

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.

4-02 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.

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.

4-04 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.



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.

4-07 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.”

2017 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 TeamRCIA.

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.

Workshops

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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 (tiểu sử 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.

