4-01 CATHOLIC IDENTITY 2010: YOUNG ADULTS SPEAK!

What is Catholic identity as lived by today’s young adults, and how can ministry relate to this lived identity? We will hear from several young adult Catholics whose testimonies will open up conversation about how to proceed ministerially with this new generation. Dr. Tom Beaudoin will moderate.

**Tom Beaudoin, PhD**
Dr. Tom Beaudoin is Associate Professor of Practical Theology in the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University in New York. He also currently coordinates the Rock and Theology Project, which explores “secular” rock and “sacred” theology. Dr. Beaudoin is author of many published articles and essays on faith and culture; his most recent book is “Witness to Dispossession: The Vocation of a Postmodern Theologian.” He lectures nationally and internationally.

4-02 RE-IMAGINING THE PRIESTHOOD

**Fr. Patrick Brennan, DMin, PsyD**

What kind of pastoral leaders are needed in the priesthood of the future? What are some issues crying out for prayer, study and change if the Church is to have a sufficient number of quality people in the priesthood? This session will explore needed changes in the future priesthood.

4-03 DEVELOPING A SPIRITUALITY OF GRATITUDE

In the mainline U.S. culture, “thanks” has been the usual response made to those who do good to us. However, this was not the case in Jesus’ time, nor is it the pattern in many other cultures today. In this session, Fr. Michael Crosby will explain the differences. Using the teachings of Venerable Solanus Casey, appreciation will be shown to stand as an antidote to our culture of entitlement.

**Michael H. Crosby, OFMCap**
Fr. Michael Crosby, a Capuchin Franciscan of the Midwest Province, lives in downtown Milwaukee in a fraternity ministering to street people. He leads retreats, and writes and lectures on contemporary biblical spirituality. Fr. Crosby recently launched a six-part video series on social transformation for parishes entitled “Choosing Compassion.”

4-04 JUST BECAUSE IT’S NOT WRONG DOESN’T MAKE IT RIGHT

Here is a workshop packed with solid practical advice on how to use the stuff of everyday life to teach children to act with integrity, civility and compassion. Beginning with the idea that it is in us to care, that we are born with an innate capacity for compassion, Barbara Coloroso shows professionals, educators and parents how to nurture and guide children’s ethical lives from toddlerhood through the teen years using everyday situations at home, at school, in social settings, and in the world at large.

**Barbara Coloroso**
Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized author and educator in the areas of parenting, teaching, school discipline, nonviolent conflict resolution, restorative justice, and grieving. The former classroom teacher and university lecturer is now an educational consultant for school districts, the medical and business communities, the criminal justice system and educational associations throughout the world.

4-05 WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO: AN EXPLANATION OF THE SIGNS SYMBOLS, GESTURES, RITUALS AND HISTORY AT MASS

**Fr. John Cusick**

We stand, sit, kneel and genuflect. We say some of the same words time after time. Why begin with calling to mind our sin? What is the “mystery of our faith”? Our rituals become mechanical. We might hear ourselves or others ask, “Why do we do that?” “What is that all about?” This is an opportunity to “walk through” our Mass from beginning to end stopping along the way for an explanation and appreciation of the many things that are a part of our most sacred form of worship. What have you always wanted to ask about? Here is your chance!

4-06 SOWING SEEDS IN SECULAR SOIL

“Secularism” or “secularity” are terms often used to describe the world we inhabit in North America and beyond. “Secularism” is as all-pervasive as the air we breathe. It is not something “out there” or “over there” with a different address from ours. Is this all that bad? Are there any advantages to living in a secular culture? What are the challenges we face in such an environment? What are the spiritual resources available to those who seek to sow the seeds of the Gospel in secular soil?

**Dr. Michael Downey**
Dr. Michael Downey is the Cardinal’s Theologian for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is author or editor of more than 20 books, as well as journal articles, essays and book chapters that number in the dozens. His most recent book is “The Heart of Hope.” The founding North American Editor of the international journal Spirituality, Dr. Downey works extensively with contemplative communities and is active in retreat work. In 2005 Pope John Paul II awarded him the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontificie.
4-07 CATECHESIS: REVEALING THE MYSTERY OF ABUNDANCE

Jesus came that all people might have abundant life. We will explore what “abundance” is and the ways in which we embrace that abundance as Jesus’ disciples. We will consider how catechesis unveils abundance, invites to conversion, forms disciples, and equips for mission.

**Carole M. Eipers, DMIn**

Dr. Carole Eipers is Vice President and Executive Director of Catechetics for William H. Sadlier, Inc. She served in parish ministries for over 20 years as a teacher, Director of Religious Education, youth minister and Pastoral Associate. Eipers has written and presented for national and international groups in the area of catechetics. She formerly was Director of the Office for Catechesis for the Chicago Archdiocese for nine years and also served as President of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership.

4-08 BIRTHING THE DEEPER SELF: LIVING CRE-ATIVELY IN THE AFTERNOON OF LIFE

**Fran Ferder, FSPA & John Heagle**

What does it mean to live “life to the full”? In the more privileged areas of our planet, we are clearly living longer. But does that mean that we are also choosing to live more creative and generous lives? This presentation addresses the vital tasks of human development in the “afternoon of life.” In our religious tradition this expresses our call to move beyond the false self toward the new self in the risen Christ. In the language of developmental psychology it describes the “third birth,” or the emergence of our deeper self. But whatever the language, the task is the same – to grow in wisdom, grace and generative service.

4-09 RECLAIMING CATHOLICISM

**Thomas Groome**

As more and more pre-Vatican II Catholics join the communion of saints and memories fade of what it was like “before the Council,” let us pause and discern the spiritual wisdom that we should bring with us from the American Catholicism of those “olden” days. This workshop will re-claim wisdom from some of its leading personalities, perspectives and practices.

4-10 EIGHT WAYS TO NAVIGATE “OUR MEDIA WORLD”

Kids K-8 are immersed in their preferred media zones; catechists already know this. “Sister Catechist” and “Sister Media” will share with us what they have recently concocted in their media mindfulness lab in this highly interactive presentation. Whether you share faith as a parent, catechist, Catholic schoolteacher, scout leader or Vacation Bible School director, join the sisters to learn exciting new ideas to help kids make wise media choices. Handouts will be provided.

**Gretchen Hailer, RSHM**

Sr. Gretchen Hailer, a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, is a lifelong catechist practitioner and author. She has been engaged in faith formation of children, youth and adults for over 40 years, and focused in media literacy education since 1975. Sr. Hailer was a member of the staff of the Office for Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and headed their media center. She presently is a retreat facilitator and spiritual director.

**Rose Pacatte, FSP**

Sr. Rose Pacatte is Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies, located in Culver City, Calif. As a media literacy education specialist, she is a national and international speaker on the subject. A Daughter of St. Paul, Sr. Pacatte is the film/TV columnist for St. Anthony Messenger magazine and a contributor to the National Catholic Reporter. Her most recent book is “Our Media World,” with Gretchen Hailer, RSHM.

4-11 “WAIT UNTIL YOUR FATHER COMES HOME...”:

**MARK HART**

As young kids they can’t sit still. As teenagers, they roll their eyes. In college they disappear. As young adults, they don’t darken the doors of the church. How do parents and extended families encourage (without discouraging) the next generation of Catholics? Beyond prayer, what can we do to reach out to Catholics (of all ages) who have left the Church or who are present physically but not engaged emotionally? What are our obstacles and weapons in this lifelong journey of faith with our families?

4-12 SINGING AND CELEBRATING THE SACRAME-NTS

**Marty Haugen & Tony Alonso**

In all of our sacramental celebrations, music plays a central and vital role. Yoked to music, the words of Scripture and the words of the rites are better able to carry the vibrant voice of the Spirit’s presence in our midst and express our own yearning for God’s transforming work in our lives and in the life of the world. This session will explore how music can be creatively wedded to the rites in a way that helps deepen the understanding and engagement of all. The workshop will focus mainly on the initiation sacraments (baptism and confirmation), holy communion, marriage and the anointing of the sick.
**4-13 THE POWER OF PAUSE: BECOMING MORE BY DOING LESS**

**Terry Hershey**

Have you ever felt overwhelmed? Have you ever wished for an extra day in your week, or an extra hour in your day? Have you been pulled in so many directions that you don’t feel at home in your own skin? If so, it’s time to learn to pause. Join Terry Hershey for the permission to become more by doing less. This is not about time management, it’s about letting our souls catch up with our bodies. Terry will teach us how to wear an “I’m Closed” sign, how to Lose What We Don’t Need, how to Make Space to Hear the Heart, how to find Miracles in the Mundane, and how to celebrate a bawdy, unkempt spirit who fills us with grace and transformation.

**4-14 MINI-COURSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULT ED**

**Bill Huebsch**

Mini-Courses dealing with Catholic life and thought – for confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, youth ministry and adult formation – are widely under-used in today’s parish. This workshop will help you learn how to create and implement them. It will provide “marketing” strategies and demonstrate how such Mini-Courses can attract people to them if they are created with modern Catholics in mind. This will be a practical workshop and all the materials used will be available online to download afterward.

**4-15 DINING IN THE KINGDOM: AN EXPLORATION OF EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY**

**Bob Hurd & Anawim**

Each time we celebrate the Paschal Mystery – and however imperfectly live it existentially – we are embodying the Kingdom here and now. We are dining in the Kingdom and inviting others to the feast. But a paradox lives at the heart of this banquet. We are fed with an incredible abundance, the body and blood of Christ. But the content of this food – the body broken, the blood poured out – is the self-emptying of Christ. To consume this food is to empty ourselves with Christ. Assisted by Anawim, Bob Hurd will explore this theme in song and theological reflection.

**Bob Hurd teaches in the Graduate Pastoral Ministries Program at Santa Clara University in California. His liturgical music is widely used and is featured in numerous hymnals in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Australia. His most recent collection of music is “Dining in the Kingdom: Songs for Communion and Gathering.” The members of Anawim are Barbara Bridge, John Gilb, Marie Hodgson, Kathleen and Dominic MacAller, and Andrea and Jim Drollinger.**

**4-16 FIVE CRITICAL STRATEGIES TO MAKE SOCIAL MINISTRY LIVELY AND EFFECTIVE**

**Jack Jezeel**

The good-hearted intention to feed the hungry and clothe the naked is not enough! Good intentions do not guarantee success. Come learn five of the critical and often overlooked ingredients that make parish social ministry potent and engaging. Come prepared to change your ministry and change your life!

**4-17 A GOLD MINE OF TALENT: HOW TO DISCOVER AND CALL FORTH GIFTS OF TALENT IN YOUR PARISH**

**Rev. Daniel J. Mahan**

Fr. Daniel Mahan, a priest of the Indianapolis Archdiocese, is Executive Director of the Marian University Center for Catholic Stewardship in Indianapolis. He serves in full-time stewardship ministry, making presentations throughout the United States and Canada, and recently in Australia and the Philippines. Fr. Mahan is the author of “More than Silver or Gold: Homilies of a Stewardship Priest” and one other book.
4-18 THE CONTINUED CHALLENGE OF RACIAL JUSTICE: THE LEGACY OF THOMAS MERTON

Rev. Bryan Massingale, STD

Recent events have shown the continued challenge of living in an increasingly multiracial society. Despite momentous changes, we are still engaged in an ongoing quest for racial justice. This session will highlight some of these challenges, and then explore how the thoughts of Thomas Merton, the 20th-century spiritual giant, can help Catholics more effectively become proactive and spiritual agents of racial justice and reconciliation.

4-19 FORMING THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Many people feel a deep hunger for relationship, but our contemporary world often inhibits our efforts to forge authentic Christian community. Various elements of modern life impede us from even becoming aware of what our deepest hungers are. This workshop encompasses a Gospel meditation on the ministry of Jesus, who not only satisfied people’s hunger but helped them recognize the deepest hungers at the core of their being. The session concludes with reflections on how we can imitate Jesus’ ministry of awakening in ourselves and others our thirst for the higher things of God.

Dr. Timothy Matovina

Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology and the William and Anna Jean Cushwa Director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He has offered presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and various theological topics for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the United States.

4-20 THE FUTURE OF ECUMENISM

In this session, Bishop Malcolm McMahon will present a reflection of how far the churches and ecclesial communities have traveled on the path of ecumenism. What are the hopes and challenges as they continue to journey, and how they will fulfill Christ’s prayer that “they may be one” in the future.

Rt. Rev. Malcolm McMahon, OP

Rev. Malcolm McMahon has served as Bishop for the Diocese of Nottingham, England, since 2000. The London-born former provincial for the English Dominican Province has served in a variety of pastoral and academic posts. Bishop McMahon is Chair of the Department for Catholic Education and Formation of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales; he is also a member of Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and contributed to its recent Agreed Statement.

4-21 SIGAN LA BANDERA – GUADALUPE’S JOURNEY WITH MEXICO

This is the presentation of a new concert/drama to be used during the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe incorporating song, storytelling, drama, dance and art to tell the fascinating, whirling story of Spain, the New World and the new people called “Mexicanos.” The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe/Tonantzin and her journey with Mexico is told through the eyes of the Indian. It begins with the Aztec nation and moves through the conquest, the apparition of Guadalupe, continuing to tell of her journey with her people through poverty, revolution and the struggles of life between the borders. It is a story of power, despair, solidarity and hope.

Donna Peña

Donna Peña is a musician and composer whose music has been sung in churches throughout the United States. She has performed concerts and has presented workshops across the country and has been recognized for her contributions to music, community and culture. Peña, a former Director of Music and Liturgy, is currently performing with Mariachi Flor y Canto as vocalist and violinist. Her latest CD releases are “In Times of Trouble” and “Sigan la Bandera – Guadalupe’s Journey with Mexico.”

4-22 THE DEATH OF INNOCENTS

Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ

In this session, Sr. Helen Prejean shares the powerful stories of two men on death row she believes were innocent, which inspired her second book, “The Death of Innocents.” In this workshop Sr. Prejean talks about the legal system and how it needs to be fixed. She will expose how innocent people are condemned to death along with the guilty.
4-23  WE ARE THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

Building on last year’s strong response to his presentation on the Cosmic Christ theme, Richard Rohr will take the conversation to the next level. What is the difference between Jesus and the Christ? Why have we missed so many of the earthly and social implications of our central doctrine of the Incarnation? How does a cosmic understanding of Christ change our very notions of salvation, liberation, and our possibilities for communion and inclusion? We are indeed waiting and very ready for such a second coming of Christ.

4-24  PAUL AND THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION
Fr. Donald Senior, CP

In a fractured world the Church’s mission of reconciliation is more crucial than ever. Paul of Tarsus began his adult life bent on violence but through an encounter with the Risen Christ he was transformed into an apostle of reconciliation. Reconciliation, in fact, is one of the most fundamental aspects of Paul’s theology and ministry. This presentation will consider Paul’s theology of reconciliation and its meaning for us today.

4-25  THE REVISED EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS
Paul Turner

New translations are now available for the four main Eucharistic Prayers for the Order of Mass. Why did the words change? How did these Eucharistic Prayers come to be? How can priests pray them with more understanding? Come and learn more about the heart of every Mass – the Eucharistic Prayer.

4-26  TARGETING THE FOREIGNER: A LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF ANTI-CATHOLIC BEHAVIOR IN THE UNITED STATES
Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ

Anti-Catholicism has been a large part of American history. Waves of immigrants from Italy, Ireland, Germany and Mexico have been met with violence and resentment since the early days of the Republic. We will look at the Nativists, the Know-Nothings, the Ku Klux Klan and the presidential elections of the 1890s, 1928 and 1960. American “patriots” were frequently anti-foreign, anti-Catholic, very powerful and well organized. There were anti-Irish riots in New York, Mexicans were lynched in California, and many immigrants were terrorized. It is time to take a look at this often-ignored part of American history.

4-27  BOUNCE: ENHANCING SPIRITUAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE

It is not the amount of darkness in the world or yourself that matters. It is how you stand in that darkness that makes all the difference. In this lively presentation on spiritual and psychological resilience, lessons normally shared with healing and helping professionals will be offered for all persons interested in strengthening a compassionate heart.

Dr. Robert J. Wicks

Dr. Robert Wicks is on the faculty at Loyola University, Maryland. He has taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, social work, nursing and theology. Dr. Wicks has served as General Editor of three series of books, and published over 40 books for both professionals and the general public; his latest works include “Prayerfulness” and “Bounce: Living the Resilient Life.” Dr. Wicks received the papal medal from Pope John Paul II for his service to the Church.

4-28  FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT: EXPLORING CONVERSION IN LUKE-ACTS FOR THE YEAR OF LUKE
Very Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, SS

Stories of conversion have fascinated people for ages. The only two-volume work in the New Testament, Luke-Acts, offers a unique assessment of the phenomenon of conversion in an attractive narrative fashion. This workshop will explore conversion from Luke’s perspective while relating it to other stories of conversion that continue to inspire.

4-70  Dạy giáo lý cho trẻ em Việt Nam trong môi trường đa văn hoá
Linh mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, SS
Rev. Nguyễn Khắc Hy, SS

Giáo lý là phần mực vụ quan trọng vào việc thực hiện những giáo dục (công đoàn) Việt Nam. Phần lớn trẻ em Việt Nam được dạy giáo lý với nội dung, phương pháp và cách trình bày Việt Nam. Vậy khó khăn trong việc giảng dạy giáo lý là gì? Làm thế nào để huấn luyện các em trẻ nhận những môn để trong môi trường đa văn hóa của Giáo Hội sau này.
5-01 THE FUTURE CHURCH: EXPLORING CATHOLICISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Based on trends presently shaping the Catholic future, this workshop will explore some provocative questions: Will the Church of the future be more interested in witchcraft than women priests? If science identifies a “God gene,” will the Church support genetic engineering to make people more religious? What are the odds of an American pope in a multipolar world? Offering some feel-on-the-ground reporting to support answers, this session will provide glimpses of a future that in many ways is already here!

John L. Allen Jr.
John Allen is the prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He is the author of five best-selling books and writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications. His weekly Internet column, “All Things Catholic,” is widely read as a source of insight on the global Catholic Church.

5-02 FEAR IS NOT AN OPTION: CHOICES OF FAITH

Peer pressure and the fear of not fitting in make the right choices difficult to make. This workshop offers helpful ways to overcome the fears of the deep waters of life. Through Scripture and a deeper understanding of God present to us through sacrament and sign, we can come to know to be not afraid. With audiovisuals, music and true testimony, we may find that fear is present but not the option for the Christ follower. Come and be renewed with courage and strengthen your true self.

John Angotti
John Angotti is an experienced and renowned musical artist and speaker. The recording artist and “music missionary” is currently the vocal music teacher at Christian Brothers High School and teaches junior high music at St. Ann’s, both in Memphis, Tenn. Angotti travels the country and abroad giving concerts, workshops and retreats. He has performed and spoken at various parish, diocesan and national events, including many appearances at the L.A. Congress.

5-03 CALLING THE CHILDREN! MUSIC FOR SACRAMENTS, SEASONS AND CELEBRATIONS

John Burland
This workshop will explore a variety of music and associated activities for supporting children’s catechesis at the elementary level. Through the use of song, movement and story, John Burland will share a range of engaging and creative strategies for teaching doctrine, Scripture, sacraments and church seasons. Come ready to participate in activities that will enrich knowledge, understanding and spiritual development.

5-04 PARENTING THROUGH CRISIS: HELPING KIDS IN TIMES OF LOSS, GRIEF AND CHANGE

Barbara Coloroso
As a parent, Barbara Coloroso has suffered in ways that she never imagined. Others who have suffered insurmountable losses have shared their stories with her. In living through our losses and in sharing our stories, we discover that we are not alone in our suffering. We all knew this to be true in our minds before we went through the chaos. Living through it, we now know it to be true in our hearts and our souls. It is our wit and our wisdom that help our children, and us, through the passages of grief. It is in our grieving that we learn a new wholeness, where we are able to embrace our sadness, knowing that it shares space with a quiet joy and a gentle peace.

Fr. Paul Coutinho, SJ
Fr. Paul Coutinho is an internationally recognized Ignatian scholar, author and speaker. A native of India and a Jesuit priest from the Bombay Province, he divides his time between the United States and India leading retreats, giving spiritual direction and training spiritual directors. Fr. Coutinho currently creates and directs programs at the Mission and Ministry Office at Saint Louis University, where he is also Professor of Theology. He also serves as Editor of “Ignis,” the South Asian Ignatian Spirituality Journal.

5-05 THE FULLNESS OF LIFE: THE PATHWAY OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Ignatius believed that every grace that he received is available to anyone who follows his pathway. This workshop will lay out the significant graces that St. Ignatius received and the methods that he gave us to make these graces our very own. We grow in personal and spiritual freedom and are transformed into mystics who live the fullness of life in our everyday life.

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5-06 THE “PRIMACY OF CHRIST” AND THE POPE

Michael H. Crosby, OFMCap
At various times Pope Benedict XVI has highlighted the notion of the “Primacy of Christ.” This “doctrine,” as taught by Blessed John Duns Scotus, has radical implications for our understanding of atonement and salvation, the Church, the papacy, and how “anyone in Christ” is called to help bring about the new cosmic order of justice, reconciliation and peace.
5-07 LETTING GO OF A GRUDGE

Using themes from the film “The Big Question,” Fr. Frank Desiderio will walk people through the five steps of L-E-T G-O, a process that shows how to let go of hurt and resentment and discover ways to become a more forgiving person. This workshop will provide participants with skills to teach forgiveness as a spiritual practice.

Frank Desiderio, CSP

As President of Paulist Productions, Fr. Frank Desiderio has produced more than 25 hours of television movies and documentaries, some of which have aired on A&E Investigative and The History Channel. His credits include the ABC/Paramount movie, “Judas,” and he was Executive Producer on “The Big Question: A Film About Forgiveness.” Besides being a priest and producer, he is also a poet. His poetry has appeared in The National Catholic Reporter, Prairie Messenger, and other publications.

5-08 HIV/AIDS STORIES AND LEARNINGS: A TRANSFORMATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, RSM

Learning about HIV and listening to the infected and affected persons experiencing this virus sounds a call for a response from every person – not only locally but globally. We will explore the needs and learn the stories so that we may make efforts to challenge one another to make a difference one person/one country at a time.

5-09 INVOLVING PARENTS IN YOUTH MINISTRY

Dr. Carole Goodwin

This workshop will review current research and Church documents that reiterate the importance of involving parents in the faith formation of teens. In addition, some strategies and techniques for this involvement will be explored and participants will have opportunities to share their own ideas and experiences. This is an active workshop, so come ready to share your insights and thoughts on this critical component for effective youth ministry!

5-10 SHARING MINISTRY FOR A CHANGE: PRIESTS AND LAY LEADERS TELL THEIR STORY

Shared ministry isn’t the wave of the future – it’s the reality of the present. Hear priests and lay leaders share their stories of the best practices, hopes, fears and fascinations that bring new life to their ministry, and new ministries to parish life. This workshop will be facilitated by Dr. Michael Horan.

Michael P. Horan, PhD & Panel

Dr. Michael Horan is Professor of Religious Education and Pastoral Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He has ministered to youth and young adults on high school and college campuses in New York and Washington, D.C., and is a well-known presenter. Dr. Horan is author of two works and a contributing author of the school series “Blest Are We.” He has written on lay ministry and has worked with the Los Angeles Archdiocese’s Office of Parish Life for the past several years.

5-11 CHURCH LANGUAGE, COLLEGE LIFE AND MORALS: IS THERE ANY COMMON GROUND?

By the time a young person stops spinning in the process of entering the experience of higher education, the old answers to still-present questions seem to be no answers at all. We will address this “growing up” process and see if morality and the church are able to talk on the collegiate level.

Rev. Patrick Labelle, OP

After 13 years as Director of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Stanford University, Fr. Patrick LaBelle now directs the nearby Vallombrosa Retreat and Conference Center and is responsible for the Ongoing Formation of the Clergy for the San Francisco Archdiocese. A priest of the Western Dominican Province, Fr. LaBelle has been a religious superior for many years, has held several local, national and international church positions, and has taught at a number of West Coast universities.

5-12 A TIME FOR HEALING

In a time of great upheaval and world recession, many people search for hope and healing. This workshop looks at the abundance of God’s healing presence especially through the gift of music, which brings consolation, hope and healing. Such healing comes in many forms if we take the time to listen and see.

Liam Lawton

Fr. Liam Lawton is Director of Music for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin in Ireland. His latest collection of music, released in the United States and Europe, is titled “Healing Song.” His music has achieved platinum status in Ireland and has been translated into a number of European languages. Fr. Lawton has appeared on many TV and radio programs in Ireland and has recorded two PBS specials. He has presented concerts and workshops throughout the world.

5-13 “LIKE US IN ALL THINGS BUT SIN”: A BIBLICAL LOOK AT THE DIVINITY & HUMANITY OF JESUS

Rev. Patrick Mullen, PhD

True Christianity requires us to know Jesus Christ so that we can enter a deep, personal and communal relationship with him. The New Testament helps us see both the divinity and humanity of Jesus. This workshop will look at both sides of Jesus to help modern believers draw ever closer to both “God with us” and our human Lord and friend (Jn 13:13; 15:15). Bring your Bibles!
5-14 **THE GENIUS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN LITURGICAL EXPERIENCES REVISITED: AN INCREDIBLE ABUNDANCE WAITING TO BE REALIZED**

Rev. J-Glenn Murray, SJ

There are many proposals for evaluating whether or not a particular liturgy is effective. The “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” sets forth a conscious participation full of vibrancy as the goal. Perhaps no worshipping community has accomplished this better than the African-American community – across denominational lines. Its attention to music, preaching, prayer and leadership has made it so. Is there anything that we can still learn from our sisters and brothers in the faith as we continue in the church’s reform and renewal of the liturgy? Yes! Come and garner what an incredible abundance awaits us as we revisit the worship experiences of “black folk.”

5-15 **CATECHESIS AND MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCE THEORY**

Rev. Ronald Nuzzi

Multiple intelligence (MI) theory has been enriching and enlivening educational practices for decades. This session provides an overview of the theory with a view to helping those new to catechesis develop dynamic and engaging lessons, based on sound educational practice and current psychology. Brain-based learning styles will be discussed. This is a practical, hands-on session for youth ministers, teachers, Directors of Religious Education and pastoral ministers.

5-16 **SAME LORD, NEW SOUNDTRACK**

Being a spiritual guide in the lives of our young teens can be ministry at its best. Walk away from this workshop with new confidence and effective ways to minister to young people. Making the Gospel relevant to teens is our obligation, not an option. Discover how their music can help you connect with teens and their parents on a whole new level. Watch the lights go on in their eyes when they say, “Now I get it!”

Anna Scally

Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media, just received the National Youth Ministry Performer/Artist/Author of the Year Award from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. Voted the American Business Women’s Association Woman of the Year for 2005, Scally is a columnist for Cornerstone Media’s Top Music Countdown online resource and also host of their audio show, “Burning Issues.” Scally has made over 2,100 public presentations at major conferences.

5-17 **CATECHUMENAL CATECHESIS: VISION, PRACTICE, RESOURCES**

In this session, we will explore together the Church’s vision for catechesis in the catechumenate, ways to develop this catechesis, and great resources to use. The format will include presentation and facilitated discussion.

James Schellman

James Schellman is Executive Director of The North American Forum on the Catechumenate, an international network of pastoral ministers and theologians involved in the renewal of the catechumenate, based in Washington, D.C. He has worked for over 20 years in liturgical and ministerial formation as a writer, editor and presenter at the local, regional, national and international levels. Schellman formerly served as Associate Director for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL).

5-18 **MINDFUL BREATH AND MEDITATION FOR TRUTHFUL LIVING**

St. Augustine wrote, “My soul is restless until it rests in you.” As a society, it seems that our souls are restless and anxious. We are daily inundated with materialistic values that distract us from God and lead us into further restlessness. How then, do we learn to “be still and know God”? This session will focus on breathing techniques and meditation practices to help one experience “resting” in God. Discern for yourself how a regular meditation practice can cultivate inner stillness and move you into true peace and the experience of being with God. Discover the importance of mindful breathing, physical stillness, and silence needed for a holistic spirituality.

5-19 **CATECHETICAL STRATEGIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN**

This session will focus on practical strategies for teaching the faith to students with special needs and learning considerations. Strategies include differentiated instruction techniques and the role of assistive technologies.
5-20 THE PARISH AS A GIFTED COMMUNITY

Bro. Loughlan Sofield, ST

Every member of the parish has been gifted and called by God to ministry and service. This session will provide very practical ways for assisting each member of the parish to discern their gifts and their call.

5-21 BEING AN “INCREdiBLE” AND “ABUNDANT” CATHOLiC IN THE 21ST CENTURY: THREE VRiTUES THAT ARE REALLY NEEDED!

The 1960s through the ’70s was the era of Vatican II. The ’80s through 2000s was the era of Pope John Paul II. But now we are in a new millennium, a new century, even a new decade. So, what really matters? How do we evangelize today? This session will focus on three shifts in “attitude”—three better ways of looking at Christian life—that can make a difference: 1) communal civility; 2) altruism; and 3) what are you for—positively speaking. Let’s turn a corner, being more “upbeat” together!

Fr. Dick Sparks, CSP

Fr. Dick Sparks, a Paulist priest, is on staff at Old St. Mary’s in Chicago. He has served as Pastor of the Newman Center at the University of California, Berkeley and as Associate Editor at Paulist Press. He is a popular speaker and preacher on the morality workshop and retreat circuits around the U.S. and Canada. His best known book, “Contemporary Christian Morality: Real Questions, Candid Responses,” continues to be a mainstay resource in seminary, diaconal, pastoral ministry, RCIA and college courses.

5-22 PARENTS MATTER: EQUIPPING PARENTS TO PASS ON THEIR VALUES AND FAITH

In a culture that throws its hands up, tells parents they can’t make a difference, and belittles parents’ influence with “patsy” commercials…we want you to know that you matter! You are your kid’s parent—not their friend. The values you pass on and the faith you live make a difference in the lives of your children, not just here, but for eternity. Together we can encourage parents to take a role in teaching values and faith to the next generation.

Pam Stenzel

For years, Pam Stenzel was on the “front lines” as Director of Alpha Women’s Center, until her appearance requests were so numerous that she became a full-time speaker. Since then, as founder of Enlighten Communications, she has presented abstinence assemblies to private, parochial and public schools around the world. Stenzel, with five videos in 11 languages, now travels both domestically and internationally. She has also made guest appearances on numerous national TV and radio programs.

5-23 A PERENNIAL PROLIFE PHILOSOPHY

Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD

Fr. Robert Spitzer will explain the philosophical underpinnings of pro-life philosophy stemming from 10 universal principles—principles of reason, ethics, justice and rights. He will show that if one embraces what most Americans hold to be “truths,” one will inevitably arrive at the conclusion that preborn life and the lives of the elderly must be protected. Anything less will conflict with these fundamental principles.

5-24 PRINCIPLES AND PASSION FOR PARISH BIBLE STUDY

How do we awaken a passion for studying Scripture, and what difference will it make in our parishes? Come and be reminded of the treasures God has in store for us and brush up on the principles and skills that every adult Catholic can use and appreciate.

Catherine Upchurch

Based in Arkansas, Cackie Upchurch is Director of the Little Rock Scripture Study and contributor and co-editor of their “The Four Gospels: Catholic Personal Study Edition.” She has been an instructor at the Diocese of Little Rock in the Theology Institute since 1998 and in the Diaconate Formation Program since 1994. Her work involves writing, editing, lecturing, leading retreats and days of reflection. Upchurch has been keynote speaker or presenter at parishes in dioceses around the United States and Canada.

5-25 CHILDREN, THE WORD AND MUSIC

When all three elements meet—children, the Word and music—what incredible abundance! Come and experience music that fixes the Word in the hearts of the children growing in faith.

Christopher Walker

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, speaker on liturgical music and choral conductor. Presently, he is Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker’s music is sung in churches worldwide, and he travels frequently, giving workshops and lectures on liturgy, music and children’s worship in countries around the globe. He frequently speaks around the country. His latest music offerings include a rich variety of songs and Psalms.

Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC

Sr. Paule Freeburg, a Daughter of Charity, has been an elementary and high school teacher, a parish Director of Religious Education, and a diocesan Religion Consultant. She has directed RCIA and sacramental programs for children and adults, and has directed a parish Liturgy of the Word for children. Sr. Freeburg is the primary author of “Sunday,” an adaptation of the lectionary for children. She and Christopher Walker have collaborated on several video and music recordings for use in parishes.
5-26 CATECHEtical Leaders and the Future: Generational Perspectives

Currently there are four generations represented among catechetical leaders. Each generation brings its own agenda based on its corporate experience of growing up Catholic. It is these agendas that shape and always have shaped the catechetical landscape. This presentation will identify and highlight some generational differences that exist among today’s catechetical leaders and reflect on how they are impacting catechetical visioning and the mapping of the catechetical terrain.

Thomas P. Walters, PhD

Dr. Tom Walters is Academic Dean and Professor of Religious Education at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana, where he has taught since 1983. His area of expertise is religious education and catechetics, and his research has centered on profiling diocesan and parish directors of religious education in the United States: who they are, what they do and their effectiveness. He has presented at schools of theology and at dioceses and parishes throughout the country.

5-27 Rediscovering the Significance of Baptism

Many Christians, especially those who were baptized as infants, fail to enjoy the deeper significance of the first sacrament. Without a deeper appreciation of our conversion celebrated through baptism, it is harder for us to mature fully as disciples. In this workshop we will explore how to revisit this sacrament and how to bring to life the church’s teaching about this remarkable moment. This is an ideal opportunity to bring fresh vitality and creativity to this theme when working with children or adults, and especially parent groups. David Wells will blend theological insight, stories and images to inspire you to look again at the one baptism we profess.

David Wells

David Wells is currently Director of the Department of Formation for the Diocese of Plymouth, England. His experience has ranged from Catholic high school teacher to work for the national church in England and Wales as a member of the Catholic Education Service, and in two dioceses as an advisor. Wells has been a member of several national and regional committees in the United Kingdom. He has also been a speaker for national conferences in Canada, Ireland and Great Britain.

5-28 Do What the Spirit Say Do: African-American Spirituality

How do African-Americans experience this “Sweet Holy Spirit” of God? What are the characteristics of black spirituality? Through song, movement, art, storytelling and sharing of oral histories, this workshop will engage participants in gaining a deeper appreciation of the spiritual gifts that African-Americans bring to the Church.

Dr. C. Vanessa White

Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality/Director of the Augustus Tolton Ministry Program at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She also is a member of the summer faculty at Xavier University’s Institute for Black Catholic Studies. Dr. White is an author and an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator, spiritual director and teacher who lectures nationally on Christian spirituality, intercultural dialogue and issues pertinent to the spiritual life of African-Americans.

5-70 Giáo Hội Công Giáo Việt Nam Cử Hành 50 Năm Thiet Lập Hàng Giáo Phẩm Tại Việt Nam

Năm 2010 là Năm Thánh đặc biệt của Giáo Hội Việt Nam nhân cử hành 50 năm thiết lập hàng giáo phẩm. Đây là cơ hội quan trọng trong lịch sự Giáo Hội Việt Nam. Đâu là những bài học từ quá khứ? Đâu là những tháng đổ trong hiện tại? Đâu là những định hướng cho tương lai?

Bishop Peter Kham Nguyen

6-01 ENGAGE PEOPLE IN FAITH AND LIFE  🎧

Leisa Anslinger

What does it take to engage people in the life of the parish? What are the results of parishioner engagement in the lives of individuals, in the parish and in the world? Explore practical steps to build and sustain engagement among your parishioners. Plan now to engage parishioners at key moments in their lives, for lasting faith and life within the Body of Christ.

6-02 THE WISDOM OF THE ELDERS: EVANGELIZATION AND TRADITION  🎧

Research indicates that young adults, like most North Americans, are only passingly familiar with the grand narrative of Christianity: the gripping, inspiring, instructive story of women and men who have attempted to imitate Christ over the ages, and the struggles, triumphs and sufferings of ordinary Catholics to live the Gospel. The story is complicated and vast. How do we retrieve and present the stories within the story in a way that is accessible to contemporary people? The presentation will focus on means and methods of retrieving the tradition and re-presenting it in preaching, formation, catechesis, education and social justice ministry.

Scott Appleby

Scott Appleby is Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he teaches courses in the history of Catholicism and global conflict and peace. He is also the John M. Regan Jr. Director at the University’s Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Appleby authored “Church and Age Unite! The Modernist Impulse in American Catholicism,” and was General Editor of the Cornell University Press series “Catholicism in Twentieth Century America.”

6-03 ENGAGING FAITH IN THE WORLD: A SPIRITUALITY OF SOLIDARITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  🎧

In a world with such dramatic changes, it is essential we help young people acquire a clear and unifying vision of human society rooted in the Gospels and in Catholic social tradition – based in the truth that we are all members of one family. Join staff from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for an interactive presentation that explores a theology and pedagogy for solidarity that fosters transformation and deepens engagement in the world. Thomas Awiapo will share his story of hunger and survival growing up in Ghana, West Africa, bringing to fullness God’s invitation to live as one human family.

Thomas Awiapo

Orphaned by the age of 10, Thomas Awiapo survived poverty and hunger in his small African village. His search for food led him to school at age 12 where he eventually won scholarships to attend college and later earned a master’s degree from California State University, Hayward. Awiapo is currently the Global Solidarity Coordinator with Catholic Relief Services, Ghana, West Africa, where he participates in speaking tours and hosting delegations.

Ted Miles

After serving two years in Central America 20 years ago, Baltimore native Ted Miles worked in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development. Since 2005, he has worked for Catholic Relief Services as the Relationship Manager for Religious Education and coordinator of the agency’s youth outreach in the United States. Miles has presented at numerous regional and national conferences.

6-04 GAY & LESBIAN CATHOLICS: CHURCH TEACHING AND PASTORAL APPROACHES  🎧

Tom Beaudoin, PhD

In this session, we continue the multi-year Los Angeles Congress “series” that now focuses on relating the reality of the presence of gay and lesbian Catholics to the realities of church teaching, toward further conversation on pastoral approaches to ministry with gay and lesbian Catholics. Dr. Tom Beaudoin will moderate a panel including Sr. Fran Ferder and and Fr. Richard Benson.

6-05 ST. PAUL AS THE MODEL FOR THE CATHOLIC TEACHER  🎧

The Year of St. Paul is over, but do we make Paul’s spirituality the core of our spirituality as disciples and teachers? We can concentrate on his 10 key insights and 10 key methods of preaching and teaching to become true disciples and partners of St. Paul in the Church’s mission.

Lawrence Boadt, CSP

Fr. Lawrence Boadt is President and Publisher of Paulist Press and Professor Emeritus of Sacred Scripture at the Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C. Fr. Boadt frequent gives public lectures, workshops and retreats throughout the United States. He is author of “Reading the Old Testament” and commentaries on Jeremiah, Proverbs and the Book of Genesis.
6-06 JESUS, GANG MEMBERS AND ATTACHMENT: CREATING A SECURE BASE FOR THOSE ON THE MARGINS

In this session, Fr. Greg Boyle leads a theological and practical exploration of the themes of attachment, resilience and re-identification of gang members in the community context of Homeboy Industries – a model for a national program providing job training and placement assistance for those seeking to leave gang life.

Gregory J. Boyle, SJ
Fr. Greg Boyle is founder and Executive Director of Jobs For a Future/Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention and employment referral program for gang-involved youth in the United States. Fr. Boyle is an acknowledged expert on gangs and intervention approaches and is a nationally renowned speaker. He is also a consultant to youth service and governmental agencies, policy makers and employers.

6-07 SING THE SEASONS

Come get a taste of the liturgical year as you are plunged into the inspiring, exciting genre of gospel music. This will spark your praying community to give praise to God with a joyful noise!

Richard Cheri & Good Ground
Richard Cheri is Director of Liturgy and Music at Our Lady of the Sea Catholic Church in New Orleans. He has published several musical compositions and has made numerous presentations at liturgical and catechetical conferences throughout the country with his team of liturgical musicians: Jalonda Robertson, Timothy Jones Jr. and Jennifer Broyard Bonam. With the musical contributions of Kenneth Louis, W. Clifford Petty, and Cheri’s young son, Richie, this team of liturgical music ministers has given workshops and provided music at conferences throughout the United States.

6-08 ADVANCE DIRECTIVES & CATHOLIC TEACHING

Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, SS
This workshop will deal with fundamental issues regarding end-of-life concerns, with special focus on the meaning of an Advanced Directive, encompassing issues as allowing one’s self to die as well as palliative and hospice care.

6-09 PREPARING AND CELEBRATING THE SCRUTINIES: THE HEART OF LENT

Dr. Jerry Galipeau
Discover ways to draw catechumens and the assembly into powerful celebrations of the three Lenten Scrutinies. This is an opportunity for musicians, liturgists, initiation ministers, catechists and presiders to work together to prepare liturgies at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion for the entire parish.

6-10 WHEN GRIEF COMES TO THE WORKPLACE

Fr. Richard B. Gilbert, PhD
While today’s economic challenges have impacted our workplaces (including churches and schools), our workplace environment has undergone enormous change, securitization, threat and the necessity of a survival mentality. People come to work for a variety of reasons: personal/professional goals, salary and benefits, a sense of purpose. Much of that remains, but the workplaces are discovering that loss, including death, comes to work, too – the death of an employee, the death of a job, the death of the workplace, violence in the workplace. This seminar will focus on prevention/intervention/retention, types of losses, and how we can help.

6-11 TO BE A SERVANT: THE VOCATIONAL CALL OF LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

David Haas
The ministry and call of liturgical music ministry is multi-faceted, and in the midst of the present climate, where the liturgy and music “wars” seem to be poisoning not only our worship but our call “to love and serve the Lord,” a conversion of heart and a re-commitment to our vocation is needed. Come and join a musical and reflective journey to seek a new and better way to serve as ministers of music, and make a new covenant as we go forward to be more faithful to our baptism, to rediscover the joy of our song and the call to love. We will sing, pray and find a path to move beyond the “wars” and embrace the love of Christ in our song.
6-12 FROM WOUNDED TO HEALED: THE (IMPOSSIBLE?) ART OF FORGIVING

If you find it difficult to forgive, this workshop can offer you encouragement. If you’re having trouble accepting forgiveness for something you have done, this can be your inspiration and guide. Join us as we take an honest look at the major obstacles to forgiving, at time-tested ways to get past these, and at the spiritual transformation that follows when we do.

ValLimar Jansen
ValLimar Jansen is a well-known singer, composer and recording artist. She is also an experienced college professor, a leader of worship and prayer and a workshop presenter at conferences across the United States and abroad. ValLimar also conducts retreats, parish missions, youth rallies, liturgy in-services and parish workshops. She and her husband Frank perform concerts at the parochial, diocesan, regional and national levels.

Paula Huston
Paula Huston, a Camaldolese Benedictine oblate, is a wife, mother and grandmother. She taught writing and literature at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and served as a core faculty member of the California State University Consortium Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program for many years before leaving academia to write full time. She is author of five books and also a regular contributor to print publications including Image, Geez, America, The Christian Century, as well as online Catholic resources.

6-13 GET ON BOARD! MUSICAL LITURGY AS MODEL OF FAITH FORMATION

What we sing, and how well we sing it, can either nourish or hinder the faith-lives of those we serve. Discover what the documents have to say about catechesis and liturgy, and experience the power of sung, communal prayer. New, exciting arrangements of African-American spirituals will be featured. These beautiful songs have classic and contemporary lyrics that speak to today’s realities. Learn how to use this American, sacred music to inspire, uplift and, most importantly, to teach.

Tom Kendzia
Tom Kendzia has been a professional liturgical musician for over 30 years and has 20 collections of liturgical and instrumental music. He has appeared in concert and as a speaker throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and the Far East, and he is regularly featured at national conferences. Kendzia is the National Music and Liturgy Consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers, and since 2002, has been the Music and Worship Director of the East Coast Conference for Religious Education.

Frank Jansen
Frank Jansen, a professional musician for over 30 years, is a highly regarded pianist and keyboard player as well as composer/arranger in both live and studio settings. He has served as arranger or music director for numerous liturgies and concerts at local festivals and national events. Frank performs with countless names in the fields of sacred, popular and jazz music. He and his wife are winners of two 2008 Unity Awards for Best Gospel Album and Best Gospel Song.

6-14 NCYAMA: A NATIONAL NETWORK FOR REACHING YOUNG ADULTS – AND HOW IT CAN HELP YOU

Paul Jarzembowski
In recent years, there are less and less ministries for adults in their 20s and 30s. Meanwhile, more and more young adults are disappearing from Catholic pews. Is there a connection? The National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association (NCYAMA) seeks to reverse those trends by providing resources, networking and training for those in parishes, dioceses, religious communities and Catholic organizations. Learn what NCYAMA is all about and how it can help you in your ministry in the Church today – no matter what you do.

6-15 INCREDIBLE ABUNDANCE: EMBRACING MULTICULTURALISM

Parishes that embrace and foster the reality of cultural diversity discover that their spiritual rootedness and expression become more conscious and compelling. This workshop will explore ways to develop parishioner awareness and pastoral leadership to more fully embrace and nurture multiculturalism in a local parish.

Eva Marie Lumas, SSS, DMIn
Sr. Eva Lumas, a Sister of Social Service of Los Angeles, is Assistant Professor of Faith and Culture and Director of Field Education at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif. She is also Director of Sankofa Works, a faith development/resource network for the African-American community. Sr. Lumas also serves as an Adjunct Professor of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana, and as Co-Director of the resource network, Godworks.

6-16 UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF LITURGY WITH YOUTH

If you are excited about filling the church with young people, you’ll want to come to this workshop! If you’re looking for full, conscious, active and passionate participation in the liturgy with youth, then this workshop is for you! If you’re in need of more effective ways of recruiting for youth cantors, choir and band, ministers of hospitality, proclaimers and, need we say, awakens and inspire vocations to the priesthood and religious life, then this workshop is for you. There will be faith. There will be song. There will be fun.

Jesse Manibusan
Self-labeled “Catholic Lay Evangelizer and Undercover Catechist” Jesse Manibusan is co-founder of 2 by 2 Ministries. With experience as music minister, catechist and youth worker, he travels throughout the United States, Canada and beyond, with numerous appearances at the L.A. Congress, four World Youth Days (Denver, Toronto, Cologne and Sydney), and various parish missions, Catholic schools and diocesan events. Manibusan also has recorded several CDs.
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6-17 MEANS, METHODS, MOMENTS: ENGAGING ADULTS IN FAITH FORMATION

This workshop will engage participants in exploring the current best practices in adult faith formation. We will examine dynamic methods for engaging adults in faith forming in age-specific, family and individual, parish and wider community settings.

Mariette Martineau

Mariette Martineau is both student and freelance writer/trainer. She formerly was Project Coordinator for Family and Intergenerational Ministry at the Center for Ministry Development. She has presented workshops and institutes on lifelong faith formation and intergenerational ministry across the United States and Canada. Currently completing an intensive degree program, Martineau would like to continue her service in Catholic schools ministry.

Joan Weber

Joan Weber has been with the Center for Ministry Development since 1995. Presently, she is Project Coordinator for Young Adult Ministry and Project Coordinator for Lifelong Faith Formation, and does training and writing in both of these areas. Weber has experience at the parish, diocesan and national levels, has taught theology in a Catholic high school, and has taught ministry formation at several universities.

6-18 THE STORY OF THE INCREDIBLE ABUNDANCE OF OUR LIVES AND SOULS

Megan McKenna

The gracious gift of forgiveness and mercy, born of justice and compassion is the heart of Jesus’ life and message, and it must be so with us also. Jesus’ words ring out: “Nor do I condemn you!” These words must echo in our hearts and in our world, in our mouths and in our relationships. Always we are summoned to remember: See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Is 43). We must be this new thing that proclaims by our very presence and actions that the incredible abundance of God’s mercy sings through us and illuminates our souls and world. Come be light and revel in the vast excess of our God.

6-19 WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES?

It is well-known that the evangelical churches are drawing large numbers of Catholics, especially the young, into their communities. We Catholics often wring our hands in exasperation at this phenomenon. But that response is inadequate. This workshop will try to offer some constructive alternatives based on the experience of the evangelicals and the riches of our own tradition.

Martin Pable, OFM Cap

Fr. Martin Pable, a Capuchin-Franciscan friar of the Midwest Province, is Adjunct Professor at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. He is also Co-Director of the Capuchin Formation Program. Besides teaching and his extensive writings, Fr. Pable conducts retreats and other programs for priests, religious and parishes, both in the United States and abroad.

6-20 MEETING THE LIVING GOD: BEYOND A CULTURALLY DETERMINED FAITH

Starting with Jaroslav Pelikan’s ironic remark that he feared his grandchildren would grow up without a faith to reject, this presentation looks critically at the current “I’m spiritual but not religious” phenomenon and the reduction of religion to one more commodity, then makes several suggestions aimed at helping young adults to encounter the living God.

Thomas Rausch, SJ

Fr. Tom Rausch is the T. Marie Chilton Chair of Catholic Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. A specialist in ecclesiology, Christology and ecumenism, he has published extensively. Four times his work has been recognized by the Catholic Press Association. Fr. Rausch is a member of the Anglican/Roman Catholic Consultation USA; he also co-Chairs both the Los Angeles Catholic/Evangelical Committee and the Theological Commission for the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

6-21 LIVING INSIDE OVERABUNDANCE: THE INNATE TENSIONS

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

We are born into this world with a tortured complexity. There are no simple answers. Love asks us to have wide loyalties, to not sell-out truth no matter where we find it, to respect God’s abundance in all its forms. The path of discipleship then comes laden with certain innate tensions. Fidelity asks us to live inside those tensions. What are these tensions? How do we stay within them without selling-out or breaking down?

6-22 THE ECSTATIC CLARITY OF JOHN: A PROFOUNDLY “NEW” EASTER TRIDUUM CELEBRATION

Alexander J. Shaia, PhD

Lifting us out of all pain and suffering, a Triduum practice that focuses on the Gospel of John is not any kind of historical re-creation. Instead, the words of John offer a passionate present-moment experience of Jesus that helps us learn to fully receive the gifts of joy, of sensuality, of wholeness and plenitude with which we are surrounded. Focused on the foot washing, Jesus’ trial, his quiet death and the subsequent scene between Mary and the resurrected Jesus in the garden, Dr. Alexander Shaia presents a wholly new vision of John’s Gospel that will transform both your personal prayer and your homiletic preparation for Easter.
6-23 FUELING THE VOLUNTEER’S GENERATOR – NO BATTERIES NEEDED!

Volunteers provide countless hours of service and can be the power plant that keeps a ministry running. Keeping your volunteers fueled is an essential part of parish leadership. According to Martin Luther King Jr., you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love to serve. Take those hearts full of love – your volunteers – and help generate their souls. You’ll leave with strategies for enriching, empowering and inspiring your volunteers.

Vikki Shepp

As Director of Volunteer Services for the Girl Scout Council of Orange County in California, Vikki Shepp works with a volunteer group that is 5,000 strong. Additionally, as a ministry consultant, she has been involved in many aspects of ministry with volunteers, staff, youth and diocesan leaders. Shepp has spoken at diocesan events and national conferences, including the L.A. Congress and World Youth Day, Toronto in 2002.

6-24 THE PRACTICAL PURSUIT OF WHoleness IN BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

Carol Showalter & Maggie Davis

Christian life challenges us to live abundantly! This session will re-define what it means to live an abundant life – in our daily eating, our lifestyle, our spiritual life, and reaching out to others through hospitality. Carol Showalter and Maggie Davis will inspire and equip you with positive ideas and practical wisdom for nourishing your body, mind and spirit.

6-25 FORMING STRONG CATHOLIC TEENS BY BUILDING STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILIES

The research on teens and faith cannot be clearer: Parents matter … a lot! So what is the Church doing to engage and partner with parents in supporting them in their rightful role as primary formers of faith for their family? And what can parents do to take ownership for leading their children and teens toward a vibrant faith that embraces discipleship? Come and explore the answers to these important questions as we begin a process for apprenticing strong Catholic parents who will help form the next generation of faith-filled disciples.

Michael Theisen

Michael Theisen presently serves as Director of Membership Services for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. He has been engaged in youth ministry and adolescent catechesis for 25 years, authoring numerous articles and more than 15 books. His experience extends from parish to diocesan and national levels, and is a frequent speaker and trainer throughout the United States. Theisen also serves as the Convener for the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis.

6-26 WHEN THE MARKET BECAME GOD

The story of The Great Recession is not one of just a few bad apples spoiling it for the rest of us. It is a story of a sin as old as history – idolatry. In the market we put our trust, our hope and our future. Market values replaced moral values and we are now bearing the consequences. Our economic recession must be met with a moral recovery.

Jim Wallis

Jim Wallis is a best-selling author, public theologian, speaker and international commentator on faith and public life. His latest book is titled “The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith & Politics in a Post-Religious Right America.” Wallis is President and CEO of Sojourners and is Editor-in-Chief of Sojourners magazine. His columns appear in major newspapers, and he regularly appears as a television commentator and on National Public Radio.

6-27 A TEST FOR THE MODERN CHURCH: MEDIA AND CATECHESIS

David Walsh, PhD

Whoever tells the stories defines the culture. Today the traditional storytellers are being pushed aside by electronic storytellers. Video games, TV, MySpace and YouTube have become our modern storytellers. Dr. David Walsh will describe the promise and peril, peer into the digital future, and explain how religious educators can respond to the challenge.

6-28 HELP GOD! PARENTING IS NOT AS EASY AS IT LOOKS

Char Wenc, MEd

Did you ever stop and think that parenting is the only job that we will ever have that required no training. Our children do not come with manuals! Char Wenc will empower and encourage you with practical parenting skills: “Becoming a parent is a gift from God, while parenting itself is a learned skill.”