

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 **Heartstorming: Creating a Place God Can Call Home (*) - Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 4-02 **Who Is My Neighbor: Them or Us? (*) - Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 4-03 **Your Joy Complete: Gang Members and Reclaiming the Mysticism of Jesus (*) - Fr. Greg Boyle**
- 4-04 **When Current Events Make You Cringe (*) - Andrea Chavez-Kopp**
- 4-05 **Islam and Interreligious Dialogue: How Our Catholic Faith Calls Us to Dialogue and Action (*) - Jordan Denari Duffner**
- 4-06 **Pope Francis to Young Adults: “Grow in Holiness” (*) - Rev. David Dwyer**
- 4-07 **A Living Gospel: Reading God’s Story in Holy Lives (*) - Robert Ellsberg**
- 4-08 **What Can Stigma Teach Us About Mercy & Holiness? (*) - Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice**
- 4-09 **What is Mercy Anyway? Five Insights into the Mercy that Makes Us Holy as God is Holy (*) - Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 4-10 **Friendship and Christian Vocation: Is Anyone Ever Really Single? (*) - Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 4-11 **Companions in Conflict (*) - Ann Garrido**
- 4-12 **Living Faith: Why and How to Evangelize (*) - Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-13 **Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace: The Prayer of St. Francis as a Path for Hope and Renewal - David Haas**
- 4-14 **You Become Real: The Power of Human Touch (*) - Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-15 **How Can I Serve You? Learning to be an Accompanist (*) - Bill Huebsch**
- 4-16 **Compassionate Christ, Compassionate People: Living the Holy Mercy of Christ - Bob Hurd**
- 4-17 **St. Paul’s Experience of God’s Mercy and His Call to Holiness (*) - Rev. Felix Just**
- 4-18 **Breaking Open the Word the Rite Way - Suzanne Nawrocki**
- 4-19 **Marriage Preparation and Ongoing Formation: How to Make This Sacrament a Source of Holiness for the World! (*) - Rev. Leo Patalinghug**
- 4-20 **Forming with Fun: Musical Catechesis for the Young Child (*) - James Wahl**
- 4-21 **Don’t Be Weary: Spiritual Practices for Health and Wholeness (*) - Dr. C. Vanessa White**
- 4-22 **How to Be a Happier Family (*) - Dr. John Yzaguire**
- 4-23 **The Future of Women in the Church: A Conversation (*) - Dr. Phyllis Zagano & Fr. Christopher Bazouros**
- 4-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (Can a Catholic Disagree with the Church’s Teachings?) (*) - Rev. Hy Nguyen**

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 **Pope Francis and the Seven Year Itch: Where Things Stand After Seven Years of a Maverick Pope (*) - John Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 **Let Us Walk with Jesus/Caminemos con Jesús (*bilingual presentation*) - Tony Alonso & Peter Kolar**
- 5-03 **Live Wholly – Mind, Body, Spirit: A Mini Retreat and Movement Workshop (*) - Donna Anderle**
- 5-04 **Embracing and Celebrating Diversity (*) - Dr. Ansel Augustine**
- 5-05 **I Believe! Songs for Catechesis and Evangelization (*) - John Burland**
- 5-06 **Ministering to the “Nones” (*) - Fr. John Cusick**
- 5-07 **Sharing That Christ is Alive Through Confirmation Ministry with Youth (*) - Tom East**
- 5-08 **Widowed – How to Get Through (*) - Amy Florian**
- 5-09 **Grandparents: Rockin’ God’s Grand Plan! (*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan & Michael Mangan**
- 5-10 **Deaf Ears: How Pre-Evangelization and the *Kerygma* Help You Speak to People Where They Are Actually At (*) - Tim Glemkowski**
- 5-11 **How to Be Married and Stay Engaged (*) - Dr. Jim Healy**
- 5-12 **We Are All Called, Loved and Sent: Spiritual Wisdom from Pope Francis (*) - Rev. Daniel Horan**
- 5-13 **“God’s Gonna Trouble the Water”: The Healing Power of Jesus, with Music! (*) - Valimar Jansen**
- 5-14 **What Next for LGBTQ Catholics? (*) - Rev. James Martin**
- 5-15 **The Racism Pastoral: Contributions and Missed Opportunities (*) - Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 5-16 **Engaging Young People in God Talk! (*) - Robert McCarty**
- 5-17 **The Good, the Bad, and the Ornerly: Discipleship in the New Testament (*) - Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 5-18 **The Dead Man Walks: Unceasing Death Penalty Dialogue Bears Fruit (*) - Sr. Helen Prejean**
- 5-19 **Raising the Bar on Junior High Ministry (*) - Cooper Ray**
- 5-20 **Science, Miracles and Faith (*) - Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 5-21 **The New Face of Migration: Sharing the Migrant’s Journey from a Psychosocial Perspective (*) - Cecilia Suarez Trueba**
- 5-22 **Changing Lives Through the Way We Sing (*) - Christopher Walker**
- 5-23 **Finding God’s Presence in Missiondom (*) - Sherry Weddell**
- 5-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (“For All of You Who Were Baptized into Christ Have Clothed Yourselves with Christ” (Gal 3:27) (*) - Rev. Think Pham**

🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions.
Arena sessions are in color.

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 **Unsettling Settled Ideas: Gang Members and the Marrow of the Gospel (*) - Fr. Greg Boyle**
- 6-02 **God’s Forgiveness (*) - John Angotti**
- 6-03 **Teaching Mercy and Compassion in the Family (*) - Danielle Bean**
- 6-04 **Can the Natural World Afford a Just War? (*) - Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 6-05 **The Theology of Suffering (*) - Rev. John Burns**
- 6-06 **Immigration: Who, Why and the “Catholic Way” to Respond (*) - Linda Dakin-Grimm**
- 6-07 **The Gift of the Inner Chapel (*) - Becky Eldredge**
- 6-08 **From Book Learning to Faith Living! (*) - Steven Ellair**
- 6-09 **Of Popes and Bishops: Re-Imagining Church Leadership in a Non-Hierarchical Key (*) - Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 6-10 **Faithful Presence: Prayer - Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 6-11 **The Liturgy as Artwork - Marty Haugen & Fr. Jan Michael Joncas**
- 6-12 **Reimagining Ministry with Young Adults (*) - Paul Jarzembowski**
- 6-13 **Please DON’T Forgive. Seriously. Unless ... (*) - Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 6-14 **A Contemporary Mission to Compassionate Holiness - Rev. Richard Leonard**
- 6-15 **Three Great Women of the Hebrew Bible (*) - Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**
- 6-16 **BEING a Catechist vs. WORKING AS a Catechist (*) - Sr. Patricia McCormack**
- 6-17 **Applying Brain-Based Learning to Make Learning Stick and Faith “Sticky” (*) - Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 6-18 **The Mercy of Marriage in a Hookup World (*) - Timothy O’Malley**
- 6-19 **The Real Obstacle to Holiness: Our Pathologically Complex Nature (*) - Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 6-20 **Renew, Refresh, Restore: Tending to Your Soul as a Minister (*) - Julianne Stanz**
- 6-21 **What Do We Tell the Catechumens About the Scandals? (*) - Nick Wagner**
- 6-22 **Live Mercy – Teaching Virtue in Cynical Times (*) - David Wells**
- 6-23 **Seasons of Faith: Sharing the Liturgical Year with Young Children (*) - Dr. Joseph White**
- 6-70 **Vietnamese Workshop (The Family: Home of Divine Mercy) (*) - Sr. Mary Nguyen**

4-01 HEARTSTORMING: CREATING A PLACE GOD CAN CALL HOME 🎧 ARENA

Amid the challenges of life there are many opportunities to experience in deeper ways the peace of God and to share it with those we meet every day. When we do this, God offers us not only new wisdom when we stand in the darkness but also provides the strength to offer a “spiritual smile of hope” to those who need it most. Topics include understanding “spiritual sadness”; exploring the amazing paradox of letting go; failure and “entertaining angels”; grace, really; unnecessary personal darkness; and exploring the three inner journeys all of us must take in the spiritual life.

**Dr. Robert J. Wicks**

Dr. Robert Wicks is Professor Emeritus at Loyola University Maryland. He has also taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology and social work as well as offering a number of commencement addresses. Dr. Wicks has published over 50 books. He is a recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Counseling Association's Division on Ethics and Values and has received the Papal Medal from Pope John Paul II for his service to the Church.

4-02 WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR: THEM OR US? 🎧

In the story of the Good Samaritan, the theologian asks Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus’ answer is startling for the theologian and for us. Divine mercy is always startling and incomprehensible. What is our response in the face of it? How might we mirror it?

**Dianne Bergant, CSA**

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, a Sister of St. Agnes of Fond du Lac, Wis., is the Carroll Stuhlmüller, CP Distinguished Professor Emerita of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She was President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and has been an active member of the Chicago Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue for the past 30 years. For more than 15 years, Sr. Bergant was the Old Testament book reviewer of *The Bible Today*, and wrote the weekly column “The Word” for *America* magazine in 2002-2005.*

4-03 YOUR JOY COMPLETE: GANG MEMBERS AND RECLAIMING THE MYSTICISM OF JESUS 🎧

Beyond belief in God is knowing the God of Jesus and inhabiting the mysticism of his tenderness. Join Fr. Greg Boyle as he shares stories of those he has met while traveling along that road.

**Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ**

From 1986-92, Fr. Greg Boyle served as Pastor of Dolores Mission in Los Angeles and, in 1988, along with parish community members started Homeboy Industries, now the largest gang rehabilitation program in the world. The author and speaker has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2017, Fr. Boyle received the University of Notre Dame's Laetare medal, the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholics.

4-04 WHEN CURRENT EVENTS MAKE YOU CRINGE 🎧

If your newsfeed has got you dodging tough questions and avoiding certain topics in your classroom or ministry, then this session is for you! It doesn't matter on which side of the political spectrum you fall, there are some challenging and scary things going on in our world. When adolescents and adults look to you for answers, it can feel like a minefield trying to serve others while staying out of hot water. This workshop will explore how grounding discussions of current events in building the skill of civil discourse and Catholic social justice can provide a “safe space” for ministers and teachers to navigate timely topics within appropriate boundaries.

**Andrea Chavez-Kopp**

Andrea Chavez-Kopp serves as Director of Formation and Digital Engagement for the National Catholic Education Association in Washington, D.C. She joined the NCEA staff in 2015 and has 19 years of teaching and ministry experience. Kopp has served in several leadership capacities including iPad Coordinator, Google Apps Administrator, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Confirmation Coordinator. She has served on several national committees, including the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis.

4-05 ISLAM AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE: HOW OUR CATHOLIC FAITH CALLS US TO DIALOGUE AND ACTION 🎧

At the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the Catholic Church declared its “high regard” for Muslims and people of other faiths. How can we live that out today, and communicate this teaching to our fellow Catholics? Jordan Denari Duffner, an author and scholar of Muslim-Christian relations, will discuss the Church's teaching on Muslims and interreligious dialogue, introduce some basics about Islam, and give examples of how Catholics and Muslims are engaging in dialogue and partnership today. She will also share how her own Catholic faith has been impacted by friendships with Muslims in the Middle East and in the United States.

**Jordan Denari Duffner**

Jordan Duffner, a leading Catholic voice on Muslim-Christian relations and interreligious dialogue, is author of the award-winning book, “Finding Jesus Among Muslims.” She is a doctoral student of Catholic-Muslim relations at Georgetown University, where she also serves as an Associate of their research project, the Bridge Initiative. A former Fulbright researcher in Amman, Jordan, Duffner writes about Catholicism and Islam and gives interviews and presentations around the country on interfaith relations.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

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

4-06 POPE FRANCIS TO YOUNG ADULTS: "GROW IN HOLINESS" 🗣️

Fr. Dave Dwyer, SiriusXM radio host and expert in young adult ministry, will break down Pope Francis' document "Christ is Alive!" written following the recent Vatican synod on young people. Pope Francis encourages us that "through the holiness of the young, the Church can renew her spiritual ardor and apostolic vigor," and he offers young adults concrete advice for growing in holiness and discovering their personal vocation. This workshop, which is for young people or those who work with or care about them, will also touch on steps to be taken here in the United States to truly bring the pope's vision to life.



Rev. Dave 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." Fr. Dwyer worked in campus ministry at the universities of Colorado and Texas. Prior to his ordination, the native of Long Island, N.Y., directed and produced television for MTV, HBO and Comedy Central.

4-07 A LIVING GOSPEL: READING GOD'S STORY IN HOLY LIVES 🗣️

Drawing on a lifetime of reflection and writing about saints, Robert Ellsberg shows how the lessons of the saints are reflected not just in their words and deeds but in their lives – a "living gospel" – in which we can read God's story. Their journey of faith was marked not only by triumphs and victories, but also by doubts and failures, in their ongoing struggle to be faithful and in the full expression of their humanity. And in reading their stories we can learn to read God's story in our own lives.



Robert Ellsberg

Robert Ellsberg is Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Orbis Books, headquartered in New York, where he has worked for 32 years. A former Managing Editor of The Catholic Worker, he has promoted the life and legacy of Dorothy Day, editing her diaries and letters, and serving on the Historical Commission preparing her cause for canonization. He writes a daily piece on "Blessed Among Us" for Give Us This Day, and has written many award-winning books on saints, including "All Saints," "Blessed Among Us" and "A Living Gospel."

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

The first Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program, better known as CCD, was established at Immaculate Conception Church on 9th Street in Los Angeles in 1922; followed by other parish units throughout the Archdiocese. This program became a prototype for other diocesan catechetical programs across the Southwest, throughout the United States as well as being introduced in Latin America.

4-08 WHAT CAN STIGMA TEACH US ABOUT MERCY AND HOLINESS? 🗣️

What does it mean to be holy – to be perfect as God is perfect? Does having depression, addiction, HIV or other illnesses mean we are not holy? (Hint: No, it doesn't!) We will discuss how people feel stigmatized, and the impacts this can have on one's health. What does it mean to be merciful and holy in ministry with stigmatized people? What does it mean for stigmatized people to be merciful and holy to ourselves? We will discuss how the Church is called to work against stigma and help all marginalized people feel loved, regardless of why they are stigmatized.



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD, MTS

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is a freelance speaker and minister who currently resides in Uganda, in East Africa. He has served 14 years as Chair of the Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has received their Lumen Christi and the Cardinal's Young Adult awards. Dr. Fitzmaurice has spoken at various professional and religious conferences. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.

4-09 WHAT IS MERCY ANYWAY? FIVE INSIGHTS INTO THE MERCY THAT MAKES US HOLY AS GOD IS HOLY 🗣️

Rev. Richard Fragomeni (see bio 2-09)

The RECongress theme this year is about mercy and holiness. Both words are used a lot, and sometimes we take the experience of both for granted. Join Fr. Richard Fragomeni and meditate on what mercy can be and examine five insights that open up a transformation of mind and heart into becoming the mercy of Christ incarnate again in 2020. This workshop will inspire those who attend to a greater holiness of life in the middle of the chaos of living.

4-10 FRIENDSHIP AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION: IS ANYONE EVER REALLY SINGLE? 🗣️

Catholic theologies of vocation too often still focus on distinctive states of life (e.g., the priesthood, religious life, marriage, the single life). This presentation will explore the possibility that Christian friendship can provide a foundational perspective for considering our call to Christian holiness. This emphasis on friendship allows us to consider questions about marriage, religious life and the single life from a fresh perspective.



Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Theology at Boston College. He has authored or edited 14 books and over 150 pastoral and academic articles. He previously taught at the University of Toledo in Ohio and at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology in Texas. His most recent book is titled, "By What Authority: Foundations for Understanding Authority in the Church." In 2018, Barry University in Florida conferred on Dr. Gaillardetz the Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence.

4-11 COMPANIONS IN CONFLICT 🗣️

Ann M. Garrido (see bio 1-08)

When we are in times of tension with families, friends and fellow church members, we can end up feeling very isolated and alone. We feel as if we must be doing something wrong. No one else has these problems, do they? But a look at our Church's history reveals that conflict is a part of every Christian's life. We are not alone. We have companions on the journey and models of handling tension well. Come discover five saints who were no strangers to conflict and who may have clues to help us unknot our own tough relationships.

4-12 LIVING FAITH: WHY AND HOW TO EVANGELIZE 🗣️

Dr. Thomas Groome (see bio 3-09)

By baptism, all Christians are called to evangelize, to share their faith in persuasive ways with others. But to what end are we to share faith and what is the best way of doing so? A key to remember is that Christian faith is for living – to be alive, lived and life-giving for self and others. For this reason, it must deeply engage people's everyday lives – suggesting how to evangelize.

4-13 MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE: THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS AS A PATH FOR HOPE AND RENEWAL

This revered prayer that is attributed to St. Francis has nurtured and challenged the hearts of believers for centuries. Its centrality to the Christian life has been a necessary heartbeat for both the individual and universal call to holiness. We are called to "put on Christ" and so we look to the life and spirit of this poor man from Assisi. Through sung prayer, storytelling and sparks of challenge to consider, we will take time to travel the prayerful and discipleship-soaked journey of this amazing prayer-poem that speaks to what it means to follow Jesus in these times, for our individual spiritual life and as we move forward in community as the Body of Christ.

**David Haas**

David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry in St. Paul, Minn., as well as the Animator for the Order of Baptized Franciscans. He has composed and produced over 50 collections of original liturgical music and authored more than 35 books. Haas was founder and Executive Director for 19 years of "Music and Ministry Alive!" and has traveled throughout all 50 states as well as internationally as a conference speaker, workshop presenter, retreat leader and concert performer.

4-14 YOU BECOME REAL: THE POWER OF HUMAN TOUCH 🗣️

Rev. Terry Hershey (see bio 1-12)

We are, every single one of us, wounded. And broken. That is a gift. We are blessedly human, and no one of us is on this journey alone. That too, is a gift. It doesn't always feel that way, because we see brokenness and woundedness as impediments or disabilities, to be tidied up, overcome or prayed away. What we don't see is the invitation to befriend our brokenness. To allow our self to be loved for being this wonderfully imperfect me. Grace, it turns out, is WD-40 for the soul. Join Terry Hershey and the Velveteen Rabbit as we pause to hear the voice of grace, trust our sufficiency, embrace our wounds and become places of empathy, compassion and healing.

4-15 HOW CAN I SERVE YOU? LEARNING TO BE AN ACCOMPANIST 🗣️

Bill Huebsch (see bio 1-13)

Do you want to serve others in your parish as a pastoral accompanist? Do you want to train people in your parish or program to do so? As parishes adopt accompaniment, many people will be needed to assist in this ministry. Those who come forward will have to *live mercy and be holy!* Who can do this? How will you be trained? What is the commitment? What skills are needed? What guidelines will you be asked to follow? This workshop will be packed full of practical, concrete information based on real case studies and examples.

4-16 COMPASSIONATE CHRIST, COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE: LIVING THE HOLY MERCY OF CHRIST

In the liturgy, Christ gathers us through the bread of the Word and the bread of the Eucharist so that we can become instruments of his compassion and mercy in the world. St. Paul calls this "having the mind of Christ" (Phil 2:5). In short, Jesus' spirituality is to become ours. This session shows how the stages of the liturgy – from the Gathering to the Word, and from the Word to the Eucharistic Prayer, Communion and Sending – lead us progressively to greater and greater participation in Christ's *kenosis* or merciful self-giving. Bob Hurd will explore this theme in reflection and song.

**Bob Hurd**

Bob Hurd is a composer and author who teaches in the Graduate Theology and Ministry Program of Seattle University. He has 42 years of teaching at the college and graduate level, and over the same period, as a liturgical composer and workshop presenter. His widely used liturgical music is published by OCP and is featured in numerous hymnals in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Australia. In 2010 he received the National Association of Pastoral Musicians' "Pastoral Musician of the Year" award.

4-17 ST. PAUL'S EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S MERCY AND HIS CALL TO HOLINESS 🕊

Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD (see bio 2-12)

The letters of St. Paul teach us many things about Christian virtues in general, and mercy and holiness in particular. Paul recognized that although he was a great sinner, the astounding mercy of God not only offered him forgiveness and salvation, but also called him to a life of holiness and mission. Thus, he not only proclaimed God's mercy through his preaching and teaching, but also showed God's love in action through his life of missionary service. This workshop will explore how Paul's writings can help us also to experience God's mercy and lead us to holiness.

4-18 BREAKING OPEN THE WORD THE RITE WAY

Breaking open the Word (B.O.W.) in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults provides the opportunity for catechumens and candidates to make new discoveries about how God loves them. In B.O.W., the catechist helps people to stop, pause and look at the Word of God, pointing the way, letting them do their own seeing and helping them find the best vantage spot for them to see God for themselves. The session defines B.O.W., gives helpful suggestions about proclamation and preaching, and models a breaking-open session. Afterward, participants will have catechist's box filled with practical tools to allay fears about leading a B.O.W. session.



Suzanne Nawrocki, DMin

Dr. Suzanne Nawrocki is an adjunct Professor of Homiletics at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. A member of the Catholic Association of Homiletics, the Academy of Homiletics, and the international guild Societas Homiletica,

she also consults with the University of Notre Dame preaching initiative. In addition to her work with preachers, she gives a wide variety of workshops in parishes across the country. Her latest works include chapters in "Effective Preaching: Bringing People Into an Encounter with God."

4-19 MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND ONGOING FORMATION: HOW TO MAKE THIS SACRAMENT A SOURCE OF HOLINESS FOR THE WORLD! 🕊

Fr. Leo Patalinghug (see bio 2-16)

Based on his best-selling book, "Spicing Up Married Life," this presentation will help couples (dating, engaged and already married) see marriage as a powerful vocation to bring holiness into the world! This is good for priests, deacons and all ministers who work with pre-marriage classes, Retrouvaille ministries and even for teens and young adults discerning their possible future vocations. This session (the topic was one of the most popular at the 2018 World Meeting of Families in Rome) will also end with a special celebration of marriage!

4-20 FORMING WITH FUN: MUSICAL CATECHESIS FOR THE YOUNG CHILD 🕊

All catechists know that creativity is needed in order to teach the faith to young children. The "General Directory for Catechesis" states that adaptation to young people is urged, in order to translate into their terms the "message of Jesus with patience and wisdom and without betrayal." This workshop will explore the ingredients of children's music that engages and excites children, as they are formed in the pillars of our faith.



James Wahl

WLP composer James Wahl has been performing children's music for nearly 20 years. Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Raleigh, N.C., he previously ministered in California and in Arizona. Wahl is a musician/presenter at various national and diocesan youth events over the past 10 years, including the National Catholic Educational Association, the Atlanta Eucharistic Congress and the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference. His latest work is "Sitting at the Kids' Table," a CD/songbook for young children.

4-21 DON'T BE WEARY: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR HEALTH AND WHOLYNESS 🕊

Dr. C. Vanessa White (see bio 1-23)

Ministers and people of faith today are overwhelmingly busy and moving toward burnout, which has resulted in many physical, psychological and spiritual challenges. What can we retrieve from our spiritual tradition that can assist us today in living lives of wholeness and joy able to confront the challenges of today?

4-22 HOW TO BE A HAPPIER FAMILY 🕊

Happiness has often been an elusive pursuit due to the false belief that it would be found by changing the external circumstances of our lives. Recent psychological research on happiness has uncovered false myths about happiness and has identified effective behavioral strategies that can make us happier. Fortunately, they are under our control and within our reach. We can further deepen our joy if we also live a spirituality of unity because Jesus promised that when we live mutual love: "my joy will be yours and your joy will be complete" (Jn 15:11).



Dr. John Yzaguirre

Dr. John Yzaguirre is a psychologist and author specializing in family life and Catholic spirituality. He co-directs the California Prosocial Institute with his wife, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored "Thriving Marriages." Dr. Yzaguirre has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. In addition to his active private practice in Irvine, Calif., he offers numerous marriage and family formation seminars at churches throughout the United States.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

Though the first "CCD institute" was held in 1956, the first "Youth Rally" didn't come about until 1971. That half-day event set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually brings together almost 13,000 youth and their Chaperones.

4-23 THE FUTURE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH: A CONVERSATION

This session is a conversation between Dr. Phyllis Zagano and Fr. Christopher Bazouros on the future of women in leadership and ministry in the Catholic Church. Do women have a place? How can women more fully participate in Church's leadership and ministry?

**Dr. Phyllis Zagano**

Dr. Phyllis Zagano is Senior Research Associate-in-Residence and adjunct Professor of Religion at Hofstra University in New York. A leading expert on women in ministry, she has authored or edited hundreds of articles and 23 books, including "Holy Saturday: An Argument for the Restoration of the Female Diaconate in the Catholic Church" and "Women Deacons: Past, Present, Future." She was appointed to the 2016 Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women.

**Fr. Christopher Bazouros**

Fr. Chris Bazouros has served the Los Angeles Archdiocese in various roles: he was Director of the Office of Religious Education; had previously served as Adult Faith Formation Consultant; and was involved in the Catholic Bible Institute and various programs in that field. Fr. Bazouros was a member of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission for five years and has presented workshops and facilitated retreats at numerous diocesan events. He presently serves as Administrator at St. John Chrysostom in Inglewood, Calif.

4-70 TÔI CÓ QUYỀN BẤT ĐỒNG VỚI GIÁO HỘI KHÔNG?

Nhiều người Công giáo bỏ Giáo Hội đơn giản vì họ thiếu căn bản giáo lý khi cho rằng Giáo Hội độc tài, và họ là những nạn nhân nô lệ cho những lời dạy mà họ không thể lên tiếng. Thực ra, Giáo Hội luôn cần đóng góp của giáo dân, nhưng những đóng góp cần tiên hành trong quy trình được chấp nhận. Đây là cách thức lên tiếng khi ta bất đồng với giáo huấn của Giáo Hội?

CAN A CATHOLIC DISAGREE WITH THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS?

Many Catholics have left the Church simply because of their lack of basic catechism. Some feel that they are obliged to obey the Church blindly, and that they have no voice in the Church's structure. This is not true. The Church does listen to the faithful. However, the voice of the faithful must be accompanied by Scripture, tradition and the magisterium. Then, how can a Catholic raise his or her voice in disagreement with the Church's teachings?

**Linh Mục Matthêu Nguyễn Khắc Hy, PSS**

Cha Hy Nguyen, một linh mục người Sulpician, đã được tân phong năm 1997. Sau sáu năm giảng dạy tại Đại học & Chung viện St. Mary ở Baltimore, Maryland, và ba năm tại Trường Thần học Oblate ở San Antonio, Texas, ông đã giảng dạy tại Đại học Công giáo Nước Mỹ ở Washington, D.C. Vào tháng 7 năm 2019, Fr. Hy được đặt tên là Hiệu trưởng Chung viện Giả định ở San Antonio, Texas.

Rev. Matthew Hy K. Nguyen, PSS

Sulpician priest Fr. Hy Nguyen was ordained in 1997. After six years of teaching at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore, Md., and three years at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, he taught at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In July 2019, Fr. Hy was named as Rector of Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas.

5-01 POPE FRANCIS AND THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH: WHERE THINGS STAND AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF A MAVERICK POPE

Pope Francis has been both popular and controversial especially within the Church in the United States. On the plane returning from Africa in September 2019, he said it was an honor to be criticized by the Americans. His leadership during a tumultuous time in the Church and the world has indeed been criticized by some, but he has also gained the gratitude of the marginalized by doing things such as prioritizing the poor and those in the peripheries and doing things like holding an Amazon synod. Seven years into Francis' papacy, John Al-

len unpacks what it's like to study and write about this pope and speculates on the surprises that are still in store.

**John L. Allen Jr.**

Based in Rome, John Allen is President and Editor of Crux, the independent Catholic news site in partnership with De Sales Media, the Los Angeles Archdiocese and Word on Fire. He is the Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN and author of 12 best-selling books on Vatican and Catholic affairs in addition to numerous articles in major publications worldwide. A popular speaker both in the United States and abroad, Allen is author of "Robert Barron: To Light a Fire on Earth" and "Shahbaz Bhatti: Martyr of the Suffering Church."

5-02 LET US WALK WITH JESUS / CAMINEMOS CON JESÚS (bilingual presentation)

Throughout his preaching and writings, Pope Francis invites Christians to a theology of *acompañamiento*. This bilingual workshop will explore in word and in song what it means to respond to that call in our ministries and in our daily lives in a way that brings healing and hope to a wounded world.

A través de su predicación y enseñanzas escritas, el Papa Francisco nos ha invitado como cristianos a una teología de acompañamiento. Esta sesión bilingüe examinará por medio de la palabra y el canto lo que significa responder a esta llamada para que podamos llevar a un mundo herido la esperanza y la sanación por nuestros ministerios y en nuestras vidas diarias.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso's music is sung in churches of a variety of Christian denominations throughout the world. The former director of music appears at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. Alonso is Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, where he also serves as Director of Catholic Studies. His most recent works include "A House of Prayer."



Peter Kolar

Peter Kolar is Editor for Spanish and Bilingual Resources at GIA Publications. A recording artist, composer and speaker in the area of music ministry, he recently served as composer/consultant for Spanish chant settings for the "Misal Romano, Tercera Edición." Kolar is a board member of the Southwest Liturgical Conference and is also Director of the Diocesan Choir in El Paso, Texas, where he resides with his wife and family.

5-03 LIVE WHOLLY – MIND, BODY, SPIRIT: A MINI RETREAT AND MOVEMENT WORKSHOP

Step away from your busy schedule to indulge in a mini movement retreat. Breathe, stretch, create, connect and interact while experiencing prayer in motion and joyful movement. Dance to the beautiful song "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole" by Mark Friedman – a reflection of this year's theme. Let go and tap into your artistic side through individual and group improvisations designed to inspire ideas you can weave into your own retreats. Wear comfortable clothes, kick off your shoes ... and be ready to be "in the moment"!



Donna Anderle

Donna Anderle is an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer who is nationally known. She is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet and Ballet Theatre Midwest, and is involved in Cincy Dance, an outreach program for Cincinnati inner-city schools. Anderle has choreographed for major conferences, including the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video with Oregon Catholic Press.

5-04 EMBRACING AND CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

God's beauty is expressed and manifested in and through cultural diversity. Our catholic (universal) faith is representative of this expression. In this presentation, Ansel Augustine will explore the beauty of various Catholic cultural expressions as well as strategies for overcoming obstacles that prevent us from embracing diversity.



Dr. Ansel Augustine

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked for over 20 years in his hometown of New Orleans and around the country in the fields of youth, young adult and black Catholic ministry. He is on the faculty of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana and is former Director of the Office Black Catholics Ministry for the New Orleans Archdiocese. Dr. Augustine has served on several youth ministry boards and has presented at various national conferences and has written numerous publications related to ministry.

5-05 I BELIEVE! SONGS FOR CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

John Burland (see bio 3-04)

Music can be incorporated into catechesis and evangelization to enable us to effectively proclaim what it is that we believe as Catholics. In this workshop, Australian composer and educator John Burland will demonstrate how music and gesture can be woven into religious education lessons and celebrations to deepen understanding and strengthen faith. Using song, John will also show that music is not just a valuable support for learning but an engaging and enlivening resource for evangelization. This session is suitable for children and families at the elementary level and beyond. Come join us as we celebrate our faith and proclaim, "We Believe!"

5-06 MINISTERING TO THE "NONES"

Rev. John C. Cusick (see bio 1-05)

The fastest growing religion is comprised of people known as the "nones" – who express no affiliation to any religion. This is having an effect on our Catholic faith. Sunday Mass attendance is down as well as baptisms and weddings. Many parish activities are attended by an aging population. Yet, the "nones" are present at many of our baptisms, weddings, funerals, first Communion and at times with family at Sunday Mass. Many "nones" are searchers and seekers. This workshop will offer concrete suggestions for each Catholic ceremony in order to welcome, teach and evangelize the "nones" and many others, too. Let's not continue to be a part of the problem if we can be a part of a creative solution.

RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

In 1987, Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC, was appointed by Cardinal Roger Mahony as Director of the Office of Religious Education and became the first non-ordained person to hold this position.

5-07 SHARING THAT CHRIST IS ALIVE THROUGH CONFIRMATION MINISTRY WITH YOUTH 🗣️

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit* (Christ is Alive), provides inspiring direction for all ministry with youth, including our ministry of confirmation. This workshop will explore the implications for our ministry, for families, for sponsors and for young confirmed disciples. This workshop will explore ways to recreate your preparation and follow-through for confirmation to share faith with youth and their families using all the resources of your parish community.

**Tom East**

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

5-08 WIDOWED – HOW TO GET THROUGH 🗣️

Amy Florian (see bio 2-08)

Has your spouse died? Do you minister with people who are widowed? Hear from someone who has been there herself, has advanced education in the field, and has continued to minister with grieving people for 30 years. Learn about grief, what it feels like, what is normal, and what some of the usual patterns are. Then move toward healing – what you and those you minister with can do to move toward wholeness. Finally, we'll briefly discuss a faith perspective that brings hope.

5-09 GRANDPARENTS: ROCKIN' GOD'S GRAND PLAN! 🗣️

Do you worry that holiness and faith aren't being passed on to your children's children? If so, this is the workshop for you! Join "Grannie Annie" and "Papa Michael" as they share ideas, games, songs and stories that will help open little hearts to experience God's love through you.

**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

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

**Michael Mangan**

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. A former elementary Specialist Music Teacher, he has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New

Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan is President of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, and Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane.

5-10 DEAF EARS: HOW PRE-EVANGELIZATION AND THE KERYGMA HELP YOU SPEAK TO PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE ACTUALLY AT 🗣️

Timothy Glemkowski (see bio 1-09)

How do we reach people today who have tuned out to the faith? The key is to "start with why"! This session features practical tips and real-life applications for developing the art of reaching people through pre-evangelization and leading with the kerygma.

5-11 HOW TO BE MARRIED AND STAY ENGAGED 🗣️

It takes three types of intimacy for a marriage to flourish. Happily, these are also the basis of our Catholic Christian wedding vows. In down to earth and sometimes humorous ways, Dr. Jim Healy will show how to live these vows more fully and completely.

**Dr. Jim Healy**

Jim Healy has spoken in over 90 dioceses on marriage and family topics and his marriage materials are widely used. President of Rooted in Love since 1999, he was Director of the Office of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill., from 1989 to 2019. Dr. Healy has served as an advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Marriage and the Family. He was honored with the 2000 Family Ministry Award from the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers.

5-12 WE ARE ALL CALLED, LOVED AND SENT: SPIRITUAL WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS 🗣️

This workshop explores Pope Francis' insights for modern Christians who are seeking to better understand how to live a faithful life of holiness in the world amid contemporary challenges. Grounded in the Second Vatican Council's reaffirmation of the universal call to holiness, this spiritual wisdom affirms that all women and men have a vocation, that they are loved first by God and unconditionally, and that we are all then sent as "missionary disciples" into the world to announce the Gospel of mercy with our lives wherever we find ourselves.

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

Fr. Daniel Horan is a Franciscan friar and theologian who teaches theology and spirituality at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and is a columnist for the National Catholic Reporter. He is author of academic and popular articles and his recent books include "Reading, Praying, Living Pope Francis's Rejoice and Be Glad." Fr. Horan previously taught at Boston College in Massachusetts, at Siena College and St. Bonaventure University in New York, and has lectured across Australia, New Zealand, Europe and North America.

5-13 “GOD’S GONNA TROUBLE THE WATER”: THE HEALING POWER JESUS, WITH MUSIC! 🎧

Many people are familiar with the coded spiritual, “Wade in the Water,” but have no idea about the biblical reference of the song. According to the Journal of Biological Chemistry, the brain and heart are composed of 73% water; the lungs are about 83% water; the skin contains 64% water; muscles and kidneys are 79%; and even the bones are 31% water. Perhaps, with music, God can “trouble the water” inside us. Using empirical, scientific data and her own personal experiences, Val-Limar Jansen will propose strategies regarding how lay ecclesial ministers can use music, in numerous settings, to promote emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing.



ValLimar Jansen

Based in California, 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, was co-MC for the USCCB gatherings at the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, was an invited panelist for the US-CCB’s 2017 Convocation on Evangelization, and was a presenter at 2019 World Youth Day in Panama City, Panama.

5-14 WHAT NEXT FOR LGBTQ CATHOLICS? 🎧

Many LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) Catholics are secure in their knowledge of God’s love for them and their place in the Catholic Church. Yet, there are still many questions of how to proceed in the world and in a church that still opposes them in many places. We’ll look at how to be tough, be hopeful and be free, as a way to embrace God’s call to be who we are.



Rev. James Martin, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Editor at Large of the Catholic magazine America. He is author of several award-winning books as well as his most recent, “Building a Bridge,” and his upcoming “Learning to Pray.” A popular speaker, Fr. Martin has given presentations at the Religious Education Congress each year for the past several years and is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups. He has also appeared on several CNN documentaries.

5-15 THE RACISM PASTORAL: CONTRIBUTIONS AND MISSED OPPORTUNITIES 🎧

Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD (see bio 3-15)

In November 2018, the U.S. bishops issued their first major document on the sin of racism in almost 40 years, “Open Wide Our Hearts.” This presentation will look at the pastoral letter in light of the social challenges that face the nation, especially with the rise of white nationalism and its impact on our social discourse. It details both the new contributions that the letter makes to Catholic teaching and the obstacles that remain for effective action against this social evil.

5-16 ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN GOD TALK! 🎧

According to research, a factor leading to disaffiliation is the lack of opportunity to talk about faith issues! This session will provide practical skills on how to use symbols, analogy and metaphors in engaging young people in God talk. These skills are applicable to home, classes, youth ministry settings and in our conversations. Further, this session will identify spiritual practices, faith skills and rituals that enable young people to “talk” about God and faith and to live out their discipleship. Participants will also consider the importance of deep conversations so that questions and doubts can be verbalized. Let’s talk about young people and about God!



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty is a pastoral ministry consultant and trainer and has been in professional ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, diocesan and national settings. He is Project Coordinator for Saint Mary’s Press’ research project on disaffiliated young Catholics and author of “Faith Talk” and “The Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry: Fundamentals, Theory and Practice.” McCarty also serves as a volunteer in youth ministry and faith formation at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.

5-17 THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE ORNERY: DISCIPLINESHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT 🎧

Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD (see bio 1-17)

Discipleship is a beautiful and satisfying response to the call of Jesus. It’s also hard. This workshop will dive into the biblical models, considering carefully how the disciples of Jesus both succeeded and failed. Our aim will be to obtain a compassionate understanding of the difficulties all disciples face and to build realistic expectations for ourselves and others.



CONVENTION CENTER TRIVIA:

In 1964, the Anaheim City Council approved plans for construction of an “Arenatorium” and exhibit complex, which included a 7,500-seat Arena, a 100,000-square-foot exhibit hall (Hall A) 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. (Our “CCD Congress” didn’t arrive to the facility, however, until February 20-22 of 1970.)

5-18 THE DEAD MAN WALKS: UNCEASING DEATH PENALTY DIALOGUE BEARS FRUIT 🗣️

Sr. Helen Prejean is known worldwide for her tireless dialogue with citizens and fellow Catholics on the necessity to end government killings. The author of “Dead Man Walking” and “The Death of Innocents” now brings to us “River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey,” which tells of her gradual awakening to the Gospel call to do justice, which led her to Death Row. She has been a dynamic partner in Catholic dialogue on the death penalty and is eager to share her behind-the-scenes account of Pope Francis’ declaration on August 2, 2018 that the death penalty can never be allowed under any circumstances.

**Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ**

Sr. Helen Prejean, a sister of the Congregation of St. Joseph, is author of “Dead Man Walking,” the book that has spawned an Academy Award-winning movie, a play and an opera. The human rights activist and speaker has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the death penalty and helping to shape the Catholic Church’s newly vigorous opposition to state executions. Based in New Orleans, Sr. Prejean travels the United States, Europe and Canada giving talks about her ministry.

5-19 RAISING THE BAR ON JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY 🗣️

Sure, they’re awkward and they can’t sit still, but they’re also not given enough credit for the depth to which they can live out their faith. Junior high teens hunger for more than pizza and Fortnite. As ministers, we must raise the bar of expectation and help these young teens encounter Jesus and lay the foundation of their faith that will impact the rest of their lives.

**Cooper Ray**

Speaker and musician Cooper Ray is presently Coordinator of Middle School Ministry at St. Ann Catholic Parish in Coppell, Texas. Drawing from 20 years of professional ministry experience as a retreat facilitator, liturgical musician and diocesan director, he has presented at countless diocesan, school and national events across the country, including the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, Catholic Heart Workcamp and the Steubenville Youth Conferences, among others.

5-20 SCIENCE, MIRACLES AND FAITH 🗣️

Amid the rapid decline of religious affiliation among youth, there is a curious irony – a Pew Research Center survey has found that the majority of millennials continue to believe in life after death (75%) and miracles (78%). The current scientific investigation of these phenomena has proven to be very effective in helping young people maintain their faith. Fr. Robert Spitzer will first explain the scientific investigation of life-after-death through peer-reviewed medical studies of near-death experiences, as well as seven miracles subject to considerable scientific scrutiny. He will then show how to relate this evidence to faith in God, Jesus and the Church.

**Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD**

Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Center at Christ Cathedral in Orange County, Calif., and President of the Spitzer Center. He was formerly served as President of Gonzaga University from 1998 to 2009, and has published 11 books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer gives over 90 public presentations per year and appears on radio and television, including “Larry King Live” (debating Stephen Hawking), the “Today Show,” the History Channel, PBS and EWTN.

5-21 THE NEW FACE OF MIGRATION: SHARING THE MIGRANT’S JOURNEY FROM A PSYCHOSOCIAL PERSPECTIVE 🗣️

The people who are forced to leave their homes because of the increasing violence in their home countries find themselves victims of violence during their uncertain journey. Finally, when they have reached their destination and begin to rebuild their lives, they are once again confronted by discrimination and the lack of resources and opportunities. This new migration trend represents several mental health challenges that first must be addressed before we can promote a healthy reintegration of all those who were forced to flee and have the potential to contribute to the enrichment of their hosting countries.

**Cecilia Margarita Suarez Trueba**

Based in Mexico City and head of Catholic Relief Services Mexico, Cecilia Suarez has over 15 years of experience in social programs with special expertise in Central American migration, farmworker rights, and at-risk youth. Additionally, she has managed rural sustainable agriculture projects that provide opportunities to farmers who are coping with the devastating impacts of climate change. She has presented for CRS in Baltimore and at the international Congress of Health and Migration in Puebla, Mexico.

5-22 CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE WAY WE SING 🗣️**Christopher Walker (see bio 2-19)**

Our music ministry can profoundly affect, inspire and change those who listen to us and sing with us at liturgy. Developing our own spirituality with our musical skills helps us lead our people on their weekly journey of faith rather than just performing for them. How we “get inside” the words we sing and make them our own helps us be authentic cantors and choir members. Come ready to sing!

5-23 FINDING GOD’S PRESENCE IN MISSIONDOM 🗣️**Sherry A. Weddell (see bio 3-22)**

A very important but seldom talked about factor in evangelization in our generation is the experience of the Presence of God. Sherry Weddell will cover the Church’s historic understanding of the four basic ways in which human beings experience the Presence of God and the profound implications of encountering the Presence of God for evangelization and the spiritual transformation and healing of individuals and communities.

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5-70 “PHÀM AI ĐÃ ĐƯỢC THANH TẮY TRONG ĐỨC KITÔ, THÌ ĐÃ ĐƯỢC MẶC LẤY ĐỨC KITÔ” (GALAT 3:27) 🕊

Buổi hội thảo sẽ tập trung vào vai trò quan trọng của các bí tích Khai Tâm trong Giáo Hội: Rửa Tội, Thêm Sức và Thánh Thể. Qua các nghi thức phụng vụ thánh và phát triển lịch sử, tham dự viên sẽ hiểu rõ hơn về mối liên hệ giữa ba bí tích này và tìm ra các phương cách giúp họ chu toàn ơn gọi nên thánh trong vai trò môn đệ Chúa Kitô qua đời sống hằng ngày.

“FOR ALL OF YOU WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE CLOTHED YOURSELVES WITH CHRIST” (GAL 3:27) 🕊

This workshop will present a study on the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. By focusing on the historical development and liturgical rites of the Church, participants will have a better understanding of the interrelationship of these three sacraments and

how they help Christians to live out their daily discipleship as a call to holiness.



Linh Mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh

Thụ phong linh mục cho Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles vào năm 2002, Cha Phạm Đức Thịnh đã phục vụ tại Giáo xứ Thánh Gioan Thiên Chúa ở Norwalk, California. Sau bốn năm phục vụ tại giáo xứ, cha đã được gửi sang Roma để theo học chuyên ngành phụng vụ tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Sant’Anselmo. Cha đã hoàn tất chương trình cao học của Phụng Vụ vào năm 2010, hiện cha đang làm giáo sư về Phụng Vụ tại Đại Chủng Viện Thánh Gioan, Camarillo, California.

Rev. Thinh Duc Pham

Ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2002, Fr. Thinh Pham served for four years as Associate Pastor at St. John of God Church in Norwalk, Calif. Upon completing his first assignment, he was sent to pursue graduate studies at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome. He completed his License in Sacred Liturgy in 2010 and is currently teaching liturgy at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif.

PERIOD 6

3:00 - 4:30 PM • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

6-01 UNSETTLING SETTLED IDEAS: GANG MEMBERS AND THE MARROW OF THE GOSPEL 🕊 ARENA

This workshop proposes a new paradigm of faithful living, born of standing with the excluded: moving from forgiveness to mercy. Join Fr. Greg Boyle as he shares the stories of those who live the Gospel.



Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ

From 1986-92, Fr. Greg Boyle served as Pastor of Dolores Mission in Los Angeles and, in 1988, along with parish community members started Homeboy Industries, now the largest gang rehabilitation program in the world.

The author and speaker has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2017, Fr. Boyle received the University of Notre Dame’s Laetare medal, the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholics.

6-02 GOD’S FORGIVENESS 🕊

God can work wonders through us, even when we ourselves have trouble forgiving others ... and ourselves! In this session, Catholic musician John Angotti shares his music and faith testimony on the meaning and challenge of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation.



John Angotti

Based in Nashville, John Angotti is a music missionary who travels worldwide presenting at concerts, workshops, retreats, missions and conferences. He is an accomplished composer with numerous publications under the World Library Publications label. John Angotti Music Mission (JAMM) debuted his original musical, “Job: The NOW Testament” in 2013. He is also a full-time Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Philip Catholic Church in Franklin, Tenn.

6-03 TEACHING MERCY AND COMPASSION IN THE FAMILY 🕊

Danielle Bean (see bio 2-03)

Our families are not just “domestic churches,” they are also “domestic schools” in which we learn how to love. A large part of that learning comes in the practice of mercy and compassion as we live them out with our parents, children, spouses, and brothers and sisters. How can we raise compassionate kids? How can we grow in mercy and love in our marriages, in our sibling relationships, and in our parenthood? In what ways does God call on us to know him better through the practice of mercy in a family? Participants will discover that we truly do God’s work in the small but meaningful ways we love and learn as a family.

6-04 CAN THE NATURAL WORLD AFFORD A JUST WAR? 🕊

Dianne Bergant, CSA (see bio 4-02)

The Church upholds the principles of “a just war.” However, these principles were formulated hundreds of years ago, well before we became aware of eco-sensitive issues. Might it be time to give that theory a new look?

6-05 THE THEOLOGY OF SUFFERING 🕊

The agony of betrayal, loss, grief and sorrow are often overwhelming and can so easily consume us. By faith, we know that the Incarnation of Jesus Christ gives new meaning to our every experience of suffering. How do we allow God’s mercy to heal us and God’s grace to bring order to our emotions? How do we find Christ in our experiences of suffering, and how can we make sense of his words, “My yoke is easy and my burden

light”? What does it look like to bear our wounds with dignity and carry the cross with Christ? This session will explore the nature of emotional pain and examine trust, surrender and emotional healing.



Rev. John Burns

Rev. John Burns, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is a promoter of vocations and of women’s religious and consecrated life. He speaks at national men’s and women’s conferences, preaches missions and directs retreats throughout the country and has appeared on Relevant Radio’s The Inner Life. Fr. Burns is author of “Lift Up Your Heart: A 10-Day Personal Retreat with St. Francis de Sales.” He works extensively with the Sisters of Life and the Missionaries of Charity, giving retreats and conferences for them.

6-06 IMMIGRATION: WHO, WHY AND THE “CATHOLIC WAY” TO RESPOND

In this workshop, we will explore why people migrate to the United States, with and without documents. We will look at the actual U.S. immigration law and the system migrants must navigate. Finally, we will examine long-standing Church teaching on welcoming the stranger, including its natural law basis and why it is often a “life issue.”



Linda Dakin-Grimm

Linda Dakin-Grimm is a Senior Consulting Partner at the Los Angeles office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP who practices law in California, New York and Washington, D.C. Commencing in 2016, Dakin-Grimm concentrated her practice on pro bono matters in the area of children in immigration proceedings. Dakin-Grimm speaks widely on faith and immigration-related issues in schools and parishes throughout Los Angeles as well as at legal conferences across the United States, Bermuda and London.

6-07 THE GIFT OF THE INNER CHAPEL

We carry a chapel within us – a sacred space, where God dwells. The gift of this inner chapel is that we are never alone: God is always with us and goes where we go. It is in this space we learn the promises of God so that we can share the Good News of these promises with the world. Becky Eldredge, an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, will offer ways to visit your inner chapel daily – amid the busyness – to harness the fuel and inspiration to go forth and spread the Good News!



Becky Eldredge

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

6-08 FROM BOOK LEARNING TO FAITH LIVING!

Steven Ellair (see bio 2-07)

Ever wonder how to motivate children to live their faith every day? Then don’t miss this workshop! We’ll dive in and look at creative classroom activities and engaging ways to make lessons come to life so that children have a whole new energy for faith and take it out into the world!

6-09 OF POPES & BISHOPS: RE-IMAGINING CHURCH LEADERSHIP IN A NON-HIERARCHICAL KEY

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (see bio 4-10)

In Roman Catholicism the term “hierarchy” is synonymous with a Catholic understanding of the gift of apostolic office exercised by the pope and bishops. This workshop will explore how we might continue to affirm the gift of an apostolic office in a non-hierarchical key.

6-10 FAITHFUL PRESENCE: PRAYER

Prayer is a relationship of faithful presence. In and through the faithful presence of God, believers are invited into a life of holiness. Still, we struggle to balance family life and work demands with our pursuit of God. We want to be faithful to God, but we just cannot seem to pull it all together. This workshop will offer practical insights on how to balance everyday life and the practice of prayer.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian who has served on the faculties at Regis College in Massachusetts and at the University of Massachusetts, and was a diocesan director in Washington, D.C., Boston and Baton Rouge. Her publications include “Symphonies of the Heart,” “Heritage and Vision,” the video program “Church and Ministry” and numerous articles for Give Us This Day. Based in Baton Rouge, Dr. Gordon is a theological consultant for a social service collective in South Louisiana.



RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

In 2008, RECongress hosted a dinner in honor of Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC, and her 22 years of leading the Religious Education Congress. Among the 500 in attendance were (left to right) Congress Event Coordinator Paulette Smith (2007-present) and Congress Program Coordinator Jan Pedroza (2001-present), Director Sr. Edith, and former Congress Coordinators Vikki Shepp (2005-06), Mary Lou McGee (2004), and Adrian Whitaker (1985-2003).

6-11 THE LITURGY AS ARTWORK

Based on contemporary theories of ritual communication, this workshop will encourage liturgical planners and participants to deepen their appreciation for sensate aspects of liturgical worship and their interaction.



Marty Haugen

For nearly 40 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented concerts, workshops and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. His music appears in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestant denominations. His latest works are "Choose to Hope" and "The Liturgical Ensemble." Marty and his wife, Linda, live in Minnesota.



Fr. Jan Michael Joncas

Composer, author and speaker, Fr. Michael Joncas is Artist in Residence and Research Fellow in Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He has served as a parochial vicar, a campus minister and a pastor. Fr. Joncas, ordained as a priest for the St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese, is author of six books and over 200 articles and reviews in journals including *Worship*, *Ecclesia Orans*, and *Questions Liturgiques*. He is also composer and arranger of over 300 pieces of liturgical music.

6-12 REIMAGINING MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis notes that ministries and programs for young adults around the world aren't always working (#202). Instead, we need new and creative models for the Church's outreach, pastoral care and formation efforts with young adults – and help them become merciful protagonists and missionaries in the world and in the Church. This session, designed for active Catholics – including pastors, lay leaders, youth and young adult ministers and parents – will explore some ideas that the Holy Father is asking us all to consider in our work with and engagement of young adults.



Paul Jarzembowski

Paul Jarzembowski is Assistant Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth and is the National Coordinator for World Youth Day for the United States. He previously served as Executive Director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. Jarzembowski has presented to over 300 dioceses, parishes and Catholic organizations in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and at the Vatican.

6-13 PLEASE DON'T FORGIVE. SERIOUSLY. UNLESS ...



Fr. Joe Kempf (see bio 2-13)

Everyone hurts. Sometimes, the wounds are awful. Why do so many people tell us it is important to forgive? What does that even mean? What helps the pain get better? Are there times we should NOT forgive? From his vantage point as a priest, Fr. Joe Kempf sees both the suffering of God's people and the goodness of those who choose life-giving ways to deal with their hurts. In this presentation, Fr. Joe offers concrete suggestions, real-life stories, much-needed perspective and hope for each of us as we make our way through all that life throws at us on the journey.

6-14 A CONTEMPORARY MISSION TO COMPASSIONATE HOLINESS

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (see bio 2-14)

By enjoying some media presentations on forgiveness and mercy, Fr. Richard Leonard will lead us in an exploration of the eight elements of Pope Francis' call for the Church to be merciful, and its implications for our pastoral practice.

6-15 THREE GREAT WOMEN OF THE HEBREW BIBLE



While the Hebrew Bible text is dominated by men, there are several important women who shape critical parts of the text and the teachings of the sacred message. We will focus on three: Hagar, Sarah and Rebecca. Hagar is not an Israelite, yet she is very important to our understanding of the lessons and insights of Genesis. Sarah seems to break the cultural norms of Israelite life and at the same time makes the story happen as it must. Rebecca also directs events to turn out the way the Israelite story has to unfold. We should not overlook these women of the Hebrew Bible, and paying attention to their stories provides critical understanding of the Israelite saga.



Rabbi Michael Mayersohn

Based in Orange County, Calif., 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."

6-16 BEING A CATECHIST VS. WORKING AS A CATECHIST



Sr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM, EdD (see bio 1-16)

Enrich your personal commitment to Jesus and affirm your catechist vocation. Consider the threefold aspects of your call: 1) witnessing; 2) mentoring; and 3) teaching. This presentation will consider the example of Pope

Francis for each characteristic and suggest practical ideas for personal application. The session may be replicated as a staff retreat.

6-17 APPLYING BRAIN-BASED LEARNING TO MAKE LEARNING STICK AND FAITH “STICKY”

Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD (see bio 3-16)

There are so many things competing for our attention every minute of every day. As those forming faith, how can we grab the attention of our learners and use the limited time we have to make what they learn stick? One solution is to examine the science behind “brain-based” learning. In this workshop, we will explore how does the way our brain works inform how we teach, and what does research tell us about having “sticky” faith? Finally, we will examine the impact of digital technology on the way the current generations learn, as well as, the important role adult relationships have on making faith “sticky.”

6-18 THE MERCY OF MARRIAGE IN A HOOKUP WORLD

Young adults fall in love in a hookup world. The hookup isn’t just about sex. Instead, it’s a fear of real communion, sharing a life with another person, beyond the briefest physical encounter. In this session, we’ll explore the various characteristics of a hookup culture and why

young adults participate in it. We’ll also turn to the sacrament of marriage, showing how the liturgical rite for this sacrament can serve as a medicine for a hookup culture. In marriage, we discover a restoration of communion that is fundamentally about friendship.



Timothy P. O'Malley, PhD

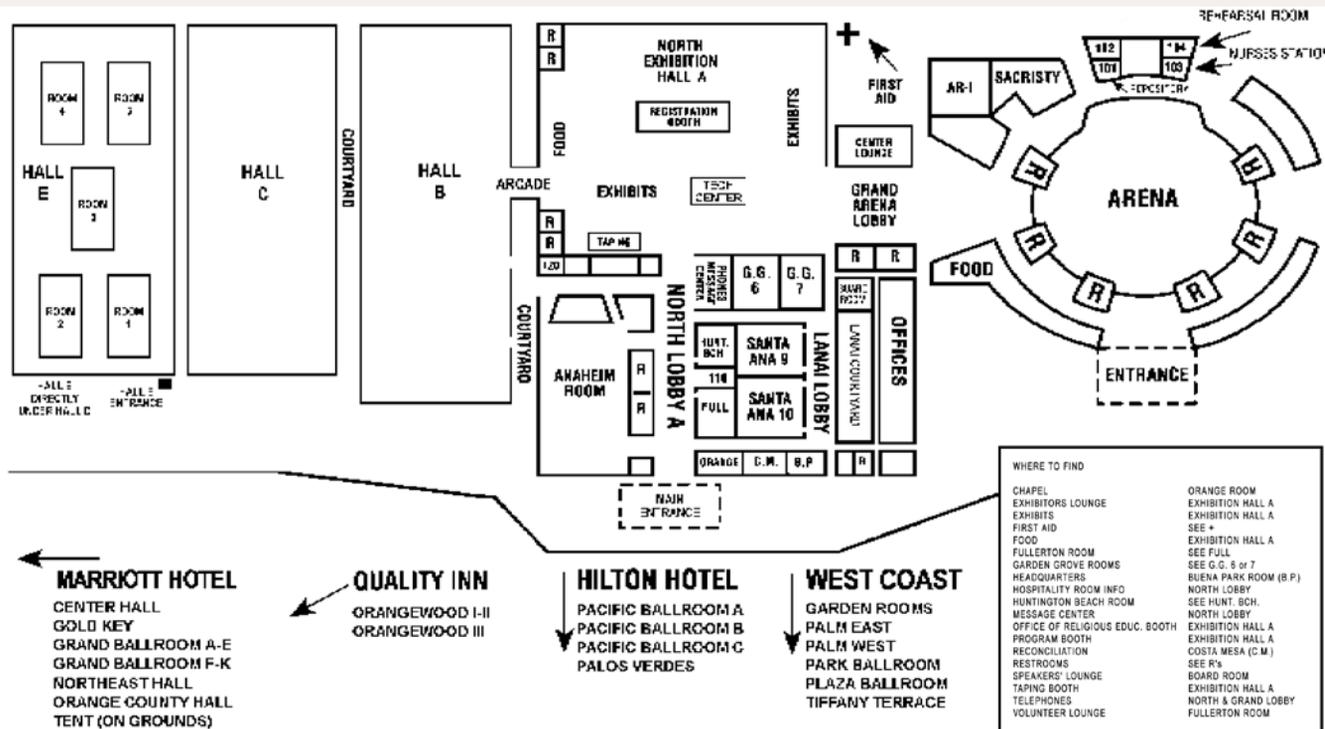
Dr. Timothy O'Malley is Director of Education at the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana and holds a concurrent position as teacher and researcher in their Department of Theology. Dr. O'Malley has made numerous public presentations at university, diocesan and national conferences. He is author of “Liturgical Formation in the RCIA” and “Off the Hook: God, Love, Dating, and Marriage in a Hookup World.”

6-19 THE REAL OBSTACLE TO HOLINESS: OUR PATHOLOGICALLY COMPLEX NATURE

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (see bio 3-18)

Spirituality tends to blame our struggles for holiness on original sin, on concupiscence, and then blame Adam and Eve. A closer examination, however, of both Scripture and Christian tradition places the roots of our struggles not in what’s wrong with us, but in what’s right with us. We are born with divine fire inside our souls and that fire does not find easy peace in this world. Our own over-charged nature is the real reason why we struggle “to will the one thing.”

Workshops



RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

A map showing locations from RECongress of 20 years ago (held February 11-14, 1999) looked very different from today, including use of the Anaheim Room and the Santa Ana rooms (now Hall A), use of the Hall E space and the renamed Quality Inn (now Clarion Hotel) and the West Coast Anaheim Hotel (now the Sheraton Park Hotel), and use of the tent at the Marriott Hotel.

6-20 RENEW, REFRESH, RESTORE: TENDING TO YOUR SOUL AS A MINISTER 🗣️

Jesus continually strived to heal the whole person: mind, body and soul. Oftentimes, we are so busy caring for others that we forget to fill up with spiritual fuel and food that sustains and nourishes us. When ministry seems overwhelming, we can find ourselves drowning as administration descends into “administrivia” and we can lose sight of our own needs. We might not want to think of ourselves as administrators but there is a reason that the word “administration” has “ministry” imbedded within it. Combining humor with practical insights, this workshop is a “mini pilgrimage” for your soul so that you can emerge renewed, refreshed and restored.



Julianne Stanz

Julianne Stanz is Director of Discipleship and Leadership Development for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. Born in Ireland, Stanz is a nationally known speaker, retreat leader and storyteller. She has extensive workshop and presentation experience both locally and nationally and is author of several articles and books, including her latest, “Start with Jesus: How Everyday Disciples Will Renew The Church.”

6-21 WHAT DO WE TELL THE CATECHUMENS ABOUT THE SCANDALS? 🗣️

Nick Wagner (see bio 1-15)

Yet another scandal about the Catholic Church starts blowing up Facebook and Twitter. And you have a meeting with the catechumens and candidates tonight. What are you going to say to them? Why would anyone want to join the Church right now? How do we keep proclaiming Good News in the face of all the bad news? Come discover how to be a sign of hope and a guiding light in troubled times.

6-22 LIVE MERCY – TEACHING VIRTUE IN CYNICAL TIMES 🗣️

David Wells (see bio 2-21)

It is easy to give in to cynicism. Cynicism can sound intelligent and wise. The problem is that with time cynicism can turn us into dour and unattractive people. Pope Francis is calling us to revive and then teach through the great virtues. Let the virtues of joy, tenderness, mercy and courage be our aim and our means. These virtues can help restore our enthusiasm and give credibility to our message. In this session, we will look at the virtues Pope Francis calls forth, what they might mean to us today, and how we might teach them to others. Let us live mercy and be holy.

6-23 SEASONS OF FAITH: SHARING THE LITURGICAL YEAR WITH YOUNG CHILDREN 🗣️

The seasons of the Liturgical Year give us a wonderful opportunity to immerse ourselves in the mysteries of our

faith. Even our youngest learners can experience the Liturgical Year when we present it in a developmentally appropriate, multi-sensory context. Join us as we discuss how to explore the colors and seasons of our Church with preschool and kindergarten children.



Joseph D. White, PhD

Based in Austin, Texas, Dr. Joseph White is a child and family psychologist as well as Director of Catechetical Resources for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He previously worked as a parish catechetical leader and spent seven years as Director of Family Counseling and Family Life in the Diocese of Austin, Texas. A frequent guest on Catholic radio and television, Dr. White is author of 11 books and numerous articles on catechesis and ministry and co-authored the “Allelu!” and “Alive in Christ” catechetical series.

6-70 GIA ĐÌNH – MÁI ẤM CỦA LÒNG THƯƠNG XÓT 🗣️

Soeur Maria Nguyễn Thị Hồng Quê, OP (tiểu sử 2-70)

Gia đình là nơi mà chữ tình luôn được vun đắp, là cái nôi của lòng thương xót, là mái ấm cho những trái tim mang đầy thương tích. Một gia đình có lòng thương xót khi các thành viên luôn biết nhạy bén, quan tâm tới cảm xúc của nhau. Ở nơi ấy, hạnh phúc không xuất phát từ tiền của, danh vọng, nhưng xuất phát từ một đời sống cầu nguyện và thực thi thánh ý Chúa. Bình an cũng không phải là “chăm ẵm, nệm êm,” nhưng là bình an nội tâm gắn kết với thánh giá qua mọi chiều kích của cuộc sống.

THE FAMILY: HOME OF DIVINE MERCY 🗣️

Sr. Mary Hong Que Nguyen, OP (see bio 2-70)

Family is a place where love grows, a cradle of mercy and a home for wounded hearts. God has a never-ending willingness to show mercy. If God’s mercy can save the world, it can certainly save our families. By practicing mercy within our relationships, we will not only survive but our love will grow stronger. Our happiness does not come from money or fame but from a life of prayer and the exercise of God’s will. It is then that the inner peace given by God comes to us. As Paul notes, “Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:7).

