

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**
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- **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 Queering (*)** - **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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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.”

Workshops

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.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
1973 Congress
who do you say i am?
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
March 2, 3, 4, 1973

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 Emyl, 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 Si*, 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 🗨️

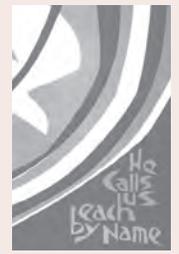
Can you find God through dating? The world of modern romance may not seem a match for a contemplative lifestyle. Yet, finding real connection may hinge upon exploring the very places where contemplation brings us. It's not about finding the right person, it's about being the right person. Along the way 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."



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.