

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 11:00 am

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

8:00 - 9:30 am

Eucharistic Liturgy
(Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)

– ValLimar Jansen & Friends

Music (Hall B)

– Anna Betancourt, Rudy López
& Estela García-López

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm

Liturgy (Arena)

Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

**Registration & Program Book
Pick-Up**

8:00 - 11:00 am
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours

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

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Convention 304 & Ballroom E)

Speaker Signings

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

Massage Chairs

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott) San Diego

SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am

As we welcome a new day, we share the opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give praise and thanks. Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will preside this morning's Eucharistic Liturgy. Nourished by Word and sacrament, may we go forth, ever ready to hear Jesus' invitation to "Rise Up!"



Vann

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

ARENA:

**VALLMAR
JANSEN &
FRIENDS**

*"Rise Up in
Praise"*



Jansen

Rise Up in Praise is more than entertainment. It is a 45-minute, exhilarating experience of musical encouragement and inspiration. Come and hear the most dynamic Roman Catholic Gospel performers in the United States sing praise to God! ValLimar Jansen and her friends will inspire us to lay down the many burdens that can hold us captive and Rise Up in passionate praise to our God!

HALL B:

**ANNA BETANCOURT, ESTELA GARCÍA-LÓPEZ
& RUDY LÓPEZ**

*"The Lord
Invites Us"*



Betancourt



García



Lopez

You are invited to a concert to celebrate the richness and treasure that is our children with music created for these new generations. In our children, the future becomes present and alive, and with music, we have a tool to strengthen their faith and to lead them on the path to follow our Lord. Come ready to sing. It will be fun! "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14).

"El Señor Nos Invita"

Les invitamos a un concierto para celebrar la riqueza de nuestro tesoro infantil con música creada para las nuevas generaciones. En nuestros niños el futuro se hace presente y con la música tenemos una herramienta para fortalecer la fe y ayudarles a seguir el camino del Señor. Vengan listos para cantar. ¡Será divertido! "Dejen que los niños vengan a mí, no se lo impidan, porque el reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como ellos" (Mateo 19:14).

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm

ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDING



Gomez

As our Religious Education Congress 2018 comes to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and to give thanks for the blessings of the weekend. May we Rise Up to go forth, to spread the Good News to all. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2018, under the musical direction of John Flaherty.



Flaherty



PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01** **Persecution of Christians in the World Today (*) - John Allen Jr.**
- 7-02** **Missionary Disciples that Fascinate, Multiply and Accompany (*) - Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**
- 7-03** **Breaking Open *Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis* - Tony Alonso & Jeanne Cotter**
- 7-04** **Pray Always and in Many Ways in the Parish - David Anderson**
- 7-05** **How the Baptismal Catechumenate Inspires All Catechesis (*) - Mary Birmingham**
- 7-06** **Raise Your Voice! Music for Sacraments, Seasons and Celebrations (*) - John Burland**
- 7-07** **Mission and Witness: Preparing Generation Z Youth for Confirmation (*) - Tom East**
- 7-08** **Seven Secrets to Reach the Hearts of Children (*) - Steven Ellair**
- 7-09** **Teaching Mercy: Accompanying LGBT Students (*) - Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 7-10** **Discerning the Will of God: An Ignatian Guide to Christian Decision-making (*) - Fr. Timothy Gallagher**
- 7-11** **Faithful Witness: The Church - Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 7-12** **God Never Tires: Singing the Astonishing and Relentless Grace of Mercy - David Haas & Zachary Stachowski**
- 7-13** **Neuroscience and Well-Being: How Spirituality Affects Our Health and DNA (*) - Anne Kertz Kernion**
- 7-14** **I Want to Go to THAT Church: Creating a Parish Where Adults and Young Adults Rise Up! (*) - Douglas Leal**
- 7-15** **A National Perspective on the Catechetical Imagination (*) - Margaret Matijasevic**
- 7-16** **Going, Going, Gone ... The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics (*) - Robert McCarty**
- 7-17** **Mysteries of the Rosary (*) - Bro. Michael O'Neil McGrath**
- 7-18** **And When I Am Lifted Up, I Will Draw Everyone to Myself! (*) - Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 7-19** **Encounter Your Way Toward Good Church (*) - Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 7-20** **How Big Is Your But? (Excuse Me, Lord!) (*) - Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 7-21** **Re-imagining Parish Life in the Light of Evangelization (*) - Dr. John Rinaldo**
- 7-22** **The Vocation of Administrative Service: Biblical Foundations (*) - Fr. Donald Senior**
- 7-23** **Why Would an All-loving God Allow Suffering? How to Suffer Well through Christian Faith (*) - Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 7-24** **"Go to My Disciples ... and Tell Them"! (*) - Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 7-25** **No More Volunteers: Getting Parishioners to See Themselves as Missionary Disciples (*) - Joan Weber**
- 7-26** **Called, Gifted and Fruitful: The Transforming Power of Living the Mission of Jesus (*) - Sherry Weddell**
- 7-70** **Vietnamese Workshop (Mary in the Liturgical and Devotional Life of the Church) (*) - Rev. Thinh Pham**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01** **The Historical Jesus (*) - Fr. James Martin**
- 8-02** **Traversing the Dark Woods: The Journey from Fear to Blessedness (*) - Fr. James Clarke**
- 8-03** **Deepening Our Appreciation of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (*) - Fr. John Cusick**
- 8-04** **Heal, Proclaim, Then Teach: A Practical Approach to Evangelization (*) - Jared Dees**
- 8-05** **Biblical Women Proclaim, "Rise Up!" (*) - Sr. Carol Dempsey**
- 8-06** **Rise Up, You Tribes of the Church! (*) - Msgr. Raymond East**
- 8-07** **Weary and Waiting: Nurturing Hope During Transitions (*) - Becky Eldredge**
- 8-08** **Rise Up! Re-thinking Parish Bereavement Ministry for the Future (*) - Amy Florian**
- 8-09** **Imagine That! Praying with the Imagination (*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 8-10** **Multi-colored Halos: Saints and Everyday Holiness (*) - Sr. Bridget Haase**
- 8-11** **Saints-in-the-Making: Storytelling for a New Generation of Evangelists (*) - Lisa Hendey**
- 8-12** **Engaging the "Nones": Evangelization of the Inactive and Disaffected (*) - Paul Jarzembowski**
- 8-13** **Transforming Parishes into Communities of Disciples (*) - Fr. Satish Joseph**
- 8-14** **Children of the Light: Pre-catechumenate Period with Children (*) - Blessie La Scola**
- 8-15** **Liturgical Flow: Understanding the Key to Excellent Liturgy (*) - Diana Macalintal**
- 8-16** **The Word in Song: Singing Scripture with Children (*) - Michael Mangan**
- 8-17** **Prophets and Prophecy: Prod to Conscience (*) - Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**
- 8-18** **Pray Out Loud! Stand and Lead! Inspiring a Zeal for Mission in Young People (*) - Ted Miles & Sergio Lopez**
- 8-19** **Finding Faith in Scorsese's "Silence" (*) - Sr. Rose Pacatte & Fr. Ron Schmidt**
- 8-20** **How to Become a Saint in Five Easy Steps (*) - Bob Perron**
- 8-21** **Excellence in Ministry: Best Practices for Successful Catechetical Leadership (*) - Tom Quinlan**
- 8-22** **The Kerygma Enigma-Transformational Ministry (*) - Julianne Stanz**
- 8-23** **Rise Up, Broken People! A Revolution of Tenderness (*) - David Wells**
- 8-24** **WE are Always in Need of Reform: The Western Church in the 14th Century (*) - Rev. Thomas Weston**
- 8-25** **Finding Courage to Embrace the New Evangelization (*) - Fr. Michael White & Thomas Corcoran**
- 8-26** **Finding Courage—A Way for Catholics with Same-Sex Attractions (*) - Fr. Ed Benioff**
- 8-70** **Vietnamese Workshop (The Pearl) (*) - Prof. Quyen Di**

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



ORE Booth in Hall A

7-01 PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD TODAY 🎧 **ARENA**

By now, virtually everyone acknowledges that Christians are victims of ISIS genocide in Iraq and Syria. What's less well known is that the Middle East is hardly the only danger zones for Christians today. From India to North Korea, from Eritrea to Kenya and reaching even into Latin America, Christians today are by far the world's most persecuted religious minority. John Allen, author of the "Global War on Christians," will bring the stories of these suffering Christians, describe why it matters and also sketch what average Christians in the United States can do about it.

**John Allen Jr.**

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

7-02 MISSIONARY DISCIPLES THAT FASCINATE, MULTIPLY AND ACCOMPANY 🎧**Alejandro Aguilera-Titus (bio 4-02)**

Pope Francis gives us five clues to better understand how Jesus evangelizes. These five clues are the linchpin for the spirituality and the methodology of the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry, a major initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Over the next four years, it promises to generate personal and pastoral conversion for the Church in the United States. Discover the joy of being missionary disciples in your parish, ecclesial movement and Catholic organizations!

7-03 BREAKING OPEN ENCOUNTER: FROM THE HEART OF POPE FRANCIS**Dr. Tony Alonso & Jeanne Cotter (bios 5-01)**

Join us for reflection on the background of and inspiration for the Saturday afternoon event, *Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis*. Discover ways to carry the prophetic message of Pope Francis into your parish, school and your daily life through song, story and prayer. (This continues development of Session 5-01.)

7-04 PRAY ALWAYS & IN MANY WAYS IN THE PARISH**David Anderson (bio 5-03)**

How can we open up the many and varied pathways to prayer in the parish? Learn to prepare different types of prayer including celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours, communal contemplative prayer experiences, and services of prayer for meetings and outreach. Ideas and resources will be provided to enhance daily prayer and the seasons of parish life.

7-05 HOW THE BAPTISMAL CATECHUMENATE INSPIRES ALL CATECHESIS 🎧**Mary Birmingham (bio 3-04)**

The "General Directory for Catechesis" insists that all catechesis in the Church is to be inspired by the baptismal catechumenate (GDC, #59). Many of us scratch our heads and say, "That's nice, but what does it practically mean for my ministry?" In this session, we will explore what the GDC means when it points us to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We will consider the many facets of catechesis and formation envisioned by the RCIA and the challenge to more fully incorporate the intention of the Church's directive in our various ministries. Those involved in ministry can use this as a yardstick to discern how their processes measure up.

7-06 RAISE YOUR VOICE! MUSIC FOR SACRAMENTS, SEASONS AND CELEBRATIONS 🎧**John Burland (bio 5-05)**

The use of song in children's catechesis is an effective and engaging way to teach and celebrate our faith. Music increases learning and enhances celebration. In this workshop, celebrated composer and educator John Burland will share a variety of music that deepens children's understanding of sacraments, the liturgical year and major Church feasts/celebrations. These "easy to learn" songs are rich in Church teaching and Scripture. They invite the use of prayerful movement and gesture. You will leave filled with the joy of the Gospel and equipped to creatively share the message of Christ with your children.

7-07 MISSION AND WITNESS: PREPARING GENERATION Z YOUTH FOR CONFIRMATION 🎧**Tom East (bio 5-06)**

There's something special about the generation of youth we work with. They are open to mentors, looking for a place to belong and are willing to share their gifts. They are also in need of the Good News of our Catholic faith as they take their place as missionary disciples. This workshop will explore a model and process for preparing youth for confirmation that engages youth today by involving families and the whole faith community.

7-08 SEVEN SECRETS TO REACH THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN 🎧**Steven Ellair (bio 1-07)**

Are you ready to transform the way you approach religious education with children? In this workshop, we will look at seven keys that will help you reach beyond just enlivening minds and get into the ministry of touching hearts. If you've ever wondered just how to begin to build faith in a meaningful way with children, then this workshop is for you!

7-09 TEACHING MERCY: ACCOMPANYING LGBT STUDENTS

How can Catholic schools fulfill their Catholic mission and foster an environment where all are truly welcome? This workshop will explore the experiences of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) students in public and Catholic high schools in light of Church teachings on homosexuality. We will share concrete tools and consider real scenarios to help educators discern a merciful balance between teaching doctrine and offering pastoral care as they accompany LGBT students through journeys of self-discovery and self-acceptance.



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD

Freelance speaker and minister Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice has served a decade in ministry with LGBT Catholics. In addition to professional conferences, his appearances have included many regional and national conferences. Dr. Fitzmaurice also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network. He is recipient of the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Lumen Christi and the Cardinal's Young Adult in Ministry awards.



Rev. Chris Ponnet

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

7-10 DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD: AN IGNATIAN GUIDE TO CHRISTIAN DECISION-MAKING

Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV (bio 4-09)

Faithful Christians desire to do God's will in their lives but often do not know how. In our Christian tradition, St. Ignatius of Loyola is the primary exponent of a practical teaching on how to discern God's will. In this workshop, we will explore that teaching: discerning God's will in the different kinds of choices we face; the foundation of discernment; the necessary disposition; the spiritual means; and the three modes in which God's will may be discerning – clarity beyond doubting, an attraction of the heart, and a preponderance of reasons. We will examine all these ways through real-life experiences.

7-11 FAITHFUL WITNESS: THE CHURCH

Dr. Greer G. Gordon (bio 1-09)

In a world that continues to show its lack of understanding and commitment to the ways of God, Christians stand in faithful witness to the presence of Christ in its midst. This workshop will address the theology of church: ecclesiology. It will offer insights into the faithful witness of the church, as evidenced by the social teachings. This workshop is recommended for those engaged in the ministries of social justice, faith formation and catechesis.

7-12 GOD NEVER TIRES: SINGING THE ASTONISHING AND RELENTLESS GRACE OF MERCY

Singing, praying and celebrating the gift of God's mercy did not conclude with the end of the Year of Mercy called for by Pope Francis. The mercy of God and our ongoing call to take on the way of lavish compassion and forgiveness is ongoing, never ending. Let us come together and with the blessing of song-prayers that touch the heart of the mercy of God, inch closer to infusing our lives and the life of the entire Church in being this witness to the world.



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 the Animator for Cretin-Derham Hall Taizé Prayer Community in St. Paul, Minn. He is also founder and Executive Director of "Music and Ministry Alive!" – a formation program for high school and college-age youth. Haas has composed and produced over 50 collections of original liturgical music and authored more than 35 books.



Zachary Stachowski

Zack Stachowski is Music Director at St. Ignatius in Ijamsville, Md. A frequent GIA artist, he has appeared as violinist and vocalist for recordings by David Haas, Lori True and Stephen Petrunak. Stachowski recently released his first collection with David Haas called "God Never Tires." He co-hosts the Open Your Hymnal podcast and is a chief developer of digital education content for the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He also serves as Music Director for the Mid-Atlantic Congress.

7-13 NEUROSCIENCE AND WELL-BEING: HOW SPIRITUALITY AFFECTS OUR HEALTH AND DNA

Our spiritual habits affect our physical and emotional health in a variety of ways. In this session, we'll explore recent findings in neuroscience showing how these practices slow aging in our cells, keep our brains healthy and nimble, reduce stress and bring more health, happiness and compassion into our lives. We can then "rise up" to use all our God-given gifts to serve and enliven our communities, schools and churches.



Anne Kertz Kernion

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

IN 1971

the first Youth Rally was held for students and set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually attracts about 15,000 on the Thursday opening of the Congress event.

7-14 I WANT TO GO TO THAT CHURCH: CREATING A PARISH WHERE ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS RISE UP! 🗣️

Adult formation and evangelization are key to creating communities that attract and engage adults and young adults. How do we – both as parishes and individuals – evangelize adults and young adults, especially those who may not claim affiliation with any religion? How do we nurture and form adults and young adults in a faith that brings them life? We'll examine current trends in society and in the Church and explore ways to create not just welcoming communities, but truly transformational ones that challenge adults and young adults to rise up!

**Douglas Leal**

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

7-15 A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE CATECHETICAL IMAGINATION 🗣️

Professional catechetical leaders across the United States have been commissioned to share the faith, yet our catechetical imagination may need to be re-invigorated. Rooted in a long history of creative thinking, the vocation of a catechetical leader is more than numbers, programs and curricula; it involves the Spirit shaking creativity that scared the first Apostles. Are you ready to be shaken up and to imagine the impossible for the sustainability of a relevant catechetical future?

**Margaret Matijasevic**

Margaret Matijasevic is Executive Director of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, based in Washington, D.C. She previously worked for 14 years in parish and diocesan roles in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, focusing on leadership through collaboration and the utilization of technology to spread the Gospel. She has presented at local, regional and national gatherings, is published in Catechist magazine, writes a column for Catechetical Leader Magazine, and appears in a video series.

7-16 GOING, GOING, GONE ... THE DYNAMICS OF DISAFFILIATION IN YOUNG CATHOLICS 🗣️**Robert J. McCarty, DMin (bio 5-19)**

Saint Mary's Press recently conducted extensive research with young Catholics who have left the Church. This session will identify the underlying dynamics that lead to disaffiliation, describe the factors that reinforce those dynamics, and examine the implications for parish life, liturgy and pastoral ministry. We will hear about these issues from young adults in their own words and voices. And we will also propose pastoral strategies that enhance affiliation and engagement with the faith community.

7-17 MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY 🗣️

There is more to the rosary than the beads! This session is perfect for those who are searching for new ways to say old prayers or feel that praying the rosary is too monotonous. Using his own art and stories, Bro. Mickey McGrath will shed new and contemporary light on the themes highlighted in the traditional mysteries of the rosary. We will focus on all four sets of mysteries – joyful, sorrowful, luminous and glorious – but as seen through the lens of cultural diversity, social justice, and care for creation and the environment.

**Bro. Mickey O'Neill McGrath, OSFS** 🗣️

Bro. Mickey McGrath is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales currently living and working in Camden, N.J. He is illustrator and author of 18 award-winning books, all centered on the connections between art and faith. 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.

7-18 "AND WHEN I AM LIFTED UP, I WILL DRAW EVERYONE TO MYSELF!" 🗣️**Megan McKenna (bio 4-20)**

When I am lifted up, rise up! Falling into the ground and dying to rise. Bending to serve and rising to lift others up. Being deeply troubled and just as deeply sure of God as Father who will honor him. Suffering and glory – all paradoxes to describe Jesus' life as Son of Man and Risen Lord. And we, as his beloved followers and friends living those paradoxes now in our lives, we are Jesus' servants. He is our Lord and we are with him. Amazingly we are encouraged: The Father will honor whomever serves me! We are lifted up together! Rise up!

7-19 ENCOUNTER YOUR WAY TOWARD GOOD CHURCH 🗣️**Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson (bio 6-17)**

Pope Francis encourages, cajoles and challenges us to encounter! Encounters are not nice, tidy, seemly, proper or polite. Encounters are real, raw, intimate, vulnerable, mysterious and ... holy. Encounters awaken, provoke, stretch and ... heal. Encounters inform and infuse and mediate good church. Good church emerges organically and gracefully out of encounter. So, let's risk encounter (and encounter always involves risk). Beginning with Jesus, the Spirit, the communion of saints, each other, the earth ... let's emerge from all these encounters prepared and passionate to do some really good church together!

7-20 HOW BIG IS YOUR BUT? (EXCUSE ME, LORD!) 🗣️**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (bio 2-01)**

Over the years, we have all discovered ways to make excuses for why we do or why we don't do the things that we know we ought to do. How often do we delay in answering God's call because his call may cause us discomfort or call us outside of our comfort zones? Al-

though we have all said “yes” to God, many of us say. “Yes, Lord, but...” This interactive workshop will help examine our excuses for delaying. It will help us finally reflect on the question: How big is your “but...”?

7-21 RE-IMAGINING PARISH LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION ☪

Dr. John M. Rinaldo, DMin (bio 5-24)

Can we just be honest for a second? Catholic ministry is not forming intentional disciples in the way we hoped it would. More than a decade of research bares this truth out. Evangelization calls us to reach out to the unchurched and engage them in the life of Christ. Small tweaks and changes are not enough to have the impact that we are hoping for. We must reimagine and restructure our model of ministry. If you’re ready to change the way you do ministry, then this session is for you.

7-22 THE VOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE: BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS ☪

Fr. Donald Senior, CP (bio 1-23)

Some view the institutional dimensions of the Church as a deviation from the spiritual ideal intended by Christ in founding his community, and therefore, various forms of administrative service are viewed as something of a “necessary evil” rather than Christian discipleship. This workshop will make the case that the various tasks of administrative service are, in fact, an authentic and essential form of Christian ministry in order for the Church to thrive and carry out its mission to the world.

7-23 WHY WOULD AN ALL-LOVING GOD ALLOW SUFFERING? HOW TO SUFFER WELL THROUGH CHRISTIAN FAITH ☪

Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD (bio 3-25)

The problem of suffering presents a significant obstacle to faith among many young people, because they do not understand why a loving God would allow it – and they do not know how to suffer well. In this session, Fr. Robert Spitzer will explain the five steps of how to transform suffering into faith: the Resurrection perspective; spontaneous prayers; managing anxiety; optimizing the opportunities in suffering; and following the Holy Spirit. He will then address how to help young people understand why God would allow suffering – the conditions of human freedom as well as the need for challenge, vulnerability, courage and self-sacrifice in human self-actualization.

7-24 “GO TO MY DISCIPLES ... AND TELL THEM”! ☪

Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD (bio 6-22)

These are the words the Risen Christ spoke to Mary Magdalene, and also to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The Gospels relate that the initial sadness of these three disciples was turned into utter joy upon recognizing the Christ ... and their first act was to go and tell

others. What was that fraction of a moment like when they witnessed the unimaginable? Have we experienced a similar unveiling of the sacred in our own lives? This presentation will explore this “unimaginable” experience – when hope is reborn, when lives are changed forever. Like Mary Magdalene and the disciples on the road that first Easter, we too are called to go and tell this great news to others, to be missionary disciples of the Gospel.

7-25 NO MORE VOLUNTEERS: GETTING PARISHIONERS TO SEE THEMSELVES AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES ☪

Joan C. Weber (bio 6-25)

This workshop counters the idea of recruiting volunteers for parish ministries with the concept of parishioners living out their call to be, in Pope Francis’ words, “missionary disciples.” We will look at strategies for challenging all parishioners to get involved in at least one ministry through the lens of stewardship. The faith community really does have all the gifts needed to offer all the services required – from youth ministry to grief support, from hospitality to evangelization. We just need to invite, affirm and challenge our people.

7-26 CALLED, GIFTED AND FRUITFUL: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF LIVING THE MISSION OF JESUS ☪

Sherry A. Weddell (bio 2-23)

As St. Pope John Paul II understood: “God with his call reaches the heart of each individual, and the Spirit, who abides deep within each disciple, gives himself to each Christian with different charisms and special signs.” This session is an introduction to helping each disciple embrace the charisms entrusted to him or her and the call of God that comes with the gift.

7-70 MẸ MARIA TRONG ĐỜI SỐNG PHỤNG VỤ VÀ SÙNG KÍNH CỦA GIÁO HỘI ☪

Linh Mục Phạm Đức Thịnh (tiểu sử 3-70)

Vì Mẹ là Mẹ Thiên Chúa, Đức Trinh Nữ Maria có một vị trí đặc biệt giữa các vị thánh, và thực sự, giữa tất cả các sinh vật. Buổi hội thảo sẽ tìm hiểu và phân tích các kinh nguyện phụng vụ và nghi thức sùng kính mà Giáo Hội đã tôn kính Đức Trinh Nữ Maria trong suốt hai ngàn năm qua; và đặc biệt làm thế nào các nghi thức đạo đức đối với Đức Mẹ luôn giúp đưa chúng ta đến gần với Tình Yêu Cứu Chuộc hơn.

MARY IN THE LITURGICAL AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH ☪

Rev. Thịnh Đức Phạm (bio 3-70)

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. We will examine and analyze how throughout the centuries the Church has exalted her in liturgical and devotional practices, and how these forms of piety toward Mary help bring us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

8-01 THE HISTORICAL JESUS 🎧 **ARENA**

Come and explore the daily life of Jesus! What was Jesus' real life like in first-century Palestine? How much can we really know about his daily life as a carpenter? How did that real life affect his teaching? Fr. James Martin will introduce you to the latest discoveries about Jesus' life in Nazareth.

**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.

8-02 TRAVERSING THE DARK WOODS: THE JOURNEY FROM FEAR TO BLESSEDNESS 🎧

We live in dark and difficult times. For many people this feels like being mired in a swamp, unable to move quickly in any direction. For others, it is like a dance with death, wondering if the end is near. Whether we view our situation individually or culturally, we must learn how to rise up into a new mature religious consciousness. Perhaps the late-Middle Ages poet Dante has some helpful wisdom for us to use in these uncertain times.

**Rev. Jim 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 Religious Education Congress and the Regional Congresses. His work and further education has taken him to Israel, Mexico, Canada, Africa, Europe, Australia, Guam and American Samoa.

8-03 DEEPENING OUR APPRECIATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST 🎧**Rev. John C. Cusick (bio 1-04)**

Two weeks after the Religious Education Congress ends, we will gather in our churches to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. This workshop will take us through the Resurrection narratives in the Gospels that we will hear at Mass. We will uncover the power of the symbolic language and subtle references to the earlier life of Christ found in these narratives. Hopefully, we might discover the intensity of faith found in his disciples and say proudly with them, "We have seen the Lord!"

8-04 HEAL, PROCLAIM, THEN TEACH: A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO EVANGELIZATION 🎧**Jared Dees (bio 3-07)**

"Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness" (Mt. 9:35). Inspired by the threefold ministry of Jesus Christ, participants will uncover a practical approach to evangelization: heal the wounded; proclaim the Gospel; and teach the faith. Using highly practical tools with stories of successful saints and ministries today, Jared Dees will help participants uncover ways in which they can live out the New Evangelization through the imitation of Jesus by healing, proclaiming, and teaching the communities in which they serve.

8-05 BIBLICAL WOMEN PROCLAIM, "RISE UP!" 🎧**Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD (bio 3-09)**

Generations of biblical women have "risen to the occasion" to confront injustice, to speak truth to power, to exercise assertiveness, and to impart wisdom. Come and discover how their stories and choices can be transformative for today.

8-06 RISE UP, YOU TRIBES OF THE CHURCH! 🎧**Msgr. Raymond East (bio 2-08)**

The current divisions in cultures and politics have been compared to a new "tribalism." Sometimes these tensions are felt in our schools, parishes and dioceses. If God could gather the 12 tribes of Israel into a unified Chosen People, why not us in our time? Together, we will draw inspiration from Bible history and the recent gatherings of "Church tribes" at the Tekawitha Conference, Black Catholic Congress, Encuentro and the Eucharistic Congresses of Deaf, Asian-Pacific, Caribbean, African Catholics and others. Bring your experiences and share what the Holy Spirit is doing in our Church.

8-07 WEARY AND WAITING: NURTURING HOPE DURING TRANSITIONS 🎧**Becky Eldredge (bio 3-11)**

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where it is hard to hold onto hope? At times life's journey feels like stepping out into total darkness. Anyone who has faced a time of serious transition knows how this can feel. Hope is the candle of faith that scatters the darkness and sees us through the Paschal Mystery. Becky Eldredge, an Ignatian-trained spiritual director and retreat leader, shows you how to nurture hope, to explore your deepest desires when the way forward seems unclear so that you can find the path you were meant to follow and become the person you were created to be.

8-08 RISE UP! RE-THINKING PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR THE FUTURE 🎧

Amy Florian (bio 5-07)

In our death-denying society, people are increasingly planning a “celebration of life” instead of a funeral or doing away with rituals altogether. Afterward, many mourners feel abandoned and alone as they struggle with their grief. How can our parishes do a better job of supporting our families through the experience of death? Learn the essential elements to implement from the Order of Christian Funerals with ways to explain the various rites to families. Learn an integrated model for how your parish bereavement ministry can serve and comfort people in the long term. Find out how to not only comfort those who mourn, but touch hearts and change lives.

8-09 IMAGINE THAT! PRAYING WITH THE IMAGINATION 🎧

Anne Frawley-Mangan (bio 3-12)

Albert Einstein said that imagination is more important than knowledge. This is so true when it comes to prayer! Anne Frawley-Mangan will take you on a creative journey through a variety of prayer styles that engage the imagination. You will learn a variety of ways of praying to share in your school and religious education programs.

8-10 MULTICULTURAL HALOS: SAINTS AND EVERYDAY HOLINESS 🎧

Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU (bio 5-09)

Me, a saint? Hardly! Yet, in this session, we will look at the lives of three saints who affirm the holiness of our own experiences. They, as we will one day, have exchanged their crosses, challenges and longings for a crown of glory. Come, hear what they can teach us and leave feeling encouraged!

8-11 SAINTS-IN-THE-MAKING: STORYTELLING FOR A NEW GENERATION OF EVANGELISTS 🎧

Lisa M. Hendey (bio 6-12)

How can we inspire our children and teens to not only know and love their Catholic faith, but to share it with others? In this session, we’ll examine how to educate and inspire today’s “wired” generation to look to the saints as role models for the courage and mission-mindedness to rise up and boldly encounter a world greatly in need of their gifts. Looking at saints who made a difference, this session will empower us and the families we serve to identify and be empowered by our spiritual gifts to serve our Church, our communities and our world.

IN 1970

the Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress moved to the Anaheim Convention Center. (The cities of Orange County were still part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese). It was only six years later that the Diocese of Orange was established on March 24, 1976.

8-12 ENGAGING THE “NONES”: EVANGELIZATION OF THE INACTIVE AND DISAFFECTED 🎧

Paul Jarzembowski (bio 5-13)

The fastest growing religious groups in the United States are the unaffiliated: the “nones” who do not connect with any faith community, closely followed by inactive and disaffected Catholics who have detached from the practice of the faith. But hope is not lost. There are creative and compassionate ways to engage these men and women, many of them in the Millennial Generation. This session will give insights and tools for Catholics looking to reconnect the disconnected, using key learnings from the work of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the upcoming synod on “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment.”

8-13 TRANSFORMING PARISHES INTO COMMUNITIES OF DISCIPLES 🎧

Fr. Satish Joseph (bio 6-13)

Midway through his seminary training, Fr. Satish Joseph came to new realizations about discipleship. As he often says, “My primary calling is not to the priesthood, but to be a disciple. My priesthood is an expression of my discipleship.” Using his pastoral experience at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Ohio, Fr. Joseph will share insights for taking the individual call to discipleship and forming communities of disciples. Over the year, under his pastorship, the parish has developed a new consciousness of being a community of disciples. In this session, Fr. Joseph will share step-by-step strategies for transforming parishes into communities of disciples.

8-14 CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT: PRE-CATECHUMENATE PERIOD WITH CHILDREN 🎧

Blessie La Scola (bio 5-15)

Working with children in search of a relationship with Christ and the Church is challenging. When given the time for trust to develop, to form bonds within a community, to have a sense of God’s presence in their lives and be supported by family and members of the parish, the children begin to have an awareness of faith. The period of the Pre-catechumenate offers children a foundation to be built upon as they move into the next periods of the process. It is important that we offer the Rite of Christian Initiation process within God’s time and not our own.

8-15 LITURGICAL FLOW: UNDERSTANDING THE KEY TO EXCELLENT LITURGY 🎧

Diana Macalintal (bio 5-16)

If your Sunday liturgy is good, but you want it to be great, you may need better liturgical and musical flow. It’s a concept difficult to define yet simple to implement once you know what to look for. Learn how to spot the obstacles and unblock your way to excellent liturgy that fully engages the assembly in word, music and action.

8-16 THE WORD IN SONG: SINGING SCRIPTURE WITH CHILDREN 🎧**Michael Mangan (bio 1-15)**

The addition of music brings another dimension to understanding and connecting with words. Singing the words of Scripture is a powerful way for children to come to know, love and remember key biblical texts and the core fundamentals of Christian life. Come along ready to sing and explore the Psalms and the words and teachings of Jesus through a range of Australian Michael Mangan's vibrant, contemporary music.

8-17 PROPHETS & PROPHECY: PROD TO CONSCIENCE 🎧**Rabbi Michael Mayersohn (bio 1-17)**

The prophets of the Hebrew Bible – from Elijah to Malachi – seek to move us to ethical behavior, demanding that we treat each other and the most vulnerable in our society with kindness and compassion. We will explore those prophetic messages and see how they are relevant today.

8-18 PRAY OUT LOUD! STAND AND LEAD! INSPIRING A ZEAL FOR MISSION IN YOUNG PEOPLE 🎧

Young people are the hope of mission! They demonstrate marked concern about the state of the world and are hungry for meaningful change. In this session, we will explore essential strategies for tapping into the missionary zeal of today's youth. Learn how to inspire a creative leadership in young people to serve and act justly, with great love, to help change our world for the good of all. Discover two new programs from Catholic Relief Services – Pray Out Loud and Stand and Lead – aimed at helping young people understand the global mission of our Church and mobilize their peers for the common good.

**Ted Miles**

Baltimore native Ted Miles' Jesuit influence led to a two-year position in Belize and Guatemala with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. For nearly 30 years since then, he has served in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development. Miles has worked for Catholic Relief Services as Relationship Manager for Youth and Religious Education, and as coordinator of the agency's youth outreach in the United States for 10 years. He 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 Religious Education Congress and Regional Congresses as well as at the Fresno Diocesan Youth Day, the Christian Leadership Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif., and the Center for Ministry and Development in Buffalo, N.Y. He has worked for Catholic Relief Services since 2014 as a Relationship Manager and is based in Simi Valley, Calif.

8-19 FINDING FAITH IN SCORSESE'S "SILENCE" 🎧

In this interactive workshop, we will use a framework of deep viewing to explore the themes of beauty, truth and goodness in Martin Scorsese's 2016 cinematic masterpiece, "Silence." The issues of inculturation/interculturalization, mission, vocation, evangelization, colonization, freedom (*vis-à-vis* coercion) and the moral and ethical dilemmas of the key characters will be considered using clips from the film.

**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 sessions in Muscat, Oman, and in Dubai, United Arab Emirate.

**Fr. Ron Schmidt, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Ron Schmidt is an award-winning international documentary filmmaker whose films include "The Labyrinth," "Franz Jaegerstaetter: A Man of Conscience," "On the Line" and "In Spite of Darkness: A Spiritual Encounter with Auschwitz." He presents Ignatian retreats and film seminars and several years ago co-founded the Religious Education Congress Film Showcase. Fr. Schmidt currently serves as Assisting Priest at both Holy Family Parish in South Pasadena and at St. Francis de Sales in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

8-20 HOW TO BECOME A SAINT IN FIVE EASY STEPS 🎧**Bob Perron (bio 5-22)**

In a culture of instant results and doing less to gain more, it is easy to let our faith fall into that trap. Growing in holiness is not a five-step process – it is a relationship. Growing in holiness is rooted in love and enriched through prayer. In this session, we will explore together keys to enriching our faith and sharing it with our family.

8-21 EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY: BEST PRACTICES FOR SUCCESSFUL CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP 🎧

Modern parish catechetical leadership is filled with many joys and many challenges. In 2017, Tom Quinlan was asked to "write the book" on what effective catechetical leadership looks like today. A diocesan director and former parish Director of Religious Education, he brings experience and insights to explore best practices (in areas including marketing, administration, planning, and catechist and parent formation) to thrive in this privileged ministry role. This session will emphasize evangelization and missionary discipleship (in the spirit of Pope Francis). Come with your real-life questions! Open to current and aspiring parish leaders.



Tom Quinlan

A long-time diocesan Catechetical Director for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill., Tom Quinlan has extensive experience presenting at the parish, diocesan and national levels, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Los Angeles. He has served on boards of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and for Paulist Evangelization Ministries. Quinlan has led many webinars for Paulist Evangelization Ministries, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Sadlier and has appeared in several publications.

8-22 THE KERYGMA ENIGMA-TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY 🔊

Julianne Stanz (bio 5-25)

We are rediscovering the role of the *kerygma* (from the Greek, meaning preaching) in our ministry efforts. Without the proclamation of the kerygma, our evangelization and discipleship efforts will not be fruitful for it is the kerygma that awakens the missionary disciple. But what is the kerygma and how does it transform us from being consumers of faith to being active disciples who engage in mission? In this workshop, participants will experience the kerygma through Scripture, reflection, music and imagery and leave with practical materials on how to apply the kerygma in their life and in their ministry.

8-23 RISE UP, YOUNG PEOPLE! RAISING NEW DISCIPLES IN SCHOOLS AND PARISHES 🔊

David Wells (bio 2-24)

In the year 2018, Pope Francis is focusing our attention upon the needs of the young and their contribution to the life of the Church. Much is made of what young people believe. But what is Pope Francis saying about young people and how can it help to focus our attention and our pastoral strategies in the right places? With a background in youth ministry and teaching, and a regular speaker at Flame (with over 10,000 young people in attendance at Wembley Stadium in London, England), David Wells explores what Pope Francis means when he calls the young to “make some noise!”

8-24 WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF REFORM: THE WESTERN CHURCH IN THE 14TH CENTURY 🔊

Fr. Thomas C. Weston, SJ (bio 5-27)

In this workshop, we will take a look at a most chaotic and desperate period of the life in the Western Church: violence, corruption and greed from top to bottom mark the long days of the 14th century. In an age of war, climate change and disease, women and men respond with hard work and prayer and sacrifice to lead the Church out of the pit. We will review the papacy in France, the Western Schism, the saints and the scholars.

8-25 FINDING COURAGE TO EMBRACE THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🔊

Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran (bios 3-26)

In order to reach people we aren't currently reaching, we need to do things we aren't currently doing. Sharing new ideas and trying something new always comes with fear. If we do not deal with fear, it can keep us from the good work God wants us to do. In this workshop, we will look at five key ways to overcome the fears that are a part of doing ministry in the Church.

8-26 FINDING COURAGE – A WAY FOR CATHOLICS WITH SAME-SEX ATTRACTIONS 🔊

Come and learn how Courage, the international apostolate, was created to help Catholics with same-sex attractions by creating a group that weaves spirituality and fellowship that follows the 12 Step Programs for Recovery. This session will cover the basic components of Courage and some of Fr. Ed Benioff's pastoral experience as Director of the Los Angeles Courage Chapter.



Fr. Edward Benioff

Fr. Ed Benioff, a Los Angeles native, didn't enter the priesthood until his late 30s, after a previous career as a teacher. Since his ordination, he has served the Los Angeles Archdiocese at Holy Trinity Church in San Pedro and as Chaplain at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance. Fr. Benioff most recently left the position as Director of the Office of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese to become Pastor at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills, Calif.

8-70 VIÊN NGỌC TRAI 🔊

Tiến Sĩ Quyên Di (tiểu sử 4-70)

Một hạt cát lọt vào trong con sò sẽ gây ra một vết thương. Con sò phải chịu đau đớn và mất một thời gian dài, dùng chất xà cừ trong chính mình nó bao bọc lấy hạt cát, biến hạt cát thành viên ngọc quý. Lớn lên trong một xã hội đa văn hoá, con cái chúng ta – những người trẻ Mỹ gốc Việt – có thể gây đau khổ cho chúng ta. Việc hàn gắn vết thương này cần có sự gắng công và thời gian lâu dài, từ đó có thể đưa đến một kết quả tuyệt vời.

THE PEARL 🔊

Professor Quyên-Di (biô 4-70)

When a hard grain of sand cuts into the soft tissues of an oyster, the oyster spends a long time building layer upon layer of nacre to deal with the harsh intruder, resulting in a precious pearl. Growing up in multiple cultures, our children – young Vietnamese Americans – can leave us feeling hurt. Healing this wound requires much work and much time, and may produce a precious result. We will discuss the steps of this pearl-making, including the excruciating patience it requires.

