

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 2020! Youth Day kicks off the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. The day brings together more than 12,000 Catholic young people from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese and beyond. Together with their Chaperones, young people will be invited to renew, experience and celebrate their Catholic faith. On this day, we encourage our young people to acknowledge their faith and hopefully encounter a more profound connection with Christ. We welcome all teens from different schools and parishes to come this day and leave with an inspiration to influence others to spread their faith among their peers and communities.



Youth Day still features two tracks; these tracks 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. When registering your group, you will only need general group information and the names of your Chaperones. Youth badges are able to be purchased without assigning a name to the badge.

As you continue to prepare, I invite you to dialogue with us online. Follow us across all social media platforms: @LAYouthDay. Use #LAYouthDay in your posts. Make sure to 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 2020: 20/20 Through God's Eyes.

Jenny Guzman

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Events

PREPARING FOR YOUTH DAY

Youth Day 2020 takes place on Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time. The readings of the day have helped to shape our theme, "20/20 Through God's Eyes," 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: James 2:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5,6-7

Gospel: Mark 8:27-33

Each teen has a different perspective of how God sees them. Sometimes, we get caught up with comparing ourselves or judging others for what they have or don't have and we forget the important thing: God doesn't care about all the "riches." He cares that we see ourselves through his eyes. In the first reading, St. James reminds us that "you shall love your neighbor as yourself" but often, with social media, we are judging others, or worse, ourselves. No one likes to be judged, so why would we do it? Our vision is blurred when "we are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" because society forces us to live up to unrealistic expectations that can get exhausting and overwhelming. The Gospel of Mark reminds us that we can reject the things of the human world that keeps us away from seeing each other Through God's Eyes.

Teens and the whole church need to see "Through God's Eyes" to fight the injustices. Not judging a person for who they love or where they are from but rather loving them because they are who they are. Looking through his eyes, he shows us how perfect we are. Come and get ready to see yourself with those new lenses, 20/20 Through God's Eyes!



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 2020 begins in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by **Sarah Kroger**. The General Session will also include:



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY



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

KEYNOTE

Our featured keynote speaker, **Doug Tooke**, is known for his presence in the digital world. He will challenge participants to Trust God in all circumstances as he breaks open the theme: “**20/20 Through God’s Eyes.**”



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 B), and outside in the Grand Plaza.

1:00 PM – FIRST WORKSHOP

Track 1 participants will be able to attend **two** of the 14 workshops offered. Note: You do not need 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.

2:30 PM – SECOND WORKSHOP

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

3:30 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

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 required 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. Our Tracks have a staggered start and end time. The workshops are 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 available until January 10, 2020. Youth Day often fills to capacity. Please register early to avoid disappointment. The last day to mail in registrations will be January 31, 2020. Registrations received after this date will be returned to the Contact Person.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

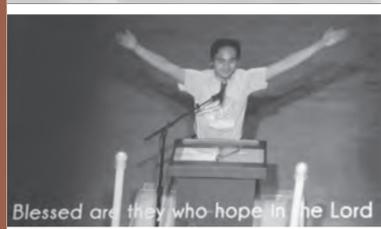
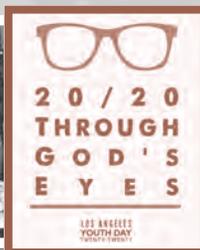
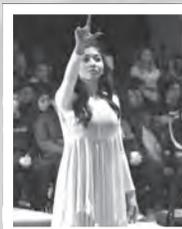
Adults not chaperoning young people are invited to volunteer on Youth Day. All volunteers assisting with Youth Day must be over the age of 21 and in compliance with their diocese’s Safe Environment Policies. This includes fingerprinting, attendance at awareness sessions, and proof of active participation 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

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 purchased in our exhibit space in the lower 100 level of ACC North.

SACRED SPACE

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 multimedia 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 (lower level).

OFFICIAL HASHTAGS

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 in all your posts.

SUPPORTING OTHERS

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 programs and leadership camps. These funds make scholarships available for those local, regional and national opportunities. The primary portion of our collection is donated to key organizations to support their work. Our collection beneficiary organization will be announced prior to Youth Day.

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. Note: 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 B) and outside in the Grand Plaza. **Note:** You will not be permitted to enter the Arena prior to doors opening at noon.

12:15 PM – ARENA SESSION

For those registered in Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2020 continues in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by **Sarah Kroger**. The General Session will also include:



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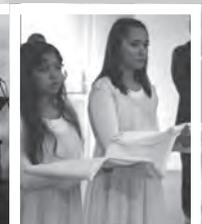
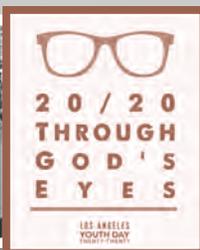
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ARENA KEYNOTE

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 ACC North.

TITLE: HOLYNESS IS HARD?

SPEAKER: DOUG TOOKE

LOCATION: CONVENTION ARENA

The challenge to pursue holiness and sainthood seems difficult ... at first. In this keynote, Doug Tooke will show through story, Scripture and real-life practices that the pursuit is worth the risk!



Doug Tooke is Vice President of Ministry Advancement for ODB Films as well as an adjunct staff member with Life Teen International. He has over 25 years of professional ministry experience and has traveled to over 100 dioceses teaching, keynoting conventions and training youth ministers. Tooke is a recipient of the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. He, his wife and their five daughters all live in Helena, Mont.

TITLE: MASS CONFUSION WITH THE DOUG AND DAVE SHOW

SPEAKER: DOUG BRUMMEL & DAVID WILSON

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 161 (LOWER 100 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

Have you ever been confused at Mass about why we say this, the priest says that, why we sit, stand, kneel and sing? You won't want to miss this fun, faith-filled experience that explores the joy, beauty and history of the "source and summit" of our faith. This brand new "catechetical comedy" is a fast-paced, music-filled session that brings to life how we worship through the Mass with original music and an original format that engages all generations. Warning: Mass Confusion may induce unexpected laughter and learning ... all at the same time and may cause more participation and understanding of the Mass!



Doug Brummel and Dave Wilson, together as The Doug and Dave Show, are Catholic Christian speakers, catechetical comedians, musicians and storytellers. Over the past 25 years, Doug has served over 1400 parishes and conferences with his Lighten Up! Parish Family Missions as well as presented at national youth, adult and family conferences. Dave is an established musician, singer, and storyteller for over 20 years.

TITLE: LIFE – NO FILTERS: SEEING GOD IN THE STRESSES AND PRESSURES OF MY LIFE

SPEAKER: ROY PETITFILS, MS, LPC

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 155 (LOWER 100 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

Unlike Instagram, we can't always change what our reality looks like. Stress, peer pressure, anxiety, depression and relationship drama are real. But so is God's grace. In this session, come learn more about yourself and discover practical ways to deal with your real life.



For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered among youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice. Petitfils shares his natural humor to matters of faith at conferences and workshops. He hosts the popular podcast, "Today's Teenager," to help adults understand, reach and influence teens. He has spoken at TEDx and has published several articles and books, including "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."

TITLE: RELATIONSHIPS: WORTH THE RISK

SPEAKER: BOB PERRON

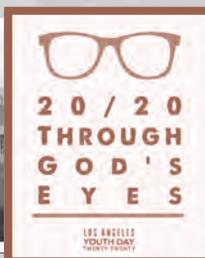
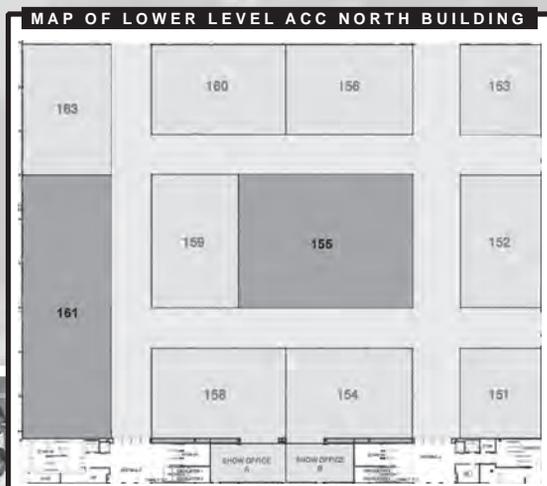
LOCATION: ACC NORTH 155 (LOWER 100 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

Let's face it, relationships can be tough. To be a good friend requires our willingness to be vulnerable and let someone really see us as we are – with our gifts, our talents and our unique weirdness. Yet, in the end, friendship is worth it.



For over a decade, Bob Perron has presented in more than 60 dioceses across the United States and Canada. He has been a keynote at the National Catholic Youth Conference and the L.A. Youth Day as well as a presenter of numerous workshops at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. His latest book is entitled "God Sized Family." Perron currently serves as Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, Fla.



TITLE: GET IN THE WORD! LET SCRIPTURE TAKE ROOT IN OUR LIVES

SPEAKER: JOE MELENDREZ

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 161 (LOWER 100 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

Words are powerful, they have the ability to build up or tear down. Words can be a form of witness and sharing what God has done in our lives. The Word of God is our source of nourishment and strength. Hebrews 4:12 says, "The word of God is alive and active." How can we let God's Word take root in our lives? We all have access to this divine resource that can inspire, encourage, transform, and so much more. In this session, we will learn and participate in the S.O.A.P. method, an easy, daily bible study tool that will deepen our understanding of Scripture and help us *Get in the Word!*



Billed as a Catholic performer who is "relevant, relatable and deep," **Joe Melendrez** is a speaker, musical performer, MC and retreat leader. 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 release, "Chosen." Melendrez currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife and their daughter.

TITLE: #ISEEWHATYOU DID THERE

SPEAKER: MIKE PATIN

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 255 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

Nearsighted. Farsighted. Double vision. Night blindness. There are countless challenges to physical vision. The same is true for spiritual vision. The challenges of school, family, friendships and more can blur our vision and make it difficult to see how we can live as disciples when there is so much going on. We'll take a different look at being vibrant, young Catholic disciples today.



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, trainer and retreat facilitator. He has published two books: "A Standing Invitation" and "This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry."

TITLE: SEEKING A DEEPER CONNECTION TO THE GOD WHO SEES US

SPEAKER: SUSAN SEARLE

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 258 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

"Anxiety can work against us by making us give up whenever we do not see instant results," Pope Francis warns. Your stress and anxiety may come from your addiction to constant stimulation, immediate gratification and other distractions that make you think you are not enough. God sees when you are struggling, and God wants you to know peace. Prayerful meditation and contemplation invite you to surrender your distractions to God and explore the restorative power of silence. In this workshop, we will practice a variety of meditative prayers to quiet the distractions in your head. Come prepared to turn inward, be still, and seek God's peace.



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 the YouthLeader high school programs. She also provides nationwide ministry workshops, trainings and teaches CMD courses for the Certificate in Ministry Studies. Searle has several published sessions for youth ministry and blogs quarterly for CMD.

TITLE: LIVING MY BEST LIFE: INTIMACY, SELF-CONTROL AND ANTI-FOOLISHNESS!

SPEAKER: CHRIS ESTRELLA

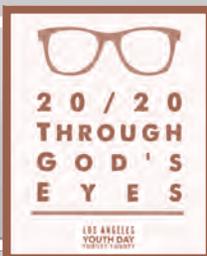
LOCATION: ACC NORTH 251 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

Yes, we know. We've heard it. The world is "noisy." And it's full of temptation ("Just one more episode!"). But one of the greatest temptations we face starts with the lie to ourselves that leads us into it: "We've been together for so long and we're in love"; "I could be doing something worse than this"; "God would probably agree"; and the almighty, "Just this once." Chris Estrella is going to charge right into these, challenging us to wake up, speak real and live in the truth! You were made for so much. Stop settling for weakness. Stand up and demand greatness. God offers nothing less.



Catholic music artist and speaker **Chris Estrella** is also coordinator of Liturgical Music for the Diocese of San Bernardino, Calif. The former youth ministry coordinator and confirmation catechist travels nationally presenting talks and worship experiences at conferences, parish missions, youth and young adult events (including three World Youth Days) and is a worship leader for youth and young adult liturgy and prayer. He is represented by Oregon Catholic Press - Spirit & Song.



TITLE: THE CARE AND KEEPING OF YOUR GROWN-UPS

SPEAKER: ANDREA CHAVEZ-KOPP

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 256 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

The loving adults in your life are terrified. They are worried about screen time, addiction, depression, lack of social interaction and way too many other things. The root of these fears is technology. The problem is, technology is awesome and it's here to stay. This session is about how teens can be leaders in ministry by accompanying their adults in their relationship with technology. It is easy to fear what is not understood. By positive role modeling and some communication and care, we can help bring our adults into the 21st century through patience, mercy and demonstrating holiness in digital spaces. Feel free to bring your favorite digital device to this interactive session.



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.

TITLE: THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

SPEAKER: CHRIS PADGETT

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 252 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 8:15 AM & 1:00 PM

God is a family. The way He has revealed Himself is through family imagery. But our families are messy and often broken. Why is family still important in this day? God never intended us to be alone. We were meant to be in community, to belong and feel love. This workshop looks at seven ways family is important – how we can not only just survive, but thrive! There will be a lot of practical examples, stories, laughter and time for questions.



Chris Padgett is speaker, author, musician and President of the non-profit ministry Catholic Family and Marriage. He has traveled the world for over two decades giving concerts, talks, parish missions and retreats. Padgett currently teaches with Catholic Distance University in between speaking and writing engagements. He has published numerous books and articles, and has also been involved in video, television and radio for many years.

TITLE: WHAT NEXT? DISCERNING VOCATION IN A “NOTHING MATTERS” WORLD

SPEAKER: KATIE PREJEAN MCGRADY

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 255 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

It's easy to believe that there's a purpose for our life. It's harder to figure out what that purpose is. And then, it's even harder to convince people that the path you're taking is good and right. So, what comes next? What will you do with your life? Where will you study and work, who will you marry, where will you buy a house, will you go to the seminary or the convent to become a priest or nun? What. Comes. Next?! Let's figure out how to ask – and answer – those questions together.



Katie Prejean McGrady is an international speaker, traveling to 38 states and three countries, and author of “Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist” and “Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus.” She is the host of *The Electric Waffle*, a podcast of conversational chaos about culture and Catholicism. McGrady was one of three delegates chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to attend the Pre-Synod gathering on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment at the Vatican.

TITLE: MERCY AND HOLINESS: STRONGER THAN ANY SUPERPOWER!

SPEAKER: JESSE MANIBUSAN

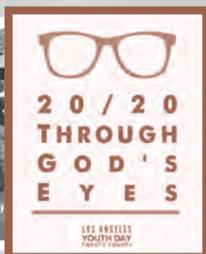
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Marvel or DC? Pick a hero, any hero. The end game, however, will always be: How do our gifts – and the use or misuse of those gifts – transform us and our world? Life isn't a movie. There are no shortcuts. There are “cheats,” but the only way to live a life of lasting joy, hope and gratitude is through the power of mercy and holiness. Come see, hear and experience something truly super and heroic!



Jesse Manibusan, founder of *Jesse Manibusan Music Ministries*, has over 30 years of experience as a liturgical music minister, youth worker, catechist and parish mission director. He has presented at all the major youth conferences, including the L.A. Religious Education Congress, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry and several World Youth Days. Manibusan has performed at various conferences worldwide and has several CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.



TITLE: FINDING YOUR WAY AFTER LOSING YOUR WAY: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO USING YOUR INNER COMPASS

SPEAKER: SERGIO LOPEZ

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 252 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

No matter how hard we all may try in life, one thing is certain: We will eventually get lost. There is no way around it. Getting lost *is* part of the deal. Fortunately, God created us with an "inner gift" that too few of us ever discover and even less of us learn to use well. Come and explore through storytelling, art, music and prayer, practical ways for accessing your "inner compass." Together, we'll cover the basics of what it is and how to use it so that it can help you find your way through times of trouble.



Sergio Lopez is a faith-based activist, trainer and former youth minister from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Based in Simi Valley, Calif., he has worked for Catholic Relief Services since 2014, and is currently their Community Engagement Manager, organizing Catholic communities for global justice in the western United States. Lopez has presented at the Los Angeles Youth Day, the Religious Education Congress and the Archdiocesan Regional Congresses and has been a keynote at the Fresno Diocesan Encuentro and speaker at the Fresno Diocesan Youth Day and Congress.

TITLE: GOD SEES YOU

SPEAKER: STEPHANIE CLOUATRE DAVIS, OPA

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 256 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

You are loved, you are made on purpose, and you are created by God. These are promises of God; yet, we struggle to believe that we belong to Someone. How can we use these promises to fight feelings of loneliness, anxiety, worthlessness, sadness and hopelessness? Drawing on the wisdom of St. Ignatius, Stephanie Clouatre Davis offers concrete tools to help you see *through God's eyes*.



Stephanie Davis, an Associate with the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director and itinerant minister based in Covington, La. In her more than 20 years of ministry for the Catholic Church, she has directed hundreds of retreats and spoken at many conferences for teens, young adults and adults. Davis has spent more than 15 years teaching junior high, high school and college courses. She has devoted her life to teaching and developing youth and adult retreats and programs.

TITLE: LISTENING TO YOU: DELVING IN DEEP WITH YOUR QUESTIONS

SPEAKER: DR. JOHN M. RINALDO

LOCATION: ACC NORTH 258 (UPPER 200 LEVEL)

TIMES: 9:45 AM & 2:30 PM

What do you want to talk about? Teens want to be heard, acknowledged and affirmed. Yet, too often leaders brush aside your thoughts and questions. Yet, Pope Francis himself has asked us adults to listen, and listen intently. In this session, we will be taking your questions about the Church, what it teaches, what it believes, and how it behaves. This is your time to ask questions. And it is our turn to listen to your wisdom and finally talk about the topics you want to talk about.



Dr. John Rinaldo is a coach and trainer for the Parish Success Group. He brings a wealth of pastoral ministry experience having served as a parish and diocesan director of youth and young adult ministry, a parish business manager, has served on the executive leadership team for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Dr. Rinaldo is also an adjunct professor at Santa Clara University in California.



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 January 10, 2020. **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 **January 31**. Online registration will close on **February 6**. 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 January 10, 2020 (U.S. dollars only).
4. Youth Day registrations will be accepted until January 31, 2020 by mail and February 6 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 January 3, 2020. 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 B) 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, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

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 a 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
1:00 pm	Workshop 1	9:45 am	Workshop 2
2:00 pm	Passing	10:45 am	Lunch
2:30 pm	Workshop 2	12:15 pm	Arena Session
3:30 pm	Dismissal	3:45 pm	Dismissal

TOTAL NUMBER OF BADGES

One Chaperone is required for up to every 10 youth. A quick rule of thumb is 10 percent of your group plus one. For example, a group of 50 attendees requires six Chaperones; a group of 86 would require nine Chaperones.

Quantity of adult badges

Example 86 Your group requires 8 + 1 extra = 9 Chaperone badges

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