

A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR

Greetings!

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

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

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

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

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Coordinator of Youth Ministry

PREPARING FOR YOUTH DAY

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

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

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

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

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



Youth Day

TRACK 1

7:30 AM – DOORS OPEN

8:00 AM – ARENA SESSION

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



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY



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

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11:30 AM – LUNCH

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

12:45 PM – FIRST WORKSHOP

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

2:15 PM – SECOND WORKSHOP

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

3:15 PM – DISMISSAL

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

REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

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

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

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

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



ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY

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

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

Youth Day volunteer positions include:

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

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

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

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

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

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



LOGO WEAR FOR THE DAY

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

SACRED SPACE ON YOUTH DAY



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

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

APP FOR YOUTH DAY

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

OFFICIAL HASHTAGS FOR YOUTH DAY

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

SUPPORTING OTHERS ON THE DAY

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

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

TRACK 2

7:30 AM – DOORS OPEN

8:15 AM – FIRST WORKSHOP

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

9:45 AM – SECOND WORKSHOP

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

10:45 AM – LUNCH

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

12:00 PM – ARENA SESSION

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



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

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

Speaker: Fr. Mike Schmitz

Location: Convention Arena

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

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



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

Title: MEDITATION: PAYING ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Speaker: Susan Searle

Location: ACC North 160 (lower Level 100)

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

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



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

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

Speaker: Ted Miles

Location: ACC North 160 (lower Level 100)

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

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



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



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

Speaker: Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

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

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

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



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

Title: LIVING AN AUTHENTIC LIFE IN CHRIST

Speaker: Doug Tooke

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

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

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



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

Title: DISCONNECTED

Speaker: Mike Patin

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

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

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



Mike Patin, the "engaging" Cajun, lives in Lafayette, La. He has served the church as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan staff person. Patin previously was with the CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese and, since 2003, he has been a full-time "faith horticulturist" addressing groups across the United States and Canada as parish mission presenter, retreat facilitator and more. He has published two books: "A Standing Invitation" and "This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry."

Title: MY GOD IS BIGGER

Speaker: Fr. Rob Galea

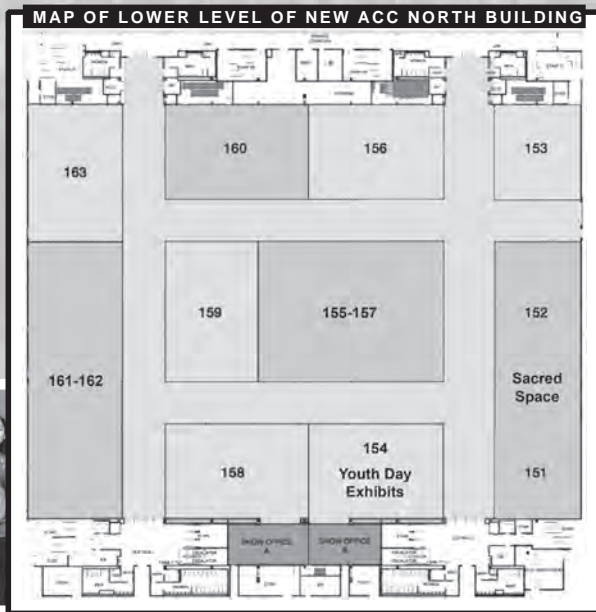
Location: ACC North 155-157 (lower Level 100)

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

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



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



Title: ADOPTED: DESIRING GOD

Speaker: Bob Perron

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

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

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



Perron

Bob Perron is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va. For over a decade he has presented in over 60 dioceses across the United States and Canada. Perron has been a keynote presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference and the L.A. Youth Day along with numerous workshops at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. His latest book is entitled "God Sized Family."

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Title: FEEL THE POWER: EXPERIENCE GOD IN MUSIC

Speaker: Joe Melendrez

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

Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

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



Melendrez

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

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

Speaker: Katherine Angulo

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

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

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



Angulo

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

Title: ONE RACE: A DIALOGUE TO DEFEAT RACISM

Speaker: John Angotti

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

Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

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



Angotti

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

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Title: UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

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

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



Robert Feduccia Jr. was founding director of the national Youth Liturgical Leadership Program at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana. In addition to his work as a parish youth minister, keynote speaker and retreat leader, he has been an instructor in deaconate formation programs and a speaker at various diocesan and major national youth conferences. Feduccia has led diocesan in-services in over 20 dioceses. He has several publications and is a regular contributor to "Youth Ministry Access" by the Center for Ministry Development and to "Today's Liturgy," a magazine from OCP. Now based in Tennessee, he now serves as Vice President of Christian Faith Events for Declan Weir Productions.

Title: TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD

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

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



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

Title: GOD'S GOTCHU

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

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



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

Title: SHE SAID WHAT? MARY, OUR MOTHER

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

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



Katie Prejean McGrady is a freshman theology teacher at Saint Louis Catholic High School in Lake Charles, La. She has spoken at various events in 38 states and three countries. McGrady is also author of several books, including "Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist" and "Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus," and host of the podcast, "The Electric Waffle." In addition to being one of three delegates chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to attend the 2019 Pre-Synod Gathering, McGrady was also a presenter at that year's USCCB General Assembly Meeting.



WHO MAY ATTEND?

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

WHAT IS THE COST?

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

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

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

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

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

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

BADGES:

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

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

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

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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

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

TRACK AND WORKSHOP SELECTION:

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

FOOD SERVICES:

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





YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019

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

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

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY.

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

– For Office Use Only –

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

Youth Day

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

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

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

SELECT TRACK:

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

TRACK 1 **TRACK 2**

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

TOTAL NUMBER OF BADGES

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

GROUP CHAPERONES

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

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

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

Number in group requiring assistance: _____

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