

## SATURDAY SCHEDULE

**7:30 am - 2:30 pm**

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

**7:50 am - 9:30 am**

**English (Arena)**  
Morning Praise & Keynote  
– Dr. Carolyn Woo

**Spanish (Hall B)**  
Morning Praise & Keynote  
– Maria Clara Bingemer

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

Period 4 Workshops

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

LUNCH

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

**Music (Arena)**

– John Angotti & Meredith Augustin

**Music (Hall B)**

– Santiago Fernandez

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

Period 5 Workshops

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

Period 6 Workshops

**5:15 pm**

Eucharistic Liturgies & Prayer Services  
(see page 22)

**8:00 pm**

**Concert (Arena)**

– “St. Patrick’s Day Celebration”

**8:30 pm**

Sacred Illuminations 2018  
(Convention 213)

**9:00 pm**

Taizé Prayer  
(Convention 303)

**9:00 pm**

Young Adult Dance  
(Marriott)

**Registration & Program Book Pick-Up**

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

**Exhibit Hours**

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

**Sacred Space**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Convention 304 & Ballroom E)

**Speaker Signings**

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

**Massage Chairs**

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

**A.A. Meeting**

Noon (Marriott) San Diego

## SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE & KEYNOTE

Arena – 7:50-9:30 am

We open the day with prayer and thanks to God in a new format this year! For Saturday morning, the Keynote Address will be situated *within* the context of Morning Praise. With Scripture, movement and song (lead by Meredith Augustin and Trevor Thompson), we enter a prayerful space to ask God to open our hearts and minds as our Keynote speaker is presented. After her address, we close with prayer and song as we ask the Spirit to make what we heard a call to Rise Up! and proclaim God’s goodness. Please make sure that you arrive at the beginning so that you enjoy the full experience.



### DR. CAROLYN WOO

*Keynote Address reflecting on the theme Rise Up!* 🎧

Dr. Carolyn Woo joins us to share her experiences of people around the world being called to rise up in the midst of suffering and tragedy to find a surer footing in God’s love. The source of this strength is hope. Come and see how God is stirring up hope in those around you and how you may be called to rise up and be a bearer of God’s love in solidarity.

## SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### ARENA:

#### MEREDITH AUGUSTIN & JOHN ANGOTTI

*“One Race: The Human Race, United in Love!”*

We live in a world broken and divided. Join Meredith Augustin and John Angotti as they gather us to sing songs that heal our hearts and unite us in Christ.



### HALL B:

#### SANTIAGO FERNANDEZ

*“Psalms, Praise and Joy”*

Come praise the name of the Lord with psalms and raise your voices in supplication unto him! Santiago cordially invites you to share in this time of praise and joy.



*“Salmos, Alabanza y Alegría”*

*¡Vengan a alabar el nombre del Señor con salmos y a elevar hacia el la súplica de sus voces! Santiago los invita cordialmente a compartir este rato de alabanza y alegría.*

## EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

### LIAM LAWTON & FRIENDS

*“A St. Patrick’s Day Celebration”*



*“The day when everyone becomes Irish!”* Join Liam Lawton in celebrating the great national saint of Ireland, St. Patrick – an immigrant, the son of a convert, and yet a leader among the people who once enslaved him. Celebrate St. Patrick’s life and culture with us in music, word and dance. Guests include Irish musician and composer Ian Callanan, Sr. Edith Prendergast, Tricia Hoyt, and Fr. David Loftus!



Sacred Illuminations 2018

## SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2018

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm

Join us for *Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound*. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND will bring us to encounter in a deeper way, the love and power of the Father’s love, transforming the reality of our daily lives.

**PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

- 4-01 **Evangelization Through Beauty - Bishop Robert Barron**
- 4-02 The Freedom to Engage in Youthful Mission (\*) - **Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**
- 4-03 Dancing Through the Holy Land (\*) - **Betsy Beckman & Michael Mangan**
- 4-04 In the Likeness: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness (\*) - **Fr. Gregory Boyle**
- 4-05 My Spirit Soars, My Spirit Sings! Songs and Strategies to Raise Hearts and Voices in Faith Formation for Children (\*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 4-06 How to Answer Questions of Faith from Young Adults - **Fr. Dave Dwyer**
- 4-07 Evangelization: A Church Which Goes Forth - **Carole Eipers**
- 4-08 The Communion of Saints: The Mystical Heart of Christianity (\*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 4-09 Living the Discerning Life: The Teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola (\*) - **Fr. Timothy Gallagher**
- 4-10 Immigration and the Love of Neighbor (\*) - **Dr. Cecilia González Andrieu**
- 4-11 Turning to the Historical Jesus and his Revolution for Catechists (\*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-12 Pass It On: Balancing Faith in Family Life (\*) - **Mark Hart**
- 4-13 Making a Difference: Being Not Just the Best IN the World but the Best FOR the World (\*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-14 How to Recognize Grace When You See It (\*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 4-15 Rise Up to Happiness and Joy (\*) - **Vallimar Jansen**
- 4-16 Faith and Politics in the Gospels - **Jack Jezreel**
- 4-17 Sin: From Breaking Rules to Violating Justice (\*) - **Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 4-18 Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment: A Time of Discernment and Action (\*) - **Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 4-19 At the Front Lines of the Global Refugee and Migration Crisis (\*) - **Richard Jones & Caroline Brennan**
- 4-20 Lift Your Eyes! We'd Like to See Jesus (\*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 4-21 Bored at Mass? Never Again! (\*) - **Rev. Leo Patalinghug**
- 4-22 Women Arising in the Gospel of Luke (\*) - **Sr. Barbara Reid**
- 4-23 "May God Love You Through Me" - **Danielle Rose**
- 4-24 Coming Out of Exile: Welcoming What Our Spirit Is Missing - **Joyce Rupp**
- 4-25 Anti-fragile Faith (\*) - **Rev. Michael Schmitz**
- 4-26 Called to be Missionary Disciples: The Ministry of the Catechist (\*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
- 4-27 Freedom from Useless Fear (\*) - **Dr. John Yzaguirre**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Vietnamese Couple and Our Foundation for Happiness) (\*) - **Prof. Quyen Di**

**PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM**

- 5-01 **Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis - Tony Alonso & Jeanne Cotter**
- 5-02 What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church: A 360-degree Review of the Catholic Landscape (\*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 5-03 Bringing the Spirit and Music of Taizé to Your Community - **David Anderson**
- 5-04 Ventilating the World with Tenderness: The Strategy of Jesus at the Margins (\*) - **Fr. Gregory Boyle**
- 5-05 Let's Gather! Let's Sing! Enriching Children's Catechesis Through Song and Movement (\*) - **John Burland**
- 5-06 Accompaniment: Sharing Faith with People of All Ages (\*) - **Tom East**
- 5-07 Paying Attention to Mary's Voice in My Martha World (\*) - **Amy Florian**
- 5-08 Priesthood: Ministerial and Baptismal (\*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 5-09 Walking the Path of Faith: Power, Providence, Presence of God (\*) - **Sr. Bridget Haase**
- 5-10 The Prayer of Chaos (\*) - **Sarah Hart**
- 5-11 Rise Up from Divisions, Anger and Loss: Worship in Difficult Times - **Marty Haugen**
- 5-12 Rise Up: A Christian Spirituality of Resistance (\*) - **Fr. Daniel Horan**
- 5-13 Minding the Gap: Ministry and Transition from Youth to Young Adulthood (\*) - **Paul Jarzembowski**
- 5-14 You (Yes, You) Were Made to Rise! (\*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 5-15 What's the Hurry with Conversion? (\*) - **Blessie La Scola**
- 5-16 Rise and Shine! Time to Exercise Our Baptismal Priesthood (\*) - **Diana Macalintal**
- 5-17 Terrific Confirmation Tuesday, But What Do We Have for Them on Wednesday? Post-Sacrament Evangelization (\*) - **Cardinal Roger Mahony**
- 5-18 Building a Bridge: Bringing Together LGBT Catholics and the Church (\*) - **Fr. James Martin**
- 5-19 From Surviving to Thriving in Pastoral Ministry: The Pain and the Blessing! (\*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 5-20 Teaching Like Jesus: Before the Catechism (\*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 5-21 Intercultural Approaches to Catechesis: Considerations and Strategies (\*) - **Dr. Hossfman Ospino**
- 5-22 Family Matters: Family and Faith Dynamics with Youth Ministry (\*) - **Bob Perron**
- 5-23 Freedom of Religion Under Attack Around the World - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 5-24 Technology and Social Media: A Primary Means for Evangelization (\*) - **Dr. John Rinaldo**
- 5-25 Building a Lasting Fire: Developing Disciples in Your Religious Education Program (\*) - **Julianne Stanz**
- 5-26 Leadership in the Catholic Church is a Job for All of Us (\*) - **Char Wenc**
- 5-27 Healing Takes Time, Grace and Community (\*) - **Rev. Thomas Weston**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Pope Francis: A Modern Catechist) (\*) - **Rev. Hy Nguyen**

**PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

- 6-01 Ways of New Evangelization in Asia (\*) - **Cardinal Luis Tagle**
- 6-02 Missionary Disciples in the New Evangelization (\*) - **Andres Arango**
- 6-03 The People of God Living with HIV/AIDS (\*) - **Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen & Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 6-04 Presenting an Evangelizing Catechesis: What Would That Look Like? (\*) - **Fr. James Clarke, Jared Dees, Sherry Weddell & Fr. Michael White**
- 6-05 The Gospel of John: Why Is It So Different? (\*) - **Fr. William Burton**
- 6-06 Youth, Faith & Vocational Discernment: What We Should Think About for the Upcoming Vatican Synod (\*) - **Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo**
- 6-07 Bullying Out – Formation In (\*) - **Frank DiLallo**
- 6-08 The True Self: Encountering Our Inner Depth (\*) - **Sr. Barbara Fiand**
- 6-09 Discerning God's Will (\*) - **Fr. Rob Galea**
- 6-10 Ministry Through Vocation (\*) - **Noelle Garcia & David McHugh III**
- 6-11 "I Will Bring You Home": Songs of Prayer, Stories of Faith - **David Haas**
- 6-12 Rise and Shine: Social Media and the Missionary Disciple (\*) - **Lisa Hendey**
- 6-13 Relationships Ruptured and Restored: New Insights into the Sacrament of Reconciliation (\*) - **Fr. Satish Joseph**
- 6-14 Accompanying Young People on the Journey (\*) - **Christina Lamas**
- 6-15 Synod 2018: Will Our Faith Have Young People? - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 6-16 Becoming a Transforming Presence (\*) - **Sr. Lynn Levo**
- 6-17 Be the "I" in Evangelize (\*) - **Sr. Patricia McCormack**
- 6-18 Sexuality: Celebrate the Gift and Become Makers of Love (\*) - **Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 6-19 Legal and Free: Media-smart Youth Ministers (\*) - **Sr. Rose Pacatte**
- 6-20 Rise Up: From Living by Goodwill and Dogged Willpower to Drawing on the Resurrection and Grace (\*) - **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 6-21 Dare to Disciple (\*) - **William Simon Jr.**
- 6-22 Zydeco Theology and the Gumbo Bible (\*) - **Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 6-23 A Church Which "Goes Forth": Finding the Resurrected Christ in our Midst (\*) - **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 6-24 RCIA That Works! (\*) - **Nick Wagner**
- 6-25 Songs of Joy and Hope for Children (\*) - **James Wahl**
- 6-26 Discern or Decide: Helping Young People Know the Difference (\*) - **Joan Weber**
- 6-27 To Set the Captives Free (\*) - **C. Vanessa White**
- 6-28 One Size Does Not Fit All: The Case for Adaptive Religious Education (\*) - **Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Meaning of the Lord's Prayer that Leads to Marvelous Change) (\*) - **Fr. Doan Hoang**

## 4-01 EVANGELIZATION THROUGH BEAUTY ARENA

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis recommends the *via pulchritudinis* (“the way of beauty”) as a privileged evangelical path. The Catholic tradition is marked by a reverence for the beautiful. We should be able to take advantage of this treasure trove for the propagation of the Gospel.



**Bishop Robert Barron**

*Catholic evangelist and international speaker Bishop Robert Barron is an Auxiliary Bishop for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He is host of the PBS documentary, “Catholicism,” and has published numerous books, essays, articles on theology and the spiritual life. Bishop Barron is a religion correspondent for NBC and has appeared on FOX News, CNN and EWTN. Bishop Barron has lectured widely in the United States and abroad and is a frequent presenter at the L.A. Congress.*

## 4-02 THE FREEDOM TO ENGAGE IN YOUTHFUL MISSION

One of the most remarkable qualities of Jesus of Nazareth was his ability to engage people from different cultures and walks of life. Such a quality stems from his freedom from prejudice and his love for all humanity. This same quality is also present at Pentecost, as the disciples free themselves from their fear, led by the Holy Spirit to the joyful proclamation of the Gospel. This workshop explores such qualities applied to ministry with the young church in parishes and in society.



**Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**

*Alejandro Aguilera-Titus is Assistant Director of the Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. He has been a consultant to civic institutions, non-profit organizations and corporations on multicultural issues. Aguilera-Titus has 30 years of experience in ministry with a strong emphasis in pastoral planning, leadership development and formation, catechesis, and ministry with young people. He is also a nationally known speaker and writer.*

## IN 2016

the Religious Education Congress celebrated the 60th anniversary of the first CCD institute and 20 years of the Congress Chat. The first (typing) chat room was held on Friday, February 23, 1996 on CompuServe with Cardinal Roger Mahony. At Congress 2016, Archbishop José Gomez has continued the tradition of (video) chats with school students from the around the Archdiocese.



## 4-03 DANCING THROUGH THE HOLY LAND

Have you dreamed of going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land? Come dance your way through the sacred sites of Israel. With slides and images inviting you into a prayer of the imagination, whirl with David at the Western Wall, gesture Mary’s prayer in Nazareth, sway with the Babe in Bethlehem, embody the Beatitudes, step into the story of the sisters at Bethany, pray with Jesus through the Garden of Gethsemane, and rise to new life as we roll away the stone! All simple dances can be used in your home worship setting. (Michael Mangan will provide musical accompaniment.)



**Betsey Beckman, MM**

*Betsey Beckman is a movement artist, teacher, producer, author and founder of The Dancing Word: Embodying the Sacred in Liturgy and Life. Her ministry includes liturgical movement, online prayer resources created with Abbey of the Arts, embodied arts retreats, and spiritual direction. The freelance choreographer presents at local classes and festivals to national conferences and has several DVD series. Beckman is also Director of Movement Ministry at her home parish of St. Patrick Church in Seattle.*



**Michael Mangan**

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

## 4-04 IN THE LIKENESS: THE POWER OF EXTRA-VAGANT TENDERNESS

From the experience of working with gang members for 30 years, Fr. Greg Boyle will talk about what members of one of society’s most demonized populations have taught him about humility and fidelity, goodness and God. The measure of our compassion lies not in our service to those on the margins but only in our willingness to see ourselves in kinship with them. Fr. Boyle will explore the hope for those at the margins – to create a community of kinship such that God might recognize.



**Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ**

*From 1986-92, Fr. Greg Boyle served as Pastor of Dolores Mission in Los Angeles and, in 1988, along with parish community members started Homeboy Industries, now the largest gang rehabilitation program in the world. The author and speaker has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2017, Fr. Boyle received the University of Notre Dame’s Laetare medal, the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholics.*

**4-05 MY SPIRIT SOARS, MY SPIRIT SINGS! SONGS & STRATEGIES TO RAISE HEARTS AND VOICES IN FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN** 🗣️**Andrew Chinn (bio 3-06)**

We've all experienced that feeling – being in a full church or hall or stadium, with the congregation or crowd singing one song in one voice. Shivers down the spine and tears in the eyes! Music has this power to lift our spirits, unite us in Spirit, to *rise up* as one. Come and join Andrew Chinn as he shares songs gathered from his decades of experience as an elementary teacher and music minister, that will raise voices and spirits, educate in our faith and celebrate with joy (even seventh- and eighth-graders)!

**4-06 HOW TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OF FAITH FROM YOUNG ADULTS**

Surely there are young people in your life who have questions about the Catholic faith – and maybe you are sometimes at a loss for how to answer them. Every weekday on “The Busted Halo Show” on SiriusXM radio, Fr. Dave Dwyer answers questions from people from all over the country of varied experiences of religious faith, from the most devout to those with barely any faith connection. In this interactive workshop, Fr. Dave will demonstrate how any of us can open a door to those with questions about our faith.

**Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP**

*Paulist priest Fr. Dave Dwyer is Executive Director of Busted Halo Ministries, publisher of BustedHalo.com and YoungAdultMinistryInABox.com, and host of the “Sacraments 101” videos and “The Busted Halo Show” on Channel 129 on SiriusXM radio. Fr. Dwyer has appeared on CNN, Fox News and NBC News as well as “Entertainment Tonight” and “The Daily Show.” The former campus minister at the University of Colorado and the University of Texas has been a major keynote speaker at Catholic events for the past 10 years.*

**4-07 EVANGELIZATION: A CHURCH WHICH GOES FORTH****Carole Eipers, DMin (bio 1-06)**

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis calls us to be a Church which “goes forth.” What does that mean? What are the simple ways that we can respond to the call to evangelize and catechize others for this critical mission of the Church? We will reflect on our successes and examine the potentials for serving evangelization and forming evangelizers.

**4-08 THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS: THE MYSTICAL HEART OF CHRISTIANITY** 🗣️**Rev. Richard Fragomeni (bio 2-11)**

At times, being Catholic looks like simply going through the motions of pray, pay and obey! But, we are made and are longing for something more, something profound, something bedazzling. And, like Dorothy at the end of

her journey to Oz, we know there is no place like home. For Christians, home is in the heart of God ... the divine Trinity. We share in that home as a communion of saints, in the communion of God, in the depths of love. Be ready to “go deep” and celebrate the allure of the mystical heart of Christianity.

**4-09 LIVING THE DISCERNING LIFE: THE TEACHING OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA** 🗣️

In this workshop, we will explore St. Ignatius of Loyola’s teaching on discernment as applied to daily living. We will focus specifically on Ignatius’ classic rules (practical guidelines) for discerning what is of God and what is not in our daily spiritual experiences. We will examine Ignatius’ own experience, clarify the basic steps in discernment of spirits, and then indicate the practical tools Ignatius supplies for responding to spiritual consolation (joy in the Lord) and spiritual desolation (discouragement in the spiritual life). Ignatius’ primary focus in these 14 rules is to “set captives free” from the discouragement of spiritual desolation.

**Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV**

*Fr. Timothy Gallagher, an Oblate of the Virgin Mary, is a spiritual director and former provincial who currently holds the St. Ignatius Chair for Spiritual Formation at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver. For 35 years he has taught Ignatian spirituality at parishes, seminaries, retreat centers and conference centers both nationally and internationally. Fr. Gallagher is author of digital resources and eight books on Ignatian spirituality. He often appears on the Eternal Word Television Network.*

**4-10 IMMIGRATION AND THE LOVE OF NEIGHBOR** 🗣️

Red or blue, pro or against, ban or sanctuary? Does our Christian tradition offer multiple ways to respond to the suffering immigrant neighbor, or just one? Is the United States a perfect land of opportunity and freedom, or is it a land that needs to examine its conscience, admit mistakes and resolve to do better? In this session, theologian Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu examines these complicated and fraught questions by the light of history and the contemporary situation, asking for a truly Christian response from people of good will everywhere in the world.

**Dr. Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu**

*Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu is Professor of Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. She is an award-winning author of books including “Bridge to Wonder: Art as a Gospel of Beauty” and “Teaching Global Theologies: Power and Praxis.” In addition to many scholarly articles, Prof. Gonzalez-Andrieu is a frequent essayist for America magazine and a member of the Board of the Ignatian Solidarity Network. She teaches and presents public lectures frequently both locally and nationally.*

## 4-11 TURNING TO THE HISTORICAL JESUS AND HIS REVOLUTION FOR CATECHISTS 🗣️

**Dr. Thomas Groome (bio 3-15)**

The contemporary turn to “the historical Jesus” by Catholic Scripture scholars poses a revolution in both the content and process of catechesis and religious education. In the Jesus of history, we find the defining content for what to teach and the pedagogy for how to teach it. It signals a new day for the Church’s whole catechetical and evangelizing ministry.

## 4-12 PASS IT ON: BALANCING FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE 🗣️

**Mark Hart (bio 3-01)**

How do we ensure the Catholic faith is being lived out in our own marriage, family and home? How can we empower those in the parish to create domestic churches? How do we help those who minister not to allow their own prayer lives and families to be lost while serving the greater church? How do we enliven the next generation to carry on this gift of the Catholic faith for centuries to come? Mark Hart will offer insights, ideas and solutions to help keep your family well-balanced and holy in the midst of stress and busyness.

## 4-13 MAKING A DIFFERENCE: BEING NOT JUST THE BEST IN THE WORLD BUT THE BEST FOR THE WORLD 🗣️

**Rev. Terry Hershey (bio 1-10)**

Have you ever asked: “Why should I care anymore?” Yes, life is difficult. Yes, obstacles are real. But if we see it only as a struggle, our mindset is consumed by the next bigger and badder thing. And we never arrive. Terry Hershey helps us see that we are not being asked to let go of the obstacle; we can let go of the struggle. Our letting go is predicated on a holding onto. Meaning that this obstacle – whether pain or fear or limitation – is wrapped around an incredible and grace-filled gift: the sacrament of the present moment, an inner life fueled by a capacity to doubt, question, dare, connect, forgive, risk, receive, contribute, delight and live unabashedly unafraid.

## 4-14 HOW TO RECOGNIZE GRACE WHEN YOU SEE IT 🗣️

**Bill Huebsch (bio 1-11)**

In this exciting workshop, we will consider grace, which is how God dwells with us in the nitty gritty of our daily lives. God’s graceful indwelling continually shapes and calls us. We experience this grace in many ways, but we often don’t recognize it, or having seen it, don’t embrace it. Bill Huebsch offers us a practical and exciting guide to help us recognize grace when we see it: in our own lives and the lives of those around us. Recognizing grace helps us “get up and do what needs to be done”!

## 4-15 RISE UP TO HAPPINESS AND JOY 🗣️

**ValLimar Jansen (bio 1-12)**

According to the latest U.S. Census, statistics show there are numerous things American women face each day that can cause pessimism and despair. Nonetheless, they “rise up” each day with a firm commitment to walk in joy and create happiness. Happiness is more than something you find or controlled by the wheel of fate. Joy is fruit of the Holy Spirit. There are many steps one can take each day to cultivate joy. Join ValLimar Jansen and learn proven methods to increase joy and happiness in your life. She will use music, prayer, Sacred Scripture, secular stories and scientific research on joy and happiness.

## 4-16 FAITH AND POLITICS IN THE GOSPELS

**Jack Jezreel (bio 1-13)**

It is not uncommon to bump into Catholic expressions that seem to disregard the world of political engagement as optional or lesser or even to be avoided. However, our Catholic tradition makes clear that political involvement is both a necessary and constitutive dimension of our faith. Jesus himself draws his disciples into a political vision that informs all that he does. As disciples of Jesus, we have a political vision, a political dream that requires our engagement. It brings hope and life and it is waiting for fulfillment! Imagine: a holy way to be political!

## 4-17 SIN: FROM BREAKING RULES TO VIOLATING JUSTICE 🗣️

**Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD (bio 1-16)**

“Sin” is a word that seems to have fallen on hard times. Yet it is an obvious reality in contemporary life. This session will look at the development of the Catholic understanding of sin as it has moved from a focus on keeping rules to a summons to treat others justly. We will also examine what we mean by “social sin” and “structures of sin.” The end result will be a more “adult” understanding of “sin.”

## 4-18 YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT: A TIME OF DISCERNMENT AND ACTION 🗣️

**Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale (bio 2-16)**

What will the future hold for the Church’s pastoral ministry with youth and young adults? This is one of the primary questions reflected upon as part of the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. The synod will provide the Church a unique opportunity to listen and focus our attention on ministry with the younger members of our faith communities. This workshop will suggest ways that your community can be engaged with and benefit from this general assembly. Topics for discussion will include an understanding of the major themes in the preparatory document, as well as strategies for engaging your community in dialogue and action on synod priorities.

**4-19 AT THE FRONT LINES OF THE GLOBAL REFUGEE AND MIGRATION CRISIS** 🎧

Hear the latest insights on the global refugee and migration crisis by two Catholic Relief Services (CRS) staff members working at the front lines in Latin America and the Caribbean, and also the Middle East and Europe. Through a visual presentation grounded in stories, CRS' Rick Jones and Caroline Brennan will share perspectives on what is happening in areas where people have been forced to flee their homes. They will provide a behind-the-scenes look that shines an urgently needed spotlight on populations who are among the most vulnerable in our world today. In the face of this crisis, the role and impact of the Catholic Church has been front and center.

**Richard Alan Jones**

*Rick Jones, based in El Salvador, is Senior Technical Advisor in Latin America and the Caribbean for Catholic Relief Services and previously served as the Deputy Regional Director for Global Solidarity and Justice. For the past 25 years he has worked on peace building, human rights and development programs in Latin America. He has testified before Senate hearings on Homeland Security and unaccompanied minors, as well as with the U.S. Agency for International Development on gang-related issues.*

**Caroline Brennan**

*Based in Chicago, Caroline Brennan is Senior Communications Officer of the Global Emergency Response Team for Catholic Relief Services. She has been in Jordan and Lebanon regularly since 2012 to meet with Syrian refugees and has traveled to Iraq, Gaza, the Central Africa Republic, eastern Ukraine and the Philippines. Brennan was in Nepal after the devastating 2015 earthquake, and in Europe at the height of the refugee crisis. Overall, she has worked in 22 countries documenting people's incredible challenges.*

**4-20 LIFT YOUR EYES! WE'D LIKE TO SEE JESUS** 🎧

"What are you looking for?" These are the first words Jesus speaks in John's Gospel. Today, the question is: Are we still seeking him, and where are we looking for him? Who are we using as a go-between – someone to get us closer to Jesus, to give us an "in" with him – as Philip and Andrew do with the Greeks/outsideers? Or are we now living and connecting others with Jesus, as his disciples and making sure that others get to Jesus? So many are asking us: We'd like to see Jesus, can you get us to him? Come, let us draw others to Jesus, the Son of Man.

**Megan McKenna**

*Megan McKenna, a native of New York City who now lives in Albuquerque, N.M., is an international speaker, storyteller and theologian. She is author of 49 books, including "This Will be Remembered of Her" (which won an award in Spirituality from the Catholic Press Association) and "Like a Hammer Shattering Rock." McKenna teaches at several universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world. She is an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA and won the Isaac Hecker Award for Justice and Peace.*

**4-21 BORED AT MASS? NEVER AGAIN!** 🎧

Rev. Leo E. Patalinghug (bio 3-23)

Join Fr. Leo Patalinghug to help you better understand the Mass, its theology, and pastoral and practical life applications. This session will help parents and teachers explain the Mass to students and children, and provide practical tips on how to get your family more excited about Mass and faith in general. Experience a greater conversion, devotion and appreciation for the Sacred Liturgy, and most importantly learn how never to be bored at Mass.

**4-22 WOMEN ARISING IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE** 🎧

The Gospel of Luke has more episodes featuring women than any other Gospel, which led early feminists to say that Luke is the Gospel for the advancement of women. Later feminists have examined the roles that women play in the third Gospel and have concluded that it relegates women to silent, passive roles, and when women speak, they are corrected or not believed. This session will reveal the women at the tomb as faithful, persistent hearers and proclaimers of the Word, even as women fall silent in Luke's second volume, leaving us with an ambiguous message.

**Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD**

*Sr. Barbara Reid, a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., is Vice President and Academic Dean as well as Professor of New Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she has served since 1988. She is author of biblical works and presents approximately 25 speaking engagements a year throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Bolivia, Peru, Thailand and Guatemala. Sr. Reid's most recent book is entitled, "Wisdom's Feast: An Invitation to Feminist Interpretation of the Scriptures."*

**4-23 "MAY GOD LOVE YOU THROUGH ME"**

God alone can satisfy our deepest longing to love and be loved. And yet, Jesus allows the love of husband and wife to become an incarnate witness of his spousal fidelity in the sacrament of marriage. Join Danielle Rose as she shares how the journey of discernment and formation in the convent prepared her soul to discover and embrace the call to holiness in the vocation of marriage.

**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." Her third album, "I Thirst," is a musical tribute to the life and work of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Since 2002, Rose has travelled the globe and is now blessed to be a sacrament with her husband, Mitchell, and their daughters, Agnes and Genevieve, in the "mamastery" of their Minnesota home.*

## IN 1964

the Anaheim City Council approved plans for construction of an “Arenatorium” and exhibit complex that included a 7,500-seat Arena, a 100,000-square-foot exhibit hall (Hall A) and 35,000 square feet of meeting space. Groundbreaking of the new Anaheim Convention Center took place on May 7, 1965. The \$14.7 million complex officially opened its doors on July 12, 1967. Since then, it has undergone seven expansions, or “betterments.”

### 4-24 COMING OUT OF EXILE: WELCOMING WHAT OUR SPIRIT IS MISSING

Joyce Rupp, OSM (bio 1-20)

As we grow into wholeness, we discover within ourselves aspects that need to be recognized, accepted and integrated into our life. How do we call home these vital qualities and unwanted aspects of self that have been lost, ignored, forgotten, forced away or rejected? As we discover these banished facets of ourselves and welcome them as sources for our inner growth, we cultivate an ability to be a catalyst for spiritual transformation and a transmitter of peace in our personal and ministerial life.

### 4-25 ANTI-FRAGILE FAITH

Rev. Michael Schmitz (bio 1-21)

Christian faith and Christian joy are more than mere feelings. Faith is confidence in the person and promises of God. Joy is the sense of well-being that is the fruit of something else. It is the fruit of a life lived in God. A life “lived in God” is eminently practical. If a person lives their anti-fragile faith in every environment, one can experience the joy that thrives in any environment

### 4-26 CALLED TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: THE MINISTRY OF THE CATECHIST

Dr. Joseph D. White (bio 2-25)

The vocation to catechesis is a call to be an intentional disciple in mission. In this session, led by a National Catechetical Consultant and author of 10 books on catechesis and ministry, participants will be invited to reflect on their call to be a catechist, essential components of the ministry of catechesis, and what it means to form ourselves – and others – to be missionary disciples of Jesus.

### 4-27 FREEDOM FROM USELESS FEAR

Fear is a normal response to a perceived threat. Family life today is under constant threats and we need effective coping skills to manage legitimate concerns and to eliminate useless worries. This session will focus on coping with interpersonal fears that interfere with our ability to grow in mutual love in our families. Dr. John Yzaguirre will also offer spiritual strategies to enjoy the fullness of a life lived free from fear: “If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. ... Perfect love drives out fear” (1 Jn 4:12, 18).



Dr. John Yzaguirre

Dr. John Yzaguirre is a psychologist and author specializing in family life and Catholic spirituality. He co-directs the California Prosocial Institute with his wife, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored “Thriving Marriages.” He has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. In addition to his private practice in Irvine, Calif., Dr. Yzaguirre offers numerous marriage and family formation seminars at churches throughout the United States.

### 4-70 MÁI ẤM GIA ĐÌNH NGƯỜI VIỆT

Đôi lứa yêu nhau nào cũng mong muốn được sống hạnh phúc. Tuy nhiên trong đời sống hôn nhân, chúng ta thường gây đau khổ cho người phối ngẫu. Chúng ta sẽ sống hạnh phúc bên nhau nếu có Chúa trong đời sống. Buổi hội thảo sẽ cho thấy văn hoá Việt Nam có nguồn gốc sâu xa là Thiên Chúa. Qua việc khám phá kho tàng văn hoá quý báu của mình, hai vợ chồng sẽ có nền tảng vững chắc để sống đời sống lứa đôi hạnh phúc, từ đó xây dựng một mái ấm gia đình.

### THE VIETNAMESE COUPLE AND OUR FOUNDATION FOR HAPPINESS

In romantic relationships, we envision eternal bliss. However, in married life, we often make our spouse feel hurt. We can enjoy a happy life together if we have God in our lives. This workshop will show how the Vietnamese culture is deeply rooted in God. By discovering our own treasure, couples – both young and old – have a foundation to live a happy life together and to build a nest for their children.



Tiến Sĩ Quyên Di

Trước 1975, Giáo-sư Quyên-Di là Phụ-tá Giám-đốc Ban Tu-Thư, viện Đại-học Đà-Lạt. Hiện nay ông huấn-luyện giáo-chức dạy tiếng Việt trên toàn thế-giới. Phục-vụ trong Ủy-Ban Giáo-Lý Việt-Nam tại Hoa-Kỳ gần 30 năm nay. Ông dạy ngôn-ngữ, văn-chương và văn-hoá Việt-Nam tại UCLA và CSULB; dạy sư-phạm tại CSUF. Là giáo-sư thỉnh-giảng tại trường thần-học Oblate School of Theology. Ông cũng là linh-hướng và cố-vấn về gia-đình.

### Prof. Quyên-Di

Prior to 1975, Professor Quyên-Di served as Assistant Director for the Board of Textbook and Curriculum Preparation at Dalat University, Vietnam. He now trains Vietnamese-language teachers around the world, and has served on the Vietnamese American Catechetical Conference for nearly 30 years. He teaches Vietnamese language at the University of California, Los Angeles and at California State University, Long Beach. He is a visiting professor at Oblate School of Theology. He is a trained spiritual director and family counselor.



**5-01 ENCOUNTER: FROM THE HEART OF POPE FRANCIS ARENA**

By his words and actions, Pope Francis compels the global Church to a radically renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ. *Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis* animates this call in song, story, imagery, movement and prayer, inviting all to risk stepping toward Jesus in both the blessing and the bruising of daily life. On the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' election to the papacy, *Encounter* takes us to the front lines of God's field hospital, calling us to a revolution of tenderness in a world desperate for healing, wholeness and hope. (This is further developed in Session 7-03.)

**Tony Alonso, PhD**

*Dr. Tony Alonso is a prominent voice in contemporary liturgical music. His music is sung in churches of a variety of Christian denominations throughout the world. A former director of music, Alonso appears at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe and is a frequent and favorite presenter at the Religious Education Congress. He teaches at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, where he also serves as Director of Catholic Studies. His most recent works include "A House of Prayer."*

**Jeanne Cotter**

*Based in St. Paul, Minn., Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, parish mission director and national speaker. Owner of Mythic Rain, she has presented parish missions, retreats, concerts and seminars throughout the United States. Cotter is a Master Teacher/Coordinator with the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and a team member for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Her latest works include "Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis" and "Tender Hearted" with GIA Publications.*

**5-02 WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH: A 360-DEGREE REVIEW OF THE CATHOLIC LANDSCAPE**

**John Allen Jr. (bio 7-01)**

John Allen, a veteran observer of the Vatican and the global Catholic scene, will trace the major news headlines of the last year and tease out what they mean in terms of which personalities, movements and ideas in Catholicism seem to be gaining traction, and which seem to be falling by the wayside as the tides of history sweep on. He'll pay special attention to the Vatican and Pope Francis, but will also bring other key venues and major players into sharp focus.

**5-03 BRINGING THE SPIRIT AND MUSIC OF TAIZÉ TO YOUR COMMUNITY**

This session will explore the history and spirit of the Taizé community, its music and ecumenical call to reconciliation. Practical ideas and strategies for bringing this simple prayer form to your parish and local community will be discussed. Come prepared to sing the various song forms that make up the music of Taizé.

**David Anderson**

*David Anderson serves as Director of Music and organist at Ascension Church in Oak Park, Ill. In addition, he serves as Editor-at-Large for GIA Publications in Chicago. For the past 24 years, he has led and coordinated a monthly service in the spirit of Taizé. Anderson presents at various conferences throughout the year on topics of liturgy and music for the parish and frequently leads services and retreats.*

**5-04 VENTILATING THE WORLD WITH TENDERNESS: THE STRATEGY OF JESUS AT THE MARGINS**

**Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ (bio 4-04)**

In this workshop, Fr. Greg Boyle will explore the strategy of Jesus that directs us to our ultimate goal of a community of kinship. Jesus models the truth: only the soul that ventilates the world with tenderness has any chance of changing the world. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' tenderness defines his relationships with all whom he encounters, especially those at the margins of society. With Jesus, we imagine a circle of compassion – and then we imagine nobody standing outside that circle.

**5-05 LET'S GATHER! LET'S SING! ENRICHING CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS THROUGH SONG & MOVEMENT**

Music has always been at the heart of our Catholic prayer and celebration. It forms us and teaches the truths of our Catholic faith as it invites us to encounter the Living God. In this workshop, John Burland, internationally celebrated composer and educator, will share a variety of songs connected to engaging activities that encompass movement and prayerful gesture. These strategies address the varying learning styles of our children. They help children learn the core beliefs of our faith as they move deeper into understanding God's love for them. Join us as we joyfully proclaim and celebrate the great mysteries of our faith.

**John Burland**

*John Burland has written and recorded over 250 songs and published 14 music collections internationally. He is the Education Officer for Liturgy and Music for the Sydney Catholic Schools in Australia, and National Music Consultant for Bayard, Inc. During his extensive career, Burland has worked in a variety of roles in school and parish communities. He is a regular speaker at conferences and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and North America.*

**IN 1956**

the first CCD Institute was held at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles, with some 500 teachers and catechists in attendance. The next year the institute moved to Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School and saw attendance double in size. In subsequent years (1958-1966), attendance continued to increase at Loyola University; and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College.

## 5-06 ACCOMPANIMENT: SHARING FAITH WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES 🗣️

The Emmaus journey provides a model for evangelization and catechesis of children, youth and adults. We accompany those who are searching; we listen; we walk with them in their questions; we lead them to encounter Christ; and we empower them for mission and witness! This workshop will explore the art and process of relational ministry by naming points for conversation, shared experiences and the building of covenant relationships.



**Tom East**

*Based in Gig Harbor, Wash., Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development (CMD). He previously served as Director of Youth Ministry and as Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. East is a popular speaker at youth ministry and religious education conferences and has presented at many national conferences including the L.A. Congress, the National Catholic Education Association, the National Conference of Catechetical Leaders and CMD-sponsored conferences.*

## 5-07 PAYING ATTENTION TO MARY'S VOICE IN MY MARTHA WORLD 🗣️

Could you set your stress aside for an hour and feed your soul? In the midst of your overly busy life (and hectic conference!), where there is always so very much to do, regain some balance. This inspirational talk and Scripture re-enactment helps you sit at the feet of Jesus so you can keep life, prayer and duties in perspective. Don't worry – you won't leave your Martha behind, nor should you. But perhaps you can remember to choose Mary's "better portion" while still doing all your Martha things.



**Amy Florian**

*Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant and CEO of Corgenius Inc., a company that teaches professionals how to support clients in transition and loss. She has 30 years of parish and conference experience, taught in the graduate ministry department of Loyola University Chicago for 10 years, and authored over 100 articles and four books. Florian travels the country presenting workshops, training sessions and retreats.*

## 5-08 PRIESTHOOD: MINISTERIAL & BAPTISMAL 🗣️

**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (bio 3-13)**

One of the most significant yet overlooked contributions of the Second Vatican Council was its teaching on both the ministerial (ordained) priesthood and the baptismal (common) priesthood. A failure to properly grasp this teaching and the way these two "priesthoods" relate to one another can lead to either clericalism or anti-clericalism. This workshop will offer a theology of priesthood that can avoid these two dangers.

## 5-09 WALKING THE PATH OF FAITH: POWER, PROVIDENCE, PRESENCE OF GOD 🗣️

We all are on a journey of faith. In this session, we will stroll down the footpath of God's power within us, lean on the walking staff of God's gentle providence, and enjoy the flora of the Divine Presence ever among us.



**Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU**

*Ursuline Sr. Bridget Haase, a former missionary to Africa, Appalachia and Mexico, is a national speaker and author of three books, a contributor to the Catholic devotional "Living Faith," a radio co-host and frequent guest on the Relevant Radio Network. Sr. Haase leads parish missions, retreats and days of prayer across the United States and is recipient of several honors. She also ministers as "Sister Storyteller" to 3- and 4-year-old children.*

## 5-10 THE PRAYER OF CHAOS 🗣️

**Sarah Hart (bio 2-13)**

The laundry is overflowing. The children are crying over their homework. You are giving a PowerPoint presentation at church tomorrow morning and you haven't started creating it yet. And it's midnight. Oh look! The cat just threw up on the rug. How is this holiness? With Sarah Hart's trademark humor, singing and storytelling, come discover how even the insanity of the lives we lead can be a beautiful prayer, received by a God who sees and hears beyond our chaos, and loves us, and gets it.

## 5-11 RISE UP FROM DIVISIONS, ANGER AND LOSS: WORSHIP IN DIFFICULT TIMES

When things fall apart – in our personal lives, between loved ones, in our communities, in our institutions, between nations – how do communities of faith respond? How do we work together with God's Spirit to heal, to reconcile, to comfort and challenge, to give hope? Let's explore together the importance of our ministry as baptized Christians in difficult times, looking especially at the role of our sacramental worship in helping to rise up anew.



**Marty Haugen**

*For nearly 40 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. His music appears in hymnals for the United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestant denominations. His latest works are "The Liturgical Ensemble" and "Pilgrims and Companions." Marty and his wife, Linda, live in Minnesota.*

## 5-12 RISE UP: A CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY OF RESISTANCE 🗣️

**Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM (bio 2-14)**

In an age when Gospel values conflict with many social norms, cultural expectations and political agendas, Christians are called to put their faith into action. But how? This workshop will explore what it means to be

a faithful follower of Christ in the modern world. Pope Francis has called for Christians to engage in a variety of civic and social actions in a spirit of Christian love (*Laudato Si*, #232). And so, we take up that call, looking to examples of Christian witness (e.g., early martyrs, Thomas Merton, Archbishop Oscar Romero, and others) for models of forming a Christian spirituality of resistance that grounds our lived experience of faith.

### 5-13 MINDING THE GAP: MINISTRY AND TRANSITION FROM YOUTH TO YOUNG ADULTHOOD 🗨️

The transition experiences of young people as they move from youth to young adulthood (and within the teen and young adult years) are critical moments for leaders in the Church to pay attention to, as they are key opportunities for pastoral accompaniment, as well as times of great disillusion, excitement, anxiety and detachment from the practice of the faith. This session will help us explore ways to rise up to the challenge of ministering at these key moments in a young person's life, integrating the latest insights and efforts of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in this area.



**Paul Jarzembowski**

*Paul Jarzembowski is Assistant Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth and is the National Coordinator for World Youth Day for the United States. He previously served as Executive Director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. Jarzembowski has consulted with and given presentations to over 250 dioceses, parishes and Catholic organizations in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and at the Vatican.*

### 5-14 YOU (YES, YOU) WERE MADE TO RISE! 🗨️

**Fr. Joe Kempf (bio 3-17)**

Often life is difficult. Often life is funny. But God *always* wants for each of us a meaningful life of deep peace and great joy! Whatever our life situations, we do *not* need to get discouraged, become crabby or lose our joy, even if others around us do so. How do we find for ourselves – and for the children entrusted to our care – what we need to help us “rise” in our regular, daily living? This session promises to be insightful, hopeful, practical and funny. Through stories, teachings, Scripture and demonstrations, Fr. Joe Kempf will inspire you, make you laugh, and equip you in new ways to rise up and become more alive than when you first walked through the door.

### 5-15 WHAT'S THE HURRY WITH CONVERSION? 🗨️

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is not about offering “in and out food.” The process does not encourage us to rush through any preparation with the participants so they can celebrate a rite. The intention of the Rite of Initiation is to facilitate others – adults, youth and children – seeking to belong to the Church toward a strong formation of faith. Are we giving them enough time to do so? Can we do better?



**Blessie La Scola**

*Blessie La Scola has been active in the areas of catechesis, sacramental preparation and faith formation. She served as Master Catechist for the Diocese of San Jose for over 25 years and has been on staff for 23 years at Holy Family Parish in San Jose, Calif. She offers training and in-services and has mentored lay leaders in implementing or developing the RCIA process in their parish. She is author of several titles, including “RCIA and You” and “Children of the Light: Pre-catechumenate Sessions for Children and Families.”*

### 5-16 RISE AND SHINE! TIME TO EXERCISE OUR BAPTISMAL PRIESTHOOD 🗨️

If you're a woman or a lay man, how can you possibly exercise a priestly office? Is ordination the only path to real leadership and ministry in the church? Through Scripture, storytelling and song, in hard data and even harder questions that seek complex but hopeful answers, let us examine how women and men can reclaim the dignity of their baptismal priesthood. It's time to rise up to the challenge of our baptism and take our rightful place at the table so that all the faithful might offer spiritual sacrifices and witness to Christ throughout the world.



**Diana Macalintal**

*Diana Macalintal is a presenter and speaker, and co-founder of Team RCIA. She has been keynote at several gatherings, including the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Collegenille Conference on Music, Liturgy and the Arts, in addition to her appearances at the L.A. Congress as prayer leader. A former Director of Worship for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif., Macalintal is author of several publications including “Your Parish IS the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of the Community” and the liturgical year resource, “Living Liturgy.”*

### 5-17 TERRIFIC CONFIRMATION TUESDAY, BUT WHAT DO WE HAVE FOR THEM ON WEDNESDAY? POST-SACRAMENT EVANGELIZATION 🗨️

Our pre-sacrament preparation is extremely good in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and elsewhere. But do we have any type of post-sacrament follow-through in our parish programs? Maybe we need two teams for the sacraments: Team A prepares them for the sacrament; and Team B works with them to integrate them more fully into the full life of the parish community. Then, just maybe, first communion is not also the “last communion” for many years to come.



**Cardinal Roger M. Mahony**

*Cardinal Roger Mahony was appointed to lead the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1985 until his retirement in 2011. Born in Hollywood, he was the first native “Angelino” 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 was dedicated in 2002. Since his retirement, he has devoted himself to the cause of comprehensive immigration reform on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters, as well as refugees and displaced persons around the world.*

## 5-18 BUILDING A BRIDGE: BRINGING TOGETHER LGBT CATHOLICS AND THE CHURCH 🎧

How can we bridge the divide that exists between lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Catholics and the institutional Church? In this session, Fr. James Martin, author of a new book on LGBT Catholics, will reflect on how the values of “respect, compassion and sensitivity” can help bring about a revolution of welcome, inclusion and love.



**James Martin, SJ**

*Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Editor at Large of the Catholic magazine, America. He is author of numerous award-winning books including, most recently, “Building a Bridge” and “Seven Last Words” in addition to “The Abbey,” “Together on Retreat,” “Between Heaven and Mirth,” “The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything” and “My Life with the Saints.” Fr. Martin is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups and has given presentations at the L.A. Congress for the past several years.*

## 5-19 FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING IN PASTORAL MINISTRY: THE PAIN AND THE BLESSING! 🎧

What could be better than working for God! Yet, ministry is challenging. This workshop will identify the pressures and issues that can be overwhelming and offer practical approaches to dealing with expectations, conflict and communication. We will also offer a “thriving kit” to maintain our sanity and sanctity!



**Robert J. McCarty, DMin**

*Bob McCarty is a pastoral ministry consultant and trainer who has been in professional ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, diocesan and national settings. He presently serves as Chair of the Board at Saint Mary’s Press and is Project Coordinator for their research on disaffiliated young Catholics. McCarty serves as a volunteer in youth ministry and faith formation at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md., and his hobbies include cycling, rock climbing and grandparenting!*

## 5-20 TEACHING LIKE JESUS: BEFORE THE CATECHISM 🎧

**Rev. J. Patrick Mullen (bio 3-21)**

The biblical Jesus was a master teacher, responding to people’s real questions and illuminating his points with arresting metaphors of vine and shepherds, and amazingly pertinent stories of growing plants, sprouting seeds, wayward offspring, foolish brides and wicked employees. This workshop will take a biblical look at Jesus’ teaching strategies and will offer how we might apply Jesus’ successful methods today, for every age.

## 5-21 INTERCULTURAL APPROACHES TO CATECHESIS: CONSIDERATIONS AND STRATEGIES 🎧

Is your parish bilingual, multilingual or multicultural? Are you trying to figure out how to best share the faith with people who speak several languages and have different cultural perspectives? Welcome to catechetical ministry in the 21st century. More than 40 percent of parishes in the country are asking these questions. There is no such a thing as a one-size-fits-all approach to matters of cultural diversity in catechesis, yet we can ask the right questions, make important decisions and embrace some good practices. This workshop will offer important resources for a stronger and more vibrant catechesis in culturally diverse communities.



**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

*Dr. Hosffman Ospino is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at Boston College’s School of Theology and Ministry, where he is also Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. He served as principal investigator for the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry (2014) and as co-principal investigator for the National Survey of Catholic Schools Serving Hispanic Families (2016). Dr. Ospino is author and editor of several books. His latest book is entitled “Interculturalism and Catechesis.”*

## 5-22 FAMILY MATTERS: FAMILY AND FAITH DYNAMICS WITH YOUTH MINISTRY 🎧

All of the research is clear: A teen’s faith is impacted directly by the faith of their parents. Being a faith leader in a family is not easy, but it is simple. It requires prayer, time and leading by example. This workshop will specifically focus on how parish youth ministry can help support and cheer on parents in this incredibly important role.



**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 at over 100 parishes and dioceses across the United States and Canada. Perron has been a frequent presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, and at Youth Day. His most recent book is entitled “Lessons Learned From a God-Sized Family: In a Me-Sized World.”*

## 5-23 FREEDOM OF RELIGION UNDER ATTACK AROUND THE WORLD

**Rev. Thomas J. Reese, SJ (bio 2-19)**

Fr. Thomas Reese, the recent Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom – an independent, bipartisan U.S. federal government commission dedicated to defending the universal right to freedom of religion or belief abroad – will describe the precarious plight of believers around the world.

**5-24 TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA: A PRIMARY MEANS FOR EVANGELIZATION** 🗣️

You are not a digital native. And contrary to popular belief, neither are Millennials nor Generation Z. I've never met a baby that was born with a cell phone in its hands. We have all learned to use technology. And if we are to be successful evangelizing in today's culture, technology and social media usage must be a primary tool for sharing the Gospel. How? Come and find out.

**John M. Rinaldo, DMin**

*As Business Manager at St. Catherine Church in Morgan Hill, Calif., Dr. John Rinaldo serves as administrator over operations and finances for the parish in support of all parish ministries. Previously, he served as Director of Parish Partnerships for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County and as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif. Dr. Rinaldo is also an Adjunct Professor at Santa Clara University, teaching pastoral ministry courses to graduate students.*

**5-25 BUILDING A LASTING FIRE: DEVELOPING DISCIPLES IN YOUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** 🗣️

A fire will die out or a circuit will short when it has reached maximum overload. We as a Church have reached what Pope Francis calls "a diagnostic overload" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, #50). This overload, caused by a flurry of activity coupled with dwindling personnel and financial resources can smother the fire of parish life, particularly in religious education. How do we move from a more administrative model of ministry to an evangelical missionary model in religious education? This workshop will outline a number of practical ideas and the essentials for building the fire of religious education.

**Julianne Stanz**

*Julianne Stanz is Director of New Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and is a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. Born in Ireland, Stanz is a nationally known speaker, retreat leader and storyteller. She has extensive workshop, retreat and presentation experience both locally and nationally and is author of several articles and books, including the upcoming title, "Understanding the Critical Relationship between Catechesis and Evangelization."*

**5-26 LEADERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS A JOB FOR ALL OF US** 🗣️**Char Wenc, MEd, LCPC (bio 1-27)**

This session will guide us to improve our skills of leadership through a higher awareness of interpersonal relationships and the communication skills that empower it. Our life is filled with many opportunities to touch the lives of others in a respectful Christian manner. WE are the "Human Resources Department" of our Catholic faith! Come learn the life skills that will enable us to shine in our personal and professional lives.

**5-27 HEALING TAKES TIME, GRACE AND COMMUNITY** 🗣️

Alcoholism, addiction and self-destructive behaviors cause chaos, personal ruin, despair and hopelessness. The 12 Steps of Recovery help people to come back to life and heal relationships, lives and communities. This session will focus on the practical and simple program of recovery based on the 12 Steps, and the wisdom of the recovery community.

**Fr. Thomas C. Weston, SJ**

*Fr. Tom Weston has been working with alcoholics and addicts since 1976. The Jesuit priest is a leader of retreats for people in recovery from addiction and serves as Superior of the Jesuit Community of Oakland, Calif. Fr. Weston has spoken at conferences for over 30 years. His world travels served him in past rolls as an English teacher to young adults and teachers in the People's Republic of China, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar; as Director of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps; and as history teacher at Loyola High School in Los Angeles.*

**5-70 ĐGH PHANXICÔ: MỘT GIẢNG VIÊN GIÁO LÝ THỜI ĐẠI** 🗣️**Linh mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, PSS (tiểu sử 2-70)**

Dù chỉ hơn 4 năm đăng quang, ĐGH Phanxicô đã chiếm được lòng không chỉ kitô hữu mà còn toàn dân trên thế giới, và khiến thế giới đi từ ngạc nhiên này đến ngạc nhiên khác. Nhiều người xem Ngài là gương mẫu cho một giảng viên giáo lý thời đại này qua con người và cung cách Ngài làm việc. Chúng ta học hỏi được gì ở Ngài? Đó là những tiêu chuẩn giá trị cần thiết cho một giáo lý viên ngày nay?

**POPE FRANCIS: A MODERN CATECHIST** 🗣️**Rev. Hy K. Nguyen, PSS (bio 2-70)**

With a little more than four years in office, Pope Francis has earned the respect and love of not only Catholics but people all over the world. His words, writings and actions have without doubt triggered wonder and curiosity. Many see him as an example of a modern catechist through his life and works. How can we, as catechists, learn from him? What are the essential criteria for a modern catechist?

**IN 1983****Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson**

became Director of the Office of Religious Education in 1983. On his staff was **Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC**, who served as Consultant for Youth Ministry and would become the first woman Associate Director for the Office of Religious Education.



In 1985, Msgr. Torgerson hired Adrian Whitaker as the full-time coordinator for the event. Whitaker went on to serve as Congress Coordinator for 18 years and retired after Congress 2003.

## 6-01 WAYS OF NEW EVANGELIZATION IN ASIA ARENA

The call of the New Evangelization is heard with particular attention in Asia. With poverty, conflicts, disasters and displacement of people reaching disturbing levels, come learn how the Church in Asia is exploring new expressions and methods of evangelization.



**Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle**

*In 2012, Cardinal Luis Tagle was installed as the 32nd Archbishop of Manila, Philippines, by Pope Benedict XVI. He formerly served as Rector at Our Lady of the Pillar Seminary in Imus, Cavite, Philippines, and as an instructor of theology and a spiritual director. Cardinal Tagle has made numerous presentations at conferences worldwide. He has served as a member on several commissions, appointed by various Popes and recently was named as one of the Synod Fathers for the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization.*

## 6-02 MISSIONARY DISCIPLES IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Our essential mission is evangelization. We are always invited to share the love and presence of Jesus. “The New Evangelization calls for personal involvement of each of the baptized. ... We are missionary disciples,” proclaims Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). This workshop introduces a renewed understanding of Catholic evangelization.



**Andres Arango**

*Andres Arango is the Bishop’s Delegate for Hispanic Ministry and Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Camden, N.J. He also serves as Vice President of the Latin-American Catholic Charismatic Committee. Arango is a consultant to the Subcommittee on Hispanics Affairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Councilor Member of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services, based in the Vatican.*

## 6-03 THE PEOPLE OF GOD LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

More than 35 years after the first cases of AIDS, we continue to be called to “Rise Up!” and reach out to those infected with and affected by HIV. Join Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen and Fr. Chris Ponnet to explore the newly updated resource for education and pastoral care entitled “The People of God Living with HIV/AIDS,” from the Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Become acquainted with Church statements, guidelines for pastoral ministry, presentations, retreats and liturgies, and the latest general information about HIV/AIDS and how to access these resources.



**Elizabeth Crabb Breen, PhD**

*Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen is an immunologist with more than 25 years’ experience in HIV/AIDS research at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is Associate Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine. Dr. Breen has also served the Los Angeles Archdiocese AIDS Education Task Force/Human Sexuality Committee since 1989. She continues to speak frequently about the immune system, HIV infection and AIDS.*



**Fr. Chris Ponnet**

*Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983, at the height of the AIDS pandemic. Since then, he has served as Director for the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry and acts as Spiritual Director for the Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. He is also Pastor and Chaplain at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. For years, Fr. Ponnet has been working with Pax Christi and in anti-death penalty work.*

## 6-04 PRESENTING AN EVANGELIZING CATECHESIS: WHAT WOULD THAT LOOK LIKE?

Evangelization and catechesis are two parts of a very important way of presenting the Christian faith. Our panel of presenters, led by Fr. Jim Clarke, will discuss practical ways and means of merging these two separate functions of evangelization and catechesis to assist parishes. Come and join the conversation!



**Fr. James Clarke, PhD**

*Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is also an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles and a previous Director of Spiritual Formation at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. Fr. Clarke has over 30 years of facilitating retreats and parish missions and has presented at the SCRC Conference, the L.A. Congress and the Regional Congresses.*



**Jared Dees**

*Jared Dees is creator of the website The Religion Teacher, which provides resources for religious educators. He is also author of “Praying the Angelus,” “31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator” and “To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach.” With a background of teaching in Catholic schools, Dees has been a catechist for the past eight years and has offered workshops and keynote addresses at dozens of dioceses and parishes across the country.*



**Sherry A. Weddell**

*Based in Colorado, Sherry Weddell is co-founder and Executive Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute, which helps develop parish-centered evangelization. She and her team have worked directly with over 500 parishes and 175 dioceses presenting at diocesan, regional and national conferences across North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania. Weddell is also author of “Forming Intentional Disciples” and “Fruitful Discipleship.”*



**Fr. Michael White**

*Fr. Michael White previously served as Priest-Secretary to Baltimore Cardinal William Keeler and as Vice-Chancellor for the Baltimore Archdiocese. He is presently Pastor at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., where during his tenure as pastor, weekend attendance tripled from 1,400 to over 4,000! Fr. White is co-author with Tom Corcoran of the recent publication, “Rebuilt,” along with a companion field guide, which narrates that parish story.*

**6-05 THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: WHY IS IT SO DIFFERENT?** 🗣️

Fr. William L. Burton, OFM (bio 2-06)

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are so similar to each other and so unlike the Gospel of John that they are called “the synoptic Gospels.” How is it that this fourth Gospel is so unlike the other three? What happened to make John so different? In this session, we will look at the formation of this Gospel and particularly at the community from which it emerged. The great biblical scholar Fr. Raymond Brown and others have shown that understanding the unique nature of the community behind this Gospel helps us to see how it formed in such a unique way and how it became so different than the Synoptics.

**6-06 YOUTH, FAITH & VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT: WHAT WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT FOR THE UPCOMING VATICAN SYNOD** 🗣️

Leonard J. DeLorenzo, PhD (bio 3-08)

The upcoming October 2018 Synod of Bishops is dedicated to “young people, faith and vocational discernment.” In anticipation of the synod, we will assess the formative influences on young people today, the end to which the Church’s evangelization and formation efforts are ordered, and the possibilities for renewing the Church’s mission in forming young people for vocational discernment in the present age, with special attention given to family life. In the end, we will ask the question: “How do we create cultures in which it is easier for young people to be Catholic?”

**6-07 BULLYING OUT – FORMATION IN** 🗣️

Frank A. DiLallo (bio 3-10)

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 Scriptures to reduce the harm of bullying behaviors.

**6-08 THE TRUE SELF: ENCOUNTERING OUR INNER DEPTH** 🗣️

Sr. Barbara Fiand, SND de N (bio 2-09)

“Know thyself” is a plea that has stirred human questing ever since, it is claimed, Socrates challenged his followers to do so thousands of years ago. But what is our “true self,” and how can we approach it and embrace it in our time – with the insights that have been given us, especially in the area of holistic spirituality? In this session, we will reflect on the depth dimension of our life that calls us to move beyond daily concerns that so often

totally absorb us, both as a culture and as individuals. We want to reflect on what it is that challenges us as human beings truly to come home to who we are.

**6-09 DISCERNING GOD’S WILL** 🗣️

Fr. Rob Galea (bio 1-08)

God knows what fulfills our hearts. He has a plan and a will for our lives. What if we could discover that plan and find the strength to fulfill it? Fr. Rob Galea will offer some practical tips and teachings on how to discover God’s will for your life and how to keep in step on that path. Fr. Rob will share a few songs and stories too.

**6-10 MINISTRY THROUGH VOCATION** 🗣️

“I’ll be right back, honey, I just need to do one quick thing at church.” Does this sound familiar? Do you have a hard time finding the right balance between your vocation and your ministry? Then this workshop is for you! Noelle Garcia and David McHugh will share the hilarious, heartbreaking and ultimately faith-filled struggles of learning practical ways to balance ministry and family life: Leftover pizza is key.

**Noelle Garcia**

Noelle Garcia is a national speaker, singer, performer and recording artist with World Library Publications. She travels around the country speaking at parishes and conferences, leading music ministry and sharing faith at events including World Youth Day 2008, the National Catholic Youth Conference, the L.A. Congress and has appeared on CNN’s “Latino in America” documentary and EWTN’s “Life on the Rock.” She is the wife of fellow musician and youth minister, David McHugh, and resides in Dodge City, Kan.

**David McHugh III**

David McHugh is Coordinator of Youth Ministry at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, Kan. He is an accomplished musician and inventor of “Percoustix,” a drum trigger for guitars that he uses in ministry to lead worship. McHugh has been leading youth and music ministry for 14 years. He is a presenter at youth events at his home parish and travels nationally presenting at conferences at parish and diocesan events as well as assisting his wife, Noelle. Together they have a music CD, “Wonderfully Made.”

**6-11 “I WILL BRING YOU HOME”: SONGS OF PRAYER, STORIES OF FAITH**

We all have our favorite liturgical songs, which are truly song-prayers of faith that nurture not only our liturgical rituals, but our ongoing spiritual life as well. Behind the beauty and prayer of such songs of faith are the stories that have brought them to life and sustained their power in forming us in the midst of our spiritual walk. Come and sing, pray, hear and share in the stories that have brought many such song-prayers to life, and discover fresh ways to deepen the spiritual journey that accompanies them.



**David Haas**

*David Haas is an international conference speaker, workshop and retreat leader and concert performer. He serves as Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, as well as Animator for Cretin-Derham Hall Taizé Prayer Community in St. Paul, Minn. Haas is also founder and Executive Director of "Music and Ministry Alive!" – a formation program for high school and college-age youth. Haas has composed and produced over 50 collections of original liturgical music and authored more than 35 books.*

## 6-12 RISE AND SHINE: SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE MISSIONARY DISCIPLE

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis teaches us that “we are all missionary disciples” and that “each of us should find ways to communicate with Jesus wherever we are.” In this session, we’ll examine effective and emerging social media tools and techniques to joyfully communicate the Gospel. Additionally, we will examine the challenge of moving beyond mere “documentation” in our work as social media evangelists and examine Christ’s true Gospel commission in the context of our diverse and challenging mission territories.



**Lisa M. Hendey**

*Lisa Hendey is founder and Editor of CatholicMom.com, Editor at Large for Ave Maria Press, and best-selling author of “The Grace of Yes” and “Chime Travelers.” She is a frequent radio and television correspondent and speaks internationally. Hendey has traveled worldwide with Catholic Relief Services and Unbound, sharing the work of these non-profit agencies. Her most recent book is entitled, “The Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living.”*

## 6-13 RELATIONSHIPS RUPTURED & RESTORED: NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation is often approached by penitents and confessors alike from the perspective of sinful acts – “breaking the commandments,” “doing what is wrong,” “missing the mark.” While these definitions are not inaccurate, the account of the first sin in Genesis defines sin more broadly. Using the story of the original sin, Fr. Satish Joseph reflects on sin and reconciliation from the perspective of relationships. Soon to be published in a book, this reflection is sure to help inject new meaning and will transform the way in which we approach this sacrament of mercy. The session is designed for catechists, educators, confessors and penitents alike.



**Fr. Satish Antony Joseph**

*Ordained in India, Fr. Satish Joseph has served the Cincinnati Archdiocese for over 16 years. He serves as Pastor at both Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and at St. Helen in Dayton, Ohio. In addition, Fr. Joseph organizes parish retreats and parish missions, facilitates retreats for archdiocesan staff, and leads professional development days for Catholic school staff. He is also founder of *Ite Missa Est Ministries*, which offers adult faith-formation programs.*

## 6-14 ACCOMPANYING YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE JOURNEY

How is God calling you to serve today? It’s when we listen to the call that we find clarity, joy and gratitude. Part of discerning God’s call is fully understanding how to work toward fostering missionary disciples, and that entails leaving ourselves behind to truly listen, grow in faithfulness and trust where God is calling us to be present, to serve and to witness. Let us walk away with the desire to begin each day by asking, “What am I being called to do today?” and invite young people to do the same.



**Christina Lamas**

*Christina Lamas made her way into the field of youth ministry after 10 years of volunteering at her home parish. She held the positions as Associate Director and Division Coordinator of Youth Ministry within the Office of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Lamas has presented to regional, national and international audiences. With over 20 years of experience in catechesis and youth ministry, she now serves as the Executive Director of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C.*

## 6-15 SYNOD 2018: WILL OUR FAITH HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE?

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (bio 3-18)**

In October 2018, Pope Francis will lead us in reflecting on the faith and the future of young people in the Church. The preparatory document – “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment” – describes its purpose as an opportunity for the Church “to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective way to announce the Good News today.” In preparing for this upcoming synod, this session will probe whether our young people (ages 16-29) have the faith they need to discern God’s plan for their lives.

## 6-16 BECOMING A TRANSFORMING PRESENCE

**Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD (bio 1-14)**

In our chaotic and challenging world, we are called more than ever to *be* a transforming presence – to live with an attitude of discovery and close the gap between what we are learning and how we live. As we move toward a self that is intimately intertwined with others and with all of creation, the discipline of contemplation is essential. Contemplation – walking with God as we take a long, loving look at our reality – supports a flexible shaping and integration of prayer, reflection and dialogue. Forging a contemplative heart will help us to attend to the challenges and opportunities of our time by discovering a new consciousness, a new way of *being*.

**6-17 BE THE "I" IN EVANGELIZE** 🎧**Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM (bio 3-20)**

Catechists and Catholic schoolteachers: Embrace your mission! Be an intentional, invitational and inspirational agent of evangelization to your students. In this session, Sr. Patricia McCormack will unpack these terms and offer practical, easy-to-replicate ideas.

**6-18 SEXUALITY: CELEBRATE THE GIFT AND BECOME MAKERS OF LOVE** 🎧

We have all been living through a rough and tragic and lamentable era with respect to Catholics and sexuality – what with scandals, cover-ups, lawsuits, shame, pain and victims. In the hope of redeeming our relationship with sexuality, both personally and corporately, perhaps we need to return to the basics: Sexuality is a mystery. It is a gift. When we participate in the mystery of sexuality, we become Makers of Life and Love! Appreciating, celebrating and participating in the mystery of sexuality is quintessentially Catholic – for everybody!

**Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**

*A self-described street theologian, Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson is Resident Theologian and Animator of Faith at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago and founder and Animating and Creative Partner of Soul Play, based in Evanston, Ill. Author and leader of the Beloved Retreat, Dr. Nelson-Johnson travels across the country and to Europe presenting at diocesan events and conferences, including Notre Dame University's Vision program and the Chicago Archdiocese's Festival of Faith and their Theology on Tap program.*

**6-19 LEGAL AND FREE: MEDIA-SMART YOUTH MINISTERS** 🎧

This lively presentation will cover: 1) how to be a media mindful youth minister; and 2) copyright and fair use issues of media in youth ministry. Media literacy education specialist Sr. Rose Pacatte will share resources for you to engage in youth ministry using media while respecting legal use and copyright boundaries.

**Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP**

*Sr. Rose Pacatte, a Daughter of St. Paul, is an author, a film and television critic, and an online facilitator for the University of Dayton's catechetical Virtual Learning Community. She currently serves as Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Culver City, Calif. Sr. Pacatte's latest book is entitled "Corita Kent: Gentle Revolutionary of the Heart." Recently, she traveled to the Vicariate of Southern Arabia as keynote speaker and seminar presenter at sessions in Muscat, Oman, and in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.*

**6-20 RISE UP: FROM LIVING BY GOODWILL AND DOGGED WILLPOWER TO DRAWING ON THE RESURRECTION AND GRACE** 🎧**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (bio 1-01)**

We naively think that we can raise ourselves and sustain ourselves through goodwill and willpower alone.

But even Jesus didn't raise himself from the dead; the Father had to raise him up. We cannot raise ourselves up all on our own, only God, grace and community can provide us with the sustenance and strength we need to live Christian lives with warmth, happiness, graciousness, nobility of soul and joy. How do we move from living by willpower to living by grace?

**6-21 DARE TO DISCIPLE** 🎧

In working with thriving parishes across the nation, Bill Simon and his team at Parish Catalyst believe that discipleship development of parishioners and outreach to the unchurched are critical markers for long-term parish vitality. In order for a parish community to develop a disciple-making mindset, a cultural shift must take place in the whole parish. That cultural shift begins with the pastor, the staff and key volunteers. In this workshop, Bill will offer ideas and practices developed and used by parishes that have participated in Parish Catalyst Learning Communities as well as ideas that emerged from research for his latest book, "Great Catholic Parishes."

**William E. Simon Jr.**

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

**6-22 ZYDECO THEOLOGY AND THE GUMBO BIBLE** 🎧**Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher (bio 2-21)**

Louisiana is known for so many fascinating things: jazz, Native-American traditions, Cajuns, Creoles and ... gumbo? Yes, gumbo – made from all kinds of ingredients from all kinds of places. Like zydeco music – a blend of traditions. So what would "zydeco biblical theology" look like? Did the ancient Israelites make "gumbo theology" by blending ideas from peoples around them? Spoiler alert: Yes, they did. What might that teach us? Come explore a "zydeco" reading of the Old Testament as we continue our journeys in music and the Bible!

**6-23 A CHURCH WHICH "GOES FORTH": FINDING THE RESURRECTED CHRIST IN OUR MIDST** 🎧

"Go forth and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19-20): The church which "goes forth" is a community of missionary disciples. In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis writes that he dreams of a missionary option that is capable of transforming everything. When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, she did not recognize Jesus. Was this because he did not fit into her expectations? Mary had to let go of knowing and loving Jesus in one way in order to know and love him in another. This

enabled Mary to rise ... go forth ... and tell the other disciples about the Easter event. Like Mary, we too need to discover a new way of being missionary disciples.



**Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD**

Since 1989 Sr. Maureen Sullivan, a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York, has taught theology and now serves as Professor Emerita at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. She is also a religion consultant for the William H. Sadler Publishing Company. 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." She remains a popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

**6-24 RCIA THAT WORKS!** 🎧

**Nick Wagner (bio 1-26)**

Do RCIA right! Create compelling catechesis in your Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Remove roadblocks. Build your confidence. Turn seekers into lifelong disciples. Crush the "50 percent don't return" myth. Invoke the "missionary option" that transforms everything! And accomplish all this with the gifts and talents you already have.

**6-25 SONGS OF JOY AND HOPE FOR CHILDREN** 🎧

**James Wahl (bio 2-22)**

We pass our faith from one generation to another through stories and songs of joy and hope. Bring your inner child and share your joy as we explore songs and strategies that affirm young children in their baptismal call, forming practices that encourage full, conscious and active participation. This is a workshop designed for those who teach young children – and for the young at heart as well!

**6-26 DISCERN OR DECIDE: HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE KNOW THE DIFFERENCE** 🎧

In this workshop, we will survey the landscape of youth and young adults today and help examine how they make decisions in their lives. We will explore practical methods for accompanying them in learning the spiritual practice of discernment – in everyday decisions as well as in figuring out God's call for their lives. This will include tips for helping young people answer the question: "Why did God create me?"



**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 CMD's Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. She is a contributing author to several publications and trains parish leaders in lifelong faith formation and young adult ministry.

**6-27 TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE** 🎧

**Dr. C. Vanessa White (bio 3-27)**

As ministers and people of faith, we are called to respond to our brothers and sisters and their families who today are incarcerated or detained (because of immigration policies). We cannot stand idly by while the children journey in despair because of the plight of their parents. Today, the Body of Christ is incarcerated, the Body of Christ is detained. As St. Paul states, "If one member suffers, all the members suffer." This workshop will address how we, as ministers and disciples, are called to pastorally respond in our communities to those who are incarcerated and/or detained.

**6-28 ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL: THE CASE FOR ADAPTIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** 🎧

**Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, PhD (bio 2-26)**

In 1978, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published their statement calling for the full inclusion of persons with disabilities in parish life. An area in which these individuals have been left out of parish life is catechesis and sacramental preparation. Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy will explain how catechists can adapt their curriculum activities to accommodate children with all kinds of special needs.

**6-70 "Ý NGHĨA KINH LẠY CHA DẪN ĐẾN CUỘC BIẾN CẢI KỲ DIỆU"** 🎧

**LM Giuse-Maria Hoàng Tiên Đoàn, SJ (tiểu sử 1-70)**

Kinh Lạy Cha đã đem đến sự biến cải kỳ diệu giữa các cộng đoàn Kitô hữu tiên khởi lan rộng đến sự biến đổi xã hội trong thế giới La Hy thời cổ đại. Sự biến đổi ấy vẫn tiếp tục tuôn tràn đến mọi dân tộc qua mọi thời đại ảnh hưởng sâu đậm đến suy tư, nhận thức và lối sống của họ. Vấn đề là mỗi khi cầu nguyện với Kinh Lạy Cha, tôi có sẵn sàng mở lòng để Thần Khí Chúa kêu lên trong tôi, "Abba, Cha ơi!" (Roma 8:14); (Galat 4:6) và dắt dìu tôi chìm vào huyền nhiệm trong hồng ân cứu độ như Thánh Ý Chúa đã định cho tôi không?

**THE MEANING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER THAT LEADS TO MARVELOUS CHANGE** 🎧

**Fr. Doan Hoang, SJ, STL (bio 1-70)**

The Lord's Prayer led to miraculous conversions in the early Christian community, and then spread marvelous social change in the Greco-Roman world. Such conversions have spilled to all peoples of all time, and have had profound influences in their thought, perception and lifestyle. As a matter of fact, when I pray with the Lord's Prayer, am I ready and willing for Holy Spirit to cry out in me, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:14), and to lead me into the mystery of salvation that God has willed for me?

