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March 22-24 Adult Days

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OVERVIEW

THURSDAY – MARCH 21, 2019

See pages 7-15 for the Youth Day schedule.

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm On-site registration/Program pick-up (Prefunction area)

FRIDAY – MARCH 22, 2019

7:00 am - 3:00 pm On-site registration/Program pick-up (Prefunction area)

8:30 - 9:30 am Opening Ceremony & Welcome (Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am Period 1 Workshops

10:15 - 10:45 am RECongress Chat (Hall A)

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
– Meredith Augustin & John Angotti

Music (North Hall - upper)
– WAL

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 2 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 3 Workshops

5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies

7:45 - 9:45 pm Film Showcase 2019 (Convention 201)

8:00 pm Concert (Arena)
– Fr. Rob Galea

SATURDAY – MARCH 23, 2019

7:30 am - 2:30 pm On-site registration/Program pick-up (Prefunction area)

7:50 am Morning Praise & Keynote English (Arena)
– TBA

7:50 am Morning Praise & Keynote Spanish (North Hall - upper)
– Sr. Norma Pimentel

10:00 - 11:30 am Period 4 Workshops

10:30 am Front Row with Archbishop Gomez (Hall A)

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
– Sarah Hart & Vallimar Jansen
Music (North Hall - upper)
– John Burland, Michael Mangan, Andrew Chinn & James Wahl

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 5 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 6 Workshops

5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies

8:00 pm Concert (Arena)
– Vallimar Jansen

8:30 pm Sacred Illuminations 2019 (Convention 213)

9:00 pm Taizé Prayer (Convention 303)

9:00 pm - 12 mid Young Adult Dance (Marriott)

SUNDAY – MARCH 24, 2019

7:00 am Morning Rosary (Conv. 303)

8:00 - 11:00 am On-site registration

8:00 - 9:30 am Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am Period 7 Workshops

11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)
– M. Roger Holland II
Music (North Hall - upper)
– Jesse Manibusan & Tom Kendzia

1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm Closing Liturgy (Arena)



2019 THEME REFLECTION

The theme for the RECongress Adult Days springs from the Sunday Gospel reading in which a Samaritan woman encounters Jesus at a well. Their conversation opens new possibilities not only for the woman but for her whole town as well, possibilities for a new life found in Christ himself. This reading has special significance in the Church's life. For many centuries, this reading has accompanied those who are seeking initiation in our Church. The imagery of finding one's thirst quenched not from water drawn from the deep underground but from the infinite love and mercy of Jesus have called so many to conversion and faith.

This theme also recalls Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes of those who have a yearning for justice that is so deep, so intense it feels like a persistent thirst, a gnawing hunger. In this, we are again called to turn to Jesus who reconciles all creation to God and through his death and Resurrection and sends the Spirit to awaken in us the courage and gifts necessary to work for justice and peace.

Our theme, "Thirsting for Justice," not only describes a condition of the heart but it also is meant to begin a conversation. Thirsting for justice, what am I willing to do to help build the kingdom of God? How will you respond?

– Fr. Christopher Bazyouros
Director, Office of Religious Education

WHAT IS THE RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the world. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** RECongress now draws 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 300 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You may register online at www.RECongress.org by credit card, or use the Registration Form on the **inside back cover** to register by check or money order through the mail.

RECONGRESS LOCATION & COST

RECongress is held at the Anaheim Convention Center, located at 800 West Katella Avenue in Anaheim, Calif., directly south of Disneyland and Disney California Adventure.

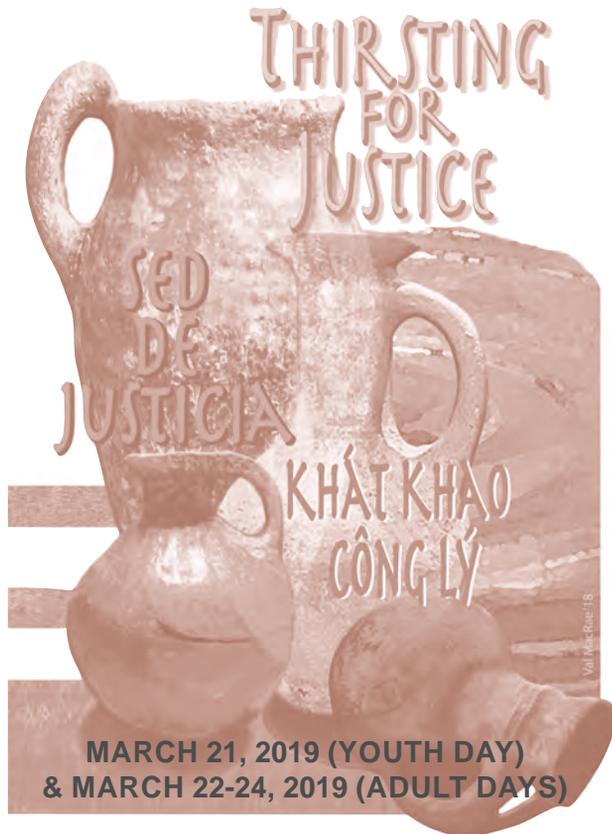
COST: The registration fee for RECongress covers admission to all events, ticketed workshops, concerts, liturgies and exhibits (name badges required) throughout the three days. Fees for the Adult Days are:

\$75 – by February 22, 2019 deadline

\$85 – after February 22, 2019

NOTE: If you have not mailed in your Registration Form by March 1, 2019, please register online or on site at the Convention Center. Online registration closes 9 am Sunday of Congress.

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- Maps to the Anaheim Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, hotel workshops and Anaheim-area restaurants
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- Office of Religious Education staff & program offerings
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WHAT IS THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS?

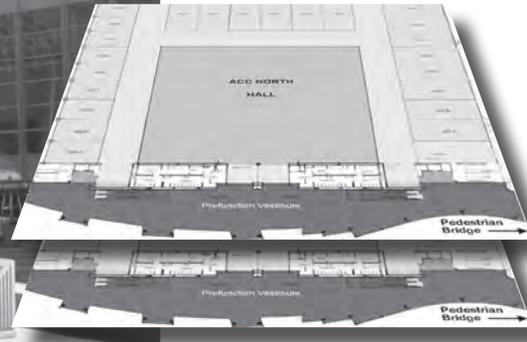
HELD IN ANAHEIM

Begun as an “Institute” back in 1956, our event became the “CCD Congress” and is now known as the “Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.” And since 1970 (when Orange County was still a part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese), the Anaheim Convention Center has been home to our annual event.



ACC NORTH IS HALL B

Last year, RECongress was among the first events to use the new ACC North building. This year, we have moved all our Hall B (“Spanish Arena”) events to the 200 level – the upper level – of ACC North. Both Youth Day and our Adult Days will utilize the new “North Hall.”
(Thursday through Sunday)



YOUTH DAY

The Religious Education Congress starts off the long weekend on Thursday, March 21, with the high-energy, day-long event for high school youth. It’s an opportunity for students to share in a mix of workshops, keynote and a liturgy to be sent out to live as missionary disciples.
(See pages 7-15.)

LITURGIES

One of the unique features of RECongress is that it annually offers a variety of liturgies of different character. This year we will be offering 14 Eucharistic Liturgies – from Byzantine Divine Liturgy to a Mass Promoting Harmony – along with daily morning and evening prayer experiences. *(See page 22.)*



ART EXHIBIT

Come enjoy our 2019 Art Exhibit located in the Arena Lobby. Each year RECongress features a display of works of art – whether by a local artist or a display to bring to light some current and important issues of our day. Drop by to view and experience this year’s display. *(Arena Lobby)*



EXHIBIT HALL

One of the perks of registering for RECongress is admission to Exhibit Hall A – showcasing over 250 companies as exhibitors ranging from religious art to music, from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to a variety of Los Angeles archdiocesan ministries. *(Friday through Sunday)*





SPEAKERS

Over the four days, RECongress 2019 will offer 308 workshops presented by 192 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And our Saturday Keynote speakers in English and Spanish are again ensconced in our Morning Praise.



ENTERTAINMENT

Admission to RECongress includes free lunchtime and evening concerts presented by well-known and loved RECongress artists – ranging from contemporary Christian music to the leading Latino composers and artists. Enjoy the variety of musical styles from around the world. (Friday through Sunday)

SACRED SPACE

Spend some time in a quiet place, in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, participating in the sacrament of reconciliation or experience the ancient practice of walking the labyrinth. Note the new location in ACC North: Sacred Space in North 151-152 and confessions in North 153/156. (Thursday through Sunday)



PERFORMANCE STAGE

Several of the performing artists at the Religious Education Congress have scheduled time to appear at the Performance Stage, located in the southeast area of Hall A. The stage showcases 20-minute sets of live music. Stop by for a listen and check the on-site schedule. (Friday through Sunday)



FILM SHOWCASE In partnership with Loyola Marymount University’s Center for Religion and Spirituality, RECongress annually presents excerpts from a number of feature films, shorts and documentaries whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, ministry, spirituality and theology. (Friday evening)



SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2019

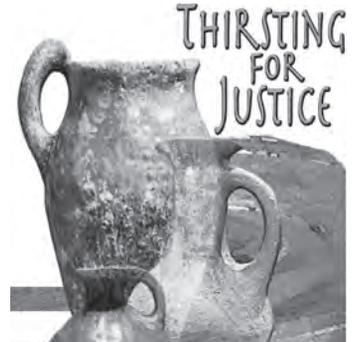
An annual event at RECongress is *Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound*. Incorporating her newest fine art photography, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, brings us deeper to the care and to the heart of God. (Saturday evening.)

HALL EVENTS

The Exhibit Hall is one of the busiest locations during the Religious Education Congress, where you can find a variety of exhibitors – including departments of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. And be sure to stop by the ORE Booth (photo) and the RECongress Technology Center. (Exhibit Hall A)



AND MORE ... There is much more to Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, whether you attend just Youth Day or spend the whole weekend long, you will find a variety of constant events from early morning through the evening. Be sure to experience the sampling of all that the RECongress has to offer.



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You can check our site on the internet at www.RECongress.org for updates – or sign up for our Emailing Updates filled with important information.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the whole family of God here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I want to welcome you to our 2019 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress!

Our time together begins with our annual Youth Day. This year's theme is *"Trust! God's Gotchu."* I look forward to this day every year – it is a great time to pray and worship and spend time with our young people and to call them to a deeper love for Jesus Christ.

The theme that draws us together for the Adult Days of RECongress is *"Thirsting for Justice."* And of course, we hear in this theme Our Lord's promise from his Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness." Righteousness in the Scriptures means "rightness" or justice. Things are righteous or just when they are the way God wants them to be.

We are born with this thirst inside us – a thirst for holiness, for love and mercy, for a society that reflects God's beautiful intentions for creation. This is how God calls us to live – to walk with Jesus and to grow in holiness, to seek his Kingdom through works of justice for the poor and vulnerable.

What we are all thirsting for is Jesus Christ. We are like that woman from Samaria who meets Jesus at the well and asks him: "Give me this water, that I may not thirst."

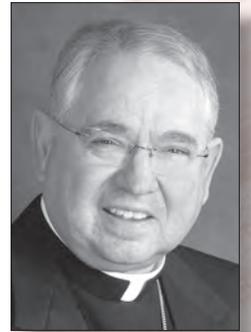
And Jesus longs to give us the gift of God, the living water that brings eternal life. As we thirst, so does Jesus. His final words on the cross are words of desire: "I thirst."

I pray that these days will be a time of renewal for all of you. May you come to a new awareness of how Jesus thirsts for your love and a new dedication to following him in seeking holiness in your life and justice in our world.

In your prayers this weekend, please remember me and our ministry here in Los Angeles. I entrust you all to the loving heart of Our Blessed Mother Mary.

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

It fills me with joy to welcome you to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2019!

Growing up in California I have been quite used to efforts to conserve water. Water is a precious resource and living through experiences of prolonged drought one can often be left wondering if there will ever be a change, if anything will get better: *Will there ever be enough for everyone?* We should always be good stewards of all the many blessings we receive from God, which includes this magnificent planet. We also long for a day when we don't have to count every drop. This experience of shortage, of not having enough, sets the context for our themes, *"Trust! God's Gotchu"* and *"Thirsting for Justice."* They speak of our limits: our failure to trust in God's providence, our failure to live justly with God and with our neighbors. They also speak of God's abundance: where there is fear and doubt, God brings faith and hope; where there is longing for an end to suffering and injustice, God liberates us from sin and death.

Jesus tells the Samaritan woman, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." We come to God, longing to be filled with his Holy Spirit, a spirit of peace, a spirit of joy. We invite you to seek God, who satisfies every longing, here at the Religious Education Congress. In our sessions, liturgies, time of prayer and being in community, we open our hearts and, like an empty jug, await to be filled with the living water who is Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you here and sharing this blessed time together. Share the joy and bring a friend. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely,

Fr. Chris Bazyouros

Fr. Chris Bazyouros
Director, Office of Religious Education



A MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends,

We have the great joy of warmly welcoming you to this extraordinary, annual, four-day event: The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, 2019. The RECongress begins with a vibrant gathering of our youth reflecting on the theme: “Trust! God’s Gotchu.” You can read more of the specifics on the theme and all other Youth Day events on pages 7-15 of this Registration Guidebook.

The weekend continues, inspired by the Adult Days theme – “Thirsting for Justice” | “Sed de Justicia” | “Khát Khao Công Lý” – which is drawn from the Scripture readings from the Third Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel reading, the Samaritan woman’s encounter with Jesus at the well ensures that no one is ever outcast. Just as Jesus invited the Samaritan woman to drink deeply from God’s well of mercy, each of us is invited to do the same and then to testify to our salvation in Jesus. May our weekend together inspire us to go forth and lead others to Christ by the witness of our lives well lived.

As the weekend unfolds, you can look forward to outstanding workshops offered in a variety of languages by some of the preeminent national and international presenters. A variety of liturgical prayer opportunities will provide time for prayer and reflection. Join us for amazing concerts, inspiring art exhibit and the joy of learning more about our diverse communities at the multicultural exhibit. Sacred Space, along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will be offered as a time for prayer and renewal. Also, be sure to take some time to visit the Exhibit Hall. A wide variety of resources and company representatives will be available to offer you personalized service. Do not miss out hearing a variety of musicians performing throughout the day at the Exhibit Hall Performance Stage. These are just some of the many highlights that await you!

Workshop descriptions and event listings, housing information, online and mail-in registration instructions are included in this Registration Guidebook and updated regularly on our website at www.RECongress.org. You can obtain additional information by email at congress@la-archdiocese.org or by calling the RECongress general office line at (213) 637-7348

As an international gathering, RECongress is also a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and meet people from all over the world. If you know of others whom you feel may be enriched by participating in RECongress, please share your experience with them and extend a personal invitation to join us for the weekend. We would love to see them! For those not able to join us in Anaheim, remember that our event is available via our live stream at www.RECongress.org/Live.

Again, we look forward to personally welcoming you at our 2019 RECongress.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATORS OF CATECHIST FORMATION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ and in faith, we want to express our joy in meeting you again at our annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

The theme of our Congress, “*Thirsting for Justice*,” reverberates permanently throughout the history of humanity, and it is expressed as the thread that weaves the realities of peoples in Sacred Scripture. Although we seek (and must find) concrete improvements for the common good, “justice” is much more than political and social results. Justice is the constant struggle to build God’s Kingdom. Justice is a process through which we become more human with each attitude and each action that transform us to see the sacred face of God in each person. Justice is an evolution in which we grow in the conscience of knowing ourselves intrinsically one with creation, understood as the exteriorization of God. Therefore, the thirst for justice is the journey that every human being, and every Christian in particular, must traverse every day of his/her life, especially us, catechists and ministers of the Word.

The Religious Education Congress is an excellent opportunity for all certified catechists to make use of the many workshops for continuous formation and for the process of basic and advanced recertification. To obtain a recertification form, please visit our web page at www.la-archdiocese.org/org/ore, or send an email requesting one at eargueta@la-archdiocese.org.

We invite you, therefore, to prepare your heart to continue the struggle of the numerous witnesses and lovers of peace and justice.

Our faith journey is to be done in community, may we continue to be blessed by your presence.

In Christ our peace,



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A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR

Greetings!

On behalf of the Youth Day Coordinating Team, it is my honor to welcome you and the young people in your ministry to Youth Day 2019. Youth Day begins the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. The day brings together more than 12,000 Catholic young people from across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and beyond. Together with their Chaperones, young people will be invited to renew, experience and celebrate their Catholic faith.

There have been some changes to Youth Day this year. We are excited to debut our new format and hope that this new model might serve you better. Youth Day still features two tracks; however, these tracks now offer a staggered start and end time. All Youth Day participants will hear our Keynote speaker, experience the Arena general session, participate in a Spirit-filled Liturgy, and attend two workshops (chosen on site). All workshops will be in ACC North, the new Convention Center expansion space. Workshops are presented in a variety of settings, such as round tables to allow for group processing and rooms with open space to allow for movement. When registering your group, you will only need general group information and the names of your Chaperones. Youth badges are now able to be purchased without assigning a name to the badge.

It is our hope that these changes will help you to more fully engage in the day. As you continue to prepare, I invite you to dialogue with us online. Follow us across all social media platforms @LAYouthDay. Use #LAYouthDay and this year's official hashtag #TrustGodsGotchu in your posts. Make sure to download our app and visit our website – www.RECongress.org/YD – for the most current information.

Thank you for your willingness to share this opportunity with those you serve. Our team looks forward to welcoming you at Youth Day 2019: **Trust! God's Gotchu.**

Victoria Radleigh Smith

Victoria Radleigh Smith
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

PREPARING FOR YOUTH DAY

Youth Day 2019 takes place on Thursday of the Second Week of Lent. The readings of the day have helped to shape our theme, *Trust! God's Gotchu*, and the events of the day. Below you will find the readings, along with a theme reflection prepared by young people for young people.

- First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
- Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The first reading gives a warning to those who place their trust in others and not in the Lord. Like a barren bush in the scorching desert, those without hope in the Lord will receive no relief. However, those who hope in the Lord should not fear, for they will be rewarded. The passage reminds us that the Lord alone knows our struggles and will judge "everyone according to the merit of his deeds" (Romans 2:6).

We see God's judgment later in the Gospel as we hear of Lazarus and the Rich Man. Lazarus had little and suffered greatly throughout his life. Through it all, his faith never wavered. Though he sat at the door of the rich man's house, he received no comfort or aid. When he died, he was carried away by angels and brought to a place of peace. The rich man also died but found himself in a place of torment. He had a vision and saw Abraham with Lazarus in heaven. He begged Abraham for mercy, yet Abraham replied, "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus received what was bad." The rich man begged for Lazarus to be sent to his family to warn them so they would not suffer as he did. Abraham reminded the man that his family had Moses and the prophets, saying, "If they will not listen to them, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

These passages invite us to reflect upon our own trust and disbelief. In what ways are we Lazarus? In what ways are we the Rich Man? As those who have hope in the Lord, how are we being invited to deepen our trust in God's goodness? In modern jargon when someone says "I gotchu" it means that they have you covered and that you can lean on them for support. **Trust! God's Gotchu** offers a message of comfort and hope to young people attending the day. It is a reminder that when we persevere in faithfulness, we will be rewarded. Our theme is broadly applicable and transcends time and circumstance. Young people will discern their own faith journey and be called to renew their commitment to trust in Christ. They will leave challenged to joyfully embrace this message of hope. Whatever you are experiencing, whatever struggle or burden – **Trust! God's Gotchu.**



Youth Day

TRACK 1

7:30 AM – DOORS OPEN

8:00 AM – ARENA SESSION

For those registered in Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2019 begins in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by **WAL**. The General Session will also include:



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY



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

KEYNOTE

Our featured keynote speaker, **Fr. Mike Schmitz**, is known for his presence in the digital world. He will challenge participants to Trust God in all circumstances as he breaks open the theme: **“Trust! God’s Gotchu.”**



11:30 AM – LUNCH

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

12:45 PM – FIRST WORKSHOP

Track 1 participants will be able to attend **two** of the 14 workshops offered. **New this year:** You do not have to register ahead of time for any of the Youth Day workshops. Large groups are welcome to split into smaller groups as long as young people are chaperoned.

2:15 PM – SECOND WORKSHOP

Track 1 participants will be able to attend a second of the 14 workshops offered.

3:15 PM – DISMISSAL

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

REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

Youth Day is open to all young people of high school age in grades 9-12. We welcome those from both public and private school settings. Unfortunately, young people in 8th grade or those who have already graduated high school will not be permitted to attend.

Young people must register as part of a group and be accompanied by a Chaperone at all times. One Chaperone is needed for each group of 10 young people with two Chaperones being needed for the first group of 10. Parents and Chaperones wishing to accompany young people at Youth Day must be 21 years of age and in compliance with their diocese’s Safe Environment Policies.

When registering for the day, please select a Track. This year, tracks have a staggered start and end time. Workshops will be chosen on site. We recommend that you become familiar with our offerings in advance.

Youth Day registration is \$40 per participant with special discount pricing of \$35 being available until February 22, 2019. Youth Day often fills to capacity, please register early to avoid disappointment. The last day to mail in registration will be March 1. Registrations received after this date will be returned to the Contact Person.



ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY

Adults not chaperoning young people are invited to volunteer on Youth Day. All volunteers assisting with Youth Day must be over the age of 21 and in compliance with their diocese’s Safe Environment Policies. This includes fingerprinting, attendance at awareness sessions, and proof of active participation and good standing with your parish community. If you are unsure of what is required by your diocese, please contact your diocesan Youth Ministry Office.

Volunteers interested in serving at Youth Day are asked to be available for the entire day beginning at 6:30 am. Your service will conclude by 4:00 pm. All new and returning volunteers are asked to attend a Volunteer Meeting prior to the event as well as a morning gathering on the day of the event.

Youth Day volunteer positions include:

Area Captain: Those who are responsible for overseeing a specific area of space, such as the Arena or ACC North.

Chairperson: Those who are responsible for overseeing a specific room.

People Moving: Those who will assist with the traffic flow and crowd control during the day.

Hospitality: Those who serve as a welcoming face to young people. These individuals may also be used to assist in giving information and directing participants.

Prayer Team: Those who are committed to praying for the young people throughout the day.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact Anitra and Robert Gil at youthday@la-archdiocese.org.



LOGO WEAR FOR THE DAY

Make sure to get your official youth day logowear. T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts will be available on Youth Day. Sizes range from small to XXXL. Quantities are limited, so stop by early. Logowear can be found in our exhibit space in ACC North in the lower 100 level.

SACRED SPACE ON YOUTH DAY



Sacred Space provides a quiet place to pray, visit the chapel or walk the labyrinth. It offers a place to take a respite from the busy day and enter a space dedicated to facilitating a sense of spiritual rejuvenation through quiet prayer with Christ. Each year a themed multi-media exhibit is presented that both inspires and challenges the people of God to live the Gospel more fully.

Sacred Space will be open from 7:30 am-4:00 pm and can be found in ACC North 151-152 (lower level).

APP FOR YOUTH DAY

The Youth Day App is available in the AppStore for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch and in the Google Play Store. With this app, you can stay up to date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them on social media, viewing their websites and reading their workshop synopsis. Learn more about Sacred Space, vendors and other Youth Day features. Find useful maps and links to all our social media channels.

OFFICIAL HASHTAGS FOR YOUTH DAY

Be part of the conversation. Join us online across all social media platforms with @LAYouthDay. Use the official Youth Day hashtag #LAYouthDay along with this year's hashtag #TrustGodsGotchu in all your posts.

SUPPORTING OTHERS ON THE DAY

Each year, a collection is taken during our Youth Day liturgies. A portion of this collection goes to support the Youth Ministry Division's efforts to form youth leaders and encourage youth participation in our various programs and leadership camps. These funds make scholarships available for those local, regional and national opportunities. The other part of our collection is donated to key organizations in an effort to support their work.

Our primary collection beneficiary is chosen by young people who serve as part of the Youth Day Coordinating Team. This year, **Catholic Charities of Los Angeles** was selected. The young people have asked that funds be split to support Disaster Relief, and Immigration and Refugee Services. To find out more about Catholic Charities, visit their website at www.catholiccharitiesla.org. You are also encouraged to stop by their booth in our exhibit area on the 100 level of ACC North. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

TRACK 2

7:30 AM – DOORS OPEN

8:15 AM – FIRST WORKSHOP

Track 2 participants will begin the day by attending one of the 14 workshops offered. New this year: You do not have to register ahead of time for any of the Youth Day workshops. Large groups are welcome to split into smaller groups as long as young people are chaperoned.

9:45 AM – SECOND WORKSHOP

Track 2 participants will be able to attend a second of the 14 workshops offered.

10:45 AM – LUNCH

Following the two workshops, Track 2 participants will break for lunch. Food is available for purchase inside the Convention Center, in the Youth Day food court (Hall C) and outside in the Grand Plaza. **Note:** You will not be permitted to enter the Arena prior to doors opening at noon.

12:00 PM – ARENA SESSION

For those registered in Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2019 continues in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by **WAL**. The General Session will also include:



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ARENA KEYNOTE Both Youth Day tracks get to see our Arena speaker. In addition to the Arena Keynote, you make your choice of two Convention workshops from the remaining 14 sessions – all held in the new ACC North.

Title: UNSTOPPABLE CONFIDENCE: TRUST IN A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE DIES IN THE END

Speaker: Fr. Mike Schmitz

Location: Convention Arena

Have you ever had someone ruin a movie for you by saying, “It was good, but I didn’t like how everyone died in the end”? Spoiler much? And yet, that’s the truth when it comes to every one of our stories: no one gets out alive. This world is dangerous. In fact, if you live long enough, something in this world will kill you. How is a person supposed to be able to walk through life with trust in God? Is real joy possible in a world of danger, pain and suffering?

We face so many trials, is it possible to hold on to hope when things do not go our way?



Fr. Michael Schmitz is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth, Minn., and Chaplain for the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He has presented and preached to youth and young adults across the country, including the Steubenville Youth and Young Adult Conferences. Fr. Schmitz offers weekly homilies on iTunes and has appeared in programs for youth and young adults through Ascension Press, as well as through regular short video messages on Ascension Presents.

Title: MEDITATION: PAYING ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Speaker: Susan Searle

Location: ACC North 160 (lower Level 100)

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

Yes, even you can learn to meditate! Sitting in meditation takes practice and, by its very nature, requires some preparation and training. A meditative prayer practice can teach you to be attentive to the presence of God while helping you to cope with the distractions and stresses in your daily life. Besides the obvious spiritual benefits, there are also several well-documented health advantages to beginning a meditation practice. We will practice meditation using a variety of techniques to help you develop the habit of praying in this transformative way. Come begin your quest into stillness and paying attention to the presence of God.



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.

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Title: MISSION-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP: MAKE YOUR DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

Speaker: Ted Miles

Location: ACC North 160 (lower Level 100)

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

Have you ever thought of your life as a mission? Do you see yourself as mission, or as called to holiness? Pope Francis reminds us that “every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth” (Message for World Mission Day 2019). Explore the difference God invites YOU to make in helping to build the Kingdom! We live in a world in which God’s people and resources need to be watched over and protected. TRUST that YOU have something to offer, that our world needs YOUR leadership, and that God’s Gotchu in your efforts to make a difference. Join this interactive workshop of story-telling, dialogue and stepping toward global action to discover how to charge your life with mission!



From his formative years as a Jesuit Volunteer in Belize to his current role as Executive Director for Maryknoll Lay Missioners, Ted Miles has spent nearly 30 years exploring the social mission of the Church. Prior to arriving at Maryknoll, he served for 12 years at Catholic Relief Services, coordinating their youth and religious education outreach. Miles has presented in numerous international, regional, diocesan and parish/school settings and in addition to published articles he has developed educational, prayer and retreat resources for both Catholic Relief Services and the Center for Ministry Development.



Title: LEAN ON ME: HELPING YOUR FRIENDS WITHOUT HURTING YOURSELF

Speaker: Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

Location: ACC North 161-162 (lower Level 100)

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

It's hard watching your friends struggle. It's like, "I wanna help, but I'm not sure how, and I don't want to say the wrong thing! And I've got my own problems, so will helping them make mine worse?" In this session, you'll learn how by using a few simple skills and remaining connected to Jesus you can help your friends while taking care of yourself.



For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered in parish, school and diocesan settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice in Lafayette, La., and hosts a podcast, "Today's Teenager," to help adults understand, reach and influence teens. He continues to present at regional and national conferences and workshops in over 30 dioceses across the United States. He has spoken at TEDx and has published several articles and books; his latest title is "Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression: A Field Guide for Catholic Parents, Pastors, and Youth Leaders."

Title: LIVING AN AUTHENTIC LIFE IN CHRIST

Speaker: Doug Tooke

Location: ACC North 161-162 (lower Level 100)

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

In this workshop, Doug Tooke will guide to an exploration of the dynamic invitation to be a contagious, compelling and enthusiastic Catholic. Especially in a world needing the light of Christ now more than ever!



Doug Tooke is Director of Partnerships for ODB Films and owner of Monarch Catholic Ministries, based in Helena, Mont. 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.

Title: DISCONNECTED

Speaker: Mike Patin

Location: ACC North 155-157 (lower Level 100)

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

All you wanna do is livestream, post, chat or text. Then you lose your signal or connection – so frustrating! Today, we're gonna look at SIN. We are all sinners. How does sin disconnect, frustrate, weaken us? And how do we get the "signal" back? Fear not. "Trust! God's Gotchu."



Mike Patin, the "engaging" Cajun, lives in Lafayette, La. He has served the church as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan staff person. Patin previously was 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, retreat facilitator and more. He has published two books: "A Standing Invitation" and "This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry."

Title: MY GOD IS BIGGER

Speaker: Fr. Rob Galea

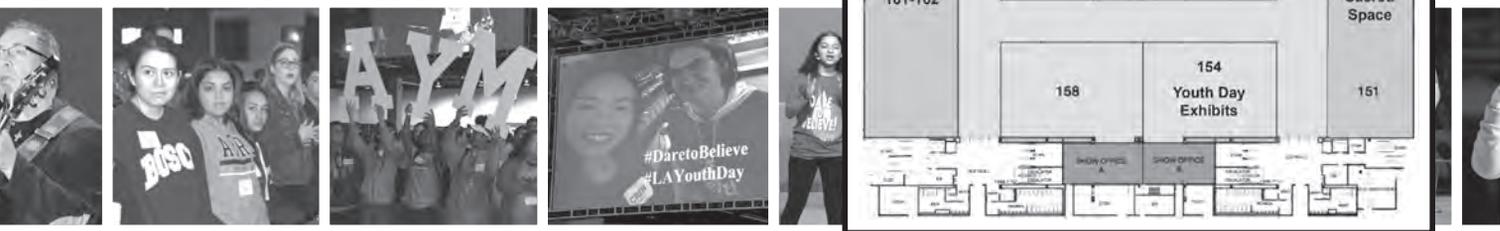
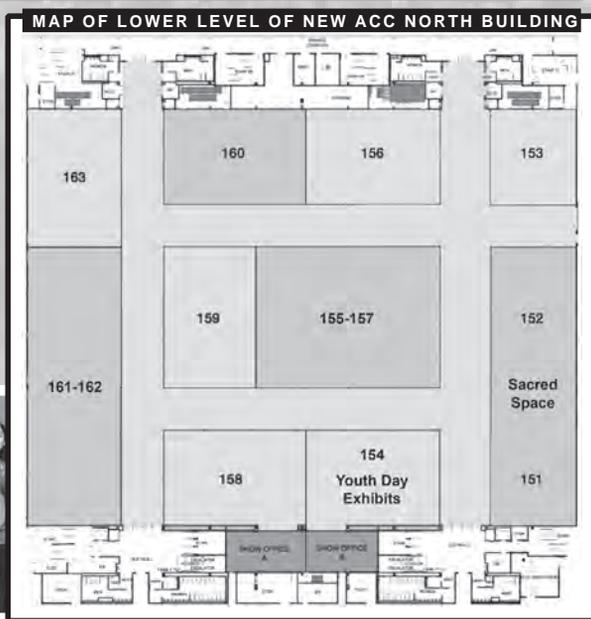
Location: ACC North 155-157 (lower Level 100)

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

Sometimes we just don't realize how BIG God is. We limit God in our lives because we don't know what He is capable of. He is bigger than your anxiety, bigger than your worries, bigger than sickness, death and the universe as we know it. Come and be amazed at the greatness of my God! Fr. Rob Galea will use music and story in this workshop to remember.



Fr. Rob Galea is a parish priest and university chaplain in the Diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria, Australia. He is also founder and Director of FRG Ministry and, in 2008 (with the late Australian Bishop Joseph Grech) founded the Stronger Youth Program "By God's Grace." Fr. Galea speaks and sings at schools, churches and conferences across Australia and around the globe. The singer/songwriter has seven CD releases and has written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences, and his latest book is entitled "Breakthrough."



Title: ADOPTED: DESIRING GOD

Speaker: Bob Perron

Location: ACC North 251-252 (upper Level 200)

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

Everyone knows someone who is adopted. But did you know that you are also adopted? Learn from a dad who has three adopted children what it means to be an adopted child of God and how that adoption has changed your life forever.



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."

Title: FEEL THE POWER: EXPERIENCE GOD IN MUSIC

Speaker: Joe Melendrez

Location: ACC North 252-253 (upper Level 200)

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

It is said that music expresses that which cannot be shared through words. Music is powerful, it can change a person's mood, attitude and energy. Why did God give us music? What is its purpose? How can we use music to glorify God? In this session, we will *feel the power* of God in music! Get ready to reflect, pray, dance and praise Jesus with every breath we take and every sound we make!



Melendrez

Billed as a Catholic performer who is "Latino, relevant, relatable, and deep," Joe Melendrez is a speaker, musical performer, MC and retreat leader who currently serves as Assistant Director of Campus Ministry at Chaminade College Preparatory in West Hills, Calif. He has presented at numerous national and diocesan youth conferences across the United States in addition to World Youth Days in Brazil and Spain and the God is Good Festival in Germany. His CDs include "Kingdom Come" and "Fully Alive" along with his latest digital release, "Chosen."

Title: CAN YOU REPLY: JESUS, I GOTCHU BACK!

Speaker: Katherine Angulo

Location: ACC North 251-252 (upper Level 200)

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

Have you found yourself hanging out with people who don't believe in God? Have you found that your family's faith does not match your needs? Do you find that people are making fun of your faith? More and more I hear of teens feeling hopelessly alone in their faith by being "Catholic at church" but simply avoiding the topic of religion everywhere else. In this session, Katherine Angulo will point out the many obstacles that can keep us away from Jesus and will encourage us to be the counterculture that strongly responds: "Jesus, I gotchu back!"



Angulo

Born in Mexico and raised in Bogota, Colombia, Katherine Angulo is fluent in English, Spanish and French, and has over 19 years of experience in youth ministry. Presently, she is Program Director of the Thriving in Ministry Initiative for the McGrath Institute at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Angulo has presented at diocesan and national events, including the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry and the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. She is also Editor of The Mark, a Catholic magazine for teens, and Executive Producer for the volunteer training program, Called to Accompany/Llamados a Acompañar.

Title: ONE RACE: A DIALOGUE TO DEFEAT RACISM

Speaker: John Angotti

Location: ACC North 252-253 (upper Level 200)

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

This is a workshop that will break open the reality that racism occurs because we don't know each other. Through music and dialogue, John Angotti along with hip hop producer James Dukes from Unapologetic Records will use real situations of racism today and how we can learn from each other to unite and celebrate our differences.



Angotti

John Angotti travels the world presenting concerts, workshops, retreats, missions and worship. Angotti is a frequent presenter at diocesan and regional conferences in the United States and abroad, including all the major national youth conferences and World Youth Days in Sydney (2008) and Madrid (2011). He is also Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Philip Church in Franklin, Tenn. He is an accomplished composer, with numerous music collections under the World Library Publications label. John Angotti Music Mission (JAMM) debuted his original musical, "Job: The NOW Testament" in 2013. His articles have appeared in Today's Liturgy and Pastoral Music Magazine among others.

MAP OF UPPER LEVEL OF NEW ACC NORTH BUILDING



Title: UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Speaker: Robert Feduccia
Location: ACC North 256-258 (upper Level 200)
Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

You probably know the "what" about Mass. It is when we worship God and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. But, so what? Why does this matter and what does it mean for a high school student trying the best with her or his life? Come to this workshop and you will never look at the Mass in the same way again.



Robert Feduccia Jr. 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 been an instructor in deaconate formation programs and a speaker at various diocesan and major national youth conferences. Feduccia has led diocesan in-services in over 20 dioceses. He has several publications and is a regular contributor to "Youth Ministry Access" by the Center for Ministry Development and to "Today's Liturgy," a magazine from OCP. Now based in Tennessee, he now serves as Vice President of Christian Faith Events for Declan Weir Productions.

Title: TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD

Speaker: Bishop Frank Caggiano
Location: ACC North Hall (upper Level 200)
Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

St. Theresa of Avila once taught her sisters, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassionately on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. ... Christ has no body now on earth but yours." What she reminds us is the obligation to live our Christian faith effectively in the world. Pope Francis speaks of our obligation to make mercy real in the world, living Christian charity one person at a time. During our time together, we will explore the meaning of serving as God's instruments of justice and mercy in the world and how such service can deepen our own life of faith in Christ.



Bishop Frank Caggiano is currently head of Diocese 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 for Catholic Youth Ministry.

Title: GOD'S GOTCHU

Speaker: Christina Lamas
Location: ACC North 256-258 (upper Level 200)
Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

Come listen and dialogue with your peers. A panel of young people will share how they are living the Gospel in their home, at school and on social media. Pope Francis would call them "callejeros de la fe" ("street preachers") in today's world. Learn what's working for them and walk away with a desire to trust in God and the confidence to say, "God's Gotchu."



Christina Lamas made her way into the field of Youth Ministry after 10 years of volunteering at her home parish. She went on to serve as Associate Director and Division Coordinator of Youth Ministry in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Lamas has presented to national and international audiences. Currently, she is serving as Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and brings with her more than 20 years of experience in catechesis and youth ministry.

Title: SHE SAID WHAT? MARY, OUR MOTHER

Speaker: Katie Prejean McGrady
Location: ACC North Hall (upper Level 200)
Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

Who is Mary? The nice, kind looking lady we see in statues, pictures, religious medals and holy cards? She always looks super calm and peaceful, with a slight smile and knowing eyes. But who is she really? She potty-trained baby Jesus, after all, so you know she's got some stories, and can probably help us get to know Jesus pretty well. This workshop will explore who Mary is, why she's important to us as Catholics, and how the life she lived – however quiet she may have been – is one that gives us a perfect example of how to be a faithful disciple of her Son, Jesus.



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WHO MAY ATTEND?

Youth Day is open to all young people of high school age in grades 9-12. We welcome those from both public and private school settings. Unfortunately, young people in 8th grade or those who have already graduated high school will not be permitted to attend.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Youth Day registration is \$40 per participant with special discount pricing of \$35 being available until February 22, 2019. **All young people, Adult Chaperones and priests attending with your group must be registered for the day.**

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

Young people must attend Youth Day with a parent or Chaperone or as part of a group.

All **Adult Chaperones** must be 21 years of age and in compliance with their diocese's Safe Environment Policies. Please contact your diocesan Youth Ministry Office if you are uncertain of your diocese's policies. Chaperones are to remain with their group for the entirety of the day. Chaperones are encouraged to participate and fully engage with the workshops and activities.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing Adult Chaperones with all necessary forms and emergency contact information for each young person attending Youth Day. Permission forms are to remain in the possession of the Contact Person. If asked, the Contact Person must be able to produce compliance records for each Adult Chaperone. Youth Day badges will be mailed to the Contact Person and are to be distributed prior to arriving at Youth Day.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Youth Day frequently fills to capacity. Once capacity is reached, Youth Day will close. Registrations will be accepted online and by mail. The last day to mail in a registration will be **March 1**. Online registration will close on **March 8**. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, or after we have reached capacity, your registration will be returned to the Contact Person.

BADGES:

All registered participants will receive a Youth Day Badge. This badge is to be worn in a visible place and will be required to gain access to Youth Day events and activities. The color of the badge identifies which track your group is part of. You will not be permitted in the Arena until the appropriate time for your track.

PLEASE distribute badges prior to arriving at Youth Day. We recommend distributing badges in the car/bus or before you leave your parish or school.

Youth Day packets will be mailed to the Contact Person prior to the event. Please check the packet IMMEDIATELY upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and participant has a badge.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be completed online by credit card or check, or by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form (next page) along with a check for the proper amount. Each person in your group **MUST** be registered for the day – including Chaperones and priests attending with your group.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page.

1. A maximum of 10 participants can be registered with each paid Adult Chaperone.
2. All participants in your group must be registered for the same track.
3. The Youth Day fee is \$40 per participant with special discount pricing of \$35 available until February 22, 2019 (U.S. dollars only).
4. Youth Day registrations will be accepted until March 1, 2019 by mail and March 8 online, or until Youth Day fills to capacity.
5. Please make checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS. Registrations and payments can be mailed to PO Box 761157, Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157.
6. Total payment must accompany the registration form. We are not able to accept payment installments.
7. Badges will be mailed prior to the event and sent to the Contact Person. Please check your packet immediately to verify that you received the correct number of badges.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing and received before February 15, 2019. There is a \$10 processing fee for all refunds.
9. HAVE QUESTIONS? Please call the registration line at (213) 637-7348.

TRACK AND WORKSHOP SELECTION:

Make sure to indicate on the registration form whether your group will attend Track 1 or Track 2. As a reminder, all members of your group must select the same Track. There is no need to select workshops in advance.

FOOD SERVICES:

Outside food is prohibited at the Convention Center. This includes catered meals, deliveries and large coolers. Food options are available throughout the Convention Center, in the Youth Day Food Court (Hall C) and the outdoor Grand Plaza. Lunch options in the Youth Day Food Court will be offered at a flat rate of \$10 (tax included).





YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
A REMINDER: THERE IS NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY.

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY.

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

– For Office Use Only –

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

Youth Day

CONTACT (If attending, please also include your name below as a Chaperone.)

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

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

SELECT TRACK:

If Track is not indicated, we reserve the right to make the assignment for your group.

TRACK 1 TRACK 2

TRACK 1 SCHEDULE		TRACK 2 SCHEDULE	
7:30 am	Doors Open	7:30 am	Doors Open
8:00 am	Arena Session	8:15 am	Workshop 1
11:30 am	Lunch	9:15 am	Passing
12:45 pm	Workshop 1	9:45 am	Workshop 2
1:45 pm	Passing	10:45 am	Lunch
2:15 pm	Workshop 2	12 noon	Arena Session
3:15 pm	Dismissal	3:30 pm	Dismissal

TOTAL NUMBER OF BADGES

Quantity of youth badges _____
Quantity of adult badges _____
TOTAL NUMBER _____

GROUP CHAPERONES

By checking this box, you are acknowledging that the Chaperones listed are at least 21 years of age and in compliance with your diocese's Safe Environment Policies and Procedures.

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SERVICES • Any special service needs? Sign Interpreter Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) Wheelchair access

Number in group requiring assistance: _____

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

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 am - 3:00 pm
On-site registration
& Program Book Pick-up
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:30 - 9:30 am
(Arena)
Opening Ceremony & Welcome

10:00 - 10:30 am
RECongress Chat
(Tech Center - Hall A)

10:00 - 11:30 am
Period 1 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Music (Arena)
– Meredith Augustin &
John Angotti

Music (ACC North Hall)
– WAL

1:00 - 2:30 pm
Period 2 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm
Period 3 Workshops

5:15 pm
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Evening Prayer
(see page 22)

7:45 - 9:45 pm
Film Showcase 2019
(Convention 201)

8:00 pm
Concert (Arena)
– Fr. Rob Galea

**Registration & Program Book
Pick-Up**
7:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)

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

Sacred Space
10:00 am - 9:00 pm
(ACC North 151-152 &
Confession: 11:30 am - 3 pm
(ACC North 153-156)

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

Massage Chairs
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting
Noon (Marriott) San Diego

OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME

Arena – 8:30 am

“THIRSTING FOR JUSTICE”

We are a people thirsting for holiness, for love and mercy, who are called to walk with Jesus and to grow in holiness, to seek his Kingdom through works of justice for the poor and vulnerable. Come, let us join to be people “Thirsting for Justice.” Our gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

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|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Archbishop José Gomez | Karla Carrillo | Marty Haugen | Ann Myers |
| Fr. Christopher Bazyouros | Andrew Chinn | Erick Infantas | Linda Nguyen |
| Paulette Smith | Jeanne Cotter | Frank Jansen | Paul Nguyen |
| Jan Pedroza | Harrison Crenshaw | ValLimar Jansen | Kristina Ortega |
| John Flaherty | Iván Díaz | Mary Janus | Brenda Smith |
| Tony Alonso | Chris de Silva | Tom Kendzia | Trevor Thomson |
| Donna Anderle | Christine Engelfried | Mel Kennedy | John West & the |
| David Anderson | Chris Estrella | Kristin Kissell | Valyermo Dancers |
| John Angotti | Santiago Fernández | Gaile Krause | Mark Voris |
| Steve Angrisano | Rob Galea | Rudy López | James Wahl |
| Ed Archer | Estela García-López | Michael Mangan | Christopher Walker |
| Meredith Augustin | Jesse Garcia | Jesse Manibusan | Rufino Zaragoza |
| Betsy Beckman | Dolores Gomez | Clarissa Martinez | <i>and many more...</i> |
| Anna Betancourt | Laura Gomez | Nicole Masero | |
| John Burland | David Haas | Emily McKinley | |
| Helena Buscema | Sarah Hart | Monica Miller Luther | |

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

CONVENTION ARENA:

MEREDITH AUGUSTIN & JOHN ANGOTTI

“All Who Enter Here”

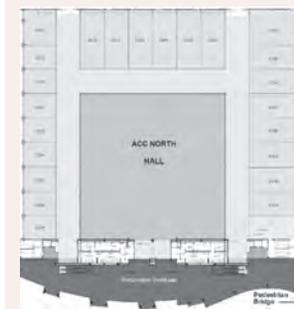


Augustin Angotti

Join WLP artists John Angotti and Meredith Augustin for a lunchtime concert in the Arena, where they will welcome you with uplifting and inspiring songs of praise and worship.

ACC NORTH HALL (UPPER LEVEL):

WAL



Note that all our “Hall B” events have moved to the upper level of the new ACC North building.

Lunch always tastes better while listening to great music! Come join WAL (formerly the Jacob and Matthew Band) at lunchtime and join them in giving thanks and praise to God through song. WAL carries with them an energetic sound that rejoices in the goodness of our Lord. For over 15 years, WAL has been serving the Church through God’s gift of song throughout the country and internationally. WAL looks forward to seeing you.



WAL

FILM SHOWCASE 2019



Convention 201
7:45 - 9:45 pm

The Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University’s Center for Religion and Spirituality, presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts and documentaries whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, social justice, ministry, spirituality and theology.

EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

FR. ROB GALEA

“Coming Home”

Fr. Rob Galea and his band will deliver a concert that will take you on a journey from Earth’s struggle to a taste of heaven – home. Get ready to be encouraged, inspired and filled with joy through an evening of music and story.



Galea

PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 **Giving a Reason for the Hope That is Within Us - Bishop Robert Barron**
- 1-02 Engaging and Retaining Youth in Music Ministry - **David Anderson**
- 1-03 Abused, Grieving, Graced, Healing: What Victims of Sexual Abuse Have Taught Us About the Journey of Healing - **Dr. Heather Banis & Suzanne Healy**
- 1-04 Stop the Stampede: How Engaging Parents Can Keep Kids in the Church (*) - **Paul Canavese**
- 1-05 Unchaining Confirmation (*) - **Dr. Michael Carotta**
- 1-06 We Lack for Nothing: Five Essentials to Grow the Church (*) - **Rich Curran**
- 1-07 How to Teach Faith with Fiction (*) - **Jared Dees**
- 1-08 Forgiveness and Healing: A Road to Peace (*) - **Msr. Ray East & ValLimar Jansen**
- 1-09 Discover the Way to Help Faith Come to Life! (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 1-10 Thus Says the Lord: Making God's Voice Heard (*) - **Amy Florian**
- 1-11 Creating Catholic School Culture: Why and How (*) - **Dan Friedt**
- 1-12 The Permission to Be You in a FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) World (*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 1-13 What is Spirituality? Do I Need Some? Where Do I Get It? (*) - **Douglas Leal**
- 1-14 The Future of Learning in the Digital Culture and Its Implications for Faith Formation (*) - **Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 1-15 Living the Sacraments: Helping People Find God at the Intersection of Heaven and Earth (*) - **Dr. Joe Paprocki**
- 1-16 Human Sexuality and the Catholic Church (*) - **Fr. Chris Ponnert**
- 1-17 The Synod on Youth: Why It Matters and What We Must Do (*) - **Katie Prejean McGrady**
- 1-18 Reforming Church Governance: What Pope Francis Has Done and What He Needs to Do - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 1-19 The Power of Ecumenism in an Immigration Crisis (*) - **Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, Dr. Juan Martinez & Fr. Michael Gutierrez**
- 1-20 Inspiring Middle Schoolers with Social Justice (*) - **Susan Searle**
- 1-21 Songs of the Refugees in the Bible and Today (*) - **Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 1-22 How to Make a Convincing Case for the Pro-Life Movement – Especially for Young People (*) - **Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 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**
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Dominance of a Culture of Relativism) (*) - **Dr. Nhung Vu**

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 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**

🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions.
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**

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 2:30 pm

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

7:50 am - 9:30 am

English (Arena)
Morning Praise & Keynote
– TBA

Spanish (ACC North Hall)
Morning Praise & Keynote
– Sr. Norma Pimentel

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 4 Workshops

10:30 am

Front Row with Archbishop
Gomez (Hall A)

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– Sarah Hart & ValLimar Jansen
Music (ACC North Hall)
– John Burland, Michael Mangan,
Andrew Chinn & James Wahl

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 5 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Period 6 Workshops

5:15 pm

Eucharistic Liturgies
& Prayer Services
(see page 22)

8:00 pm

Concert (Arena)
– ValLimar Jansen

8:30 pm

Sacred Illuminations 2019
(Convention 213)

9:00 pm

Taizé Prayer
(Convention 303)

9:00 pm

Young Adult Dance
(Marriott)

Exhibit Hours

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

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 9:00 pm
(ACC North 151-152)
Confession: 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
(ACC North 153-156)

Speaker Signings

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

Massage Chairs

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott) San Diego

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE & KEYNOTE

Arena – 7:50-9:30 am

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

FRONT ROW WITH ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ

10:30 am – Performance Stage, Hall A

Archbishop José Gomez will host an interactive discussion live from the Hall A Performance Stage and online via Facebook. The conversation will be moderated by Christina Lamas, Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Grab a front row seat on Facebook Live and ask your questions about the “Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.”



Gomez

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

CONVENTION ARENA:

SARAH HART & VALLIMAR JANSEN

“Women Make Music”



Hart Jansen

Yes they do! Come sing along and join the party as Sarah Hart and ValLimar Jansen host a lunchtime concert celebrating the gifts of women.

ACC NORTH HALL (UPPER LEVEL):

JOHN BURLAND, MICHAEL MANGAN, ANDREW CHINN & JAMES WAHL

“Kids at Heart”



Burland Mangan Chinn Wahl

Come and share lunch and sing at the “kids’ table” with Australian children’s composers John Burland, Michael Mangan, Andrew Chinn and James Wahl. These four have dedicated much of their adult lives composing for, and singing with, children, helping them to learn their faith and celebrate with all their heart. An afternoon of joyful song, including songs of justice – featuring students from local Catholic elementary schools. Here’s an event for the young ... and the young at heart!

Note that our typical “Hall B” events are now located in the “ACC North Hall” space on the upper level of the North building.

EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

VALLIMAR JANSEN: *“I Will Live Until I Die”*

Join ValLimar Jansen and some of your favorite RECongress musicians and dancers as they perform “I Will Live Until I Die,” a dynamic musical on the life of African-American nun Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA. In the late 1980s and prior to her death in 1990, Sr. Bowman was a renown international speaker, including presentations at the RECongress. The U.S. bishops endorsed the sainthood cause of Sr. Bowman on November 14, 2018, during their fall assembly in Baltimore. Her prophetic life and her work toward an end to racism left a lasting mark on U.S. Catholic life in the late 20th century.



Sacred Illuminations 2019

SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2019

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm

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

PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 **Speaking Prophetically for Justice – Principles for Christian Prophecy (*)**
- Fr. Ronald Rolheiser
- 4-02 **Mission Drives Schedule, and Money Follows Mission (*)** - Katie Diller, Fr. Michael Martin & Rosie Shawver
- 4-03 **Living Eucharistically** - Tony Alonso
- 4-04 **Touch Me Jesus, Heal Me Jesus, Love Me Jesus: Music and Prayer for the Broken (*)**
- John Angotti & Fr. Jim Marchionda
- 4-05 **What a Wonderful World: Biblical Covenant and Laudato Si' (*)** - Alice Camille
- 4-06 **Contagious Catholicism: How We Can Help Families Pass on the Faith (*)**
- Paul Canavese
- 4-07 **Freedom and Discipline: Lent and Free Will (*)** - Prof. Michael Dennin
- 4-08 **What Our Young Adults Are Thirsting For (*)** - Fr. David Dwyer
- 4-09 **What Can and Cannot Change: Understanding the Dynamics of a Living Tradition (*)**
- Dr. Richard Gaillardetz
- 4-10 **Sex Abuse in the Church: Binding and Healing the Wounds** - Dr. Greer Gordon
- 4-11 **Faith for the Heart (*)**
- Dr. Thomas Groome
- 4-12 **Morality, Conscience and Vocation (*)**
- Fr. James Heft
- 4-13 **Instructions for Living a Life: Pay Attention. Be Astonished. Tell About It. (*)**
- Rev. Terry Hershey
- 4-14 **Neuroscience and Well-Being: Technology, Our Brains and Our Spiritual Lives (*)**
- Anne Kertz Kernion
- 4-15 **Jesus the Migrant: Contextual Christology and the Signs of the Times (*)**
- Dr. Robert Lassalle-Klein
- 4-16 **Just How Thirsty Are You? (*)**
- Megan McKenna
- 4-17 **Mary: Who Is She Really and Why She Matters (*)** - Rev. Leo Patalinghug
- 4-18 **Come Alongside: The Art of Accompanying Hurting Youth (*)** - Roy Petitfils
- 4-19 **“Take Five”: Basic Principles for Cultivating Catechists (*)**
- Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy
- 4-20 **The Hidden Perils of Distraction (*)**
- Rev. Michael Schmitz
- 4-21 **GDC ... NDC ... Easy as 1, 2, 3 (*)**
- Julianne Stanz
- 4-22 **Catechesis from the Margins (*)**
- Victor Valenzuela
- 4-23 **Forgive Us Our Wrong Notes as We Forgive Our Music Director (*)**
- Christopher Walker
- 4-24 **Sacred Movement: Instrument for Justice and Liberation (*)** - John West
- 4-25 **Women Deacons: Yes or No? (*)**
- Dr. Phyllis Zagano
- 4-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Seeking Justice in Vietnamese Family Life) (*)**
- Prof. Quyen Di

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 **Thirsting for Justice: Global Perspectives on Clergy Abuse in the Church (*)**
- John Allen Jr.
- 5-02 **Rethinking Retreats and Small Groups (*)**
- Katie Diller, Fr. Michael Martin & Rosie Shawver
- 5-03 **Imago Dei on Skid Row (*)**
- Wynsdey Adams
- 5-04 **Faith at the Crossroads: Ministering to Young Adults (*)** - Steve Angrisano
- 5-05 **Dancing Our Way to the Holy Well: Celtic Practices for Liberating the Body of Christ (*)** - Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash
- 5-06 **Mars and Venus – Partnering for Justice (*)**
- Sr. Kathleen Bryant & Rev. Jim Clarke
- 5-07 **Feed My Sheep: Ministry Through Song (*)** - Ian Callanan
- 5-08 **Harness the Power of Story**
- Jeanne Cotter
- 5-09 **A New Heart: The Healing Grace of Forgiveness (*)** - Ivan Diaz
- 5-10 **Using Learning Styles to Enliven Religious Education (*)** - Steven Ellair
- 5-11 **Must We Forgive? The Difficult Demands of Just Relationships (*)** - Amy Florian
- 5-12 **The Worm at the Core: Terror Management Theory and Christian Discipleship (*)**
- Fr. Richard Fragomeni
- 5-13 **Integral Ecology: Being Catholics for a Small Planet (*)** - Paul Hicks
- 5-14 **#PrayingWithHashtags (*)**
- Douglas Leal & Margaret Matijasevic
- 5-15 **Living the Christian Encounter (*)**
- Tom Kendzia
- 5-16 **Thirsting for Hope in the Church (*)**
- Fr. Richard Lennan
- 5-17 **The Pastoral Leader as Virtuous Leader (*)** - Dr. Josephine Lombardi
- 5-18 **Your Parish Is the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of the Community (*)**
- Diana Macalintal
- 5-19 **Connecting Junior High and High School Students with the Volatile Immigration Issues (*)** - Cardinal Roger Mahony
- 5-20 **Being a Listening Church: Engaging Your Community in the National Dialogue (*)**
- Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale
- 5-21 **“I Started in Genesis, but Died in Leviticus”: Bringing Beginners to the Bible (*)**
- Fr. J. Patrick Mullen
- 5-22 **Beyond Conviction: Healing Through Victim Offender Dialogue (*)** - Suzanne Neuhaus & Cheryl Ward-Kaiser
- 5-23 **“Don’t Bring Home No Graveyard Dirt!” – Living in Peace (*)** - Fr. R. Tony Ricard
- 5-24 **The Primacy of Prayer: Interior Renewal, Outward Impact (*)** - Dr. Edward Sri
- 5-25 **Of Womb and Tomb: Whole-Community Ministry for Families Who Struggle with Infertility, Miscarriage and Stillbirth (*)**
- Kate Williams
- 5-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (The Heart That Moved: Be an Instrument of Love and Healing) (*)** - Sr. Bich Quyen Ly

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 **“Lazarus, Come Forth!” (*)**
- Fr. James Martin
- 6-02 **Transitioning Beyond Campus Ministry (*)** - Katie Diller, Fr. Michael Martin & Rosie Shawver
- 6-03 **Eye-Witness Report: Defining Humanity from Heart of Today’s Global Humanitarian Crises** - Caroline Brennan
- 6-04 **What Kind of Bread Do We Pray For? The Strange Word in the Our Father (*)**
- Fr. William Burton
- 6-05 **Heart and Soul: Accompanying Youth in a Digital World (*)** - Andrea Chavez-Kopp
- 6-06 **The Good Kangaroo: Songs and Stories of Faith and Justice for the Early Childhood Classroom (*)**
- Andrew Chinn & James Wahl
- 6-07 **Contemplative Dating (*)**
- Dr. Michael DiPaolo
- 6-08 **Sharing Faith as Parents of Young Adults – Let’s Talk (*)** - Tom East
- 6-09 **Building Bridges with Catholics Who Are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Questioning (*)** - Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet
- 6-10 **Teaching Creativity and Leadership (*)**
- Dan Friedt
- 6-11 **The Church’s Banquet: Retrieving Neglected Insights on the Eucharist and the Church (*)** - Dr. Richard Gaillardetz
- 6-12 **Spiritual Tools for Important Life Decisions: The Sacred Art of Discernment (*)**
- Richard Groves
- 6-13 **Praying the Psalms: Ancient Words, New Inspiration (*)**
- Sarah Hart & Steve Angrisano
- 6-14 **Our Story and Our Vision: The Heritage of Scripture in Christian Sung Prayer** - Marty Haugen
- 6-15 **Pope Francis’ Guide to Holiness: Becoming Friends of God and Prophets (*)**
- Fr. Daniel Horan
- 6-16 **Yes, You Can! – If Only You Will (*)**
- ValLimar Jansen
- 6-17 **Super Girls and Halos: In Search of Our Own Heroic Virtue (*)**
- Maria Morera Johnson
- 6-18 **The Mission of Listening (*)**
- Christina Lamas
- 6-19 **Hatch, Match & Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to Sacraments** - Fr. Richard Leonard
- 6-20 **Jesus and the Virtuous Life (*)**
- Fr. Bryan Massingale
- 6-21 **Three Great Men of the Bible: Abraham, Moses and David (*)**
- Rabbi Michael Mayersohn
- 6-22 **How to Renew, Re-Energize and Transform Your Parish NOW! (*)** - Dr. Joe Paprocki, Dr. Ansel Augustine, Fr. David Loftus, Dr. Veronica Rayas & Julianne Stanz
- 6-23 **Thirsting for Justice: Biblical Perspectives (*)** - Sr. Barbara Reid
- 6-24 **What Now God? Discerning God’s Call (*)** - Stacey Sumereau
- 6-25 **Naked Stewardship (*)** - Tracy Welliver
- 6-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Where is Justice in the Suffering of Humanity?) (*)**
- Sr. Grace Duc Le

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Arena sessions are in color.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 - 7:40 am

Morning Rosary
(Convention 303)

8:00 - 11:00 am

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

8:00 - 9:30 am

Liturgy (Arena)
Morning Eucharistic Liturgy

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– M. Roger Holland II
**Music (ACC North Hall
- upper level)**
– Jesse Manibusan
& Tom Kendzia

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm

Liturgy (Arena)
Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

Exhibit Hours

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

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(ACC North 151-152)
No Confession times on Sunday

Speaker Signings

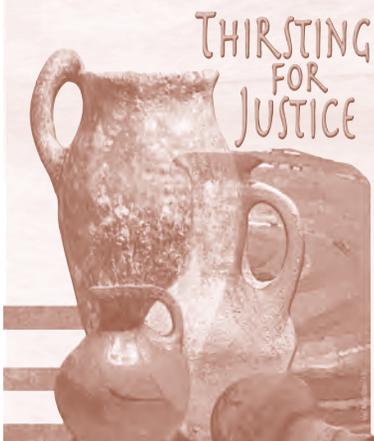
9:30 am - 3:00 pm
(Northwest side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting

Noon (Marriott) San Diego



MORNING ROSARY

Convention 303 – 7:00 am



Haas

“My God and My All: Praying the Rosary with Francis and Clare” with David Haas

A time of prayer for you “early risers”! Start off your morning by gathering together with David Haas to participate in a more “liturgical” and “sung” celebration of the rosary, steeped in the spiritual wisdom and simplicity of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi. Discover a possible path of prayer for you individually, as well as for your communities of faith back home. Come and pray with us.



SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am

As we welcome a new day, we again share the opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give praise and thanks. Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will preside at this morning’s Eucharistic Liturgy. Nourished by Word and sacrament, may we go forth, quenched in our “Thirsting for Justice”!



Vann

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

ARENA:

M. ROGER HOLLAND II

“Honey from the Rock: Antiphonal Praise”



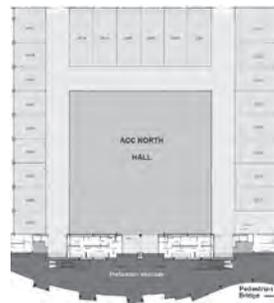
Holland

Join Roger Holland II for 45 minutes of worship where you participate in the singing. Music will include familiar hymns as well as selections from his latest collection, “Honey from the Rock.”

ACC NORTH HALL (UPPER LEVEL):

JESSE MANIBUSAN & TOM KENDZIA

“Just for Fun!”



Note that our “Hall B” location has moved to the upper level of the new ACC North building.

Let’s get together and sing! Join Jesse Manibusan and Tom Kendzia as they lead us in a fun concert of some of our favorite music. Upbeat and inspirational – this musical event will be the perfect mid-day pick-me-up! Grab a friend and come join in song in our new North Hall.



Manibusan Kendzia

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm



Gomez

As our Religious Education Congress 2019 comes to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and to give thanks for the blessings of the weekend. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez as our presider, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2019, under the musical direction of John Flaherty. Let us go forth to spread the Good News to all!



Flaherty



PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 **Rejoice and Be Glad: (Y)Ours is the Kingdom of God!** - David Haas
- 7-02 **Sign of the Times: A Review of the Worldwide Catholic Landscape** (*) - John Allen Jr.
- 7-03 **Reflections Through Music and Movement** (*) - Monica Luther & Nicole Masero
- 7-04 **The Art of Storytelling** (*) - Mary Birmingham
- 7-05 **The Power of Possibility: The Untold Story** (*) - Sean Callahan
- 7-06 **Unexpected Occasions of Grace** (*) - Dr. Michael Carotta
- 7-07 **Liberating Christian Spirituality** (*) - Prof. Gilberto Cavazos-González
- 7-08 **Quenching Others' Thirst** (*) - Becky Eldredge
- 7-09 **The Voice: How to Proclaim Scripture and Make Chairs Turn!** (*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan & Douglas Leal
- 7-10 **Racism: Hating God's Image in My Neighbor** - Dr. Greer Gordon
- 7-11 **Four Spiritual Stages of Mature Adulthood: Living into the Mystery** (*) - Richard Groves
- 7-12 **When Every Day Is Hump Day: A Primer for Workplace Restoration** (*) - Sarah Hart
- 7-13 **Not Because of Sin: A Renewed Spirituality of the Incarnation** (*) - Fr. Daniel Horan
- 7-14 **Women of the Word** (*) - ValLimar Jansen
- 7-15 **Upgrading Your Ministry Tool Box: A Community Organizer's Approach to Youth Ministry** (*) - Sergio Lopez
- 7-16 **I've Got A Song About That! Integrating Music into a "Friendly Format"** (*) - Michael Mangan
- 7-17 **Our Lady of Guadalupe: Theology and Pedagogy for Justice** (*) - Sr. Hilda Mateo
- 7-18 **Silver Saints: Growing in Age, Grace and Wisdom** - Bro. Michael O'Neil McGrath
- 7-19 **Quenching the Thirst of Jesus** (*) - Sr. Norma Pimentel
- 7-20 **What's Your Story? A Personal Engagement Process for Parish Leadership** (*) - Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy
- 7-21 **The Other Voice: Biblical Prophets Then and Now** (*) - Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher
- 7-22 **Science and the Shroud of Turin: New Evidence of Jesus' Resurrection** (*) - Fr. Robert Spitzer
- 7-23 **Walking with Mary: The Model Disciple** (*) - Dr. Edward Sri
- 7-24 **Family: The Missing Piece in Religious Education** (*) - Dr. Joseph White
- 7-25 **The 12 Steps and the Sacraments: A Catholic Approach to Addiction Recovery** (*) - Scott Weeman
- 7-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Hope in a Culture of Relativism)** (*) - Dr. Nhung Vu

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

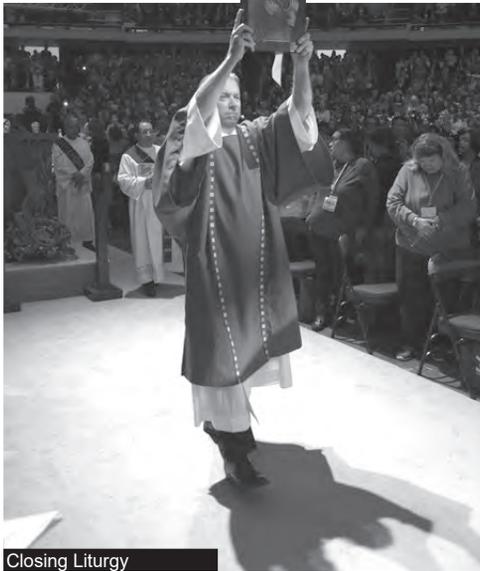
- 8-01 **Thirsting for Justice: Teaching Virtues as Tools for Change** (*) - David Wells
- 8-02 **Is Your Parish Ready to Grow Young?** (*) - Leisa Anslinger
- 8-03 **Justice to and from the Peripheries** (*) - Dr. Ansel Augustine
- 8-04 **The Care and Feeding of Catechists: Seven Simple Strategies to Honor, Inspire and Motivate Your Catechists!** (*) - Nancy Bird
- 8-05 **Wine and Dine with Jesus: The Greatest Invitation of Your Life** (*) - Sr. Kathleen Bryant
- 8-06 **Sing for Justice: Songs Proclaiming God's Love and Mercy** (*) - John Burland
- 8-07 **Follow the Leader? The Bible on Who's Boss** (*) - Alice Camille
- 8-08 **Apprentice-Based Formation for Catechesis and Evangelization** (*) - Rich Curran
- 8-09 **Miracles: The Intersection of Science and Faith** (*) - Prof. Michael Dennin
- 8-10 **Combating Stigma: HIV/AIDS, the Latinx Community and the Catholic Church** (*) - Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice
- 8-11 **Shut Up and Love Me** (*) - Fr. Rob Galea
- 8-12 **Redeeming Conflict** (*) - Ann Garrido
- 8-13 **Thirst and Hunger in Luke: What Can the Third Gospel Teach Us About Jesus' Vision for Justice?** (*) - Fr. Felix Just
- 8-14 **Tradition and the Thirst for Change** (*) - Fr. Richard Lennan
- 8-15 **I've Been at This a Long Time Now** (*) - Jesse Manibusan
- 8-16 **Life IS a Mission** (*) - Ted Miles
- 8-17 **A Ministry of Presence: Accompanying Those Who've Suffered the Death of a Loved One to Homicide** (*) - Suzanne Neuhaus
- 8-18 **Technology Evangelizers of the Gospel** (*) - Paul Sanfrancesco
- 8-19 **Athirst is My Soul for God: Prayer and Children with Disabilities** (*) - Sr. Kathleen Schipani
- 8-20 **Whose Reflection Do You See in the Mirror?** (*) - Stacey Sumereau
- 8-21 **Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2019 and Beyond: What Awaits Us?** (*) - Michael Theisen
- 8-22 **Digital Discipleship: Becoming Cultural Mystics** (*) - Sr. Nancy Usselmann
- 8-23 **Countering the "Fake News" About RCIA** (*) - Nick Wagner
- 8-24 **Transforming the Ordinary into the Extraordinary** (*) - Tracy Welliver
- 8-25 **Mary, Our Mother: Spirituality Through a Mother's Eyes** (*) - Kate Williams
- 8-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Family: The Icon of the Divine Mercy)** (*) - Bishop Louis Nguyễn Anh Tuan

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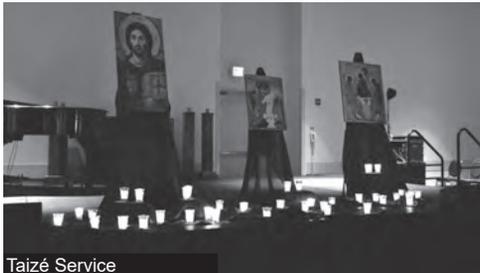


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LITURGIES/PRAYER SERVICES



Closing Liturgy



Taizé Service



St. Patrick's Liturgy



Vietnamese Liturgy



Young Adult Liturgy

OUR LITURGIES Living in the gift, promise and spirit of the Second Vatican Council, we are compelled to embrace our multicultural, diverse and vibrant communities. In the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Sunday liturgies are celebrated in no fewer than 40 different languages. This year, inspired by the Masses for various needs in the Roman Missal, we offer each liturgy of a particular intention in the context of a unique culture. Our hope is for participants to come together in grateful prayer to encounter Christ present among us.

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Mass for Those Held in Captivity	Rev. Bryan Massingale	ValLimar Jansen
Sanctification of Human Labor (English)	Bishop John Stowe	Meredith Augustin
Sanctificación del Trabajo Humano (Spanish)	Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas	Dolores Gomez / Jose Garcia
The Cross and Suffering in Today's World in the Franciscan Tradition	Rev. Daniel Horan, OFM	Bro. Rufino Zaragoza, OFM
Byzantine Divine Liturgy	Bishop Gerald Dino	Byzantine Community

FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

In addition to our Eucharistic liturgies, RECongress also offers non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers) experiences on Friday and Saturday nights.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Sergio Lopez	Sarah Hart
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SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Los Cristianos Perseguidos (Spanish)	Rev. Agustino Torres	Ivan Diaz / Erick Infantas
Persecuted Christians (Vietnamese)	Bishop Louis Nguyen Anh	Bro. Rufino Zaragoza / Paul Nguyen
Honoring Our Ancestors in Faith from the Black Perspective	Bishop Fernand Cheri	M. Roger Holland / Kim Harris
Promoting Harmony	Msgr. Ray East	Anna Betancourt / Chris de Silva
Progress of the People – Church on the Way of Unity	Rev. Jim Marchionda	Tony Alonso

SATURDAY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Find prayer experiences that “bookend” our day, including a Taizé service, named after the monastic order and city in France that uses silence and music which draws upon simple phrases taken from the psalms.

Morning Praise & Keynote (7:50-9:30 am - Arena)		Jesse Manibusan
Alabanza matutina y asamblea (7:50-9:30 am - ACC North Hall)		Santiago Fernandez
Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Anne Frawley-Mangan	Michael Mangan
Taizé Prayer (9:00 pm)	—	David Anderson

SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (8:00 am & 3:30 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Liturgy (8:00 am)	Bishop Kevin Vann	RECongress Choir 2019
Closing Liturgy (3:30 pm)	Archbishop José Gomez	RECongress Choir 2019

MULTICULTURAL EVENTS

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday
Convention Center, 2nd Floor, Prefunction Lobby

The Religious Education Congress annually presents the Multicultural Exhibit, a collaborative effort with the Archdiocesan Office of Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry. This provides opportunities for attendees to interact with the diverse ethnic communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. You will find a variety of cultural and religious artifacts, expressions of faith or practices, stories of saints and martyrs, and a plethora of items from the cultural communities of Native America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa (African-American) and Asia. It's a wonderful resource for catechists and all involved in faith formation processes.



Vietnamese Community



Lithuanian Community



Igbo Nigerian Community



Polish Community



Mexican Community



Indonesian Community

Assemblies

ASIAN AND PACIFIC PRESENCE

The Asian and Pacific communities in the United States – both those born in the United States and immigrants who came to the United States – span several generations. This tremendous increase in Asian and Pacific Catholics across the United States at the beginning of the third millennium is a teaching moment. It is also a teaching moment because of the welcoming spirit to which we are called in “The Church in America (Ecclesia in America)” and in the recent pastoral statement “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity.” The Church in the United States is enjoined “to offer a genuine and suitable welcome [to newcomers], to share together as brothers and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve the quality of life for society’s marginalized members.”

The Church is blessed with Asian and Pacific pastors, social workers, educators, diocesan directors and lay leaders who are actively and selflessly contributing to building the Kingdom of God in this country. The number of Asian and Pacific Catholics who have been given responsibility in church structures or are well-known in their fields of endeavor is growing.

Besides these living role models, Asian and Pacific Catholics come to the United States with a long heritage of extraordinary witness of life and martyrdom. The Church recently recognized many Asian saints and martyrs; however, the total number of saints and martyrs could fill an entire Asian and Pacific Litany of Saints.

– Asian and Pacific Presence, Harmony in Faith
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC PERSPECTIVE

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- 1-70* Dr. Nhung Vu
- 2-70* Bishop Louis Tuan Nguyen
- 3-70* Sr. Bich Quyen Thi Ly

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- 4-70* Prof. Quyen Di
- 5-70* Sr. Bich Quyen Thi Ly
- 6-70* Sr. Grace Duc Le

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 7-70* Dr. Nhung Vu
- 8-70* Bishop Louis Tuan Nguyen

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE LITURGY

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Mass for Persecuted Christians
(Vietnamese) - 5:15 pm
Location: Marriott Grand
Presider: Bishop Louis Nguyen Anh
Music: Bro. Rufino Zaragoza & Paul Nguyen

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Young Adult Ministry at RECongress 2019



A ministry to and with adults, ages 18 through 39, married and single

The Religious Education Congress welcomes young adults and those in ministry to young adults with a number of events on Saturday that are intentionally designed for this community. Establishing strong and vibrant ministries for young adults is one of the priorities of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod. This weekend is a chance for young adults to be renewed and energized in their spiritual life and in their commitment to our church.



YOUNG ADULT DANCE

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 pm - midnight
Cost: \$7 per person

Keep a great RECongress Saturday going into the night. Our DJs will be spinning and taking your requests for an amazing time. Young adults 18 to 39 are welcome. Picture ID is required for admission. A no-host bar is provided, as well as complimentary water stations. NO outside containers are permitted.



WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

The following list of names and session numbers are workshops that focus on young adult issues or may be of interest to young adults and those in ministry to young adults. You can find additional speaker recommendations under the Young Adult listing on the next page. Review this Registration Guidebook and our website for topics that meet your needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

Leisa Anslinger

- 3-02* A Vision for Conversion: Leading for Change in Your Life and Your Parish
- 8-02* Is Your Parish Ready to Grow Young?

Chris de Silva

- 2-07 Becoming Bridge Builders: Imagining a Theology of Welcome for a Changing Church

Katie Diller, Fr. Michael Martin & Rosie Shawver

- 4-02* Mission Drives Schedule, and Money Follows Mission
- 5-02* Rethinking Retreats and Small Groups
- 6-02* Mission Drives Schedule, and Money Follows Mission

Dr. Michael DiPaolo

- 6-07* Contemplative Dating

Fr. David Dwyer, CSP

- 4-08* What Our Young Adults Are Thirsting For

Tom East

- 3-07* Reimagining Confirmation Ministry with Youth
- 6-08* Sharing Faith as Parents of Young Adults – Let's Talk

Douglas Leal

- 1-13* What is Spirituality? Do I Need Some? Where Do I Get It?
- 5-14* #PrayingWithHashtags

Sergio Lopez

- 7-15* Upgrading Your Ministry Tool Box: A Community Organizer's Approach to Youth Ministry

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale

- 1-14* The Future of Learning in the Digital Culture and Its Implications for Faith Formation
- 5-20* Being a Listening Church: Engaging Your Community in the National Dialogue

Katie Prejean McGrady

- 1-17* The Synod on Youth: Why It Matters and What We Must Do

Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC

- 2-20* Poetry to Enrich, Refresh and Deepen Our Spiritual Journey

Paul Sanfrancesco

- 3-22* Social Media and Digital Catholic Leadership
- 8-18* Technology Evangelizers of the Gospel

Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, PhD

- 1-22* How to Make a Convincing Case for the Pro-Life Movement – Especially for Young People
- 7-22* Science and the Shroud of Turin: New Evidence of Jesus' Resurrection

Michael Theisen

- 2-23* Moments, Missions and Milestones: Three Things Every Family Needs to Grow Their Domestic Church
- 8-21* Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2019 and Beyond: What Awaits Us?

RECongress 2019 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry/areas of interest, has been identified by the speakers and compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

Check our www.RECongress.org website for updates as well as the category listings of speakers by topics. **Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.**

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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 for contributions nationally to the field of 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. Sadlier, 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.

Sr. Bich Quyen Thi Ly

Sr. Bich Quyen Ly is a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. She lives in Rome and serves as a member of the General Council for her Congregation. She visits and works with sisters across five continents regarding life and mission of the Congregation. Sr. Ly has experienced working in formation ministry, counselling, prison ministry as well as serving marginalized people with education and pastoral ministries.

4-01 SPEAKING PROPHETICALLY FOR JUSTICE – PRINCIPLES FOR CHRISTIAN PROPHECY 🎧 **ARENA**

A prophet makes a vow of love, not of alienation. But that isn't easy to do. How do we speak out for justice in ways that will help melt hearts rather than freeze them? How do we avoid speaking out of anger rather than out of love? How do we speak for the margins in such a way that God's message cannot be marginalized? How do we avoid falling into ideologies of the left and the right? How can we speak prophetically in a bitter time? Here are some principles for a Christian prophecy.



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.

4-03 LIVING EUCHARISTICALLY

For many decades, we have expanded our understanding of the relationship among liturgy, belief and daily living. But in separating these categories out for reflection, we often create stark divisions between them that miss their porousness in the practice of everyday life. This workshop will explore the fluid relationship between liturgy, belief and daily living, rooting us in a theology that sees all of life as sacred, and pointing us toward what it means to live, pray and believe eucharistically.



Tony Alonso

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

C A M P U S M I N I S T R Y T R A C K

We are excited to offer this one-day track on college campus ministry. Participants will spend all three workshops with a community of those who serve college students, faculty and staff on university campuses, and will come away with enriching conversations, connections and tools to improve your ministry. Please be sure to register for all three Saturday sessions: 4-02, 5-02 and 6-02.

4-02 MISSION DRIVES SCHEDULE, AND MONEY FOLLOWS MISSION 🎧

Mission drives every facet of church life, impacting planning, program, preaching and personnel. It determines what we say "yes" to and when to say "no." It is the heartbeat of a congregation's movement as a community. When mission is well articulated and lived out in our college campus ministries, money follows. This workshop will give practical advise on how to help articulate your college campus ministries' mission, how to live the mission on our college campuses, and how money follows mission.



Kathryn Diller

Katie Diller is Director of Campus Ministry at St. John Catholic Student Center at her alma mater, Michigan State University, and Coordinator of Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Lansing, Mich. She has led international mission trips and taught for study abroad course for college stu-



dents and served as National Coordinator for the ESTEEM Leadership Program for four years. She also holds an appointment to the Alliance for Campus Ministry, an advisory body to the Secretariat for Catholic Education within the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Fr. Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv

Fr. Michael Martin, a Conventual Franciscan, has served as Director of Duke Catholic Center at Duke University in North Carolina since 2010. A lifelong educator, he has held a variety of teaching, coaching and administrative positions, including campus ministry, school leadership, personnel and facility planning. Fr. Martin has served on a number of boards and commissions and is a presenter on strategic issues facing campus ministry and Catholic schools today. In 2007, he received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal service to the Church from Pope Benedict.



Rosie Chinae Shawver, MDiv

Southern California native Rosie Shawver was at the University of New Mexico before becoming Parish and Faith Community Outreach Liaison for Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M. She is now Director of Campus Ministry at Our Savior Parish & USC Caruso Catholic Center at the University of Southern California. She is on the Board of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association and is a consultant for the Secretariat of Education at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Workshops

4-04 TOUCH ME JESUS, HEAL ME JESUS, LOVE ME JESUS: MUSIC AND PRAYER FOR THE BROKEN

This workshop is both an encounter of healing through word, song and action, as well as a session filled with inspiration and practical ideas for sharing moments of healing prayer with your parish or with small faith groups. John Angotti and Fr. James Marchionda will help you discover the healing power of Jesus, and ways to share this gift with others in your community through music, Scripture and other forms of prayer.



John Angotti

Based in Memphis, Tenn., John Angotti is a full-time music missionary providing concerts, workshops, retreats and worship. He is a frequent presenter at parish missions as well as diocesan and regional conferences across the United States and abroad. Angotti is an accomplished composer with numerous works under the World Library Publications label. In 2013, John Angotti Music Mission (JAMM) debuted his original musical, "Job: The NOW Testament."



Fr. Jim Marchionda, OP

Dominican priest Fr. Jim Marchionda is a preacher, composer and woodwind instrumentalist who has been engaged in full-time parish mission preaching since 1994. In 2015, he was named Provincial of the Chicago Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Fr. Marchionda maintains a limited preaching schedule. He has several CDs, and one of his compositions, "I Was Hungry," was sung during communion at the funeral of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

4-05 WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD: BIBLICAL COVENANT AND LAUDATO SÍ

"We are not God," Pope Francis declares. But we walk this Earth as if we are. This is a problem for our beautiful planet, which is also our home. Scripture and science agree that the universe as we know it will come to an end one day. What's our responsibility to this fragile planet while it's still in our power to act? This session anticipates the upcoming California Catholic Conference bishops' pastoral on our common call to stewardship for the environment.



Alice Camille, MDiv

Alice Camille is a full-time freelance lay Catholic author and retreat leader, religious educator and conference presenter. She is a Scripture columnist and contributor to "Give Us This Day" daily prayer guide. She is also author of many articles, serials, audio materials and books, including her most recent, "For Everything There is a Season." Camille's work has received numerous awards, including the Catholic Press Association Book Award and their Best Regular Column Award, in addition to the Midwest Independent Publishers Association Award.

4-06 CONTAGIOUS CATHOLICISM: HOW WE CAN HELP FAMILIES PASS ON THE FAITH

Paul Canavese (see bio 1-04)

We may know that faith is caught rather than taught, but how should that affect what we do in family faith formation? The early Jesus movement went "viral" long before social media, exploding as the Gospel spread from person to person. Learn how we, as Catholics, understand evangelization and how we can help families pass on the faith from one generation to the next and one family to the next. This practical, realistic workshop will offer key insights and many specific, real-life examples about how the faith can be shared among catechists, parents, and children.

4-07 FREEDOM & DISCIPLINE: LENT AND FREE WILL

For millennia, humanity has debated the question: Is our future predetermined or do we have choice? Catholic teaching answers this question in support of free will, but is choice possible in a world governed by laws of physics? In this presentation, we will explore two related questions: What does science tell us about free will? How do Lenten practices increase the exercise of our free will? Participants will learn how understanding the science of free will has deep implications for our relationship with God and why it makes sense to leverage Lenten practices to empower our choices.



Prof. Michael Dennin

Michael Dennin has served for 21 years as Professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of California, Irvine, where he is also Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning. He has regularly engaged schools and adult education forums on science and superheroes for the past 18 years as well as appearing on numerous television programs, YouTube series and podcast/radio shows. Prof. Dennin is a popular speaker at churches and schools, building on his book: "Divine Science: Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith."

4-08 WHAT OUR YOUNG ADULTS ARE THIRSTING FOR

At Pentecost, the first disciples were propelled forth by the Spirit, from the comfort of the Upper Room out into the world to evangelize. Do our parish and catechetical ministries embrace Pope Francis' call to remember that "Jesus is the Lord of risk, of the eternal 'more,' not the Lord of comfort, security and ease" (World Youth Day 2016). How can we leave our comfortable Upper Rooms (even virtually!) to make connections with a generation that has shown that they will not come knocking on our door? Fr. Dave Dwyer will speak about how we can be more proactive in reaching young adults.



Fr. David Dwyer, CSP

Paulist priest Fr. Dave Dwyer is Executive Director of Busted Halo Ministries, publisher of BustedHalo.com and YoungAdultMinistryInABox.com, presenter of the "Sacraments 101" videos and host of "The Busted Halo Show" on

Channel 129 on SiriusXM radio. Fr. Dwyer has appeared on CNN, Fox News, NBC News as well as "Entertainment Tonight" and "The Daily Show." The former campus minister at the universities of Colorado and Texas has been a major keynote speaker at Catholic events for the past 15 years.

4-09 WHAT CAN AND CANNOT CHANGE: UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS OF A LIVING TRADITION

One of the most pressing questions underlying the Second Vatican Council, a famous theologian once opined, was the problem of change and development. Catholicism is grounded in a living tradition, yet it is constantly under threat by a superficial fascination with contemporary fads on the one hand and the preoccupation of traditionalists who wish to cling to a dead past on the other. This workshop will explore how genuine change and development are necessary if our tradition is to be a living one.



Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Theology at Boston College, where he is also Chair of the Theology Department. He has authored or edited 13 books and over 100 pastoral and academic articles. His major books include "An Unfinished Council: Vatican II, Pope Francis, and the Renewal of Catholicism" and "Go Into the Streets! The Welcoming Church of Pope Francis." In 2018, Barry University in Florida conferred on Dr. Gaillardetz the Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence.

4-10 SEX ABUSE IN THE CHURCH: BINDING AND HEALING THE WOUNDS

Rape, molestation, seduction, sexual exploitation and sexual harassment have all become exposed in the Church. The perpetrators and their silent accomplices who hid or overlooked such acts are slowly being identified. Sadly, not all are known. The whole of the Church must learn how to recognize, report, protect and guard against this evil – and must participate in healing the brokenhearted and wounded in our midst. This session will address the sexual exploitation crisis in the Church. An analysis of what has happened will be presented, while offering concrete suggestions as to how the whole of the Church should proceed in correcting this problem.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is a theologian, whose work has included the faculty positions at Regis College and at the University of Massachusetts; and as Diocesan Director in Washington, D.C., Oakland, Boston and Baton Rouge. Her publications include books, a video program and numerous articles. Dr. Gordon was the first woman to deliver the Baccalaureate Address for Boston University and is a frequent speaker at RECongress, having delivered the keynote and Sunday morning addresses. She is currently a theological consultant for a social service collective in South Louisiana.

4-11 FAITH FOR THE HEART

Dr. Thomas Groome (see bio 3-11)

As the Church faces the challenges of engaging and retaining our youth and young adults, we need to retrieve the wisdom of St. Augustine – that the most enticing appeal of Christian faith is to the heart first and only later to the head. To what hungers of the heart does Christian faith appeal? Dr. Tom Groome will demonstrate how to craft the Christian story so as to engage people's deepest desires.

4-12 MORALITY, CONSCIENCE AND VOCATION

Many presentations about morality emphasize rules and avoiding sin. That remains good advice. But we also need to consider what makes anything sinful, how to form our consciences and what a sense of vocation has to do with all of this. Too often, considerations about morality are given without attention to the complex issues we face every day – issues for which there is no obvious right or wrong answer, but that can have significant impact on our relationship with God and others. Who we are as persons (and members of communities) and what should be our goal in life, need to be an essential part of any discussion of morality.



Fr. James Heft, SM

Marianist priest Fr. James Heft is Alton Brooks Professor of Religion at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and President of their Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies. He is author and editor of 12 books and over 190 articles. Fr. Heft taught at the university level for 40 years, many of those at the University of Dayton in Ohio in roles as Provost, Chancellor and as Chair of the Theology Department. In 2011, the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities honored him with the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for his long and distinguished service to Catholic higher education.

4-13 INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVING A LIFE: PAY ATTENTION. BE ASTONISHED. TELL ABOUT IT.

Rev. Terry Hershey (see bio 1-12)

Today, let us practice the sacrament of the blessed present. Using American poet Mary Oliver's wise instructions: Before we decipher life, let us see life; before we give in to "if only," let us hear this moment; before we trade in this life for the life we should have, let us taste this life. We make the choice to be open, available, willing to be surprised by joy, to know there is power in the word "enough." We carry this capacity to honor the present into every encounter and relationship. We honor the dignity that is reflected by God's goodness and grace, a place to invite mercy, encourage, heal, reconcile, repair, pray, celebrate, restore, refuel. Count me in. Join me.

4-14 NEUROSCIENCE AND WELL-BEING: TECHNOLOGY, OUR BRAINS AND OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES



Our smart phones and computers are wonders, but they also bring some not-so-wonderful consequences to our bodies, brains and spiritual lives. In this session, we'll explore the ramifications of digital distractions and how we can harness technology's gifts to enhance our Christian journey. We'll also discover helpful strategies to enrich both connected and disconnected times in our lives, deepening our faith and our spiritual paths.



Anne Kertz Kernion

Anne Kertz Kernion is owner and artist of Cards by Anne. She taught theology at Carlow University in Pittsburgh for over a decade and teaches chemistry and religion courses at a local community college. Kertz is a public speaker, retreat facilitator and teaches yoga. Her latest book is entitled "A Year of Spiritual Companionship."

4-15 JESUS THE MIGRANT: CONTEXTUAL CHRISTOLOGY AND THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

President Trump wants to keep out migrants; for Pope Francis, they are "a new seed of evangelization." In this session, Dr. Robert Lassalle-Klein, a theologian and advisor to the Seminar on Formation for Hispanic Ministry, will describe the Risen Jesus as revealed to him in the lives of migrants and refugees in his 32 years at the Oakland Catholic Worker. He will explore the biblical basis of the discovery by Pope Francis and Saint Oscar Romero that these migrants and refugees are the historical continuation of Jesus, the migrant Messiah who has revealed that God has chosen to save humanity through the poor and the rejected.



Robert Lassalle-Klein, PhD, MSW

Dr. Robert Lassalle-Klein is co-founder and Executive Director of the Oakland Catholic Worker in Northern California. Author of five books on Jesus and spirituality, his current projects include "Voices of Migrants and Refugees" and "Jesus the Migrant: A Contextual Christology." Dr. Lassalle-Klein teaches as Professor of Religious Studies at Holy Names University in Oakland, and has held fellowships and faculty positions at DePaul University in Chicago; the Graduate Theological Union and the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley; and Ramon Llull University in Barcelona, Spain.

4-16 JUST HOW THIRSTY ARE YOU?

Jesus is the water of life and, in the story of the Woman at the Well, he describes himself as the water of the Spirit that is both thirsting for us and springing up as life and refreshment in the desert. We are given a thirst for God, for the Word-made-flesh, for justice and peace (God's thirst) at our baptism. This thirst is meant to grow stronger all ways as we drink from the wells of the Word and of the Poor – the least, the lost, the longing, the last – and can only be quenched by great gulps of God's presence among us and by sharing his cup with others. Come, drink deeply.



Megan McKenna

A New York native now living in Albuquerque, N.M., Megan McKenna is a theologian and researcher who travels internationally as a speaker and storyteller. She is author of 49 books, including "The Book of the Poor: Wisdom Stories," which will be released in 2019. Her previous publication, "This Will Be Remembered of Her," won a Catholic Press Association award. McKenna teaches at various institutes around the world. She is an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA and was recipient of the Isaac Hecker Award for Justice and Peace.

4-17 MARY: WHO IS SHE REALLY AND WHY SHE MATTERS

Rev. Leo E. Patalinghug, IVDei (see bio 2-19)

Non-Catholics are confused by Mary. Feminists, perplexed by Mary, recognize her unique and powerful role in salvation history. From academics to artists, Mary is a sign of wisdom, hope and beauty. For most Catholics, they have *no idea* or underappreciate who Mary truly is, why she matters and how to incorporate her presence into their spirituality in an authentically Catholic lifestyle. Fr. Leo Patalinghug, who has earned an advanced degree in Mariology from Rome, shares what he has learned to audiences around the world, presenting a realistic and joyful message, theologically rich and practically helpful to integrate Mary's presence in the life of the faithful.

4-18 COME ALONGSIDE: THE ART OF ACCOMPANYING HURTING YOUTH

Stress, anxiety, depression, relationship and family problems are just a few of the issues that can affect young people. But you don't have to be a counselor to accompany these hurting young people. In this session, you'll learn how to recognize the signs of hurting youth and specific behaviors, phrases, questions and language that will help you effectively and artfully accompany young people.



Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered among youth and young adults in parish, school and diocesan settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice in Lafayette, La. Petitfils hosts a podcast, "Today's Teenager," and presents at regional and national conferences and workshops in over 30 dioceses across the United States. He has spoken at TEDx and has published several articles and books; his latest title is "Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression: A Field Guide for Catholic Parents, Pastors, and Youth Leaders."

4-19 "TAKE FIVE": BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR CULTIVATING CATECHISTS

Cultivating catechists takes so much more than holding a series of meetings throughout the year. It is an act of stewardship and a way of being expressed through a set of guiding principles that speak to mission, parameters, empowerment, recognition, and engagement. Let's "Take Five" together!



Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy

Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy is Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Honolulu, Hawaii. She serves as Vice-President of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and is an advisory committee member to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs. Ragasa-Mondoy is co-producer of the award-winning "One 'Ohana" video series, has published numerous diocesan catechetical resources and articles, and is author of "Cultivating Your Catechists."

4-20 THE HIDDEN PERILS OF DISTRACTION 🎧

We all know the statistics: People spend more time on their phones than with their friends. We spend time with the people we love looking at our screens. We waste hours a day with a thousand little distractions. But there is an even darker side to distractions, and it might not just cost us our time and productivity ... it could cost us heaven.



Rev. Michael Thomas Schmitz

Fr. Michael Schmitz is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth, Minn., and Chaplain for the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He has presented and preached to youth and young adults across the country, including the Steubenville Youth and Young Adult Conferences. Fr. Schmitz offers weekly homilies on iTunes and has appeared in programs for youth and young adults through Ascension Press, as well as through regular short video messages on Ascension Presents.

4-21 GDC ... NDC ... EASY AS 1, 2, 3 🎧

Julianne Stanz (see bio 3-23)

The General Directory for Catechesis (GDC) set forth the process of evangelization – and the place of catechesis within that process – and continues to be an indispensable tool for all those engaged in ministry. As a companion to the GDC, the National Directory for Catechesis (NDC) builds upon the core themes of the GDC. In many ways, the GDC and the NDC can be thought of as addressing the how of evangelization and catechesis. The Holy See has recently issued a revision to the GDC. Wondering what that revision looks like? Come and see!

4-22 CATECHESIS FROM THE MARGINS 🎧

Our catechetical efforts should reach everybody in the parish, including those who are at the margins of society. Today, many are struggling with how to relate and identify with the Church. If we listen carefully to the challenge of Pope Francis, we need to bring mercy to those people that are forgotten by society. In this workshop, we will focus on five strategies that will pull us out of our everyday routine in catechesis and look for ways to align our catechetics with those who normally do not "fit" into our definition of catechesis. We will discuss

concrete recommendations on how we can accomplish these goals within our communities.



Victor Valenzuela

Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent, Victor Valenzuela is fully bilingual and bicultural. He currently lives in San Leandro, Calif. and is Vice President of Ministry Formation for Dignity Health. He has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. Valenzuela has been in ministry for over 30 years including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training and development of new materials. He is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Barry University in Miami.

4-23 FORGIVE US OUR WRONG NOTES AS WE FORGIVE OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR 🎧

Christopher Walker (see bio 2-25)

Choir practice is a good time for exploring our own thirst for justice as we improve our musical skills. Using the Lord's Prayer as a template, come and discover that the way we sing can bring a fresh awareness of the struggles and successes we experience personally and as a group – strengthening us for vibrant ministry.

4-24 SACRED MOVEMENT: INSTRUMENT FOR JUSTICE AND LIBERATION 🎧

Through movement enriched by vocal prayer and song, participants will join one another in supplication, prayer and praise to God for all those who thirst for justice. Through this workshop, in the spirit of St. Paul, we will use our bodies as "weapons of justice for God" (Romans 6:13). Participants are encouraged to come with intentions and the names of loved ones in heart and in hand.



John West, OBl OSB, MEd, MA

John West is a sacred and liturgical dance workshop leader and clinician. His Religious Education Congress experience began in 1970, and since 1991, he has served on the Congress Liturgy Committee. An Oblate of St. Andrew's Abbey in Valeremo, Calif., he is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, on the Board of Directors of the Sacred Dance Guild and co-producer for Wordnet Productions. West has led local, national and international workshops, and his articles appear in various liturgy and sacred dance journals.

4-25 WOMEN DEACONS: YES OR NO? 🎧

Dr. Phyllis Zagano (see bio 2-01)

Women perform and have performed diaconal ministry throughout the history of the Church. What's the problem with women deacons? Can they be ordained to the diaconate today? Why? Why not? There are two strands of thought to think about.

PERIOD 4

10:00 - 11:30 AM • SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

4-70 CÔNG LÝ TRONG GIA ĐÌNH VIỆT NAM 🗣️

Tim kiếm công lý không phải là điều chỉ cần thực hiện ở những môi trường rộng lớn. Tim kiếm công lý là điều cần phải thực hiện trước nhất ngay trong gia đình. Tình trạng “chồng chúa vợ tôi” và tình trạng “phụ xử tử vong, tử bất vong bất hiếu” có phải là truyền thống trong văn hoá gốc của người Việt Nam không? Chắc chắn là không. Dựa vào nền văn hoá truyền thống của dân tộc Việt Nam và dựa vào Thánh Kinh, các phần tử trong gia đình Việt Nam sẽ tìm thấy công lý trong gia đình mình.

SEEKING JUSTICE IN VIETNAMESE FAMILY LIFE 🗣️

Seeking justice is not only something to be done through large institutions. Rather, fairness and integrity begin in the home with family interactions and activities. The situations where “husband is lord and wife is servant” or “father tells child to die, child does not obey, therefore child is disloyal” are certainly not in traditional Vietnamese culture. Based on the moral traditions and values of the Vietnamese culture and the Bible, members of Vietnamese families will find integrity and fairness in their own families.



Giáo Sư Tiên Sĩ Quyên Di

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

Professor Quyen Di, PhD

Before 1975, Prof. Quyen Di served as Assistant Director of the Board of Textbook and Curriculum Preparation at Dalat University in Vietnam. He now teaches the Vietnamese language around the world, and has served on the Vietnamese American National Catechetical Committee for nearly three decades. He lectures on Vietnamese language, culture and literature at the University of California, Los Angeles and at California State University, Long Beach. He also lectures on education and teaching methodologies at California State University, Fullerton. He is a visiting professor at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. He is a trained spiritual director and family counselor.



PERIOD 5

1:00 - 2:30 PM • SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

5-01 THIRSTING FOR JUSTICE: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON CLERGY ABUSE IN THE CHURCH 🗣️ ARENA

Charles Dickens famously described the French Revolution as the “best of times, the worst of times.” Catholicism too seems to be experiencing a revolutionary moment fueled by the clerical sexual abuse scandals. After the explosion of the sex abuse crisis in 2002 in the United States and the bishops’ response with new policies, things seemed to improve. However, in the next decade, other hotspots around the world exploded. Again, 2018 has “turned up the heat” considerably on the story, this time with an emphasis on bishop accountability. Perhaps what this underscores is that our Catholic story is almost always a mix of the sublime and the outrageous.



John L. Allen Jr.

John Allen Jr. is President and Editor of *Crux*, an independent Catholic news site in partnership with the Knights of Columbus, *De Sales Media* and the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN and a popular speaker both in the United States and abroad. Allen previously served as both Associate Editor for the *Boston Globe* and Senior Correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter*. He is author of 12 best-selling books on Vatican and Catholic affairs and numerous articles. He divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver, Colo.

CAMPUS MINISTRY TRACK

We are excited to offer this one-day track on college campus ministry. Participants will spend all three workshops with a community of those who serve college students, faculty and staff on university campuses, and will come away with enriching conversations, connections and tools to improve your ministry. Please be sure to register for all three Saturday sessions: 4-02, 5-02 and 6-02.

5-02 RETHINKING RETREATS AND SMALL GROUPS 🗣️



Katie Diller, Fr. Michael Martin & Rosie Chinae Shawver (see bios 4-02)

Are the retreats and small groups at your college campus ministry site stale, lacking depth and innovation? Are you looking for new ways to revamp your retreats and small groups? This workshop will help you rethink your retreat and small group programs to better serve the spiritual needs of your college students.

5-03 IMAGO DEI ON SKID ROW 🗣️

Wyndsey Adams will help us to recognize the *Imago Dei* (the image of God) in those experiencing homelessness, acknowledging it in ourselves, and the powerful consequences of that simple gift.



Wyndsey Justin Tyler Adams

At age 16, Wyndsey Tyler served as a peer counselor and, at 18, started working in an adolescent acute psychiatric program, a vocation which she continued for 20 years. She now works on Skid Row as a Case Manager with Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles. In ministry work, Adams followed the same call to service as in her professional life, spending time with young women and men held in detention centers. With her husband, Deacon Ryan Adams, they have started a mission that is focused on the needs of children in the Holy Land.

5-04 FAITH AT THE CROSSROADS: MINISTERING TO YOUNG ADULTS ☪

Hey, where did they all go? How can pastoral ministers work together to build communities that attract young adults, foster their faith and call forth discipleship? The divide-and-conquer strategy (kids go there, teens go over there, young adults there, grown-ups come here) has not always borne fruit. The Church is in the business of creating disciples. Steve Angrisano will offer principles and practical tools gleaned from his own journeys in ministry, particularly in the areas of how we as staff and volunteers can better facilitate the prayer, catechesis and evangelization of the young adult in our parish family.



Steve Angrisano

Musician, composer and youth minister, Steve Angrisano has made countless appearances from diocesan gatherings to major events around the world. He has been featured at numerous conferences, including seven World Youth Days. Angrisano served as MC for several National Catholic Youth Conferences, the National Pastoral Musicians Conference, and the L.A. Congress & Youth Day. He has shared his music – songs like “Go Make A Difference” and “We Are the Light of the World” – with thousands of people in more than 200 dioceses for nearly 20 years.

5-05 DANCING OUR WAY TO THE HOLY WELL: CELTIC PRACTICES FOR LIBERATING THE BODY OF CHRIST ☪

How can we dip into the well of refreshment and be freed for our journey of faith and justice? Let’s dance our way to the holy well! Come explore a handful of soul-deepening and enlivening Celtic practices through simple dance prayers. This series of embodied prayer songs was commissioned by Abbey of the Arts to help explore the incarnational aspects of Celtic spirituality. Drink in the practices (such as thresholds, encircling and seasonal cycles) as a wellspring of inspiration and come away with simple dances to help liberate the Body of Christ in your community!



Betsey Beckman, MM

Betsey Beckman is a dancer, teacher, spiritual director, author and founder of *The Dancing Word: Embodying the Sacred in Liturgy and Life*. Her ministry includes liturgical movement, on-line prayer resources created with Abbey of the

Arts, embodied arts retreats and storytelling pilgrimages to sacred lands. The freelance choreographer presents nationally and has several DVDs. She is also Director of Movement Ministry at her home parish of St. Patrick Church in Seattle.



Laura Ash

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Parish in Seattle, where she has supported the ministry of movement for over 20 years. She has presented with Betsey Beckman at a number of RECongress workshops over the last 17 years. Laura, with her husband David, have presented showcases at events of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, have composed and published three collections of liturgical music, and have co-written the music for the social justice musical, “Grace on the Margins.”

5-06 MARS AND VENUS – PARTNERING FOR JUSTICE ☪

Moses cried out to God, “What shall I do?” The Samaritan woman asked Jesus, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman?” We respond to God’s invitations in our own unique ways, as men and women called to justice. How do men and women respond differently? What are the masculine and feminine gifts that empower us to form just relationships and be transformed by each other for the work of peace?



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. Her special interests are in spirituality, formation, women’s spiritual development and abolition of human trafficking. Sr. Bryant has authored numerous articles and books and presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States.

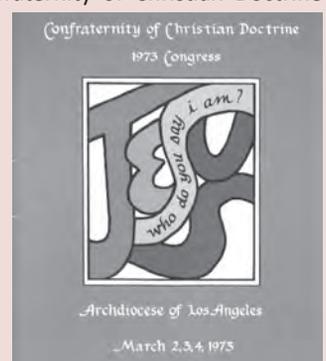


Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD

Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He taught for over a decade at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., and remains an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Fr. Clarke is also an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles. He is widely traveled with his work and education. His latest book is entitled “Soulful: Spirituality for People on the Go.”

1973

In 1973 the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) office was renamed as the Office of Religious Education and the event became the “Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.” Workshops in Spanish were offered for the first time that year. And in subsequent years the number of workshops escalated as did the crowds swarming to hear the speakers.



5-07 FEED MY SHEEP: MINISTRY THROUGH SONG

As a musician and part-time sheep farmer, Ian Callanan has unique insight into the life of the shepherd and the sheep. Christians are the sheep of Jesus. How do we compose/direct/lead liturgical music as a ministry like a shepherd. *A good shepherd knows his sheep* – as a composer/director we need to know the liturgy and those for whom we are writing/directing. *And the sheep listen to the shepherd's voice* – as the choir needs to have confidence in the composer/director and follow them. This workshop will focus on how to build confidence in our ministry, thereby enabling the sheep to listen to God's voice more closely.



Ian Callanan

Ian Callanan is a composer, arranger and score editor who has presented at many events in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Spain and the United States. His music is sung throughout Europe and heard in many television and radio broadcasts. Callanan is Director of Music Ministry Together, a national liturgical music formation program in Ireland, and also Director of the "Emmanuel" program for the Archdiocese of Dublin and the "Seinn" program for the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emlly, and the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe.

5-08 HARNESS THE POWER OF STORY

Jeanne Cotter (see bio 3-05)

Backed by Scripture, neuroscience and research on human motivation, liturgical composer and storyteller Jeanne Cotter explores the power of story to ignite faith, to motivate change in order to align one's behavior with one's values and, most urgently, to strengthen personal and communal healing.

5-09 A NEW HEART: THE HEALING GRACE OF FORGIVENESS

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus invites us to ask the Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Jesus also reveals this promise: "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions" (Matthew 6:12,14-15). We cannot live in peace without reconciliation – the wounds of the past will continue to hurt us. The only way to renew our heart is through forgiveness, and when we wait too long, everything becomes more difficult. This is the time to forgive!



Ivan Diaz

Ivan Diaz is a songwriter, educator and clinician for Oregon Catholic Press. He is also Musical Director at St. Francis de Sales Church in Miami Beach, Fla.; Chorus Director for the National Catholic Youth Conference; and Director of Choral Studies for the Broward County Schools in Florida. Diaz has appeared on EWTN and the Jesus Christ Network. His musical collection "Discipulos Misioneros" was inspired by the Fifth Encuentro in the United States with his piece, "Nuestra Alegria/Our Joy," chosen as their official song.

1983

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson (right) became Director of the Los Angeles Office of Religious Education in 1983. On his staff was Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC, (left) who served as



Consultant for Youth Ministry and would become the first woman Associate Director for the office. In 1987, Sr. Prendergast was appointed by Cardinal Roger Mahony as Director of the Office of Religious Education and became the first non-ordained person to hold the position.



5-10 USING LEARNING STYLES TO ENLIVEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Steven Ellair (see bio 1-09)

When different learning styles are understood and addressed, the learning environment can come alive in new ways. Come to this workshop to: 1) explore how to more effectively identify children's learning styles; 2) understand your learning style and see how it influences how you teach; and 3) identify some steps to create a learning-optimized classroom for everyone!

5-11 MUST WE FORGIVE? THE DIFFICULT DEMANDS OF JUST RELATIONSHIPS

Amy Florian (see bio 1-10)

Forgiveness of those who hurt us is one of the deepest spiritual struggles in life, perhaps second only to forgiving ourselves. How does forgiveness figure into justice? What does it mean to forgive anyway, on both an individual and communal level? How do we go about it? Come explore these questions and more. Then enter deeply into the experience of the Prodigal Son's mother as she tells the story from her own perspective, illuminating the difficulties and the call to forgiveness in ways you've never heard before.

5-12 THE WORM AT THE CORE: TERROR MANAGEMENT THEORY AND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Fr. Richard Fragomeni (see bio 3-08)

American philosopher William James once dubbed the knowledge that we must die as "the worm at the core" of one's human condition. Anxiety about death impacts what we do both consciously and unconsciously, leaving us overwhelmed at times about the knowledge of our ultimate fate. Fr. Richard Fragomeni will offer insights into our fear of death, suggestions for managing the "terror" and help us to realize that the "worm at the core" need not consume us.

5-13 INTEGRAL ECOLOGY: BEING CATHOLICS FOR A SMALL PLANET 🗣️

The “environment” is the relationship between nature and society. Food, water and soil are the stuff of Catholic sacraments, because our Creator offers us the gifts of nature for our wellbeing and enjoyment. However, we are damaging nature at a scale and pace that is alarming. *Laudato Sí*, Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment, urgently calls us to a Catholic way of being that integrates our faith, lifestyles and politics to protect and restore our planet. In this session, we will share ideas for being green Catholics, in practical ways, starting with simple, daily habits and what we choose to buy.

**Paul Hicks**

Paul Hicks is Director of Water and Land Restoration for Catholic Relief Services and has been based in El Salvador since 2009. He has nearly 25 years’ experience leading water and agricultural projects in developing countries, including Albania, the Philippines, Afghanistan and Central America. Hicks has presented to groups ranging from the Sustainable Coffee Association of America to the Vatican. He has written on water resource management and is a contributor to Cofeelands, a water management blog in the coffee sector.

5-14 #PRAYING WITH HASHTAGS 🗣️

Influential hashtag movements – including #MeToo #NeverAgain #blacklivesmatter #womensmarch #bringbackourgirls – have inspired revolutionary responses of solidarity all around the world, uniting humanity in inspirational ways. Centuries ago, St. Ignatius of Loyola offered a revolutionary view that God’s presence could be found in all places and circumstances. How does #hashtagging offer an opportunity to explore today’s largest storytelling space – social media? Here, participants will get a chance to prayerfully engage that space with some of the meditations, prayers and contemplative practices Ignatius outlines in his Spiritual Exercises.

**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.”

**Margaret Matijasevic**

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

5-15 LIVING THE CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER 🗣️

Tom Kendzia (see bio 2-11)

Following in the footsteps of Christ presents us with one of the most difficult of his teachings: Teaching by example. This is the role of the catechist. Yet, it is our prayer in community that is essential for this to become a reality.

5-16 THIRSTING FOR HOPE IN THE CHURCH 🗣️

Hope can be a challenging virtue. Far from being wishful thinking about a future that is better than the present, it enables us to face the questions that arise from our experiences, even experiences of darkness, and respond to them with confidence that the darkness will not overwhelm us. This workshop presents a theology of hope; it explores the implications of this theology for the life of the Church at a time when clerical sexual abuse has damaged the lives of so many people and imperiled the Church’s witness to Christ.

**Fr. Richard Lennan**

Fr. Richard Lennan, a priest of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Australia, is currently Professor of Systematic Theology in the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. His research and teaching focus on the theology of church, the theology of ministry and fundamental theology, with a special interest in the work of Karl Rahner. Fr. Lennan is author or editor of seven books. He has also served as President of the Australian Catholic Theological Association.

5-17 THE PASTORAL LEADER AS VIRTUOUS LEADER 🗣️

Josephine Lombardi, PhD (see bio 3-14)

Human formation is just as important as spiritual formation. Cultivating good habits in Catholic leadership is a must. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will examine various virtues with special attention given to the four main human or cardinal virtues: self-control; prudence; justice; and courage (Wisdom 8:7). She will relate the virtues to a variety of pastoral scenarios, encouraging participants to think about their level of self-knowledge and leadership style.

2007

In addition to offering workshops in English, Spanish and Vietnamese, the 2007 Religious Education Congress was the first to offer a workshop in Korean. Katherine Ja-Eun Cho (photo) presented a workshop titled (in English) “Ministry with Korean-American Youth and Young Adults – Is There Still Hope?” She returned to present again in 2009 with the workshop “Challenges of Catechesis for Korean-American Youth and Young Adults: How Do We Ignite Their ‘Yes’?” That year, Roland Kim, PhD also presented a workshop in Korean.



5-18 YOUR PARISH IS THE CURRICULUM: RCIA IN THE MIDST OF THE COMMUNITY 🗣️

You're exhausted from preparing all your Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions (don't even mention year-round!). You fret about the newly initiated who disappeared right after Easter. And even with announcements and the lure of free food, you still can't get enough parishioners to help. Stop doing RCIA in a silo and stop trying to get the parish involved in it. The life-changing, surprisingly simple answer is this: Start getting the catechumens and candidates involved in the parish! When you make your parish the curriculum, you will form not only your RCIA group but your entire community into lifelong disciples.



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."

5-19 CONNECTING JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH THE VOLATILE IMMIGRATION ISSUES 🗣️

Many of the Catholic students in our religious education programs, our Catholic schools and our confirmation programs know fellow students whose families have undocumented family members. There is much confusion about this issue especially the regular threats coming from Washington, D.C. against immigrants. This workshop will offer ideas to help integrate this timely topic into our regular curricula dealing with faith formation and our Gospel outreach.



Cardinal Roger M. Mahony

Cardinal Roger Mahony led the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1985 until his retirement in 2011. Born in Hollywood, he was the first native "Angelino" to be elevated to the position of Cardinal. Cardinal Mahony oversaw the design and building of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, which was dedicated in 2002, and now serves the total archdiocese of over 5 million Catholics. Since his retirement, Cardinal Mahony has devoted himself to the cause of comprehensive immigration reform on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters as well as refugees and displaced persons around the world.

1971

The first Youth Rally was held on March 26, 1971 for high school students. The annual Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress with the theme, "You Shall be my Witnesses to the ends of the Earth" (Acts 1:8), had just moved to the Anaheim Convention Center the year prior. This afternoon event for youth set the pattern for what has developed into Youth Day.

5-20 BEING A LISTENING CHURCH: ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY IN THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE 🗣️

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale (see bio 1-14)

The focus of the Church has been on youth and young adults – the recent Fifth Encuentro focused on young Catholic Hispanics and the October 2018 General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops focused on the theme of "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment." A National Dialogue has been called for by the U.S. bishops to respond to both events and continue the process of listening to the young church so that, as ministry leaders, we can transform our ministry practice with young people and invite them to become missionary disciples. Come to this workshop to learn how your parish, school, campus, movement or diocese can participate.

5-21 "I STARTED IN GENESIS, BUT DIED IN LEVITICUS": BRINGING BEGINNERS TO THE BIBLE 🗣️

Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD (see bio 3-17)

This session is for those who want to help their students take modern Bible scholarship seriously. It will offer parish Bible catechists ways to assist beginners to jump into successful Bible study.

5-22 BEYOND CONVICTION: HEALING THROUGH VICTIM OFFENDER DIALOGUE 🗣️

"Victim offender dialogue" in crimes of severe violence, including homicide, is perhaps the restorative justice practice that provides the deepest healing opportunity for crime victims, survivors and offenders. In a facilitated process, the victims/survivors voluntarily meet face-to-face with the offender. Many victims and survivors leave with greater understanding and a sense of closure, and many offenders experience a more complete understanding of the harm they have caused. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the dialogue process and hear from a crime victim/survivor whose Catholic faith inspired her to participate in victim offender dialogue.



Suzanne Elaine Neuhaus

Suzanne Neuhaus, a retired parole agent and Victim Services Specialist, now lives in Yorba Linda, Calif., and serves as a consultant in restorative justice. Formerly with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for over 20 years, she served as a trainer for the Department of Corrections, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the California Catholic Conference on Restorative Justice. Neuhaus focuses on bereavement ministry and remains actively involved in youth and adult ministries in her church.



Cheryl Ward-Kaiser

Cheryl Ward-Kaiser was an early supporter of victims-driven restorative justice and is now an advocate. She has spoken on the victim impact of violence for 37 years to women and men in prisons, young people in juvenile hall and students. Ward-Kaiser shares her story of a crisis pregnancy and her family's encounter with unspeakable violence during a home invasion. Her mantra of restorative justice brought her to victim/offender mediation with three of those offenders.

5-23 “DON’T BRING HOME NO GRAVEYARD DIRT!” – LIVING IN PEACE 🕊**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (see bio 3-01)**

After every funeral, my Momma would make us stand outside and stomp our shoes to make sure they were clean. She would say, “Don’t bring home no graveyard dirt!” In Matthew 10:12-14, Jesus says, “As you enter a house, wish it peace. ... Whoever will not receive you or listen to your words – go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet.” Disagreeable dust is like graveyard dirt! This workshop will help you recognize the dirt in your lives and discuss ways you can leave it outside. In the name of Jesus, “Don’t bring home no graveyard dirt!”

5-24 THE PRIMACY OF PRAYER: INTERIOR RENEWAL, OUTWARD IMPACT 🕊

You know you’re in trouble when you start cutting corners in your prayer life to fit in more activity at the parish: “I don’t have time for prayer. I’m too busy doing the Lord’s work!” Pope Francis says catechists need to take in the “deep breath of prayer” just like humans need to take in oxygen. Learn how to fit more prayer into a busy schedule and practical ways to give the people you serve something greater than your gifts, talents and wisdom. You can give them more of Jesus radiating through you – but only if you make the interior life of prayer more of a priority.

**Dr. Edward Sri**

Theologian and author Dr. Edward Sri is an internationally known Catholic speaker. He is a founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and serves as Vice President of Formation. He is also Professor at the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colo.. and former Vice President of Mission. Dr. Sri has spoken to audiences of laity, catechists, clergy and religious. He is host of the video series, “Symbolon,” and author of the recently released “Rethinking Mary in the New Testaments” and “Into His Likeness.”

5-25 OF WOMB AND TOMB: WHOLE-COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOR FAMILIES WHO STRUGGLE WITH INFERTILITY, MISCARRIAGE AND STILLBIRTH 🕊

The loss of a child before birth is an often forgotten or unseen grief. Through storytelling, pastoral resources and prayer, open our hearts to make space within our communities for families who struggle with infertility, miscarriage and stillbirth.

**Kate Williams**

Kate Williams is a musician and workshop leader who presents workshops and conferences in the Chicago area as well as nationally. In her role as Senior Managing Editor at GIA Publications, Inc., she is an integral member of the editorial and manuscript teams, cultivating relationships and coordinating projects with composers. Williams also serves as a music minister in parishes around the Chicago Archdiocese, most recently as Director of Music Ministry at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston, Ill.

1964

In 1964, the Anaheim City Council approves plans for construction of an “Arenatorium” and exhibit complex that includes a 7,500-seat Arena, a 100,000-square-foot exhibit hall and 35,000 square feet of meeting space. Groundbreaking took place on May 7, 1965. The \$14.7 million complex officially opened its doors on July 12, 1967.

**5-70 CHẠNH LÒNG THƯƠNG: HÃY LÀ KHÍ CỤ CỦA TÌNH YÊU VÀ SỰ CHỮA LÀNH** 🕊**Sơ Lý Thị Bích Quyên (xem tiểu sử 3-70)**

Thiên Chúa tạo dựng con người theo hình ảnh Ngài (St 1, 27). Ngài gieo trồng trong mỗi chúng ta hạt giống tình yêu và sự tốt lành. Làm thế nào để hạt giống này tiếp tục lớn mạnh và sinh hoa trái dồi dào nơi cuộc sống chúng ta? Sống trong thế giới tràn ngập khổ đau và biến động hôm nay, lời mời gọi trở nên khí cụ của Tình Yêu và chữa lành càng trở nên khẩn thiết! Nhưng tại sao tôi phải bận tâm đến khổ đau của người khác? Cả tôi nữa, có thể tôi cũng cần được yêu thương, được chữa lành. Tôi phải bắt đầu từ đâu và bằng cách nào để Tin Mừng trở nên sống động trong cuộc sống của tôi? Đâu là những cách thể đơn giản, nhỏ bé mà tôi có thể cam kết dần thân để có thể là người chuyển tải tình yêu, niềm vui và hy vọng?

THE HEART THAT MOVED: BE AN INSTRUMENT OF LOVE AND HEALING 🕊**Sr. Bich Quyên Thi Ly (see bio 3-70)**

God created humankind in His own image (Genesis 1:27). The seeds of goodness and love are planted in our hearts. How can we allow these seeds to grow and flourish more abundantly in our lives? Living in our troubled world today, God’s call for us to be instruments of love and healing is becoming more urgent. But why do I need to care for others? Where and how to make the Gospel alive in me? What are some of the simple and small ways that I can commit to in order to be a bearer of love, joy and hope? This workshop hopes to inspire and motivate you through discussions and lived experiences.



6-01 LAZARUS, COME FORTH! 🎧 ARENA

The Gospel story of the Raising of Lazarus is among the most powerful of stories. What does Jesus' greatest miracle have to say to your own life? What are you being called to leave behind in the tomb? And where is Jesus calling you to new life?



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.



Caroline Brennan

Based in Chicago, Caroline Brennan is Senior Communications Officer of the Global Emergency Response Team for Catholic Relief Services. As the CRS Emergency Communications Director, she travels to the front lines of humanitarian emergencies documenting people's incredible challenges. Brennan has worked in 24 countries. Recent travels include Bangladesh for the Rohingya refugee crisis; Uganda for the South Sudanese refugee crisis; Jordan and the Middle East region (regularly since 2012); Iraq; and Bulgaria.

6-04 WHAT KIND OF BREAD DO WE PRAY FOR? THE STRANGE WORD IN THE OUR FATHER 🎧

Fr. William L. Burton, OFM (see bio 2-04)

In the Lord's Prayer, we encounter a very unusual word. It is the word "daily" used to describe the "bread" that we pray for. Analyzing the single Greek word behind this English translation is like a detective story! This confusing Greek word is found nowhere else in all of recorded Greek literature. In this session, we will carefully study this word and see how our examination takes us to an exciting, deeper level in our understanding and love for this prayer.

CAMPUS MINISTRY TRACK

We are excited to offer this one-day track on college campus ministry. Participants will spend all three workshops with a community of those who serve college students, faculty and staff on university campuses and will come away with enriching conversations, connections and tools to improve your ministry. Please be sure to register for all three Saturday sessions: 4-02, 5-02 and 6-02.

6-02 TRANSITIONING BEYOND CAMPUS MINISTRY 🎧

Katie Diller, Fr. Michael Martin & Rosie Chinae Shawver (see bios 4-02)

When students arrive on colleges campuses they are seeking meaning, acceptance and forming their identity. During their college years a lot of transition is happening in their lives. They are discovering who they are and discerning careers and some even their vocations. How do we, as college campus ministers, encourage and support them in their vocational discernment? Part of this discernment is equipping college students to continue their journeys of faith after graduation. How do we form students to transition beyond campus ministry? Join us for this crucial discussion.

6-03 EYE-WITNESS REPORT: DEFINING HUMANITY FROM HEART OF TODAY'S GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN CRISES

Having worked for years at the center of humanitarian and refugee crises, Caroline Brennan of Catholic Relief Services will share insights from current international humanitarian backdrops, revealing insights and aspects far from news reports or coverage. Having returned recently from the field, she will bring real, pressing and relevant stories and perspectives home for deeper understanding, and in a way that directly links to people's lives and connects to our greater world, and each other.



Andrea D. Chavez-Kopp

Based in Virginia, Andrea Chavez-Kopp is Assistant Director for Educational and Formation Programs for the National Catholic Education Association. She has served in several leadership capacities within the schools and parishes, and had 18 years of teaching and ministry experience when she joined the NCEA staff in 2015. Chavez has presented numerous professional presentations at local parishes to national conventions. She has served on several national committees and has numerous articles published in Catechist Magazine, Momentum Magazine and NCEA Talk.

1970s

The focus was on the catechist – referred to then as "CCD worker or teacher" – and his or her skills in the classroom. The latest in audio and visual media tools were showcased in workshops such as "Super 8 Movies and the CCD Student." Issues of race and culture began to be addressed in the mid-'70s with a few workshops offered in Spanish and topics such as "The Black Experience."

6-06 THE GOOD KANGAROO: SONGS AND STORIES OF FAITH AND JUSTICE FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOM

Join Andrew Chinn and James Wahl as they journey from Down Under and across the States, with stories and songs from the Bible, our faith traditions and various cultures. Educators and music leaders will learn strategies that help develop a sense of Christian justice and social awareness in their early childhood and elementary classrooms. Andrew was an elementary and early childhood teacher in Sydney for 20 years before becoming a full-time children's music minister 16 years ago. James brings a wealth of experience as a pastoral musician, liturgist and composer, with an emphasis on music for children.



Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia 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 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.



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.

6-07 CONTEMPLATIVE DATING

Can you find God through dating? The world of modern romance may not seem a match for a contemplative lifestyle. Yet, finding real connection may hinge upon exploring the very places where contemplation brings us. It's not about finding the right person, it's about being the right person. Along the way we'll provide a strategy to approach dating differently and introduce a "Safe Conversations" communication practice to help keep things moving. Don't bumble around or get down. Swipe right and come learn what contemplative dating is all about!

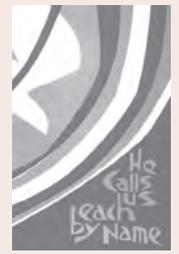


Michael DiPaolo, PhD

Dr. Michael DiPaolo is a clinical psychologist and certified Imago Relationship Therapist in private practice in Los Angeles who works with individuals and couples. He has counseled over 1,000 couples in marriage preparation throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Dr. DiPaolo is a speaker, workshop presenter and retreat leader who has presented for several years at parish and archdiocesan gatherings. He is author of "The Impact of Multiple Childhood Trauma on Homeless Runaway Adolescents."

1979

The 1979 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress was first time the theme was presented both in English and Spanish. Held February 1-4, 1979, the RECongress theme that year was "He Calls Us Each By Name" / "¡Nos Llama por Nuestro Nombre!" with the theme song written by Ron Griffen.



6-08 SHARING FAITH AS PARENTS OF YOUNG ADULTS - LET'S TALK

Tom East (see bio 3-07)

Parents of young adults have the same care, concern and worries for their young adult children as they did when they were little, but now they don't have as much contact time or control. Many, too, are concerned about the faith life of their young adult sons and daughters. Our influence as parents is different but we're not finished. It's time for a conversation. This workshop is for parents of young adults, young adults and pastoral leaders. Together, we will explore some of the starting points for important faith conversations and patterns of support for young adults today.

6-09 BUILDING BRIDGES WITH CATHOLICS WHO ARE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER OR QUESTIONING

How do we incorporate the gifts of all Catholics into the life of the Church? This workshop will begin by presenting best ministry practices for building bridges to welcome LGBTQ Catholics, who are trying to be faithful, (back) into the life of the parish. We will then discuss the value of moving from "welcome" toward an "appreciation/acceptance" so that LGBTQ Catholics can share in full and active participation in our Church communities, universities, schools and parish life.



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is a freelance speaker who currently resides in Tanzania, in east Africa. He has served 13 years in ministry with LGBTQ Catholics as Chair of the Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has received their Lumen Christi Award. Dr. Fitzmaurice has spoken at various professional and religious conferences. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.



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 RECongress and regional congresses in addition to other local and national gatherings.

6-10 TEACHING CREATIVITY AND LEADERSHIP

Dan Friedt (see bio 1-11)

Welcome to an exciting, experiential presentation combining the power of leadership with the gift of technology to support the learning of all students. Using “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and demonstrating the power of iPads within the learning environment, Dan Friedt will take you on a journey of learning. From describing how each habit supports learning and behavior, to connecting with apps to unleash student creativity, this presentation will impact your classroom immediately. Bring your iPad and be prepared to try something new for all your students. Learn how the determined teacher (no matter how many failures) has a different approach.

6-11 THE CHURCH’S BANQUET: RETRIEVING NEGLECTED INSIGHTS ON THE EUCHARIST AND THE CHURCH

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (see bio 4-09)

One of the great contributions of Catholic theology over the last century is the rich recovery of the full breadth of Eucharistic theology. In spite of this, too many Catholics remain captive to a reductive and inadequate understanding of the role of the Eucharist. This workshop will draw from a variety of theological perspectives to both deepen and broaden our appreciation for the role of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.

6-12 SPIRITUAL TOOLS FOR IMPORTANT LIFE DECISIONS: THE SACRED ART OF DISCERNMENT

Each of us will be faced with issues that require making critical decisions that will impact ourselves and those we love. The great mystical traditions offer profound, practical insight and tools for how to approach life’s most challenging times. While we typically trust our heart and intellect during periods of stress and transition, the soul can offer more trustworthy guidance. For the past 20 years, workshop presenter Richard Groves has offered one of the world’s first inter-spiritual, international training programs for spiritual directors. This presentation offers the core of its teaching and experience for every spiritual seeker regardless of age or profession.



Richard F. Groves

Richard Groves is Executive Director of the Sacred Art of Living Institute in Bend, Ore., which he founded with his late wife Mary in 1997. He has spent more than 30 years as a health-care educator and hospice chaplain. Groves is an internationally popular teacher, author and retreat director. His work has appeared in numerous national and international journals. He is co-author of “The American Book of Living and Dying,” which has been translated into many languages, and author of “The Soul and Science for Caregivers.”

6-13 PRAYING THE PSALMS: ANCIENT WORDS, NEW INSPIRATION

From “woe is me” to “praise the Lord!” – the psalms are a rich emotional journey through faith and a great gift to the church. They invite us to connect with God at a deeply powerful place. Still, facilitating prayer with psalmody is no easy task, sometimes bewildering musicians and catechists. This workshop presents pastoral ministers with the opportunity to engage their hearts in the psalms and to learn how to engage the hearts of those we serve. Come ready to dig deep, sing with gusto and pray the psalms in a renewed way, with great stories and fresh musical settings that draw upon the rich and often underappreciated meaning of the psalms.



Sarah Hart

Based in Nashville, Tenn., Sarah Hart is a singer, songwriter, retreat author and keynote speaker. The “itinerant minister” has authored four retreats for parish missions, women’s retreats and adult catechesis, which she presents nationally. Hart has performed for countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis at St. Peter’s Square. A Grammy-nominated songwriter, her songs have been recorded by numerous recording artists, and have appeared in TV, film and commercials. Her works are visible in hymnals across the globe.



Steve Angrisano

Musician, composer and youth minister, Steve Angrisano has made countless appearances from diocesan gatherings to major events around the world. He has been featured at numerous conferences, including seven World Youth Days. Angrisano served as MC for several National Catholic Youth Conferences, the National Pastoral Musicians Conference, and the L.A. Congress & Youth Day. He has shared his music – songs like “Go Make A Difference” and “We Are the Light of the World” – with thousands of people in more than 200 dioceses for nearly 20 years.

6-14 OUR STORY AND OUR VISION: THE HERITAGE OF SCRIPTURE IN CHRISTIAN SUNG PRAYER

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, ... singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16). From the very beginning, the Church has prayed, celebrated, given thanks and cried out to God through the song of Scripture. The Hebrew Scriptures (especially the Psalms) and the New Testament (especially the life and teachings of Jesus) have been an inexhaustible source of wisdom and inspiration, ever-ancient and ever-new, in every language and culture. We will explore how God’s Word is singing to and through us today, to a world thirsting for justice.



Marty Haugen

For nearly 40 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Australia, Asia and the Pacific Rim. His music appears in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestant denominations. Haugen’s most recent work, “Choose to Hope,” is set for release in 2019. He and his wife, Linda, live in Minnesota.

6-15 POPE FRANCIS' GUIDE TO HOLINESS: BECOMING FRIENDS OF GOD AND PROPHETS 🗣️

Last year Pope Francis released his third Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), which focused on the universal call to Christian holiness in the modern world. In this workshop, Fr. Dan Horan will explore the meaning, significance, background and application of the pope's recent guide to holiness by drawing on the text itself as well as the work of theologian Sr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, and the late Trappist monk and author Fr. Thomas Merton to aid us in becoming the saints God is calling us to be today in a world that is thirsting for justice!

**Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, PhD**

Franciscan friar and theologian Fr. Dan Horan is Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and Spirituality at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He previously taught at Boston College, at Siena College and St. Bonaventure University in New York, and has lectured across North America, Europe and New Zealand. Fr. Horan is author of numerous academic and popular articles; his latest book is titled "All God's Creatures: A Theology of Creation."

6-16 YES, YOU CAN! – IF ONLY YOU WILL 🗣️

It takes courage to acknowledge discouragement, disillusionment, sadness, loneliness, cynicism. Aren't we the ones who are supposed to have it all together? Isn't it a sign of weak faith if we were to admit, "I feel afraid" or "Listen, I don't have all the answers." Find freedom in facing weaknesses and learn to "strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees" (Hebrews 12:12). In her dynamic, unique style of presentation, ValLimar Jansen will inspire us to support one another, as together we face the challenges of the ministry God has entrusted to each of us.

**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.

6-17 SUPER GIRLS AND HALOS: IN SEARCH OF OUR OWN HEROIC VIRTUE 🗣️

As we search for role models that resonate with our faith, popular culture provides us with the "seeds of the Gospel." Turning to the saints, we see how grace works in them, and us, to inspire us to achieve our own heroic virtue.

**Maria Morera Johnson**

Based in Coden, Ala., Maria Johnson is an award-winning Catholic author whose books include "Our Lady of Charity: How a Cuban Devotion to Mary Helped Me Grow in Faith and Love," "Super Girls and Halos: My Companions on the Quest for Truth, Justice, and Heroic Virtue" and "My Badass Book of Saints: Courageous Women Who Showed Me How to Live." Johnson taught in high schools and colleges before setting out in 2008 speaking at Catholic conferences and leading retreats.

6-18 THE MISSION OF LISTENING 🗣️

Did you know that conversations with young people have the potential to shape how the Church ministers to them now and in the future? Come learn more about how you can be a part of the mission of listening. Come discover the power of engaging young people in conversation and leave with a tool that can help you make a difference in how you listen to young people and how you minister in your parish or school. Young people will enrich this presentation with their presence and witness.

**Christina Lamas**

Christina Lamas made her way into the field of Youth Ministry after 10 years of volunteering at her home parish. She went on to serve as Associate Director and Division Coordinator of Youth Ministry in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Lamas has presented to national and international audiences. Currently, she is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and brings with her more than 20 years of experience in catechesis and youth ministry.

6-19 HATCH, MATCH & DISPATCH: A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO THE SACRAMENTS**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (see bio 2-13)**

We are commissioned to act justly at every sacrament we celebrate and sustained to do so by the gifts of God we obtain there. Most sacramental resources, however, are either for the neophyte or for the serious theological scholar. This workshop will explore an accessible, engaging and educational approach to the history, liturgy and theology of the seven sacraments, as well as the Rite of Christian Burial, where our faith and our thirst for justice intersect.

6-20 JESUS AND THE VIRTUOUS LIFE 🗣️**Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD (see bio 2-17)**

"I have given you an example": Christian morality is much more than a set of commandments. Its aim is to make us disciples of Jesus, adults who live our lives patterned after his own. This session looks at an ethics inspired by the life of Christ, that is, a life of virtue that is a morality for adult believers.

6-21 THREE GREAT MEN OF THE BIBLE: ABRAHAM, MOSES AND DAVID 📌

Much of the biblical narrative is told through the experiences and character of three great men – Abraham, Moses and David. Their leadership, personal qualities and life challenges provide us tremendous insight into the greatest teachings and principles of the Hebrew Bible. Abraham is the man of faith who enters into a covenant with God; Moses leads his people through a physical and spiritual wilderness; and David creates a nation as a poet warrior. Their examples of imperfection, integrity and faith are examples to us through the ages to our own day.



Rabbi Michael Mayersohn

Rabbi Michael Mayersohn is a Reform Rabbi who teaches the Bible, both Hebrew and New Testament, offering Jewish insights into Sacred Scriptures. Since 2003 the rabbi has taught and spoken at over 20 churches in Orange County, San Diego and Arizona, teaching Jewish roots of Christianity and Bible studies. He has presented at the Religious Education Congress since 2010. His latest book is entitled, "I Was There: The Jewish Olive Grower Who Knew Jesus."

6-22 HOW TO RENEW, RE-ENERGIZE AND TRANSFORM YOUR PARISH NOW! 📌

Your parish doesn't need to be rebuilt ... it needs to be renewed, re-energized and transformed! In this unique session, five dynamic and popular RECongress speakers will deliver an engaging, high-energy TED-style talk designed to provide you with concrete suggestions for renewing, re-energizing and transforming the way your parish: 1) thinks; 2) functions; 3) worships; 4) forms people in faith; and 5) engages the world. At a time when so many are thirsting for justice, your parish must (and can!) be the place where that thirst is quenched.



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.



Dr. Ansel Augustine

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



Fr. David Loftus

Fr. David Loftus worked at the Office of Religious Education at the Los Angeles Archdiocese as Coordinator/Consultant of Catechist Formation and Adult Education before taking up his current assignment as Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge, Calif. He has consulted with parish staffs and presented at diocesan offices and national conferences both in the United States and abroad. Fr. Loftus has authored various articles for Catechetical Leader, magazine of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.



Dr. Veronica Rayas

Dr. Veronica Rayas is Director for the Office of Religious Formation in the Diocese of El Paso, Texas. She formerly served as Program Coordinator for the Tepeyac Institute in the diocese and previous to that served as Co-Director of Youth Ministry in the New York Archdiocese. Dr. Rayas has extensive experience in various ministries, including roles as pastoral associate, catechist, youth minister and Catholic school teacher. She has presented in different dioceses and at several conferences in Dallas and Washington D.C.



Julianne Stanz

Born in Ireland, Julianne 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." 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.

6-23 THIRSTING FOR JUSTICE: BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES 📌

"Justice" in the Bible does not mean that everyone gets what they deserve. Rather, biblical justice is right relation with God, self, others and all creation, which is achieved first by God's initiative and boundless mercy along with our response to this gift. We will explore God's justice in relation to God's mercy and biblical portraits of justice toward the neighbor and the stranger (Luke 10:29-37; John 4), economic justice (Matt. 6:12; 20:1-16), justice in the face of aggression (Matt. 5:38-48), forgiveness and justice (Matt. 18:21-35), and the virtue of persistence in the pursuit of justice (Luke 18:1-8).



Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD

Sr. Barbara Reid, a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., is Professor of New Testament Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she has taught since 1988. She maintains speaking engagements throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Thailand, Guatemala, Bolivia, Peru, Ireland, New Zealand and Australia. Sr. Reid is General Editor of the Wisdom Commentary Series and General Editor for the forthcoming revision of the "New Jerome Biblical Commentary." Her most recent book is titled "Wisdom's Feast: An Invitation to Feminist Interpretation of the Scriptures."



1972 The 50th anniversary celebration of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine culminated in a Mass concelebrated by Los Angeles Archbishop Timothy Manning and his Auxiliaries in the Arena of the Anaheim Convent Center. Los Angeles Cardinal James Francis McIntyre presided, with Archbishop Manning delivering the homily.

6-24 WHAT NOW GOD? DISCERNING GOD'S CALL 🕊

Do you have trouble knowing what God is calling you to? Are you scared God might call you to something you don't want? Stacey Sumereau was living her dream as a Broadway performer when she felt pulled toward a radically different lifestyle, that of a nun. Her discernment took an unusual path as a star of Lifetime's reality docu-series called "The Sisterhood: Becoming Nuns." Sumereau will share her journey with humor and a heavy dose of empathy for those making big life decisions. You'll leave better equipped to understand and interpret God's voice in your life.



Stacey Sumereau

Stacey Sumereau serves as Program Coordinator for the Avila Institute of Gerontology, the educational arm of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, based in New York, where she also coordinates mission trips. Sumereau has spoken to groups ranging from local young adult, youth and middle school to national youth conferences in addition to TV appearances on the "Today Show," "Access Hollywood" and "Fox & Friends." She is a contributor to "The Living Word: Sunday Gospel Reflections and Activities for Teens."

6-25 NAKED STEWARDSHIP 🕊

What is true stewardship spirituality all about? Let's tear away all the layers of misconception out there and reveal the life-changing power of everyday stewardship spirituality. This is a workshop about everyday stewardship in everyday language for everyday people.



Tracy Earl Welliver

Based in Milwaukee, Tracy Welliver is Director of Parish Community and Engagement at Liturgical Publications Inc. (LPi). He has experience as an author and Gallup-certified strengths coach. For more than 25 years he has served as a catechist and public speaker, speaking across North America, New Zealand and Australia. Welliver also serves on the Board of Directors for the International Catholic Stewardship Council, which awarded the Archbishop Murphy Award for stewardship excellence to St. Pius X Catholic Church in Greensboro, N.C., the parish where he served for 22 years.

6-70 SỰ ĐAU KHỔ CỦA NHÂN LOẠI CÓ CÔNG BẰNG HAY KHÔNG? 🕊

Tại sao nhân loại phải trực diện với đau khổ và những đau khổ có công bằng hay không? Làm thế nào để chúng ta nhận ra ơn cứu độ qua những nỗi đau buồn trong cuộc sống? Thuyết trình viên sẽ dùng chính những kinh nghiệm bản thân, đồng thời dựa vào linh đạo Thánh Giá "Lâm Bích" để tìm giải đáp cho một câu hỏi thật khó trả lời: Tại sao con người phải đau khổ? Đây là một buổi nói chuyện thực tế, năng động với các hình ảnh và sẽ đòi hỏi sự tham gia của người nghe. Bên cạnh đề tài chính, sẽ có những sinh hoạt và trò chơi giúp đem lại niềm vui và sự hy vọng.

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, interactive session, Sr. Grace Duc Le will base this presentation on both her own experience of struggles and the Lambertian Spirituality of the Cross to help answer the difficult question of why one suffers. Throughout the session, she will share different activities and games that bring about joy and hope.



Sr. Grace Lê Đức, LHC

Grace Đức Lê thuộc Hội Dòng Mến Thánh Giá Los Angeles, một Hội Dòng đã được thành lập do Đức Cha Lambert de la Motte. Soeự có trên 24 năm kinh nghiệm làm việc với nhiều lớp người khác nhau: 8 năm dạy học ở trường Công Giáo, 8 năm làm Giám Đốc Ôn Gọi cho Hội Dòng, và 8 năm làm Giám Đốc Chương Trình Giáo Lý.

Sr. Grace Duc Le, LHC

Sr. Grace Duc Le is a member 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 more than 24 years of working with different groups of people: eight years as a Catholic schoolteacher, eight years as Director of Vocations for her community, and eight years as a Director of Faith Formation in a thriving parish.

7-01 REJOICE AND BE GLAD: (Y)OURS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD! ARENA

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), presents a "spiritual curriculum" for the people of God. We are being invited to sing, rejoice and be glad in becoming a "Sermon on the Mount" people! Through song, reflection, storytelling and prayer – we are all invited to sign up for and celebrate the "master class" of authentic discipleship – all pointing toward a lifelong journey and practice of asking ourselves: What does this life "in Christ" really look like? Come and join David Haas, along with friends Lori True, Zack Stachowski and other artists, to examine, reflect, sing and celebrate the adventure and the challenge.



David Haas

David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, as well as Animator for Cretin-Derham Hall Taizé Prayer Community in St. Paul, Minn. He has composed and produced over 50 collections of liturgical music and authored more than 35 books. Haas was founder and Executive Director for 19 years of "Music and Ministry Alive!" Together with Michael Joncas and Marty Haugen, the three were recipients of the 2017 Pax Christi Award from St. John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minn.

7-02 SIGN OF THE TIMES: A REVIEW OF THE WORLD-WIDE CATHOLIC LANDSCAPE

John L. Allen Jr. (see bio 5-01)

John Allen, veteran observer of the Vatican and the global Catholic scene, takes a 360-degree look at the highlights and lowlights of Catholic news in the past 12 months, tracing the major news headlines of the last year and teasing out what they mean in terms of big-picture conclusions, movements and ideas in Catholicism that seem to be gaining traction as he outlines important stories to watch in the coming year. This session is for Catholics who want a keen sense of what's happening in their Church, not just in the United States, but in Rome and around the world.

7-03 REFLECTIONS THROUGH MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Monica Luther & Nicole Masero (see bio 2-14)

Step away from your busy schedule to indulge in a mini retreat to feed your soul and quench your thirst! Breathe, stretch, create and interact. Kick off your shoes and experience prayer in motion, joyful movement and gestural pieces, including *The Woman at the Well*, *The Beatitudes* and *Ecclesiastes*. Let the Spirit awaken you to a creative and inspiring experience – sparking ideas you might weave into your own retreats.

7-04 THE ART OF STORYTELLING

Mary Birmingham (bio 2-02)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ministry is as effective as our willingness to share our own stories of faith, the stories of the saints, stories from our church, stories from literature, stories from Scripture. We all need to be better, more effective storytellers. Jesus was the best storyteller who ever lived. His stories and delivery caught the attention of his listeners. This session will explore what skills are needed to be an effective storyteller and the dynamics of what constitutes a good story. All ministries could benefit from this session.

7-05 POWER OF POSSIBILITY: THE UNTOLD STORY

Sean L. Callahan (see bio 3-03)

Despite what you hear from the 24-hour news cycle, the state of our world is not as dire as it sometimes seems. In the last 25 years, we have seen the peoples of the developing world rise up like never before in our human history. At this moment in time, humanity is experiencing signs of an emerging culture of encounter marked by increasing global solidarity. Come and hear the untold story of the global poor, the power of possibility and how the Catholic Church is part of world history in the making.

7-06 UNEXPECTED OCCASIONS OF GRACE

Dr. Michael Carotta (see bio 1-05)

We experience certain and unmistakable grace within our sacramental and liturgical celebrations. However, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton urged us to "be prepared to meet your grace in the daily circumstances of life." This retreat-like session will describe four or five personal encounters of un-expected grace and allow you time to privately recall your own so you can recognize what you have found to be true about the nature and experience of unexpected grace.

7-07 LIBERATING CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

If spirituality is to be truly evangelical (Gospel life), it needs to be a just and liberating spirituality, which is why Christian spirituality needs to be liberated from misconceptions that would relegate it to pious devotion, private practice and the so-called "inner world." This session will present an understanding of Christianity that takes seriously the Reign of God in "reality," and conversion as the response to God's reign in daily life. Such a spirituality balances contemplation, the option for the poor, universal fellowship, eucharistic mission and the cross for the works of mercy and justice.



Fr. Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez, OFM

Formerly a parish priest and youth evangelizer, Prof. Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez is Professor of Spirituality working in Educational Technology at the Pontifical International Marian Academy at the Antonianum in Rome. He has

given retreats, parish missions and academic conferences in the United States, Mexico, Europe and South America. Fr. Cavazos-Gonzalez has authored various articles and several books. Presently, he is writing a book on the Spanish Franciscan mystic and pastor, Juana de la Cruz Vasquez Gutierrez.

7-08 QUENCHING OTHERS' THIRST 🕊

Becky Eldredge (see bio 2-08)

How do we offer those we encounter in our ministries a drink of the Living Water that quenches their thirst and soothes the growing sense of hopelessness that many people are experiencing today? There is an urgent need to share the Good News with those who are hurting, lost and in need of comfort. We are called to be God's vessels of Living Water, boldly pouring out the Good News that we are unconditionally loved and that we are not alone. Becky Eldredge will offer concrete ways to walk with those we encounter, to invite them to the deep well of hope, and to teach them to continue to drink deeply of the Living Water long beyond our encounter with them.

7-09 THE VOICE: HOW TO PROCLAIM SCRIPTURE AND MAKE CHAIRS TURN! 🕊

Our voice is a key instrument in evangelizing and educating. Whether you are a lector, catechist or prayer leader (anyone who reads Scripture aloud), come learn how to engage your church, classroom or ministry in faith and Scripture through vibrant proclamation. No more heads buried in books (or phones), as you get people to turn and be captivated by the Word. With lots of practical advice from our two experienced coaches, everyone will learn the skills to bring Scripture to life.



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."



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 worked as a management consultant and a professional actor and director. He is author of the book for lectors, "Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!" and co-author of 2017 and 2018 editions of Liturgy Training Publications' "Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Proclaimers."

7-10 RACISM: HATING GOD'S IMAGE IN MY NEIGHBOR

Dr. Greer G. Gordon (see bio 4-10)

Scripture teaches that all are created in the "image and likeness of God." However, the experience of most people in America whose skin color or ethnic features bear

no sign of European ancestry is that not all people are treated equally, even in the Church. America's "original sin" of racism, born-out in the enslavement of African peoples, has boiled over into the mistreatment of indigenous people from around the globe. This session will offer an analysis of the sin of racism and xenophobia (hatred of the stranger), as exemplified in American politics and Church inaction, and ways to reduce prejudice and discrimination in the Church and society.

7-11 FOUR SPIRITUAL STAGES OF MATURE ADULTHOOD: LIVING INTO THE MYSTERY 🕊

Richard F. Groves (see bio 6-12)

Ancient wisdom traditions had names and rites of passage for the four distinct stages of adult spiritual development: student, householder, forest dweller and sage. These stages offer a profound map for the spiritual seeker and invite different sets of questions and life tasks. This same wisdom is reflected in both biblical and Judeo-Christian mystical traditions but has been largely ignored by modern culture. This workshop will engage every adult with practical spiritual tools. You will leave with excitement for soulful renewal and the sacred journey of living.

7-12 WHEN EVERY DAY IS HUMP DAY: A PRIMER FOR WORKPLACE RESTORATION 🕊

"Here's to another day of outward smiles and inward screams." If this is your daily mantra, then this workshop is for you! In our working situations, it doesn't take long to go from that initial excitement and joy to the feeling of just going through the motions. In our various jobs, we are thrust into a family-like atmosphere. Sometimes we feel overworked and underappreciated. So how are we to be as Christ in this environment, and how do we keep our hearts renewed and our wits about us? Come sing, pray, laugh and be prepared to share as we work on how we can be a people of renewal in the workplace. This workshop is especially geared for parish workers.



Sarah Hart

Based in Nashville, Tenn., Sarah Hart is a singer, songwriter, retreat author and keynote speaker. The "itinerant minister" has authored four retreats for parish missions, women's retreats and adult catechesis, which she presents nationally. Hart has performed for countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square. The Grammy-nominated songwriter has songs in TV, film and commercials. Her works are visible in hymnals across the globe.

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The customary schedule of the Religious Education Congress was three workshop periods each day. In 1998, the "ninth period" workshop on Sunday was removed and replaced by two Sunday morning keynote talks. The Closing Liturgy was also scheduled to begin earlier, at 3:30 p.m. "The procedure is being tried 'on an experimental basis,'" stated Director Sr. Edith Prendergast.

7-13 NOT BECAUSE OF SIN: A RENEWED SPIRITUALITY OF THE INCARNATION ☪

Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, PhD (see bio 6-15)

Why did God become human? The typical answer: “Because of human sin,” suggesting the Word would not have become flesh if humanity had not sinned. However, a closer look at Scripture, the theological tradition and the insights of key Christian thinkers such as St. Paul, Irenaeus of Lyons, John Duns Scotus, Julian of Norwich, and Francis of Assisi, among others, offer an alternative yet entirely orthodox answer to this question: It was God’s plan from all eternity to become human regardless of human sin. This workshop explores the spirituality and theology of the Incarnation to renew our personal and pastoral understanding of Christology.

7-14 WOMEN OF THE WORD ☪

ValLimar Jansen (see bio 6-16)

Have you ever wondered how to read the Bible? Do you start at the beginning and just read through to Revelations? As women, when reading and studying God’s Word, how can we find ourselves reflected in the Word of God? ValLimar Jansen was raised with Sacred Scripture ever before her. She has put together this walk through the life and mission of Jesus, who came to establish his Kingdom of Justice on Earth. In her usual powerful storytelling style, ValLimar has developed some new stories of divine encounters of Jesus with women.

7-15 UPGRADING YOUR MINISTRY TOOL BOX: A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER’S APPROACH TO YOUTH MINISTRY ☪

We as lay ecclesial ministers come from all walks of life. The lens, knowledge and skills we bring from our professional lives can provide us with fresh ways of approaching the task of evangelization. Join Sergio Lopez, a community organizer and former youth minister, as he shares the most effective tools that community organizing has to offer parish youth ministry. This workshop is for anyone who feels it’s time to upgrade their youth ministry tool box.



Sergio Lopez

Sergio Lopez is a faith-based activist, trainer and former youth minister from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Since 2014, he has worked for Catholic Relief Services as a Relationship Manager and is based in Simi Valley, Calif. Lopez has presented at the Los Angeles Youth Day, the Religious Education Congress and the Archdiocesan Regional Congresses and has been a keynote at the Fresno Diocesan Encuentro and speaker at the Fresno Diocesan Youth Day and Congress.

7-16 I’VE GOT A SONG ABOUT THAT! INTEGRATING MUSIC INTO A “FRIENDLY FORMAT” ☪

Michael Mangan (see bio 3-15)

There’s nothing like an appropriate song to help a student remember, understand and internalize key faith concepts and Scripture messages. Australian teacher and composer Michael Mangan will share a range of his vibrant, child-friendly songs that will help to actively engage students in religious education classes and liturgical celebrations in schools and parishes. Come, sing, move ... and have lots of fun!

7-17 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: THEOLOGY AND PEDAGOGY FOR JUSTICE ☪

Our Lady of Guadalupe is mostly known by her image, which can be found on home altars, clothing, tattoos, murals, medals, wall hangings, blankets, candles, magnets, books, prayer cards, garden decorations and church buildings. However, it is the less known narrative of the Guadalupan event, originally told in the 16th-century document, the *Nican Mopohua*, that offers both a theology and pedagogy for justice-oriented, liberating praxis. This session will offer concrete theological insights that Our Lady of Guadalupe establishes with St. Juan Diego that serve us as a model for a three-step pedagogy that seeks transformative and just actions.



Hilda Mateo, MGSps, DMin

Born of Cuban parents in Miami, Fla., the bilingual, bicultural Sr. Hilda Mateo is Director of Research and Studies of the Priestly-Guadalupan Charism for the U.S. Province of her religious community, the Missionary Guadalupanas of the Holy Spirit. Sr. Mateo worked for nine years in the Diocese of Pueblo, Colo., addressing culture, faith and immigration in the development of an adult faith formation program in Spanish for Hispanic ministers in Southern Colorado. She is a workshop facilitator who currently resides in Los Angeles.

7-18 SILVER SAINTS: GROWING IN AGE, GRACE AND WISDOM

Pope Francis says we only get better with age, like fine wine. Join a 62-years-young Bro. Mickey McGrath as he shares his paintings and stories in celebration of the second half of life, when we evolve into our truer, wiser selves. From Gospel wisdom figures like Anna and Simeon, through saints and artists in modern times – and many others in between – we will look at the more matured saints and heroes who can help us develop a mature relationship with God and simply be ourselves, perfectly well.



Bro. Mickey O’Neill McGrath, OSFS

Bro. Mickey McGrath is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales currently living and working in Camden, N.J. The artist is an illustrator and author of 18 award-winning books; his latest is entitled “Our Common Home: Art Reflections on Lau-

dato Si.” Bro. McGrath also paints commissions for churches and schools throughout the United States. He is a popular retreat leader and presenter in a variety of venues on the national Catholic circuit.

7-19 QUENCHING THE THIRST OF JESUS 🗣️

Sr. Norma Pimentel will reflect on the Gospel passage where Jesus encounters the Samaritan Woman at the Well and how both the woman and Jesus were “changed” through this experience. Through her work as Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, Sr. Pimentel will share how the local community in Texas is quenching this thirst by welcoming immigrant families and inviting others to do the same.



Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ

Sr. Norma Pimentel, a licensed professional counselor and member of the Missionaries of Jesus, has served the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas for 20 years. As Executive Director for Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley for the past 14 years, she was instrumental in responding to the surge of Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States and setting up the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas. Sr. Pimentel has spoken at many conferences about her work along the Rio Grande border and was keynote at the National Conference of the Catholic Volunteer Network.

7-20 WHAT'S YOUR STORY? A PERSONAL ENGAGEMENT PROCESS FOR PARISH LEADERSHIP 🗣️

Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy (see bio 4-19)

Everyone tells stories. Jesus certainly did! His stories (parables) connected the content of his message to the lived experience of his disciples in a very personal way. Discover how storytelling can be used as an effective leadership tool to inspire, motivate, reinforce cultural values and strengthen relationships within a team of volunteers.

7-21 THE OTHER VOICE: BIBLICAL PROPHETS THEN AND NOW 🗣️

Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher (see bio 1-21)

In this Scripture workshop, we begin by struggling with the difficult question: What exactly *is* a prophet? The biblical witness is wonderfully complex! But we will also consider a fascinating question: Can more recent “prophets” help us to understand something of the biblical prophets? Now *there* is a question!

7-22 SCIENCE AND THE SHROUD OF TURIN: NEW EVIDENCE OF JESUS' RESURRECTION 🗣️

Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD (see bio 1-22)

The last 25 years of scientific research on the Shroud of Turin has revealed that the 1998 carbon dating of the Shroud was very probably incorrect, and six new dating tests accurately place the Shroud in first-century Jerusalem. In addition to new confirmatory evidence from

blood stains, several recent scientific replications of the Shroud's unique image show the likelihood that it was created by a burst of light energy of several billion watts. Fr. Robert Spitzer will explain this evidence and show its credible apologetical value.

7-23 WALKING WITH MARY: THE MODEL DISCIPLE 🗣️

Dr. Edward Sri (see bio 5-24)

This workshop is for anyone who wants to know Mary better – the real, human Mary of the Bible and the profound interior journey of faith she made throughout her life. We will walk with Mary step-by-step from Nazareth to the cross and consider how she faced moments of joy and thanksgiving, moments of uncertainty and discernment, moments of trial and darkness. And yet at every critical point, she responded with greater trust and surrender in ways that offer many practical insights for our own paths of Christian discipleship today.

7-24 FAMILY: THE MISSING PIECE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 🗣️

Dr. Joseph D. White (see bio 1-25)

Parents are the first and most important teachers of the faith, but it's often a challenge to get parents and families involved in parish and school faith formation. In this session presented by a child and family psychologist and former diocesan family life director, we will discuss tested and effective ways to partner with parents and families and evangelize the domestic church.

7-25 THE 12 STEPS AND THE SACRAMENTS: A CATHOLIC APPROACH TO ADDICTION RECOVERY 🗣️

We are experiencing an addiction crisis in our country that has torn apart the lives of individuals, families and communities. Alcoholism, drug addiction, compulsive overeating, pornography and sex addiction, gambling, codependency and other unhealthy attachments are real issues that affect the Church and nearly every one of us. Scott Weeman offers his own experience with recovery from alcoholism and other addictions while outlining how the Catholic Church can be a vital source of addiction healing through the sacraments and communal recovery that involves prayer, Scripture and honest reflection.



Scott Weeman

Scott Weeman is founder and Executive Director of Catholic in Recovery and is in formation to be a marriage and family therapist. He is also author of “The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments: A Catholic Journey Through Recovery.” Weeman has presented at the Dallas Ministry Conference, the Diocese of Fresno Congress, the University Catholic Conference of California as well as dozens of parish and diocesan events across the country. He coordinates young adult ministry at Saint Brigid Parish in San Diego with his wife, Jacqueline.

PERIOD 7

10:00 - 11:30 AM • SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

7-70 SỰ HY VỌNG TRONG CHỦ NGHĨA VĂN HÓA TƯƠNG ĐỐI

Chị Vũ Nhung (xem tiểu sử 1-70)

Chủ nghĩa tương đối ném chúng ta trở lại theo chủ thể riêng của mình, một sự tự huyền: Bạn có chân lý của bạn, tôi có chân lý của tôi. Trong buổi thuyết trình này, chúng ta cùng nhìn vào Giáo lý Giáo hội Công giáo để tìm kiếm sự tự do đích thực và khám phá ý định của Thiên Chúa cho cuộc sống của chúng ta, qua đó mời gọi chúng ta hãy đem nền văn hóa của mình trở lại với chân lý vĩnh cửu, Đức Giêsu là con Đường, sự Thật và sự Sống” (Ga 14:6).

HOPE IN THE CULTURE OF RELATIVISM

Nhung Vu, PharmD, MTS (see bio 1-70)

Relativism throws us back upon our own subjectivity, a self-fantasy: You have your truth, I have mine. In this session, we look at Catholic teachings to seek true freedom to discover God’s purpose for our lives, inviting us to bring our culture back to the eternal truth – Jesus, “the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6).



PERIOD 8

1:00 - 2:30 PM • SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

8-01 THIRSTING FOR JUSTICE: TEACHING VIRTUES AS TOOLS FOR CHANGE

ARENA

Pope Francis is drawing the attention of the Church to the great virtues. Among others, to be grateful, to be glad, to be merciful is not only satisfying but is also a means to effect change in those around us. In this session, David Wells uses Scripture, stories and illustrations to rediscover the great virtues and how we might best teach them in our parishes and schools. Without these virtues, the Church teaches that the world won’t believe us. Let us explore how our virtue can speak for us and ultimately help us to bring about a more just society.



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 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, “Beloved Disciples.”

8-02 IS YOUR PARISH READY TO GROW YOUNG?

Leisa Anslinger (see bio 3-02)

What do parishes that intentionally engage their young people have in common? What can we learn from their experiences? Explore six core commitments you and your parish can make to engage your young people, positively evangelizing them – and transforming your parish in the process. Learn to help your parish “grow young.”

8-03 JUSTICE TO AND FROM THE PERIPHERIES

In this workshop, we will look at how to evangelize those on the margins. We will also look at how and why Christ calls us, as church, to transform – and be transformed – by ministry with those on the margins.



Dr. Ansel Augustine

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

8-04 THE CARE AND FEEDING OF CATECHISTS: 7 SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO HONOR, INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE YOUR CATECHISTS!

The General Directory states that nothing is as important as the person who is a catechist. Even Pope Francis supports the vocation of catechists when he says, “More than ever we need you and your catechetical ministry, so that with your creative gestures, you may, as David did, bring music and joy on your journey with God’s tired people.” Join us as we share strategies to affirm the courageous call to this vocation and inspire catechists on their formative journey.



Nancy Bird

Nancy Bird has been involved in religious education as a catechist, parish catechetical leader and youth minister. She has been a featured speaker, workshop presenter and retreat facilitator across the United States and Canada, with appearances at the National Catholic Educational Association and the RECongress, among others. Presently, she serves as Director of Training and Professional Development for RCL Benziger Religion Publishing Company, resides in Tallmadge, Ohio, and continues to be a volunteer catechist.

8-05 WINE AND DINE WITH JESUS: THE GREATEST INVITATION OF YOUR LIFE

Jesus is the ultimate host and invites us to the table desiring to wait on us. Jesus modeled for us hospitality of the heart. We cannot sit at the table to relax and enjoy

each other without recognizing how we are all part of the entire human family. How do we wait on each other? We are called by Jesus to widen the space of our hearts. Hospitality of the heart expands our horizons beyond our present biases and prejudices. How do we thirst for our hearts to be expanded into the heart of Christ where each person is welcome?



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathy Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, is a former teacher and missionary who now ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. She has authored numerous articles and books and has presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States. Sr. Bryant's special interests are in spirituality, formation, women's spiritual development and the abolition of human trafficking.

8-06 SING FOR JUSTICE: SONGS PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY 🎧

John Burland (see bio 2-03)

We are disciples called to manifest God's Kingdom of justice, peace and mercy. Yet, the world our children see and experience is often the complete opposite. In this workshop, internationally renowned composer and educator John Burland will proclaim the Good News of God's mercy and justice through song and movement for elementary students. Learn how song, gesture and joy increase learning and understanding in the hearts of young disciples. Come ready to raise your voice and be renewed!

8-07 FOLLOW THE LEADER? THE BIBLE ON WHO'S BOSS 🎧

Alice Camille, MDiv (see bio 4-05)

Leadership styles come and go. From patriarchs, priests and kings to modern-day rulers and celebrities, we follow the leaders we invent and choose. Is there a better way to decide who gets the scepter, the microphone and the say-so? A quick swing through Scripture offers both choices and challenges.

8-08 APPRENTICE-BASED FORMATION FOR CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION 🎧

Rich Curran (see bio 1-06)

The Catechetical documents of the Catholic Church have been asking us since 1978 – and re-emphasized in the National Directory of Catechesis – to shift our focus toward application-based learning, viewing all formation through the lens of formation as an apprenticeship not “depositories of facts.” This workshop will focus on the step-by-step process of what an apprenticeship-based approach looks like throughout the parish, how to organize a new approach, how to implement the shift in mindset, and where to begin.

8-09 MIRACLES: THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE & FAITH 🎧

Prof. Michael Dennin (see bio 4-07)

In this presentation, learn how an understanding of science can lead to a deeper relationship with God. Starting with evolution and creation, this presentation will tackle head on the apparent contradiction between science and miracles. The talk will focus on miracles as God's direct actions in the world and the transformational elements of deep experiences of God. This will provide a context for understanding miracles within a modern scientific worldview and for exploring the social justice call inherent in Jesus' miracles. Come prepared to discuss your favorite miracles!

8-10 COMBATting STIGMA: HIV/AIDS, THE LATINX COMMUNITY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 🎧

The Latinx community in the United States is disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. While HIV incidence has decreased among whites, blacks and even Latinas, the epidemic is worsening for gay and bisexual Latino men – a population experiencing stigma even within the Latinx community. Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice will discuss how stigma leads to negative health outcomes such as HIV infection, AIDS diagnosis and death. Given the strong correlation of Catholic and Latinx identities, we will discuss how Catholic clergy and laity are uniquely poised to minister to this population and alleviate the HIV/AIDS epidemic by combatting stigma.



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is a freelance speaker who currently lives in Tanzania, in east Africa. He has served 13 years in ministry with LGBTQ Catholics as Chair of the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons and has received the Archdiocese's Lumen Christi Award. Dr. Fitzmaurice has spoken at various professional and religious conferences and for the Gay Christian Network. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.

8-11 SHUT UP AND LOVE ME 🎧

St. Augustine said, “Love God and do whatever you want.” The hard part is the first half: to love God! In this workshop, we will talk about what it means to fall in love with God, and the freedom that will follow. Fr. Rob will use music and story to create a workshop to remember.



Fr. Rob Galea

Fr. Rob Galea is a parish priest and university chaplain in the Diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria, Australia. He is also founder and Director of FRG Ministry and, in 2008 (with the late Australian Bishop Joseph Grech), founded the Stronger Youth Program “By God's Grace.” Fr. Galea speaks and sings at schools, churches and conferences across Australia and around the globe. The singer/songwriter has seven CD releases and has written a number of songs for various conferences. His latest book is entitled “Breakthrough.”

8-12 REDEEMING CONFLICT

Ann M. Garrido (see bio 3-10)

Tension is a part of every normal church community. How we choose to manage the tension, however, will either fragment our communities or mature them, enabling our parishes and schools to more fully live their mission. Speaking out of her own experience as an educational administrator and conflict mediator, Ann Garrido will share a framework for understanding the conflicts present in church life today and concrete practices to constructively engage the tough conversations that need to be had.

8-13 THIRST AND HUNGER IN LUKE: WHAT CAN THE THIRD GOSPEL TEACH US ABOUT JESUS' VISION FOR JUSTICE?

Fr. Felix Just, SJ (see bio 2-10)

The Gospel according to Luke devotes much more attention to themes of justice than any of the other Gospels, often using the imagery of food and drink, of meals and parties. Since Luke's Gospel is read on most Sundays of 2019 (Lectionary Year C), this workshop will explore how Luke presents the teachings of Jesus related to hunger and thirst, wealth and poverty, war and peace, racial and gender equality, and other themes of justice still highly relevant today.

8-14 TRADITION AND THE THIRST FOR CHANGE

Richard Lennan (see bio 5-16)

The reference to "tradition" in the context of the Church is often heard as code for why things cannot change. "Tradition" seems to mandate the need to continue doing what we've "always" done, and to do it in the way we've always done it. Despite such attitudes, is it possible to think of tradition as a stimulus for change? This workshop explores the ways to consider tradition as the work of the Holy Spirit leading us into the future, a future that will not be simply a repetition of the past or present.

8-15 I'VE BEEN AT THIS A LONG TIME NOW

Jesse Manibusan (see bio 2-15)

Many of us have been ministers for many years ... many, many years! The needs of ministers who have had long careers of ministry in the Church are very different than those who are newer. Come experience a touch of inspiration, of healing, of invigoration and of hope.

8-16 LIFE IS A MISSION

Pope Francis recently reminded that "every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth" (message from World Mission Day 2018). Embracing this idea requires a profound shift in the principles and practices that help us bear witness to love in a world that cries out for love. Sponsored by Maryknoll Lay Missioners, an organization of lay women and men serving around

the globe for over 40 years, this interactive workshop explores ideas for "mission laboratories" in which we and our companions can see our lives as mission.



Ted Miles

From his formative years as a Jesuit Volunteer in Belize to his current role as Executive Director for Maryknoll Lay Missioners, Ted Miles has spent nearly 30 years exploring the social mission of the Church. Prior to arriving at Maryknoll, he served for 12 years at Catholic Relief Services, coordinating their youth and religious education outreach. Miles has presented in numerous diocesan, regional and international parish/school settings and in addition to published articles he has developed educational, prayer and retreat materials.

8-17 A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE: ACCOMPANYING THOSE WHO'VE SUFFERED THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE TO HOMICIDE

In the wake of homicide, the thirst for justice experienced by surviving family members and friends is overwhelming, the depth of injury to the heart often seems unbearable and the existence of a loving and merciful God is often lost in the suffering. Accompanying those whose loved one has been intentionally killed by another requires the ability to be present in the darkness, to listen compassionately and to love without judgment. It requires a deep connection to one's own faith and an awareness of personal fears and limitations. This workshop will address ways to more effectively accompany the bereaved in their grief and minister to their needs.



Suzanne Elaine Neuhaus

Suzanne Neuhaus, a retired parole agent and Victim Services Specialist, now lives in Yorba Linda, Calif., and serves as a consultant in restorative justice. Having been employed with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for over 20 years, she served as a trainer for the Department of Corrections, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the California Catholic Conference on Restorative Justice. Neuhaus focuses on bereavement ministry and remains actively involved in youth and adult ministries in her church.

8-18 TECHNOLOGY EVANGELIZERS OF THE GOSPEL

Paul Sanfrancesco (see bio 3-22)

Like the original evangelists, today's four technology evangelizers offer ways to present the Gospel message for different purposes to varied audiences. This session introduces the four technology evangelizers making them your means for proclaiming Jesus Christ: YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

8-19 ATHIRST IS MY SOUL FOR GOD: PRAYER AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Sr. Kathleen Schipani, IHM, MEd (see bio 2-22)

Created in God's image, all children have a capacity to encounter God in deep and meaningful ways through prayer. This workshop will explore teaching prayers and

praying with children with learning disabilities and other intellectual disabilities. Participants will discover ways to awaken an intuitive awareness of God that leads to prayer as well as adapt materials and strategies to enhance teaching both formal and informal prayer.

8-20 WHOSE REFLECTION DO YOU SEE IN THE MIRROR?

Stacey Sumereau (see bio 6-24)

Self-image issues rob many of us of the joy God intends for us. In our beauty-obsessed culture it's difficult to know our true worth. Despite finding success as a Broadway performer, Stacey Sumereau struggled with self-image issues that led to an eating disorder. Through spiritual healing, she came to true understanding of her God-given worth that enabled healthy relationships and lasting joy. She learned to stop fearing the judgment of the world and to embrace her true identity as a daughter of God. Her accessible and encouraging journey will provide the link you need to see yourself as God sees you.

8-21 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY IN 2019 AND BEYOND: WHAT AWAITS US?

Michael Theisen (see bio 2-23)

In 2018, the Church in the United States experienced a tremendous focus on examining both the needs of young people as well as our collective ministry to and with youth and young adults. Much thought and input have been gleaned from the Fifth Encuentro, the National Dialogue on Youth and Young Adults and the recent Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. What have we heard through these collective efforts and, more importantly, what does it mean for how we accompany young people in faith? Let's consider the possibilities as we explore this future together.

8-22 DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP: BECOMING CULTURAL MYSTICS

How can we integrate our faith within a media culture? By becoming mystics! Through theological reflection and critical inquiry through a media mindfulness methodology, we can discover the needs of humanity present in the art of pop culture. To become inculturated evangelizers today, we are called to take a sacred look at what is expressed in the culture about humanity's longing for that something more, for the supernatural, for God. Only then can we be and propose the true joy of the Gospel.



Sr. Nancy Usselmann, FSP

Sr. Nancy Usselmann, a Daughter of St. Paul, is Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Los Angeles. She is a national speaker, theologian and retreat presenter who leads faith formation workshops/catechesis days in dioceses across the state. Sr. Usselmann annually teaches an advanced course in media literacy education. She is a film reviewer and blogger for BeMediaMindful.org and author of the book "A Sacred Look: Becoming Cultural Mystics."

8-23 COUNTERING THE "FAKE NEWS" ABOUT RCIA

Nick Wagner (see bio 3-25)

Let's get our facts straight. Neophytes do not disappear after Easter. Newly made Catholics are better at practicing their faith than cradle Catholics. The Catholic Church in the United States is not dying. And Catholics are actually pretty good at evangelizing. Come discover why the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's best model for all catechesis.

8-24 TRANSFORMING THE ORDINARY INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY

Tracy Earl Welliver (see bio 6-25)

Stewardship as a way of life is about taking the ordinary gifts of an ordinary day and creating something extraordinary. It is about transformation and reclaiming our baptism. These are characteristics that need cultivating in our lives to help us on this journey of transformation. We will discuss those characteristics and identify a pathway toward mature discipleship and an overwhelming life of generosity.

8-25 MARY, OUR MOTHER: SPIRITUALITY THROUGH A MOTHER'S EYES

Kate Williams (see bio 5-25)

Motherhood takes many forms: child-bearer, teacher, guide, a welcome space for God to live. Walk with the women of Scripture to unfold the nourishing gifts of motherhood. How might we pray with Mary to be creators with God of God's Kingdom here on Earth?

8-70 GIA ĐÌNH LÀ LINH ẢNH CỦA LÒNG THƯƠNG XÓT

Giám Mục Louis Nguyễn Anh Tuấn (xem tiểu sử 2-70)

Giảng khóa về Linh đạo về Gia đình, như là hình ảnh của Thiên Chúa – Tình Yêu Lòng Thương Xót. Hành trình nên thánh của Gia đình, Hội Thánh tại gia, phản chiếu Lòng Thương Xót của Thiên Chúa như là cội nguồn của mọi gia tộc trên trời dưới đất. Hành trình ấy diễn ra qua những sinh hoạt thường nhật trong đời sống gia đình: các bữa cơm gia đình, kinh nguyện gia đình, lao động, giải trí, và đời sống phục vụ xã hội qua nghề nghiệp và tông đồ bác ái.

FAMILY: THE ICON OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Bishop Louis Nguyễn Anh Tuấn (see bio 2-70)

This session will focus on the spirituality of the family – the icon of Divine Merciful Love. The holiness of the family (the domestic church) reflects the Divine Mercy of God, the source of all families in heaven and on Earth. This journey to holiness takes place through the everyday activities in family life: family meals, family prayer, work, recreation, service and charity.

THIRSTING FOR JUSTICE



¿QUE ES EL CONGRESO DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA?

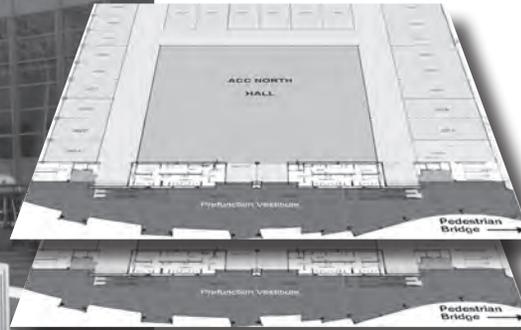
EN ANAHEIM

Iniciado como un “Instituto” en 1956, nuestro evento se convirtió en el “CCD Congress” y ahora se conoce como el “Congreso de Educación Religiosa.” Desde 1970 hemos estado en el Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim – cuando la Diócesis de Orange todavía era parte de Los Ángeles.



ACC NORTH SALA B

El año pasado, el RECongress estuvo entre los primeros eventos que utilizo el nuevo edificio ACC North. Este año, hemos movido todos nuestros eventos de la Sala B al 2° piso del edificio ACC North. El Día de la Juventud y los días para adultos utilizaran la nueva “Sala Norte.”



DÍA DE LA JUVENTUD

El RECongress comienza el jueves, 21 de marzo, con el “Día de la Juventud,” el evento es de alta energía. Es una oportunidad para que los estudiantes – de las secundarias – compartan una mezcla de conferencias, liturgias y manifestaciones animadas. (Vea las páginas 7-15.)

LITURGIAS

El RECongress anualmente ofrece una serie de liturgias de carácter diferente. Este año estaremos ofreciendo 14 liturgias eucarísticas que incluyen la liturgia divina bizantina, misa para los cristianos perseguidos, para promover la armonía, y más (en inglés, español y vietnamita). (Consulte la página 22)



EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE

Venga a disfrutar de nuestra exhibición. Cada año, el RECongress presenta una exhibición de obras de arte, ya sea por un artista local o una exhibición para sacar a la luz algunos temas actuales e importantes de nuestros días. Pase para ver y experimentar las presentaciones de este año. (en el Lobby de la Arena)



SALA DE EXPOSICIONES

Una de las ventajas de inscribirse en el RECongress es la admisión a la Sala A – con más de 250 compañías como expositores, desde arte religioso hasta música, desde editoriales hasta instituciones educativas, y una variedad de ministerios arquidiocesanos de Los Ángeles. (De viernes a domingo)





CONFERENCISTAS

El RECongress ofrecerá conferencias con temas que van desde el crecimiento personal, la música y temas espirituales – se ofrecen en tres idiomas: español, inglés y vietnamita. Otra vez este año nuestra asamblea general será el sábado a las 8 am – una en español en la Sala Norte y otro en inglés en la Arena.



ENTRETENIMIENTO

La admisión al RECongress incluye conciertos gratuitos durante el almuerzo y por la noche presentados por los amados artistas del RECongress. Disfrute de la variedad de expresiones musicales con sonidos y ritmos de todo el mundo. Puedes encontrar música todo el día. (De viernes a domingo)

ESPACIO SAGRADO

Pase algún tiempo en un lugar tranquilo, en oración ante el Santísimo Sacramento, participando en el sacramento de la reconciliación o experimente el laberinto. Tenga en cuenta el nuevo sitio en ACC Norte: Espacio Sagrado en Norte 151-152 y confesiones en Norte 153/156. (De jueves a domingo)



ESCENARIO MUSICAL

Varios de los artistas que se presentan en el RECongress han reservado un espacio de 20 minutos para participar en el escenario musical (“Performance Stage”) en el área del sureste de la Sala A. Ven y escucha durante todo el día. Verifique el horario de presentaciones. (De viernes a domingo)



MUESTRA DE CINE

En colaboración con el Centro de Religión y Espiritualidad de la universidad de Loyola Marymount, presentamos una serie de ficción, documentales y películas de dibujos animados, cuyos elementos temáticos se basan en la Doctrina Social Católica, la espiritualidad y la teología. (Viernes por la tarde)



ILUMINACIONES SAGRADAS

Una característica anual en el RECongress es *Iluminaciones Sagradas*: Una coreografía mística de luz y sonido. Aquí, Hna. Marie Tulacz, SND, incorpora su más reciente fotografía de bellas artes y reflexión litúrgica. (Sábado por la noche)

EVENTOS EN SALA A

La sala de exposiciones (Sala A) es uno de los lugares más llenos de vida del Congreso de Educación Religiosa. Durante el fin de semana asegúrate de pasar el área de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa (ORE) al igual que el Centro Tecnológico donde se llevará a cabo el chat el viernes.



Y MÁS... Hay mucho más en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles, ya sea que asistas solo al Día de los Jóvenes o participes todo el fin de semana, encontrarás una variedad de eventos consecutivos desde temprano hasta la noche. Asegúrate de participar en todo lo que se ofrece en el RECongress.



HORARIO

JUEVES – 21 DE MARZO DE 2019

(Horario de Día de los Juventud en las páginas 8-9)
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Inscripción

VIERNES – 22 DE MARZO

7:00 am - 3:00 pm Inscripción (Prefunción Lobby)
8:30 - 9:30 am Ceremonia de Apertura y Bienvenida (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am 1ª Sesión de Conferencias
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– M. Agustín y J. Angotti
Música (Sala Norte - 2º piso)
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7:45 - 9:45 pm "Film Showcase" 2019 (Convenciones 201)
8:00 pm Concierto (Arena)
– Rev. Rob Galea

SÁBADO – 23 DE MARZO

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– (Sera anunciada)
Español (Sala Norte - 2º piso)
Alabanza matutina y Asamblea General
– Hna. Norma Pimentel
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– Sarah Hart y Vallimar Jansen
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– John Burland, Michael Mangan, Andrew Chinn y James Wahl
1:00 - 2:30 pm 5ª Sesión de Conferencias
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– Vallimar Jansen
8:30 pm Iluminaciones Sagradas 2019 (Convenciones 213)
9:00 pm Oración taizé (Convenciones 303)
9:00 pm - 12:00 Baile para jóvenes (Marriott)

DOMINGO – 24 DE MARZO

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10:00 - 11:30 am 7ª Sesión de Conferencias
11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm Música (Arena)
– M. Roger Holland II
Música (Sala Norte - 2º piso)
– Jesse Manibusan y Tom Kendzia
1:00 - 2:30 pm 8ª Sesión de Conferencias
3:30 pm Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)



TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

El tema del RECongress para los días de los adultos brota del Evangelio Dominical en el que una mujer Samaritana se encuentra a Jesús en un pozo. Su conversación abre nuevas posibilidades no sólo para la mujer sino también para todo su pueblo, posibilidades para una nueva vida en Cristo. La lectura tiene un significado especial en la vida de la Iglesia. Por muchos siglos esta lectura va acompañado a los que buscan ser iniciados en nuestra Iglesia. La imagen de saciar tu sed no con el agua de la profundidad de la tierra si no con la del infinito amor y misericordia de Jesús es la que ha llamado a muchos a la fe y a la conversión.

Este tema también recuerda las enseñanzas de Jesús en las Bienaventuranzas a aquellos que están profundamente deseosos de justicia, es tan intenso su deseo que se siente como una sed y un hambre persistente. En esto, somos llamados nuevamente a recurrir a Jesús quien es el que reconcilia toda la creación con Dios y a través de su muerte y Resurrección, envía al Espíritu a que despierte en nosotros el coraje y los dones necesarios para trabajar por la justicia y la paz.

Nuestro tema, "Sed de Justicia," no solo describe una condición del corazón si no que también significa el comenzar una conversación. Sed de Justicia, ¿Qué estoy dispuesto a hacer para ayudar a construir el reino de Dios? ¿Cómo responderás?

– P. Christopher Bazyouros
Director, Oficina de Educación Religiosa

¿QUÉ ES EL CONGRESO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA?

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es el evento más grande de su clase en los Estados Unidos. Su objetivo continúa siendo el de ofrecer capacitación y formación espiritual a aquellas personas involucradas en el ministerio catequético y otros ministerios relacionados con la catequesis. Hoy en día, sin embargo, el RECongress va más allá de la formación de los educadores religiosos. Este RECongress congrega a más de 40,000 participantes durante los cuatro días en que se celebra, ofreciendo 300 conferencias con una amplia gama de temas sobre la espiritualidad, música religiosa, desarrollo personal, estudios bíblicos y catequesis.

Regístrese ya a este enriquecedor fin de semana, vital para el crecimiento y formación de ministros de la iglesia. Complete el formulario de inscripción que se encuentra en la parte interna de la contraportada de este cuaderno. También puede visitarnos en el internet en www.RECongress.org; allí puede usar su tarjeta de crédito para pagar su inscripción.

LUGAR Y PRECIO

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa se lleva a cabo en las instalaciones del Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim, ubicado en 800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, California, al Sur de Disneyland y Disney California Adventure.

COSTO: \$75 (antes del 22 de febrero, 2019); \$85 (después del 22 de febrero, 2019). El costo de inscripción cubre la admisión a todos los eventos: exposiciones, conciertos, liturgias de los tres días y a las conferencias (debe presentar sus boletos de inscripción para entrar a éstas).

NOTA: Si no ha enviado su formulario de inscripción antes del 1 de marzo del 2019, inscribese por internet o en el Centro de Convenciones. Inscripciones por internet se cerraran a las 9 am el domingo del RECongress.

MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO DE LOS ANGELES

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En nombre de toda la familia de Dios de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, ¡quiero darles la bienvenida a nuestro Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2019!

El tiempo que pasaremos juntos da inicio con nuestro Día anual de la Juventud. El tema de este año es *“Trust! God’s Gotchu”* (¡Confía en el apoyo de Dios!). Todos los años espero con alegría este día ya que es un buen momento para orar, rendir culto a Dios, pasar tiempo con nuestros jóvenes y llamarlos a un amor más profundo por Jesucristo.

El tema que nos reúne en los días del RECongress dedicados a los adultos es *“Sed de Justicia.”* Y, por supuesto, en este tema escuchamos la promesa que nuestro Señor nos hace en el Sermón de la Montaña: *“Bienaventurados los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia.”* En las Escrituras, justicia quiere decir *“rectitud”* u honestidad. Las cosas son honestas o simplemente justas cuando son como Dios quiere que sean.

Nacemos con una sed dentro de nosotros: la sed de santidad, de amor y de misericordia, la sed de una sociedad que refleje las hermosas intenciones de Dios para la creación. Así es como Dios nos llama a vivir: caminando con Jesús, creciendo en santidad, y buscando su Reino a través de las obras de justicia para con los pobres y los vulnerables.

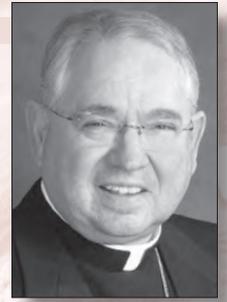
De lo que todos tenemos sed es de Jesucristo. Somos como la mujer de Samaria que se encuentra con Jesús en el pozo y le pide: *“Dame de esta agua, para no volver a tener sed.”*

Y Jesús anhela darnos el don de Dios, el agua viva que nos da la vida eterna. Así como nosotros tenemos sed, Jesús también la tiene. Sus últimas palabras en la cruz son palabras que expresan un deseo: *“Tengo sed.”*

Le pido a Dios que estos días sean un tiempo de renovación para todos ustedes. Que sean más conscientes de la sed que Jesús tiene de su amor y que renueven su deseo de seguirlo en la búsqueda de la santidad en su vida y de la justicia en nuestro mundo.

En sus oraciones de este fin de semana, les pido que por favor recen por mí y por nuestro ministerio aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Los encomiendo a todos al corazón amoroso de Nuestra Santísima Madre María.

+ José H. Gómez
+ José H. Gómez
Arzobispo de Los Ángeles



UN MENSAJE DEL DIRECTOR DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

¡Me llena de alegría darles la bienvenida al Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles 2019!

El crecer en California me ha acostumbrado a los esfuerzos para conservar el agua. El agua es un recurso precioso y el vivir sequías prolongadas nos hace preguntarnos a menudo si habrá algún cambio, si algo mejorará: ¿Habrá suficiente para todos? Siempre debemos ser buenos administradores de las numerosas bendiciones que recibimos de Dios, que incluye este magnífico planeta. También anhelamos el día cuando no tengamos que contar cada gota. Esta experiencia de escasez, de no tener suficiente, establece el contexto para nuestros temas, *“Trust! God’s Gotchu”* y *“Sed de Justicia.”* Se refieren a nuestros límites: nuestro fracaso en confiar en la providencia de Dios, nuestro fracaso en vivir justamente con Dios y con nuestros vecinos. También se refieren a la abundancia de Dios: donde hay temor y duda, Dios trae fe y esperanza; donde se anhela el fin del sufrimiento y la injusticia, Dios nos libera del pecado y de la muerte.

Jesús le dice a la mujer samaritana: *“El que beba del agua que yo le daré no volverá a tener sed jamás.”* Venimos a Dios, deseando ser llenados de su Espíritu Santo, un espíritu de paz, un espíritu de alegría. Los invitamos a buscar a Dios, que satisface todo anhelo, aquí en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa. En nuestras sesiones, liturgias, tiempo de oración y de estar en comunidad, abrimos nuestros corazones y, como una jarra vacía, esperamos ser llenados por el agua viva que es Jesucristo. Esperamos verlos aquí y compartir este bendito tiempo juntos. Compartan la alegría y traigan a un amigo. Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente.

Sinceramente,

Fr. Chris Bazyour

Rev. Christopher Bazyour
Director, Oficina de Educación Religiosa



BIENVENIDO

MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL RECONGRESS

Queridos amigos y amigas:

Tenemos la gran alegría de darles una cálida bienvenida a este extraordinario evento anual de cuatro días: El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles 2019. El RECongress comienza con una reunión dinámica de nuestros jóvenes con el tema: “Trust! God’s Gotchu.” Puedes leer más detalles sobre el tema y los demás eventos del Día de los Juventud en las páginas 7-15 de esta guía.

El fin de semana continúa, inspirado por el tema de los días adultos – “Sed de Justicia” | “Thirsting for Justice” | “Khát Khao Công Lý” – pueden esperar conferencias excepcionales ofrecidos en varios idiomas por algunos de los mejores presentadores nacionales e internacionales. Habrá una variedad de oportunidades de oración litúrgica para poder orar y reflexionar. Únanse a nosotros para disfrutar de increíbles conciertos, exposiciones de arte inspiradoras y la alegría de aprender más acerca de nuestras diversas comunidades en la exhibición multicultural. El Espacio Sagrado, junto con el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, se ofrecerá como un tiempo para la oración y la renovación. Además, asegúrense de tomarse el tiempo para visitar la Sala de Exposiciones. No se pierdan la oportunidad de escuchar a una variedad de músicos que se presentarán durante el día en el escenario de la Sala de Exposiciones. ¡Estas son solo algunas de las muchas atracciones que los esperan!

Las descripciones de los conferencias, listados de eventos, información sobre alojamiento, instrucciones de registro por internet y correo están incluidas en la Guía de Registro y se actualizan regularmente en nuestro sitio web en www.RECongress.org. Pueden obtener información adicional mandando un correo electrónico a congress@la-archdiocese.org o llamando a la oficina general del RECongress al (213) 637-7348.

Al ser una reunión internacional, el RECongress también es una oportunidad maravillosa para renovar amistades y conocer personas de todo el mundo. Si conocen a otras personas que creen que pueden enriquecerse participando en el RECongress, compartan con ellos sus experiencias y extiendan una invitación personal para que nos acompañen el fin de semana. ¡Nos encantaría verlos!

Para aquellos que no puedan estar con nosotros en Anaheim, recuerden que nuestro evento está disponible a través de nuestra transmisión en vivo en www.RECongress.org/Live.

De nuevo, esperamos darles la bienvenida personalmente en nuestro RECongress 2019.



Paulette Smith

Paulette Smith
Directora Asociada
Coordinadora de Eventos



Jan Pedroza

Jan Pedroza
Coordinadora de Programación
Coordinadora de Programa de Pre-Escolar

MENSAJE DEL COORDINADOR DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Hermanas y hermanos, queremos compartir con ustedes nuestra alegría de volver a encontrarnos una vez más en este evento anual. El tema de nuestro RECongress, “Sed de Justicia,” resuena permanentemente en todas las épocas de la humanidad, y está plasmado como el hilo que teje la realidad de los pueblos en las sagradas escrituras. Aunque buscamos (y debemos encontrar) mejoras concretas para el bien común, la “justicia” es más que un resultado político o social. Más bien, es una lucha constante por la cual vamos construyendo el Reino de Dios. La justicia es un proceso por el cual vamos humanizándonos con cada actitud y cada acción que nos transforma para ver en cada persona el rostro sagrado de Dios. La justicia es una evolución en la que vamos haciéndonos conscientes de estar intrínsecamente ligados a la creación, comprendida como la exteriorización de Dios. Es por ello, que la sed por la justicia es el camino que todo ser humano, y todo cristiano en particular, debe recorrer todos los días de su vida, especialmente nosotros, personas catequistas y ministros de la palabra.

El RECongress también es una magnífica oportunidad para que las personas catequistas utilicen los talleres presentados para su formación continua en busca de la recertificación básica y avanzada. Para obtener un formulario de recertificación, por favor visiten nuestra página www.la-archdiocese.org/org/ore, o envíen un correo electrónico a: eargueta@la-archdiocese.org.

Les invitamos pues, a preparar nuestros corazones para continuar la lucha de incontables testigos amantes de la paz y la justicia. No vengamos solos. Inviten a otras personas, especialmente a las que nunca han venido al Congreso de Educación Religiosa – el camino de la fe se hace en comunidad.

En Cristo nuestra paz,



Dione L. Grillo

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Coordinador de la Formación de Catequistas

Giovanni O. Perez Campos

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Coordinadora de la Formación de Catequistas

¡Adultos Jóvenes en el RECongress 2019!

Un ministerio para y desde los jóvenes de 18 a 39 años, casados y solteros



El Congreso de Educación Religiosa ofrece numerosas oportunidades para promover y capacitar a los adultos jóvenes en este vibrante ministerio. Este fin de semana es una excelente ocasión para que ellos renueven y revigoricen su vida espiritual y su compromiso en nuestra iglesia. Los adultos jóvenes están especialmente invitados a participar y compartir los diferentes momentos de oración, música, ambiente y alegría durante el RECongress. Acompáñanos en la variedad de experiencias orientadas principalmente para ellos.



BAILE PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Sábado, 23 de marzo, 9:00 pm - medianoche

Costo: \$7 por persona

Mantén el sábado en la noche el ambiente del RECongress. Nuestros DJs pondrán el ambiente y tomarán peticiones para que te "Levantes" y que te la pases increíble. Son bienvenidos los adultos jóvenes de 18 a 39 años. Se requiere identificación con fotografía para entrar. Se venderán bebidas y tendremos una estación de agua de cortesía. NO se admitirán botellas ni contenedores de agua al entrar.

TE INVITAMOS A CONSIDERAR ESTAS CONFERENCIAS PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Las siguientes conferencias abarcarán los temas de formación psicológica y espiritual de los adultos jóvenes. Extendemos una invitación particular a todos ellos y a quienes sirven en este ministerio. Sugerimos también la lectura de esta guía para una selección de conferencias que respondan a sus necesidades e intereses. (Las conferencias con un asterisco serán grabadas.)

Leisa Anslinger

- 3-02* A Vision for Conversion: Leading for Change in Your Life and Your Parish
- 8-02* Is Your Parish Ready to Grow Young?

Chris de Silva

- 2-07 Becoming Bridge Builders: Imagining a Theology of Welcome for a Changing Church

Katie Diller, Fr. Michael Martin y Rosie Shawver

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- 6-02* Transitioning Beyond Campus Ministry

Dr. Michael DiPaolo

- 6-07* Contemplative Dating

Fr. David Dwyer, CSP

- 4-08* What Our Young Adults Are Thirsting For

Tom East

- 3-07* Reimagining Confirmation Ministry with Youth
- 6-08* Sharing Faith as Parents of Young Adults – Let's Talk

Dr. Marco Elias-Juarez

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Douglas Leal

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Sergio Lopez

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- 7-15* Upgrading Your Ministry Tool Box: A Community Organizer's Approach to Youth Ministry

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale

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Leonardo Monguí Casas, MA

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Luis Soto

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Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, PhD

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Michael Theisen

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- 8-21* Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2019 and Beyond: What Awaits Us?

Dr. Dora Tobar Mensbrugge

- 4-57* Menos adrenalina y más oxitocina: La química de la espiritualidad hoy
- 6-58* Formas prácticas para educar a los hijos

Rev. Augustino Torres, CFR

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HNA. NORMA PIMENTEL, MJ

“Saciando la sed de Jesús” 🔊

Comenzando con la escritura, el movimiento y la canción (dirigida por Santiago Fernández), la hermana Norma Pimentel, Directora Ejecutiva de Caridades Católicas del Valle del Río Grande en Texas, reflexionará sobre la sed de Jesús usando el pasaje evangélico de la mujer Samaritana. Ella compartirá cómo esto se refleja en nuestra propia sed de justicia. Terminará compartiendo cómo su comunidad local está saciando esta sed, acogiendo a familias inmigrantes e invitando a otros a hacer lo mismo.

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- 4-52 Nuevos movimientos impulsados por el Espíritu Santo (*) - **Andrés Arango**
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- 4-56 Sed de Justicia: Perspectivas bíblicas (*)
- **Hna. Bárbara Reid**
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- **Dra. Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**
- 4-58 Repara mi casa: Jóvenes adultos, San Francisco y la reforma de la Iglesia (*)
- **Rev. Agustino Torres**
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- **Dr. John Yzaguirre**
- 7-52 Peligros que acechan a la mujer por el hecho de serlo (*) - **Dra. Julia Cano Valero**
- 7-53 Hombres y mujeres – Unidos por la justicia (*) - **Rev. Jim Clarke**
- 7-54 El canto en semana santa y la solemnidad progresiva - **Santiago Fernández**
- 7-55 Justicia social – Requerimiento de los jóvenes (*) - **Ricardo Grzona**
- 7-56 La pedagogía de Jesús clave de la evangelización a los jóvenes (*)
- **Leonardo Monguí Casas**
- 7-57 Claves para la evangelización en internet (*) - **Rev. Daniel Pajuelo Vázquez**
- 7-58 ¿Estamos siendo acompañados, formados y enviados por el Maestro? Iniciativas de liderazgo y misión para un mundo agitado (*) - **Héctor Tabares Ramírez**
- 7-59 Catequesis de misericordia (*)
- **Victor Valenzuela**

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- 2-51 **Las siete tentaciones en búsqueda de la justicia (*)**
- **Rev. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana**
- 2-52 La llamada oración de “sanación del árbol genealógico”: Distinción entre influencias, pecados y maldiciones intergeneracionales (*) - **Rev. Rogelio Alcántara Mendoza**
- 2-53 Expandiendo el fuego por medio de nuestra transformación (*) - **Andrés Arango**
- 2-54 Teologías latina feminista y mujerista (*)
- **Dra. Neomi DeAnda**
- 2-55 Esperanza y sanación: Los estragos que están causando las enfermedades mentales en nuestra sociedad y como ser portadores de esperanza (*) - **Dr. Marco Elías-Juarez**
- 2-56 Misioneros desde la parroquia hasta el mundo (*) - **Rev. David García**
- 2-57 Esperanza y sanación – Practicas restaurativas y el Papa Francisco (*)
- **Rev. Michael Kennedy y Javier Stauring**
- 2-58 La liturgia, la misa y la inclusión de la cultura latina (*) - **Rev. Agustino Torres**
- 2-59 Vivamos la Cuaresma con creatividad (*)
- **Douglas Zuniga**

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- 5-51 **Guadalupe, migración y justicia social (*)**
- **Mons. Arturo Bañuelas**
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- **Prof. Gilberto Cavazos-González**
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- **Dra. María Teresa Dávila, Yunuen Trujillo y Rev. Carlos Alarcón**
- 5-54 Compartiendo el mensaje de Dios con la familia, los amigos y la comunidad (*)
- **Early Childhood Board**
- 5-55 De la plenitud de la persona, al compromiso con la justicia (*)
- **María Elena Ocegueda Juárez**
- 5-56 ¿Qué enseña la Iglesia católica sobre la tecnología reproductiva? (*) - **Angelique Ruhl-López y Carmen Santamaría**
- 5-57 Posibles comportamientos injustos en la familia (*)
- **Rev. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana**
- 5-58 Generosos y Co-responsables: Stewardship con Hispanos (*) - **Luis Soto**
- 5-59 ¿Qué significa como Iglesia acompañar, formar y ser líder con y para los jóvenes hoy? (*) - **Héctor Tabares Ramírez**

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- 8-51 **¡La dicha de los que tienen “sed de justicia”!** (*) - **María Elena Ocegueda Juárez**
- 8-52 Cómo el Evangelio cobra vida a través de las comunidades vulnerables (*)
- **Rev. Carlos Alarcón, Yunuen Trujillo y Dra. Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**
- 8-53 De una vida ordinaria, a una vida extraordinaria (*)
- **Dr. Marco Elías-Juarez**
- 8-54 Ecología integral: Ser católico en un planeta pequeño (*) - **Paul Hicks**
- 8-55 Los súper y los santos: En búsqueda de la virtud heroica (*) - **Maria Morera Johnson**
- 8-56 Jesucristo el migrante: Cristología contextual y los signos de los tiempos (*)
- **Dr. Robert Lassalle-Klein**
- 8-57 Inspirando a la juventud “iGen” como discípulos misioneros (*)
- **Dra. Veronica Rayas**
- 8-58 El cuidado de la casa común como un compromiso de justicia (*)
- **Dra. Olga Velez Caro**

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- 3-51 **¡Convergencias divinas, amistades santas!**
- **Santos famosos que eran amigos (*)** - **Santiago Fernández y Constanza Palomo de Fernández**
- 3-52 ¿Que están esperando nuestros jóvenes durante la preparación para el sacramento de la confirmación? (*) - **Katherine Angulo**
- 3-53 Caminando con el inmigrante: Estrategias efectivas para las parroquias (*) - **Rev. Brendan Busse, Rebecca Gifford y Greg Walgenbach**
- 3-54 Sedientos de justicia, una espiritualidad para ser discípulos de Jesús en el siglo XXI (*) - **Marcelo Murua**
- 3-55 Conectando con su espiritualidad católica a través de “SoulCollage” (*) - **Victor Narro**
- 3-56 Nuestros valores en la línea (*)
- **Rev. Peter Neeley**
- 3-57 El camino del éxito cristiano en YouTube (*) - **Rev. Daniel Pajuelo Vázquez**
- 3-58 Apocalipsis: Un libro de testimonio y esperanza (*) - **Prof. Felix Palazzi**
- 3-59 El catecumenado y la evangelización (*)
- **Rev. Richard Vega**

SESIÓN 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-51 **La llamada oración de “sanación del árbol genealógico”: Praxis pastoral y doctrina que subyace (*)**
- **Rev. Rogelio Alcántara Mendoza**
- 6-52 La imagen del amor (*)
- **Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez**
- 6-53 Personas en busca de la verdad en un mundo de engaños y mentiras (*)
- **Dra. Julia Cano Valero**
- 6-54 María, la leche materna y las devociones populares (*) - **Dra. Neomi DeAnda**
- 6-55 ¡Hacia un acompañamiento de todos las hijas e hijos de Dios! (*)
- **Dr. Peter Ductrám**
- 6-56 Acompañar a los jóvenes al estilo de Jesús (*) - **Leonardo Monguí Casas**
- 6-57 10 claves para vivir la santidad con sed de justicia (*) - **Marcelo Murua**
- 6-58 Formas prácticas para educar a los hijos (*) - **Dra. Dora Tobar Mensbrugge**



I-51 LA VERDAD DE GUADALUPE 📍 SALA NORTE (2° piso)

El acontecimiento Guadalupano es el modelo de la evangelización perfectamente inculcada, que es el encuentro de Dios por medio de su madre, Santa María de Guadalupe, Madre de la Vida Sagrada. Su contexto histórico y su verdad trascendente, su actualidad y la gran fuerza del amor que tanto necesita el ser humano. Ella sabe tomar lo bueno y verdadero y llevarlo a la plenitud del verdadero y total amor.



Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez

Dr. Eduardo Chávez, nació en la Ciudad de México, fue ordenado por la Arquidiócesis de México. Trabajó con éxito como Postulador de la Causa de Canonización de San Juan Diego. Es cofundador del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos, y es Canónigo de la Basílica de Guadalupe, en donde continúa su trabajo como Director del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos, así como Asesor Cultural de la Basílica de Guadalupe. Ha publicado más de 38 obras, especialmente sobre el tema de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

I-52 CRISTO AFUERA DE LAS PUERTAS: ATENDIENDO EL LLAMADO A LA JUSTICIA PERSONAL, COMUNITARIA ESTRUCTURAL 📍

“Y para hacer sentir al otro acogido, amado, perdonado y alentado, la Iglesia debe tener las puertas abiertas para que todos puedan entrar. Y nosotros debemos salir por esas puertas y anunciar el Evangelio” (Papa Francisco, 12 de junio de 2013). Al “salir por esas puertas” lleva a los fieles a encontrar a Cristo afuera de las puertas. Allí, el Evangelio se comparte a través de la participación activa en los esfuerzos por la justicia que atestigua nuestro profundo compromiso preferencial con la opción por los pobres. La Enseñanza Social Católica traza cómo nuestro trabajo por la justicia involucra los aspectos personales, comunitarios y las dimensiones estructurales de la vida.



María Teresa Dávila

María Teresa Dávila ha enseñado y publicado por más de 10 años. Es co-editora de “Living With(Out) Borders: Catholic Theological Ethics and People on the Move.” Actualmente, se considera una académica-activista cuyo principal enfoque son las migraciones, la acogida a los refugiados y abogacía para con los desamparados. Dávila es Profesora de Estudios Religiosos y Teológicos en Merrimack College y enseñó en Andover Newton Theological School, Brandeis University, y Emmanuel College, y es parte de la comunidad de la Parroquia de St. Joseph's en Malden, todos en Massachusetts.

I-53 UN CORAZÓN NUEVO: LA GRACIA SANADORA DEL PERDÓN 📍

En el Padre Nuestro, Jesús nos pide que le clamemos al Padre: “Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.” Jesús también revela esta promesa: “Si perdonan sus faltas a los demás, el Padre que está en el cielo también los perdonará a ustedes. Pero si no perdonan a los demás, tampoco el Padre los perdonará a ustedes” (Mateo 6, 12-14-

15). No podemos vivir en paz sin la reconciliación, y las heridas del pasado continuaran lastimándonos. La única forma de renovar nuestro corazón es a través del perdón, y cuando esperamos demasiado, todo se vuelve más difícil. ¡Este es el momento de perdonar!



Iván Díaz

Iván Díaz es compositor, educador y conferencista de Oregon Catholic Press. Es Director Musical de la Iglesia San Francisco de Sales en Miami Beach, Florida; Director del Coro National Catholic Youth Conference, y Director de Coros Juveniles en Broward County Schools en Florida. Ha aparecido en EWTN y Jesus Christ Network. Su producción musical incluye “Honor y Gloria a Él” y “Vive tu Fe,” y su “Discípulos Misioneros” fue inspirada en el V Encuentro de Pastoral Hispana en Estados Unidos con su más reciente canción, “Nuestra Alegría/Our Joy,” fue elegida como el himno oficial de los jóvenes.

I-54 SIETE HERRAMIENTAS PRÁCTICAS PARA LOS SANTOS DEL NUEVO MILENIO 📍

El Papa Francisco, en su tercera exhortación apostólica, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, nos hace un llamado a la santidad y sostiene que ésta es tan diversa y hermosa como la humanidad misma. En esta sesión, dialogaremos sobre siete herramientas concretas para la santidad como catequistas del nuevo milenio. Procuraremos encarnarlo en el contexto actual teniendo en cuenta sus riesgos, los enemigos sutiles, desafíos y oportunidades en el proceso de acompañamiento de las familias.



Peter Joseph Ductrám

Peter Ductrám es el Director Arquidiocesano de la Academia para el Ministerio Eclesial Laico de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, Texas. Previamente sirvió en la Arquidiócesis de Miami como Director Arquidiocesano de Catequesis; y en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago como Coordinador del Ministerio Hispano y Director de Educación Religiosa. En este momento, es miembro de la Junta de Directores para la Conferencia Nacional de Líderes Catequéticos.

I-55 ¿TÚ QUE ES LO QUE CREES? 📍

Creemos en Dios, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Hay que vivir el “Credo.” Pero esa creencia no puede quedar en el aire. Lo que creemos se refleja siempre en lo que hacemos y en lo que oramos. Esta sesión trata de preguntarte que es lo que crees y, en consecuencia, como es tu comportamiento moral y tu oración. Y pretende ayudarte a ofrecer en tu propia comunidad una catequesis viva, coherente y gozosa.



Rev. José-Román Flecha Andrés

El padre José-Román Flecha, un sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, lleva muchos años de profesor universitario, conferencista en numerosos países, e invitado a varias universidades internacionales, institutos y conferencias. Es miembro del Comité Científico del “Istituto Paolo VI” de Brescia, Italia; miembro del Comité de Bioética para el Asesoramiento del Banco Nacional de ADN; y miembro del Comité de Bioética de la Universidad de Salamanca. También es miembro de una Comisión de Estudios en la Congregación para la Educación Católica en la Santa Sede. Trabajo apostólico en California, Panamá, Costa Rica y en Chile.

LOS INICIOS

Los orígenes del Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles surgen de la Cofradía de Doctrinas Cristianas, popularmente conocida como "CCD," un ministerio que en realidad comenzó en Los Ángeles en 1922 bajo el Obispo John Cantwell (foto) para enseñar a los refugiados de la Revolución Mexicana. El obispo Cantwell había nombrado al padre Leroy Callahan, párroco de San Antonio de Padua en el este de Los Ángeles, para trabajar en este ministerio. El primer programa de CCD se estableció en la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Los Ángeles en 1922, con el padre Robert E. Lucey como el primer Director de la Cofradía de Doctrina Cristiana.



el Director de la formación de los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de San Bernardino y Consultar teológico para RECOSS en la Conferencia de Obispos de California. Conferencista para las Oficinas de Educación Religiosa y para los Institutos de Formación del Ministerio Eclesial Laico de las Diócesis de California, Nevada, y de Salt Lake City, Utah.

I-56 LA PASTORAL JUVENIL: LÍO Y RENOVACIÓN DE LA IGLESIA

El V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana identificó a la pastoral juvenil como clave esencial para el futuro de la pastoral Hispana. ¿Qué puede hacer una parroquia para apoyar este ministerio lío y renovación? Esta sesión interactiva es para todos aquellos que quieren profundizar su capacidad y compromiso para servir a la Iglesia joven.



Sergio López

Sergio López es un agente de pastoral social profesional, entrenador y ex director de pastoral juvenil de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Desde 2014, ha trabajado para Catholic Relief Services como Gerente de relaciones y reside en Simi Valley, California. López es presentador en L.A. Youth Day y RECongress y en los Congresos Regionales de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, así como en un discurso principal en Fresno Encuentro Diocesano y ponente en la Fresno Diocesana Youth Day y Congreso.

I-57 LOS RETOS Y OPORTUNIDADES DE LA IGLESIA HOY

Los católicos en Estados Unidos estamos pasando por una fuerte crisis de identidad debido a los escándalos, la difícil implementación del Concilio Vaticano II, la diversidad de culturas y lenguas, las expectativas de los jóvenes que ya no son las mismas que las de los adultos, etc. En esta sesión, ofreceremos una revisión de las diferentes formas de ser Iglesia que han surgido a partir del Concilio Vaticano II y de los procesos del V Encuentro con el objetivo de prepararnos y responder adecuadamente al llamado de Dios para renovar desde dentro a nuestra amada Iglesia.



Dr. José Antonio Medina

El Dr. José Antonio Medina ha sido profesor, catequista, presentador en Estados Unidos, España y México. Ha enseñado en la mayor parte de los institutos de formación para el ministerio de las diócesis de California y Nevada. Actualmente es

I-58 LA FORMACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO DE JUAN

El evangelio de Juan tradicionalmente ha sido interpretado de una manera espiritualista dejando de lado la verdadera historia vivida por la comunidad joanina. Siguiendo la línea histórica que engendró tan profundo evangelio, nos adentraremos en esta sesión en el mismo corazón de la controversia entre dos fuerzas opuestas: un judaísmo que reclamaba la primacía de sus tradiciones y un cristianismo que impulsado por la fuerza del Paráclito sabía que había descubierto una verdad más completa. Si no conoces la historia detrás del evangelio, esta sesión te dará las claves para leer este evangelio con ojos nuevos.



Mario P. Romero

Mario Romero es un laico casado dedicado a la formación bíblica. Es instructor del Instituto Bíblico de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, de la Diócesis de Orange, de la Diócesis de Houston, del IPM de la Diócesis de Orange, Programa Arquidiocesano para Maestros de Catequistas, Programa Arquidiocesano para estudiantes que se preparan al Diaconado, Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Angeles, Loyola Institute for Spirituality en Orange County; además de otros centros parroquiales de estudio bíblico.

I-59 LÍDERES Y DISCÍPULOS: MISIONEROS AL ESTILO DE JESÚS

¡Ven y sígueme! Es el llamado que nos hace Jesucristo. En esta sesión, aprenderemos sobre el verdadero significado del seguimiento, el llamado al liderazgo en la Iglesia en este tiempo de los laicos y su invitación a amar, así como Él nos ama. Jesús nos pide que seamos atentos a su palabra, que echemos las redes mar adentro para una pesca abundante, que estemos arraigados en Él y le amemos con amor incondicional. Junto a una fogata Pedro negó a Jesús tres veces ... frente a otra fogata le preguntó tres veces si lo amaba. Prepárate a responder a su pregunta: "¿Me amas?"



Luis Soto

Luis Soto es Director de Ministerio Hispano del "Augustine Institute" (AI) en Denver. Antes de unirse al equipo del AI, fue Director Ejecutivo del Ministerio Hispano y Centro San Juan Diego de la Arquidiócesis de Denver. Soto desarrolló la iniciativa Una Familia Bajo un Mismo Dios, la cual es un modelo de unidad e integración para parroquias que enfrentan diversidad cultural y el reto de la unidad. En reconocimiento a sus contribuciones a la Iglesia y la Sociedad, Su Santidad el Papa Benedicto XVI entregó a Luis la medalla Benemerenti, uno de los reconocimientos más destacados que se ofrecen a laicos católicos en el mundo.

2-51 LAS SIETE TENTACIONES EN BÚSQUEDA DE LA JUSTICIA 🕒 SALA NORTE (2° piso)

Nos atrevemos a copiar aquí, ideas del Papa Francisco, adaptándolas al tema del RECongress, “Sed de Justicia.” Las ideas originarias son de un discurso que el Papa dirigió a los religiosos de Egipto el 29 de abril, 2017. Aquí las interpretamos como advertencias prácticas para el convivir en el ámbito de la familia, el trabajo, el ministerio y la comunidad parroquial. Interesante reconocer que la tentación suele venir disfrazada de “buenas intenciones.” Lo sutil y peligroso es que mayormente nos afectan a los “buenos” y como tales, no caemos en cuenta. ¿Podemos hablar?



Rev. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

El padre Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, un Siervo Misionero de la Santísima Trinidad, es predicador y facilitador de retiros, misiones y conferencias de las comunidades hispanas en los Estados Unidos, Puerto Rico, México y Centro América.

Es columnista del periódico católico para las arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey; y San Juan, Puerto Rico; y la diócesis de Rockville Center, New York. El padre Rodríguez fue párroco por 14 años. También presidente del Consejo Nacional Católicos de Pastoral Hispana y vicepresidente de la Asociación Nacional de Sacerdotes Hispanos.

2-52 LA LLAMADA ORACIÓN DE “SANACIÓN DEL ÁRBOL GENEALÓGICO”: DISTINCIÓN ENTRE INFLUENCIAS, PECADOS Y MALDICIONES INTERGENERACIONALES 🕒

¿Es lo mismo hablar de influencias, pecados y maldiciones intergeneracionales? ¿A qué se circunscribe la influencia intergeneracional? ¿Existen los pecados ancestrales o “intergeneracionales”? ¿Los pecados de nuestros ancestros nos pueden predisponer al pecado? ¿Por qué se repiten pecados en nuestras familias? ¿Qué es una maldición? ¿Tienen efecto a través de las generaciones?



Pbro. Dr. Rogelio Alcántara Mendoza

Dr. Rogelio Alcántara ha sido Director de la Educación católica por más de 10 años, y actualmente dirige la Comisión para la Doctrina de la Fe de la Arquidiócesis de México. Previamente fue Director Espiritual del Pontificio Colegio Mexicano de Roma. El padre Alcántara es Profesor de universidad en materias filosóficas y teológicas, y actualmente profesor de mariología en la Universidad Católica Lumen Gentium en México. Es autor de libros y conferencista nacional e internacional con temas teológicos y filosóficos.

2-53 EXPANDIENDO EL FUEGO POR MEDIO DE NUESTRA TRANSFORMACIÓN 🕒

Una de las mejores maneras de difundir el Mensaje de Salvación – Jesús – es a través de nuestra propia transformación, la cual, como un testimonio viviente, inspirará a muchos otros a buscar tener un encuentro personal con el Señor Resucitado. Esta sesión nos ayudara a reflexionar sobre como manteniendo encendida la llama del amor de Dios en nuestras vidas seremos auténticos discípulos misioneros en el poder transformador del Es-

píritu Santo. La sesión incluirá un momento de oración, que nos llevará como comunidad, a abrirnos a la acción transformadora del fuego amoroso del Divino Espíritu.



Andrés Arango

Andrés Arango es el Delegado del Obispo para el Ministerio Hispano y Director de Evangelización en la Diócesis de Camden, Nueva Jersey. Actualmente, es el Vicepresidente del Comité Carismático Católico Latinoamericano. Arango también sirve como consultor del Subcomité de Asuntos Hispanos de la Conferencia Estadounidense de Obispos Católicos y es miembro del Consejo de los Servicios Internacionales de la Renovación Carismática Católica basada en el Vaticano.

2-54 TEOLOGÍAS LATINA FEMINISTA Y MUJERISTA 🕒

Las teologías dependen de sus contextos. Esta sesión resaltará conceptos básicos relacionados con las teologías latina feminista y mujerista. Vengan preparadas/os para integrar estos conceptos en sus ministerios y otros contextos locales.



Neomi DeAnda, PhD

Dra. Neomi DeAnda, teología tejana y marianista laica, sirve como Profesora Asociada en el Departamento de Estudios Religiosos de la Universidad de Dayton en Ohio. Está desarrollando una teología fronteriza en asociación con el Hope Border Institute. Actualmente, es la presidenta-electa de la Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States. Dra. DeAnda ha recibido varias becas de investigación, incluyendo Louisville Institute First Book for Minority Scholars grant, Hispanic Theological Initiative y Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology.

2-55 ESPERANZA Y SANACIÓN: COMO SER PORTADORES DE ESPERANZA 🕒

Las personas que trabajamos en el campo de la salud mental estamos totalmente de acuerdo con la profunda preocupación de los obispos de California por el desgarrador efecto de las enfermedades mentales en nuestra sociedad. Los problemas médicos son importantes, pero también debemos atender las enfermedades mentales que nos desafían cada vez más. Las enfermedades mentales son como un mal desconocido e ignorado que afecta el alma humana, los pensamientos, las emociones y comportamientos, filtrándose en todos los aspectos de la vida del ser humano. Los que servimos en los ministerios de la Iglesia tenemos la tarea de ayudar a disminuir el sufrimiento y la aflicción y ser portadores de *justicia y esperanza*.



Marco A. Elías-Juarez

Marco Elías-Juarez ha colaborado como instructor de temas teológicos en la diócesis de San Bernardino, California, y conferencista en los Congresos Regionales de Educación Religiosa de la Región de Los Angeles y San Gabriel en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Dr. Elías es Director Asociado en el Departamento de Planificación Pastoral y Transiciones en el Diócesis de San Bernardino, California. También trabaja como terapeuta familiar y de pareja para Caridades Católicas en San Bernardino y Riverside.

2-56 MISIONEROS DESDE LA PARROQUIA HASTA EL MUNDO 🗣️

El Papa Francisco nos dice que la Iglesia tiene que ser misionera para cumplir con el mandato de Jesús. Es la naturaleza de la Iglesia y por eso cada católico recibe el llamado de vivir su vida como misionero. Esta conferencia va a dar a la parroquia ideas, recursos y formación para apoyar a cada miembro en esta vocación. Esto incluye ser misioneros en solidaridad con los más pobres del mundo.

**Rev. David García**

El padre David García es el Director de las Antiguas Misiones Españolas de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, Texas. Es el administrador parroquial de la Misión Concepcion y el asesor superior de Alcance para los Servicios Católicos de Ayuda del Clero, la agencia humanitaria oficial de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos en los Estados Unidos. En 2001, su parroquia, la Catedral de San Fernando, fue mencionada en "Excellent Catholic Parishes" como una de las parroquias más destacadas del país. Su liderazgo civil e interreligioso es bien conocido en San Antonio. Ha estado involucrado en la organización de la comunidad tanto como en proyectos numerosos civiles.

2-57 ESPERANZA Y SANACIÓN – PRACTICAS RESTAURATIVAS Y EL PAPA FRANCISCO 🗣️

En esta conferencia, participaremos en los ejercicios espirituales de St. Ignacio concretamente conectándoles a la visión contemplativa del Papa Francisco, i.e., teología de la encarnación (encontrar a Dios en todas las cosas), para sufrir con lo más marginado. Facilitaremos una contemplación de sanación ignaciana para preparar maestros, padres, víctimas de la violencia y clero para usar fácilmente estas prácticas restaurativas en sus vidas diarias y ministerio.

**Rev. Michael Kennedy, SJ**

El padre Michael Kennedy, un sacerdote jesuita que por más de 38 años, ha trabajado con los más pobres y desprotegidos en California, México, Centro América y Suramérica. Es también autor de cinco libros que presentan un método dinámico de oraciones usadas en casas, escuelas y centros de detención. Después de servir por 10 años como Co-Capellán en el Centro Juvenil Barry J. Nidorf en Sylmar, California, ahora es director de la organización Iniciativa Jesuita de Justicia Restaurativa. El padre Kennedy trabaja con jóvenes encarcelados e imparte retiros.

**Javier Stauring**

Javier Stauring es Co-Director de la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Desde 1996 ha supervisado el ministerio más grande de detención católico en la nación. Stauring supervisa los programas de detención del ministerio católico en todos los centros de detención juveniles en Los Angeles, Ventura y Santa Barbara. Sus responsabilidades incluyen la supervisión de otros tres programas de justicia restaurativa: Ministerio para las víctimas de crimen; en Ministerio para las familias de los encarcelados; y el Ministerio para exreclusos.

2-58 LA LITURGIA, LA MISA Y LA INCLUSIÓN DE LA CULTURA LATINA 🗣️

Nuestras comunidades son diversas, encontramos diferencias incluso entre generaciones y entre culturas, maneras diferentes de expresar la fe en la Santa Misa. Esta conferencia nos dará un resumen de la liturgia y pasos concretos para incluir estas formas de expresión de fe respetando la belleza de la Santa Misa.

**Rev. Agustino Torres, CFR**

El padre Agustino Torres, un Fraile Franciscano de la Renovación radica en el Bronx, Nueva York, es Director de Evangelización de los Franciscanos de la Renovación se dedica a trabajar con los pobres y la evangelización. Presidente y fundador de organizaciones católicas Corazón Puro y Latinos por la Vida, y también Presidente de la Casa Guadalupe y Casa JPPII, casas de discernimiento para mujeres y hombres respectivamente. Padre Torres presentador en el programa, "Clic con Corazón Puro," en EWTN, y ahora tiene un programa en inglés. El conferencista es solicitado internacionalmente.

2-59 VIVAMOS LA CUARESMA CON CREATIVIDAD 🗣️

La Cuaresma es un tiempo litúrgico muy importante en nuestra Iglesia ya que es la antesala de la gran Fiesta Pascual. La catequesis infantil debe educar a nuestros niños y niñas en la vida litúrgica pero más allá de los aspectos doctrinales o teóricos. Necesitamos catequizar con métodos activos y participativos que involucren a nuestros discípulos en su propio proceso de aprendizaje. Ven a esta conferencia para aprender a usar diferentes recursos didácticos que te ayudaran a hacer sesiones activas y que comprometen a nuestros niños y niñas a celebrar la Cuaresma más profundamente.

**Douglas E. Zuniga**

Por más de 18 años, Douglas Zuniga ha sido maestro de catequistas con experiencia en centros de Formación a nivel básico en español e inglés. Es presentador y director de retiros para catequistas en diversas parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Colabora con el departamento de Catequesis Primaria en los programas de Especialización básica y avanzada, también da conferencias de preparación litúrgica (Adviento y Cuaresma) para catequistas a nivel arquidiocesano. Zuniga es colaborador del departamento de Ministerios Catequéticos Avanzados como facilitador. De 1996-1998, fue coordinador del programa de educación religiosa de su parroquia, Nuestra Señora del Santo Rosario en Sun Valley, California.

3-51 ¡CONVERGENCIAS DIVINAS, AMISTADES SANTAS! – SANTOS FAMOSOS QUE ERAN AMIGOS 🎧 SALA NORTE (2° piso)

En esta sesión, Santiago Fernández y Constanza Palomo hablarán del don de la amistad entre algunos de los grandes santos de nuestra Iglesia, quienes a través de esa amistad lograron ayudarse e impulsarse mutuamente en su camino hacia la santidad. Como nos dice la Palabra de Dios, “El amigo fiel es seguro refugio, el que le encuentra, ha encontrado un tesoro” (Eclesiástico 6, 14). Vengan a reflexionar en el testimonio de vida de estos grandes santos y a descubrir cómo puede fortalecer nuestra fe una amistad centrada en el servicio y en el amor a Dios. Juntos cantaremos, oraremos y celebraremos la maravillosa amistad entre santos como San Martín de Porres y Santa Rosa de Lima; San Francisco y Santa Clara de Asís; San Juan Pablo II y Santa Teresa de Calcuta ... entre otros.



Santiago Fernández

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por más de 30 años. Trabaja en la parroquia de La Sagrada Familia en Novi, Michigan, como director de música y también como presentador de talleres para Oregon Catholic Press. Cuenta con 15 años de experiencia en enseñanza y oratoria, Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, director musical del National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, Instituto Fe y Vida, y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006. Fue miembro del comité de liturgia para el V Encuentro 2018.



Constanza Palomo de Fernández

Constanza Palomo de Fernández, maestra de profesión, ha servido en la Iglesia católica desde hace 45 años, como catequista trabajando en comunidades rurales; más adelante sirvió en la Renovación Carismática. Ha participado en la formación de laicos, maestros, catequistas, predicadores como Coordinadora de Formación para Adultos y Coordinadora de Grupo de Mujeres en Parroquia de Santa Catalina en Cuernavaca, México. Ahora radica en Michigan, Palomo es conferencista y expositora de talleres de oración y espiritualidad en eventos diocesanos, regionales y nacionales en comunidades Hispánicas en los Estados Unidos, República Dominicana y Haití.

3-52 ¿QUÉ ESTÁN ESPERANDO NUESTROS JÓVENES DURANTE LA PREPARACIÓN PARA EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACIÓN? 🎧

Muy a menudo, en nuestras iglesias, la preparación para el sacramento de confirmación se centra únicamente en seguir un programa o un libro. Esto hace que los jóvenes solo se sientan espectadores de su fe. Durante esta sesión, vamos a aprender las respuestas que nuestros jóvenes nos han dado de cómo mejorar. Juntos buscaremos formas de conectar sus necesidades personales con su preparación sacramental. Aprovechemos este tiempo para que de una forma animada evaluemos nuestros ministerios para ofrecer un encuentro con Dios más profundo para nuestros jóvenes de hoy.



Katherine Angulo

Nacida en México pero criada en Bogotá, Colombia, Katherine Angulo habla inglés, español y francés, y tiene más de 19 años de experiencia en el ministerio con los jóvenes. Actualmente, es la Directora del Programa “Thriving in Ministry Initiative” para el Instituto McGrath en la Universidad de Notre Dame en Indiana. Angulo ha presentado en eventos diocesanos y nacionales, es editora de *The Mark*, una revista católica para adolescentes, y productora ejecutiva del programa de capacitación para voluntarios, *Called to Accompany/Llamados a Acompañar*.

3-53 CAMINANDO CON EL INMIGRANTE: ESTRATEGIAS EFECTIVAS PARA LAS PARROQUIAS 🎧

La problemática de la inmigración se mantiene al centro y al frente de la política actual, tanto local como nacional. A medida que los desafíos que enfrentan nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes han aumentado, el Evangelio motiva a la iglesia a que fortalezca su rol profético de acompañar y defender a los más vulnerables. Los líderes parroquiales, especialmente, tienen una posición única para desempeñar un papel importante en la respuesta que tiene la iglesia en el tema de inmigración. Acompáñanos en esta sesión interactiva en donde exploraremos las prácticas más novedosas y probadas para ayudar a las familias inmigrantes de tu comunidad. Los facilitadores de esta sesión son parte del Equipo de Trabajo Tri-Diocesano de Inmigración de Los Angeles, Orange y San Bernardino en California.



Rev. Brendan Busse, SJ

El sacerdote jesuita Brendan Busse es Pastor Asociado en la Iglesia Dolores Misión en Los Angeles, hogar del Proyecto Guadalupano (Guadalupe Homeless Project) y de la Clínica Loyola (Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic). Tiene muchos años de experiencia trabajando con comunidades de inmigrantes y refugiados alrededor del mundo y actualmente sirve como líder del clero para la red de organización comunitaria interreligiosa, *LA Voice*, la cual aboga por la protección de las familias inmigrantes y justicia social en Los Angeles y más allá.



Rebecca J. Gifford, OBI OSB, DMin

Rebecca Gifford es una oblata de la Abadía de San Andrés, un monasterio benedictino ubicado en Valyermo, California. Tiene más de 30 años de experiencia trabajando con diversas parroquias y congregaciones deseosas de desarrollar un poder compasivo para respaldar a los más vulnerables. En la actualidad, Gifford sirve como la organizadora principal de la *Inland Communities Organizing Network*, una filial de la *Industrial Ar eas Foundation* con sede en Pomona, California.



Greg Walgenbach

Greg Walgenbach es Director de la oficina de Vida, Justicia y Paz en la Diócesis de Orange, California. Tiene más de 20 años de experiencia en ministerio pastoral. Se crio en la iglesia bautista y sirvió como pastor bautista y sacerdote anglicano. Cuando se mudó a California se convirtió al catolicismo junto con su esposa y cuatro hijos. Walgenbach fue un ministro de jóvenes y adultos jóvenes en Santa Clara de Asís en Yorba Linda. Él y su familia ahora son feligreses en la iglesia católica St. Philip Benizi en Fullerton.

3-54 SEDIENTOS DE JUSTICIA, UNA ESPIRITUALIDAD PARA SER DISCÍPULOS DE JESÚS EN EL SIGLO XXI 🗨️

Marcelo A. Murúa (vea biografía 6-57)

Recorrido por la biblia descubriendo el llamado a vivir en la justicia como fuente de la espiritualidad que nace de la Palabra de Dios y sus retos para vivir como cristianos místicos del siglo XXI (Karl Rahner). La justicia es una clave bíblica que nos introduce en la mirada de Dios sobre la vida y nos proyecta para vivir hoy en el estilo de Jesús.

3-55 CONECTANDO CON SU ESPIRITUALIDAD CATÓLICA A TRAVÉS DE “SOULCOLLAGE” 🗨️

“SoulCollage” es un proceso suave, intuitivo y creativo que consiste en crear pequeñas tarjetas de collage que los participantes utilizan como una poderosa herramienta para la autorreflexión, la conciencia de si mismo y la construcción comunitaria. Mediante el uso de imágenes, símbolos e imágenes de revistas y publicaciones católicas y otras fuentes, los participantes en este taller participaran en el proceso de reflexión para crear tarjetas de collage que puedan usar como herramientas para la oración, la meditación y la conexión con su espiritualidad íntima o la sabiduría del alma.



Víctor Narro

Un experto conocido a nivel nacional sobre los derechos de inmigrantes y trabajadores de bajos salarios, Víctor Narro ha participado con los derechos de inmigrantes y asuntos laborales por más de 30 años. Actualmente es Director de proyectos para la Central Laboral de la Universidad de California, Los Angeles. Narro es también profesor de estudios laborales y profesor de leyes y derechos en la escuela de leyes de UCLA. Previamente fue Director del programa de derechos laborales Coalición Pro Derechos Humanos de Los Angeles.

3-56 NUESTROS VALORES EN LA LÍNEA 🗨️

“Entre los derechos de la persona humana debe contarse también el de que pueda lícitamente cualquiera emigrar a la nación donde espere que podrá atender mejor a si mismo y a su familia” (Papa Juan XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, 1963). La justicia debe empezar con los derechos humanos más básicos y nosotros como Iglesia debemos conocerlos y defenderlos. No solo para nosotros mismos, pero más para los vulnerables de nuestra sociedad. Algunas preguntas que vamos a contestar son: ¿Cuándo he sido acogido como Jesús? ¿Cuándo no se ha respetado mi dignidad como persona creada a la imagen de Dios?



Peter G. Neeley, SJ

Rev. Peter Neeley, sacerdote jesuita por más de 33 años, ha trabajado con los más pobres y desprotegidos en parroquias, escuelas y centros de detención en California, México y Centro América. Radica en Nogales, México, Rev. Neeley trabaja con migrantes deportados de Estados Unidos y con migrantes en movimiento hacia Estados Unidos. Actualmente, es Director de programas de la organización “Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera” y es Co-Director de los “Kino Teens” programa para involucrar jóvenes en la cuestiones de inmigración en los Estados Unidos y en México.

3-57 EL CAMINO DEL ÉXITO CRISTIANO EN YOUTUBE 🗨️

Los cristianos no buscamos el éxito, al menos no el éxito del mundo: dinero, fama, bienes, poder. Nuestro éxito es llegar a dar los frutos del Reino, lo demás se da por añadidura. YouTube puede hacernos caer fácilmente en la tentación de buscar la añadidura por encima del Reino. En esta sesión, se ofrecerán algunas claves para evangelizar en YouTube manteniendo la vista en lo importante.



Rev. Daniel Pajuelo Vázquez

El padre Daniel Pajuelo, un sacerdote de la Compañía de María (marianistas), es profesor y responsable de la pastoral del colegio Hermanos Amorós en Madrid, España. Es un profesor en secundaria y conferenciante y tallerista de temas relacionados con Iglesia y social media. El padre Pajuelo es co-fundador de iMisión y se ha dedicado especialmente a su canal de YouTube, como una forma para llegar a un público joven y alejado de la Iglesia, incluso al ateo.

3-58 APOCALIPSIS: UN LIBRO DE TESTIMONIO Y ESPERANZA 🗨️

El *Apocalipsis* es uno de los libros que más ha llamado la atención tanto a creyentes como a no creyentes. Muchas veces es percibido como un libro difícil de comprender, misterioso y tenebroso. Se le considera lleno de símbolos y mensajes complicados, o poco relevantes para nuestra realidad actual. Pero ¿es esto cierto? ¿Cuál es el significado de este libro y la realidad de su mensaje? En esta sesión, buscamos ofrecer algunas claves de lectura e interpretación de su mensaje. Un mensaje que sigue siendo actual en nuestro tiempo.



Prof. Félix Palazzi

Nació en Caracas, Venezuela, el Profesor Félix Palazzi es un teólogo laico latinoamericano. Actualmente, es profesor adjunto de práctica en el Colegio de Boston de la Escuela de Teología y Ministerio en Massachusetts. Sus responsabilidades administrativas anteriores incluyeron Director de Estudios Teológicos Avanzados y Director del Master en Teología Fundamental de los Estudios de Posgrado de la Universidad Católica Jesuita Andrés Bello en Caracas. Fue profesor visitante en Roma, Austria y Boston.

3-59 EL CATECUMENADO Y LA EVANGELIZACIÓN 🗨️

“Evangelización” es una palabra que a menudo escuchamos en la vida de la iglesia. ¿Qué significa eso? ¿Quién es el objetivo de la evangelización? Esta conferencia ayudara a comprender la palabra evangelización, cómo se aplica al proceso catecúmeno y cómo se puede aplicar a toda la comunidad de la Iglesia.



Rev. Richard Vega

El padre Richard Vega es párroco de Santa Francis de Roma en Azusa, California. Fue Presidente de la Federación Nacional de Consejos Presbiterales. Previamente sirvió como párroco de La Purísima Concepción en Lompoc, California, y como Vicario dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. El padre Vega ha sido conferencista para las oficinas de Educación Religiosa y de Culto Divina en Los Angeles y Chicago, y fue presidente de la Comisión Litúrgica de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.

4-51 ¿CÓMO BUSCAR HOY A JESÚS?

SALA NORTE (2° piso)

En el Evangelio de Lucas, que leemos este año, Jesús pregunta a José y a María porque lo buscan. ¿Y nosotros estamos buscando a Jesús? Esta sesión trata de ayudarte a buscar a Jesús dentro de ti, en la familia, en la Iglesia y en la sociedad. También a nosotros nos dirige el Señor esa misma pregunta. Es de esperar que no nos encuentre distraídos. Nuestra respuesta revela la seriedad de nuestra vida cristiana.



Rev. José-Román Flecha Andrés

El padre José-Román Flecha, un sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, lleva muchos años de profesor universitario, conferencista en numerosos países, e invitado a varias universidades internacionales, institutos y conferencias. Es miembro del Comité Científico del "Istituto Paolo VI" de Brescia, Italia; miembro del Comité de Bioética para el Asesoramiento del Banco Nacional de ADN; y miembro del Comité de Bioética de la Universidad de Salamanca. También es miembro de una Comisión de Estudios en la Congregación para la Educación Católica en la Santa Sede. Trabajo apostólico en California, New York, Arizona, Panamá, Costa Rica y en Chile.

4-52 NUEVOS MOVIMIENTOS IMPULSADOS POR EL ESPÍRITU SANTO

Andrés Arango (vea biografía 2-53)

En este tiempo de la Nueva Evangelización, la Iglesia busca atraer a gente nueva o hacer que los que están alejados vuelvan a vivir su fe. Los movimientos eclesiales, guiados por el Espíritu Santo, están jugando un papel fundamental atrayendo más personas a tener una relación personal con Jesús, reanudar su camino espiritual y compartir su testimonio de fe. Participantes conocerán la importancia de los movimientos eclesiales en el proceso de evangelización. Al mismo tiempo, obtendrán herramientas prácticas para construir puentes entre los movimientos y las parroquias para incorporar nuevos miembros en la vida sacramental, pastoral y social de sus comunidades.

4-53 JUSTICIA E INMIGRACIÓN

Peter G. Neeley, SJ (vea biografía 3-56)

¿Por qué a los católicos nos importa el sistema de inmigración? Nuestra condición como seres humanos es de ser migrantes. ¿Qué dice la doctrina social de la Iglesia sobre los derechos de migrar y la responsabilidad de cada creyente a responder a esta realidad de hoy? La Biblia es una historia de inmigración: una gente de Dios arrancada de sus raíces que busca seguridad, santuario y refugio, y Dios que les da instrucciones para acoger al extranjero. ¿Cómo podemos responder personalmente y en común como católicos? En esta sesión, vamos a dar herramientas para poner en acción nuestra fe basada en los principios de la doctrina social de nuestra Iglesia.

4-54 CATEQUISTA: DISCÍPULO Y MISIONERO CON LA JUSTICIA

Entre los temas de la catequesis esta fundamentalmente el estudio de valores y virtudes. En varias ocasiones nos cuesta mucho diferenciar entre la teoría expuesta en el catecismo y el magisterio de la Iglesia y la vida práctica concreta. En esta conferencia, se propondrán casos donde catequistas han influido para que se llegue a una misio-nariedad del discípulo, con los valores, teniendo especial énfasis en la virtud de la justicia y haremos un ejercicio de Lectio Divina para llegar a la acción concreta.



Ricardo Grzona

Ricardo Grzona fue rector de la Universidad Champagnat de Mendoza, Argentina, la ciudad donde nació. Dirigió Departamentos de Educación y Catequesis del CELAM. Actualmente es presidente de la Fundación Ramon Pane en Miami, Florida. Ha dedicado su vida a formar en la espiritualidad bíblica a catequis-tas y jóvenes. Dirige los programas de Lectio Divina para jóvenes y para niños con miles de seguidores en todas las Américas.

4-55 MARIA: MADRE Y HERMANA NUESTRA EN TIEMPOS DIFÍCILES

Prof. Félix Palazzi (vea biografía 3-58)

La figura de María ha sido siempre importante en la fe de nuestras comunidades. La Iglesia ha proclamado sobre la madre de Jesús ciertos contenidos como verdades de fe que todos proclamamos y seguimos con devoción y respeto. Sin embargo, muchas veces se nos hace difícil entenderlas y comprenderlas. Una mejor exposición nos puede ayudar a profundizar nuestra fe en las comunidades y potenciar el rol de María en nuestra historia. Queremos ofrecer unas claves de lectura de los dogmas marianos que ayuden a su comprensión en nuestra vida diaria.

4-56 SED DE JUSTICIA: PERSPECTIVAS BÍBLICAS

En la Biblia, la "justicia" no quiere decir que cada persona recibe la recompensa que merece. La justicia bíblica significa las relaciones justas con Dios, si mismo, las otras personas, y toda la creación, que se realiza por la iniciativa de Dios y su misericordia y nuestra respuesta a este don. Exploramos la justicia en relación con la misericordia divina, la justicia hacia el vecino y el extranjero (Lucas 10:29-37; Juan 4), la justicia económica (Mateo 6:12; 20: 1-16), la justicia frente a la agresión (Mateo 5:38-48), el perdón y la justicia (Mateo 18:21-35), y la persistencia para lograr la justicia (Lucas 18: 1-8).



Hna. Bárbara E. Reid, OP, PhD

Hermana Bárbara Reid, una miembro de las Her-manas Dominicas de Grand Rapids, Michigan, es Profesora de Nuevo Testamento en Catholic Theological Union en Chicago, donde ha enseñado desde 1988. Cada año ha dado aproximadamente 25 pre-sentaciones en Estados Unidos, Canadá, México, Tailandia, Gua-temala, Bolivia, Perú, Irlanda, Nueva Zelanda y Australia. Hna. Reid también es Editora General de Wisdom Commentary Series publicado por Liturgical Press y una de las editoras principales por la nueva edición del "New Jerome Biblical Commentary."

4-57 MENOS ADRENALINA Y MÁS OXITOCINA: LA QUÍMICA DE LA ESPIRITUALIDAD HOY 🗨️

Los medios de comunicación y lugares de atracciones nos han vuelto adictos a la adrenalina que películas fuertes y video juegos explotan para entretenernos. Sin embargo, esta entretención no solo agota e intoxica el organismo, sino que nos deja insatisfechos y estresados. La oración y la meditación y el compartir nos ayudan en cambio a neutralizar nuestra química y a generar experiencias de amor profundo que nos traen paz y nos invitan a la armonía con Dios, con nosotros mismos y con los demás.



Dora Tobar van de Mensbrughe

Dora Tobar es Directora de la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana. Es conferencista y profesora invitada en muchos institutos de formación pastoral y diócesis dentro de los Estados Unidos y otros países.

Es editora y colaboradora para varias publicaciones. Desafió el programa denominado "La Pareja Feliz" y fue redactora en jefe de la página web para las parejas hispanas de la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos. Se ha dedicado especialmente a la investigación y desarrollo de programas de formación espiritual y vida familiar.

4-58 REPARA MI CASA: JÓVENES ADULTOS, SAN FRANCISCO Y LA REFORMA DE LA IGLESIA 🗨️

Rev. Agustino Torres, CFR (vea biografía 2-58)

El Espíritu Santo obró prodigiosamente a través de este pequeño hombre de Asís para renovar la Iglesia en un momento de gran necesidad. Podemos aprender mucho para la formación de jóvenes adultos repasando la vida de San Francisco de Asís.

4-59 POR UNA SOCIEDAD JUSTA CON LAS MUJERES 🗨️

Recogiendo los avances que se han dado en la sociedad y en la iglesia sobre las mujeres, mostrar cómo es una exigencia de justicia no detener ese camino sino impulsarlo a la luz de la praxis de Jesús con las mujeres y en el horizonte de una iglesia en salida como propone el Papa Francisco.



Olga Consuelo Vélez Caro

Olga Vélez Caro es Doctora en Teología y profesora titular e investigadora de la Facultad de Teología de la Pontificia Universidad Javeriana en Bogotá, Colombia, donde ella ha ocupado diferentes cargos académicos y administrativos en la universidad.

Es miembro del Comité Teológico de la Conferencia Episcopal Colombiana y miembro fundador de la Asociación Colombiana de Teólogas, al igual es miembro y coordinadora de la Comisión de mujeres del Asociación ecuménica de teólogos/as del Tercer mundo. Dra. Vélez también es autora de libros y varios artículos en temas de teología, pastoral, sobre la mujer, laicado, evangelización, paz y reconciliación.

5-51 GUADALUPE, MIGRACIÓN Y JUSTICIA SOCIAL 🗨️ SALA NORTE (2º piso)

Esta sesión presentara a Nuestra Señora Guadalupe llamándonos a construir un nuevo templo, es decir una nueva humanidad, tomando en cuenta la situación de migración y la llamada para hacer profetas, místicos y misioneros del nuevo templo.



Mons. Arturo Bañuelas

Mons. Arturo Bañuelas es conferencista nacional, entrenador misionero, autor y activista de derechos de las inmigrantes. Originario de la Diócesis de El Paso, Texas, donde actualmente es párroco de la Parroquia de San Marcos. En 1988,

fundó el Institute Tepeyac y en 1989 cofundó la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, que ha ganado reconocimiento internacional como voz contribuyente de la realidad de los Latinos/as. En el 2015, Mons. Bañuelas se convirtió en el Presidente Fundador del Instituto Frontera de la Esperanza que se ocupa de las necesidades sociales de la zona fronteriza. Sigue activo en el trabajo misionero, la defensa de la inmigración y el dialogo interreligioso.

5-52 LIBERANDO LA ESPIRITUALIDAD 🗨️

Para que la espiritualidad sea verdaderamente evangélica debe ser una espiritualidad justa y liberadora, razón por la cual la espiritualidad cristiana necesita ser liberada de concepciones erróneas que la relegarían a la devoción piadosa, la practica privada y al supuesto "mundo interior." Esta sesión presentará una comprensión del cristianismo que toma en serio el reinado de Dios en la "realidad" y la conversión como respuesta al reinado de Dios en la vida cotidiana. Tal espiritualidad equilibra la contemplación, la opción por los pobres, la fraternidad universal, la misión eucarística y la cruz para las obras de misericordia y justicia.



Prof. Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM

Prof. Gilberto Cavazos-González, ex párroco y evangelizador juvenil, ahora es profesor de espiritualidad trabajando con la tecnología didáctica y con la Pontificia Academia de Marianismo internacional en el Antonianum en Roma. Ha realizado retiros, misiones parroquiales y conferencias académicas en los Estados Unidos, México, Europa y Sudamérica. El padre Cavazos-González ha escrito muchos artículos y varios libros sobre la espiritualidad cristiana, latina y franciscana. Actualmente está escribiendo un libro sobre la Mariología mística del párroco franciscano Juana de la Cruz Vásquez Gutiérrez.

5-53 ÉTICA CATÓLICA CON RESPECTO A LA ACEPTACIÓN DE PERSONAS QUE SON LGBTQ EN NUESTRAS PARROQUIAS Y MINISTERIOS 🗨️

El Evangelio nos desafía a dar la bienvenida a todas las personas en nuestras comunidades de la Iglesia sin limitar la aceptación por motivos de raza, genero, etnicidad, condición social o preferencia sexual. Esta sesión se basará en las Sagradas Escrituras, las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y estudios al considerar cómo somos llamados a amar lesbianas, gays, bisexuales, transexuales o quienes cuestionan sin excepción.



María Teresa Dávila

María Teresa Dávila ha enseñado y publicado por más de 10 años. Es co-editora de "Living With(Out) Borders: Catholic Theological Ethics and People on the Move." Actualmente, se considera una académica-activista cuyo principal enfoque son las migraciones, la acogida a los refugiados y abogacía para con los desamparados. Dávila es Profesora de Estudios Religiosos y Teológicos en Merrimack College y enseñó en Andover Newton Theological School, Brandeis University, y Emmanuel College, y es parte de la comunidad de la Parroquia de St. Joseph's en Malden, todos en Massachusetts.



Rev. Carlos Alarcón, OMI

Nació en Guadalajara, México, el padre Carlos Alarcón fue maestro de tercero de primaria en Bell Gardens y South Central Los Angeles antes de ingresar con los Misioneros Oblatos de María Inmaculada en 1983. Su ministerio sacerdotal de 28 años se ha extendido de parroquias desde San Fernando hasta Mexicali, Baja California, y hasta Alaska como director de vocaciones. Actualmente es Director espiritual del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial en San Fernando y Predicador de Misiones de Fines de Semana.



Lic. Yunuen Trujillo

Lic. Yunuen Trujillo es conferencista y ministra laica con especialidad didáctica y práctica en Ministerio de Justicia Social, Doctrina Social de la Iglesia, Migración y Leyes, Movimiento Santuario, Libertad Religiosa, y Ministerio LGBT Inclusivo. Como parte del Equipo de Pastoral Juvenil Arquidiocesana (jóvenes adultos), ha sido coordinadora regional, encargada de programas de formación y conductora de radio Católica "PJLA Radio-TV." Forma parte del Ministerio Católico con Personas Gay y Lesbianas, ministerio Arquidiocesano de Los Angeles y estudia su Doctorado en la Universidad de La Verne.

5-54 COMPARTIENDO EL MENSAJE DE DIOS CON LA FAMILIA, LOS AMIGOS Y LA COMUNIDAD

El ministerio de Jesús está basado en compartir la "Buena Nueva," con los que predicaba en la comunidad. ¿Y quién es la comunidad? ¡Padres, maestros, catequistas, cuidador de niños, tú, yo! Los modelos de más confianza para los pequeños existen en la comunidad de la cual son parte. Ven y explora con nosotros maneras simples para inculcar el mensaje amoroso de Dios a los niños por medio de cuentos, oración, artes manuales, canciones y celebraciones. Ven con una mente curiosa y un corazón abierto.



Early Childhood Advisory Board

Continuando con la visión que se ha extendido por más de 45 años, el Comité de Asesoría para la Formación de Fe de Infancia Temprana, un grupo de talentosas catequistas, educadores y profesionales, se esfuerza por estar al servicio de las necesidades de las comunidades parroquiales y escolares de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. La información que se ofrece en estas conferencias es crucial para el desarrollo, la implementación y la capacitación adecuada de las catequistas y maestras de niños de 3, 4 y 5 años.

5-55 DE LA PLENITUD DE LA PERSONA, AL COMPROMISO CON LA JUSTICIA

El desarrollo personal nos pone en camino de plenitud humana, un camino de reflexión, de conocimiento interno. Este mayor conocimiento facilita discernir las invitaciones de Dios. Si la que reconozco en mí me impulsa a un nuevo tipo de relaciones sin barreras, fraternas, solidarias; sin duda, la justicia es horizonte, faro y luz de tu vida. Ven y descubre como tu proceso de conocimiento interior impacta tus relaciones y tus opciones. Una sesión que te ofrecerá herramientas para trabajar, analizar y sacar tus propias conclusiones.



María Elena Ocegueda Juárez

María Elena Ocegueda nació en Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, ahí descubrió su vocación a la catequesis y desde 1990 ha formadora de catequistas. Es Secretaria Ejecutiva de la Sección Diocesana de Evangelización y Catequesis en la Arquidiócesis de Guadalajara, México. También Ocegueda es Coordinadora del Departamento de Elaboración de Materiales; Subdirectora Ejecutiva del Instituto Superior de Catequética; y Directora de ediciones casa del Catequista. Recientemente es miembro de la Sociedad de Catequetas Latinoamericana.

5-56 ¿QUÉ ENSEÑA LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA SOBRE LA TECNOLOGÍA REPRODUCTIVA?

Un concepto erróneo y común es que la Iglesia Católica dice "NO" a la mayoría de las tecnologías reproductivas cuando en realidad, la Iglesia dice "SÍ" a algunas tecnologías reproductivas y a una manera de sanar las causas de la infertilidad que mantienen la dignidad de la pareja y el hijo que esperan concebir. Durante la sesión, se elaborará lo que enseña la Iglesia sobre la fertilización in vitro, el alquiler de úteros y más. Al describir las alternativas católicas de tratamientos, la sesión dará una explicación clara de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre estos asuntos bioéticos.



Angelique Ruhi-López

Angelique Ruhi-López vive en Miami, Florida, y es co-autora de "The Infertility Companion for Catholics: Spiritual and Practical Support for Couples," escrito como un recurso para brindar respuestas sobre el punto de vista de la Iglesia sobre la infertilidad y la adopción. Ruhi-López es periodista y editora. Ha viajado a través del país para hablar sobre la infertilidad y ha servido en el comité del Sínodo de la Arquidiócesis de Miami sobre la familia. Ella y su esposo son promotores de PFN y ayudan en el ministerio de preparación matrimonial.



Carmen L. Santamaría

Carmen Santamaría es una abogada que vive en Miami, Florida, y es co-autora de "The Infertility Companion for Catholics: Spiritual and Practical Support for Couples," en el que comparte su jornada a través de la infertilidad secundaria y la adopción. Ha viajado a través de la nación dando conferencias y talleres sobre la infertilidad. Ella y su esposo son catequistas, sirven en la preparación matrimonial, son instructores de PFN y Carmen está en la Junta de Directores de la Liga de Pareja a Pareja. Es miembro del Consejo Asesor de Donaciones Planificadas de la Arquidiócesis de Miami y es administradora del capítulo local de Legatus.

5-57 POSIBLES COMPORTAMIENTOS INJUSTOS EN LA FAMILIA 🗣️

La familia en la cultura hispana es uno de los tesoros más valorados. Es la primera escuela del amor. Cada familia se desarrolla desde sus costumbres y la tradición. Nótese, sin embargo, que los patrones de comportamiento en la familia son propios de lo que se aprende en el lugar de origen. ¿Y qué ocurre cuando esa familia se muda a una cultura distinta? ¿Qué es lo justo o injusto al repetir esos patrones de comportamiento en tierra extraña? Hablemos de los muchos sufrimientos que nos tocan vivir porque no sabemos adaptarnos. ¿Quién tiene la razón?

**Rev. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST**

El padre Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, un Siervo Misionero de la Santísima Trinidad, es predicador y facilitador de retiros, misiones y conferencias de las comunidades hispanas en los Estados Unidos, Puerto Rico, México y Centro América. Es columnista del periódico católico para las arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey; y San Juan, Puerto Rico; y la diócesis de Rockville Center, New York. El padre Rodríguez fue párroco por 14 años. También presidente del Consejo Nacional Católicos de Pastoral Hispana y vicepresidente de la Asociación Nacional de Sacerdotes Hispánicos.

5-58 GENEROSOS Y CO-RESPONSABLES: STEWARDSHIP CON HISPANOS 🗣️**Luis Soto (vea biografía 1-59)**

La comunidad de más rápido crecimiento en la Iglesia Católica de hoy en día en los Estados Unidos es la comunidad hispana. Sin embargo, en ocasiones su crecimiento no está a la par con el compromiso y la generosidad, con la corresponsabilidad o lo que en inglés se llama “stewardship.” Sin duda que formar una comunidad hispana generosa y corresponsable es esencial para el futuro de la Iglesia. Aprenderemos de la identidad católica y su re-

lación con la corresponsabilidad, de la cultura hispana y sus barreras cuando se trata de dar y compartir, así como estrategias concretas para desarrollar una iniciativa para formar una comunidad hispana corresponsable.

5-59 ¿QUÉ SIGNIFICA COMO IGLESIA ACOMPAÑAR, FORMAR Y SER LÍDER CON Y PARA LOS JÓVENES HOY? 🗣️

Frente a un mundo cambiante, complejo, turbulento y desigual como el que hoy vivimos, nuestra Iglesia se plantea cómo acompañar, brindar y formar al liderazgo joven y adulto para salir al encuentro de los jóvenes que están en la periferia y necesitan encontrar y encontrarse con el Maestro. En esta conferencia, dialogaremos el cómo la Iglesia propone hacerse compañero de camino del joven; ayudar a los jóvenes a encontrar su identidad y su vocación a la santidad; y, de qué manera descubrir, desarrollar y potenciar el liderazgo hasta llegar a ser otro Cristo.

**Héctor Hugo Tabares Ramírez**

Radica en Bogotá, Colombia, Héctor Tabares es el director ejecutivo de la Fundación Central de Juventudes, institución emblemática y pionera de la Pastoral Juvenil en América Latina. En la actualidad es asesor de la Conferencia Episcopal de Colombia en los departamentos de Cultura, Educación y universidades; y Pastoral Juvenil. Ha sido conferencista especializado en el tema de liderazgo en todos los momentos de vida por más de 30 años y fue el fundador de los Encuentros de Emprendedores y Empresarios Católicos en Colombia.

**6-51 LA LLAMADA ORACIÓN DE “SANACIÓN DEL ÁRBOL GENEALÓGICO”: PRAXIS PASTORAL Y DOCTRINA QUE SUBYACE** 🗣️ **SALANORTE (2º piso)**

Algunos sacerdotes católicos inclinados al ministerio de sanación y liberación (algunos incluso que tienen o tuvieron la licencia de exorcista) han propuesto la idea de que los males que padecen actualmente las personas (psíquicos, morales, sociales, espirituales y corporales) tienen una causa en sus antepasados. La persona actual sería como el último eslabón de una cadena, por donde van pasando los males que llegan a ella. Estos males serían producto de tres elementos: 1) las malas inclinaciones de sus antepasados; 2) los pecados de sus ancestros;

3) las maldiciones que los antepasados hubieran echado sobre sus descendientes, de generación tras generación y que ahora tendrían efecto. ¿Esto es doctrina católica?

**Pbro. Dr. Rogelio Alcántara Mendoza**

Dr. Rogelio Alcántara ha sido Director de la Educación católica por más de 10 años, y actualmente dirige la Comisión para la Doctrina de la Fe de la Arquidiócesis de México. Previamente fue Director Espiritual del Pontificio Colegio Mexicano de Roma. El padre Alcántara es Profesor de universidad en materias filosóficas y teológicas, y actualmente profesor de mariología en la Universidad Católica Lumen Gentium en México. Es autor de libros y conferencista nacional e internacional con temas teológicos y filosóficos.

6-52 LA IMAGEN DEL AMOR 🗣️

Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez (biografía 1-51)

La imagen de Guadalupe en la humilde tilma de San Juan Diego es un “código del amor” que sigue sorprendiendo su preservación y su mensaje. La imagen entre flores y cantos toca nuestra vida y hace de nosotros una nueva civilización del amor de Dios.

6-53 PERSONAS EN BUSCA DE LA VERDAD EN UN MUNDO DE ENGAÑOS Y MENTIRAS 🗣️

Vivimos en tiempos donde la mentira es utilizada como recurso, como herramienta, incluso como arma. Se falsea, se exagera, se disimula. *La mentira mata al alma* decía San Agustín. Hay diferentes tipos de mentiras y de personas que mienten. El engaño tiene una finalidad: manipular, en el menos malo de los casos: evitar males mayores. La mentira circula, se extiende, precisa de otra para sostener la primera y de más para justificar las anteriores. Inmersos en engaños, incapaces de detectarlos, somos víctimas de sus efectos, y al fin lo que se resiente es la verdad: Aquello que nos hace libres.



Dra. Julia Cano Valero

Dra. Julia Cano Valero, nació en el sur de España, es Profesora en la Universidad de Cádiz en Andalucía, España. Una médico psiquiatra con práctica privada y perito en procedimientos judiciales, es miembro de la Sociedad Española de Psiquiatría, de la Sociedad Española de Psiquiatría Legal y del Grupo de Estudios Psiquiatría-Legales de Andalucía. Durante su adolescencia y juventud, Dra. Cano fue responsable de un grupo Girl Scout.

6-54 MARÍA, LA LECHE MATERNA Y LAS DEVOCIONES POPULARES 🗣️

Neomi DeAnda, PhD (vea biografía 2-54)

Historias y oraciones relacionadas con las imágenes de Madonas lactantes existen a través de la tradición cristiana. Tres lugares con estas imágenes en particular serán presentados: Puebla, México; San Juan, Puerto Rico; y St. Augustine, Florida. Vengan preparadas/os para explorar las conexiones entre sus ministerios, la leche de María, y las devociones populares, incluyendo flores y te.

6-55 ¡HACIA UN ACOMPAÑAMIENTO DE TODOS LAS HIJAS E HIJOS DE DIOS! 🗣️

Peter J. Ductrám (vea biografía 1-54)

A menudo escuchamos sobre iniciativas y terminologías que desean “incluir” a niños con necesidades especiales en nuestros programas de educación religiosa y en la vida parroquial. El mayor desafío es crear una cultura que honre a estos niños y sus familias como agentes de su propia formación en la fe. En esta sesión, dialogaremos sobre formas concretas en las que nosotros, como padres, catequistas y líderes laicos parroquiales, podemos ayudar a crear espacios sagrados para el intercambio comunitario. ¿Cómo acompañamos a estas familias más allá de la preparación para los sacramentos sin marginarlas de la comunidad en general?

6-56 ACOMPAÑAR A LOS JÓVENES AL ESTILO DE JESÚS 🗣️

Un tema fundamental en el Sínodo de los Obispos sobre los jóvenes es el deber eclesial y el derecho de los jóvenes al acompañamiento. En esta sesión, profundizaremos en cómo llevar a cabo este acompañamiento, aprendiendo de como lo hizo Jesús: su manera de acercarse a sus discípulos, a cada persona en particular e incluso a la muchedumbre. Haremos un bello recorrido por los evangelios para descubrir las acciones y actitudes que debemos seguir como discípulos-misioneros en nuestra vida diaria y en nuestro ministerio pastoral.



Leonardo Monguá Casas, MA

Nació en Bogotá, Colombia, Leonardo Monguá es biblista, quien como Misionero de la Juventud laico se ha dedicado por más de 10 años a la formación del liderazgo pastoral y la Animación Bíblica de la Pastoral Juvenil en distintos lugares de Latinoamérica. Ha realizado su ministerio dentro de reconocidas instituciones como Central de Juventudes (Colombia), el Instituto Fe y Vida (Estados Unidos) y Sociedad Bíblica Colombiana en donde ha coordinado procesos formativos para jóvenes y adultos. Es parte del equipo editorial de la Biblia Católica para Jóvenes y coordinó la Biblia Católica para la Fe y la Vida.

6-57 10 CLAVES PARA VIVIR LA SANTIDAD CON SED DE JUSTICIA 🗣️

Descubramos en la Exhortación Pastoral, *Gaudete et Exultate*, claves para vivir con la justicia en la vida cotidiana y responder al llamado a la santidad. En el espíritu de las Bienaventuranzas y Mateo 25, “cada uno por su camino” (como dice el Concilio Vaticano II) y todos unidos en la “Sed de Justicia.” Pensemos juntos propuestas para iniciar en la catequesis el seguimiento de Jesús como camino a la santidad.



Marcelo A. Murúa

Radica en Bariloche, Argentina, Marcelo Murúa es catequista y formador laico con 25 años de experiencia en cursos de formación de biblia, catequesis y espiritualidad, presenciales y a distancia. Miembro de la Sociedad de Catequetas Latinoamericanas y miembro del equipo del Instituto Superior de Catequesis Argentina. Murúa es miembro de la Comisión Episcopal de Argentina y Coordinador de la Escuela del Diaconado y del Equipo de Animación Bíblica en la Diócesis de Bariloche. Ha publicado más de 30 libros para distintas editoriales de habla hispana.

6-58 FORMAS PRÁCTICAS PARA EDUCAR A LOS HIJOS 🗣️

Dora Tobar van de Mensbrugge (vea biografía 4-57)

El ministerio emocional de los padres es decisivo en la preparación de los hijos para la vida, para el matrimonio o el servicio comunitario, y para la eternidad. Descubramos los ingredientes necesarios y un plan fácil para hacer de nuestros hogares la escuela de amor por excelencia en la cual se gradúen hijos felices, capaces de amar.

7-51 COMO SER UNA FAMILIA MÁS FELIZ SALA NORTE (2° piso)

Los estudios psicológicos sobre la felicidad han mostrado que la felicidad no depende tanto de las circunstancias de nuestra vida, sino que depende sobre todo de la práctica consistente de ciertas conductas bajo nuestro control. Cuando también ponemos en práctica una espiritualidad de la unidad enfocada en amarnos como Jesús nos ha amado, entonces podemos experimentar una felicidad aún mayor que Él nos prometió: “Mi alegría será vuestra y vuestra alegría será completa” (Jn 15:11). Todos podemos convertirnos en agentes de felicidad practicando las estrategias sugeridas por la psicología y fortaleciendo la vida de unidad en nuestras familias.



Dr. John Yzaguirre

El Dr. John Yzaguirre es un psicólogo y autor que se especializa en la integración de la psicología y la espiritualidad católica en la vida familiar. Actualmente dirige el Instituto Prosocial de California junto con su esposa, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MDiv, MFT con la que ha escrito el libro “Casados y Felices.” Ha dado conferencias en Estados Unidos, Canadá, México, Europa y Australia. Además de su práctica privada en Irvine, California, ofrece sus programas de formación y vida familiar en muchas iglesias de Estados Unidos.

7-52 PELIGROS QUE ACECHAN A LA MUJER POR EL HECHO DE SERLO

Dra. Julia Cano Valero (vea biografía 6-53)

La mujer es un ser pleno de riqueza interior y generosidad, pero también es especialmente vulnerable. Sus características biológicas, su rol social y su sensibilidad, le hacen frecuentemente víctima de daño, de abusos y de crímenes. La mujer desde niña es población de riesgo en Victimología. Corre un riesgo enorme de ser engañada, sometida y lastimada. Reflexionaremos sobre sus debilidades y fortalezas, sobre los peligros que le acechan por el solo hecho de ser mujer. El conocimiento sobre esas circunstancias ayudara a mantener la alerta y a proteger el psiquismo femenino de daños irreparables que harán que pierda su potencialidad.

7-53 HOMBRES Y MUJERES – UNIDOS POR LA JUSTICIA

Moisés clama a Dios, ¿Qué debo hacer? La mujer samaritana le pregunta a Jesús, “¿Cómo puedes tú, un judío, pedirme una bebida, a una mujer samaritana?” Respondemos a las invitaciones de Dios de maneras personal, de maneras únicas, como hombres y mujeres llamados a luchar por la justicia. ¿Cómo responden los hombres y las mujeres de diferente manera? ¿Cuáles son los dones masculinos y femeninos que nos capacitan a formar relaciones justas y ser transformados por los otros a trabajar por la paz?



Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD

El padre Jim Clarke es el Director de la Oficina para la Nueva Evangelización de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Durante más de una década, enseñó en el Seminario San Juan en Camarillo, California, y sigue siendo Profesor Adjunto en la Universidad Loyola Marymount en Los Angeles. El padre Clarke también es un Director Espiritual Asociado en el Cardenal Manning House of Prayer for Priests en Los Angeles. Domina el inglés y el español y viaja extensamente con su trabajo y educación que lo ha llevado a Israel, México, Canadá, África, Europa, Australia, Guam y Samoa Americana.

7-54 EL CANTO EN SEMANA SANTA Y LA SOLEMNIDAD PROGRESIVA

La solemnidad progresiva significa que “entre la forma solemne y la más completa de la celebración litúrgica puede haber varias grades intermedios de acuerdo al mayor o menor peso que se le asigne al canto.” Las celebraciones durante la Semana Santa son las más importantes del año litúrgico y el canto tiene una función sumamente importante durante ellas. ¿Cómo apoyamos la acción litúrgica siguiendo este importante principio de una solemnidad progresiva, sobre todo durante el Triduo Pascual? ¿Cómo podemos por medio de la música ayudar a la asamblea reunida a que entienda claramente la progresión entre lo más solemne y lo más completo? En esta sesión, hablaremos de las diferentes opciones musicales que hay y de la selección de cantos apropiados para cada celebración de esta semana que es la más importante del año para nosotros los católicos. ¡Vengan listos para cantar y celebrar!



Santiago Fernández

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoralista por más de 30 años. Trabaja en la parroquia de La Sagrada Familia en Novi, Michigan, como director de música y también como presentador de talleres para Oregon Catholic Press. Cuenta con 15 años de experiencia en enseñanza y oratoria, Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, director musical del National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, Instituto Fe y Vida, y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006. Fue miembro del comité de liturgia para el V Encuentro 2018.

7-55 JUSTICIA SOCIAL – REQUERIMIENTO DE LOS JÓVENES

Ricardo Grzona (vea biografía 4-54)

Después del sínodo sobre los jóvenes, como actuar: El Sínodo sobre los jóvenes plantea varios temas importantes. Pero los mismos jóvenes han solicitado una claridad sobre cómo abordar el tema de Justicia Social desde los grupos cristianos. ¿Cuáles son los temas importantes? ¿Cómo presentarlos en los grupos juveniles? ¿Podemos orar para prepararnos ante la acción concreta de justicia en nuestra sociedad? Se presentarán proyectos sociales de justicia posibles de realizar.

SESIÓN 7

10:00 - 11:30 AM • DOMINGO, 24 DE MARZO

7-56 LA PEDAGOGÍA DE JESÚS CLAVE DE LA EVANGELIZACIÓN A LOS JÓVENES

Leonardo Monguí Casas, MA (vea biografía 6-56)

Hoy en día en que se proponen distintas maneras de evangelizar, es importante centrarnos en el Maestro. Jesús – el primero y el más grande evangelizador – tuvo una manera particular de transmitir su mensaje, presentar al Padre y comunicar al Espíritu Santo. Los apóstoles, incluyendo a Pablo, trataron de seguir su ejemplo y así debemos hacer nosotros. Nuestra primera tarea es permitir que el testimonio de Jesús nos transforme. Esta conferencia hará una relectura del ser de Jesús y su obra evangelizadora desde la pedagogía que utilizó, para que revisemos nuestra labor evangelizadora y tomemos un nuevo impulso como discípulos-misioneros.

7-57 CLAVES PARA LA EVANGELIZACIÓN EN INTERNET

Rev, Daniel Pajuelo Vázquez (vea biografía 3-57)

Jesús dice, “Id por todo el mundo y proclamad el Evangelio a toda criatura” (Mc 16, 15). Este es el mandato del que nace la llamada a la evangelización también en internet. En esta sesión, se ofrecen claves para esta misión que nacen de la experiencia evangelizadora de la plataforma iMisión.

7-58 ¿ESTAMOS SIENDO ACOMPAÑADOS, FORMADOS Y ENVIADOS POR EL MAESTRO? INICIATIVAS DE LIDERAZGO Y MISION PARA UN MUNDO AGITADO

Héctor Hugo Tabares Ramírez (vea biografía 5-59)

El tiempo presente nos llama a discernir la presencia Trinitaria en nuestro caminar como discípulos misioneros; reconocer como un don el acompañamiento, formación y liderazgo que la Iglesia mantiene en un mundo

vertiginoso y acelerado que requiere de nosotros respuestas contundentes a las necesidades actuales. Revisaremos algunas experiencias exitosas de formación integral en liderazgo por momentos de vida que han generado impacto en el continente: sus principios, sus logros y tropiezos serán vistos a la luz de las necesidades actuales para así dar respuesta a un mundo que tiene sed de Dios y de justicia.

7-59 CATEQUESIS DE MISERICORDIA

Nuestros esfuerzos catequéticos tienen que llegar a “las afueras” de nuestras comunidades. Hay muchas personas que están luchando día a día con su fe y como identificar con la iglesia. Muchas veces estas personas están al margen de la sociedad y son personas que no se identifican con lo que la sociedad define como “normal.” Si escuchamos el reto del Papa Francisco es de traer la misericordia a las personas que están olvidadas por la sociedad. En esta sesión, nos dedicamos a desarrollar cinco estrategias para salir de la rutina normal de la catequesis y buscar modos para enlazarnos con personas que no caben en nuestra definición de la catequesis normal. Se darán recomendaciones prácticas para como lograr estas metas en nuestras comunidades.



Víctor Valenzuela

De padres mexicanos nació en Arizona, Víctor Valenzuela ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida en el área de la bahía. Hoy radica en San Leandro, California, es vicepresidente de la formación ministerial para Dignity Health. Por más de 30 años ha estado trabajando en el ministerio hispano. Ha sido profesor de secundaria y ha colaborado en diversos ministerios parroquiales incluyendo pastoral juvenil y educación religiosa, donde tiene una gran experiencia preparando materiales.



SESIÓN 8

1:00 - 2:30 PM • DOMINGO, 24 DE MARZO

8-51 ¡LA DICHA DE LOS QUE TIENEN “SED DE JUSTICIA”!

SALA NORTE (2° piso)

¿Quieres conocer que experiencias personales de sed de justicia tienes? ¿Te gustaría saber desde dónde actúas como persona? ¿Tu acción pastoral está acompañada del valor de la justicia? Esta sesión te ofrece algunos elementos básicos para conocer como están contruidos nuestros actos humanos, y reconocer en el mensaje de Jesús la clara invitación del valor de la justicia. La ética cristiana nos ofrece a los seguidores de Jesús, la justicia como horizonte de vida, pues cuando se cree se vive con conciencia, libertad y valor. Ven y experimenta como

hacer vida todos los días esta bienaventuranza.



María Elena Ocegueda Juárez

María Elena Ocegueda nació en Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, ahí descubrió su vocación a la catequesis y desde 1990 ha sido formadora de catequistas. Es Secretaria Ejecutiva de la Sección Diocesana de Evangelización y Catequesis en la Arquidiócesis de Guadalajara, México. También Ocegueda es Coordinadora del Departamento de Elaboración de Materiales; Subdirectora Ejecutiva del Instituto Superior de Catequesis; y Directora de ediciones casa del Catequista. Recientemente es miembro de la Sociedad de Catequetas Latinoamericana.

8-52 COMO EL EVANGELIO COBRA VIDA A TRAVÉS DE LAS COMUNIDADES VULNERABLES 🗣️

La experiencia de algunas personas católicas LGBTQ (lesbianas, gays, bisexuales, transexuales o quienes cuestionan) es que su identidad los ha acercado más al Evangelio y a las enseñanzas de Jesucristo. ¿Cómo puede ser? En esta sesión, exploraremos como grupos que son marginados experimentan el Evangelio y las formas en que podemos ministrar más eficazmente para ayudarlos a identificarse como cristianos católicos y como discípulos.

**Rev. Carlos Alarcón, OMI**

El padre Carlos Alarcón, nació en Guadalajara, México, fue maestro de tercero de primaria en Bell Gardens y South Central Los Angeles. En 1983 ingreso a los Misioneros Oblatos de María Inmaculada. Durante 28 años su ministerio sacerdotal se ha extendido en parroquias desde San Fernando hasta Mexicali, Baja California, y Alaska como director de vocaciones. Actualmente es Director espiritual del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial en San Fernando y Predicador de Misiones los Fines de Semana.

**Dora Tobar van de Mensbrughe**

Dora Tobar es Directora de la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana. Es conferencista y profesora invitada en muchos institutos de formación pastoral y diócesis dentro de los Estados Unidos y otros países. Es editora y colaboradora para varias publicaciones. Desafió el programa denominado "La Pareja Feliz" y fue redactora en jefe de la página web para las parejas hispanas de la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos. Se ha dedicado especialmente a la investigación y desarrollo de programas de formación espiritual y vida familiar.

**Lic. Yunuen Trujillo**

Lic. Yunuen Trujillo es conferencista y ministra laica con especialidad didáctica y práctica en Ministerio de Justicia Social, Doctrina Social de la Iglesia, Migración y Leyes, Movimiento Santuario, Libertad Religiosa, y Ministerio LGBT Inclusivo. Como parte del Equipo de Pastoral Juvenil Arquidiocesana (jóvenes adultos), ha sido coordinadora regional, encargada de programas de formación y conductora de radio Católica "PJLA Radio-TV." Actualmente forma parte del Ministerio Católico con Personas Gay y Lesbianas, ministerio arquidiócesis de Los Angeles y estudia su Doctorado en la Universidad de La Verne.

8-53 DE UNA VIDA ORDINARIA, A UNA VIDA EXTRAORDINARIA 🗣️

Marco A. Elías-Juarez (vea biografía 2-55)

Pasar de lo ordinario a lo extraordinario es un reto que se nos presenta todos los días de la vida. Depende de nosotros si queremos hacer de lo ordinario algo extraordinario. Depende de nosotros de ponerle chispa y creatividad a la vida para que la monotonía no se apodere de ella. Depende de nosotros vivir la vida de santidad, en lo simple y lo sencillo. Depende de nosotros encontrarle sentido a la vida para no dejar que la depresión, el suicidio y otros males modernos afecten nuestra sociedad. Depende de nosotros que los jóvenes amen y digan sí a la vida. Los invito a desarrollar una visión extraordinaria de la vida, y vivirla con pasión y con intensidad.

8-54 ECOLOGÍA INTEGRAL: SER CATÓLICO EN UN PLANETA PEQUEÑA 🗣️

El "medioambiente" es la relación entre la naturaleza y la sociedad. La comida, el agua y el suelo son parte de los sacramentos católicos porque nuestro Creador nos ofrece los dones de la naturaleza para nuestro bienestar y disfrute. Sin embargo, los seres humanos están dañando la naturaleza a un ritmo alarmante. *Laudato Sí*, la encíclica del Papa Francisco, nos llama a una forma de ser que integra nuestra fe con nuestro estilo de vida para proteger restaurar el planeta. Esta sesión compartirá ideas para ser *católicos verdes*, de manera práctica, comenzando con nuestros hábitos diarios y lo que elegimos consumir.

**Paul Hicks**

Desde 2009, Paul Hicks es el Director de Recursos Hídricos para Servicios de Ayuda Católicos (CRS), con sede en El Salvador. Tiene casi 25 años de experiencia liderando proyectos de abastecimiento del agua, administración de recursos hídricos y desarrollo agrícola en países en desarrollo, incluyendo Albania, Filipinas, Afganistán y América Central. Su enfoque profesional es apoyar a las personas y comunidades para mejorar el acceso del agua potable y saneamiento y para proteger y administrar las fuentes del agua para las generaciones actuales y futuras.

8-55 LOS SÚPERS Y LOS SANTOS: EN BÚSQUEDA DE A LA VIRTUD HEROICA 🗣️

Nuestra cultura popular, en el cine y programación de televisión, pone énfasis en los súper, superhumanos que muchos consideran ejemplares de virtud en un mundo de la imaginación. Sin embargo, con el ejemplo de los santos y la gracia del Señor, nosotros podemos lograr la virtud heroica en nuestras vidas.

**María Morera Johnson**

María Morera Johnson es una autora católica galardonada cuyos libros incluyen "Our Lady of Charity: How a Cuban Devotion to Mary Helped Me Grow in Faith and Love," "Super Girls and Halls: My Companions on the Quest for Truth, Justice, and Heroic Virtue" and "My Badass Book of Saints: Courageous Women Who Showed Me How to Live." Morera enseñó en escuelas secundarias y universidades antes de partir, en 2008, a conferencias católicas y retiros.

8-56 JESUCRISTO EL MIGRANTE: CRISTOLOGÍA CONTEXTUAL Y LOS SIGNOS DE LOS TIEMPOS 🗣️

El presidente Trump quiere mantener alejados a las migrantes; mientras para el Papa Francisco, son "una nueva semilla de evangelización." Dr. Roberto Lassalle-Klein, teólogo y asesor del seminario sobre la formación para el ministerio hispano, describe el Jesús resucitado encontrado en la vida de las migrantes y refugiados durante 32 años en Oakland Catholic Worker. Explora la base bíblica del descubrimiento por el Papa Francisco y San Óscar Romero de que son una continuación histórica del Jesús histórico, el mesías migrante

que revela que Dios ha elegido salvar a la humanidad a través de los pobres y los rechazados.



Roberto Lassalle-Klein, PhD, MSW

Dr. Roberto Lassalle-Klein, es cofundador y Director Ejecutivo de Oakland Catholic Worker, Profesor de Estudios Religiosos en la Universidad de Holy Names, y asesor del Seminario sobre la formación para el ministerio hispano. Ha tenido becas y cargos docentes en la Universidad de DePaul en Chicago; la Unión Teológica de Graduados y la Escuela Jesuita de Teología de Berkeley, California; y la Universidad Ramon Llul en Barcelona, España. Dr. Lassalle-Klein es teólogo y autor de cinco libros sobre Jesús y espiritualidad; los proyectos actuales incluyen "Voces de Migrantes y Refugiados" y "Jesús el Migrante: Una Cristología Contextual."

8-57 INSPIRANDO A LA JUVENTUD "IGEN" COMO DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS

Los jóvenes "iGen" están mostrando su sed de justicia y se ven a ellos mismos como protagonistas en cambiar temas decisivos como la vida, pobreza, ecología, control de armas y la paz mundial. En la Pastoral Juvenil, coma catequistas, agentes pastorales y padres de familia, nuestro rol es conectar con la Vida de Jesucristo de una manera significativa en la búsqueda por la justicia, de manera que nos inspire a vivir fielmente como discípulos misioneros.



Verónica Rayas, PhD

La Dra. Verónica Rayas es Directora de la Oficina de Formación Religiosa en la Diócesis de El Paso, Texas. Previamente se desempeñó como Coordinadora de Programas para el Instituto Tepeyac en la diócesis y, anteriormente, se desempeñó como Co-Directora del Ministerio Juvenil en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. Dra. Rayas tiene una amplia experiencia en varios ministerios, incluyendo roles como asociado pastoral, catequista, ministro de jóvenes y maestro de escuela católica. Ella ha presentado en diferentes diócesis y en varias conferencias en Dallas y Washington, D.C.

8-58 EL CUIDADO DE LA CASA COMÚN COMO UN COMPROMISO DE JUSTICIA

Olga Consuelo Vélez Caro (vea biografía 4-59)

A la luz de los aportes de la Encíclica *Laudato Sí* del Papa Francisco, mostrar el compromiso social y cristiano que se tiene con la casa común y señalar los desafíos que se derivan de una fe comprometida con la creación y con las más pobres.



PROGRAMA DE CONTRIBUCIONES



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- Buscar "Contribución a la Comunidad" en la parte inferior de la página.
- Seleccionar "Ver más" y seleccionar "Inscripción."
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- Escribir KV939 o escribir "Archdiocese of Los Angeles - Religious Education" en la barra de búsqueda.

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DOUBLETREE:	Erika Santana	(714) 383-7019
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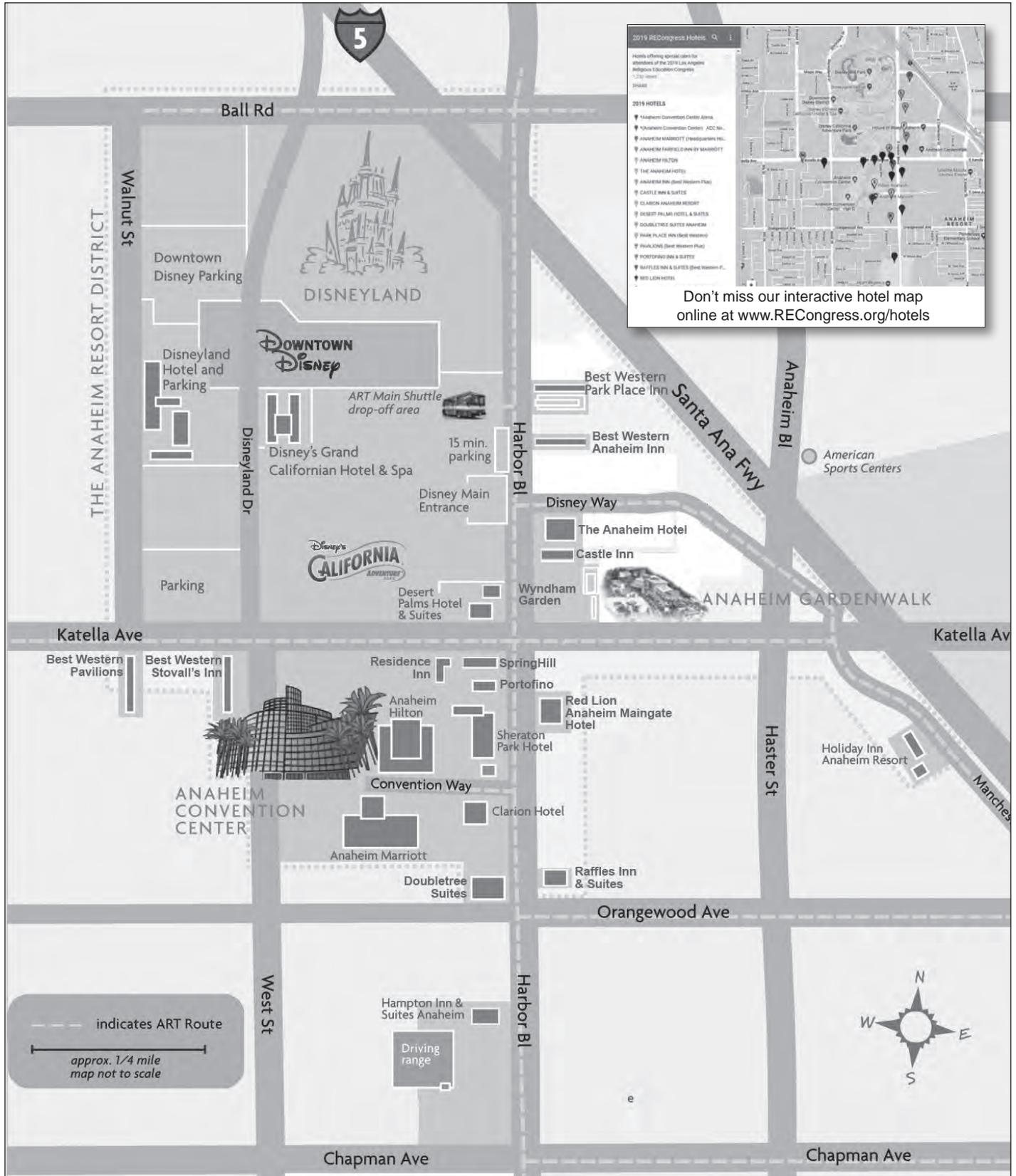
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ANAHEIM AREA MAP

ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER AREA HOTEL MAP

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CASTLE INN & SUITES 1734 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 774-8111 (800) 227-8530	\$159		4:00 pm	Free parking (1 car per room); free WiFi; no resort fee; rate good through February 28, 2019; Group Code: Congress
CLARION ANAHEIM RESORT 616 W Convention Way	(714) 750-3131 (800) 231-6215	\$149.95 \$179.95	Available	4:00 pm	\$16 self park (\$22 valet); rate good through February 19, 2019
DESERT PALMS HOTEL & SUITES 631 W Katella Ave	(714) 535-1133		\$219	4:00 pm	3-night min. stay includes \$9.95 parking; free hot breakfast buffet; free WiFi; free snack pack; rate thru Feb. 22, 2019
DOUBLETREE SUITES ANAHEIM 2085 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-3000 (800) 445-8667		\$175	4:00 pm	\$8 self park; rate good through February 28, 2019 *note: 1st night room & tax due at booking
HAMPTON INN & SUITES 11747 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove, CA 92840	(714) 703-8800 (800) 426-7866	\$159	Available	3:00 pm	\$10 self park; free hot breakfast; rate good through February 28, 2019
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The Religious Education Congress has made arrangements for airport transportation with Karmel Shuttle, offering direct service between Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), John Wayne Airport (SNA) and Long Beach Airport (LGB) to and from the Anaheim Resort. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Karmel offers state-of-the-art tracking, so they will know when your flight has been delayed; however, you **MUST** call 888-995-7433 to advise of any and all flight changes.

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The Anaheim Resort Transit (ART) replaces individual hotel shuttle service to locations throughout the Anaheim Resort District. ART's fleet of vehicles runs along nine routes that connect hotels, Disneyland, Disney California Adventure, Downtown Disney and the Anaheim Convention Center with shopping, dining and evening entertainment.



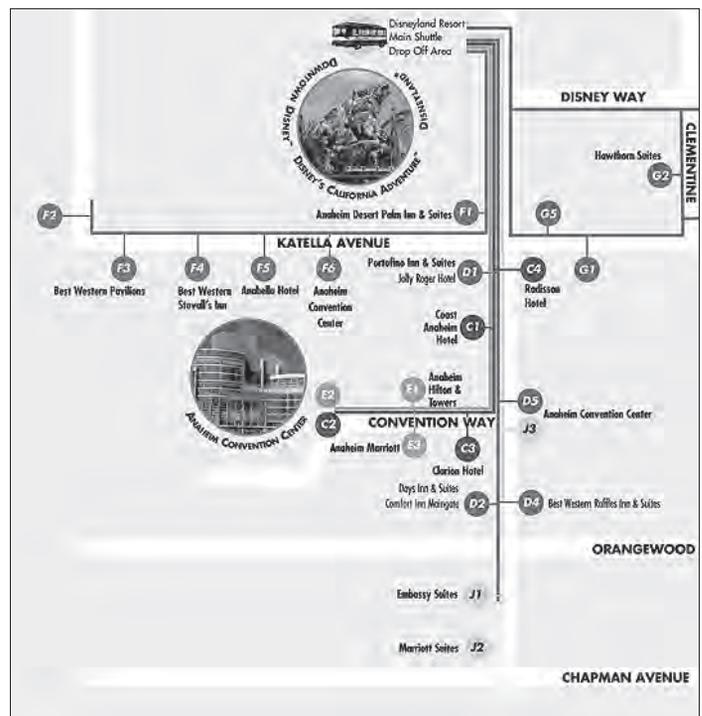
ART schedules and system maps, adult and child passes, display materials and signage will be available at all participating hotels in the Anaheim Resort District.

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Passes are available from:

- The Front Desk of all participating ART properties.
- ART kiosks located at 13 locations throughout the Resort.



• On-board, guests may purchase one-way, one-time, **cash-only** fares of \$3 for adults; children 3-9 are \$1; under 2 are free; also reduced fares for seniors. For further information, check online at www.rideart.org or contact the 24-hour, toll-free Call Center at **1-888-364-2787**, available in English and Spanish.

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ENDOWMENT FUND

The Office of Religious Education has established an Endowment Fund to support the ongoing training and formation of religious education leaders by making scholarships available for catechetical leaders to pursue graduate studies. It is our hope that every Director of Religious Education and Director of Youth Ministry will be given the opportunity to receive a master's degree in Religious Education/Religious Studies.

If you would like to contribute to this fund and be listed in the RECongress Program Book as a Benefactor (\$1000), Sponsor (\$500), Donor (\$100) or Friend (\$50), please make your donation at any amount with registration. In addition, there will be a col-

lection for this fund at the Saturday evening liturgies. Please make your donation payable to: **Religious Education Endowment Fund.**

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On the Web: Online registration allows charges on a credit card – registration fees and any contribution to the Endowment Fund. Charges can be made to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Any contribution to the Endowment Fund is tax-deductible.

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Ralphs Grocery Company, a Southern California supermarket chain, supports schools, churches and other non-profit organizations with annual contributions. The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is a member of Ralphs Community Contributions Program. Simply by using an enrolled Ralphs rewards Card, a portion of eligible purchases are contributed to the RECongress. (Note: This is an annual program that must be renewed each year. The current term is **September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.**)

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- In Search box, type "KV939" or "Archdiocese of Los Angeles - Religious Education"
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To earn 1.0 unit (10 hours over two days): <ul style="list-style-type: none">attend any six workshops (including keynote address) and at least one major liturgywrite a 1-2 page reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentationsregistration fee: \$65	To earn 1.5 units (15 hours over three days): <ul style="list-style-type: none">attend any eight workshops (including keynote address) and at least two major liturgieswrite a 2-3 page reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentationsregistration fee: \$95
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- ❖ **To register**, fill out the form below, and FAX or mail it to the address below.
 - You may register by phone at 310-338-2799 or online at <http://academics.lmu.edu/extension/>
 - You may also register at Congress; just come by the LMU Booth in the Exhibit Hall
- ❖ **To receive credit**, submit your paper (typed, double-spaced), along with a list of all the sessions you attended, on or before **April 8, 2019** (two weeks after Congress)
 - Send your materials by **email** (CRS@lmu.edu), or **FAX** (310-338-2706), or **regular mail** to:
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Each hotel has specific food and beverage policies. Please contact your hotel for any particular questions.

Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all major hotels and they have agreed to work very closely with us in providing a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms, as well. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at some of these facilities.

BANQUET / CATERING CONTACTS ONLY

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CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

The following regulations have been given to the RECongress Office regarding policies. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

1. No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center parking lots.
2. No free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

This is a violation of the Convention Center’s contract giving exclusive rights to Aramark Food Service, Inc. and Orange County Board of Health regulations.

PARKING

The parking fee at the Anaheim Convention Center is **\$16 each time you drive in**. NO PARKING PASSES will be available, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted. Camping and picnicking are NOT allowed.

NOTE: Cars will be ticketed if backed into designated head-in spaces. Cars will be towed from restricted areas.

Check our website at www.RECongress.org/2019/updates.htm for parking information and a downloadable map.

WORKSHOP RECORDING

Many of the RECongress workshops will be recorded by Conference Media. **Individual audio/video recording is not allowed.** Further information about ordering audio CDs and MP3s can be found online at www.RECongress.org/recording.htm. An order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

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We will make every effort to assure that RECongress 2019 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you have need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices by filling out the Request Form on the next page.

We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by March 1, 2019, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received. The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, you may request an interpreter upon your arrival.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask Interpreting Services, located just outside RECongress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area. While we can accommodate most requests for last-minute changes, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Religious Education Congress Committee wants you to enjoy your RECongress experience and offers the following options:

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other RECongress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant’s – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by March 1, 2019.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large, so the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.
- NOTE: The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Scootaround for wheelchair and scooter rentals in Anaheim, including mobility scooters, manual wheelchairs, powerchairs and even the ultra-portable WHILL Intelligent Personal Electric Vehicle. For more information, see www.scootaround.com online or call (888) 441-7575.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your ability to attend or enjoy RECongress due to handicap access or mobility concerns, please feel free to contact Rob Williams at RE-mobility@recongress.org. RECongress’ Mobility Team will be available to help with workshop or liturgy wheelchair transport, special seating and any access issues within RECongress. You can find the Mobility Team located just outside RECongress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area.



REGISTRATION FORM

DO . . .

1. Register online by credit card or check at www.RECongress.org.
2. Registration by mail: Affix address label on Registration Form (inside back cover). If address label is not correct, fill out registration card completely. Please be sure to clearly PRINT your Name, Address, ZIP Code, Phone Number and Email. A confirmation of registration will be sent to all those providing a valid email address.
3. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
4. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress**.
5. **Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.**
6. Registration is available on-site during the RECongress weekend.

PLEASE . . .

1. **DO NOT** duplicate the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after March 1, 2019.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.

REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$75. Postmarked after February 22, 2019 is \$85.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by February 15, 2019. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. If you have not mailed in your registration by **March 1, 2019** please register online at www.recongress.org.
4. **Online registration is available until 9 am on Sunday, March 24, 2019.** Registrations after February 25, 2019 will not be mailed tickets. You will receive a bar code by email with your confirmation. Bring your bar code with you to print your tickets at one of the convenient kiosks at the on-site Registration Area.
5. **TICKETS will be mailed prior to the event. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.**
6. **Replacement tickets cost: \$30.**
7. You must present a printed ticket at workshops. Smartphone, iPad, tablet images or photocopies are NOT acceptable.
8. **Sharing tickets is not allowed. Each person who attends RECongress must register individually and have a printed name badge.**

ON-SITE REGISTRATION/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a "jump start" on RECongress! Register or pick up your Program Book and badge holder beginning **Thursday, March 21, from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm.** Already registered? Bring your RECongress workshop tickets with you to pick up your Program Book.

REMINDER: The adult days of RECongress are for adults/young adults ONLY and all workshops are directed to these age groups. If you bring your child(ren), you MUST register them and they must accompany you. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that they do not disturb the other attendees.

LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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1. Se aceptan tarjetas de crédito en línea en www.RECongress.org
2. Pegue la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su nombre, dirección, zona postal y número de teléfono y correo electrónico.
3. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
4. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress**.
5. **FIRME SU CHEQUE.**
6. Inscripciones estarán disponibles durante del RECongress.

POR FAVOR . . .

1. **NO** reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. **NO** inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. **NO** envíe su registración después del 1 de marzo, 2019.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.

RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$75 (U.S.). Después del 22 de febrero, 2019 será \$85.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 15 de febrero, 2019. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del **1 de marzo, 2019**, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se le entregaran solamente en el Centro de Convenciones a la persona que se registró y necesitará presentar identificación.
4. **La registración en línea permanecerá abierta hasta las 9 am el 24 de marzo, 2019.** Si se registra en línea después del 25 de febrero, recibirá un código con su confirmación. Traiga su código al RECongress e imprima sus boletos al quiosco en la área de registración.
5. **LOS BOLETOS serán enviados por correo. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA** con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.
6. **El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$30.**
7. Debera enseñar un boleto para entrar a los talleres. Boleto fotografado (smartphone, iPad o tablet) y/o fotocopiados NO son aceptables.
8. **No aceptamos que compartan los boletos del RECongress. Cada persona que asista debe inscribirse individualmente.**

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SERVICES

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I plan on attending the following periods (circle all that apply): FRI: 1 2 3 SAT: 4 5 6 SUN: 7 8

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CHANGING REQUESTS

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