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- 1-25 In Their Hands – Current Issues in Online Exploitation and Cyber Crime (*) - **Tracy Webb**
- 1-26 How to Build a Positive Bridge Between Educators and Parents: Empower Our Student's Education (*) - **Char Wenc**
- 1-27 Don't Rob God: How to Increase Giving While Making Disciples - **Fr. Michael White & Thomas Corcoran**
- 1-28 Freedom, Community, Sobriety: The Gifts of the 12 Steps (*) - **Rev. Thomas Weston**
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 - 2-02 Rhythm, Prayer, Move - **Lisa Bagladi & Pedro Rubalcava**
 - 2-03 Dancing with the Saints (*) - **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
 - 2-04 Come and See! Songs for Celebrating the Life of Jesus (*) - **John Burland**
 - 2-05 Transforming Confirmation (*) - **Dr. Michael Carotta**
 - 2-06 Let's Take a Walk Together – Through Catholic Mass (*) - **Rev. John C. Cusick**
 - 2-07 Must We Forgive? Prodigals, Mothers and God (*) - **Amy Florian**
 - 2-08 When We Say We Are Afraid of Dying, of What Are We Afraid? A Christian Understanding of Life and Death (*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
 - 2-09 Leadership and Social Justice: How Catholic Schools Can Change Our World (*) - **Dan Friedt**
 - 2-10 Moving Forward by Retreating: Creating Meaningful Retreat Experiences (*) - **Diane Gasper**
 - 2-11 Effective Online Evangelization (*) - **Lisa Hendey**
 - 2-12 "See! Ver!" Music, Spirituality and Catechesis: A Celestial Trio (*) - **Vallimar Jansen**
 - 2-13 "Lord, Let Me See!" – Letting Blind Bartimaeus Help Us (*) - **Rev. Felix Just**
 - 2-14 What Do You See in the Mirror? (*) - **Fr. Joseph Kempf**
 - 2-15 Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value (*) - **Kyle Kramer**
 - 2-16 From the Gallery to the Classroom: The Use of Art in Religious Education (*) - **Lir Mac Carthaigh**
 - 2-17 Stop Doing Marriage Preparation, Start Forming Married Disciples (*) - **Diana Macalintal**
 - 2-18 Transforming Leadership (*) - **Fr. James Mallon**
 - 2-19 Indigenous Liturgical Inculturation: The Australian Experience (*) - **Michael Mangan & Anne Frawley-Mangan**
 - 2-20 Who is Jesus? (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
 - 2-21 New Evangelization in Britain (*) - **Archbishop Malcolm McMahon**
 - 2-22 Limitless: The Junior Higher (*) - **Mike Patin**
 - 2-23 See the Possibilities! Forming Disciples (*) - **Ela Milewska**
 - 2-24 Resurrection Faith (*) - **Dr. Brian Schmisek**
 - 2-25 Restless Hearts: Writing the Spiritual Journey (*) - **Rev. Thomas Scirghi**
 - 2-26 The Good, Bad and the Ugly: Understanding the Sexual Trends of Students and How to Reach Them (*) - **Pam Stenzel**
 - 2-27 Seeing Him (*) - **David Wells**
 - 2-28 Engaging the Family in the Early Childhood Years - **Joseph White & Ana Arista White**
 - 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Through Faith, People Can See God in Every Situation) (*) - **Bishop Cosma Hoang Van Dat**
- 🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions.
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- 3-02 A Prophet for All Seasons: The Biography of Isaiah (*) - **Alice Camille**
- 3-03 St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment of Spirits in Light of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart (*) - **Rev. Christopher Collins**
- 3-04 Disciple-building Youth Ministry (*) - **Tom East**
- 3-05 Some Say Learning Can't Be Fun ... Wanna Bet? (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 3-06 Stalking the Gap (*) - **Fr. Michael Fish**
- 3-07 Catholic Ethics Concerning Acceptance of Gay and Lesbian Persons (*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice**
- 3-08 The Slave Across the Street: Human Trafficking of American Teens (*) - **Theresa Flores**
- 3-09 "Come and SEE," said Jesus – Celebrating Prayer Rituals with Children (*) - **Sr. Paule Freeburg & Christopher Walker**
- 3-10 You Have Put on Christ: Cultivating a Baptismal Spirituality (*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 3-11 No Exemptions: Servant Leadership - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 3-12 Feeding the Hungers: The Hopes for Youth Catechesis and Theology (*) - **Dr. Thomas H. Groome**
- 3-13 We Don't Sing AT the Liturgy – We SING the Liturgy! - **David Haas**
- 3-14 Behold-ing the Mystery: Helping Young Catholics Appreciate the Mass (*) - **Mark Hart**
- 3-15 "Hey, I Know! Let's Have a Women's Retreat!" (and Other Crazy Things We Say) (*) - **Sarah Hart**
- 3-16 A New Way to Be Church: Rethinking Parish Life from the Outside In - **Jack Jezreel**
- 3-17 Eternal is His Love - **Liam Lawton**
- 3-18 Communicating our Faith: The Intersection of Faith and Media in the 21st Century (*) - **Rev. Matthew Malone**
- 3-19 Virtues for Adult Christians (*) - **Rev. Bryan Massingale**
- 3-20 Create a Family Culture of Spirituality (*) - **Dr. Patricia McCormack**
- 3-21 "It Is What It Is": Understanding, Reaching and Discipling Apathetic, Disengaged and Resistant Youth and Young Adults (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 3-22 Bereavement Ministry to Young Adults (20s & 30s) (*) - **Mary Prete & Dr. Katherine DeVries**
- 3-23 Answering the Most Frequent General Questions About the Death Penalty (*) - **Dale & Susan Recinella**
- 3-24 Pope Francis: A Two-Year Evaluation - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 3-25 Think Outside of the Pew (*) - **Anna Scally**
- 3-26 Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God (*) - **Rev. Robert Spitzer**
- 3-27 Teaching Children with Autism in a Typical Classroom – Best Practice Methods and Strategies to Consider (*) - **Deacon Lawrence Sutton**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Recognizing God's Graces to Vietnamese Catholics to Know Who We Are and What to Do) - **Fr. Hung Viet Nguyen & Prof. Le Xuan Hy**

PERIOD I

Over the three-day weekend, Congress 2015 will offer over 310 workshops presented by 205 speakers. You can find the complete listing of workshops and speaker information here and online. Sessions marked with headphones (🎧) are recorded, and Arena sessions are also noted. English and Vietnamese sessions are listed here; Spanish workshops are in the Spanish section.

I-01 I AM OVER FACEBOOK! EXPLORING OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA SITES TO HELP PARISH LEADERS REMAIN RELEVANT

Instead of feeling helpless when it comes to navigating social media, learn to harness new energy and potential to evangelize and communicate with others. Move beyond the standard parish website and Facebook page and familiarize yourself with other social media sites. In this workshop, we'll look at social media strategies to share our faith beyond the pews. Parish leaders can learn tools and tips that can assist them in communication.



Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera

National speaker, consultant and writer Clarissa Aljentera is Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation and Media Resources for the Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry in the Chicago Archdiocese. Aljentera has presented at local and national events, and is an Adult Confirmation Catechist for the Chicago Archdiocese. She published "The Parish Guide to Social Media" in 2013. Originally a newspaper reporter from California, she now performs "improv" and writes rap based on Scripture.

I-02 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY

This session will explore the life of this young Jewish girl whose fiat changed salvation history forever. We will reflect on Mary's life as an unwed mother and wife whose love for her son took her from the cradle to the cross. Mary's unwavering faith in God challenges us to walk in the footsteps of Mary each and every day.



Mary Amore, DMin

Dr. Mary Amore is an author and monthly columnist for *Ministry & Liturgy Magazine*. A Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, she is Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries in Downers Grove, Ill. Dr. Amore serves as a parish mission director, retreat director and presenter at the University of Dallas Ministry Conference. She is creator of the recently released DVD "Eucharist: Journey to Transformation, Healing and Discipleship," published by Pauline Books and Media.

I-03 CATHOLICISM THROUGH A BLACK LENS: 30TH ANNIVERSARY DISCUSSION OF THE DOCUMENT "WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD" 🎧

What does it mean to be black and Catholic? Why is this a distinct group from other Catholics? In this session, we will look at the history and gifts of black Catholicism and how to connect them with the wider church by a reflection on "What We Have Seen and Heard," the 1984 pastoral letter on evangelization from the black bishops of the United States.

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Dr. Ansel Augustine

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked in ministry for over 15 years around the country as well as in his hometown of New Orleans, La., where he is Director for the Office of Black Catholic Ministries for the New Orleans Archdiocese and serves on the faculty for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. Dr. Augustine, who also serves on the board for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, has presented at various national conferences, and has written for several publications related to ministry.

I-04 TRADING IN OLD WINESKINS: A MISSIONARY APPROACH TO FORMATION 🎧

Do you ever wonder why so many parishes are reporting declining numbers for Mass attendance, school enrollment and religious education? Is it really a by-product of the culture? Ever since Vatican II, and in every Catholic Church document since, we have been asked to model our formation programs so that we don't just "study" Jesus and the Church but develop the whole person to look, think, behave and respond like Jesus Christ. To do so requires a shift in both thinking and approach. By examining our primary task in formation we will rediscover possibilities for substantial growth in our ministry efforts for all ages.



Rich Curran

Rich Curran is founder and Executive Director of the Wisconsin-based Parish Success Group. He formerly served as Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis. Curran is a regular presenter at the major national Catholic youth conferences and has been keynote at 30 diocesan conferences, and speaks to 50,000 teenagers and adults each year at parish events, missions and school assemblies.

I-05 WORKING WITH PARENTS AFTER AN INCIDENT OF BULLYING: A KEY ELEMENT OF POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE 🎧

How do we talk with parents after an incident of bullying in ways that promote a positive school climate, communicate our concern, and avoid triggering angry or defensive reactions? How the initial contact is managed can make things worse or make things better. Learn seven specific phrases to avoid using with parents and seven proven techniques to prevent potential parent conflicts, acknowledge and affirm parent concerns, and maintain positive parent relationships.



Frank A. DiLallo

Frank DiLallo is currently Diocesan Case Manager and Prevention/Intervention Schools Consultant for the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, serving 124 parishes and 79 Catholic schools. With over 30 years of experience in education and counseling, he conducts numerous educator trainings and is a frequent local, state and national speaker on the topic of bullying prevention. DiLallo's published work, "Peace Be With You: Christ Centered Bullying Solution," is a grassroots effort that is gaining momentum across the country.

I-06 PROUD TO BE CATHOLIC: AN EVANGELIZATION ESSENTIAL

In this session, we will explore the treasures of the Catholic faith that give us reason to be proud and to be eager to share all that we have been given as gift. Answering “What makes me proud to be Catholic?” can be a primary move for the evangelizer.

**Carole M. Eipers, DMin**

Dr. Carole Eipers is Vice President, 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. Dr. Eipers also served as Director of the Office for Catechesis for the Chicago Archdiocese for nine years and as President of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership. She has made presentations throughout the United States and internationally, and her books include “Catechist 101: Wade Don’t Dive.”

I-07 ARE YOU LIVING A SPIRITUAL LIFE?

This presentation will center on recognizing “the Holy” in our daily lives. What does that mean for you? When do you know you are living a spiritual life? Are you aware of how to deepen your spiritual life at this time? These questions and more will be addressed as Fr. Bob Fabing will use material from his recent poetry publication and his new liturgical music collections to enliven and develop this session on the meaning of a spiritual life.

**Fr. Robert Fabing, SJ**

Fr. Bob Fabing has founded 89 marriage counseling and family therapy centers – The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network – with locations on five continents. The Jesuit priest is also founder and Director for over 30 years of the 36-Day program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, Calif., where he lives. Fr. Fabing is author of five books and a composer of 12 CDs of liturgical music with Oregon Catholic Press.

I-08 A CATHOLIC IMAGINATION: IMAGINE THAT!

Albert Einstein once said, “Imagination is more important than knowledge.” Come to this creative and interactive workshop to discover why a religious imagination is more important than religious knowledge! We’ll be using the arts, especially drama, to explore ways of opening up Scripture and liturgical symbols for children. Your imagination will be set on fire as you explore new ways of “seeing” – and you’ll have fun!

**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

Anne Frawley-Mangan is an experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist who specializes in using the arts (particularly drama) to enhance religious education and liturgy. She lives in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, and presents workshops and keynotes nationally and internationally. The former elementary school teacher/drama teacher is Creative Director for Litmus Productions in Albany Creek, and lecturer at Holy Spirit Seminary and at Australian Catholic University.

I-09 POWER & AUTHORITY IN A PILGRIM CHURCH

In our modern world, power and authority often have negative associations. People immediately think about the abuses of power that we have seen in our church and in society. In the minds of many, authority is opposed to human freedom. This workshop will offer an alternative vision of the authentic exercise of power and authority in the church grounded in Christ and put in service of God’s Reign.

**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College. He was Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology in Houston and Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo. Dr. Gaillardetz has authored or edited 10 books and over a hundred pastoral and academic articles. His major books include “Keys to the Council” (co-authored with Catherine Clifford) and “When the Magisterium Intervenes...”

I-10 “WE WANT BETTER CHOICES:” FAMILY AND FAITH-BASED MEDIA IN HOLLYWOOD TODAY

Catholics, especially parents and educators, often say they want better choices of film, television and video for themselves and their families. Hollywood is starting to listen, as shown by some recent films and television programs. In addition, Catholic filmmakers are creating some wonderful but not widely known faith-friendly content. In this multimedia workshop, filmmaker and priest Fr. David Guffey will report on the hopeful but challenging state of family and faith-based media today. He will present concrete ways that people can find media programs and use them to enrich their families, and practical ways for them to encourage the production of quality family films.

**Fr. David L. Guffey, CSC**

Fr. David Guffey, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, serves as National Director of Family Theater Productions in Hollywood. He formerly served as Director of Novices at the congregation’s novitiate in Cascade, Colo. Currently, Fr. Guffey assists at St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica, Calif. He has presented retreats and workshops on spirituality, culture and faith over the past 20 years to parish, religious, school and diocesan groups in East Africa, Bangladesh, France and the United States.

I-11 PERMISSION TO BE YOU – THE FREEDOM TO SHINE

There will always be some voice telling me that whoever I am today is not enough. The challenge is accepting that every one of us has the capacity for bounteousness. Yes, we want to love other people without holding back. We want to feel authentic. And yet, we listen to inner voices that keep our life small. We live stuck. But what if we are truly the light of the world – as Jesus said – and we are meant to shine? What if, as children of God, there are

resources to draw upon – a reservoir of kindness, compassion, hope and resilience? Can we return to the truth of who we really are – to lovingly accept the humanity entrusted to us? Am I willing to be loved for being this me?



Terry Hershey

Rev. Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author, dad, Protestant minister and landscape designer on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound near Seattle. He is a nationally and internationally renowned speaker and retreat facilitator. His gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest, and his work has been featured on CNN, PBS and NPR. Hershey is a regular contributor to The Hallmark Channel's "New Morning" show, and regularly speaks throughout the United States and Canada.

I-12 SEEING JESUS: THE MASTER CATECHIST 🗣️

There is no better Master Catechist than Jesus himself. In this “conversational style” workshop, we will draw out of the Gospels 12 lessons on being a catechist based on Jesus’ own teaching methods. When we truly *see* how Jesus lived and worked, there is really a lot we can learn! These are practical lessons that apply to catechists working at every age and stage of faith formation.



Bill Huebsch

Bill Huebsch is Director of PastoralPlanning.com, the online pastoral center at Twenty-third Publications. He worked as a diocesan administrator for many years in Minnesota, principally in the Diocese of New Ulm, where he served with Bishop Ray Lucker. Huebsch has taught at the university, diocesan, conference and parish levels for nearly 40 years and has many published works, including “Praying the Stations with Pope Francis,” and his most recent work, “Jesus: The Master Catechist.”

I-13 THE FOUR QUESTIONS

There are four questions that we are each constantly grappling with: Who am I? Why am I here? What matters most? What matters least? The world has a great deal to say about each of these questions, and often drags us further and further away from God’s answers to these questions. The clarity that comes from answering these questions in an authentic way leads to the joy Jesus invites us to through the Gospels, and a life that is devoid of the complexity and contradictions that the world is constantly trying to drag us into. In this presentation, Matthew Kelly will explore how we can seek meaningful answers to these questions and help others to do the same.



Matthew Kelly

Born in Sydney, Australia, Matthew Kelly began speaking and writing in his late teens, while attending business school. Today, he is an internationally acclaimed speaker, author and business consultant. His books have been published in more than 25 languages, have sold more than 10 million copies and have appeared on the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and USA Today best-seller lists. Kelly is founder and President of The Dynamic Catholic Institute, based in Cincinnati, where he lives.

I-14 WHAT ARE WE DOING ON EARTH FOR CHRIST’S SAKE?

For baptized people, everything we do is done for the sake of Christ. But we are now on mission to a sometimes hostile world, where Christian faith is aggressively resisted. How do we answer our critics? What challenges are they offering us to which we should listen carefully? How do we enable our students and faith communities to hold onto belief in an increasingly unbelieving world?



Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, based in Melbourne, Australia. He is a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome and has been a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. Fr. Leonard is a popular speaker at the RECongress. He is author of eight books, including “What Are We Doing on Earth for Christ’s Sake?” and “Where the Hell is God?”

I-15 WHAT EVERY SERIOUS CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT JUDAISM 🗣️

Did you know that Judaism is much more than the religion of the Hebrew Bible? Did you know that Jews have sacred literature beyond the Hebrew Bible (that we have our own “New Testament”)? Did you know that Jews mean something completely different than Christians when we speak of the Messiah, sin, redemption, salvation, repentance and forgiveness? Come and question, learn and explore with Rabbi Michael Lotker, author of “A Christian’s Guide to Judaism.”



Rabbi Michael Lotker

Rabbi Michael Lotker spent the bulk of his “first career” in the alternative energy business, working in wind power, solar and geothermal energy. In 2003, he was ordained a rabbi and is now Community Rabbi for the Jewish Federation of Ventura County, Calif., and was recently invited to be a Guest Chaplain at the U.S. House of Representatives.

I-16 SEE YOUR WAY CLEAR 🗣️

“See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare: before they spring forth, I tell you of them” (Isaiah 42:9). *See!* How well do we see – with eyes of hope, the eyes of the Word of the Lord present among us, the eyes of the community, the eyes of the prophets and the holy ones among us? Come, open your eyes and see what God is doing, and what God expects us to do as we turn again and walk with our God and one another to Resurrection.



Megan McKenna

Megan McKenna is an international speaker and storyteller, author and theologian. She has spoken at national and international conferences. Author of 50 books, McKenna teaches at a number of universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world as well as presenting workshops for dioceses and small communities. She is an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA and has won the Isaac Hecker Award for Justice and Peace.

I-17 WHAT'S RIGHT (AND WRONG) WITH OUR CHURCH 🗣️

This will be a hope-filled presentation on where we are as a Catholic community in the United States. It will give practical advice on what we are called to do to make it better.

**Fr. Jonathan Morris**

Fr. Jonathan Morris is Program Director for the Catholic Channel on SiriusXM and Communications Advisor to New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan. He also serves as Campus Minister at Columbia University in New York City. Fr. Morris is author of "The Way of Serenity," "The Promise" and "God Wants You Happy," and is regularly called upon by the national media to offer ethical and moral commentary on the news.

I-18 THE CATECHIST'S BACKPACK: SPIRITUAL NECESSITIES FOR THE CATECHIST'S JOURNEY 🗣️

Backpacking is a fun, healthy and physically challenging way to enjoy a journey of discovery. Of course, anyone setting forth on a backpacking journey knows that there are many things to take into consideration and certain necessities that need to be packed. In a similar way, catechists are engaged in a stimulating and challenging faith journey of discovery – a journey that requires certain spiritual resources that enable them to not only endure the journey but to thrive on it. In this workshop, Joe Paprocki will explore six spiritual necessities for catechists. You can't give what you don't have.

**Joe Paprocki, DMin**

Joe Paprocki, National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press in Chicago, has over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He has served as a consultant for catechist formation for the Chicago Archdiocese and as a parish pastoral associate and director of religious education. Paprocki has presented in over 80 dioceses in North America. He is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis, and he serves as catechist and blogs about the experience.

I-19 THE "REAL" HUNGER GAMES

Based on his popular book, "Epic Food Fight: A Bite-sized History of Salvation," Fr. Leo Patalinghug will discuss ramifications of desires and appetite as it applies to the decisions that lead to sinfulness and sanctity. This topic touches on ecclesial salvation history, bite-sizing deep moral and sacramental theology, while incarnating a dynamic Catholic orthodoxy in the modern world.

**Fr. Leo Patalinghug**

Baltimore-based Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a priest member of Voluntas Dei. He is founder, host and Director of the international apostolate Grace Before Meals, and he is working on establishing a non-profit component called "The Table Foundation" with the mission to elevate culture and family life. Fr. Patalinghug is a best-selling author, newspaper and magazine contributor, and host of the EWTN TV show "Savoring our Faith" and co-host of the SiriusXM radio show "Entertaining Truth."

On Friday, Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez conducts a live chat from the Technology Center in Hall A with students from the Archdiocese. (Transcripts from past chats can be found online at www.RECongress.org/chat/.)

**I-20 AVOIDING "SNAPCHAT" RELATIONSHIPS IN MINISTRY: GOING BEYOND FACEBOOK AND TWITTER** 🗣️

Building appropriate relationships with young people in ministry can be challenging. Social media can be a great tool, but it cannot replace personal relationships. This workshop will focus on building solid relationships with young people using Christ's ministry as the perfect example of relational ministry.

**Bob Perron**

For over a decade, Bob Perron has been sharing his style of standup and storytelling. He has presented in over 60 dioceses across the United States and Canada and at major national youth ministry conferences. Perron is Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.V., and previously served as Executive Director at the St. Thomas More Center in the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa. He is author of "Lessons Learned From a God-Sized Family, In a Me-Sized World."

I-21 OLD WINE, NEW SKINS: TEACHING AN EVER ANCIENT FAITH TO AN EVER NEW GENERATION 🗣️

The faith we profess is not cool and is not modern. The faith we profess is not outwardly appealing to a generation that communicates through filtered photos, hashtags and seven-second Snapchats. How do we take a faith that is "ever ancient" and show the teens of today that it is also "ever new" and entirely relevant for their daily life? What must we do to explain 2,000-year-old doctrines to a generation that has seen technology change and improve every day of their lives? How do we take old wine and place it into new skins? Join us as we explore new ways to share the beauty of our Church and the depth of our theology with a generation hungry to discover it.

**Katie Prejean**

Katie Prejean is a youth minister and speaker from Louisiana. She is a teacher at St. Louis Catholic High School and Youth Director at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, both in Lake Charles, La. She formerly served as Youth Director at St. Patrick Parish in Lake Forest, Ill. Prejean has spoken at various events across the country, ranging from a workshop at the National Catholic Youth Conference to smaller events. She is presently working on her master's degree in theological studies.

I-22 SEEING WHAT LIES MOST DEEPLY WITHIN US: DEVELOPING MYSTICAL EYES 🎧 ARENA

God's presence inside us and our world is rarely dramatic and overwhelming. Rather, God's presence is something that lies quiet, seemingly helpless, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed and easily ignored. But it has within it a gentle, unremitting imperative, a compulsion toward something higher that invites us to draw upon it. And, if we do, it gushes into an infinite stream that instructs us, nurtures us and fills us with godly energy. How can we train ourselves to see this presence?



Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. He formerly taught at the college level and served as Provincial Superior of his Oblate Province and as General Council for the Oblates in Rome. Fr. Rolheiser is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. His books have been translated into many languages, and his weekly column is carried by more than 80 papers worldwide.

I-23 THE POLITICAL BONES: A MEXICAN READING OF EZEKIEL 37? 🎧

In honor of my many Mexican and Mexican-American students, I decided to do some reflection on potential Mexican themes of *Dia de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) in relation to Ezekiel's famous vision of the Valley of Dry Bones in chapter 37. It was a wonderful intellectual journey. The real joy of my reading was "discovering" (for me, anyway!) the early 20th-century Mexican artist Jose Guadalupe Posada. This session is a report of my findings on how Posada's political art helps us think about Ezekiel's magnificent vision!



Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher

Dr. Smith-Christopher is Professor of Old Testament Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is also Director of Peace Studies, and now serves as Associate Director for Graduate Studies in Theology. He has been honored with numerous awards for research, including a Fulbright and teaching awards. Dr. Christopher has published over 40 scholarly articles and 14 books. He has spoken at the RECongress for the past 17 years, in addition to Catholic conferences in Las Vegas, San Francisco and Salt Lake City.

Congress not only draws people from across the country and from Canada and Mexico, but last year we had attendees from Argentina to Australia, from the Philippines to Puerto Rico ... and beyond!



I-24 "SEE, I AM DOING SOMETHING NEW" (ISAIAH 43:19): CONTEMPORARY MUSIC OF FAITH FOR YOUNG CHILDREN 🎧

We all know how young children love to sing! It lifts their spirits and the spirits of those who sing with them. But it is also an invaluable asset in the passing on of our faith from older generations to our youngest. Music has the power to teach, to help us grow, to bind hearts together and to lead us closer to God. Come and join WLP artists Jim Wahl and Andrew Chinn as they share songs and strategies that will add joy and meaning to your faith formation setting and school classrooms. This workshop is designed especially for those who teach early childhood and elementary levels, ages 3 to 8 years old.



James Wahl

Composer, musician and presenter James Wahl has been performing children's music for over 15 years. He has presented at various diocesan youth events for both the dioceses of Phoenix and of Raleigh, N.C., over past 10 years. Wahl has served as music director at parishes in California, North Carolina and Arizona, including Director of Music and Diocesan Choir Director for the Cathedral and Diocese of Phoenix, a position he held for over seven years. Wahl is presently Director of Music at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh, N.C.



Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has visited 970 Catholic elementary schools, performing for children, teachers and catechists in 2,000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released nine CDs, five DVDs and five picture books. In 2013 he joined the World Library Publications family that now distributes his music in North America.

I-25 IN THEIR HANDS – CURRENT ISSUES IN ONLINE EXPLOITATION AND CYBER CRIME 🎧

This workshop is geared toward anyone who has worked or currently works with children and teens who use technology. This interactive and dynamic presentation covers a wide variety of timely topics, including social networking sites, new apps, digital reputation, geotagging, malware, sexting, Internet predators, cyber bullying, technology-facilitated crimes against children, and emerging issues of human sex trafficking of minors using digital technology.



Tracy Webb

Tracy Webb is a Managing Attorney in charge of the Cyber Crime and Child Abuse Prosecution Unit of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. She is a career prosecutor mainly with child abuse cases, and is also an active member of the Federal Internet Crimes against Children Task Force and Co-Chair of the L.A. County Cyber Crime Task Force. Webb is a frequent speaker both locally and nationally and is an Emmy-award winning producer of a documentary film on gang violence.

I-26 HOW TO BUILD A POSITIVE BRIDGE BETWEEN EDUCATORS AND PARENTS: EMPOWER OUR STUDENT'S EDUCATION ☺

Char Wenc will empower you with the skills and information to create positive relationships between parents and teachers. You and I know schools in which everyone feels and acts as if they are family. That spirit is not an accident, it is a mission to which everyone is committed. Your attitude is your window to the world; therefore, wash your window! Change your attitude and you change your school and classroom. To develop a Christ-like community takes effort.

**Char Wenc, MEd**

Char Wenc, an internationally known professional speaker, coach and author, is President of Char Wenc Communications, a firm that specializes in building positive, productive relationships at work, school and in families. She is a professor in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies program at Loyola University Chicago, and teaches in the doctrinal programs at the Adler School of Professional Psychology. With 30 years teaching and 20 years public speaking, Wenc is author of "Stop the Door from Slamming: The Power of Respect."

I-27 DON'T ROB GOD: HOW TO INCREASE GIVING WHILE MAKING DISCIPLES

It takes money to do ministry in a parish. Without money we can't turn on the lights, heat the building or pay staff. Jesus also had a great deal to say about money and how his disciples were to use and view money. We will share the key strategies we have used to more than double giving in our parish and bring people on the discipleship journey.

**Fr. Michael White**

After being ordained a priest for the Baltimore Archdiocese, Fr. Michael White worked for five years as the personal secretary to (then-Archbishop) Cardinal William Keeler. During that time, he served as director of Pope John Paul II's papal visit to Baltimore. Fr. White is presently Pastor at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., which has seen the congregation nearly triple in weekend attendance, with a significant increase of giving and service in ministry. He is co-author of "Rebuilt," which narrates the story of Nativity's rebirth.

**Tom Corcoran**

Tom Corcoran has served the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., in a variety of roles that give him a unique perspective on parish ministry and leadership. Beginning as a youth minister, he later held positions as coordinator of children's ministry and director of small groups. Corcoran currently serves as Associate to the Pastor and is responsible for weekend message development, strategic planning and staff development. He is also co-author with Fr. Michael White of the book, "Rebuilt."

I-28 FREEDOM, COMMUNITY, SOBRIETY: THE GIFTS OF THE 12 STEPS ☺

There is much more to not drinking and using than just not drinking and using. In recovery, the isolation, desperation and the heartbreak of alcoholism/addiction is transformed into a spiritual way of living. In Gratitude for Recovery, we form grassroots communities of men and women who share experience, strength and hope. With the footwork of doing the 12 Steps, we make amends for past chaos and selfishness, and open the door to a better way of living for individuals and for families.

**Rev. Thomas Weston, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Tom Weston has been involved in the world of recovery since 1976, working with alcoholics and addicts. He is presently Superior of the Jesuit Community of Oakland, Calif., where he leads retreats for people in recovery from addiction. Fr. Weston has spoken at conferences for over 30 years. His world travels served him in past rolls as Director of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, his work with Jesuit Retreat and Renewal Ministries, and teaching at Loyola High School in Los Angeles.

I-70 Tân Phúc Âm Hoá Trong Thời Đại Tục Hoá ☺

“Không ai đổ rượu mới vào bầu da cũ” (Lk 5:37). Các lãnh đạo tôn giáo quan tâm đến văn hoá đức tin đang bị thay thế nhanh chóng bằng chủ nghĩa thế tục hoá. Các đức giáo hoàng Gioan Phaolô II, Bênêdictô XVI và Phanxicô nhắc nhở Giáo hội về tính cấp bách của việc tái khám phá niềm vui và sức mạnh Phúc Âm, và thách đố các Kitô hữu cứu mạng sứ mạng Tân Phúc Âm Hoá cách có hiệu quả trong thế giới tục hoá ngày nay.

NEW EVANGELIZATION IN A SECULAR AGE ☺

“No one puts new wine into old wineskins” (Lk 5:37). Religious leaders are concerned that the culture of faith has rapidly been replaced by the culture of secularism. Our recent popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis remind the Church of the urgency of rediscovering the “Joy of the Gospel” and its power, and challenge Christian believers to carry out the task of a New Evangelization more effectively in our secular world.

**Cha Hy K. Nguyễn, SS**

Cha Nguyễn Khắc Hy thuộc Tu Hội Xuân Bích dạy tại chủng viện và đại học St. Mary ở Baltimore trong 6 năm. Hiện tại Cha là phụ tá Giáo sư thuộc ban Thần Học tại đại chủng viện Assumption và trường Oblate School of Theology ở San Antonio, Texas. Cha Hy đã đi thuyết giảng nhiều nơi trong nước Mỹ, và đã viết trên 30 đề mục báo, và điều khiển 30 phút nói chuyện trong chương trình radiô “Học hỏi về Đức Tin Công Giáo” được phát thanh trên 40 đài ở Mỹ.

Fr. Hy K. Nguyen, SS

Sulpician priest Fr. Hy Nguyen taught at St. Mary Seminary & University in Baltimore for six years. He currently is Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology at the Oblate School of Theology and is on the faculty at Assumption Seminary, both in San Antonio. Fr. Nguyen has lectured across the country, has published over 30 articles, and hosts the half-hour live radio program “Learning Our Catholic Faith,” broadcast in 40 U.S. stations.



2-01 IN ENDLESS SONG

Singing is one of the most expressive of all human activities, the way in which we sing our lives to God and to those we love. This workshop will explore the relationship between the music we make in worship and the music we experience in the world, inviting ways beyond polarized conversations about musical styles to a deeper reflection on the richness of God's gift of song.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso's contemporary liturgical music appears in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. An emerging theologian, he is currently a doctoral student at Emory University in Atlanta. Alonso previously was Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston, Ill. He has presented workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. His latest work is titled, "In Endless Song."

2-02 RHYTHM, PRAYER, MOVE

Experience a heightened form of prayer in rhythm, breath and movement. The rpm (rhythm, prayer, move) method of embodied prayer will open up new pathways for healing and inner peace through intention combined with movement of the body, accompanied by music and chant. Learn to apply this to your own fitness routine, whether it be at the gym, on a treadmill, dancing, biking, running or walking through nature. Specially prepared rhythm and music will support this wonderful method for deepening your prayer and spiritual life, leading you to health and holiness! Bring comfortable clothes and shoes.



Lisa Ferlita Bagladi

Lisa Bagladi has been a movement prayer practitioner and musician for over 30 years. She has led ongoing studio classes in the Chicago area as well as led workshops in movement prayer in parish, diocesan and national conferences throughout the country. In addition to her recent rpm project with Pedro Rubalcava, Bagladi is also a parish consultant with J.S. Paluch Company/World Library Publications, providing service to parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Diocese of Orange.



Pedro Rubalcava

Pedro Rubalcava is a bilingual/bicultural composer, clinician, performing artist, cantor and pastoral minister. He currently serves as Director of Hispanic Ministries at Oregon Catholic Press in Portland, Ore. He has been a pastoral associate and director of liturgy at various parishes in the San Diego Diocese, where he also served as associate director of the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Rubalcava is a frequent presenter at liturgy and other ministry conferences on the national, diocesan and parish levels.

2-03 DANCING WITH THE SAINTS

Many saints and holy ones have encouraged us to "open our eyes" to embodied practices of prayer and praise. Through simple song-dances developed for the Abbey of the Arts and based on the spirituality and teachings of the saints, come see these mentors in a new way – as partners in embodied prayer. Kick off your shoes and learn how you (and your students of all ages) can dance with the likes of King David and the prophet Miriam, with Hildegard of Bingen and Mary our Mother, with Francis of Assisi and Thomas Merton. No previous movement experience needed ... just a willing heart!



Betsey Beckman, MM

Based in Seattle, Betsey Beckman is a liturgical movement artist, storyteller, spiritual director, author and InterPlay leader. She regularly appears as artist/presenter at national conventions, international pilgrimages and in online and live retreats for Abbey of the Arts. Beckman is Director of Movement Ministry at St. Patrick Church in Seattle, and for her company, The Dancing Word, which produces DVD series and resources, including "The Creation" and "Grace on the Margins: The Musical."



Laura Ash

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Church in Seattle, where she has supported the ministry of movement for over 20 years. She and her husband, David, have composed and published three collections of liturgical music and have created music for many dance offerings with Betsey Beckman, whom she has co-presented with at a number of RECongress workshops over the last 12 years. Ash's most recent work is music for the musical "Grace on the Margins," which debuted in April 2013.

2-04 COME AND SEE! SONGS FOR CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JESUS

Song is an effective, creative and prayerful way to share the riches of Scripture with children. In this vibrant and practical workshop, John Burland will lead us on a journey through the New Testament celebrating the life of Jesus in song. These songs are faithful to the Scriptures, highly engaging, and incorporate a variety of musical styles suitable for children at the elementary level. Come ready to sing, move and celebrate the life of Jesus!



John Burland

John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults. He has worked as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and religious education coordinator for over 20 years in school and parish communities. Burland is Project Officer-Liturgy/Music for the Catholic Education Office in Sydney, Australia. He is also a workshop presenter, composer and touring musician for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. He is a regular speaker at conventions and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand and North America.

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2-05 TRANSFORMING CONFIRMATION 🗣️

Given what we now know about adolescent spirituality, effective catechesis and good youth ministry, how can we enhance confirmation's potential to be a more formative experience in the lives of young people? Instead of focusing on the practical, we will weigh the merits of what's possible. Eight specific enhancements will be discussed and you will be asked to choose one or two that might best enhance your program.

**Michael Carotta**

Mike Carotta is a nationally recognized religious educator, author and national consultant. His confirmation resources include the new digital supplement, "Discipleship for Confirmation and Beyond," an online download for candidates and parents offered in partnership with the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, along with "Have Faith: A Candidate and Sponsor" resource and "Spirit and Truth: A Self-Guided Scripture Study for Confirmation and Beyond."

2-06 LET'S TAKE A WALK TOGETHER – THROUGH CATHOLIC MASS 🗣️

Beginning with the Sign of the Cross and ending with our "Thanks be to God," the Mass is a great compilation of prayers, readings, gestures and rituals that come from a number of cultures and have been a part of our highest form of worship for centuries. This workshop will explain all these elements and more – from that Sign of the Cross to our response at the end, "Thanks be to God!"

**Rev. John C. Cusick**

Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, was creator, coordinator and Director of their Young Adult Ministry from 1970-2013. He is a part-time adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. In 2012, Fr. Cusick received the Blessed John XXIII Award from the Association of Chicago Priests for excellence in priestly ministry and significant contributions to the life of the Church in Chicago.

2-07 MUST WE FORGIVE? PRODIGALS, MOTHERS AND GOD 🗣️

Forgiveness of those who hurt us is one of the deepest spiritual struggles in life. Do we "forgive and forget"? What does it mean to forgive anyway? How do we go about it? Come explore these questions and more. Then enter deeply into the experience of the Prodigal Son's mother as she tells the story from her own perspective, illuminating the difficulties and the call to forgiveness in ways you've never heard before.

**Amy Florian**

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant, instructor in a graduate ministry program, and CEO of Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals how to support grieving clients. She has 30 years of parish and conference experience, and has authored over 90 articles and three books. An adjunct faculty member at Loyola University of Chicago, Florian has spanned the country presenting workshops, training sessions and retreats to both national and diocesan conferences.

Saturday's Young Adult 5 pm Liturgy and Dance at 9 pm is a Congress tradition held at the Marriott. All young adults 18 to 39 are welcome.

**2-08 WHEN WE SAY WE ARE AFRAID OF DYING, OF WHAT ARE WE AFRAID? A CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE AND DEATH** 🗣️

This session will explore the anxiety of dying and allow the anxiety to be a portal to hope. This journey of life and death will include stories, testimonies, fears and hope encountered by people facing death.

**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

Fr. Richard Fragomeni, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics, and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In addition, Fr. Fragomeni serves as Spiritual Director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in Chicago's Little Italy. His works include the book and CD, "In Shining Splendor," 50 Eastertime meditations accompanied by Jane Pitz, and two works with Brother Michael O'Neill McGrath.

2-09 LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE: HOW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD 🗣️

Catholic schools are called to be leaders in a world of change. Leadership skills can be learned and lived by every single child within a school setting, regardless of their age. This dynamic presentation will demonstrate how children from kindergarten to grade 12 can use the power of a "Social Justice" mind, the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People," and "Effective Behavioral Supports" to become leaders for a lifetime. Using practical examples, Dan Friedt will give the educator a step-by-step process to support the current culture of their school, and invite every child to practice the habits of effective leadership that can change our world.

**Dan Friedt**

Dan Friedt is Principal of St. Charles Elementary Catholic School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has 35 years of teaching experience, 16 years of administration experience and is a recognized Apple Distinguished Educator. Friedt has conducted and presented liturgical workshops at many parishes throughout Alberta over the past 25 years, spoken to staffs, educational departments, administrators and superintendents and has presented at conferences throughout North America.

2-10 MOVING FORWARD BY RETREATING: CREATING MEANINGFUL RETREAT EXPERIENCES 🗣️

The road while preparing a retreat is unique terrain. Sometimes the path is smooth, but other times the journey can be filled with surprises or sharp turns. This workshop seeks to offer a road map for navigating meaningful retreat experiences. Meant to support and inspire those ministering through the use of retreats, this session will provide information, examples, resources and discussion on various retreat related topics, both practical and spiritual in nature. We will explore subjects such as gathering and training effective retreat teams, being consistent while cultivating fresh ideas, and encouraging openness, all while remaining centered in God.



Diane Gasper

Her early days as a student leader in campus ministry led Diane Gasper to realize that she could have a career utilizing her skills. With experience in Whole Community Catechesis and as a religion teacher and catechist, she has worked for the past 23 years in retreat ministry, primarily as a Catholic high school retreat director and campus minister. Gasper currently is a core member in the development of the Cornerstone women's retreat, serving as retreat MC and mini-retreats director at her parish, St. Monica Church in Santa Monica, Calif.

2-11 EFFECTIVE ONLINE EVANGELIZATION 🗣️

In today's wired world, learn to effectively share your faith in social media venues. We will discuss how to faithfully navigate the Catholic blogosphere, how to parse Catholic news and information, and how to evangelize online without losing your soul in the process.



Lisa M. Hendey

Lisa Hendey is founder and Editor of CatholicMom.com and best-selling author of "The Grace of Yes" and "The Handbook for Catholic Moms." She is a technology contributor for EWTN's "SonRise Morning Show" and host and producer for KNXT television. Hendey blogs on the Catholic Channel at Patheos and her articles have appeared in the National Catholic Register and Our Sunday Visitor. She gives frequent workshops and was a recipient of the Egan Journalism Fellowship from Catholic Relief Services.

2-12 "SEE! VER!" MUSIC, SPIRITUALITY AND CATECHESIS: A CELESTIAL TRIO 🗣️

Using new and transformative music, ValLimar Jansen will lead us on a spiritual journey, examining the science of music. Music must be important to our spiritual development, for throughout the Holy Scriptures we are commanded, "Sing to the Lord!" Psalm 150, in no uncertain terms, states the many ways to use music to praise God. Come! See! Experience this musical sojourn, as Jansen shows us how to use music to stir physical kinesis, shape the emotional state, inspire and uplift the soul and catechize our intellectual being. As Plato wrote, "Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything."



ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar Jansen is a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. Jansen was the MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011, and performed for over 300,000 people at the Loreto/Angora international papal event in Italy, broadcast around the globe. Her latest CD is titled "Give God The Glory."

2-13 "LORD, LET ME SEE!" – LETTING BLIND BARTIMAEUS HELP US 🗣️

The two stories of Jesus giving sight to blind men are not only pivotal in Mark's Gospel, but are also crucial for our own understanding of Christian discipleship. The first story, of the blind man near Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26), gives us an example of inadequate faith, while in the second story (Mark 10:46-52), the blind beggar Bartimaeus becomes the perfect role model of Christian discipleship. This workshop will explore how Bartimaeus can help us open our eyes to see Jesus more clearly and to follow him more faithfully as his disciples today.



Rev. Felix Just, SJ, PhD

Jesuit priest Fr. Felix Just is Executive Director of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif. He has taught at all three Jesuit universities in California – Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. Fr. Just conducts many adult faith formation programs for parishes and dioceses, leads biblically based days of prayer, parish missions and weekend or week-long retreats. He also maintains the large internationally recognized "Catholic Resources" website.

2-14 WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THE MIRROR? 🗣️

Do you like what you see? Do you think you see rightly? What does God see? And what do we want our children to see? The harshness with which we judge ourselves, the messages we grew up with, and the distorted images that surround us all cloud our view. But there is a different way to see. As only he can, Fr. Joe Kempf offers insight, humor and practical wisdom to help us – and the children entrusted to our care – enjoy the freedom of looking into the mirror and seeing rightly.



Fr. Joseph G. Kempf

Fr. Joe Kempf, a priest of the St. Louis Archdiocese, is founder and President of the non-profit Gospel Values. He has presented at religious education gatherings across the United States and Canada. Fr. Kempf is author of numerous books, videos and CDs for children of all ages, including "Mini-Retreats for Meaningful Living – Family," "Sometimes Life Is Just Not Fair" and "My Sister is Annoying!" He also has four volumes of DVDs under the "Big Al LIVE" series.

2-15 CHRISTIAN SIMPLICITY: A GOSPEL VALUE 🗣️

Drawing on the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center's Lent 4.5 program, this workshop addresses three interrelated challenges: extreme levels of busyness and stress in the developed nations; chronic poverty and social unrest in many developing countries; and the degradation of God's creation across the globe. Embracing the Gospel value of simplicity can be a solution for all three. In this workshop, we will consider how simplifying our lives – in terms of food, consumption, water use, energy and transportation – can bring spiritual, social and planetary healing.

**Kyle T. Kramer**

Founder of the Genesis Organic Farm in Spencer County, Ind., Kyle Kramer is a farmer, writer and lay ministry program director. He is Executive Director of Passionist Earth and Spirit Center in Louisville, Ky. Kramer serves as President of the Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Southern Indiana, and is a regular contributor to America magazine and Saint Anthony Messenger Press.

2-16 FROM THE GALLERY TO THE CLASSROOM: THE USE OF ART IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 🗣️

Walking through a museum anywhere in the Western world, the majority of the artwork we see was created to communicate a specifically Christian message. We will explore the power of these visual images and examine the ways they can be harnessed by today's educators.

**Lir Mac Cárthaigh**

Lir Mac Cárthaigh is a visual communicator with a diverse media background. Formerly Editor and Art Director at the cinema magazine Film Ireland, he is now Art Director with Veritas Publications, based in Dublin, Ireland. Mac Cárthaigh has lectured on the history of the printed book. His recent projects include "Credo," a curriculum series for high schools in the United States, and "Grow in Love," the new religious education program for Irish elementary schools.

2-17 STOP DOING MARRIAGE PREPARATION, START FORMING MARRIED DISCIPLES 🗣️

With increased divorce, fewer Catholic weddings and empty pews on Sundays, we need to do something different when we prepare couples for marriage. What would happen if we focused less on getting married and more on becoming married disciples? You can do this if you commit to a conversion process that involves your entire parish. Discover six doable steps to revolutionize how you and your parish do marriage preparation that will transform your couples and your community together.

**Diana Macalintal**

Diana Macalintal, Director of Worship for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif., is a presenter and co-founded of TeamRCLIA. She has been keynote at several gatherings, including the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Collegeville Conference on Music, Liturgy and the Arts, in addition to her appearances at the L.A. Congress as prayer leader. Macalintal is author of four books, her latest, "Joined by the Church, Sealed by a Blessing," was co-authored with her husband, Nick Wagner.

2-18 TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP 🗣️ **ARENA**

The call of the New Evangelization and for parish renewal means that the Church must embrace new pastoral models. This is a change that must be led – simply managing the status quo is no longer an option. This workshop will explore the subject of leading pastoral conversion. For pastors, lay associates and all involved in leadership, this workshop will look at how to lead pastoral conversion in our parishes and ministries. It will consider the importance of vision in any exercise of leadership, and how to form it, share it, execute it and expand it. It will examine how the personal charisms of leaders will shape their ministries and their own experience of leadership.

**Fr. James Mallon**

Fr. James Mallon is Pastor of St. Benedict Parish in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and founder of JPPII Media, which creates video resources for catechesis and evangelization. He is the creator of the video-based catechetical series, "Catholicism 201," and the video-based theology course, "Dogmatic Theology." In 2014 he produced the television series "CrossTraining: Working Out the Whole Person" and published his first book, "Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish."

2-19 INDIGENOUS LITURGICAL INCULTURATION: THE AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE 🗣️

Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a spirituality and tradition spanning some 60,000 years. Over recent decades, the Australian Church has incorporated elements of this spirituality in prayer and worship, especially at major gatherings. Michael Mangan has been Music Director and Anne Frawley-Mangan Creative Director for a number of these celebrations. Together with Australian indigenous artists, they will share the power of liturgical inculturation offering an experience of indigenous didgeridoo, dance, story, art and ritual. This workshop is especially recommended for those attending Friday's Australian Culture Liturgy.

**Michael Mangan**

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He is a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, Deputy Chair of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. The former elementary school music teacher's 250 compositions are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. He has been performing concerts for the last 18 years.

**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

Anne Frawley-Mangan is an experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist who specializes in using the arts (particularly drama) to enhance religious education and liturgy. Anne lives in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, and presents workshops and keynotes nationally and internationally. The former elementary school teacher/drama teacher is presently Creative Director for Litmus Productions in Albany Creek, and lecturer at Holy Spirit Seminary and at Australian Catholic University.

2-20 WHO IS JESUS? 🗣️

The person at the center of our lives, Jesus, can sometimes seem so distant. But by entering more deeply into the Gospel narratives, we can come to know him more deeply. Fr. James Martin will help you look at both the historical Jesus (the man who walked the dusty earth of first-century Palestine) and encounter the “Christ of faith” (the one who performed miracles, rose from the dead and now lives with us through the Holy Spirit). Come and meet Jesus anew!



Fr. James Martin, SJ

Fr. James Martin is a Jesuit priest and Editor at Large of America magazine. He is author of several award-winning books, including “Jesus: A Pilgrimage,” “Together on Retreat,” “Between Heaven and Mirth,” “The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything” and “My Life with the Saints.” The popular speaker has given retreats and presented to parish groups and national conferences, and for the past several years has been a frequent speaker at the Religious Education Congress.

2-21 NEW EVANGELIZATION IN BRITAIN 🗣️

The call to a New Evangelization of our people and culture is a very urgent need in the British context as it faces the challenges of increasing secularization in a multiracial and multicultural society. This session will examine the response of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to this rapidly changing situation, and explore ways forward.



Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon, OP

Bishop Malcolm McMahon was appointed Archbishop of Liverpool, England in 2014. The London-born former Bishop for the Diocese of Nottingham and provincial for the English Dominican Province has served in a variety of pastoral and academic posts. Archbishop McMahon is Chair of the Department for Catholic Education and Formation of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. He was also a member of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission that produced the agreed statement, “Mary, Grace and Hope in Christ.”

2-22 LIMITLESS: THE JUNIOR HIGHER 🗣️

Early adolescence is a time of change, challenge and potential. Especially in this selfie-Instagram-Snapchat day and age. Energy to burn. Continual partial attention. High-tech toys and gadgets. How do we embrace and minister to this most unique creation of God? The possibilities are “limit-less.”



Mike Patin

“Faith horticulturist” Mike Patin has worked in ministry since 1984 as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan youth minister for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, La., and lives in the neighboring diocese of Lafayette. Patin has been on the adjunct faculty at the Graduate School of Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He has spoken to groups in over 130 dioceses in the United States and Canada and has published two books – “A Standing Invitation” and “This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry.”

2-23 SEE THE POSSIBILITIES! FORMING DISCIPLES 🗣️

Adolescent catechesis is more than educating youth in the faith. It is about forming disciples and transforming lives! This workshop will explore how we can explode youth faith formation out of its old boundaries and create impacting moments for youth to connect, deepen, engage and change their world! Let’s see the possibilities and create a new story for adolescent catechesis that is relational, creative, experiential and, at times, even messy!



Ela Milewska

Ela Milewska is Associate Director of Cultivation Ministries, a youth ministry training and consulting organization based in the Chicago area. She previously served as Project Coordinator for the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis. Milewska has worked with hundreds of parish and diocesan communities across the United States and internationally, including the major youth conferences in the United States and keynote at the National John Paul II Youth Ministry Symposium held in the Republic of South Korea.

2-24 RESURRECTION FAITH 🗣️

Jesus rose from the dead, but what happened to his body? What will happen to our bodies when we are raised from the dead? Such questions have puzzled theologians for centuries and continue to be raised today. But a resurrection faith is more than a dogma about resuscitated bodies. In this session, we will examine a modern approach to resurrection faith, giving new life and hope to Christian disciples.



Brian Schmisek

Dr. Brian Schmisek was founding Dean of the School of Ministry at the University of Dallas. He is currently Director of the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago. Dr. Schmisek has presented at universities and several diocesan conferences in addition to the L.A. Congress. His works include “Resurrection of the Flesh or Resurrection from the Dead,” “The Apostles’ Creed: Articles of Faith for the 21st Century” and the four-volume “Catholic Biblical Study Program.”

2-25 RESTLESS HEARTS: WRITING THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY 🗣️

“You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you”: St. Augustine described his own spiritual journey as a “restless heart,” never satisfied, always seeking God. Reading the autobiographies of those who have pursued the Lord – for example, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Dorothy Day and C.S. Lewis – sheds light on our own spiritual journey. We look for the moment of “crisis,” literally, the turning point in their lives that made all the difference. (This workshop is based upon his undergraduate course at Fordham University.)



Rev. Thomas J. Scirghi, SJ, ThD

Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Scirghi is currently Associate Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York, where he teaches sacramental theology. He has taught and spoken nationally and internationally and has conducted workshops, both for clergy and laity. Fr. Scirghi's works include the book "Everything is Sacred: An Introduction to the Sacrament of Baptism" and the DVD and CD lecture series, "Signs of God's Grace: A Journey Through the Sacraments."

2-26 THE GOOD, BAD AND THE UGLY: UNDERSTANDING THE SEXUAL TRENDS OF STUDENTS AND HOW TO REACH THEM

Raised by baby boomers, today's generation is breaking new ground in their understanding of sexuality, their boundaries (or lack thereof), and their development of a whole new language around sexual choices. Understanding the trends, thinking, influences and language that surround this generation is imperative if we are going to speak truth amid the cacophony of noise that daily invades their minds.



Pam Stenzel

Pam Stenzel has traveled worldwide and has appeared on numerous national TV and radio programs speaking about the consequences of physical and emotional sex outside of marriage. She is currently Director of Enlightenment Communications, based in Minnesota. Stenzel served on the "front lines" as Director of Alpha Women's Center, a counseling center for women with crisis pregnancies. She speaks full time across the country as well as in Mexico, Australia, Ireland, South Africa and Canada.

2-27 SEEING HIM

Pope Francis tells us that people prefer to listen to witnesses: They "call for evangelizers to speak of a God whom they themselves know, as if they were seeing him." As a young teacher I discovered quickly that I could not be a witness to something I hadn't seen. As one student asked me, "Sir, do you believe this?" In that moment the student didn't want a teacher, he was looking for a witness. In this session, we will explore what it means to "see him" and how our testimony can give vitality and effervescence to our ministry.



David Wells

David Wells began his career as a high school and adult education teacher before working for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Since then, his work has taken him all over the world, speaking at more than 350 conferences in Europe and North America and guest lectures at three English universities. Wells is author of the book, "The Reluctant Disciple," due February 2015. He is currently Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Plymouth, England.

2-28 ENGAGING THE FAMILY IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD YEARS

How can catechetical leaders, catechists and preschool teachers connect families to the faith and to the parish during the early childhood years? This workshop, co-presented by a family psychologist and a director of religious education, will explore ways to connect with and involve families as we form young disciples.



Dr. Joseph D. White

Dr. Joseph White is a clinical child psychologist and National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He has taught at the University of Dallas and at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Joseph is a frequent keynote speaker and workshop presenter at national and diocesan conferences, a frequent guest on national Catholic radio shows, and maintains a blog on catechesis.



Ana Arista White

Ana Arista is a parish Director of Religious Education in Austin, Texas, and a National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Co. Ana is author of several books on catechesis, including "Teach It: Early Childhood" and "Teach It: Eucharist and the Mass," and is a popular catechetical speaker at diocesan and national conferences.

2-70 Con người nhìn thấy Thiên Chúa trong mọi hoàn cảnh nhờ Đức Tin

Chúng ta thấy được Việt Nam là 1 dân tộc của nhiều tôn giáo, vì thế con người sống trong 1 Đức Tin rất mạnh khi họ tin vào 1 tôn giáo nào. Nhờ Đức Tin mạnh mẽ đó mà trong mọi hoàn cảnh của cuộc sống họ nhìn thấy Chúa được qua những đau khổ, gian nan mà họ gặp hằng ngày, như những người bệnh phong.

THROUGH FAITH, PEOPLE CAN SEE GOD IN EVERY SITUATION

Vietnam is one nation of many religions. When people believe in one religion, they have a very strong faith. Because of that strong faith, they see God in every situation of life, through the sufferings and hardships they face every day, like those with leprosy.



Đức Cha Cosma Hoàng Văn Đạt, SJ

Sinh năm 1947 tại Hà Nội, 1967 Cha vào Dòng Tên học Triết và Thần học tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện St. Pio X tại Đà Lạt. Chịu chức Linh Mục năm 1976 và khẩn trọn đời 1982. Cha đã phục vụ 16 năm tại trại phong, và sau đó dạy và linh hướng trong ĐCV Hà Nội. 2008 ĐGH Bênêđictô 16 đã bổ nhiệm Cha Cosma Hoàng Văn Đạt làm Giám Mục Giáo Phận Bắc Ninh.

Bishop Cosma Hoang Van Dat, SJ

Bishop Cosma Hoang Van Dat was born in 1947 in Hanoi, Vietnam. He entered the Jesuits in 1967 and studied philosophy and theology at the Pius X Pontifical Institute in Da Lat, southern Vietnam. He was ordained a priest in 1976, and took final vows in 1982. For 16 years he provided pastoral care at a leprosy center; he teaches and is spiritual adviser at the St. Joseph Major Seminary in Hanoi. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Bishop of Bac Ninh, Vietnam.

3-01 SING TO THE LORD! MUSIC AND PRAYER IN TEACHING THE FAITH 🎧

Music is a powerful tool of communication: It says things that words alone cannot. Whether looking for creative teaching ideas or powerful prayer experiences – knowing how to competently and creatively use music is one of the most important things we can do in ministry. This workshop is filled with great ideas for both the use of music in teaching and the leading of music in praying with young people.



Steve Angrisano

Veteran musician, composer and youth minister, Steve Angrisano has presented at venues ranging from parish mission weekend youth retreats to major events around the world, including seven World Youth Days. He served as MC for several National Catholic Youth Conferences, the National Pastoral Musicians Conference, and the L.A. Congress and its Youth Day. Angrisano has shared his music – songs like “Go Make A Difference” and “We Are the Light of the World” – with thousands of people in more than 200 dioceses for the past 13 years.

3-02 A PROPHET FOR ALL SEASONS: THE BIOGRAPHY OF ISAIAH 🎧

As prophets go, Isaiah is a phenomenon. His book has been called the fifth Gospel, and we hear it proclaimed in the Sunday assembly more often than anything else in the Old Testament. The premiere prophet of Advent – “For unto us a child is born!” – is also the final prophet of Holy Week – “He was pierced for our offenses, and by his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah’s words are familiar, so how come many of us don’t know anything about this guy? Who is this long-dead prophet of Israel who speaks so intimately to Christian hearts?



Alice Camille, MDiv

Alice Camille is a religious educator, retreat leader, Scripture columnist and contributor to “Give Us This Day,” the Catholic, daily prayer guide by Liturgical Press. Her experiences span parish catechist, campus minister, women’s shelter supervisor, and ecumenical worship leader at the Grand Canyon’s North Rim in Arizona. Author of several books, Camille now leads parish missions, retreats and catechetical workshops throughout the United States.

3-03 ST. IGNATIUS’ RULES FOR DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS IN LIGHT OF THE DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART 🎧

We will be exploring ways to defeat the temptations of The Enemy of Our Human Nature and keep our hearts open to the love the Father has for us so that we can offer that love to the world. The challenge is to do this even if it means our hearts get pierced along the way. Gain some practical tips important for staying fresh in our own teaching and ministry and which are easily passed along to those we serve as well.



Rev. Christopher Collins, SJ

Fr. Christopher Collins, a Jesuit priest of the Wisconsin Province, is Director of the Catholic Studies Program at Saint Louis University in Missouri, where he teaches theology. Formerly, he was Assistant Pastor at Holy Rosary Mission on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Fr. Collins is author of two books and currently serves as the Board Chair of the Apostleship of Prayer in the United States.

3-04 DISCIPLE-BUILDING YOUTH MINISTRY 🎧

We are being called to form youth as missionary disciples. Parishes throughout the country have found key practices and are providing youth ministry in new ways that help young people live their faith actively as young adults and adults. These communities built a strong foundation for effective youth ministry through vision, collaboration, faith witness, connections with families and active involvement of youth. This workshop will explore the essential strategies and practices of parishes that are developing young disciples who thrive and building youth ministry that grows.



Tom East

Based in Gig Harbor, Wash., Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development. Previously, he served as Director of Youth Ministry and as Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is author of numerous books, including “Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry,” and is a popular speaker at youth and religious education conferences nationwide, including the RECongress, the National Catholic Education Association, as well as conferences sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development.

3-05 SOME SAY LEARNING CAN’T BE FUN ... WANNA BET? 🎧

If your catechetical setting is in need of some new ideas and new life, then come to this workshop! We will explore how religious education not only can but should be filled with joy and enthusiasm! Focus will be on creative ideas and techniques that can be immediately used in the catechetical setting with elementary children and junior-high youth.



Steven Ellair

Steven Ellair is a national presenter and Managing Editor for Curriculum with Saint Mary’s Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 23 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic schoolteacher and archdiocesan catechetical consultant. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for over 10 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for the past 18 years.

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3-06 STALKING THE GAP 🗨️

In her writing, American contemporary author Annie Dillard invites us to “stalk the gaps.” In this workshop, we shall delve into the aches, pain and sadness that is part of the human condition and see how it relates to spirituality and leads to a Divine encounter.

**Fr. Michael Fish, OSB, Cam**

Michael Fish, a monk of the New Camaldoli Hermitage, is a native of South Africa. At the age of 23 he joined the Redemptorist order and spent many of his 26 years with them. In 1997, responding to a persistent desire for a more contemplative way of life, he left the Redemptorists and South Africa and became a Camaldolese Benedictine at New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, Calif. Fr. Fish is now engaged in spiritual direction to guests and retreatants at the Hermitage as well as directing retreats.

3-07 CATHOLIC ETHICS CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE OF GAY AND LESBIAN PERSONS 🗨️

The Gospels challenge us to welcome all into our church communities, but should there be a limit to acceptance? This session will draw from Sacred Scripture, Church teachings and scientific research in considering how we are called to love our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. Through addressing difficult questions – such as whether acceptance of the person implies condoning one’s actions – this workshop will move beyond merely presenting Church teaching toward helping us make sense of it in our hearts.

**Arthur G. Fitzmaurice, PhD**

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is Resource Director of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He formerly served as Chair for the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. Dr. Fitzmaurice has spoken at national and diocesan conferences, including the Faith Formation Conference, the annual Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry, and the Gay Christian Network. He also appears in several of Ignatian News Network’s YouTube series on pastoral care of LGBT Catholics.

3-08 THE SLAVE ACROSS THE STREET: HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF AMERICAN TEENS 🗨️

Human trafficking is the second largest crime in the United States. Survivor, author and activist Theresa Flores will discuss how this is happening right under our noses and what is being done to combat this silent epidemic. Learn what modern-day slavery, prostitution and pornography have in common and why this has become “normal” today. Flores will also share her personal story of being a Catholic teenager from a good family and yet was trafficked for two years without anyone’s knowledge. She is proof that human dignity can rise above any circumstance and impact the world, both by changing people’s hearts and minds, and by altering the laws of the land.

**Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS**

Theresa Flores is a human trafficking survivor, victim’s advocate, best-selling author and founder of SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution). In 2009, she was appointed to the Ohio Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Commission and testified before the Ohio House and Senate in support of human trafficking legislation. Flores received The Courage Award from the Ohio governor and has received the 2013 Christian Service Award from the University of Dayton’s Alumni Association.

3-09 “‘COME AND SEE,’” SAID JESUS – CELEBRATING PRAYER RITUALS WITH CHILDREN 🗨️

This workshop will help you lead children to discover their own relationship with God and with one another through simple prayer rituals that can be celebrated in the classroom, at home and at other times. Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC, and Chris Walker are well known for the music and ritual prayer celebrations for children they have written.

**Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC**

Sr. Paule Freeburg, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, is the Western Region Spiritual Advisor for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, based in Mountain View, Calif. She has an extensive background in religious education for both children and adults. For the past 25 years, Sr. Freeburg and Chris Walker have written and published biblical material for children, and she has written song and prayer texts for many well-known collections of children’s music.

**Christopher Walker**

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, speaker on liturgical music and choral conductor. He served as Director of Music for the Clifton Cathedral in the United Kingdom for 18 years, and now is Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. A conductor of choirs and orchestras in England and the United States, Walker travels the globe giving workshops and lectures on church music and liturgy, choral and cantor techniques and children’s spirituality.

3-10 YOU HAVE PUT ON CHRIST: CULTIVATING A BAPTISMAL SPIRITUALITY 🗨️

This workshop will focus on the beginning – the moment of our baptism into Christ Jesus. Too often we settle into a kind of ritual stupor and forget the power that claimed us when we were baptized. What does it mean to have been baptized into Christ? Discover ways to cultivate a baptismal spirituality in the parish so that the parish, our relationships, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and catechetical ministries and our ways of thinking and acting can be transformed again and again!

**Dr. Jerry Galipeau**

Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Vice President and Chief Publishing Officer at World Library Publications, based in Franklin Park, Ill. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has authored numerous publications and has presented keynotes and workshops throughout the United States and Canada. He blogs regularly for those interested in liturgy, music and initiation.

3-11 NO EXEMPTIONS: SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Church ministry can be a rewarding experience. To follow Christ Jesus by serving one another is a gift. The sharing of our knowledge and experience with others is a call from God. However, we must be ever mindful that this great gift may lie next to a great weakness. (The desire to lead others to Christ may sit next to a desire to wield over others.) We must remember that the call to discipleship is a call to service. There are no exemptions from being a “servant of God.” This workshop is an exploration of the meaning and purpose of ministry, service and leadership in the Church. It offers specific insights for ministry formation and development.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer. She has served on the administration and philosophy faculties at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; on the theology faculty at Regis College in Weston, Mass.; and as a diocesan director in Boston, Washington, D.C., Oakland, Calif., and Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Gordon was invited by the Vatican to respond to Pope John Paul II’s Encyclical on Women, and the first woman to deliver the Baccalaureate Address at Boston University.

3-12 FEEDING THE HUNGERS: THE HOPES FOR YOUTH CATECHESIS AND THEOLOGY

Teaching theology in Catholic high schools and adolescent catechesis in parishes presents unique challenges in our postmodern world, but also great opportunities. The key to effective education-in-faith with this age group is to actively engage the deep hungers and thirsts of their lives, responding out of the surplus of good food (Matt. 14:20) and the fresh waters (John 4:10) of Catholic Christian faith.



Dr. Thomas Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College, where he is also Chair of the Department of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. The award-winning author has written or edited 10 books and numerous articles and essays. For the past 35 years Dr. Groome has lectured all over the world, presenting thousands of workshops and seminars, and has presented at all the major North American conferences for religious educators and pastoral ministers.

3-13 WE DON’T SING AT THE LITURGY – WE SING THE LITURGY!

Imagine your favorite movie musical – but with no music! The same is true for any liturgical celebration, especially the Eucharist. Music is integral to liturgy, intrinsic to the ritual action and critical to free the gathered assembly to pray and celebrate. We need to clarify the theology and intent of the various ritual units of the Mass, and discover where music can help to amplify and lift up these moments of prayer and praise. Come ready to sing and learn, identify important resources for catechesis, and prepare a strategy for how music will not be “inspiring entertainment,” but a platform for believers to express their faith and deepen their “being sent” on mission.



David Haas

David Haas is a member of the Campus Ministry team at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn., where he is also founder and Executive Director of “Music and Ministry Alive!” – an international liturgical music formation program for high school and college age youth. Nominated for a Grammy Award in 1991, Haas has been active as a concert performer and recording artist for over 30 years. He has composed over 50 original collections and recordings of liturgical music with GIA Publications, and has authored over 20 books.

3-14 BEHOLD-ING THE MYSTERY: HELPING YOUNG CATHOLICS APPRECIATE THE MASS

We have all experienced the yawns, the rolling of eyes and the whining of souls when it comes to holy Mass ... and that’s often just from the adults. So how do we pass along the mysterious beauty of the liturgy to the young church? How do we guide young souls into a deeper comprehension of God’s timeless Love flowing out of the sanctuary? Mark Hart will offer timely insights into the problem, and propose some practical solutions to help the Mass come to life in young lives.



Mark Hart

Mark Hart, based in Arizona, serves as Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. He is a best-selling and award-winning author and co-author of over a dozen books, including his latest, “Behold the Mystery,” and has created the popular young adult Scripture study, “T3.” Hart has traveled the globe speaking to millions and is a regular guest on several Catholic radio programs, including a weekly spot on SiriusXM radio.

3-15 “HEY, I KNOW! LET’S HAVE A WOMEN’S RETREAT!” (AND OTHER CRAZY THINGS WE SAY) WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND OR YOUR STAFF

So, you want to have a women’s ministry in the parish? But since the women are exhausted, spread too thin, working so hard at other matters in the parish and in life, it seems daunting, right? In this workshop, come pray, sing, learn and discuss what works effectively for women’s ministry on the parish and diocesan level. Sarah Hart has been deeply involved in women’s ministry as an itinerant minister for over 15 years. She’ll share stories with humor and honesty of her experiences in this vital area of adult catechesis. Be prepared for fun, song, prayer and possible spontaneous line dancing.



Sarah Hart

Sarah Hart of Nashville, Tenn., has been a singer, songwriter and keynote speaker for 20 years. Her parish missions and itinerant ministry have taken her all over the United States and abroad. Hart has performed for countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis in 2013. The Grammy-nominated songwriter’s pieces can be found in many hymnals and have been recorded by numerous artists. She has written several retreats for parish, women’s and adult catechesis, which she herself presents.

3-16 A NEW WAY TO BE CHURCH: RETHINKING PARISH LIFE FROM THE OUTSIDE IN

In his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”), Pope Francis encourages a renewal of the parish so that it is “completely mission-oriented.” What if parish was defined by the needs of the world? What if sacraments were refined by a vision of justice? What if the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and all formation was dedicated to the formation of great hearted people? What if Catholic schools and colleges were distinctive by the commitment of their students? This workshop will speak to a radically new vision for parish life and specific strategies about how to alter the parish orientation from self-focus to the Reign of God.

**Jack J. Jezreel**

Jack Jezreel spent six years in a Catholic Worker community before turning his attention to transformative education. He is the original author of “JustFaith” and now serves as President of Just-Faith Ministries, based in Louisville, Ky. For the past 12 years, he regularly gives about 40 presentations and workshops per year, including continuing education for priests, deacons and diocesan staff as well as parish, regional and national convenings. Jezreel was the Keynote speaker at the 2011 Los Angeles Congress.

3-17 ETERNAL IS HIS LOVE

In this workshop, Liam Lawton examines the ways that God communicates his extraordinary love for us especially when we least expect or when we struggle to finding meaning in difficult times. Woven through song are the stories of God’s hidden presence revealed in unexpected times and places.

**Liam Lawton**

Liam Lawton is a priest of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, where he serves as Director of Music. He has recorded 16 collections of music and his music has been translated into several languages. Fr. Lawton’s work and performances have brought him to stages in Europe and across the United States, from Carnegie Hall in New York to the Anaheim Arena. He has recorded a number of TV specials including two on PBS, and has written two books, “The Hope Prayer” and “Where God Hides.”

3-18 COMMUNICATING OUR FAITH: THE INTERSECTION OF FAITH AND MEDIA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Modern social communications, which is new and ever-evolving, presents unique challenges and opportunities for the Catholic media. Fr. Matthew Malone will examine the importance of mission and identity in crafting media strategies for the New Evangelization. He will also offer practical tips for shaping an ecclesial conversation that is effective, charitable and apostolic.

**Rev. Matthew Malone, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Matt Malone is the 14th Editor-in-Chief at America magazine, where he served as Associate Editor. In 2006, Fr. Malone received the Catholic Press Associate Award for essay writing and has been a special assistant and chief speechwriter to U.S. Representative Martin Meehan (D-MA). His writing has appeared in numerous national and international publications and his work and ideas have been featured in The New York Times and The Washington Post, among others.

3-19 VIRTUES FOR ADULT CHRISTIANS

Pope Francis has said that Christian morality cannot be reduced to a simple collection of moral rules. For there is another traditional approach to ethical living and conscience formation: the life of virtue. This workshop explores the approach of virtue ethics, considers the traditional moral virtues, and then investigates the contemporary virtues needed by adult moral believers facing today’s ethical challenges.

**Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD**

Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is Professor of Moral Theology at Marquette University. He is a former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. The former Congress keynote has addressed most major Catholic social justice conferences in the country and is a consultant to many leadership groups nationally and internationally.

3-20 CREATE A FAMILY CULTURE OF SPIRITUALITY

Long after material inheritance evaporates, spiritual heirlooms continue to nurture the soul and shape the character of children throughout their lifetime. Parents who create a culture of Christian spirituality within their home provide lifelong spiritual treasure. This presentation will suggest “starter ideas” for cultivating a family spirituality that is flavored by the seasons in the liturgical year with an emphasis on Eucharistic devotion.

**Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM**

Dr. Patricia McCormack is an international formation-education consultant and Program Director for the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers in Philadelphia. She has over 30 years in both classroom and administration experience from elementary through college levels. Since 2001, Sr. McCormack’s full-time ministry includes diocesan conferences, religious education congresses, administrator retreats and parent presentations, and she has written hundreds of articles.

Admission to Congress includes six free lunchtime entertainment and two evening concerts throughout the weekend. Friday’s 2014 Hall B event had Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart and Jackie Francois.



3-21 “IT IS WHAT IT IS”: UNDERSTANDING, REACHING AND DISCIPLING APATHETIC, DISENGAGED AND RESISTANT YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Have you ever had a class, group or young person you secretly dreaded working with? Do you ever feel like you’re wasting your time, because you’re not getting through to teens? What if you could actually look forward to working with the toughest, most apathetic youth? You’ll discover the real reasons young people hit the snooze button in church, how to recognize different levels of human resistance and acquire a new set of tools you can begin using immediately to effectively reach youth and once again – or perhaps for the first time – enjoy working with hard to reach youth.



Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

For 20 years Roy Petitfils has ministered in parish, diocesan and school settings as a teacher, high school campus minister, administrator and school counselor. He now is a counselor in private practice. Petitfils has presented at numerous national and regional conferences, workshops and parish missions throughout the United States. He writes a syndicated monthly column, “Our Young Church,” and has written many articles and has published several books; his most recent is “What Teens Want You to Know (But Won’t Tell You).”

3-22 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TO YOUNG ADULTS

Bereavement ministry usually is extended to the most immediate survivor, but what about the bond between a young adult (those in their 20s and 30s) and a grandparent? Plus, many young adults are away from active participation. What is it like for them to attend a funeral? Can it be a moment of evangelization? Would a young adult grief support group ever work? Come to discuss issues and practices that offer a warm embrace.



Mary Prete

Mary Prete has a wealth of experience working with pastoral ministers. She has served as pastoral musician for the Office for Divine Worship in Chicago for many years, and was Vice President of Parish Services at J.S. Paluch. Prete has presented at many national conferences, including the National Association of Pastoral Musicians conference, the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Los Angeles Liturgical Conference.



Dr. Katherine F. DeVries

Dr. Kate DeVries is Director of Pastoral Ministries for St. Francis Xavier Church in LaGrange, Ill. Formerly, she co-directed the archdiocesan Young Adult Ministry Office in Chicago, and previously served as a special education teacher for high school and junior high students with severe behavioral disorders and learning disabilities. Dr. DeVries is co-author of “The Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry,” published by Orbis.

3-23 ANSWERING THE MOST FREQUENT GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY

Dale and Susan Recinella will begin by sharing their answers to the general questions most frequently directed to them about the death penalty and death row/execution ministry: “The two of you have spent many ‘execution weeks’ with the condemned and their families. What’s that like?” “You also minister in solitary confinement. How is death row similar and different from solitary confinement?” “Together, you’ve tried to raise awareness about criminalization of the mentally ill. What’s going on with that issue?” A significant portion of the time will be spent answering audience questions from the floor.



Dale S. Recinella, JD, MTS

Dale Recinella has served for 20 years as a spiritual counselor and Catholic Correctional Chaplain to the 400-plus men on Florida’s death row and 2,000 men in long-term solitary. He and his wife have ministered as a team during executions: he as spiritual advisor to the condemned, she as lay minister to the condemned’s family. Dale is a national and international speaker, appears frequently on Vatican Radio and on domestic and European radio, and is author of the forthcoming book, “When We Visit Jesus in Prison.”



Susan M. Recinella, PsyD

Dr. Susan Recinella served in volunteer ministry to families of the executed for 14 years, especially during the week of execution and on the final day. She has worked as a licensed clinical psychologist since 1991 in outpatient and inpatient settings. She serves as Clinical Psychologist and Director of Intern Training at the Florida State University Counseling Center in Tallahassee. Susan has worked as a Director of Training for the last 11 years in pre-doctoral programs and is an international/national speaker on ministering to the families of the executed.

3-24 POPE FRANCIS: A TWO-YEAR EVALUATION

In this workshop, we will take a look at what impact Pope Francis has had on the church and the world during his first two years in office. What can we expect from him in the coming years?



Rev. Thomas J. Reese, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Reese is a Senior Analyst at the National Catholic Reporter. From 2006-13 he was senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, and from 1998-2005 he was editor of America magazine. Fr. Reese is author or editor of five books, is often quoted in the press and frequently appears on television and radio discussing Catholic issues. Each year he gives numerous parish and university talks across the country.

3-25 THINK OUTSIDE OF THE PEW

It’s great when our young people are involved in the life of our church and ministries. Their spirit and energy are examples of the living Gospel. But what can we do to reach out to those who do not know the relevance of our faith? How can we respond effectively to their needs? This workshop will help you expand your ministry and



reach young people of many different walks of life. You will walk away with 10 strategies to implement right away. Watch as young people and families *want* to be involved. This approach may be easier than you think, and the resources you need can be found from teens themselves. Come ready to enjoy and be inspired. Plus, discover ways to include grandparents!



Anna Scally

Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media, has received the National Youth Ministry Performer, Artist and Author of the Year Award from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. Her most recent book is "Keys to Happiness," and she is a columnist for Cornerstone Media's Top Music Countdown and host of their audio show, "Burning Issues." Scally has made over 2,300 public presentations at youth rallies, training events, retreats and adult education days, as well as major conferences for religious educators throughout North America.

3-26 HAPPINESS, SUFFERING AND THE LOVE OF GOD 🎧

Three critical questions stand at the heart of our young people's faith decision: What will truly make me happy? Why would an all-loving God allow suffering? How can I transform suffering into happiness? Religious educators will recognize that these questions can severely inhibit faith – or help us grow in faith – depending on our perspective. Fr. Robert Spitzer will speak about some tested ways of dealing with these questions so that they will lead not to darkness but the light of Christ. He will also discuss his new trilogy: Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God.



Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD

Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Institute and the Spitzer Center, located in Irvine, Calif. He was President of Gonzaga University from 1998-2009, and has published five books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer presents over 90 lectures per year at universities and to corporate boards, priests conferences and other Catholic academic meetings in the United States, Canada, Europe and Hong Kong.

3-27 TEACHING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM IN A TYPICAL CLASSROOM – BEST PRACTICE METHODS AND STRATEGIES TO CONSIDER 🎧

Approximately 1 in every 66 births each day is a child with autism. Many of these children are entering Catholic schools for its strong teaching and safe and predictable structure. Deacon Lawrence Sutton, a clinical and school psychologist, will outline what autism is and is not, while providing best practice strategies and methods of identifying – particularly the more difficult to recognize higher functioning child – and working with these children in a typical classroom. He will review ways to help address and manage classroom meltdowns and hand stimming, and methods to routinely shape in and utilize desired replacement behaviors in a typical classroom.



Deacon Lawrence R. Sutton, PhD

Dr. Lawrence Sutton is a licensed psychologist and former Manager of the Western Region Office of Bureau of Autism in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is currently Director of the Pre-Theology Formation at St. Vincent Seminary in Pittsburgh, where he also teaches pastoral counseling. As a deacon in the Pittsburgh Diocese, he developed and conducts the sacramental preparation and religious education program for children/adolescents touched by autism.

3-70 Nhận ơn Chúa cho người Công Giáo Việt để biết mình là ai và cần làm gì

Tìm hiểu những nét đẹp của văn hóa Việt, những ân huệ thiêng liêng và những hoa trái phát sinh từ đó, đặc biệt trong đời sống các Anh Hùng Tử Đạo Việt Nam, để cảm tạ Chúa và cố gắng duy trì và phát triển chúng, cũng như cùng đóng góp cho Giáo Hội và xã hội.

RECOGNIZING GOD'S GRACES FOR VIETNAMESE CATHOLICS SO THAT WE MAY KNOW WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO

God has bestowed special graces on Vietnamese Catholics, as the Vietnamese martyrs have exemplified. We reflect on our cultural and spiritual graces, plus their fruits in our lives today, for us to know what to give thanks for, to preserve, and to develop for ourselves and our neighbors.



Rev. Giuse Nguyễn Việt Hưng, ICM

LM Giuse Nguyễn Việt Hưng thụ phong linh mục năm 1969 tại Việt Nam, dậy Chủng viện Thánh Lê Văn Phụng thuộc giáo phận Long Xuyên, và làm cha sở giáo xứ Thánh Anton Padua & Lê Văn Phụng tại Baton Rouge. Hiện nay Ngài là chủ tịch Ủy ban Giáo Lý Việt Nam tại Hoa Kỳ, đồng thời là Tổng Phụ Trách Tu Hội Nhập Thể Tận Hiến Truyền Giáo.

Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen, ICM

Rev. Joseph Hung Viet Nguyen was ordained in 1969, taught at St. Le-van-Phung Seminary in Vietnam, and was Pastor at St Anthony of Padua & Le Van Phung Parish in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is Chair of the Vietnamese Catechetical Committee in the USA and Superior General of the religious congregation Incarnatio Consecratio Missio (ICM).



Prof. Lê Xuân Hy, PhD

Tiến sĩ Lê X. Hy dậy tâm lý và thần học mục vụ, và làm giám đốc chương trình Công Giáo Học cũng như Viện Phát Triển Nhân Cách tại Seattle University. Chương trình Chuyên Viên Fulbright Cao Cấp gửi ông qua phục vụ bên Đất Thánh.

Prof. Le Xuan Hy, PhD

Prof. Lê Xuân Hy teaches psychology and pastoral theology, directs the Catholic Studies Program, heads the Institute for Human Development, and holds the Rev. Louis Gaffney SJ Endowed Chair at Seattle University. He served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist to Israel.

