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- 1-21 Songs of the Refugees in the Bible and Today (*) - **Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
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- 1-23 Sitting at the Table, Not Staring at the Screen: Music to Engage Children in Liturgy (*) - **James Wahl**
- 1-24 Crowns, Castles and Commoners; Royalty and the Thirst for Justice (*) - **David Wells**
- 1-25 Early Childhood Faith Formation: From A to Z (*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
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- 2-01 **Women Deacons: Who Were They? What Did They Do? (*) - Dr. Phyllis Zagano**
- 2-02 RCIA and Church: Mystagogia – What It Is and What It Is Not (*) - **Mary Birmingham**
- 2-03 Pray, Learn and Celebrate the Truths of Our Faith (*) - **John Burland**
- 2-04 The Challenges of Biblical Vocabulary (*) - **Fr. William Burton**
- 2-05 Why Does the Church Need the Consecrated Life? (*) - **Sr. Sara Butler**
- 2-06 The Catechist Ready to be Surprised by Joy (*) - **Bishop Frank Caggiano**
- 2-07 Becoming Bridge Builders: Imagining a Theology of Welcome for a Changing Church - **Chris de Silva**
- 2-08 Thirsting for R.E.S.T. (*) - **Becky Eldredge**
- 2-09 Teaching Young People How to Pray (*) - **Robert Feduccia**
- 2-10 Thirst and Hunger in John 4: What Can the Samaritan Woman Teach Us About Justice? (*) - **Fr. Felix Just**
- 2-11 Sacramental Preparation and Ritual Prayer (*) - **Tom Kendzia**
- 2-12 Where Is Justice in the Suffering of Humanity? (*) - **Sr. Grace Duc Le**
- 2-13 God at the Movies - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 2-14 Stand Up and Pray: Movement and Gestures for All Ages (*) - **Monica Luther & Nicole Masero**
- 2-15 From Status Quo to Status Grow (*) - **Jesse Manibusan**
- 2-16 Showing Welcome and Respect to LGBTQ People in Our Parishes (*) - **Fr. James Martin**
- 2-17 Race and the Limits of Dialogue (*) - **Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 2-18 Why Is Immigration So Important to the Church? (*) - **Bishop David O'Connell, Linda Dakin-Grimm & Dr. Luis Zavala de Alba**
- 2-19 Keeping Your Family Happily Catholic (*) - **Rev. Leo Patalinghug**
- 2-20 Poetry to Enrich, Refresh and Deepen Our Spiritual Journey (*) - **Sr. Edith Prendergast**
- 2-21 What Does the Catholic Church Teach About Assisted Reproductive Technology? (*) - **Angelique Ruhi-Lopez & Carmen Santamaria**
- 2-22 Thirsting for Justice: Religious Education and Children with Disabilities (*) - **Sr. Kathleen Schipani**
- 2-23 Moments, Missions and Milestones: Three Things Every Family Needs to Grow Their Domestic Church (*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 2-24 Ministering with Youth in a Non-traditional Setting (*) - **Doug Tooke**
- 2-25 Bring Life and Relevance to Your School Liturgies – Prayer and Praise Through Music (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Our Male and Female Bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit) (*) - **Bishop Louis Nguyen Anh Tuan**

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Arena sessions are in color.

PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 **“Dreams I Never Had” – Justice Denied (*) - Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 3-02 A Vision for Conversion: Leading for Change in Your Life and Your Parish (*) - **Leisa Anslinger**
- 3-03 Encounter: The Challenges of Our Faith (*) - **Sean Callahan**
- 3-04 With a Father's Heart, With a Mother's Heart: Processing Grief, Loss and Renewal with Children (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 3-05 Parenthood as Spiritual Practice - **Jeanne Cotter**
- 3-06 Using *Amoris Laetitia* in Defense of Life and Natural Family Planning (*) - **Fr. Luke Dysinger**
- 3-07 Reimagining Confirmation Ministry with Youth (*) - **Tom East**
- 3-08 “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”: Wisdom from a Childhood Diddy (*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 3-09 Curses of the Apple (*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 3-10 Administration as a Spiritual Journey (*) - **Ann Garrido**
- 3-11 Educating in Faith that Does Justice (*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 3-12 Baptism: Welcome to a Lifelong Journey of Faith (*) - **Marty Haugen & Diana Macalintal**
- 3-13 YOU Are the Beloved: Praying and Celebrating the Daily Living Reminder - **David Haas**
- 3-14 A Multidisciplinary Approach to Human Formation (*) - **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 3-15 Sing Justice, Live Justice! Using Music to Promote and Inspire Social Justice in Lent and Easter (*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 3-16 As We Forgive – Freedom Through Forgiveness (*) - **Fr. Jim Marchionda**
- 3-17 “We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites”: The Bible on Our Multicultural Church (*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 3-18 Amazon, Sears and Google: Ministering to Families Today (*) - **Mike Patin**
- 3-19 How to Do Ministry Without Destroying Your Vocation (*) - **Bob Perron**
- 3-20 The Sex Abuse Crisis: A Church that Needs to Take Action - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 3-21 God, Christ, the Churches and the Poor – Knowing Our Tradition (*) - **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 3-22 Social Media and Digital Catholic Leadership (*) - **Paul Sanfrancesco**
- 3-23 Reclaiming the Fire of Parish Life (*) - **Julianne Stanz**
- 3-24 Islam, Conflict, Peacemaking and the Modern World (*) - **Jihad Turk**
- 3-25 Accompaniment: Leading Seekers to Encounter Christ (*) - **Nick Wagner**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Heart That Moved: A Way Toward Life-Fulfillment and Wholeness) (*) - **Sr. Bich Quyen Ly**

1-01 GIVING A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN US ARENA

What is vitally needed today is a renewed apologetics and catechesis in church communities. Having attended the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment in Rome, Bishop Robert Barron will share his experience of the Synod – the characters, personalities, sights and sounds. He will explore the play between listening and teaching, the advantages and disadvantages of social media, spiritual mentorship and much more.



Bishop Robert Barron

Most Rev. Robert Barron serves as Auxiliary Bishop of the Los Angeles Archdiocese and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He is host of several DVD series, including “Catholicism,” an award-winning documentary about the Catholic faith that aired on PBS. Bishop Barron has lectured widely in the United States and abroad and is a best-selling author who has published numerous books, essays and articles on theology and the spiritual life. He is also a religion correspondent for NBC and has appeared on Fox News, CNN and EWTN.

1-02 ENGAGING AND RETAINING YOUTH IN MUSIC MINISTRY

From children’s choirs to ensembles, youth cantors and instrumentalists, David Anderson will help you discover ways and develop a plan to welcome, mentor, engage and journey with young people through the many facets of music ministry in the parish.



David Anderson

David Anderson serves as organist and Director of Music at Ascension Church in Oak Park, Ill., where, for the past 26 years, he has led and coordinated a monthly service in the spirit of Taizé that continues to welcome hundreds of Christians of all ages. Anderson presents at various conferences throughout the year on topics of liturgy and music for the parish and frequently leads services and retreats for musicians and pastoral ministers. In addition, Anderson is Editor-at-Large for GIA Publications in Chicago.

THE BEGINNINGS

The origins of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress spring from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD, a ministry that actually began in Los Angeles in 1922 under Bishop John Cantwell (photo) to teach refugees of the Mexican Revolution. Bishop Cantwell had appointed Fr. Leroy Callahan, pastor of San Antonio de Padua in East Los Angeles, to work in this ministry. The first CCD program was established at Immaculate Conception Church on 9th Street in Los Angeles in 1922, followed by parish units established throughout the Archdiocese, with Fr. Robert E. Lucey as the first Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.



1-03 ABUSED, GRIEVING, GRACED, HEALING: WHAT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE HAVE TAUGHT US ABOUT THE JOURNEY OF HEALING

This workshop is intended for those whose lives have been impacted by sexual abuse – as victim-survivors, loved ones, ministers and/or concerned Catholics. The stages of healing will be discussed in the context of our experience. In our role as victims’ assistance ministry coordinators, we have witnessed time and again how powerful spirituality can be in the healing process of an abuse survivor.



Heather Tweddle Banis, PhD

Dr. Heather Banis is a licensed clinical psychologist with an extensive background in trauma psychology. After serving as a clinical consultant to the Los Angeles Archdiocese for 10 years, she assumed the role of Victims Assistance Ministry Coordinator in 2016. As such, Dr. Banis has spoken at schools, community organizations and professional conferences. Her past experiences running a non-profit for medically ill children, serving as a school psychologist and building a private practice also inform her efforts in her current role.



Suzanne Healy, MFT

Suzanne Healy is a retired Marriage and Family Therapist with 20 years of experience. She most recently served the Los Angeles Archdiocese as Victims Assistance Coordinator from 2007-2016. In that role, Healy ministered to victims of childhood sexual abuse by members of the Church. The former school counselor and private practice therapist has presented at a number of conferences, including those sponsored by the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health.

1-04 STOP THE STAMPEDE: HOW ENGAGING PARENTS CAN KEEP KIDS IN THE CHURCH

Do you have as many families in your programs as you used to? How many do you still see at Mass after baptism, first Eucharist or confirmation? And how many of those children will we still see as they enter adulthood? Study after study shows us that parents are the most important factor in influencing if children will remain Catholic. That means we as pastoral leaders need to learn to speak parents’ language, harness their motivations and coach them to share faith with their children. Gain strategies and tools for attracting parents and making a real difference with families.



Paul Canavese

Paul Canavese with his wife, Ann, are co-Directors of The Pastoral Center and the websites GospelLiving.org (focused on daily life) and GrowingUpCatholic.com (focused on coaching parents). He is creator of various electronic resources and is a frequent conference speaker at parish, deanery and diocesan events and has worked in a wide range of parish ministries, most recently as a pastoral consultant at St. Augustine in Oakland, Calif. Canavese lives with his family on a mini-urban farm in Alameda, Calif.

1-05 UNCHAINING CONFIRMATION 🔊

What might we do to put an end to confirmation as the end of formal religious education? This session will share the key findings of a national confirmation preparation project conducted in 18 dioceses, offer potential enhancements you can make, and invite you to select one or two that might best enhance your program. Please note that instead of being practical, this session will focus on what might be possible. Consider bringing a confirmation team member with you.

**Dr. Michael Carotta**

Dr. Mike Carotta is a nationally recognized religious educator and consultant who recently directed a national confirmation preparation project. He has taught catechetics in six Catholic universities and has spoken at diocesan, national and international events. His recent books include "Teaching for Discipleship" and "Unexpected Occasions of Grace." Dr. Carotta lives in Omaha and currently serves as the Consultant for Catholic Initiatives at the American Bible Society.

1-06 WE LACK FOR NOTHING: FIVE ESSENTIALS TO GROW THE CHURCH 🔊

This very practical presentation gets right to the point of naming (and how to implement) the five essential steps needed for every parish to grow: 1) having a clear vision and plan based on what God wants, not what parishioners want; 2) remembering that multiplying disciples was a command; 3) getting out from behind the desk; 4) holding people accountable; and 5) admitting we have a spiritual crisis in the Church.

**Rich Curran**

Based in Appleton, Wis., Rich Curran is founder and Executive Director of Parish Success Group, a Catholic nonprofit for missionary-focused parishes and schools. He is a regular presenter of parish missions and staff leadership days, he has keynoted 30 diocesan leadership conferences, and speaks at national Catholic conferences, including the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry and the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership as well as numerous regional conferences.

1-07 HOW TO TEACH FAITH WITH FICTION 🔊

People learn best through stories. That is why Jesus preached with parables. Likewise, young people enjoy reading fiction today much more than their textbooks. So, how do we help teach them to have faith using the stories they love most? Using ideas from novels, short stories, fables, parables and other forms of fiction, Jared Dees will offer a series of strategies to connect fiction with faith formation.

**Jared Dees**

Jared Dees is creator of the website TheReligion-Teacher.com that offers resources and teaching strategies to religious educators. He is author of several books, including "31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator," "To Heal, Pro-

claim, and Teach" and "Christ in the Classroom." With a background of teaching in Catholic schools, Dees has been a catechist for the past 10 years and has offered workshops and keynote addresses at dozens of parishes and dioceses across the country.

1-08 FORGIVENESS AND HEALING: A ROAD TO PEACE 🔊

Join Msgr. Ray East and ValLimar Jansen as they present narratives, in song and story, that disarm the heart and lead to an experience of personal healing and mutual forgiveness. Hear songs of truth and testimonies that transform us into agents of reconciliation and vessels of God's miraculous healing.

**Msgr. Raymond G. East**

Msgr. Ray East, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., served in six local parishes before being named Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. The grandson of Baptist Missionaries to South Africa, Msgr. East was born in Newark, N.J. and raised in San Diego, Calif. He is former Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Msgr. East is a regular and popular speaker at the RECongress and continues to present and facilitate workshops, give keynote addresses and preside at liturgies at major national events.

**ValLimar Jansen**

ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. Jansen was MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis and co-MC for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' gatherings at the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland and in 2017, she was an invited panelist for the USCCB's Convocation on Evangelization.

1-09 DISCOVER THE WAY TO HELP FAITH COME TO LIFE! 🔊

In this workshop, we will explore the keys to creating a learning environment with children in which faith can thrive! Focus will be on core approaches, strategies and engaging activities that can be used to affect both hearts and minds. If you're looking to create a learning environment that best fosters faith in children, look no further. Don't miss this one!

**Steven Ellair**

Steven Ellair is a Managing Editor and Content Engagement Specialist for Saint Mary's Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 27 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic schoolteacher and archdiocesan educational consultant. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing over 14 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to Catholic education and strategies for engaged learning. He has presented at national religious education events for nearly 22 years.

1-10 THUS SAYS THE LORD: MAKING GOD'S VOICE HEARD 🗣️

The Scriptures are God's Living Word among us. But how often are they read like ancient words that don't impact us today or, even worse, like a page out of the Wall Street Journal? What can you do to proclaim readings in ways that bring God's shining light to the world? If you are involved in liturgies in any way – Mass, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Children's Liturgy of the Word, weddings or funerals, etc. – this practical training session will give you the information you need to help Scripture leap off the page and into your assembly's hearts.



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 has authored over 150 articles and four books. Florian travels the country presenting workshops, training sessions and retreats.

1-11 CREATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL CULTURE: WHY AND HOW 🗣️

Are you a teacher or administrator in a Catholic school? If so, this talk is for you. Dan Friedt brings more than 38 years of teaching experience with 20 years as an administrator to share about building Catholic school culture. Topics include: mission/vision building; weekly assemblies; no announcements and why; creating liturgical celebrations (including the music) with total student involvement; staff meetings on a budget of time and learning; and leadership skill building for students and staff. Dan will take you on a journey of learning to support your Catholic school culture, knowing you will come away with more than one idea to use immediately.



Dan Friedt

Dan Friedt is a Sessional Instructor at Concordia University of Edmonton, Canada, and a recently retired principal with Edmonton Catholic Schools. He has more than 38 years of teaching experience from kindergarten to grade 12, with 20 years of administrative experience. Friedt is recognized as an Apple Distinguished Educator who has presented throughout North America, including British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec and even California.

1-12 THE PERMISSION TO BE YOU IN A FOMO (FEAR OF MISSING OUT) WORLD 🗣️

There will always be some voice telling me that whoever I am today is not enough. The challenge is accepting the reality that each one of us has the capacity for boundlessness. Yes, we want to love other people without holding back. We want to feel authentic. We want to breathe in the beauty around us. And yet, we listen to inner voices that keep our life small. We live stuck. But what if we are truly the light of the world, a light already inside of

us – as Jesus said – and we were meant to shine? What if, as children of God, there are resources to draw upon, a reservoir of kindness, compassion, hope and resilience?



Rev. Terry Hershey

Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author, dad, Protestant minister and landscape designer on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound near Seattle. The internationally renowned speaker and retreat facilitator regularly travels throughout the United States and Canada. His work has been featured on The Hallmark Channel, CNN, PBS and NPR and his gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest.

1-13 WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY? DO I NEED SOME? WHERE DO I GET IT? 🗣️

Are faith, religion and spirituality really the same thing? How can we connect with young adults and adults who are “spiritual but not religious” or have “no faith” if we don't know the difference among these? And which of these do we need ourselves? We'll explore the relationship among faith, religion and spirituality, find out which ones we really need, and share some practical advice on how to get them and get the most from them so we can live our lives to the fullest!



Douglas Leal

Douglas Leal is Vice President of Mission Integration with Providence St. Joseph Health, based in Irvine, Calif. He previously led the Division of Adult Faith Formation for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Leal has also worked as a management consultant and a professional actor and director. He is author of the skill-building book for lectors, “Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!” and co-author of the 2017 and 2018 editions of Liturgy Training Publications' “Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Proclaimers.”

1-14 THE FUTURE OF LEARNING IN THE DIGITAL CULTURE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR FAITH FORMATION 🗣️

You find the ubiquity of digital technology everywhere, with the current generation surfing between three and five digital devices on a regular basis. This workshop will explore the implications of our digital culture on how we form people in faith and what every catechist needs to know about using digital technology before, during and after the learning experience.



Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale

Louisiana native Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale has been President of Ministry Training Source since 2000. Her recognitions include receiving the 2002 National Youth Ministry Award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Dr. McCorquodale's professional career in Catholic youth ministry and lay ecclesial ministry has spanned almost four decades, serving in parish, school, diocesan and university ministry settings.

1-15 LIVING THE SACRAMENTS: HELPING PEOPLE FIND GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH 📍

Too many Catholics view the sacraments as isolated rites of passage disconnected from daily living. Such a misunderstanding distances Catholics from the heart of their spiritual vitality and renders the Church less relevant to their lived experience. In this workshop, Dr. Joe Paprocki will present the sacraments as a spiritual path and will propose strategies for inviting people of all ages to delve more deeply into the mystery of God's self-revelation through the sacraments and to see them as a source for quenching our thirst for justice. Dr. Paprocki will show that, while we can and should celebrate the sacraments, we are called to be transformed by living them.



Joe Paprocki, DMin

Joe Paprocki has over 35 years of experience in pastoral ministry and currently serves as National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press, based in Chicago. He has presented in over 100 dioceses in North America, including Canada, Alaska and Hawaii. Paprocki is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis, including "A Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion" and "Beyond the Catechist's Toolbox," and also serves as a catechist and blogs about the experience.

1-16 HUMAN SEXUALITY & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 📍

The Book of Genesis tells us that *all* creation is "good," which would include human sexuality. Using the biblical framework on Church sexual teaching, we will explore the blessings and challenges of human sexuality. It is the moral principle of an informed conscience that helps us balance church teaching with human living. In this session, we will start with a process of identifying those areas of struggle and areas of beauty. By the end, you will have concrete steps of action to live out the blessed Irish gift of *anam cara* (soul friend), the ancient and eternal union of two people, when each person's deep love and friendship is reflected in that of the other.



Fr. Chris Ponnet

Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet serves as Director of the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and as the archbishop's Spiritual Director for Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. Since 1994, Fr. Ponnet has also served as Pastor and Chaplain at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. He has spoken for many years at the archdiocesan RECongress and regional congresses in addition to Pax Christi Peace and Justice conferences and other local and national gatherings.

1957

In 1957 the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine "CCD" 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.

1956

In 1956 the first CCD Institute was held at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. Five hundred teachers and catechists attended the two-day conference and listened to speakers and gained experience from other teachers.



1-17 THE SYNOD ON YOUTH: WHY IT MATTERS AND WHAT WE MUST DO 📍

When Pope Francis called for a Synod on Young People, he set in motion a historic and critically important chain of events that will have an impact on how we teach, minister to, walk with, and serve the young Church for generations to come. Why was the Synod important? What was said and written? How do we allow it to shape and form the work we'll do for the next 5, 10, even 50 years? As one of the U.S. representatives participating in the pre-synod and synod gatherings, Katie Prejean McGrady will unpack the impact of the Synod, explore practical ways we can incorporate the initiatives proposed, and discuss how best to serve the youth today and tomorrow.



Katie Prejean McGrady

Katie Prejean McGrady is a freshman theology teacher at Saint Louis Catholic High School in Lake Charles, La. She has spoken at various events in 38 states and three countries. McGrady is also author of several books, including "Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist" and "Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus," and host of the podcast, "The Electric Waffle." In addition to being one of three delegates chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to attend the 2018 Pre-Synod Gathering, McGrady was also a presenter at that year's USCCB General Assembly Meeting.

1-18 REFORMING CHURCH GOVERNANCE: WHAT POPE FRANCIS HAS DONE AND WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO

When Pope Francis was elected pope almost six years ago, many hoped that he would reform the Roman Curia and other governance structures in the Church. In this session, we will take a look at what he has accomplished. But what still needs to be done?



Rev. Thomas J. Reese, SJ

Fr. Thomas Reese is a writer and Senior Analyst with Religion News Service. Previously, the Jesuit priest wrote for the National Catholic Reporter and America magazine. He has presented at numerous parish and university talks across the country. His books include "Inside the Vatican," "A Flock of Shepherds" and "Archbishop: Inside the Power Structure of the American Catholic Church." Fr. Reese frequently appears in the media discussing Catholic issues.

1-19 THE POWER OF ECUMENISM IN AN IMMIGRATION CRISIS 🕒

In John 17:20-21, Jesus prays for the unity of his disciples. However, unity in Christ is neither simple nor easy. Today's social crises, which cause great suffering, demand the most effective response possible. We are strongest when we are united. This workshop will present models for effective Christian response to the immigration crisis that can bring Catholics, Protestants, Evangelicals and Pentecostals into deeper collaboration and truer unity.



Rev. Alexia Salvatierra

Rev. Alexia Salvatierra is an ordained Lutheran pastor with over 35 years of experience in community ministry, including community development, organizing and advocacy. She was co-founder of the New Sanctuary Movement, the Evangelical Immigration Table, the Guardian Angels project for Unaccompanied Migrant Youth, and M25 (Matthew 25/ Mateo 25). Rev. Salvatierra serves as an Affiliate Professor in the Centro Latino and the School of Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.



Fr. Michael D. Gutierrez

A Catholic diocesan priest for 24 years, Fr. Mike Gutierrez serves as Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Baldwin Park, Calif., where he has increased involvement in his parish community, encouraged social justice activism and fought for immigrant rights. Fr. Gutierrez has been recognized by the California State Legislature, the Los Angeles Archdiocese, the U.S. House of Representatives, and many other organizations for his steadfast support to social issues in the communities where he has served.



Dr. Juan Francisco Martinez

Dr. Juan Martinez is Professor of Hispanic Studies and Pastoral Leadership at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., where he has served as Vice President for Diversity and International Ministries and Director of the Center for the Study of Hispanic Church and Community. In his academic work, Dr. Martinez focuses on Latino Protestantism in the United States and on world migration. He is also an ordained pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church, a church founder and director of a Bible institute.

1-20 INSPIRING MIDDLE SCHOOLERS WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE 🕒

Young adolescents see themselves as change-makers and are not interested in waiting for change – they want to do something. Younger adolescents believe in dignity, human rights, caring for the poor and solidarity. As a generation, they have the potential to be the most creative force for social change we have ever witnessed. Our faith communities can be the catalyst that inspires them to become young world changers for Christ. In this session, let's explore ways to intentionally engage middle schoolers with social justice and help them to think and speak critically. Let's capture the enthusiasm of middle schoolers and motivate them to "thirst for justice."



Susan Searle

Based in Colorado Springs, Colo., Susan Searle is a Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services for The Center for Ministry Development (CMD) and is Project Coordinator for their Just5Days middle school missions and YouthLeader high school programs. She also provides nationwide ministry workshops, trainings and teaches courses for the National Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. Searle has several published sessions for youth ministry and blogs quarterly for CMD.

1-21 SONGS OF THE REFUGEES IN THE BIBLE AND TODAY 🕒

Much of the Bible was written by refugees. In this presentation of biblical themes of exile and immigration, Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher will be accompanied by Naser Musa, acclaimed Arab-American master of the Arabic oud (a stringed lute), playing songs that have comforted modern refugees and exiles. Music and Scripture together!



Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher has taught for 29 years at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is Professor of Theological Studies and Director of Peace Studies, as well as Director of the New Zealand Study Abroad Programs. Dr. Christopher formerly served the university as Associate Director for Graduate Studies in Theology. He has published over 40 scholarly articles and 14 books, and has been honored with numerous awards for research, including a Fulbright and teacher of the year awards.

1-22 HOW TO MAKE A CONVINCING CASE FOR THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT – ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 🕒

Many young people and adults are unsure of why the Church takes such a strong stand on the life issues. Fr. Robert Spitzer will describe a successful method he and others have used in middle school, high school and university classrooms grounded in justice theory, human rights and the dignity of all persons. He will compare this issue to other justice issues, including the enslavement of native peoples in the new world and slavery in the United States.



Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD

Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Center at Christ Cathedral in Orange County, Calif., and President of the Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership, based in Michigan. He formerly served as President of Gonzaga University and has published 11 books and many scholarly articles. Fr. Spitzer gives over 90 public presentations per year and appears on radio and television, including "Larry King Live" (debating Stephen Hawking), the "Today Show," the History Channel, PBS and EWTN.

1967 On January 13-15, 1967 the first Southern California Confraternity Congress was held at the LAX-area International Hotel with a registration fee of \$5. An estimated 3,000 teachers were expected, but more than 7,000 attended, causing major problems with services and programming.

1-23 SITTING AT THE TABLE, NOT STARING AT THE SCREEN: MUSIC TO ENGAGE CHILDREN IN LITURGY

In a culture that is dominated by screens, headphones and private entertainment, children are hungry to reach out and connect with their peers and adults in authentic worship. “By giving witness to the Gospel, living communal charity and actively celebrating the mysteries of Christ, the Christian community is an excellent school of Christian and liturgical formation for the children who live in it” (Directory for Masses with Children, no. 11). This workshop will showcase music that enables this formation, allowing early and elementary children to sing, pray and celebrate with the whole body as one body in Christ.



James Wahl

WLP composer James Wahl has been performing children's music for nearly 20 years. Over the past 10 years, he has presented at various youth events, including the National Catholic Educational Association convention in Pittsburgh, the Archdiocese of Atlanta Eucharistic Congress, and the GO! Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference in New Orleans. Wahl is presently Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Raleigh, N.C. He has two CD/songbooks of music for young children.

1-24 CROWNS, CASTLES AND COMMONERS; ROYALTY AND THE THIRST FOR JUSTICE

The Netflix series “The Crown” has been critically acclaimed throughout the world. What are we to make of the widespread curiosity with Queen Elizabeth and the House of Windsor? Throughout her reign, the Queen has seen her position as a calling, a service and a vocation. Does our thirst for justice render royalty extravagant and unnecessary or is there a place for crowns and castles in a just society? Using stories and illustrations, David Wells will take a brief look at recent history to discuss if earthly royalty can contribute meaningfully to the realization of the Kingdom of God here on earth.



David Wells

David Wells began his career as a teacher, before becoming a research assistant for the Bishops' Conference in England and Wales, and now serves as Religious Education Consultant and Advisor to the Diocese of Salford, England. His recent work as a consultant involves assisting dioceses, parishes and schools to rethink their approach to missionary discipleship. Wells has also contributed numerous articles for magazines and compilations. He is author of two books, “The Reluctant Disciple” and “The Grateful Disciple,” and the recently produced a DVD series called, “Beloved Disciples.”

1-25 EARLY CHILDHOOD FAITH FORMATION: FROM A TO Z

From active learning approaches to zany antics, join us as we explore an alphabet of helpful hints, innovative ideas, tested tips and practical pointers for sharing the faith with preschool- and kindergarten-age children.



Dr. Joseph D. White

Child psychologist Dr. Joseph White is National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He has worked as a parish catechetical leader and spent seven years as Director of Family Counseling and Family Life in the Diocese of Austin, Texas. A frequent guest on Catholic radio and television, Dr. White is author of numerous articles and 10 books on catechesis and ministry and co-author of the “Allelu!” and “Alive in Christ” catechetical series.

1-70 SỰ THỐNG TRỊ CỦA CHỦ NGHĨA VĂN HOÁ TƯƠNG ĐỐI

Văn hóa ngày nay tuyên bố rằng không có cơ sở trong việc thiết lập các giá trị của chúng ta và không có bằng chứng vững chắc rằng bất kỳ một điều này tốt hơn hoặc hợp lệ hơn một điều khác. Lối suy nghĩ này chúng ta gọi là chủ nghĩa tương đối, nó tự hủy hoại và tự tàn phá, “dẫn đến một thế giới nghèo nàn tâm linh trong thời đại chúng ta” (Đức Giáo Hoàng Phanxicô).

THE DOMINANCE OF A CULTURE OF RELATIVISM

Today's culture proclaims that there is no basis in establishing our values, and no solid proof that any one thing is better or more valid than another. This way of thinking that we refer to as relativism is self-destructive and devours itself, “leading to a world of spiritual poverty of our age” (Pope Francis).



Chị Vũ Nhung, Dược Khoa, Cao Học Thánh Kinh

Chị Maria Vũ Nhung tốt nghiệp tiến sĩ Dược Khoa tại Xavier University of Louisiana năm 1997 và tốt nghiệp cao học Thánh Kinh tại University of Dallas, Texas năm 2017. Với trên 25 năm kinh nghiệm phục vụ trong việc giảng dạy giáo lý và sứ vụ tông đồ dành cho giới trẻ, chị được đánh giá cao trong việc áp dụng các tư tưởng thần học vào lĩnh vực mục vụ và truyền đạt Đức Tin cho người trẻ.

Nhung Vu, PharmD, MTS

Dr. Nhung Vu received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1997 at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, and her master's degree in Theological Studies with concentrations in Biblical Studies in 2017 at the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. Dr. Nhung has over 25 years of experience in ministry with a strong emphasis on catechesis and ministry with young people. She is highly regarded for her pastoral applications of theological thought to pastoral ministry and faith formation.



2-01 WOMEN DEACONS: WHO WERE THEY? WHAT DID THEY DO? 🎧 ARENA

This session will present an exploration of the history of deacons in the church. What do we know about women deacons in the early Church? Were they ordained? What did they do? How did the diaconate – of men and women – die out, and why?



Dr. Phyllis Zagano

Dr. Phyllis Zagano is Senior Research Associate-in-Residence and Adjunct Professor of Religion at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. She has authored or edited hundreds of articles and 22 books, including “Holy Saturday: An Argument for the Restoration of the Female Diaconate in the Catholic Church” and “Women Deacons: Past, Present, Future.” In 2016, she was appointed to the Papal Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women.

2-02 RCIA AND CHURCH: MYSTAGOGIA – WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT 🎧

Mystagogia is the ancient art of helping people enter into deeper union with Jesus by unpacking the liturgies, seasons and sacraments we celebrate. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sets forth the entire season of Easter to reflect upon the Easter story, the Triduum and the Easter sacraments. This session will explore the ins and outs of this final period of the RCIA process. We will consider why only one page in the RCIA text is devoted to it and hopefully come to the realization that it is a thread that runs through the entire process. Let’s discover what it is and what it’s not and determine a process for effectively uncovering the sacramental life of the Church.



Mary Birmingham

Mary Birmingham is the former Director of Liturgy, Music and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Fla. She has been involved in RCIA ministry on a national level since 1992 and travels extensively throughout the United States and Canada providing diocesan workshops. Birmingham is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. She is author of several works, including “Confirming Adult Catholics” and her most recent, “Purified and Enlightened: RCIA Sessions for Lent.”

2-03 PRAY, LEARN AND CELEBRATE THE TRUTHS OF OUR FAITH 🎧

In this workshop, John Burland, Australian composer and religious educator, will help teachers and catechists accompany children in their journey of faith through song and movement. You will learn a variety of engaging songs that deepen understanding, add enjoyment to learning, increase knowledge and foster celebration. These songs and associated activities will enrich and energize faith formation across a range of catechetical themes including Scripture, doctrine, the liturgical year, Catholic prayer and sacraments. Join us as we joyfully move our bodies and raise our voices in songs that help us to pray, learn and celebrate our Catholic faith.



John Burland

John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults and has over 250 songs and has published 14 music collections internationally. With an extensive career in school and parish communities, Burland currently is the Education Officer for Liturgy and Music for Sydney Catholic Schools in Australia, and the National Music Consultant for Bayard, Inc. He is a regular speaker at conferences and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and North America.

2-04 THE CHALLENGES OF BIBLICAL VOCABULARY 🎧

We’ve all grown familiar with biblical texts – some more than others. But often the peculiar challenges of translating the ancient language of the Bible can alter significantly how we understand those familiar texts. During this talk, we will look at some familiar key words and phrases from the Bible that will open up the meaning of these texts in surprising ways – words like baptize, Christ, Holy Spirit, and others.



Fr. William L. Burton, OFM

Fr. Bill Burton, a Franciscan friar priest of the Sacred Heart Province, has taught for more than 20 years. He is currently Professor of Scripture at the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology in Berkeley, Calif. Outside the classroom, he has guided hundreds of students and pilgrims on study tours and pilgrimage travels throughout the Holy Land, Greece and Turkey. He has many published articles and several DVD series, including “The Biblicist Series.”

2-05 WHY DOES THE CHURCH NEED THE CONSECRATED LIFE? 🎧

How does the Church define “consecrated life,” and whom does Christ call to it? How does it differ from the universal call to holiness addressed to all the baptized, and what special witness is it expected to give? The past 50 years has seen a dramatic decline in vocations to the religious life and the emergence of new forms of consecration. If the consecrated life is one of Christ’s gifts to the Church, we need to understand what it is supposed to be and do. The reputation of saints like Mother Teresa and Padre Pio gives us a clue!



Sr. Sara Butler, MSBT

Sr. Sara Butler, a Missionary Servant of the Most Blessed Trinity, is Director of New Evangelization at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center in Philadelphia and Professor Emerita of Dogmatic Theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill. Sr. Butler has lectured around the world. She has published over 50 scholarly articles and authored several books, including “The Catholic Priesthood and Women: A Guide to the Teaching of the Church.” Her most recent publications deal with the Second Vatican Council’s teaching on the consecrated life.

2-06 THE CATECHIST READY TO BE SURPRISED BY JOY 🕊

All catechesis strives to deepen our initial conversion in faith by fostering an ever more personal relationship with the Lord in and through the Church. This deepening of our conversion in Christ is facilitated in many ways, especially through instruction, prayer, the life of our community and works of service. However, one of the most effective ways to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus is to serve as a joyful witness of faith to others. We will explore this vocation of joy, both as the hallmark of every missionary disciple and fundamental to the ministry of every catechist.

**Bishop Frank J. Caggiano**

Most Rev. Frank Caggiano is currently Bishop of Bridgeport, Ct. The noted catechist was a speaker at World Youth Days in Sydney (2008), Madrid (2011) and a catechist in Rio de Janeiro (2013) and Krakow (2016). He was a featured speaker at World Youth Day REUNITE in Washington, D.C. (2017) and preached at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Tipperary, Ireland. Bishop Caggiano has also served as episcopal advisor of The National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry.

2-07 BECOMING BRIDGE BUILDERS: IMAGINING A THEOLOGY OF WELCOME FOR A CHANGING CHURCH

In this workshop, Chris de Silva will offer ways to celebrate young adults and different cultures from his experience of working in a diverse university setting, creating a place to belong, to believe and to become. This workshop begins a conversation on changing church demographics and seeks to build faith communities of Christian welcome and discipleship.

**Chris de Silva**

Composer, arranger and recording artist with GIA Publications, Chris de Silva shares his gift of music ministry – from parish and diocesan retreats and concerts to national conferences across the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. He has served at several faith communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is presently Associate Director of Music and Liturgy at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. His musical collections include “Pilgrim,” “Castle of the Soul” and his latest sequel, “Colours 2.”

2-08 THIRSTING FOR R.E.S.T. 🕊

Are you exhausted from the overwhelming demands of career, ministry and family life? Do you feel pulled in a million directions with no time for rest? You're not alone! As a wife, mother and pastoral minister, Becky Eldredge understands the challenges of juggling many roles in our rapid-paced life. She's discovered ways to incorporate rituals that “Renew Energy in Spirit Time” (R.E.S.T.) in daily life. Becky will guide you through a process to create rituals of R.E.S.T. that will renew and sustain you. You will leave with a plan of action that you can implement immediately to rest, to prevent burnout and to continue to give generously to others.

**Becky Eldredge**

Becky Eldredge is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, retreat facilitator and author of the book “Busy Lives & Restless Souls.” With two decades of ministry experience, she has led youth and young adult retreats, parish missions, Ignatian retreats and days of reflection. Eldredge has presented at the Spiritual Director's International Conference, the Ignatian Spirituality Conference, and has appeared as a panelist at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Convocation of Catholic Leaders.

2-09 TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE HOW TO PRAY 🕊

Recent research among youth and young adults shows that daily, personal prayer is a key factor for remaining active in the Church. We will look deeply at some of the data and find a path forward for those who say they are “spiritual, but not religious.” We will look at real strategies for developing daily encounters between our young people and Christ Jesus that makes them excited to be Catholic.

**Robert Feduccia Jr.**

Robert Feduccia was founding director of the national Youth Liturgical Leadership Program at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana. In addition to his work as a parish youth minister, keynote speaker and retreat leader, he has spoken at various diocesan and major national youth conferences. Feduccia has been published in several publications. Now based in Tennessee, he is currently Vice President of Christian Faith Events for Declan Weir Productions.

2-10 THIRST AND HUNGER IN JOHN 4: WHAT CAN THE SAMARITAN WOMAN TEACH US ABOUT JUSTICE? 🕊

The biblical story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman in John Chapter 4 is so much deeper than you might realize, dealing with themes of thirst as well as hunger, on the physical and spiritual levels, for both individuals and communities. This workshop will explore in depth this important Johannine story, which is read on the Third Sunday of Lent and used in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Scrutinies.

**Fr. Felix Just, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Felix Just is Minister of the Loyola House Jesuit Community in San Francisco, Calif. He formerly taught at all three Jesuit universities in California – Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. He conducts adult faith formation programs and leads biblically-based days of prayer, parish missions and retreats. Fr. Just has produced seven audio-CD programs with Now You Know Media and maintains the internationally recognized website Catholic-Resources.org.

1970

In 1970, the annual Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine “CCD” Congress was moved to the Anaheim Convention Center. (The cities of Orange County were still part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese). In spite of some fears that it would not draw a large enough crowd, there were over 10,000 in attendance.



2-11 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & RITUAL PRAYER



One of the most memorable and effective experiences that takes place on sacramental retreat is the use of ritual prayer and music. But this needs to be a more common experience, not just once a year, to stand as a reminder of Christ alive in each of us. Practical and meaningful experiences of ritual prayer will be modeled at this session.



Tom Kendzia

Tom Kendzia has served as a professional liturgical musician, performer and speaker since 1980. He is currently Liturgy and Music Consultant for Sadlier Religion Publishers and Director of Music at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. A clinician and author, Kendzia has presented at parish workshops/concerts and national diocesan gatherings throughout the United States, Canada, the West Indies, Europe and Asia. The well-known published composer's music includes “Create In Me,” “Taste and See” and “Like a River.”

2-12 WHERE IS JUSTICE IN THE SUFFERING OF HUMANITY?

Why is humanity inundated with suffering, and where is justice in our struggles? How can we transform our pain and sorrow into redemptive suffering? In this highly visual, practical and interactive session, Sr. Grace Duc Le will base this presentation on both her own experience of struggles and the Lambertian Spirituality of the Cross (the spirituality of the Lovers of the Holy Cross stems from the spirituality of Bishop Pierre Lambert de la Motte) to help answer the difficult question of why one suffers. During the session, she will introduce different activities and games that bring about joy and hope.



Sr. Martha Grace Duc Le, LHC

Sr. Grace Duc Le is currently Superior General of the American Branch of the Congregation of the Lovers of the Holy Cross, founded in Vietnam in 1670 by Bishop Pierre Lambert de la Motte. She has over 24 years of working with different groups of people – eight years as a Catholic schoolteacher, eight years as a vocation director for her community, and eight years as a Director of Faith Formation in a thriving parish. Sr. Le has taught several catechetical workshops and delivered many talks to a variety of groups.

2-13 GOD AT THE MOVIES

In the last year, Christianity has fared fairly well, with major films released like “Mary Magdalene,” “Paul, Apostle of Christ” and Wim Wenders’ documentary, “Pope Francis: A Man of His Word.” Several other films have also embodied the best of our faith and the thirst for justice we are called to live. How can we critically appreciate these modern parables and use them in our spiritual formation, preaching and teaching?



Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, based in Sydney, Australia. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome and a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. A popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress, Fr. Leonard is author of 10 books, including his latest, “What Does It All Mean? A Guide to Being More Faithful, Hopeful and Loving.”

2-14 STAND UP AND PRAY: MOVEMENT AND GESTURES FOR ALL AGES

“Let them praise his name in dance” (Psalm 149:3). Join us as we pray with the whole body! Monica Luther and Nicole Masero will share movement and gestures for a variety of praise hymns. Perfect for educators working with preschool children through adults. Come join in and be prepared to fully participate in this exciting new workshop. Participants will learn a variety of movements and gestures to recognizable songs and will be able to use them with students right away.



Monica Luther

Monica Luther is a skilled educator who uses her gift of dance movement and knowledge of liturgy to enhance prayer services, concerts, liturgies and conferences across the country. She has shared the ministry of liturgical movement with assemblies at Los Angeles Religious Education Congress for over 22 years and currently serves on their Liturgy Committee. Luther works as an instructional specialist and national staff developer for public schools. She is currently a doctoral candidate at California State University, Fullerton.



Nicole Masero

Nicole Masero has over 20 years of experience teaching liturgical movement as prayer and how to incorporate the ministry into liturgies and prayer experiences. For over 15 years she has taught young adults and adults liturgical movement at various parishes in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and for the last six years she has taught at the Los Angeles Regional Congresses. Based in Long Beach, Calif., Masero also serves as Event Coordinator for the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.

1976

The Diocese of Orange was established on March 24, 1976. It was Bishop William Johnson who was appointed the first Bishop of Orange. He had been Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles when he was installed and had only served 10 years when he died on July 28, 1986.

2-15 FROM STATUS QUO TO STATUS GROW 🗨️

All are welcome here ... really? Okay, they are welcome to come to Mass, to put money in the collection, to send their children to our programs, but what about the really important places of parish life? You know the places – like who reads the First Reading every year at the Easter Vigil, or who runs for President of “that” committee, or who distributes communion from the position next to Father every week. We have welcomed people into our place, now we must welcome them into the very life of our parish.

**Jesse Manibusan**

Jesse Manibusan, founder of Jesse Manibusan Music Ministries, has 32 years of experience as a liturgical music minister; youth worker, catechist and parish mission director. He has presented at all the major youth conferences, including the L.A. Religious Education Congress, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry and World Youth Days in Denver, Toronto, Rome, Cologne, Sydney, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro. Manibusan has performed at various conferences worldwide and has several CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.

2-16 SHOWING WELCOME AND RESPECT TO LGBTQ PEOPLE IN OUR PARISHES 🗨️

In many of our parishes, we have members who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning. This session will offer ways to show welcome and respect to them and their families, as well as give insights from parishes that have successful outreach communities.

**Rev. James Martin, SJ**

Based in New York, Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Editor at Large of America magazine. He is author of numerous award-winning books including “My Life with the Saints,” “The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything,” “Between Heaven and Mirth” and, most recently, “Building a Bridge.” Fr. Martin is a frequent presenter to parish groups and at retreats and national conferences. He has given presentations at the Religious Education Congress for the past several years and has appeared on various CNN documentaries.

2-17 RACE AND THE LIMITS OF DIALOGUE 🗨️

Dialogue is the default setting for Catholic responses to racial conflicts and tensions. This session will look at how such appeals have functioned in response to the Black Lives Matter movement, showing their limitations and a possible way to a more adequate engagement in the light of faith.

**Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD**

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is Theology Professor at Fordham University in New York. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, he has lectured extensively on ethical and racial justice issues throughout the United States and internationally. A previous Religious Education Congress keynote, Fr. Massingale is former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and has been a leader of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

2-18 WHY IS IMMIGRATION SO IMPORTANT TO THE CHURCH? 🗨️

Immigration plays a significant role in the life of churches around the world. In certain parts of the United States, near borders or in areas where refugees are being brought in from dangerous parts of the world, the Catholic Church is leading the effort to help families in need. While not everyone agrees with our country’s policy on immigration, there are people on both sides of the debate who agree that the laws are flawed and our system is broken. Come listen to this panel of experts as they discuss why migration is a global issue, how the Church is responding, and what we can do as a community to help change our laws.

**Most Rev. David O’Connell**

Bishop David O’Connell was ordained at All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland, for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, where he has served for over 36 years. He has been associate pastor and pastor in the Archdiocese, most of those years serving in South Central Los Angeles. Bishop O’Connell served on the Archdiocesan Finance Council and on the Board of Together in Mission, the archdiocese’s annual appeal. He now serves the Archdiocese as Auxiliary Bishop of the San Gabriel Region.

**Linda Dakin-Grimm**

Linda Dakin-Grimm practices law in California, New York and Washington, D.C., and has successfully handled numerous jury and bench trials, appeals and arbitrations. Since 2016 she has concentrated her practice on pro bono matters in immigration proceedings with children and has organized a group of interpreters/mentors to assist them. Dakin-Grimm speaks on faith and immigration-related issues in schools and parishes throughout Los Angeles and at legal conferences across the United States, in Bermuda and London.

**Dr. Luis Eduardo Zavala de Alba**

Based in Monterrey, Mexico, Dr. Eduardo Zavala is Director of Casa Monarca, which offers humanitarian aid for migrants. He is a Visiting Professor at Yale University and academic advisor and consultant to many human rights organizations, including “Community of Democracies,” an international panel of experts. Dr. Zavala has been a Visiting Scholar at numerous universities including the Autonomous University of Barcelona in Spain, the University of Essex in England, and the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

1971

The first Youth Rally was held in 1971 for high school students and set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually attracts about 14,000 on the Thursday opening of the Congress event.



2-19 KEEPING YOUR FAMILY HAPPILY CATHOLIC 🕊

Parents, religious educators, priests and lay ministers battle getting their kids to church and struggle with how to communicate the beauty of the Catholic faith to children of all ages. What should we do and how do we explain our faith in ways that keep families inspired by their faith? We will learn and share some “best practices” from those who have intact Catholic families and be inspired by those who have overcome many challenges in communicating and sharing their faith and now have “happily Catholic” families. Fr. Leo Patalinghug’s approach is easy to understand, entertaining and encouraging!



Rev. Leo E. Patalinghug, IVDei

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, born in the Philippines but raised in the Baltimore area, is a priest member of a secular institute of consecrated life called Voluntas Dei (The Will of God). He is founder and host of Plating Grace and founder and Chairman of The Table Foundation, which connects food to faith. Fr. Patalinghug is a best-selling author, internationally renowned speaker, host of the “Savoring Our Faith” TV series on EWTN, contributor to SiriusXM radio and host of the podcast, “Shoot the Shiitake with Fr. Leo.”

2-20 POETRY TO ENRICH, REFRESH & DEEPEN OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY 🕊

Poetry provides a wonderful way to explore and express the rich meaning and symbolism at the heart of great works of art and literature. The invitation to engage in poetry has the power to start a fire in the heart and bring one’s whole attention to the present moment. This session will invite us to step into the company of great men and women such as Mary Oliver, Jessica Powers, Antonio Machado, David Whyte, and more. These creative voices will companion us and speak to us. We will unfold layers of wisdom embedded in themes of journey, transformation, mindfulness, hope, death and resurrection – all equally experienced in the Lenten-Easter season.



Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC

Sr. Edith Prendergast, a Religious Sister of Charity, is former Director of the Office of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. She is a frequent keynote and workshop presenter at local, national and international conferences. Sr. Prendergast has written and contributed to several articles on spirituality and catechesis, and is author of “Grace Abounds.” In 2015, she received the “Evangelii Gaudium – Joy of the Gospel” Award from St. John’s Seminary, and in 2017, she was awarded the “Religious Service Angel Award” from the Catholic Association of Latino Leaders.

2-21 WHAT DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACH ABOUT ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY? 🕊

A common misconception is that the Catholic Church says “NO” to most reproductive technologies when, in fact, the Church says a loving and merciful “YES” to some reproductive technologies and to a way of healing

the underlying causes of infertility that upholds the dignity of the couple and the child they hope to conceive. This session will elaborate on what the Church teaches with regard to *in vitro* fertilization, surrogacy and more. By explaining licit reproductive technologies and describing the Catholic treatment alternatives, this session will offer a clear understanding of Church teaching on these bioethical issues.



Angelique Ruhi-Lopez

Based in Miami, Fla., and inspired by her own infertility journey, Angelique Ruhi-Lopez is co-author of “The Infertility Companion for Catholics: Spiritual and Practical Support for Couples,” written as a resource to provide answers on the Church’s view on infertility and adoption. The freelance journalist and editor, Ruhi-Lopez has traveled across the nation to speak on infertility. She has served on the Archdiocese of Miami’s Synod committee on the family and serves with her husband as NFP promoters and marriage preparation ministers.



Carmen L. Santamaria

Carmen Santamaria is an attorney who lives in Miami, Fla., and is co-author of the award-winning book, “The Infertility Companion for Catholics.” She has traveled the nation speaking at more than 20 Catholic infertility/marriage/pro-life workshops, retreats, radio and TV shows. Santamaria is on the Board of Directors of the Couple to Couple League, she serves on the Archdiocese of Miami’s Planned Giving Advisory Council and is a Legatus Chapter Administrator. She and her husband are catechists, serve in marriage preparation and are NFP instructors.

2-22 THIRSTING FOR JUSTICE: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES 🕊

Gleaning from the newly revised U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ “Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities,” this workshop will examine how promoting the active engagement of youth with disabilities in faith formation and the sacraments is an expression of our thirst for justice. A variety of models of fostering belonging, effective teaching methods, best practices and resources that will assist catechetical leaders, catechists and parents will be shared.



Sr. Kathleen Schipani, IHM, MEd

Sr. Kathleen Schipani, a sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is Director of the Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. She formerly served as Board Chair for the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Sr. Schipani has 39 years of teaching experience with children and adults of all abilities. She has collaborated in national and international projects related to disabilities, presented workshops and trainings and co-authored teacher guides and DVD curricula to prepare individuals who are deaf for the sacraments of initiation.

2-23 MOMENTS, MISSIONS AND MILESTONES: THREE THINGS EVERY FAMILY NEEDS TO GROW THEIR DOMESTIC CHURCH ☪

We know faith begins and ends in the home. We know parents are the most powerful influence of faith with their children. We know the Church underscores time and again the critical catechetical role parents possess in faith transmission. But do we know how to get from “here” to “there” in helping parents and families understand and embrace these realities in their daily life? Come and join others hungering for some practical, hands-on approaches to help parents grow, sustain and celebrate faith within their domestic church.



Michael Theisen

Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and faith formation for over 30 years, authoring numerous articles and more than 15 books. His experience as a speaker, trainer and ministry leader ranges from parish to diocesan and national levels. Theisen serves as Director of Ministry Formation for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C., where he also is the National Coordinator for their Strong Catholic Families Initiative. He resides with his family in Rochester, N.Y.

2-24 MINISTERING WITH YOUTH IN A NON-TRADITIONAL SETTING ☪

Rural, small, clustered, combined are all unique ministry environments. Come explore some incredible, dynamic, successful practices and strategies for long-term success!



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, traveling to over 75 dioceses in the past 20 years teaching, keynoting conventions and training youth ministers. Tooke has spoken at World Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry and continues to serve as a leader in the field.

2-25 BRING LIFE AND RELEVANCE TO YOUR SCHOOL LITURGIES – PRAYER AND PRAISE THROUGH MUSIC ☪

Children can find church boring. We will look at ways to energize our school liturgies from the beginning of the school year to graduation. Through well-planned liturgy and music, we can help our children connect their worship experiences to real life.



Christopher Walker

Internationally known church composer and choral conductor, Christopher Walker is Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles, Calif., and formerly served at the Clifton Cathedral in the United Kingdom for 18 years. He is a worldwide speaker on church music and liturgy, choral and cantor techniques and children's spirituality and has appeared in six recent broadcasts on the BBC Network. Walker's music for adults and children is sung in churches worldwide. His latest work is entitled “Love Beyond Knowledge.”

1972 At the 1972 Congress, Los Angeles Archbishop Cardinal Timothy Manning presided at a jubilee Mass commemorating the 50th anniversary of the beginnings of a formal religious education program in what was then the the Diocese of Monterey-Los Angeles by Bishop John J. Cantwell.



2-70 THÂN XÁC NGƯỜI NAM VÀ NGƯỜI NỮ LÀ ĐỀN THỜ CHÚA THÁNH THẦN ☪

Thuyết trình viên sẽ nói về con người, là nam là nữ, dưới tầm nhìn nhân học Kitô giáo theo thánh Giáo hoàng Gioan Phaolô II, với ba chiều kích căn bản về giới tính, xã hội tính, và sự sống phong nhiêu. Và những hệ luận mục vụ đặc biệt về hôn nhân và gia đình được quan tâm như: những vấn đề về tính dục, đồng tính luyến ái, ngoại tình, ly thân, ly dị, sống chung không hôn phối, sống thử, truyền sinh, ngừa thai, phá thai, thụ tinh nhân tạo...

OUR MALE AND FEMALE BODIES ARE TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ☪

In this session we will first focus on our humanity, male and female, using the Christian theology of St. Pope John Paul II that features three basic dimensions: sexuality, sociality, and fertility. From there, we will discuss the issues affecting marriage and family: sexuality, homosexuality, adultery, separation, divorce, cohabitation, trial marriage, generation, contraception, abortion, *in vitro* fertilization, etc.



Giám mục Louis Nguyễn Anh Tuấn

Đức Cha Louis Nguyễn Anh Tuấn gốc Quảng Nam, Đà Nẵng, Cử nhân Khoa học, ngành Toán và Vi tính trước khi gia nhập Đại chủng viện Thánh Giuse Sài Gòn. 1999 Thụ phong Linh Mục cho TGP Sài Gòn / Thành Phố HCM. Từ 2007 Giám đốc Chủng sinh dự bị, trưởng ban Mục vụ gia đình Giáo Phận và thư ký Ủy ban Mục vụ gia đình thuộc HĐGMVN. 2017 ĐGH Phanxicô bổ nhiệm Cha Louis Nguyễn Anh Tuấn làm Giám Mục Phụ Tá TGP Sài Gòn.

Bishop Louis Nguyen Anh Tuan

Bishop Louis Nguyen, born in Quang Nam, Da Nang, Vietnam, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science before he entered St. Joseph Seminary in Saigon and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Saigon, Vietnam. In 2007 he was named Rector of the preseminary of St. Paul Loc, Director of the Commission on Family Life, and Secretary of the Episcopal Commission on Family Ministry. In 2017, Pope Francis appointed him Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).



3-01 "DREAMS I NEVER HAD" – JUSTICE DENIED ARENA

Throughout Sacred Scripture, God sent dreams of peace and love to the prophets and saints. In 1963, God even allowed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to share his vision of love through his famous "I Have A Dream" speech. Unfortunately, we are living in a time where the dream of Dr. King and the prophets of old have become nightmares to many. From clergy scandals and police brutality to explicit racism and sexism, we are dealing with stuff of which we never dreamed. This interactive workshop will work to share light on the "dreams I never had!"



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

Fr. Tony Ricard is a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese who currently serves as Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, and Campus Minister and Chair of Theology at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also an instructor for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University and Director of Knight Time Ministries. Fr. Ricard is a native of New Orleans and a former public schoolteacher. He has authored many books and has preached addresses, retreats and revivals across the nation and in 22 countries.

3-02 A VISION FOR CONVERSION: LEADING FOR CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE AND YOUR PARISH

We are called to ongoing conversion – to change our minds and hearts in order to more fully live as disciples of Jesus Christ. If our parishes are to be communities that foster lifelong conversion, we must embrace change, as individuals, and within the life of the parish. Explore principles that will equip you to develop a vision for conversion, to lead for and manage change.



Leisa Anslinger

*Leisa Anslinger is a frequent presenter at parish leadership days as well as diocesan and national conferences. She is Associate Department Director for Pastoral Life in the Cincinnati Archdiocese, and Director of Catholic Life and Faith, a center for pastoral leadership development. A former adjunct faculty member at the Athenaeum of Ohio, Anslinger is a contributing author to *The Living Word* publication and has written several books, her latest includes "A Vision for Conversion" and "30 Days on Stewardship, What Can I Do?"*

3-03 ENCOUNTER: THE CHALLENGES OF OUR FAITH

One of the dominant themes Pope Francis uses is "encounter," urging Catholics to go out to the peripheries, especially to the poor and the marginalized, and encounter other persons. Illustrated by personal experiences of encounter from his international work in humanitarian aid with Catholic Relief Services, Sean Callahan will lead participants in reflection on the transformative power of encountering Christ in the other.



Sean L. Callahan

Sean Callahan is President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community. As a 28-year veteran of CRS, he has held a wide variety of leadership roles, including Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President for Overseas Operations, and Regional Director for South Asia. Callahan is also President of Caritas North America and Vice President of Caritas Internationalis, where he serves on the Executive Board and Representative Council.

3-04 WITH A FATHER'S HEART, WITH A MOTHER'S HEART: PROCESSING GRIEF, LOSS AND RENEWAL WITH CHILDREN

On February 16, 2000, Australian children's composer Andrew Chinn lost his daughter to cancer. It was a life-changing, faith-changing event. Each of us in our lives and in our ministries encounter those who have suffered great loss through death, divorce or separation. Come and share the experience of Andrew and others who work with children and explore ways we can better minister to the children and families in our care. Together, we will gently weave together story, song and prayer as we seek to show the nurturing love of God to those in our care.



Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. With over 35 years of experience in teaching, leadership and liturgy, he has performed and presented at Catholic education conferences in 30 dioceses across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released numerous CDs, DVDs and picture books that are widely used. In 2013, he joined the WLP family that now publishes and distributes his music in North America.

3-05 PARENTHOOD AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Parenthood and other demanding caregiver roles can fill one's life with meaning, connection and joy or leave one feeling depleted and desperate. Jeanne Cotter, liturgical composer and storyteller, is a mother of three "neurologically different" children and the primary caregiver of an aging parent with dementia. In this workshop, she shares her own story and strategies for creating a daily spiritual practice from the demands of being a caregiver, surrendering to God's love in the cacophony of the present moment.



Jeanne Cotter

Based in St. Paul, Minn., Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, performer, storyteller and owner of Mythic Rain. She has presented throughout the United States, including the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and was a team member for the North American Forum on the Catechuminate. Cotter was a presenter at the National Association of Women Business Owners and at the National Speakers Association. A prolific author, her latest titles include "Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis."

3-06 USING AMORIS LAETITIA IN DEFENSE OF LIFE AND NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING 🗣️

Discussion of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, has become increasingly heated in recent months in our ever-more-polarized Catholic culture. This has led to a simplistic, all-or-nothing approach regarding the Exhortation, focusing primarily on the controversial issue of the reception of Holy Communion by those in irregular unions. In fact, the Exhortation contains sections that are very favorable to natural family planning and traditional Catholic sexual ethics: awareness of this may help promote a more positive and broad acceptance of NFP by those who favor the use of *Amoris Laetitia* in evangelization and catechesis.



Fr. Luke Dysinger, OSB, MD, DPhil

Born in Fullerton, Calif., and raised in nearby Huntington Beach, Fr. Luke Dysinger is a Board-Certified doctor in family practice. In 1980, he joined St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., and for the past 18 years the Benedictine monk and priest has taught moral theology and church history at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. Fr. Dysinger has lectured at Oxford University and continues to lecture in bioethics, give presentations on prayer and spirituality, and presents workshops and retreats at St. Andrew's Abbey.

3-07 REIMAGINING CONFIRMATION MINISTRY WITH YOUTH 🗣️

What would it be like if your parish ministry of confirmation was built around providing youth with experiences of faith, relationships with faith witnesses and engaging commitments for ministry, leadership and service? Youth would learn and grow in their faith through this journey of hands-on faithful living. This workshop will explore ways to recreate your preparation and follow-through for confirmation to share faith with youth and their families in vibrant ways.



Tom East

Based in Gig Harbor, Wash., Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development. He is editor and author of numerous books, including "Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry." Previously, he served as Director of Youth Ministry and Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. East is a popular speaker at youth ministry and religious education conferences nationwide and has presented at conferences sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development and all the major national conferences.

3-08 "ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT": WISDOM FROM A CHILDHOOD DIDDY 🗣️

"Row, row, row your boat/ Gently down the stream/ Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily/ Life is but a dream." This delightful 19th-century nursery rhyme can teach us much about consciously aligning our human nature with our divine nature. Jesus makes many references to children in the Bible and advises us to "be like children and to come to him full of faith and trust." This session will be an "exploration of rowing."



Rev. Richard Fragomeni

A priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., Fr. Richard Fragomeni is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also Chair of the Department of Word and Worship. He has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the Catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children, among other subjects. In addition to his teaching and preaching duties, Fr. Fragomeni serves as spiritual director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian-American parish in Chicago's Little Italy.

3-09 CURSES OF THE APPLE 🗣️

Children are exposed to technology from a very young age, even in the religious education classroom. Growing disciples means engaging hearts. So, the arts are needed more than ever to help develop empathy, understanding, conversation and imagination. Join this fun and interactive workshop to discover how the arts – and especially drama – can enliven your religious education classroom.



Anne Frawley-Mangan

Based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Anne Frawley-Mangan teaches at Holy Spirit Seminary and at Australian Catholic University and is Sacramental and Pastoral Coordinator at All Saints Parish in Albany Creek. She is an experienced educator, writer and artist who specializes in using the arts to enhance religious education and liturgy. Frawley-Mangan is also Creative Director of Litmus Productions, which produced "Good News: Dramas from Luke's Gospel."

3-10 ADMINISTRATION AS A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY 🗣️

Administration is often critiqued both by those within the profession and outside as work that takes fun-loving people and turns them into anxious curmudgeons, but it doesn't have to be that way. Speaking out of her own experience as an educational administrator and parish leader, Ann Garrido will look at practices of administration that can be potentially transformative, making us not only effective administrators but holier, healthier Christians. Participants will be invited to reassess their own daily tasks with an eye toward how they might serve not only the greater Reign of God, but their own personal spiritual journey.



Ann M. Garrido

Ann Garrido is Associate Professor of Homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Mo., and Director of their Spiritual Formation for Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program. She also serves as a Consultant with Triad Consulting Group, a conflict mediation and communications team based in Cambridge, Mass. Garrido is a recognized formation leader for the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Her books include "Redeeming Conflict," "Preaching to the Choir" and "Redeeming Administration"

3-11 EDUCATING IN FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE ☪

In this time of intensified political polarization, it is imperative that Catholics renew our commitment to a living Christian faith. Such faith demands the works of justice. We must be clear about what justice, why justice and how to intentionally educate in faith that does justice.



Dr. Thomas Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College School of Theology, and Director of their Church in the 21st Century Center. The award-winning author has written or edited 10 books and numerous articles and essays. Dr. Groome has made over 800 public presentations throughout the last 42 years, both nationally and internationally. A favorite speaker of the Religious Education Congress; this marks his 38th year of giving presentations.

3-12 BAPTISM: WELCOME TO A LIFELONG JOURNEY OF FAITH ☪

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. For Christians, the most important single step is baptism, the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith and the doorway to all the sacraments. How do you prepare an adult or a child and their family to make that first step toward lifelong faith? How do you engage the entire community to celebrate that first step powerfully as they enfold the newly baptized into the community of disciples? This workshop will help you prepare, celebrate and reflect on the baptismal liturgy as the premier sacramental sign of our Christian mission.



Marty Haugen

For 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 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.



Diana Macalintal

Diana Macalintal is a presenter and co-founder of Team RCIA. She has been keynote at several national gatherings, including the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Colledgeville 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."

3-13 YOU ARE THE BELOVED: PRAYING AND CELEBRATING THE DAILY LIVING REMINDER

David Haas (see bio 7-01)

We cannot move forward in any aspect of our spiritual life and mission of discipleship without first claiming and celebrating our being God's true beloved – we are awesomely loved and adopted as the daughters and sons

of God! Then and only then can we live out the "daily reminder" of our primary vocation, to be living witnesses of this love. Let's take some time to be reflective, to allow ourselves to simply "sit" and dwell in the Spirit of this most awesome gift. Let's take some time to listen, reflect, pray, sing and give thanks!

3-14 A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO HUMAN FORMATION ☪

St. Pope John Paul II called for heralds of the Gospel who are "experts in humanity," meaning people who understand the human condition. In this workshop, Dr. Josephine Lombardi will examine certain factors that influence human behavior and place limits on human freedom and the formation of conscience. She will explore prenatal, postnatal, environmental and genetic factors, including early childhood trauma. This information will offer pastoral-care providers insights into certain types of human behavior, showing how grace is the greatest influence.



Josephine Lombardi, PhD

Dr. Josephine Lombardi has worked in a variety of ministries and is currently Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education, and Director of Lay Formation at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. She is an author and retreat leader who has presented at numerous conferences. Dr. Lombardi has worked in radio and television and been appointed Series Theologian for the new Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Religious Education program for Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories.

3-15 SING JUSTICE, LIVE JUSTICE! USING MUSIC TO PROMOTE AND INSPIRE SOCIAL JUSTICE IN LENT AND EASTER ☪

The seasons of Lent and Easter are central in our Church year, and justice is at the core of Gospel values. How can we combine the two to actively promote justice during our annual journey from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost? Join Australian composer Michael Mangan as he shares a range of suitable songs for Lent and Easter that will inspire and motivate our school and parish communities to live justice every day. Bring your voice ... and be ready to use it!



Michael Mangan

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Australia. The former Elementary School Specialist Music Teacher has over 250 compositions that are used in schools and parishes 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.

3-16 AS WE FORGIVE – FREEDOM THROUGH FORGIVENESS 🗣️**Fr. Jim Marchionda, OP** (see bio 4-04)

This promises to be a moving presentation, focusing on the call to meaning, and the challenges of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. There will be special emphasis on the power of God to work wonders through us even when we, ourselves, cannot forgive.

3-17 “WE ARE PARTHIANS, MEDES AND ELAMITES”: THE BIBLE ON OUR MULTICULTURAL CHURCH 🗣️

Immigration is changing the face of the country and the local church ... and the Bible has something to say about living in a multicultural setting. This session will examine the issues and consider the biblical challenges.

**Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD**

Fr. Patrick Mullen, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary and Pastor of the neighboring Junipero Serra Church in Camarillo, Calif. He is author of “Dining with Pharisees” and the high school Scriptures introductory, “Sacred Scripture.” Fr. Mullen speaks annually at the Religious Education Congress and to diocesan priests in Phoenix, Utah and seven of the 12 dioceses of California, as well as diocesan conferences throughout the Southwest, Texas, Little Rock and Australia.

3-18 AMAZON, SEARS AND GOOGLE: MINISTERING TO FAMILIES TODAY 🗣️

Times have changed, and are changing. Families, entertainment, information and shopping look different. The pace of life is so fast and other dimensions of modern culture can leave ministers scratching our heads or feeling hopeless that faith and the community life we celebrate are becoming obsolete. We, as ministers, are “thirsting” ... but so are they. Let's discuss how we find Living Water.

**Mike Patin**

Mike Patin, the “engaging” Cajun who lives in Lafayette, La., has served as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan staff person. He was previously with the CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese and, since 2003, he has been a full-time “faith horticulturist” addressing 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.”

3-19 HOW TO DO MINISTRY WITHOUT DESTROYING YOUR VOCATION 🗣️

Doing ministry can be hazardous to your vocation. Finding balance can often be difficult when we are called to ministry. Whether a priest, religious or lay leader, it is critical we continue to care for our primary vocation. This workshop will give practical steps to keep us healthy in ministry.

**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 in over 60 dioceses across the United States and Canada. Perron has been a keynote presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference and the L.A. Youth Day along with numerous workshops at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. His latest book is entitled “God Sized Family.”

3-20 THE SEX ABUSE CRISIS: A CHURCH THAT NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION**Rev. Thomas J. Reese, SJ** (see bio 1-18)

The clergy sex abuse crisis continues to rock the Catholic Church. In this session we will take a look at some possible actions the Church can take.

3-21 GOD, CHRIST, THE CHURCHES AND THE POOR – KNOWING OUR TRADITION 🗣️

Everyone who is good-hearted thirsts for justice, but too few of us know what the Scriptures and our Church teachings call us to. What do the Jewish Scriptures (our Old Testament) teach us about God's relationship to the poor? What does Jesus call us to in terms of living just lives? What are the key teachings of the Church regarding justice? How do we integrate social justice to the demands of spirituality as a whole? Knowing our tradition helps answer these questions.

**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI**

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. The well-known lecturer's books have been translated into many languages and his weekly column appears in more than 80 publications worldwide. Fr. Rolheiser formerly taught at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and served as Provincial Superior of his Oblate Province and on the General Council for the Oblates in Rome.

3-22 SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP 🗣️

Today, everyone is connected by mobile devices and social media, and sometimes that light shines brighter than a lighthouse. But who is forming our current and future Catholics in the ethics, morals and faith-based realities of technology? Learn how schools, administrators, pastors and catechists across the world are implementing these faith-based, religious, technology-infused programs!

**Paul Sanfrancesco**

Paul Sanfrancesco is a National Technology Consultant for William H. Sadler, Inc. For over 24 years, he has worked in Catholic, private and public education, including as Director of Technology for the 200-plus schools of the Philadelphia Archdiocese and in teaching at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Sanfrancesco has been featured in several publications and presents at local and national convocations.

3-23 RECLAIMING THE FIRE OF PARISH LIFE 🔊

Conversion takes place from the “inside out” and so too does parish transformation. While indicators of success often focus on the externals, this workshop focuses on the internal (the people longing for God who have the capacity to set the world on fire) and Jesus’ approach to disciple-making, including leadership development. This workshop sets forth a vision and practical ways by which your parish can release the fire of your people to become a community of missionary disciples that set the world on fire.



Julianne Stanz

Julianne Stanz is Director of Discipleship and Leadership Development for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and 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 and presentation experience both locally and nationally and is author of several articles and books, including her two most recent: “Developing Disciples of Christ” and “The Catechist’s Backpack: Spiritual Essentials for the Catechist’s Journey.”

3-24 ISLAM, CONFLICT, PEACEMAKING & THE MODERN WORLD 🔊

In this session, we will explore both the Islamic faith and the Muslim peoples of the world and their relationship to violence and peacemaking in global conflicts. Some attention will also be given to Islam in America. The approach will be theological and sociological as well as historical.



Jihad Mohammed Turk

Jihad Turk is founding President of Bayan Claremont, the first Islamic graduate seminary in the United States, located in Claremont, Calif. He is a Palestinian-American Muslim who has studied Arabic at the Islamic University of Madinah and Farsi at the University of Tehran. Turk has been featured on the History Channel, CNN and the Los Angeles Times and in Washington Post and Huffington Post op-eds. He also appears in the online documentary, “Traveling with Jihad.”

3-25 ACCOMPANIMENT: LEADING SEEKERS TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST 🔊

We all know that faith formation moves from the head to the heart. But Pope Francis says we need to move formation even lower – to our feet. He said we must “warm the hearts of the people [and] walk through the dark night with them.” We do this by going “beyond the simple realm of scholastics, in order to educate believers.” The Church has given us a perfect formation model in the baptismal catechumenate. Come discover the six core principles of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and how those principles guide us in the art of accompaniment.



Nick Wagner

Nick Wagner is co-founder and Co-Director of the online resource TeamRCIA.com. He has spoken at numerous parish, diocesan and national training events for over 25 years, and has been an active team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. He is also on the faculty at the Institute for Leadership in Ministry in the Diocese of San Jose, Calif. Wagner is author of “Field Hospital Catechesis: The Core Content for RCIA Formation” and “Seek the Living God: Five RCIA Inquiry Questions for Making Disciples.”

3-70 CHANH LÒNG THƯƠNG: ĐƯỜNG DẪN ĐẾN CUỘC SỐNG SUNG MÃN VÀ TOÀN VẸN 🔊

Một bà cụ nằm liệt giường hơn mười năm trong một nhà dưỡng lão đón tiếp tôi với nụ cười thật tươi và ánh mắt rạng ngời. Niềm vui và sự bình an sâu thẳm phản chiếu qua từng ánh mắt của bà; chúng xem ra thật đối lập với tâm thần gầy gò co quắp vì bệnh tật. Tôi thật xúc động và tự hỏi: Điều gì đã khiến bà cụ có thể tươi vui như thế kia? Tất cả chúng ta đều muốn sống một cuộc đời vui tươi hạnh phúc và mỗi người đi tìm nó theo cách thể riêng của mình. Không ít người đi đến kết cục với cảm giác trống rỗng, vô nghĩa và buồn bã. Tại sao? Đến với Giêsu, Ngài sẽ chỉ cho bạn cách thể để đạt được cuộc sống hạnh phúc và sung mãn ngay hôm nay.

THE HEART THAT MOVED: A WAY TOWARD LIFE-FULFILLMENT AND WHOLENESS 🔊

An elderly woman in a nursing home who was bedridden for more than 10 years welcomed me with her sweet smile and bright eyes. Her joy and deep peace radiated in her eyes, which seemed contradictory to her thin and curled body. I was so moved that I asked: What makes this person so happy? We all want to live happy, meaningful lives and each individual searches for happiness in their own way. Many people end up with a sense of emptiness, meaninglessness and sadness. Why? Let Jesus show us the way toward a happy and fulfilling live today.



Sơ Lý Thị Bích Quyên

Thuộc Dòng Đức Bà Truyền Giáo, một Hội Dòng thừa sai quốc tế đang hiện diện và phục vụ ở năm châu lục. Sơ là một trong năm thành viên của Ban Lãnh Đạo Trung Ương của Hội Dòng, sống và làm việc tại Roma. Sơ thăm viếng và cộng tác với các sơ tại hơn hai mươi quốc gia để điều phối đời sống và sứ mạng của Dòng. Sơ Bích Quyên phục vụ trong lãnh vực huấn luyện đào tạo nhân sự, tư vấn tâm lý, dạy học, mục vụ cho tù nhân và những người bên lề xã hội.

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