

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,



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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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KEYNOTE

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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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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 2016 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!

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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.

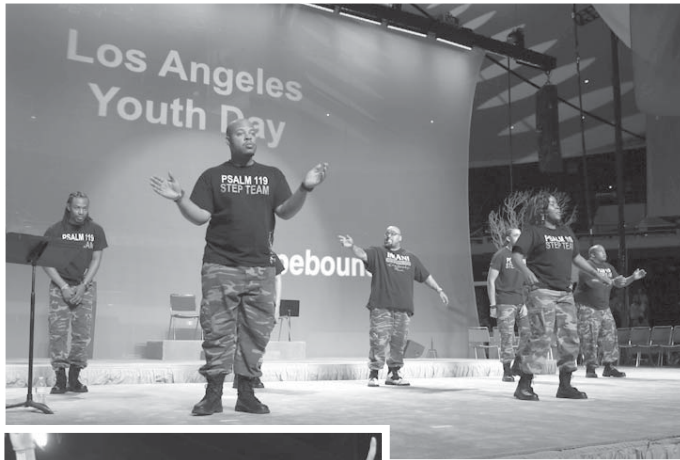
G #GOALS: PUT MY #FAITH INTO ACTION FOR A #BETTERWORLD

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

*Compliant?	First Name	Last Name
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Adult?	*Compliant?	First Name	Last Name
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	\$30	\$35
By Jan. 13	\$60	\$70
	\$90	\$105
	\$120	\$140
	\$150	\$175
	\$180	\$210
	\$210	\$245
	\$240	\$280
	\$270	\$315
	\$300	\$350
	\$330	\$385

Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 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 –