsonate, El Salvador; y responsable de pastoral social en la diócesis.

3-56 LA MÚSICA CATÓLICA: MEDIO EFICAZ PARA LA EVANGELIZACIÓN Y LA CATEQUESIS

Somos seguidores de Jesucristo nuestro Señor y maestro, y estamos comprometidos a anunciar ¡la Buena Nueva! Sabemos que somos llamados a ser luz del mundo y sal de la tierra; impactar y cambiar nuestras familias, barrios, ciudades y países donde vivimos; llevándoles el mensaje de salvación de Jesús. En esta conferencia, aprenderemos cómo podemos cumplir nuestra misión utilizando esta poderosa herramienta que es la música católica.



Rafael Moreno

Rafael Moreno es un cantante y compositor de música católica de origen mexicano. A los 14 años, se integró a la Renovación Carismática donde experimentó un fuerte deseo de componer música cristiana. Arquitecto de profesión y músico por vocación,

se dedica profesionalmente a la producción musical, así como a evangelizar a través de la música católica, con más de 35 años de experiencia. Actualmente el proporciona dirección, producción y formación musical para el apostolado "San Juan Pablo II" en Montebello, California.

3-57 LOS NIÑOS Y LA CONFIANZA EN DIOS

La confianza es una actitud básica en el proceso de educación en la fe, a través de ella el niño se inicia en la relación con Dios. ¿Cómo un catequista puede educar en la confianza? ¿Es posible hoy, en un mundo de prisas, ruidos, distracciones ... que el niño pueda mostrar su confianza en Dios? Descubre los caminos para aproximar a los niños a expresar su confianza a través de las relaciones interpersonales, las actividades cotidianas y la oración.



Lic. María Elena Ocegueda Juárez

María Elena Ocegueda nació en Guadalajara, Jalisco, México y actualmente presta su servicio pastoral como Secretaria Ejecutiva de la Sección Diocesana de Evangelización y Catequesis en la Arquidiócesis de Guadalajara. También, es Coordinadora del Departamento de Elaboración de Materiales, una Subdirectora Ejecutiva del Instituto Superior de Catequética y Directora de Ediciones Casa del Catequista. Una profesora de catequética en la Escuela Diocesana de Catequesis, en la Universidad Marista de Guadalajara, en el Instituto Superior de Catequética.

Ocegueda ha participado como conferencista y capacitadora en el área de catequesis en diversas diócesis de México.

3-58 LOS SIETE SACRAMENTOS EN EL CONTEXTO DIGITAL

Todos conocemos los siete sacramentos y la maravillosa gracia que nos otorga. Muchos de nosotros tenemos tiempo compartido la belleza de los sacramentos con los niños y jóvenes. Pero hoy la nueva generación llamada "Millennials" no tienen el mismo aprecio por los sacramentos. Necesitamos nuevas herramientas para despertar la imaginación con esta generación y su preparación para los sacramentos. En esta conferencia, veremos varias estrategias para utilizar la tecnología y todo lo que es digital en la preparación de los sacramentos. Exploraremos estrategias específicas que incorporan tecnología para actualizar nuestros programas de preparación para los sacramentos.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela es consultor catequético bilingüe. Por más de 30 años ha estado trabajando en el ministerio hispano. Ha sido maestro de secundaria y ha colaborado en diversos ministerios parroquiales incluyendo pastoral juvenil y educación religiosa,

donde tiene una gran experiencia preparando materiales. Nació en Arizona de padres mexicanos, ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida en el área de la bahía. Actualmente vive en Alameda, California, y está inscrito en un programa de doctorado en la Universidad Barry en Miami.

3-59 CATEQUESIS CON VIDEOS EN YOUTUBE

El auge de los videos nos lleva a plantearnos la necesidad de usarlos para la catequesis de los jóvenes. Es necesario aprender principios básicos sobre las narrativas y formas de los "youtubers" y trasladarlas a la catequesis. En la actualidad, basta tener un teléfono inteligente para grabar videos que resulten eficaces en transmitir un mensaje evangélico que toque el corazón de los jóvenes. En la conferencia, se mostrará las técnicas propias de los videos de éxito en la actualidad y como trasladarlos a la catequesis.



Hna. Xiskya Lucía Valladares Paguaga

La Hermana Xiskya Valladares, una nicaragüense y pertenece a la Congregación de la Pureza de María, actualmente trabaja como Profesora y Directora de Comunicación en la Universidad Centro de Enseñanza Superior Alberta Giménez (CESAG) de Madrid en España. Así como co-fundadora del proyecto iMisión y ella es muy conocida en las redes sociales y la prensa como "La Monja Tuitera." Escribió el libro, donde presenta cursos y ponencias sobre comunicación institucional, evangelización digital y nueva evangelización. Hna. Valladares tiene muchas entrevistas en radio, TV y prensa escrita y digital en España y Latinoamérica con Univisión, TVE, etc. Escribe el libro, "#Arezaryadormir 99 Tuits Para La Esperanza y El Futuro."

4-51 EL QUINTO ENCUENTRO: RAÍCES HISTÓRICAS Y PROPUESTA PARA LA RENOVACIÓN PASTORAL SALA B

Desde 1972, los Encuentros Nacionales de Pastoral Hispana han inspirado a un sin número de latinos y a otros católicos a vivir su identidad cristiana como líderes eclesiales. La energía de los Encuentros viene de miles de pequeñas comunidades de fe en parroquias y diócesis, convirtiéndose así en gran fuerza de renovación católica. El proceso de cuatro años del *Quinto Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana/Latina* comenzó en el 2017 y concluirá en el 2020. Habrá una reunión nacional en el 2018. Esta es una oportunidad única para la planeación pastoral, la formación de líderes, la consulta y la evangelización, involucrando cerca de 1 millón de católicos. ¡Ven y descubre más sobre este gran momento en nuestra Iglesia!



Dr. Timoteo Matovina

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Hosffman Ospino, PhD

El Dr. Hosffman Ospino, es profesor de teología pastoral y educación religiosa en la Universidad Jesuita Boston College en donde también es director de programas de postgrado en ministerio hispano. Su trabajo académico y pastoral le ha llevado a hacer presentaciones en Norteamérica, Latinoamérica y Europa. La investigación del Dr. Ospino se enfoca en el diálogo entre fe y cultura. Es autor y editor de varios libros sobre ministerio hispano, formación en la fe, y vida en parroquias católicas. Él fue el investigador principal del estudio nacional de parroquias católicas con ministerios hispanos (2014). También sirvió como co-investigador del estudio nacional de escuelas católicas al servicio de familias hispanas (2015).

4-52 SAN JUAN DIEGO: MODELO DE DISCÍPULO MISIONERO INTERCULTURAL

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus (biografía 1-52)

Juan Diego fue el mensajero que Santa María de Guadalupe escogió para llevar su promesa de amor al corazón mismo de la Iglesia. ¿Qué mensaje quiere mandar La Guadalupana al corazón de la Iglesia hoy? ¿Qué tipo de mensajeros desea enviar? ¿Qué características tienen estos mensajeros? Ven y descubre si tu estas llamado a ser un discípulo misionero al estilo de San Juan Diego. ¿Estás dispuesto/a a levantar tu voz profética con el mensaje guadalupano de amor, consuelo y liberación en tu comunidad de fe y en la sociedad?

4-53 TOMAR DECISIONES MORALES EN EL MUNDO ACTUAL

Dotados de libertad y consciencia, la persona humana de hoy se enfrenta a nuevos retos que desafían el camino Cristiano para tomar decisiones difíciles. Exploraremos los retos del mundo actual para el Cristiano que desea ser fiel a su fe, el significado de la consciencia moral y las herramientas que nos ofrece la Iglesia para ayudarnos a tomar estas decisiones. El contexto de esta presentación será las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre el mundo interior de la persona humana: libertad, verdad y consciencia.



Rev. Javier Ignacio Bustos Lopez, STD

El Pbro. Javier Bustos, originario de Venezuela, fue ordenado sacerdote para la Arquidiócesis de Milwaukee, donde ha continuado sirviendo en la parroquia y el ámbito académico. Es actualmente pastor de la Iglesia de San José, vicario para el Ministerio Hispano, y delegado de Salud. P. Bustos ha sido profesor en la Universidad Cardinal Stritch y profesor de teología moral en el Programa de Formación para Diáconos de la Arquidiócesis y en el Seminario del Sagrado Corazón. Él es un presentador y autor cuyo trabajo ha aparecido en varias publicaciones.

4-54 LA BIBLIA COMO GUÍA EN COMO LEER Y VIVIR EL LIBRO DE LA VIDA

Lourdes Catherine O. Encarnación (biografía 1-55)

Se dice que no hay paz sin que haya justicia, poniendo atención en lo que estamos viviendo ahora, es mucho más apto decir: Sin justicia ecológica tampoco habrá justicia en la economía. En esta conferencia, vamos a reflexionar sobre algunas historias en la Biblia y las palabras del Papa Francisco, que nos sirvan de guía para vivir en armonía con la naturaleza como una comunidad humana más unida, más justa, más digna y así ser mejores discípulos de Jesús.

4-55 SAN JUAN DIEGO: DIGNO DE CONFIANZA EN LA MISIÓN

Confiar significa "poner toda la fe" con alguien o algo. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe le dice a Juan Diego: "Tú eres mi embajador, en ti pongo toda mi confianza." Miraremos el encuentro entre Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y San Juan Diego como modelo del dinamismo de confianza que se debe de dar entre nosotros/as con Dios para que se realice su plan de salvación. ¡La pedagogía Guadalupana nos enseña a confiar en Dios de la manera con las cuales Dios pone su confianza en nosotros/as!



Hna. Hilda Mateo, MGSps, DMin

La Hna. Hilda Mateo es originaria de Miami, Florida, de padres cubanos, es bilingüe, bicultural y en los últimos 20 años ha centrado su ministerio en la formación de agentes pastorales Hispanos, tomando la Teología Guadalupana como paradigma y pedagogía para la organización y desarrollo de comunidades evangelizadoras. Hna. Mateo es facilitadora de talleres y actualmente vive en Los Angeles sirviendo como Directora de Investigaciones y Difusión del Carisma Sacerdotal-Guadalupano para su comunidad religiosa, Misioneras Guadalupanas del Espíritu Santo, en la provincia de los Estados Unidos.

4-56 ¡DIOS NOS CONFÍO LA CREACIÓN Y SU CUIDADO! 🎧**Lic. María Elena Ocegueda Juárez (biografía 3-57)**

¿Cómo abordar hoy en la catequesis infantil el tema de la creación y su cuidado? Hoy los niños se enfrentan al temor de la amenaza de la destrucción de nuestra casa común. ¿Cómo hacerlos sentir corresponsables de la creación? ¿Cómo ayudarles a abrir su corazón a la confianza de que el mundo puede ser mejor? Encuentra en esta conferencia herramientas para despertar en los niños la confianza de que ellos pueden cuidar y custodiar nuestra casa común. Un abordaje desde la *Laudato Sí*.

4-57 SIN CONFIANZA NO SE PUEDE COLABORAR EN EL MINISTERIO 🎧**Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST (biografía 1-58)**

Tanto en el matrimonio, como en la familia, como en el ministerio parroquial, se da la experiencia de compartir la vida con los demás. En términos de la relación humana, eso se llama “convivir.” De ese convivir natural, fluye el trato mutuo. Eso es lo que nos permite colaborar (laborar con) o sea cooperar (operar) mutuamente. Aquí, el llamado es cuestionar si somos capaces de colaborar en el ministerio al cual Dios nos ha llamado. Sin confianza, no solo no podemos colaborar, simplemente no podemos convivir. Trataremos de explicarlo más claro.

4-58 LA ALIANZA: EJE CENTRAL DE LA HISTORIA BÍBLICA 🎧

La elección y la alianza de Dios con su pueblo son clave para entender la trama y el desenlace de la historia bíblica. Pero, ¿sabes con cuantas alianzas contamos en la Biblia? La respuesta es sorprendente. En esta conferencia, viajaremos al pasado bíblico para observar de cerca estos momentos paradigmáticos que moldearon la vida del Israel de entonces y que siguen impactando nuestra vida y nuestra relación con Dios. Yo te aseguro, que al regresar, nunca más leerás las historias bíblicas como lo hacías antes.

**Mario P. Romero**

Mario Romero es instructor del Instituto Bíblico de Los Ángeles y en la facultad de Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Ángeles. Es instructor por la Diócesis de Houston, Texas, y también por el “Institute for Pastoral Ministry” y la Diócesis de Orange, California. Romero trabaja con la Programa de Formación Diocesano para Maestros de Catequistas, para estudiantes que se preparan al Diaconado en Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Ángeles y por el Instituto de Espiritualidad Ignaciana en Orange County; además de otros centros parroquiales de estudio bíblico.

4-59 RESPONDIENDO A PREGUNTAS DIFÍCILES 🎧**Rev. Agustino Torres, CFR (biografía 1-51)**

Los jóvenes tienen muchas preguntas que a veces se nos hace difícil de responder. En esta sesión, aprenderemos a responder a temas controversiales y adquirir las herramientas necesarias para cualquier pregunta en general.

5-51 LA FAMILIA LATINA COMO “FUENTE” DE TEOLOGÍA LATINA 🎧 **SALA B**

La familia latina típica es una “familia extendida.” En la familia todas/os somos responsables y todas/os esperamos aceptación. Como en la Iglesia. Por eso, cómo entendemos y explicamos las relaciones y obligaciones, esperanzas, esfuerzos y aceptación en la familia en donde nace el modo latino de entender y explicar el Evangelio y el cristianismo. La teología latina nace del contexto de la familia latina, porque ahí es donde los latinos somos más “nosotros.”

**Dr. Orlando O. Espín**

Dr. Orlando Espín es Profesor de Teología Sistemática en la Universidad de San Diego, California. Ha sido dos veces Presidente de la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Dr. Espín es autor o editor de 10 libros y de más de 400 artículos teológicos en revistas especializadas de todo el mundo. Considerado uno de los principales teólogos latinos de Estados Unidos. En 2016, fue galardonado con el Premio “John Courtney Murray,” el premio más prestigioso en teología católica.

5-52 CURACIÓN, SANACIÓN Y LIBERACIÓN 🎧

Hablaremos de la distinción entre curación, sanación y liberación – sus causas, manifestaciones y remedios. Abordaremos también el tema de los criterios de discernimiento sobre estas realidades en las que puede estar una persona y responderemos a tus preguntas sobre estos temas.

**Rev. Rogelio Calixto Alcántara Mendoza**

Padre Rogelio Alcántara, ordenado en la Arquidiócesis de México, ha sido Director de la Educación católica por más de 10 años, actualmente es Director de la Comisión para la Doctrina de la Fe de la Arquidiócesis de México y profesor de mariología en la Universidad Lumen Gentium. Previamente fue Director Espiritual del Pontificio Colegio Mexicano de Roma. Padre Alcántara es Conferencista nacional e internacional con temas teológicos. Sus libros incluye “El Manuscrito del Purgatorio” y “Cuaresma: Una nueva oportunidad.”

5-53 DOCTRINA Y PASTORAL DE NUESTRA IGLESIA HACIA NUESTROS HERMANOS Y HERMANAS HOMOSEXUALES – MÁS ALLÁ DEL AÑO DE LA MISERICORDIA

A la luz del Año de la Misericordia, Papa Francisco nos invita a compartir nuestra jornada con los desplazados y marginados, incluyendo los católicos LGBT. Su liderazgo se fortaleció al pedir perdón a la comunidad homosexual por las injusticias que ha sufrido y al imitar al mismo Jesús como ejemplo máximo de misericordia. Como miembros de la Iglesia, también nosotros estamos llamados a imitar a Jesús. Sin embargo, muchos tienen dificultad entendiendo las acciones de Papa Francisco por falta de entendimiento sobre la Doctrina. ¿Qué es en realidad lo que dice la Doctrina de la Iglesia? ¿Qué dice la Biblia? ¿Cuál es el testimonio de Jesús? ¿Cuáles son nuestras experiencias con católicos LGBT en nuestras comunidades? Y, sobre todo, ¿Cómo podemos acompañarles en su jornada de fe y, al mismo tiempo, fortalecer la nuestra?



Rev. Carlos Alarcón, OMI

El Padre Carlos Alarcón, nació en Guadalajara, emigró a los Estados Unidos y fue maestro de tercero de primaria en Bell Gardens y South Central Los Angeles antes de ingresar con los Misioneros Oblatos de María Inmaculada. Su ministerio sacerdotal de 26 años se ha extendido en parroquias desde San Fernando hasta Mexicali, Baja California, y hasta Alaska como Director de Vocaciones. Es Vicario de la Parroquia de St. Ferdinand en San Fernando, California, y Director espiritual del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial en San Fernando.



Javier Plascencia

Javier Plascencia es un Miembro del Ministerio Católico con Personas Gay y Lesbianas de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles y ha trabajado en el Comité de Educación de dicho ministerio, participando en la investigación, preparación y presentación de temas relacionados asuntos LGBT. Es Co-Fundador del Ministerio "Siempre Serán Nuestros Hijos" y ha participado como panelista en varios Congresos de Educación Religiosa, en los Congresos Regionales de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, University Series, y el programa de aculturamiento para sacerdotes extranjeros.



Yunuen M. Trujillo

Yunuen Trujillo ha trabajado por 10 años con grupos de jóvenes adultos. Como parte del Equipo de Pastoral Juvenil de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, California, ha sido conferencista y coordinadora regional, conductora de radio "PJLA Radio-TV" (Pastoral Juvenil de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles) y editora de "PJLA noticia" en línea. Actualmente forma parte del grupo, "Siempre Serán Nuestros Hijos," grupo de apoyo para padres y familiares de católicos LGBT, y el Ministerio Católico con Personas Gay y Lesbianas ministerio arquidiocesano.

5-54 A TRAVÉS DE LOS OJOS DE LOS NIÑOS DE LOS ENCARCELADOS

La vida de los niños cambia y se destruye cuando su padre/madre es encarcelado. ¿Cuál es nuestra respuesta de acuerdo a los principios de la justicia restaurativa? ¿Cuál es nuestro deber como miembros de una comunidad impactada por la violencia? El propósito de la conferencia es presentar la respuesta cristiana de acuerdo al ejemplo y enseñanza del Papa Francisco.



Rita Chairez

Nacida en Zacatecas, México, Rita Chairez ahora vive en Boyle Heights, California, y ha participado activamente, durante los últimos 20 años, con Misión Dolores y Proyecto Pastoral, sentada como representante de la comunidad en la mesa directiva. En 2008, comenzó a trabajar con la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa por la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles como Coordinadora para el Ministerio de Víctimas. Chairez ahora es Coordinadora de Programas para Healing Hearts Restoring Hope (Sanando Corazones Restaurando la Esperanza) curativos devolver la esperanza a los afectados por homicidio. Ella continúa trabajando con los encarcelados en el sistema penitenciario.



Amalia Molina

Originaria de El Salvador, Amalia Molina ha trabajado con los inmigrantes, los presos y sus familias, ofreciendo talleres, grupos de apoyo y asistencia. Su experiencia ha llevado a dar presentaciones en todo Estados Unidos, incluyendo la Universidad de Georgetown en Washington, D.C., Loyola University Chicago y otros en todo el país. Actualmente es Directora Ejecutiva del Centro de Justicia Restaurativa Obras, situado en North Hollywood, California. En 2010, Molina fue galardonada con el "Voces de Coraje" premio por La Comisión de Mujeres Refugiadas en New York.

5-55 ¿CÓMO SEGUIR SIENDO UN JOVEN CATÓLICO EN MEDIO DE TANTAS RELIGIONES?

Vivimos en un mundo muy plural, la diversidad de expresiones religiosas puede producir confusión. Esta conferencia ofrece criterios para evaluar las diferentes opciones religiosas y da orientaciones para el diálogo ecuménico e interreligioso. Todo esto, desde los elementos que nos identifican como católicos.



Hna. Ondina América Cortés, RMI, PhD

Nace en Cuba, Ondina Cortés emigra a Miami, Florida, donde descubre su vocación a través de los retiros de la pastoral juvenil y decide ser Misionera Claretiana. Estudia en Colombia y al regreso trabaja con campesinos migrantes. Dedicó 20 años a la pastoral juvenil en Miami. Como Directora de la Oficina de Pastoral Juvenil, Hna. Cortés organiza la pastoral juvenil Hispana y participa en el Primer Encuentro Nacional de pastoral juvenil Hispana. Es Profesora de Teología Práctica en la Universidad St. Thomas en Miami.

5-56 LOS SACRAMENTOS DE LA INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA

Pbro. Manuel José Jiménez Rodríguez (biografía 2-57)

La iniciación cristiana es el proceso por el cual Dios transforma a la persona que acoge el llamado a la fe por mediación de la Iglesia. La iniciación cristiana, ya sea

en su forma catecúmena o de inspiración catecúmena, se caracteriza por la articulación de tres itinerarios: espiritual; catequético; y litúrgico sacramental. Optar por la iniciación cristiana pide contar con una clara teología de los sacramentos de iniciación y su articulación con los itinerarios catequéticos. Así se puede evitar la práctica tan común que hace de la catequesis unos cursos y lecciones previos a uno de los sacramentos de iniciación.

5-57 EN CAMINO CON EL INMIGRANTE: ESTRATEGIAS EFICAZ BASADAS EN LA PARROQUIA

Hace cinco años, la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, la Diócesis de Orange y San Bernardino formaron el Tri-Diócesis Fuerza Especial de Inmigración para desarrollar estrategias de viajar con los migrantes y refugiados. La misión es mostrar a los que sufren, a causa de nuestro sistema de inmigración roto, de que estamos en solidaridad con ellos. Grupos formando en las parroquias para que trabajen para la reforma de inmigración, para ayudar a las personas que sean naturalizados y que puedan solicitar a DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents) y DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). En esta conferencia interactiva, aprenda como usted y su parroquia pueden más efectivamente viajar con sus hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes.



Obispo David G. O'Connell

Obispo David O'Connell es originalmente de County Cork, Irlanda, ordenado para la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, ha servido en varias parroquias entre Los Ángeles, la mayoría en Sur Centro de Los Ángeles, y era recientemente Pastor de San Frances X. Cabrini en Los Angeles. En 2015, Obispo O'Connell fue elegido por el Papa Francisco a servir como un Obispo Auxiliar para el Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles y fue nombrado por el Arzobispo José Gomez para ser Vicario Episcopal para la Región Pastoral de San Gabriel.

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El Congreso de 1974 fue el primer año que se ofrecieron talleres en español. Aquí están conferencistas y sus conferencias de Congreso de 1977:

- 1S – JESUS DIJO VEN SIGUEME – Padre Frank Ponce
Inn at the Park, Royal Room
- 2S – MINISTERIO HACIA LAS QUE VIVEN AL MARGEN DE LA IGLESIA – Mrs. Marilyn Kramar
Quality Inn, California Room
- 3S – LITURGIAS PARROQUIAL: PENITENCIA – Rev. Carlos Sevilla, S.J.
Quality Inn, California Room
- 4S – VEN, SEGUEME Y TE REALIZARAS – Hmna. Ampara Beltran
Huntington Beach Room
- 5S – EL SACRAMENTO DE PENITENCIA Y LA CONCIENCIA DEL CRISTIANO – Rev. Carlos Sevilla, S.J.
Quality Inn, California Room
- 6S – TEOLOGIA DE LIBERACION APLICADA A LA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA – Sister Maria de la Cruz Aymes, S.H.
Huntington Beach
- 7S – VEN SIGUEME PARA CONSTRUIR LA COMUNIDAD – Hmna. Ampara Beltran
Garden Grove IV
- 8S – ¡HOLA DIOS! – Los Navarro with Elva Brownlow
Orange County Room

5-58 LA EDUCACIÓN DE LA PERSONA EN LIBERTAD Y AUTENTICIDAD

En esta sesión, examinaremos la educación de la persona en libertad y autenticidad en la cultura del encuentro. De frente al nuevo ambiente digital ¿cómo se educa a los jóvenes y con qué valores?



Mons. Lucio Adrian Ruiz

Mons. Lucio Ruiz es un sacerdote argentino experto en tecnología. Desde el año 2000 realiza su servicio al Papa en distintos Dicasterios y oficinas de la Santa Sede. El Papa Francisco lo nombró miembro de la comisión "Vatican Media Center" y con la creación del nuevo Dicasterio de la Curia Romana en el año 2015 el Santo Padre lo nombró Secretario de la Secretaría para la Comunicación de la Santa Sede. Mons. Ruiz es Profesor en la Facultad de comunicaciones en la Pontificia Universidad de la Santa Cruz en Roma y fue docente invitado en La Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana. Sus libros incluyen "La Iglesia en la Era Digital," "El Sacerdote y las Nuevas Tecnologías" y "La Teóloga de la Comunicación."

5-59 JESÚS NOS HA DADO UN MANDAMIENTO NUEVO Y UN AMOR NUEVO

Lic. Juan Pablo Saju (biografía 1-59)

El texto que nos proponemos abordar en la presente conferencia es el que se encuentra en el capítulo 13 versículo 34 del Evangelio de Juan. La razón que nos ha movido a elegir estas palabras del evangelio, es el deseo de mostrar que la novedad del amor que presenta Jesús en el mandamiento de amarnos los unos a los otros es un amor dado por él, un regalo. Mostraremos la importancia que tiene el mandamiento nuevo para la unión nuestra con Dios y con los hermanos en el amor.

5-60 LA ACEPTACIÓN: EL AMOR QUE SANA

Nada es tan desesperadamente necesario para la felicidad y realización emocional como ser aceptados. Cristo es la expresión viva del amor con el cual Dios nos aceptó totalmente, y los matrimonios, los padres de familia y los amigos son los instrumentos de Dios para sanar las heridas de nuestra vida afectiva y gozar de la paz que da el amor de aceptación. Entrenémonos juntos en el arte de aceptar.



Dra. Dora Tobar van der Mensbrugge

Desde joven Dora Tobar ha servido la Iglesia en distintos ministerios, especialmente en la formación religiosa, tanto a nivel popular como universitario. En los últimos años se ha dedicado especialmente a la investigación y desarrollo de programas de formación espiritual y vida familiar como la Catequesis Familiar; Formación de jóvenes a la castidad, Diseñó el programa denominado "La Pareja Feliz" y fue redactora en jefe de la página web para las parejas hispanas de la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos. Actualmente es Directora Oficina de Vida Familiar y Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Lafayette, Indiana.

6-51 DAÑO Y SUFRIMIENTO DE LAS VICTIMAS

SALA B



Julia Cano Valero (biografía 2-53)

En el mundo en el que nos ha tocado vivir donde la violencia, el estrés y el miedo, impactan de una manera u otra sobre los ciudadanos, muchas personas inocentes se convierten en víctimas directas o indirectas de hechos y acontecimientos que han atentado contra su estabilidad emocional e impactado en su biografía. Conflictos bélicos, catástrofes naturales, actos delictivos y fanáticos ... pueblan el mundo de víctimas, supervivientes y damnificados. Cuál es su sufrimiento y como se expresa su psicopatología será el centro de esta exposición. Esas personas precisan atención y justicia; es muy difícil salir indemne de una violación, de una guerra o un desastre natural. No se puede atender adecuadamente lo que no se conoce, ¿cuáles son las variables que influyen en el daño psíquico posterior a esas vivencias? Conocer los recursos de afrontamiento y las herramientas de ayuda a tener en cuenta en el acompañamiento y atención a estas personas formará parte del contenido de esta conferencia.

6-52 ¿QUÉ ESPERAN NUESTROS JÓVENES DE SU PREPARACIÓN PARA EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACIÓN?

Muchas veces en las iglesias el programa de preparación para el sacramento de la confirmación se centra sólo en seguir un programa o un libro. Esto hace que nuestros jóvenes se sientan sólo espectadores de su fe. Durante esta sesión, estaremos viendo la invitación que el Papa Francisco le ha hecho a los jóvenes del mundo: “Queridos jóvenes, no vinimos a este mundo para ser vegetales. ... No, vinimos por otra razón: para dejar nuestra marca.” Durante esta sesión estaremos hablando de cómo aprovechar la preparación de este sacramento para que verdaderamente active a los jóvenes en su fe católica.



Katherine Angulo

Nacida en México y criada en Bogotá, Colombia, y ahora se radica en Atlanta, Georgia, Katherine Angulo es fluida en inglés, francés y español. Ella ha trabajado por más de 16 años en ministerio juvenil, a nivel de iglesia en las diócesis de Richmond, Virginia; Knoxville, Tennessee; y la Arquidiócesis de Miami, Florida. Es Directora de Youth Ministry por la Arquidiócesis de Atlanta. Angulo ha presentado en ambos eventos locales y nacionales, incluyendo el programa Fortaleciendo Familias en la Fe y para the NCCYM (National Catholic Youth Conference) y NCCYM (National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry).

6-53 ESPIRITUALIDAD Y ORACIÓN

Dr. Carlos Cabarrús Pellecer, SJ (biografía 2-52)

La oración cristiana, tiene que basarse en el modo de Jesús como también estructurarse en el modo como Jesús oró, cuya plasmación es el Padre Nuestro. Lo más importante de la oración es saber hacer la petición

y generarla desde el cuerpo (lo cual no es lo común). Importante para la oración son los nutrientes de ella: el primer nutriente es la “historia” en mi vida de eso que estoy pidiendo; el segundo nutriente es el texto evangélico que sustenta la petición; y el tercero como el gran fruto de la oración es trasladar lo recibido para “lograr que otro mundo sea posible.”

6-54 EL TESTAMENTO DE UN CONDENADO

Rev. José-Román Flecha Andrés (biografía 2-51)

Las “siete palabras” o frases pronunciadas por Jesús en la cruz han sido muy veneradas por la tradición cristiana. Pueden ser vistas como un resumen del Evangelio de Jesucristo. En ellas se evocan su vida y su misión, su entrega y su mensaje. En esta conferencia, se presentan como una síntesis del comportamiento moral del cristiano. En consecuencia, ofrecen una pauta para la oración personal y el compromiso de los ministerios cristianos.

6-55 VALORES PARA MI FAMILIA VIRTUOSA: EL SEÑOR ESTÁ AQUÍ Y TE LLAMA

Ricardo Grzona (biografía 1-56)

El Papa Francisco nos ha dicho que la institución más atacada en el mundo es la familia. Es urgente retomar un proceso serio de Espiritualidad Familiar, en la “Iglesia doméstica.” Revisaremos las propuestas para que la Institución de la Familia vuelva a ser la educadora en valores y desarrolladora de virtudes, de acuerdo a la propuesta desde *Amoris Laetitia* de orar en familia.

6-56 LA PASTORAL SOCIAL EN LA VIDA DE LA PARROQUIA

Rev. Walter Guerra Calderon (biografía 3-55)

Ante los graves problemas de orden social que, con características diversas, existen en toda América, el católico sabe que puede encontrar en la doctrina social de la Iglesia la respuesta de la que partir para buscar soluciones concretas. Difundir esta doctrina constituye, una verdadera prioridad pastoral. Hay que fomentar en la parroquia la formación de los fieles laicos para volverlos capaces de trabajar, en nombre de la fe en Cristo, por la transformación de las realidades terrenas. A la luz de la doctrina social de la Iglesia se aprecia más claramente, la gravedad de los pecados sociales que claman al cielo, porque generan violencia, rompen la paz y la armonía entre las comunidades. Estos pecados manifiestan una profunda crisis debido a la pérdida del sentido de Dios y a la ausencia de los principios morales que deben regir la vida de todo hombre. Sin una referencia moral se cae en un afán ilimitado de riqueza y de poder, que ofusca toda visión evangélica de la realidad social.

6-57 INTERPRETANDO LA BIBLIA CON OJOS, MENTE Y CORAZÓN DE MUJER 🎧

Una presentación sobre la interpretación bíblica feminista, explicando que es, cuando empezó, como hacerlo y porque es importante no solamente para mujeres, sino también para hombres. Unos ejemplos mostrarán como las interpretaciones liberadoras feministas de la Biblia, que surgen de las comunidades de base y las biblistas, han transformado unas familias y comunidades eclesiales en Latino América y los Estados Unidos.



Hna. Bárbara E. Reid, OP, PhD

Hna. Bárbara Reid, una miembro de las Hermanas Dominicanas de Grand Rapids, Michigan, es Vice Presidenta y Decana Académica en Catholic Theological Union en Chicago, donde también es Profesora de Nuevo Testamento desde de 1988. Autora de varias obras, su libro más reciente es "Wisdom's Feast: An Invitation to Feminist Interpretation of the Scriptures." A través de sus libros y enseñando, tiene aproximadamente 25 presentaciones cada año en los Estados Unidos, Canadá y México junto con los viajes a Irlanda, Guatemala, Bolivia, Perú, Tailandia, Nueva Zelanda y Australia.

6-58 COMUNICACIÓN CON CORAZÓN 🎧

Hna. Xiskya Lucía Valladares Paguaga (biografía 3-59)

En esta conferencia, se enseñará cuál es el modo de comunicar del Papa Francisco y como aprender de él algunas de sus técnicas de comunicación que nos serán útiles en la catequesis y/o medias de comunicación. De manera

que nuestra comunicación toque el corazón de las personas. No basta la buena intención para transmitir bien un mensaje. Hace falta conocer algunas técnicas que nos ayuden a comunicar con emoción y verdad. Esto es lo que se podrá aprender en esta conferencia.

6-59 EL MOVIMIENTO DE JESÚS: UNA REBELIÓN JUVENIL 🎧

Desde sus orígenes, el cristianismo es una "rebelión juvenil" dentro de una religión envejecida que ha perdido su corazón vivo en reglamentos, formalidades y jerarquías. Jesús se rebela contra un sistema religioso que pacta con los poderes políticos, sin preocuparse de hecho por los explotados económicamente y los marginados socialmente por esos poderes. Cristianos son aquellos que siguen a Jesús, que viven a la manera de Jesús, arriesgan sus propias vidas por ponerse de manera incondicional al lado de los vulnerables, de los atormentados y de los excluidos.



Dra. Martha Zechmeister Machhart

Dra. Martha Zechmeister Machhart, una religiosa de la Congregación de Jesús (fundada por María Ward), es actualmente Profesora de teología sistemática y Directora de la Maestría en Teología Latinoamericana de la Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas en San Salvador, El Salvador. Entre 1999 y 2008 fue catedrática de teología fundamental en Passau, Alemania. Hna. Zechmeister es autor, sus publicaciones recientes incluyen "La Pasión por Dios Vivida en la Compasión por las Víctimas: Esencia de la Vida Religiosa" y "Mons. Romero: Mártir por la Dignidad Humana."

LA HISTORIA DE LOS COMIENZOS DEL CONGRESO

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Angeles tiene sus orígenes en la Cofradía de la Doctrina Cristiana, popularmente conocida como "CCD," un ministerio que el obispo John Cantwell comenzó en Los Angeles en 1922. Con los años creció el número de alumnos en el programa y para 1937 ya era tan exitoso que se necesitaba de un director de tiempo completo para dirigir la Cofradía de la Doctrina Cristiana.

En 1956, el primer "Instituto" de CCD se llevó a cabo para maestros y catequistas del programa. Cerca de 500 personas asistieron a la conferencia de dos días en el Mount Carmel High School ubicado en la calle Hoover en Los Angeles. En 1957, se multiplicó la asistencia al evento en Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School. En la Universidad de Loyola la asistencia siguió aumentando y para 1960 culminó con más de 4.000 asistentes en Immaculate Heart College.

En 1967, con la cooperación de las diócesis de Monterrey-Fresno y San Diego, se estableció una agenda de los primeros tres días del "Congreso." El objetivo era "proveer una atmosfera de unidad Cristiana ... para el beneficio de cada persona y el bien común de toda la humanidad." En 1967, del 13 al 15 de enero, se celebró el primer "Southern California Southern California Confraternity Congress" en el área de LAX International Hotel. En 1971, se llevó a cabo el primer Rally de la Juventud, que estableció el modelo para el Día de los Jóvenes hasta el día de hoy.

Hoy en día, el Congreso de Educación Religiosa cubre las diversas necesidades de los líderes de la parroquia, beneficia a las familias y brinda crecimiento personal. En nuestro último evento, hubo más de 37,956 asistentes; tuvimos 205 oradores y con 338 conferencias en tres idiomas (inglés, español y vietnamita). Lee más en línea en www.RECongress.org/ccd-rec.htm.



ENCIMA - En 1963, se inscribieron 5,000 catequistas en las conferencias realizadas en el Immaculate Heart College en Los Angeles. **ABAJO** - La Liturgia de clausura en el Arena de Anaheim en el Congreso de 1974, con el tema "Jesus, Others, You."



7-51 CON CRISTO EN LA FRONTERA SALA B

La Eucaristía es el centro de nuestra fe cristiana. Nuestra fe compartida en la frontera de México, Estados Unidos y Guatemala es encarnada en el servicio a los peregrinos quienes cruzan la línea y luego son deportados de regreso a sus casa sin nada. Y este gesto ha llegado hasta nosotros: es el “hacer” la Eucaristía, que tiene siempre a Jesús como protagonista, pero que se realiza a través de nuestras pobres manos ungidas del Espíritu Santo. Como el Santo Padre Francisco dijo en su homilía: “Cuantos cristianos y cuantos ciudadanos responsables, se han desvivido para defender la dignidad de todos, especialmente de los más pobres, marginados y discriminados. ¿Dónde encuentran la fuerza para hacer todo esto? Precisamente en la Eucaristía: en el poder del amor del Señor resucitado, que también hoy parte el pan para nosotros y repite: ‘Haced esto en memoria mía.’”



Peter G. Neeley, SJ

El Rev. Peter Neeley, un sacerdote jesuita por más de 30 años, ha trabajado con los más pobres y desprotegidos en California, México, Centro América, en parroquias, escuelas y centros de detención. Actualmente, es Director de programas de la organización “Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera” y es Co-Director de programas en Educación. Rev. Neeley trabaja con migrantes deportados de Estados Unidos a Nogales, México y con migrantes en movimiento hasta los Estados Unidos. Es Co-Director de los “Kino Teens,” un programa para involucrar jóvenes en las cuestiones de inmigración en a nivel nacional, Estados Unidos y en México.

7-52 CUANDO EL SUFRIMIENTO DE LOS JÓVENES NO ES NORMAL

La etapa de la juventud conlleva cambios drásticos en las diferentes áreas del desarrollo humano. En la época actual, además de enfrentarse a estos cambios normales, el joven de hoy se enfrenta a un mundo donde la competencia y el deseo por triunfar están colaborando para que los casos de estrés, frustración, ansiedad y depresión aumenten en menores de 18 años. En esta conferencia, identificaremos los trastornos mentales que afectan a los niños y a la juventud en Estados Unidos y analizaremos las causas y se ofrecerán herramientas para responder antes estas circunstancias.



Carlos Carrillo Velásquez

Desde su llegada a Estados Unidos en 1985, Carlos Carrillo trabajando con al liderazgo latino a nivel parroquial, diocesano, regional y nacional. Originario de la ciudad de México, ha trabajado por más de 15 años en el Departamento de Protección Infantil en el estado de Washington como trabajador social, supervisor y administrador. Es Director Asociado de Aplicación en Escuela de Trabajo Social en la Universidad de Washington. Es miembro activo del Instituto Fe y Vida. Más de 25 años dando talleres a familias, jóvenes y líderes involucrados en el ministerio Latino en los Estados Unidos. Ha dado talleres en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa por varios años consecutivos.

7-53 CONFIAMOS, A PESAR DE NUESTROS TEMORES

Vivir con la paradoja de pensamientos y sentimientos conflictivos es una labor necesaria en cualquier ser humano. Como abrazar en nuestro interior una actitud de confianza hacia Dios y la realidad. Esta conferencia ofrece ideas y herramientas para facilitar este proceso.



Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD

El Padre Jim Clarke es el Director de la Oficina para la Nueva Evangelización de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Es el Director Espiritual Asociado en la casa de Oración Cardenal Manning para Sacerdotes y fue Director de Formación espiritual en el Seminario San Juan en Camarillo, California. El Padre Clarke tiene experiencia por más 35 años dando retiros y misiones parroquiales y presente en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa y en congresos regionales arquidiocesanos. Es autor del libro, “Soulful: Spirituality for People on the Go.”

7-54 RECOBRAR LA CONCIENCIA DE SER PADRES Y DE SER HIJOS: RETOS Y PELIGROS DE LAS “NUEVAS FORMAS DE FAMILIA”

Marco A. Elias-Juarez (biografía 3-54)

¿Se ha perdido el sentido profundo de ser familia? ¿Se puede aún recobrar la conciencia sobre la responsabilidad de ser padres de familia o ya es demasiado tarde? ¿Cuáles son los peligros, desafíos y oportunidades que presentan los “nuevos tipos de familia” que han ido surgiendo en nuestra sociedad en los últimos tiempos? ¿Por qué se han desarrollado y la sociedad acepta los “nuevos tipos de familia,” como las familias que tienen en su interior personas con tendencia homosexual? ¿Qué retos presenta para los agentes de pastoral servir y ayudar a las nuevas familias que necesitan acercarse a la iglesia?

7-55 COMPRENDIENDO LA NECESIDAD DEL PERDÓN

Orlando O. Espín (biografía 5-51)

Nos cuesta perdonar lo que más nos hiere y a quienes más nos hieren. A veces somos nosotros mismos quienes más nos herimos. Pero por no perdonar y no perdonarnos, seguimos cargando culpas que siguen hiriendo a otros y a nosotros mismos. O que matan. Es necesario perdonar, como también es necesario reconocer cuando uno/a ha perdonado (o cuándo lo han/la perdonado a uno). La medida del perdón está principalmente en la inclusión y la igualdad. Para sanar heridas hay que comenzar por reconocer que hay heridas.

7-56 LA TEOLOGÍA MATRIMONIAL – ASPECTOS QUE NO DEBEN FALTAR EN LA CATEQUESIS, PREPARACIÓN Y VIVENCIA

La Iglesia define el matrimonio como un “consorcio” (partnership) de toda la vida y una alianza que planifica y dignifica a la pareja. Si es así, entonces ¿porque existen tantos matrimonios que terminan en un divorcio e incluso se declaran nulos? La respuesta no es fácil, pero una de las razones es que muchos se casan desconociendo

aspectos básicos de la teología del matrimonio y en lo que consiste la entrega mutua entre dos personas. Esta conferencia es para catequistas y directores de educación religiosa quienes tratan a diario con padres de familia y enseñan el sacramento matrimonial a tantos jóvenes que algún día llegarán a casarse.



Hna. Karla Felix-Rivera, VDMF, JCL

Como misionera Verbum Dei, la Hna. Karla Felix-Rivera es canonista para varias diócesis y profesora de derecho canónico en el programa de diaconado permanente de la diócesis de Sacramento, California, y trabaja para el Tribunal Metropolitano de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Dirigente de retiros, talleres y conferencias en español e inglés a adultos, matrimonios y jóvenes en varias parroquias y diócesis en los Estados Unidos. Ha dado cursos de teología para líderes parroquiales.

7-57 V ENCUENTRO DE MINISTERIO HISPANO/LATINO

La población católica con raíces latinas se ha incrementado dramáticamente en las últimas décadas en el suroeste de Estados Unidos, por la inmigración, pero sobre todo por las segundas y terceras generaciones de latinos en los Estados Unidos. En esta conferencia, analizaremos los retos que el Ministerio Hispano tiene para responder a estos millones de latinos, muchos de los cuales no hablan español y cómo el V Encuentro puede ser la más hermosa oportunidad de escucharlos en sus necesidades reales, formarlos en la fe e identificar a los líderes que los representen y acompañen en la sociedad y en la Iglesia.



Dr. Jose A. Medina, SThD

El Dr. José Medina ha sido profesor, catequista, presentador en Estados Unidos, España y México. Ha enseñado en la mayor parte de los institutos de formación para el ministerio de las diócesis de California y Nevada. El Dr. Medina es conferencista con las oficinas de Educación Religiosa y de los Institutos de Formación de Ministerio Laico de las diócesis en California, Nevada, Illinois y Utah. Es también es Profesor Adjunto de la universidades de Mount Saint Mary y de Loyola Marymount y para Instituto Congar para el Desarrollo Ministerio. Actualmente es el Director de la formación de los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de San Bernardino y Consultor teológico para RECOSS en la Conferencia de Obispo.

7-58 DIALOGO Y ECUMENISMO INTERRELIGIOSO

Rev. Clodomiro Siller Acuña (biografía 1-60)

Frecuentemente pensamos que nosotros tenemos la única verdad y que los demás deben aceptarla: esto es un monólogo impositivo. Dialogar significa entrar en la lógica del otro y que el otro entre en mi lógica, y lograr un enriquecimiento mutuo. Este escrito: “Dios se revela a todos los pueblos. Todos los pueblos lo alaban.” Enriquece conocer y entender las religiones de otros pueblos, la de otros creyentes, otras iglesias cristianas, otras personas, incluso dialogar con ateos. Nos enseña el Concilio Vaticano II que fomentemos el ecumenismo que es un signo de los tiempos para la unidad de los cristianos. Así edificaremos también una vida mejor para el mundo.

7-59 SEMANA SANTA Y LOS ELEGIDOS

Rev. Richard Vega (biografía 2-59)

Los acontecimientos de la Semana Santa son fundamentales para nosotros que somos formados y transformados al Pueblo de Dios. En estos días, sobre todo los del Triduo, tendrán un impacto en nuestros elegidos que se unen con nosotros para estas celebraciones. La conferencia será oportunidad para ver cada día de la semana santa y cómo el ritual de semana santa impacta a los que esperan incorporarse a la familia de Dios.

7-60 LA AUTORIDAD DE LOS QUE SUFREN

Martha Zechmeister Machhart (biografía 6-59)

La autoridad de Dios no se hace presente en las manifestaciones del poder, sino en todo lo contrario. Toda la autoridad plena de Dios está realmente presente, tiene cuerpo y visibilidad, en los más vulnerables, en los sin poder, en las víctimas. Los que mueren de hambre o por causa de la violencia como consecuencia de una desigualdad escandalosa, los migrantes, combatidos por Europa y los Estados Unidos en sus fronteras del sur, los presos políticos, por fin todas las víctimas, todos ellos representan la autoridad máxima a la cual tenemos que responder sin rechistar.

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- Buscar “Contribución a la Comunidad” en la parte inferior de la página.
- Seleccionar “Ver más” (o presionar el dibujo).
- Seleccionar “Inscripción.”
- Deberá escribir su código postal y seleccionar un negocio para continuar.
- Deberá escribir su Número Tarjeta (se encuentra en la parte de atrás de su tarjeta).
- Confirmar o entrar su nombre y domicilio.
- Escribir **90658** o escribir “**Archdiocese**” en la barra de búsqueda para Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles.

8-51 LIDERAZGO CATEQUÉTICO: LA VOCACIÓN A FORMAR DISCÍPULOS/AS MISIONEROS/AS CON LA ALEGRÍA DEL EVANGELIO 🎧 SALAB



Hna. Hilda Mateo, MGSpS, DMin (bio. 4-55)

Te has preguntado alguna vez como catequista, ¿estoy formando discípulos/as Misioneros/as o sólo estoy reproduciendo creyentes? Enseñar los artículos de nuestra fe y llevar a las personas a creer en Dios Trinidad y su plan de amor es indispensable, sin embargo no es el fin de la catequesis. Con este tema, haremos una pausa para reflexionar juntos/as lo que nos recuerda el Papa Francisco implica ser catequista y darnos la oportunidad de renovarnos en el llamado de formar discípulos misioneros de Cristo.

8-56 EL SANTO Y EL SULTÁN: COMPASIÓN Y VALOR EN LA PROMOCIÓN DE LA PAZ, LA ARMONÍA RACIAL Y LA UNIDAD INTERRELIGIOSA 🎧

Una reunión entre un líder musulmán y un cristiano líder histórico, pero poco conocida, ocurrió hace 800 años y que trae una voz fuerte en la lucha por la armonía racial y la reconciliación hoy. Es la historia de San Francisco de Asís y el sultán Malik al-Kamil cuando se conocieron y abrazaron para decir que había una mejor manera que la suspicacia y la guerra. Abrieron una puerta a la paz, confianza y respeto. Esta conferencia se centrará en este importante compromiso, cómo habla una verdad fuerte para hoy, y porque debe guiarnos hoy.



Victor Narro

Victor Narro es un experto conocido a nivel nacional sobre los derechos de inmigrantes y trabajadores de bajos salarios; él ha participado con los derechos de inmigrantes y asuntos laborales por más de 30 años. Previamente fue Director del programa de derechos laborales en el Coalición Pro Derechos Humanos de Los Angeles y ahora es Director de proyectos para el Centro Laboral de UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles). Narro es Profesor del programa de estudios laborales de UCLA y Profesor de derechos de la escuela de leyes de UCLA.

8-52 LA ORACIÓN DE INTERCESIÓN 🎧

Rev. Rogelio Alcántara Mendoza (biografía 5-52)

¿Dónde se sitúa la oración de intercesión en el conjunto de la oración de la Iglesia? Consideraremos los grupos de intercesión, su constitución, sus alcances y límites, sus fortalezas y debilidades, las situaciones extraordinarias que se pueden dar, sus “aliados” y sus “enemigos,” etc.

8-53 ¿QUÉ ESTAS ESPERANDO? LOS JÓVENES DE TU IGLESIA NECESITAN TU TALENTO 🎧

Katherine Angulo (biografía 6-52)

¿Cómo crear el mejor equipo de voluntarios que dirijan el ministerio juvenil de tu parroquia? Los jóvenes de hoy en día nos mencionan que se sienten abandonados en cuestiones de la fe. Confía en el Dios y pon a disposición los talentos que Dios Padre te ha dado. Durante esta sesión, vamos a ver ofrecer modelos prácticos que te ayudaran a crear un ministerio juvenil exitoso en tu parroquia.

8-54 ¿SE PUEDE SER ESPIRITUAL, PERO NO RELIGIOSO? 🎧

Hna. Ondina América Cortés, RMI (biografía 5-55)

Muchos jóvenes adultos dicen ser espirituales, pero no religiosos. Esta conferencia clarifica la diferencia entre estos conceptos. Desde una comprensión teológica de lo espiritual y lo religioso, se ofrecen estrategias para invitar a los jóvenes adultos a vivir la fe en todas sus dimensiones.

8-55 FE, MÚSICA Y CORAZÓN PARA DIOS 🎧

Iván Díaz (biografía 2-54)

Renueve su experiencia de fe en una sesión musical de oración y testimonio. Momento de reflexión con cantos contemporáneos que levantarán su espíritu, y promoverán la cultura del encuentro con Cristo y los demás. Aprenda también de manera didáctica un método para conocer y elegir nuevos cantos católicos contemporáneos para asambleas, grupos juveniles, grupos de oración, retiros y más. Esta sesión también presentará nuevos recursos de OCP.

8-57 EL EVANGELIO DE PABLO LEÍDO DESDE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS 🎧

Mario P. Romero (biografía 4-58)

Leer el evangelio de Pablo desde nuestro contexto resulta tan desafiante y provocador como fue el leerlo en el primer siglo. De entre sus cartas sobresalen Gálatas y Romanos por su apasionado llamado a la libertad y su evocación de la justicia de Dios. Ambos términos, tan paulinos, constituyen lo que él llama “mi evangelio.” El objetivo de esta sesión es entrar en la mente de Pablo para sumergirnos en esos dos escritos y entenderlos desde su perspectiva para luego volver e interpretarlos desde la nuestra.

8-58 LA INTELIGENCIA COMO INTERACCIÓN Y COLABORACIÓN 🎧

Mons. Lucio Adrian Ruiz (biografía 5-58)

Se expondrán las características de la inteligencia colaborativa y la construcción colaborativa del conocimiento, como un desarrollo posible gracias a las características de la era contemporánea.

8-59 PEDID Y SE OS DARÁ: EL PODER DE LA ORACIÓN 🎧

Dra. Dora Tobar Mensbrugge (biografía 5-60)

El pecado nos alejó de Dios y oscureció la presencia del Espíritu en nuestras vidas. La oración, acto de humildad y amor, nos abre de nuevo al encuentro con Dios por su Espíritu. Meditemos juntos en la simplicidad y poder de la oración y descubramos las múltiples formas y ocasiones que tenemos para orar.

MUY IMPORTANTE:

Conserve y mantenga su boleto de admisión a mano en todo momento. Lo necesitará para entrar a todas las sesiones y la revisión será estricta. El Congreso de Educación Religiosa es SÓLO para ADULTOS y ADULTOS JOVENES ya que todas las conferencias enfocadas para adultos de carácter maduros. Si no puede dejar su niño/a en casa, tendrá que pagar por el niño/a y además responsabilizarse por su cuidado para que no perturbe a los demás asistentes.

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RECONCILIACIÓN

Tendrá la oportunidad de recibir el sacramento de reconciliación en español el viernes y/o el sábado en el Espacio Sagrado o capilla en la sala 304 (tercer piso), de **11:30 am a 1:00 pm** y de **2:30 pm a 3:30 pm**.

CAPILLA

Durante el Congreso la capilla estará localizada en el Espacio Sagrado (sala 304) para oración y adoración ante el Santísimo y estará abierta de viernes a domingo, de **10 am a 3 pm**.

GRABACIÓN DE LAS CONFERENCIAS

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LOS BOLETOS PARA DISNEY RESORT

Las personas que se inscriban para el Congreso de Educación Religiosa pueden comprar entradas a Disneyland a precio especial antes de su llegada. Hay precios especiales para boletos de Twilight Convention (entrada después de las 4 pm), 1-día 1-parque, multi-día y los boletos Park Hopper (para los dos parques). Esta oferta sólo está disponibles en línea en **disneytickets.disney.com/store/ZMRB17A** y deben comprarse antes del miércoles, 24 de febrero de 2017. Este oferta no está disponible en el parque de Disneyland, y los boletos son válidos del jueves, 18 de febrero 2017 hasta el lunes, 29 de febrero 2017.

Nota: Estos boletos solo se ofrecen a los participantes del Congreso y sus acompañantes y pueden comprar un máximo de seis entradas. Si se descubre que el comprador del boleto no está inscrito al Congreso, se considerara como mal uso de esta oferta y los boletos serán bloqueados y no serán elegibles para un reembolso. Además, estas entradas no se pueden comprar con el propósito de ser revendidos.

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Por favor respete todas las reglas para participantes del Congreso:

1. Está prohibido acampar o realizar picnic en el estacionamiento del Centro de Convenciones.
2. Ninguna organización privada, expositor o particular puede distribuir o vender alimentos o bebidas.

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PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDADES

El Comité del Congreso de Educación Religiosa desea que disfrute de su experiencia en el congreso y le ofrece las siguientes opciones:

- Si necesita que un asistente le acompañe a sus conferencias y otros eventos del congreso, adjunte su tarjeta de registración con la suya, y envíela en el mismo sobre con una nota explicando que ambos necesitan ser registrados en las mismas conferencias. Es esencial que se registre antes del **1 de febrero de 2017**.
- Las distancias entre el centro de convenciones y hoteles vecinos son bastante grandes. Si así lo desea, usted puede pedir ser registrado sólo para conferencias dentro del centro de convenciones, es muy importante que incluya una nota con su tarjeta de registro al tiempo de enviarla.
- NOTA: El Centro de Convenciones no proporciona sillas de ruedas. Si desea rentar una, póngase en contacto con la Farmacia Alpha Drugs en cualquiera de sus dos localidades en Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; o 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes sobre su capacidad para asistir o disfrutar del congreso debido al acceso de discapacidad o problemas de movilidad, no dude en ponerse en contacto con Rob Williams en REcmobility@recongress.org. Durante el Congreso puede acudir al Equipo de Movilidad que está situado justo fuera de las Oficinas Centrales del Congreso "Headquarters" (AR-1), en el pasillo entre la sala de exhibiciones y la entrada de la Arena.

FONDO DE APOYO

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa ha establecido un fondo de apoyo (Endowment Fund), que se alimenta de donaciones el cual permite la formación continua de los líderes catequéticos ofreciéndoles becas escolares para estudios avanzados. Deseamos que cada director/a de educación religiosa y cada director/a de pastoral juveniles, tengan la oportunidad de obtener el grado universitario de maestría en Estudios Religiosos. Si usted desea contribuir a este fondo y ser mencionado en la guía del programa del congreso como benefactor, favor de enviar su donativo a la dirección que se proporciona a continuación. Tendremos una colecta especial para este fondo durante las liturgias del sábado.

Favor hacer su donativo a nombre de: "Religious Education Endowment Fund." Envíelo a: Padre Christopher Bazyouros, Office of Religious Education, PO Box 761157, Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157. Pueden hacer donativos vía nuestra página cuando se inscriban al www.RECongress.org, utilizando su Visa, MasterCard o American Express. Todas las contribuciones son deducibles de impuestos. Tendremos una colecta especial para este fondo durante las liturgias del sábado.

NOTES

ART SHUTTLE

The Anaheim Resort Transit (ART) replaces individual hotel shuttle service to locations throughout the Anaheim Resort District. ART's fleet of vehicles runs along nine routes that connect hotels, Disneyland, Disney California Adventure, Downtown Disney and the Anaheim Convention Center with shopping, dining and evening entertainment.



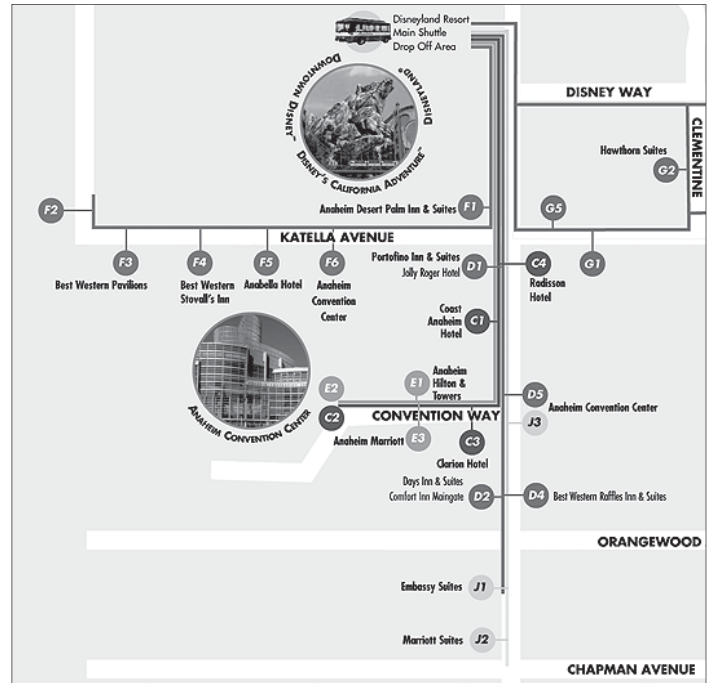
ART schedules and system maps, adult and child passes, display materials and signage will be available at all participating hotels in the Anaheim Resort District.

Service Schedule: Daily service begins 60 minutes before area theme parks open and concludes 30 minutes after closing. Disneyland's East Esplanade offers ART guests priority pick-up and drop-off locations. During peak periods or special events, 10-minute frequency services early morning and evening high-demand periods. Non-peak periods are serviced with 20-minute frequency.

Fares & Passes: ART adult all-day passes can be purchased by cash, ATM and credit card at \$5 per day (children 3-9 are \$2 per day) for unlimited use; three-day adult passes are priced at \$12 (children 3-9 are \$3) per day, and five-day adult passes are \$20 (children 3-9 are \$5). Children 2 and under are free.

Passes are available from:

- The Front Desk of all participating ART properties.
- ART kiosks located at 13 locations throughout the Resort.



• On-board, guests may purchase one-way, one-time, **cash-only** fares of \$3 for adults; children 3-9 are \$1; under 2 are free; also reduced fares for seniors. For further information, check online at www.rideart.org or contact the 24-hour, toll-free Call Center at **1-888-364-2787**, available in English and Spanish.

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- Click on the Community Contribution (under Community)
- Click on Enroll (under Participant)
- Type in "Archdiocese" or "90658" and click Search
- Click on the bubble next to Archdiocese of Los Angeles - Congress and then click Save
- You have now completed your online rewards card registration AND your Community Contribution registration.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Office of Religious Education has established an Endowment Fund to support the ongoing training and formation of religious education leaders by making scholarships available for catechetical leaders to pursue graduate studies. It is our hope that every Director of Religious Education and Director of Youth Ministry will be given the opportunity to receive a master's degree in Religious Education/Religious Studies. If you would like to contribute to this fund and be listed in the Congress Program Book as a Benefactor (\$1000), Sponsor (\$500), Donor (\$100) or Friend (\$50), please make your donation at any amount with registration. In addition, there will be a collection for this fund at the Saturday evening liturgies.

Please make your donation payable to: **Religious Education Endowment Fund.**

Mail to: Fr. Christopher Bazyouros
Office of Religious Education
PO Box 761157
Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157

On the Web: Online registration allows you to put all charges on a credit card – registration fees and any contribution to the Endowment Fund. Charges can be made to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Any contribution to the Endowment Fund is tax-deductible.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Religious Education Congress has made arrangements for airport transportation with Karmel Shuttle, offering direct service between Los Angeles International (LAX), John Wayne (SNA), and Long Beach (LGB) airports to and from the Anaheim Resort. Reservations are required 12 hours in advance. Karmel offers state-of-the-art tracking, so they will know when your flight has been delayed.

Rates for Los Angeles International (LAX) to/from Anaheim Resort with the discount is \$22 for a one-way transfer (reflects a \$4 discount). Rates for John Wayne Airport (SNA) to/from the Anaheim Resort is \$15 for a one-way transfer (reflects a \$4 discount).



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We have negotiated special rates with the following properties. To get the quoted rates, be sure to inform the hotel that you are attending the Religious Education Congress. Room availability is not guaranteed after dates indicated. The hotel room rate is subject to applicable state and local taxes plus any resort fees in effect at the time of check-in. A portion of the room rate is used to offset Convention Center expenses. Hotel updates and links can be found online at www.RECongress.org/hotels.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL PROPERTIES

Hotel (all Anaheim 92802 unless noted)	Phone	Single	Double	Triple	Quad	Suites	Check-In	Notes
ANAHEIM MARRIOTT (Headquarters Hotel) 700 W Convention Way	(714) 750-8000 (800) 228-9290	\$205	\$205	\$215	\$215		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
ANABELLA HOTEL 1030 W Katella Ave	(714) 905-1050	\$158	\$175	\$175 \$224 concierge	\$175		4:00 pm	Concierge includes breakfast; rate through February 2, 2017
ANAHEIM FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT 1460 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 772-6777	\$149	\$149	\$149	\$149		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 1, 2017
ANAHEIM HILTON 777 W Convention Way	(714) 750-4321 (877) 776-4932	\$208 / \$214		\$208 / \$214		Available	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 1, 2017
ANAHEIM INN (Best Western Plus) 1630 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 774-1050	\$122	\$122	\$122	\$122		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
CLARION ANAHEIM RESORT 616 W Convention Way	(714) 750-3131 (800) 231-6215	\$144.95 / \$164.95		\$144.95 / \$164.95			4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
COURTYARD MARRIOTT ANAHEIM 2045 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 740-2645 (800) 321-2211	\$167	\$167	\$167	\$167		3:00 pm	Use code: REC�; rate good through February 2, 2017
DESERT PALMS HOTEL & SUITES 631 W Katella Ave	(714) 535-1133	\$156 / \$182 / \$199		\$156 / \$182 / \$199		All Suites	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
DISNEYLAND HOTEL 1150 W Magic Way	(714) 778-6600	\$244	\$244	\$244	\$244		3:00 pm	Rate good through January 23, 2017
DOUBLETREE SUITES ANAHEIM 2085 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-3000	\$145 / \$165		\$145 / \$165		All Suites	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
HAMPTON INN & SUITES 11747 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-8800 (714) 703-8900	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	All Suites	3:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
HILTON GARDEN INN 11777 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-9100 (800) 774-1500	\$136	\$136	\$136	\$136		3:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
PARK PLACE INN (Best Western Plus) 1544 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 776-4800	\$122	\$122	\$122	\$122		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
PAVILIONS (Best Western Plus) 1176 W Katella Ave	(714) 776-0140	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$116		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
PORTOFINO INN & SUITES 1831 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 782-6000 (888) 297-7143	\$175 / \$190		\$175 / \$190			3:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
RAFFLES INN & SUITES (Best Western Plus) 2040 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-6100 (800) 308-5278	\$133 / \$194		\$133 / \$194			3:00 pm	Welcome reception; rate through February 1, 2017
RED LION HOTEL 1850 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-2801 (800) 733-5466	\$155	\$155	\$155	\$155		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
RESIDENCE INN ANAHEIM 11931 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 591-4000 (866) 440-5355	\$132 / \$152		\$132 / \$152		All Suites	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
RESIDENCE INN ANAHEIM RESORT 640 W Katella Ave	(714) 782-7500 (877) 688-7165	\$145 (2/22) \$225 (2/23-2/26)		\$145 (2/22) \$225 (2/23-2/26)		All Suites	4:00 pm	Comp. hot breakfast; full kitchen; rate through February 2, 2017
SHERATON PARK HOTEL 1855 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-1811 (866) 837-4197	\$166 / \$196		\$166 / \$196		Available	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017
STANFORD INN & SUITES 2171 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 703-1220	\$114 / \$146		\$114 / \$146			3:00 pm	Deluxe hot breakfast; rate through February 4, 2017
STOVALLS INN (Best Western Plus) 1110 W Katella Ave	(714) 778-1880	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$116		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2017

Self-Parking Note:
(*) Rate Per Day
1 Car Per Room

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Hotel Property	ART Ticker Kiosks	Business Center	ATM	Concierge	Currency Exchange	Fitness Center	Gift Shop	Internet	Coin Laundry	Dry Cleaning	Pet Friendly	Pool/Jacuzzi	Resort Fee	Comp. Breakfast	Restaurant	Room Service	Self-Parking	Valet Parking
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Anabella	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•		
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Hilton	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	\$16	\$22	
Anaheim Inn			•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	Next Door	•	•	•	
Clarion		•	•	•		Free	•	Free	•	•	•	Pool Only		•	•	\$14	\$18	
Courtyard	•	•	Comp 24 Hr.			Comp 24 Hr.	•	Free	•	•		•	Free	•		\$15		
Desert Palms		•	•			•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		
Disneyland Hotel		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	\$18	\$28	
Doubletree	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	\$8		
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Residence Inn		•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		
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Stanford	•	•	•	•		•		•	•				•			•		
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Travel/Hotels

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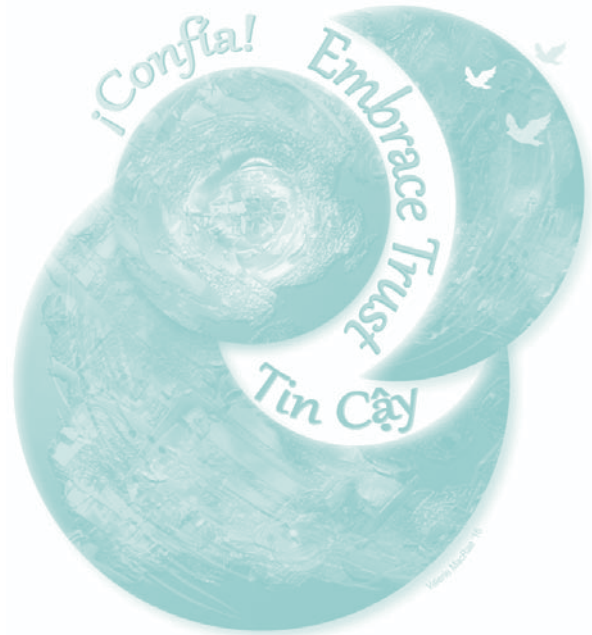
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Registration

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To earn 1.0 unit (10 hours over two days):

- attend any **six** workshops (including keynote address) and at least **one** major liturgy
- write a **1-2 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations
- registration fee: **\$65**

To earn 1.5 units (15 hours over three days):

- attend any **eight** workshops (including keynote address) and at least **two** major liturgies
- write a **2-3 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations
- registration fee: **\$95**

❖ **To register**, fill out the form below, and FAX or mail it to the address below.

- You may register by phone at 310-338-2799 or online at <http://academics.lmu.edu/extension/>
- You may also register at Congress; just come by the LMU Booth in the Exhibit Hall

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We ask that everyone observe the rules and regulations of the hotels regarding food and beverages in their rooms. Hotel regulations regarding food are as follows:

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- 2. FOOD AND BEVERAGES – OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY HOTEL CATERING DEPARTMENTS – ARE FORBIDDEN IN ROOMS.** Notices will be filed with the management if anything is found in the rooms by housekeeping personnel. Hotel management will take appropriate action.

Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all major hotels and they have agreed to work very closely with us in providing a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms, as well. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at some of these facilities.

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CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

The following regulations have been given to the Congress Office regarding policies. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

1. No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center parking lots.
2. No free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

This is a violation of the Convention Center’s contract giving exclusive rights to Aramark Food Service, Inc. and Orange County Board of Health regulations.

PARKING

The parking fee at the Anaheim Convention Center is **\$15 each time you drive in**. NO PARKING PASSES will be available, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted. Camping and picnicking are NOT allowed.

NOTE: Cars will be ticketed if backed into designated head-in spaces. CARS WILL BE TOWED FROM RESTRICTED AREAS.

Check our website at www.RECongress.org/2017/updates.htm for parking information and a downloadable map.

WORKSHOP RECORDING

Many of the Congress workshops will be recorded by CSC Digital Media. **Individual audio/video recording is not allowed.** Further information about ordering audio CDs can be found online at www.RECongress.org/recording.htm. An order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

SERVICES FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2017 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you have need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices by filling out the Request Form on the next page.

We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by January 6, 2017, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received. The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, you may request an interpreter upon your arrival.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask Interpreting Services, located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area. While we can accommodate most requests for last-minute changes, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Religious Education Congress Committee wants you to enjoy your Congress experience and offers the following options:

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other Congress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant’s – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by February 1, 2017.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large, so the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.
- NOTE: The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Alpha Drugs Pharmacy at either of their two locations in Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; or 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your ability to attend or enjoy RECongress due to handicap access or mobility concerns, please feel free to contact Rob Williams at RECMobility@recongress.org. RECongress’ Mobility Team will be available to help with workshop or liturgy wheelchair transport, special seating and any access issues within Congress. You can find the Mobility Team located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area.

REGISTRATION

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

REGISTRATION FORM

DO . . .

1. Register by credit card online at www.RECongress.org.
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3. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
4. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
5. **Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.**
6. Registration is available on-site during the Congress weekend.

PLEASE . . .

1. **DO NOT** duplicate the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after February 3, 2017.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.

REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$70. Postmarked after January 13, 2017 is \$80.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by January 6, 2017. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. If you have not mailed in your registration by **February 3, 2017** please register online at www.recongress.org.
4. Online registration is available until 9 am on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Registrations after January 28, 2017 will not be mailed tickets. You will receive a bar code by email with your confirmation. Bring your bar code with you to Congress and print your tickets at one of the convenient kiosks at the on-site Registration Area.
5. **TICKETS will begin to be mailed after January 6, 2017. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.**
6. **Replacement tickets cost: \$30.**
7. **You must present a printed ticket at workshops. Smartphone, iPad, tablet images or photocopies are NOT acceptable.**
8. **Sharing tickets is not allowed. Each person who attends Congress must register individually.**

ON-SITE REGISTRATION/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a "jump start" on Congress! Register or pick up your Congress Program Book and badge holder beginning **Thursday, February 23, from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm.** Already registered? Bring your Congress workshop tickets with you to pick up your Program Book.

REMINDER: Congress is an adult/young adult-ONLY event. All workshops are directed to these age groups. If you bring your child(ren), you MUST register them and they must accompany you. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that they do not disturb the other attendees.

LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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2. Pegue la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su nombre, dirección, zona postal y número de teléfono y correo electrónico.
3. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
4. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
5. **FIRME SU CHEQUE.**
6. Inscripciones estarán disponibles durante del Congreso.

POR FAVOR . . .

1. **NO** reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. **NO** inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. **NO** envíe su registración después del 3 de febrero, 2017.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.

RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$70 (U.S.). Después del 13 de enero, 2017 será \$80.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 6 de enero, 2017. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del **3 de febrero**, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se le entregaran solamente a la persona que se registró y necesitará presentar identificación en el Centro de Convenciones.
4. La registración en línea permanecerá abierta hasta a las 9 am en el 26 de febrero del 2017. Si se registra en línea después del 28 de enero, recibirá un código con su confirmación. Traiga su código al Congreso e imprima sus boletos en uno de los quioscos en la área de registración.
5. **LOS BOLETOS serán enviados por correo después del 6 de enero, 2017. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA** con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.
6. **El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$30.**
7. Debera enseñar un boleto para entrar a los talleres. Boleto fotografados (smartphone, iPad o tablet) y/o fotocopiados NO son aceptables.
8. **No aceptamos que compartan los boletos del Congreso. Cada persona que asista debe inscribirse individualmente.**

INSCRIPCIÓN/RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Registrar o recoja su libro y porta acreditaciones a partir del día **jueves 23 de febrero, por la noche desde las 5:30 pm hasta las 8:00 pm** en el área de la Prefunciones del Centro de Convenciones. ¿Ya se ha registrado? Traiga sus entradas taller Congreso con usted para recoger su libro.

El Congreso es un evento de educación religiosa para adultos/jóvenes adultos SOLAMENTE. Todos los talleres son dirigidos a estos grupos. Si usted debe traer a su niño/s, ellos deben ser registrados y deben estar acompañados. Le pedimos hacerse responsable de ellos para evitar distracciones a otros delegados.

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