

A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Youth Ministry Division, I look forward to welcoming you to Youth Day 2018. Youth Day is an exciting day in which young people from across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and beyond gather to celebrate and strengthen their Catholic faith. Young people will participate in general sessions, workshops, Eucharistic liturgies, prayer and more. Our office looks forward to accompanying the young people and their chaperones who will attend the day.

Our theme – “**Dare to Believe!**” – comes from that day’s readings. It is our hope that each young person in attendance is invited to live a life of daring faith – a life in Christ – and that they leave the day empowered to live as missionary disciples. The Youth Day Coordinating Team has been working hard to ensure a successful event. This team is comprised of young people and their adult leaders from all five regions throughout the Archdiocese, making youth day planned by young people, for young people.

In the pages of this Registration Guidebook, you will find more information about Youth Day including how to register for the event and information on the workshops that are being offered. You are encouraged to go over the options with the young people who will be attending so that your selections best serve the needs of your group. In addition to registration information, you will find the readings of the day, a theme reflection, our schedule, track information, a description of lunch options, information on our official logo wear, and more. There is also information for young people who are interested in taking part in leadership roles throughout the day.

As you continue to prepare, I invite you to dialogue with us online. Follow us across all social media platforms @LAYouthDay. Use #LAYouthDay and #DaretoBelieve in your posts. I encourage you to frequently visit our website www.RECongress.org/YD for special updates and the most current information for the day.

Our team looks forward to welcoming you at Youth Day 2018: **Dare to Believe!**

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Youth Day Coordinator



PREPARING FOR YOUTH DAY

Youth Day 2018 takes place on Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent. The readings of the day have helped to shape our theme and the events of the day. Below you will find the readings, along with a theme reflection prepared by young people for young people.

First Reading: Exodus 32: 7-14

Psalm: Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Gospel: John 5:31-47

The theme for Youth Day 2018, “**Dare to Believe!**” is a direct embodiment of the message found in the readings of the day. In the first reading, we see Moses speaking with the Lord, imploring him to give the people of Egypt a second chance. From the readings, we know that the people of Egypt have strayed from their faith and are currently living in sin. Additionally, we see the close relationship between Moses and the Lord, where Moses reminds Him to be merciful to the people He had just saved. The Psalm carries the same message. The people had lost faith in God, and when it seems that the Lord is on the edge of losing faith in his people, the Psalmist boldly calls for the Lord to remember his favor of them. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus imploring the Jews to believe he is who he says he is – the savior they had been waiting for – instead of disregarding Him and distancing themselves so far from Him. The readings share a theme of a break in faith, a lack of belief. It is easy to think that the message may be about God’s mercy, but through closer analysis it is clear that the readings are connected through their focus on daring to have faith and believe, even though one’s doubts or after one has strayed away.

The theme, “**Dare to Believe!**” speaks to the diversity of people present at Youth Day. The teens attending Youth Day are all in different places with their faith. Some may be on fire for the Lord, and others will be like the people described in the readings, experiencing a lack of belief. Dare to Believe! resonates with all of the teens, compelling them to go further in their faith. This message from the readings challenge teens to Dare to Believe! in Christ, even when they have hardships in life, or when they are experiencing great joy. It challenges them to find new ways of finding Christ in their everyday lives and really living as true disciples of Christ. **Dare to Believe!** will draw teens further into their faith, and leave them wanting more.



TRACK 1

8:00 AM – GENERAL SESSION (ARENA)

For those registered in Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2018 begins in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by **Josh Blakesley**. The General Session will also include:



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Track 1 participants will participate in a Spirit-filled liturgy with **Archbishop José Gomez** from the Los Angeles Archdiocese presiding. The music will be led by the Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita.

KEYNOTE

Our featured keynote speaker, **Katie Prejean McGrady**, is known for her ability to weave together the story of faith with the story of our lives. Calling on the example of Jesus and the saints, she will invite our young people to live a life of daring faith as she breaks open the theme: **Dare to Believe!**



11:45 AM – LUNCH

Following the General Session, Track 1 participants will break for lunch. Food is available for purchase inside the Convention Center, in the Hall C food court, and outside in the Grand Plaza.

12:45 PM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Track 1 participants will be able to attend **two** of the 14 workshops offered. We suggest that you share the list of speakers found on the following pages with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a Chaperone) those topics that interest them.

3:15 PM – SENDING SESSION



Before being sent forth, Track 1 participants will gather in Hall B for a closing session that includes music from **Sarah Hart & Steve Angrisano** and closing remarks from young people serving today as prayer leaders and emcees.



3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

After being reminded to be Jesus for others every day and everywhere – in our parishes and schools, homes and communities, online and in the entire world – participants will be sent out to live as missionary disciples.

REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

All high school students (grades 9-12 only) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with Adult Chaperones (at least 21 years old) who will accompany their group on Youth Day. For the initial group of 1 to 10 youth, there must be two Adult Chaperones. An additional Adult Chaperone must be included with every additional group of up to 10 students. When registering, each group selects Track 1 or Track 2 as well as the Convention Center workshops of their choice. Groups will be permitted in the Arena only during the times assigned for the Track in which they are registered.

Note: Registration fees for Youth Day increase on January 26, 2018. Keep in mind that there is limited seating for Youth Day, and it often reaches capacity prior to the date of the fee increase. We encourage you to register as soon as possible. If capacity is not reached earlier, the final date to mail your registration is February 9, and the final date for online registration is February 20. Any registrations received after registration has closed will be returned to the Contact Person. Please understand there are no exceptions.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE DAY

Every year, numerous high school teens share their gifts and talents in various roles to help make Youth Day a success. Those interested are asked to attend our Youth Day Recruitment Day on Saturday, December 16. Find out more information online and register at <http://archla.org/day>.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – We need youth to serve within the Eucharistic Mass as cross-bearers, candle-bearers, gift-bearers, altar servers and other assisting roles to support our ritual worship. This role does not require public speaking and works closely with clergy.

MINISTERS OF MOVEMENT – Youth who express themselves best through movement are invited to lead the assembly in gesture and prayer. This may include sign-language, ritual gestures or liturgical movement. Previous movement/dance experience is useful, but NOT required!

MUSIC – Singers, instrumentalists and others who have a passion for performing music are invited to join a choir led by Ed Archer for liturgy. Instrumentalists will audition for places in the ensemble.

SPEAKING ROLES – We are seeking youth who are confident in speaking in front of large crowds. They may serve as hosts, lectors, storytellers or may provide narration.

WORKSHOP EMCEE – Youth will have an opportunity to introduce speakers in each of the workshops and lead the participants in a prayer before each session. Youth should be comfortable speaking in front of a group of people.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Youth will have an opportunity to serve as part of the social media team throughout the day.

TECHNOLOGY & PRODUCTION – Youth seeking to assist with lighting, stage managing, audio/visual, building song playlists, etc. should contact our team. There are limited opportunities available.

Most roles will require additional days of preparation and rehearsals. These will be scheduled by the leaders of each aspect of Youth Day. Youth volunteers must arrange their transportation and must be accompanied by a Chaperone for each of these events. Youth volunteers and their Chaperones must register for Youth Day 2018 at the regular registration rate and be responsible for any expenses (travel, accommodations, meals, etc.) related to their participation in Youth Day.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY

We invite any adult who is not chaperoning a parish or school group to volunteer for a variety of positions throughout the day. Come and share your gifts with the young church! All volunteers will enjoy admission to our event free of charge. All volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and be in compliance with their diocese's safe environment policies and procedures – including training and fingerprinting/background checks. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to learn more details about your required programs. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our team, please contact us by email at youthday@la-archdiocese.org. Come join the fun!





SACRED SPACE ON YOUTH DAY

Participants are encouraged to visit Sacred Space, which provides an opportunity to walk the labyrinth, visit the chapel, or experience prayer through our multimedia exhibit. Sacred Space is located in Convention 304 & Ballroom E on the third floor and is open from 7:30 am-4:30 pm.

LOGOWEAR FOR THE DAY

Official T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for purchase on Youth Day in the Prefunction Area. Visit our web site at www.RECongress.org/YD for more details.

APP FOR YOUTH DAY

Keep watch on our website at RECongress.org/YD for updates about the Youth Day app. With this app, you can stay up to date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them over social media to help you connected during and after Youth Day.

SUPPORTING OTHERS ON THE DAY

Each year, a collection is taken during the Youth Day liturgies. A portion of this collection goes to support the Youth Ministry Division's efforts to form youth leaders and encourage youth participation in our various programs and leadership camps, with scholarships made available for these local, regional and national opportunities. The other part of our collection is donated to key organizations in an effort to support their work. This year, the primary collection beneficiary is Covenant House, which is committed to helping homeless children and youth by providing immediate support to those in crisis, and advocating for sustainable long-term changes. To learn more about their efforts, please visit www.covenanthouse.org or visit their booth in the Prefunction Area. Please share this information with your group to help them understand how their contributions will help to assist others. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

TRACK 2

8:00 AM – GATHERING SESSION



For those registered in Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2017 begins in Hall B with an opening session that includes music from **Sarah Hart** and **Steve Angrisano** and remarks from young people serving as prayer leaders and emcees.



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11:15 AM – LUNCH

Following the workshops, Track 2 participants will break for lunch. Food is available for purchase inside the Convention Center, in the Hall C food court, and outside in the Grand Plaza. **Please note:** After lunch, everyone must enter the Arena through the main Arena glass doors near the fountains. You are welcome to line up after or during lunch.

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ARENA KEYNOTE

Both Youth Day tracks get to see our Arena speaker. In addition to the Arena Keynote, you make your choice of two Convention workshops from the remaining 14 sessions held in the Convention Center meeting rooms.

DARING FAITH

Why did St. Peter step out of the boat and try to walk on water? Why did a woman sick for 12 years reach out to touch Jesus' cloak? Why did St. Paul endure being sent to prison time after time, but kept preaching the Gospel? Why did St. Teresa of Calcutta begin a new religious order focused on service to the poor and sick? Why did they, and so many others, live their faith in such radical and powerful ways? Why did you come to Youth Day? These holy men and women dared to believe, and their belief prompted them to live with a daring faith. We too are invited to live a daring faith – to step out of the boat, to reach out to be healed, to proclaim the Gospel, and to radically serve others, even when it hurts.



Katie Prejean McGrady

Katie Prejean McGrady is a theology teacher at St. Louis Catholic High School and Youth Director at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Lake Charles, La. She is author of "Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist" and, since 2007, she has been traveling throughout North America and across Canada using her original blend of humor and storytelling to speak at events ranging from small sessions to national conferences.

A WHAT'S GOIN' ON: CULTURE AND POLITICS

In this workshop, we will take a look at the state of our world. How are we called to respond as people of faith in a world that appears to reject faith? We will also examine some ways to strengthen our faith.



Dr. Ansel Augustine

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked for over 18 years in his hometown of New Orleans as well as around the country. He is currently Residence Minister for Student Leadership and Faith Formation at St. John's University and on the faculty at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. Dr. Augustine presently serves on the Board for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. He has presented at various national conferences and has written several publications related to ministry.

B HOW DO YOU KNOW?

If it hasn't already started, it won't be long until adults begin asking THE question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" How do you decide? Where does God fit in? This workshop will offer practical tips for discerning where God is calling you.



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."

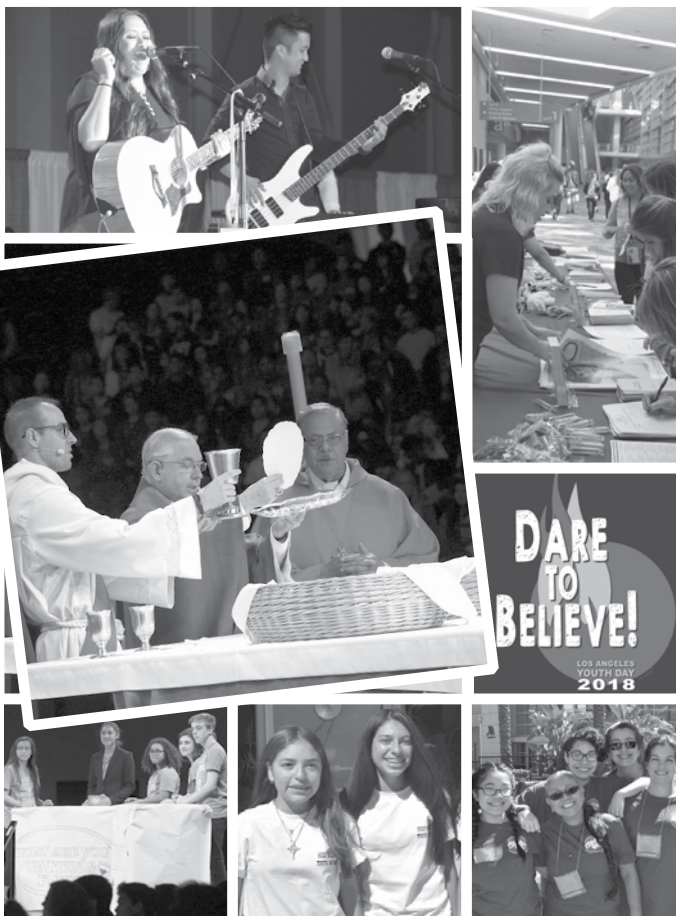
C BECOMING A LIVING PRAYER

St. Francis of Assisi remains one of the most popular figures in history and is spotlighted in a new way with Pope Francis, who takes his name and pastoral inspiration from the saint. Most are familiar with Francis's life and writings, but few are well versed in "Franciscan spirituality" or "Franciscan prayer." This workshop presents new insights from the Franciscan tradition brought together in a dynamic, creative and engaging spiritual vision. The themes presented provide an introductory approach to the many riches of the tradition named for St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, guiding our youth in renewing their communication with God and seeing the world in a new way.



Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM

Franciscan friar Fr. Daniel Horan is a theologian who teaches spirituality and theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He previously taught at Boston College as well as Siena College and St. Bonaventure University in New York, and has lectured across North America and Europe. Fr. Horan is author of numerous academic and popular articles and books, including "All God's Creatures: A Theology of Creation" and "God is Not Fair and Other Reasons for Gratitude."



D HOW TO “DEAL” IN A DIFFICULT FAMILY

“Difficult” should be in the definition for the word “family.” Everybody struggles with their family. So what can you do when the people who are supposed to help us and support us when life gets hard are actually the ones making it even harder? In this interactive workshop, you’ll learn how – with faith, courage and a few tips – you, yes you, can make a difference in even the most difficult family situations.

**Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC**

For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered to youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, he is a speaker and counselor in private practice. Petitfils has presented at numerous national and regional conferences, workshops and parish missions throughout North America. He hosts the popular podcast, “Today’s Teenager,” is the author of many articles and has published several books, one of which shares the title of his 2016 TEDx talk, “What Teens Want You to Know (But Won’t Tell You).”

E LIVING A LIFE OF MEANING: BELIEVING DEEPLY

“I’m bored.” “I don’t care.” “Nothing matters.” “I don’t matter.” “Faith, God and Church; I don’t know what or if I believe in anything.” These are not uncommon thoughts and feelings. In fact, they’re pretty normal and are a sign of a great hunger and thirst for meaning and purpose. You might even say that these thoughts are like “angels” trying to get our attention that life is calling us to a deeper relationship with ourselves, with others and with God. In a way, this is the call to not just “go to church,” but “be the Church”! This is a life-long process of a deepening awareness of God’s belief in us, and our response to cultivate our trust and belief in God’s love.

**Jesse Manibusan**

Evangelizer, energizer and encourager, Jesse Manibusan has over 30 years in ministry as a liturgical minister, youth worker, parish associate, catechist, and parish mission and retreat director. Based in California and founder of Over the Fence Ministries, he has presented at conferences worldwide, including national youth and pastoral musician conferences and international World Youth Days in Denver, Toronto, Rome, Cologne, Sydney, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro. Manibusan has several CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.

F MADE FOR GREATNESS

Our lives are constantly in motion and our attention is being divided into multiple directions, but what if Jesus were to offer you something greater than the busyness of the world? Let’s explore our call to conversion and repentance and how it can lead to a life of adventure, virtue and hope! As Pope Benedict XVI once wrote: “Man was created for greatness – for God himself; he was created to be filled by God. But his heart is too small for the greatness to which it is destined. It must be stretched. ...”

**Chika Anyanwu**

Based in Anaheim, Calif., Chika Anyanwu is a Catholic speaker, two-time alumna of NET Ministries USA and is an Area Contact for Life Teen. She has recently appeared at the Catholic Youth Ministry Convention in Arizona; City of Saints in Los Angeles; and Ignite in Brisbane, Australia. Anyanwu is a part of a big Nigerian family, studied English in college, loves coffee, and attempts to make food (meals) that are edible.

G HOW A RABBI/SCIENTIST VIEWS RELIGION, GOD AND BELIEF

Rabbi Mike Lotker discusses how his religious faith is informed and strengthened by his scientific training and 30-year career as a physicist. He will discuss the evidence for God’s existence, the truth of the Bible, tackle the question of how a loving God can allow evil and tragedy in the world, and help answer the question of why be religious.

**Rabbi Michael Lotker**

Rabbi Michael Lotker spent the bulk of his first career in the alternative energy business, working in wind power, solar and geothermal energy. In 2003, he was ordained a rabbi at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. He is presently the Community Rabbi for the Jewish Federation of Ventura County, Calif., and was recently invited to be a Guest Chaplain at the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition to his studies, Rabbi Lotker has published a book entitled, “A Christian’s Guide to Judaism.”





H LIVING JUSTICE, LIVING MERCY: MATTHEW 25

Three billion of the world's population struggle to survive off of less than \$2 a day. Millions of people die of starvation, without homes or clean water, while I sip my Starbucks latte. In Matthew 25, the words of Jesus are very clear: We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. What does solidarity with the poor mean? And how do we respond as Catholics? This session invites us into a journey with Christ's heart in service with and for the poor.



Mary Bielski

Based in New Orleans, Mary Bielski is a youth minister, national speaker and founder of the All4Him Ministries. With 15 years in youth ministry and 12 years as a national speaker, she has presented to over 75,000 teens and adults across the nation, from parish missions and diocesan rallies to young adult retreats and national youth conferences, including the Steubenville Youth Conference and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

I SUSTAINING JOY

Quite often our joy is dependent upon "retreat highs" or incredible experiences. But is there a way to carry it into the everyday and the normal? In this workshop, we will discuss how to carry the joy through life's highs and lows, challenges and difficulties.



Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR

Originally from South Texas and of Mexican heritage, Fr. Agustino Torres has worked with youth and young adults in different parts of the world for almost 20 years. He joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in the Bronx, and now serves as a member of the General Council for his community. Fr. Torres has founded or helped to establish initiatives in Honduras, New York City, and the Bronx and is founder and President of Corazon Puro and Latinos Por La Vida.

J ETERNAL FIRE: CONFIRMATION REVITALIZED!

There is no rite of passage. It is not graduation. Confirmation is an anointing of the Spirit and demands a life of active discipleship. Come recognize the need to set the world ablaze!



Doug Tooke

Based in Helena, Mont., Doug Tooke is Director of Partnerships for ODB Films and owner of Monarch Catholic Ministries. He has over 20 years of professional ministry experience and has traveled to over 75 dioceses teaching, keynoting conventions and training youth ministers. Tooke has presented at World Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, and continues to serve as a leader in the field.

K LIKED, RE-TWEETED AND SHARED

When something catches our eye, our attention or imagination – an awesome video, a great song, a funny tweet – we want to pass it on. How do we do the same thing with our faith?

**Mike Patin**

The “engaging” Cajun, Mike Patin lives in Lafayette, La., and has served the church as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan staff person. Since 2003, he has been a full-time “faith horticulturist,” addressing multi-generational groups across the United States and Canada as parish mission presenter, trainer, retreat facilitator and more. Patin has published two books, “A Standing Invitation” and “This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry.”

L MARK MY WORDS

Words are powerful. They have the ability to build up or tear down. Words allow us to witness and testify to what God has done in our lives. The Word of God is our source of nourishment and strength. How can we grow in understanding God’s Word and let it take root in our lives? We all have access to God’s Word – the truth that can sanctify, encourage, protect us and do so much more. This workshop will take all gathered on an interactive experience of God’s Word through hip hop music and dance. May we become energized, deepen our understanding of Scripture and be ready to “mark God’s Word” every day!

**Joe Melendrez**

Catholic speaker and performer Joe Melendrez is a religion teacher and Assistant Director of Campus Ministry at Chaminade College Preparatory School in West Hills, Calif. His evangelization ranges from his faith-based clothing line (God Swagg Apparel) to his retreats and hip hop concerts, with appearances at national youth conferences and World Youth Days (both Brazil and Spain) and the God is Good Festival in Germany. Melendrez has three audio CDs: “Rosary Rap,” “Fully Alive” and his latest, “Kingdom Come.”

M OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

After being diagnosed with scoliosis (a curvature of the spine) at 12 years old, Brandi Milloy was fitted with a back brace that she wore for nearly four years. Targeted for her differences, she was bullied, ridiculed and ostracized by her peers. She excelled in soccer; however, the same month she was offered a chance to play college soccer, doctors told her she would need to undergo extensive back surgeries forfeiting her chances at being a college athlete. Despite these obstacles, Brandi continued to pursue her dream of going to college and becoming a journalist. Her talk will focus on the importance of keeping the faith, trusting in God’s plan and trusting in God’s timing.

**Brandi Milloy**

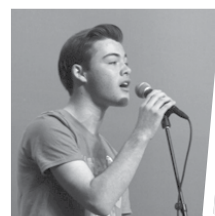
Brandi Milloy is host and producer for POP-SUGAR Food’s shows “Eat the Trend” and “Get the Dish,” is a regular contributor on the Cooking Channel’s “Unique Sweets,” and serves as a judge on chef Guy Fieri’s show, “Guy’s Grocery Games,” on the Food Network. Milloy has also appeared on “The Oprah Winfrey Show” and “Access Hollywood.” Off camera, her appearances have spanned from local high school events to regional and national conferences.

N ARE YOU READY TO LEAVE A MARK IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Do you have a place where you can share your faith, not only with your peers but with the Church? Are you willing to share your stories of faith so we can learn from you? Many times I hear teens complain, “I don’t know if I want to be Catholic because I will not be able to do the things that I like to do.” But as Mike Patin says, “God is not asking you to stop being you, he is just asking you to include him in your everyday life.” During this session, we will explore different ways to help you invite your Catholic faith to be part of your everyday life.

**Katherine Angulo**

Born in Mexico and raised in Colombia, Katherine Angulo is fluent in English, Spanish and French. She has over 18 years of experience in youth ministry. Presently, she is Associate Director of Youth Ministry at the Office of Formation and Discipleship for the Atlanta Archdiocese. Angulo is Editor of The Mark Catholic teen magazine and Executive Producer of the volunteer training program, Called to Accompany/Llamados a Acompañar. She has presented at numerous diocesan and national events.



WHO MAY ATTEND?

Youth Day is open to students from parishes and high schools (public and Catholic) who are in grades 9 through 12. Students below 9th grade are not allowed to participate in this event and will be denied admission. We appreciate your adherence to this guideline.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$30 per person. After January 26, 2018, fees increase to \$35 per person. Everyone in your group **MUST** be registered for Youth Day, **including all priests who will be accompanying your group or coming to concelebrate Mass.**

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

For the initial group of up to 10 youth, there must be two Adult Chaperones. Another Chaperone must be included with every additional group of up to 10 youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day. Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.

All **Adult Chaperones** must be at least 21 years of age and be in compliance with their diocese's safe environment policies. Chaperones must remain with the group throughout the day for supervision. Chaperones should be encouraged to participate in the events of the day – youth find it more difficult to participate if adults are not engaged. The format of Youth Day ensures everyone will have a seat, but large groups may be unable to sit together. We ask that as needed, large groups divide into smaller groups that each have appropriate chaperones assigned.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing Adult Chaperones with all the necessary forms and emergency information for each student. Youth Day name badges are mailed to the Contact Person, who may also be included as a group chaperone or registrant.

The Contact Person must be able to produce compliance records for each chaperone/adult participant attending Youth Day. Chaperones/adult participants must be in compliance with their diocese's safe environment policies and procedures, including safe environment adult training and fingerprinting/background check. Please contact your parish or school for more information on these guidelines for your diocese.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early because seats are limited. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. Please note we often reach capacity **before the registration fee increases on January 26, 2018**. If capacity is not reached earlier, the final date to mail your registration is February 9, and the final date to register online is February 20. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. Sorry, there are no exceptions.

NAME BADGES

All registered persons receive an official Youth Day name badge that serves as their admission to Youth Day. Each person must wear name badge throughout the day. We require a complete first and last name. Registrations will **NOT** be processed if the same name is used in all the spaces on the form or if the names are obviously made up (i.e., characters, professional athletes, celebrities, nick-names, etc.). If needed, you may substitute names on the badges you have received. The name badge color also identifies the track to which you are assigned. You will not be allowed to enter certain parts of Youth Day until your track is scheduled for that event.

PLEASE distribute name badges to all participants prior to leaving your parish or school or before exiting the bus. Those who become separated from their group and do not have name badges will not be allowed entry into the Convention Center or Arena.

Youth Day packets will begin to be mailed after January 23, 2018, addressed to the group Contact Person. Please check your packet **IMMEDIATELY** upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and each participant has a name badge.

NOTE: There is a \$50 fee for reprinting the name badges for a group attending Youth Day.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be completed online by credit card or check, or by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form (next page) along with a check for the proper amount. Everyone **MUST** be registered for the day (including chaperones and priests – even if only attending at Mass). A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. **Forms, information and online registration by credit card can all be found online at www.RECongress.org/YD.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. You may duplicate the form as needed.

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered with each paid Adult Chaperone. All must attend the same workshops. The first registration form for every group should have two Chaperones listed.
2. Once the Registration Form has been processed, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new form **AND** another paid Chaperone. Please be sure to register all priests who will accompany your group.
3. **YOUTH DAY FEE:** \$30 per person (U.S. dollars only). The fee after January 26, 2018 is \$35.
4. **NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE.** Youth Day Registration deadline is February 20, 2018. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Mail checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO Box 761157, Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157.
6. Total payment must accompany this form.
7. **Name badges will be mailed after January 23, 2018.** Please check your packet when it arrives, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has his or her own name badge. Students **MUST** remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 19, 2018. Note: There is a \$10 per registration refund processing fee.
9. **REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348.**

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT

Make sure to indicate on the registration whether your group will attend **TRACK 1** or **TRACK 2** (see the previous pages for the descriptions of the tracks). Also, print the letter of your first- and second-choice workshops plainly. All participants attend the Arena workshop and two workshops from the listings on the previous pages. The same workshops are offered for both tracks.

Workshop Note: If your first choice is full, then you will be assigned your second choice. If both selections are full, then you will be assigned to any available session that can accommodate your group.

FOOD SERVICES

Track 1 and Track 2 have staggered lunch times. There are food concessions at various places in the Convention Center, Arena Lobby and outside in the Grand Plaza. Lines can be long, so please be patient. We encourage groups to take advantage of the food court in Hall C, where lunch options (including an entrée, side and drink) will be served for a \$10 flat price. Check our website www.REcongress.org/YD for details. Please note that it is unacceptable to have lunches catered for your group. Participants are allowed to bring individual lunch bags, but pizza delivery, catered meals and large ice chests are not permitted.

YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

**REGISTER ONLINE
AT ARCHLA.ORG/
YDREGISTRATION**

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ONLY PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED – **NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY**

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

Diocese _____
Parish _____
School/Org. _____
City _____ State _____ Country _____

– For Office Use Only –

Stamp Number _____
Total Registrants _____
Check Number _____
Total Amount _____

CONTACT PERSON (If attending, please also include your name below as Chaperone or Registrant, whichever is applicable.)

It is the responsibility of the Contact Person to ensure that all attending adults are in compliance with their Diocese's Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks) performed by their Diocese.

Name _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____
Address _____ Other Phone (_____) _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
Email _____

SERVICES • Any special service needs? ☐ Sign Interpreter ☐ Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) ☐ Wheelchair access
Name of student/adult requiring assistance _____

SELECT TRACK AND WORKSHOPS

If either track or workshop is not indicated, we reserve the right to make the assignments for your group.

* Indicates Diocesan compliance with Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks), including compliance with required Safe Environment Adult Training.

☐ **Track 1** – and choose

Convention Workshop A-G:

1ST Choice _____

2ND Choice _____

Convention Workshop H-N:

1ST Choice _____

2ND Choice _____

☐ **Track 2** – and choose

Convention Workshop A-G:

1ST Choice _____

2ND Choice _____

Convention Workshop H-N:

1ST Choice _____

2ND Choice _____

ADULT CHAPERONE

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*Compliant? First Name Last Name
REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Compliant and Adult)

Adult? *Compliant? First Name Last Name

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$30	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			By Jan. 26	After Jan. 26
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$60	\$70
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$90	\$105
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$120	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$150	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$180	\$210
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$210	\$245
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$240	\$280
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$270	\$315
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$300	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$330	\$385

Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 26, 2018.

Please note: It is unacceptable to cater lunch at Youth Day due to a liability issue for the Convention Center. There are many places through the Convention Center to purchase food. People are invited to bring individual lunches, but catered meals (by restaurants or individuals) will not be allowed. Convention Center staff will ask these groups to leave the premises.

Mail form with check or money order to: RECONGRESS, PO BOX 761157, LOS ANGELES CA 90076-1157
– you may duplicate this form –