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- 4-28 Understanding and Strengthening Spiritual Resilience - **Dr. Robert Wicks**
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- 5-01 All Things Catholic: What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church (*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 Connecting Movement to the Word (*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 5-03 How Prophets and Mystics "See" (*) - **Msr. Arturo Bañuelas**
- 5-04 Singing the Song Without the Words: Hope, Humility and Ministry to Folks on the Margins (*) - **Rev. Gregory Boyle**
- 5-05 In Sickness and in Health: How the Catholic Church is Confronting HIV and AIDS Around the World (*) - **Michele Broemmelsiek**
- 5-06 Yes, Lord, I Believe! Singing Our Faith with Children (*) - **John Burland**
- 5-07 The Old Gravel Road: Storytelling and Song from the Heartland (*) - **Jeanne Cotter, Michael Cotter, Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso & Betsey Beckman**
- 5-08 Teaching for Discipleship: The Call, the Challenge, the Difference (*) - **Dr. Michael Carotta**
- 5-09 Young Adult Ministry, Step by Step (*) - **Dr. Katherine DeVries**
- 5-10 Bullying Prevention: Catholic is Evidence-based! (*) - **Frank DiLallo**
- 5-11 How to Break the Chains of Slavery in the United States (*) - **Theresa Flores**
- 5-12 New Testament Eucharistic Practice: An Unexplored Resource - **Rev. Edward Foley**
- 5-13 For the Love of the Game: Toward a Theology of Sports (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 5-14 Discipleship and Women (*) - **Fr. Anthony Gittins**
- 5-15 Making Disciples ... Breaking the Glass Ceiling (*) - **Rev. John Hurley**
- 5-16 More Mothers, Mystics, Martyrs and Models of Faith (*) - **ValLimar Jansen & Sarah Hart**
- 5-17 Selfies and Souls: Nurturing the Domestic Church in the Digital Age (*) - **Lisa Hendey**
- 5-18 From Here to Pope Francis: A Tool to Help Parishes Become "Completely Mission-Oriented" - **Jack Jezreel**
- 5-19 The Great Work: Recovering a Sacred Earth Community (*) - **Kyle Kramer**
- 5-20 Catholic Social Thought Post-Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, and ... (*) - **Rev. Bryan Massingale**
- 5-21 Catechetical Leaders – Agents of Formative Parenting (*) - **Dr. Patricia McCormack**
- 5-22 Look Out! Watch Where You're Going! (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 5-23 The Blessing of Suffering (and Other Theological Fallacies) (*) - **Rev. Jonathan Morris**
- 5-24 Three Lucan Parables of Divine Healing and Mercy (*) - **Sr. Barbara Reid**
- 5-25 Welcoming Children with Autism to the Church: A Universal Call to – Meaningfully – Include All of God's Children (*) - **Deacon Lawrence Sutton**
- 5-26 Get Your Game On! Engaging Young People in Their Own Learning Process (*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 5-27 Islamic and Christian Studies (*) - **Jihad Turk & Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Music and the Mass: The Assembly, the Choir and Second-generation Youth) - **Paul Nguyen & Bro. Rufino Zaragoza**

PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Calling Youth to Passionate Discipleship (*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 6-02 Women and the Word: Bridging the Gap (*) - **Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 6-03 Purification and Enlightenment: Shaping Lent for Those in the RCIA Process (*) - **Mary Birmingham**
- 6-04 Seeing In the Dark (*) - **Sr. Kathleen Bryant**
- 6-05 The Trinity: How Not to be a Heretic (*) - **Dr. Stephen Bullivant**
- 6-06 Come and See, Come and Sing, Come and Pray! (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 6-07 Trading in Old Wineskins: A Missionary Approach to Parish Life (*) - **Richard Curran**
- 6-08 "Seeing" Our Faith – Right Before Our Eyes (*) - **Rev. John Cusick**
- 6-09 The Start of Something BIG – Following Through with Newly Confirmed Youth (*) - **Tom East**
- 6-10 Joy of the Gospel for Lesbian and Gay Catholics in the Time of Pope Francis (*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 6-11 Teachers, Transformation and Technology: How Teachers Help Student Leaders Change the World (*) - **Dan Friedt**
- 6-12 The Rage Against God: The Arrogance and Hostility of the New Atheists (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 6-13 Worship Transforming the World: Seeing, Singing and Serving the Reign of God - **Marty Haugen**
- 6-14 Gospel Laughter (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 6-15 Mary of Galilee, Mary Model of Faith (*) - **Dr. Timothy Matovina**
- 6-16 Seeing the Gift of Body: Jesus and the Good Use of Sexuality (*) - **Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 6-17 Help! We're Busy, Addicted and Bored: Reaching Out to the Real Modern Family (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 6-18 Answering the Most Frequent Catholic Questions About the Death Penalty (*) - **Dale & Susan Recinella**
- 6-19 Story Time with Uncle Fr. Tony: Bringing the Scriptures to Life (*) - **Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 6-20 Pauline Spirituality for Lent (*) - **Dr. Brian Schmisek**
- 6-21 Longing to See Your Face: Preaching for a New Millennium (*) - **Rev. Thomas Scirghi**
- 6-22 "Here's What Happened": Telling Spiritually Significant Experiences in Story Form (*) - **John Shea**
- 6-23 An Invitation to Conversion: 7 Practical Ideas to Invigorate the Sacraments (*) - **Victor Valenzuela**
- 6-24 "Lord, I SEE! – Can I Sing About It?" (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 6-25 Mercy in the City (*) - **Kerry Weber**
- 6-26 Building Children's Courage (*) - **Char Wenc**
- 6-27 Black Spirituality – We are Marching in the Light of God (*) - **Dr. C. Vanessa White**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Mary, the Perfect Model Catechist) (*) - **Fr. Hy Nguyen**

4-01 THE WRITE WAY! USING CREATIVE WRITING AS A WAY TO ACCESS PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera (bio 1-01)

The written word has a powerful effect on an author and his or her readers. The hands of a writer are the instruments God uses to convey humor, compassion and joy. In this workshop, we'll explore writing as a way to have an intimate conversation with God. Whether writing for an audience or just writing for oneself, learn more about writing as a form of prayer. Clarissa Aljentera will use storytelling, rap and Scripture to convey her message. No writing experience is necessary!

4-02 WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: THEN AND NOW

This session will examine stories of women in the Old Testament in order to uncover their importance in the religious tradition of ancient Israel and how they might inspire women today.



Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dr. Dianne Bergant, a member of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, is a Distinguished Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She was President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and for more than 20 years was the Old Testament book reviewer of The Bible Today. Sr. Bergant wrote the weekly column, The Word, for America magazine from 2002-05. She is now on the editorial board of Biblical Theology.

4-03 MANY SPOKES, ONE CENTER

This session is designed to help all the ministries of the church point in a single direction. It examines reasons why all ministries must have a clear understanding how each ministry is related to one another, since collectively, all are related to Christ. We will also examine some of the "turf wars" that often undermine the work of the parish and look at ways to avoid these conflicts. Grayson Warren Brown will make a strong case for "ministry days" or special ministerial retreats, in which all ministers gather to pray together as well as reflect upon their mission.



Grayson Warren Brown

Grayson Warren Brown is an internationally known author, speaker, liturgical composer and recording artist/clinician for Oregon Catholic Press. His latest collection is titled "Now That the Morning Has Broken the Darkness." Brown began his liturgical ministry in the late-1960s in a small inner-city parish in New York and has many years of experience working in a multicultural setting. He now spends his time writing, composing and travelling worldwide, giving workshops and conducting parish missions.

4-04 AT THE HEART OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS: POPE FRANCIS AND THE TENDERNESS OF GOD

In "The Joy of the Gospel," Pope Francis takes a fresh look at the heart of Christian ethics. This workshop will examine the central points of the document to understand their significance for our contemporary context. In particular, how does our understanding of Christian ethics relate to our image of God? And how can the church express more faithfully such an image in its commitment to evangelization, the recognition of the centrality of the poor, the concern for the common good? We are "summoned to the revolution of tenderness" (n. 88). How do we articulate such a demand in the pastoral praxis of our communities?



Roberto Dell'Oro, PhD

Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro is Director of the Bioethics Institute and Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He teaches in the areas of bioethics, fundamental moral theology and ethical theories. Dr. Dell'Oro has written three books, translated two from German and is working on a fourth. He is published in national and international journals including Theological Studies, Health Progress and Medicine, and Health Care and Philosophy.

4-05 SEVEN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS THAT YOU WERE ALWAYS AFRAID TO ASK

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni (bio 2-08)

This session will offer insightful thoughts about the central experience of Catholicism and our understanding of the sacraments. We will focus on the probing question that we are sometimes afraid to ask: Can you ever know God without ever sharing in a sacrament?

4-06 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION – ONE PERSON AT A TIME

Dr. Thomas Groome (bio 3-12)

The New Evangelization reminds Christians that by baptism we are all responsible to share our faith with others. Most of the opportunities we have to evangelize, however, are in informal contexts, often on a one-to-one basis. But how can we move our evangelization beyond classrooms and pulpits into the public square of our lives. How can we evangelize and not appear to proselytize? How can we share our faith "with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:16), one person at a time?

4-07 GOD IS EVERYWHERE! A CELEBRATION OF SUNG PRAYER, UNITY, INCLUSION & MISSION

David Haas (bio 3-13)

Come on Church! Be a part of a musical celebration where we embrace the gift that God is "with" and "in" all of us! David Haas will be joined by Fr. Ray East, Joe Camacho, Anna Betancourt, Jesse Manibusan and other young saints and elders, so that through music, dance, proclamation, stories and a renewed pledge to serve, we commit ourselves to love all, include all, welcome all and celebrate all – to be a blessing, centered in Christ!

4-08 LAUGHING MATTERS: RECLAIMING & SHARING OUR CATHOLIC JOY 🗣️

Mark Hart (bio 3-14)

The shortest distance between two souls is laughter. So why is joy so often the first thing to go when life gets busy or when ministry gets stressful? Why are we so easily overcome with the stresses and struggles of life and work, health or economy? What is the “secret” to keeping our joy amid the storms of life? Come laugh and learn with Mark Hart as he shares the wisdom of Scripture and the saints on how we not only recapture our joy, but protect it and share it with all God puts in our path.

4-09 FIND YOUR SANCTUARY – CREATING PLACES OF REST, RENEWAL AND REFUGE 🗣️ ARENA

Rev. Terry Hershey (bio 1-11)

Everyone has a sanctuary. It is a place where you do not owe anyone and where no one owes you. We are wired to need grounding and renewal and less hurry. And yet, we make choices – with our time and with our days – that are detrimental to our emotional and spiritual well-being. In sanctuary we let this life in. In sanctuary we can be wholehearted. We make space to see and to be seen. We make space to welcome, to offer comfort and hope in a world of disruption and misgiving. We make space for God’s invitation to dance. Accept this invitation to begin a journey, to find – to embrace your sanctuary places – and to visit them often. You will be glad you did.

4-10 INCARNATION ANYWAY: THE CHRISTOLOGY OF ST. FRANCIS AND THOMAS MERTON 🗣️

Why did God become human? The typical answer – “Because of human sin” – suggests the Word would not have become flesh if humanity had not sinned. However, a closer look at Scripture, the theological tradition and the insights of key Christian thinkers, such as Thomas Merton and St. Francis of Assisi, offer an alternative, yet entirely orthodox, answer to this question: It was God’s plan from all eternity to become human regardless of human sin. This workshop explores the theology of the Incarnation drawing on the wisdom of Merton, St. Francis and others, to renew our personal and pastoral understanding of Christology.

**Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM**

Franciscan friar Fr. Daniel Horan is a columnist at America magazine and author of several books, most recently, “The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton” and “The Last Words of Jesus,” as well as numerous academic and popular articles. Fr. Horan taught religious studies at Siena College in Albany, N.Y., and theology at both Boston College in Massachusetts and at St. Bonaventure University in New York. He has lectured across North America and Europe.

4-11 SEE ANEW: THE JOY OF JUST LIVING 🗣️

Bill Huebsch (bio 1-12)

Pope Francis’ “The Joy of the Gospel” (his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*) is bold and thrilling. By it we are all called to live more simply, sustainably and in greater solidarity with the poor. This is our call to really “see” Jesus more clearly and live by that insight. How can we shift our gaze from our own needs and wants – to those of the poor, our neighbors and the earth itself?

4-12 CONFIRMATION: WINNING YOUNG HEARTS FOR JESUS AND HIS CHURCH

Matthew Kelly (bio 1-13)

In 2014, The Dynamic Catholic Institute released its new confirmation program entitled, “Decision Point,” based on 72 short films, and accompanied by an engaging student workbook, a leader guide, a mobile application and incredible online resources. But the program itself was the results of five years of research, development and testing. In this presentation, Matthew Kelly will tell the untold story of what he and his team discovered throughout this process. What they learned will change the way you approach ministry forever.

4-13 UM, GOD, WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU? 🗣️

Fr. Joseph G. Kempf (bio 2-14)

What if the least likely places to meet God are actually where God is to be found? Can we learn – in the daily challenges and messes of life – to be surprised again by Love? How can we be opened to see the presence of God where we least expect? Are there ways to teach our children to do so? In his own moving and creative ways, Fr. Joe Kempf will help open our eyes to the wonders of a surprising God – there for those who see – in all the least likely places.

4-14 FROM NOAH TO PHILOMENA: RELIGION AT THE MOVIES

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (bio 1-14)

In the past few years a number of films featuring religious stories have been released. Many of these films have been popular with our students and parishioners. Biblical epics, child sexual abuse, demonic possession, evil and the stories of Mary and Jesus have all made it to the silver screen. Are there themes emerging to which we should pay attention, and what might be the Church’s response?

4-15 SACRED MUSIC FOR LITURGY AND CATECHESIS

Catechesi Tradendae (nos. 67 and 68), Pope John Paul II's 1979 Apostolic Exhortation, states, "[T]he parish community must continue to be the prime mover and pre-eminent place for catechesis." This "pre-eminent place for catechesis" reminds us that the liturgy should be the source and summit of our faith lives. Music plays a unique role in this dual experience that feeds the needs of both liturgy and faith formation. Explore music in a variety of styles and forms that was created intentionally for liturgy and catechesis.



Tom Kendzia

Tom Kendzia, the well-known composer, arranger, producer, teacher, clinician, author and performer, has been a professional liturgical musician for more than 30 years. He is currently Music and Liturgy Consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers and Music Director at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. Since 1980, Kendzia has appeared at national and diocesan gatherings throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. He has 15 collections of liturgical and instrumental music.



Santiago Fernandez

Santiago Fernandez has been active in parish ministry for the past 25 years and is currently Music Minister at the Church of the Holy Family in Novi, Mich. He is also a clinician and composer for Oregon Catholic Press. Fernandez has spoken and performed at diocesan, regional and national conferences for the last eight years. He has been a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Advisory Council and music director for the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry.

4-16 WALKING TALL WITH OUR IMMIGRANT BROTHERS AND SISTERS

This workshop will trace the biblical, historical and national aspects of immigrants and immigration policy. The plight of today's unauthorized immigrants living in our midst is deplorable – an ethical and moral issue that cries out for the love and compassion of Jesus Christ and his disciples. All Catholics involved in any Church ministry need to know the truth about immigration policy and reform efforts. Sadly, too much of the public discussion of this issue is false and anti-immigrant.



Cardinal Roger M. Mahony

Cardinal Roger Mahony led the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1985 until his retirement in 2011. Born in Hollywood, he was the first native Angeleno to be elevated to the position of Cardinal. Cardinal Mahony oversaw the design and building of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, and since his retirement, he has devoted himself exclusively to the cause of comprehensive immigration reform on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters. Recently, Cardinal Mahony celebrated his golden jubilee (50 years) as a member of the priesthood.

4-17 TAKING THE NEXT STEP: DISCIPLESHIP AS PROCESS

Fr. James Mallon (bio 2-18)

The Great Commission (Matt. 28) instructs the Church to make disciples. How do we make disciples, and what does discipleship look like? Drawing from the 2007 "Aparecida Document" (the Latin American bishops' report shaped by Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio and *Evangelii Gaudium*), this workshop will look at discipleship as one aspect of the process of making, what Pope Francis calls, "missionary disciples." We will explore this context of discipleship and, in turn, how discipleship is the context for catechesis. Finally, we will explore models of discipleship that can be utilized in parishes and what can be done to create a culture of discipleship in our parishes.

4-18 YOUTH AT RISK: RESPONDING TO CRISIS

It's easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless when our young people are hurting and in crisis. During this session, we will describe crisis signs and causes among young people, identify distress signals and consider possible responses to youth in crisis. We will also look at the three "R's": recognition, response, and referral skills.



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Dr. Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings. McCarty also provides training in ministry skills and issues internationally. He serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical programs at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md., and his hobbies include cycling, rock climbing and grandparenting!

4-19 IS THERE AN APP FOR THAT? BEST PRACTICES FOR INTEGRATING SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES INTO FAITH FORMATION

How can social media and other digital technologies be used in faith formation? Are you tired of working harder not smarter when it comes to ministry and technology? This workshop will answer these questions and explore free or inexpensive Internet-based technologies that will help you integrate technology into your work as a ministry leader.



Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD

Originally from Lake Charles, La., Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale is President of Ministry Training Source, based in Metairie, La., Her professional career in Catholic youth ministry and lay ecclesial ministry has spanned four decades serving in parish, school, diocesan and university ministry settings. Dr. McCorquodale serves as an international educator, researcher and consultant in the fields of lay ecclesial ministry, certification standards and processes, youth ministry and e-learning.

4-20 HISPANIC MINISTRY IN CATHOLIC PARISHES: INSIGHTS FROM A NATIONAL STUDY ☺

About a full quarter of all Catholic parishes in the United States directly serve Spanish-speaking Catholics and their families. This is part of a growing trend transforming the Catholic experience in the country. After three years of research on these communities (2011-2014), the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry is yielding its initial results. In this session, we will look at important statistics, trends, questions, transitions and strategies to better plan ministry and catechesis with Hispanic Catholics locally, regionally and nationally.

**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

Dr. Hosffman Ospino served as the principal investigator for the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry. He is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, where he is also Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. Dr. Ospino has presented in Europe, Latin America and the United States, and he has numerous published articles. He is currently working on a book on multicultural congregations as well as one on parishes with Hispanic ministries.

4-21 JESUS AS FOOTWASHER & THE LEADERSHIP OF POPE FRANCIS ☺

Sr. Barbara Reid will offer reflections on how Jesus, in the Gospel of John, exemplifies in the washing of his disciples' feet what it is to be a disciple and leader who is willing to lay down his life for his friends out of love. In addition, she will show how Pope Francis embodies this in his leadership and invites us to do likewise.

**Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD**

Sr. Barbara Reid, a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., is Vice President and Academic Dean at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she has taught as Professor of New Testament Studies since 1988. Her numerous speaking engagements take her annually throughout Ireland, New Zealand, Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, Canada and the United States. Sr. Reid is author of a three-volume set entitled, "Abiding Word: Sunday Reflections for Year A, B, C."

4-22 SEEING WITH THE EYES OF THE SOUL: THE CHALLENGE TO CURE OUR BLINDNESS ☺**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (bio 1-22)**

We are meant to see with the eyes of the soul, that is, to see with understanding. When the Beloved Disciple came to the tomb on Easter morning, he looked into the tomb and, we are told, he saw and he understood. We can look without seeing and we can see without understanding. What are the real cataracts blurring our vision? What specific challenges from Jesus are meant to cure our blindness, to see with understanding?

4-23 WHO AM I TO JUDGE? ☺

In this session, our gathered panelists will inform and invite us to reflect on the impact that the death penalty has on us as people of faith and as a society. The panel will be moderated by Chaplain Javier Stauring and will include Fr. Greg Boyle, who will share the Church's position from his experience in gang rehabilitation; Dionne Wilson, whose husband was murdered and now speaks out against the death penalty; and actor Mike Farrell, who will address the efforts in California to end executions.

**Rev. Greg Boyle, SJ**

Fr. Greg Boyle is founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang rehabilitation program in the United States. The native Angeleno was ordained a Jesuit priest and transformed by his work in Bolivia, Mexico and Folsom State Prison in California. It was in the Boyle Heights community of Los Angeles that Fr. Boyle started Homeboy Industries. He is author of the New York Times best-selling book, "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion."

**Mike Farrell**

*Mike Farrell, an activist best-known for his portrayal of Army Capt. B.J. Hunnicutt in the TV series "M*A*S*H," is President of Death Penalty Focus. As a host and narrator of documentaries, He has talked about alcoholism, caring for the environment, children of divorce and the death penalty. Farrell also served on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and is the former Co-Chair of the California Committee of Human Rights Watch.*

**Javier Stauring**

Javier Stauring is Co-Director of the Office of Restorative Justice for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Since 1996, he has overseen the largest Catholic detention ministry program in the nation. Stauring supervises programs at all juvenile halls and probation camps in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. He also oversees three other restorative justice programs: Ministry to Victims of Crime, Ministry to Families of the Incarcerated, and Ministry to the Formerly Incarcerated.

**Dionne Wilson**

In 2005, Dionne Wilson's husband, a police officer in San Leandro, Calif., was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call. Raising two young children and stricken with grief, she struggled in the months that followed. Though her husband's shooter was caught, true solace only came when Wilson began helping other victims heal and promoting smarter justice policies. She has been interviewed by newspapers, TV and radio and has been a guest speaker at many anti-violence conferences.

4-24 STORIES OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM ☺

In the spiritual traditions of the world, storytelling has always been placed in the service of spiritual development. From earliest times, spiritual teachers have crafted stories to introduce people into the subtle dynamics of the spiritual life. Although the stories are historically conditioned and rife with the assumptions and conflicts of the times, they are still able to express and communicate spiritual wisdom. We will tell select stories from diverse spiritual traditions and develop their wisdom.



John Shea

John Shea is a Senior Fellow at the Ministry Leadership Center in Chicago, which creates ministerial formation programming for the senior leadership of five Catholic healthcare systems. He has published 25 books of theology and spirituality, two books of poetry, three works of fiction and over 60 articles. In addition to his work in faith-based health care, Shea is a theologian and storyteller who lectures nationally and internationally on storytelling in world religions and the spirit-at-work movement.

4-25 THE FIVE THINGS EVERY PARENT NEEDS FROM THE CHURCH ☪

Never underestimate the empowering nature of support when we attempt to partner with parents to help them “bring home the faith.” In fact, support is just one of the five things that every parent needs to hear and experience from the church. Come find out what the other four are and how focusing on these five elements will not only transform your faith-formation practices, but will serve to renew both the domestic and the universal churches to which you minister.



Michael Theisen

Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and faith formation for 30 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. His experience as a speaker, trainer and ministry leader reaches from parish to diocesan and national levels. Theisen, based in Rochester, N.Y., serves as Director of Training and Formation for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C. and also helps coordinate two national initiatives: Strong Catholic Families and the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis.

4-26 SEE THE BEAUTY & DANCE A SONG OF PRAISE ☪

Through the use of sacred dance, our human artistry manages to underscore the living beauty of the Word of God made flesh. Come and respond to his invitation to the dance – embrace the beauty of sacred movement. See God’s beauty in ourselves and dance his praise. This interactive workshop will be led by John West, Artistic Director of the Valyermo Dancers. All levels of experience are welcome.



John West, Obl OSB, MEd, MA

John West, an oblate of St. Andrew’s Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., is a sacred and liturgical dance workshop leader and clinician. He also serves as an Educational Consultant for independent schools and schools for the gifted. A member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, West has been an international and national workshop leader and lecturer. His experience with the Religious Education Congress began in 1970, and has served on the Congress Liturgy Committee since 1991.

4-27 COMMUNICATING FOR CHANGE

Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran (bios 1-27)

Words have power, and the Word of God has even greater power. Each week pastors, priests, deacons and youth ministers bring God’s Word and his power to audiences. In this session, we will share key strategies for making homilies and spoken communication most impacting.

4-28 UNDERSTANDING & STRENGTHENING SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE

The simple care of a hopeful heart is an essential undertaking – not only for ourselves but also for those who count on us. Spiritual resilience is not simply bouncing back from adversity; it is much, much more. It is a deepening of our relationship with God and our understanding of ourselves as a result of adversity. In this session, author and mentor Dr. Robert Wicks will address the topics of doubt, cynicism and faith, the three essential calls, the hidden enemies of a healthy spiritual perspective, and *refreshing your soul*.



Dr. Robert J. Wicks

Dr. Robert Wicks is on the faculty of Loyola University Maryland. The psychologist, speaker and author has taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology and social work. Dr. Wicks has published over 50 books, and has received the first Excellence in Professional Psychology from Widener University. In 1996 he was awarded a Papal Medal from Pope John Paul II for service to the Church.

4-70 Hiểu biết về Hôn Nhân và Tiêu Hôn ☪

Mục đích chính của chủ đề hôm nay hướng dẫn chúng ta về ý nghĩa của hôn nhân và kết quả khi người Việt Nam xin tiêu hôn trong Giáo Phận Orange. Người đệ đơn và người hồi đơn phải làm gì và văn phòng Tòa Án hôn phối sẽ hướng dẫn thế nào họ làm thủ tục tiêu hôn?

AN UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE AND MARRIAGE NULLITY ☪

This session will focus on the meaning of marriage and on issues when a Vietnamese is applying for marriage nullity in the Diocese of Orange: What should the petitioner and respondent do, and how can the Tribunal assist them in the process of applying for a marriage nullity?



Rev. Việt Peter Hồ

Cha Việt Peter Hồ được thụ phong linh mục cho Giáo Phận Orange vào năm 2000. Ngài hoàn tất chương trình giáo luật tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Gregoriana tại Roma vào năm 2008. Ngài đã từng phục vụ cho các giáo xứ đa dạng văn hóa. Hiện tại ngài là Phụ Tá Tư Pháp và Giám Đốc cho Tòa Án Hôn Phối cho Giáo Phận Orange.

Rev. Viet Peter Ho

Fr. Viet Peter Ho was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Orange, Calif., in 2000. He completed his canon law studies at the Gregorian Pontifical University in Rome. He has served in several multicultural parishes, and currently serves as Director for the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Orange.

5-01 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC: WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH 🗣️

Veteran Vatican writer John Allen takes a 360-degree look at the highlights and lowlights of Catholic news in the past 12 months, drawing out a few big-picture conclusions about what it all means, and then outlining some important stories to watch in the year to come. This session is for Catholics who want a keen sense of what's happening in their Church, not just in the United States, but in Rome and around the world.

**John L. Allen, Jr.**

John Allen is Associate Editor at The Boston Globe, specialized in coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. He also serves as senior Vatican analyst for CNN, and for 16 years was a correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter. Allen is author of nine books and is also a popular speaker on Catholic affairs both in the United States and internationally.

5-02 CONNECTING MOVEMENT TO THE WORD 🗣️

This session will be an intermediate/advanced class in the art of dance in liturgy with a focus on choosing choreography that connects to the prayer. Learn how to prepare for and execute dances that tell a story or convey a powerful message – dancing “from the inside – out!” Participants will also have the opportunity to work in small groups to create their own special pieces. Wear clothing that will allow you to move!

**Donna Anderle**

Donna Anderle, an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer, is a nationally known liturgical dancer. She is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet and Ballet Theatre Midwest and is involved in Cincy Dance, an outreach program for Cincinnati inner-city schools. Anderle gives workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concert and has choreographed for major conferences across the country. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video with Oregon Catholic Press.

5-03 HOW PROPHETS AND MYSTICS “SEE” 🗣️

This session is a basic introduction to the social justice teachings of the Church and a reflection on how to live them in our border/global communities. Prophets and mystics see the fulfillment of hope unfolding in our engagement and solidarity with the poor.

**Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas**

Missionary and author, Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas is a native of the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, where he serves as Pastor of San Marcos Parish and Administrator of San Juan Bautista Parish. In 1989, he co-founded the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States. Msgr. Bañuelas was also founding Director of the Tepeyac Institute, one of the largest diocesan ministry formation centers in the United States. He serves as a member of various boards and commissions and presents at conferences in dioceses across the country.

5-04 SINGING THE SONG WITHOUT THE WORDS: HOPE, HUMILITY AND MINISTRY TO FOLKS ON THE MARGINS 🗣️

This session will look at the power of hope, universal kinship and unconditional love as a means to fight despair and decrease marginalization. Through stories and parables, attendees will be reminded that no life is less valuable than another.

**Rev. Greg Boyle, SJ**

Fr. Greg Boyle is founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang rehabilitation program in the United States. The native Angeleno was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1984, and was transformed by his work in Bolivia, Mexico and Folsom State Prison in California with those who “live at the margins.” It was the Boyle Heights community of Los Angeles that Fr. Boyle started Homeboy Industries. He is author of the New York Times best-selling book, “Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion.”

5-05 IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH: HOW THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS CONFRONTING HIV AND AIDS AROUND THE WORLD 🗣️

For more than 70 years, the Catholic community in the United States has sought to live out two primary Gospel imperatives – to comfort the afflicted, and to share the Good News to the ends of the earth. Since the 1980s, the Catholic Church along with others of good will have been at the forefront of the global HIV pandemic. Join Catholic Relief Services’ Michele Broemmelsiek as she recounts the story of how the Catholic community in the United States has remained at the side of those we serve – in times of sickness and in times of health.

**Michele F. Broemmelsiek**

Based in Baltimore, Michele Broemmelsiek is a seasoned international development specialist with over 19 years of experience managing teams in resource-poor settings. Since 1995, Broemmelsiek has served in various capacities with CRS, including the Global Chief of Party of the AIDS Relief consortium, which provides care and treatment to over 700,000 people living with HIV in 10 countries in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. She currently serves as Vice President for Overseas Operations supporting the agency’s operations across the globe.

5-06 YES, LORD, I BELIEVE! SINGING OUR FAITH WITH CHILDREN 🗣️

John Burland (bio 2-04)

How can we use music and simple gesture to pass on the riches of our Catholic faith tradition? In this workshop, Australian educator and composer John Burland will model a variety of engaging learning activities that will energize faith formation across a range of catechetical themes. Using song as the foundation for these activities, Burland will demonstrate how the use of music can assist in deepening children’s understanding of Scripture, doctrine and sacraments. This workshop will keep you singing and moving as we celebrate our Catholic faith and proudly proclaim – Yes, Lord, I believe!

5-07 THE OLD GRAVEL ROAD: STORYTELLING AND SONG FROM THE HEARTLAND ARENA

Telling our stories is a healing practice. And when we heal ourselves, we have the potential to restore one another. Jeanne Cotter, known for her vivid musical storytelling, along with her uncle Michael Cotter, a Minnesota farmer and national award-winning storyteller, invite you to experience the value of your own life, through song, musical prayer and the mirror of storytelling. Joined by Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso and Betsey Beckman, this event will leave you transformed, ready to share your own story and be wholly present to another's. This is where healing begins.



Jeanne Cotter

Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, parish mission director and active singer-songwriter. For over a decade she has performed her original piano works and songs throughout the United States and Canada. Jeanne shares her heartwarming and humorous stories of growing up in an Irish Catholic family in southern Minnesota and what she calls "the authority of experience." Her latest work, "The Old Gravel Road," is due in 2015.



Michael Cotter

National award-winning storyteller Michael Cotter (and uncle to Jeanne Cotter) has performed throughout the United States, including the Smithsonian Folk Festival, National Storytelling Festival, television and radio broadcasts, schools, retreats, fairs and festivals. Michael starred in a healing stories film used by the Mayo Clinic. At 83, he still spends his days farming outside of Austin, Minn.



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 15 collections of music and has written two books; his most recent is "Where God Hides." Fr. Lawton's music has been translated into many languages and he has recorded two PBS specials. He has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States and regularly presents at the L.A. Congress.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso's contemporary liturgical music appears in numerous compilations and hymnals, and he has presented at liturgy, music and theology conferences throughout the world. Alonso is currently a doctoral candidate in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta. Formerly, he served as Director of Music for Campus Ministry at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.



Betsey Beckman

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, online retreats and international pilgrimages. Beckman is Director of Movement Ministry at St. Patrick Church in Seattle and Director of The Dancing Word, her company that produces DVDs celebrating women's arts and spirituality.

5-08 TEACHING FOR DISCIPLESHIP: THE CALL, THE CHALLENGE, THE DIFFERENCE 🔊

Michael Carotta (bio 2-05)

What is the Church asking us to do regarding faith formation? How is that call different than what we've done in the past? What skills are needed? We will share background, techniques and examples related to Teaching for Discipleship (T4D) with children, youth and/or adults.

5-09 YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY, STEP BY STEP 🔊

Today's Catholic young adults (20s and 30s, married and single) are not as present or active in our parishes and organizations as previous generations were at their age. Kate DeVries will present a method for changing that. Come to learn practical strategies and suggestions for effective outreach, invitation and programming, with the goal of integrating young adults into greater participation in our parishes and organizations. Whether you are a young adult, minister or someone interested in possibilities, come join us to explore what can be.



Dr. Katherine F. DeVries

Dr. Kate DeVries is Director of Pastoral Ministries for St. Francis Xavier Church in LaGrange, Ill. She formerly 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.

5-10 BULLYING PREVENTION: CATHOLIC IS EVIDENCE-BASED! 🔊

Frank A. DiLallo (bio 1-05)

Bullying is viewed as the abhorrent social norm, and the world seems to be frantically searching for answers to solve this growing epidemic. Why are so many acting as if answers don't exist? All the answers and evidence in preventing and responding to bullying have been readily available for over 2,000 years. The Gospel is the best bullying prevention manual ever written! Jesus walked this earth to teach us how to love, serve and obey. Keep the faith, the evidence is that Catholic is bullying prevention. This workshop will focus on connecting Scripture and practical youth and parent strategies to create and maintain a Christ-centered Catholic parish community.

5-11 HOW TO BREAK THE CHAINS OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES 🔊

Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS (bio 3-08)

We know that slavery still exists, even in the United States. But how do we stop it? Survivor, activist and licensed social worker Theresa Flores will discuss many ways that students, teachers, ministers and parents can combat this growing evil – from simple hands-on activities, prayer and letter writing, to actively participating in being the change.

5-12 NEW TESTAMENT EUCHARISTIC PRACTICE: AN UNEXPLORED RESOURCE

Fr. Edward Foley will focus on the Gospel parables as the foundation for contemporary Eucharistic practice. Reflections upon Jesus' table ministry, multiplication stories and post-resurrectional meals will prepare for a consideration of the Last Supper accounts. The provocative and disruptive nature of Jesus' table practice will allow a fresh reading of the institution texts, and a richer understanding of what it means when Jesus proclaimed the bread to be his Body and the wine to be his Blood.



Edward Foley, OFM Cap

Fr. Edward Foley is the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality, and Professor of Liturgy and Music at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he was founding Director of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program. A member of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, Fr. Foley is an award-winning author with 21 books in print. He is Past-President of the North American Academy of Liturgy and has lectured in over 60 dioceses throughout the United States, Canada, and beyond., India, Europe, Korea, the Philippines and Australia.

5-13 FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME: TOWARD A THEOLOGY OF SPORTS

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (bio 1-09)

It is easy to criticize the many problematic features of modern athletics: the money, the violence, the glorification of the ego, the unhealthy competition. We should not ignore these difficulties, yet this workshop will explore ways in which Christians can also find a firm theological foundation for understanding sports as a graced feature of the human condition.

5-14 DISCIPLESHIP AND WOMEN

If men are the "negative stereotypes of discipleship" and women are the positive models, why are women overlooked? Only one woman in the New Testament is explicitly named "disciple." Even St. Luke does not give women that designation. In this session, we will look at the faithful discipleship of women, and focus on two examples for a deeper examination, not only in order to see women's testimony, but also as a way more men might discover that there is much to be learned.



Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp

Fr. Anthony Gittins, a religious missionary (a Spiritan, of the Holy Ghost Community) originally from Manchester, England, is Professor Emeritus of Theology and Culture and Bishop Ford Professor Emeritus of Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He spent most of the 1970s in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and since then has taught graduate theology in London and Chicago. Author of nearly a dozen books, Fr. Gittins is also heavily involved in presenting workshops and retreat work.

5-15 MAKING DISCIPLES ... BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING

There is a big difference between being a believer and being a disciple. Here in lies the key to the New Evangelization. Is Pope Francis calling us to break through the glass ceiling in the First World? "The Joy of the Gospel" (his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*), will be a foundational document used to explore the cost of discipleship and its implications for all those in ministry.



Rev. John E. Hurley, CSP, DMin

Paulist priest Fr. John Hurley's evangelization ministry began in Portland as founder of the Paulist Center for Catholic Evangelization in 1979. He later served in roles as Executive Director for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Evangelization, and for the Baltimore Archdiocese's Department of Evangelization. Fr. Hurley is currently Consultant for New Evangelization Strategies and is based at Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, where he once served as pastor.

5-16 MORE MOTHERS, MYSTICS, MARTYRS AND MODELS OF FAITH

In their joint session, "Mothers, Mystics, Martyrs and Models of Faith" at RECongress 2013, ValLimar Jansen and Sarah Hart presented some of the mothers, mystics, martyrs and contemporary women throughout our faith history. In this session, they will continue their examination of four different holy women, weaving music and stories of these women to deepen our understanding of how to apply the experiences of their holy lives to our contemporary lives as Roman Catholic women and men. With beautifully designed images, compelling music and engaging prayer, everyone is invited to "come and see!" and join along in laughter, praise and thanksgiving.



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 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 that was broadcast around the globe. Her latest CD is titled "Give God The Glory."



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 works 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.

5-17 SELFIES AND SOULS: NURTURING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH IN THE DIGITAL AGE 🎧

Lisa M. Hendey (bio 2-11)

An overview of the latest trends and hot-button issues facing today's parents, teachers, administrators and clergy will provide you with needed tools and tactics to minister to families in the ever-increasing digital climate. Join a discussion on technology that can actually play a fruitful role in the New Evangelization for Catholic families.

5-18 FROM HERE TO POPE FRANCIS: A TOOL TO HELP PARISHES BECOME "COMPLETELY MISSION-ORIENTED"

Jack J. Jezreel (bio 3-16)

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." This represents an exciting but unfamiliar template for most North American parishes and their leaders. This workshop will introduce a new tool for helping leaders forge a new vision and direction for parish life. Parish staff, clergy, council members and anybody interested in plotting a fresh, innovative direction for parish life are encouraged to attend.

5-19 THE GREAT WORK: RECOVERING A SACRED EARTH COMMUNITY 🎧

Kyle T. Kramer (bio 2-15)

In the face many ecological problems, it is tempting to see human beings as a plague on the planet. The Catholic view is much more optimistic: our deepest fulfillment comes from being healers and stewards of God's sacred creation. Employing the observations and insights of Catholic teaching and of Passionist priest Fr. Thomas Berry, this workshop examines current ecological and cultural crises then considers the values and vision we need for the healing of our world. The goal is to engage in the Great Work of our time: to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on the planet.

5-20 CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT POST-TRAYVON MARTIN, MICHAEL BROWN, AND ... 🎧

Fr. Bryan N. Massingale (bio 3-19)

The killing of unarmed young black men has caused a great deal of concern and reflection in our country. This workshop looks at the deaths of Trayvon Martin in Florida, Michael Brown in Missouri, and others as a springboard for examining what we mean by racism today and what are the challenges such killings pose both to Catholic social teaching and for the Catholic faith community.

5-21 CATECHETICAL LEADERS – AGENTS OF FORMATIVE PARENTING 🎧

Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM (bio 3-20)

What are the formation needs of children (kindergarten through grade 8)? How prepared are parents to lead children in the ways of responsibility, self-control and accomplishment? How well does the parish serve as an agent of formative support to parents? Parish catechetical leaders are called to be change-agents or support-agents in the families that they serve. Security, autonomy/self-control, initiative/responsibility, industry and genuine affection are foundational to a child's self-esteem, spirituality and character. This session will offer ready resources to identify practices at home and school that foster such positive "identity."

5-22 LOOK OUT! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING! 🎧

Megan McKenna (bio 1-16)

Jesus said, "I came into this world to divide it, to make the sightless see and the seeing blind" (John 9:39). Stark words – which group do we find ourselves in today? Come, read the signs of the times. Come, see where hope, where joy and freedom are right before our eyes. Come, turn and see the Crucified and Risen One in our midst, beckoning us to walk in the freedom of the friends of God.

5-23 THE BLESSING OF SUFFERING (AND OTHER THEOLOGICAL FALLACIES) 🎧

Fr. Jonathan Morris (bio 1-17)

Does God really want me to suffer? The answer is "no ... not literally." In this session, Fr. Jonathan Morris will help lead us to embrace every aspect of our human experience as a path of holiness and happiness.

5-24 THREE LUCAN PARABLES OF DIVINE HEALING AND MERCY 🎧

Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD (bio 4-21)

The parables of the woman seeking the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10), the leaven hidden in the dough (Luke 13:20-21), and the widow who seeks justice from a corrupt judge (Luke 18:1-8) reveal God's extravagant mercy and intent to heal and transform broken relationships, inviting us to do the same.

Seeker

5-25 WELCOMING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM TO THE CHURCH: A UNIVERSAL CALL TO – MEANINGFULLY – INCLUDE ALL OF GOD’S CHILDREN ☪

Deacon Lawrence R. Sutton, PhD (bio 3-27)

As a church, we are concerned that all our families – especially those with children with autism and/or developmental disabilities – are welcomed into our faith communities. Deacon Lawrence Sutton will present a program on catechesis for faith formation and sacramental preparation that was created, field tested and produced to prepare children and teens with autism and/or developmental disabilities to enter our church as prepared as they are able, once they are confirmed. This unique program features “Teen Faith Mentors” working with the child and teens with autism and other developmental disabilities and the importance of good (and safe) Catholic role models.

5-26 GET YOUR GAME ON! ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN LEARNING PROCESS ☪

Michael Theisen (bio 4-25)

When we gather together young people are we just “playing games” and “hoping to survive,” or are we intentionally “forming disciples”? How can we be faithful to our catechetical calling to echo the faith and lead young people down the road of discipleship while making sure that we actively engage their head, hearts and hands in their own learning process? Let’s have some fun as we creatively answer these questions together.

5-27 ISLAMIC AND CHRISTIAN STUDIES ☪

This session will not only explore the theological similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity, but will also touch upon historical, contemporary interactions – both positive and negative – between Muslim and Christian societies.



Jihad Mohammed Turk

Jihad Turk, a Palestinian-American Muslim, studied Arabic at the Islamic University in Saudi Arabia and Farsi at Qom College at the University of Tehran in Iran. Turk is currently President of Bayan Claremont, an Islamic graduate school at Claremont Lincoln University in Claremont, Calif. Formerly, he served as Imam/Religious Director of the Islamic Center of Southern California in Los Angeles. He has been featured in the Los Angeles Times as well as on the History Channel and CNN.



Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith

In 1987, Fr. Alexei Smith, a Greek Catholic priest and Los Angeles native, was assigned to two Eastern Catholic communities in El Segundo, Calif. – St. Andrew Russian Greek Church and St. Paul Melkite Greek Mission. He has served as the Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer for the Los Angeles Archdiocese since 2000, and as Vice President of the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers. Fr. Smith is a frequent speaker at the L.A. Congress and at local interfaith venues.

5-70 Thánh nhạc và Thánh lễ: Cộng đoàn, Ca đoàn, và thế hệ trẻ thứ II ☪

Vai trò của Cộng Đoàn, Ca đoàn và các người ca xướng viên (cantor) trong Thánh Lễ là gì? Luật Giáo Hội nói gì về các đàn sĩ và “ca sĩ”, phục vụ hay là trình diễn? Với thế hệ thứ II, nói rất ít tiếng Việt và muốn tham dự Thánh lễ bằng tiếng Anh, có phương cách nào hay các tài liệu tốt để dùng song ngữ? Buổi hội thảo này sẽ nhìn lại qui tắc của Việt Nam và USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) về Thánh nhạc và những nhạc song ngữ mới nhất. Cho những người muốn hiểu thêm về nhạc và Thánh Lễ, đặc biệt là các Ca trưởng, người ca xướng viên, và các trưởng TNTT.

MUSIC AND THE MASS: THE ASSEMBLY, THE CHOIR AND SECOND-GENERATION YOUTH

What are the roles of the assembly, the choir and the cantor during Mass? Do Church documents understand musicians as servants or as performers? As the second generation speaks less Vietnamese and wishes to attend American Mass, what resources and models of celebration work best for bilingual worship? This presentation will review guidelines, from Vietnam and from the U.S. bishops, about music ministry and also showcase newly published bilingual music. For those interested in music and the Mass, but especially for choir directors, cantors and leader of TNTT (Thieu Nhi Thanh The, the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Society).



Paul Nguyễn

Anh Paul Nguyễn là một nhạc sĩ về phụng vụ tại Giáo Phận Orange, Cali. Anh được mời vào Ban Tư Vấn Thánh Nhạc và Ủy Ban Phụng Vụ cho Giáo Phận. Ở giữa thế hệ thứ nhất và thế hệ thứ hai, anh có thể làm cầu nối giữa văn hóa Mỹ và Việt. Anh luôn tiếp tục tìm cách để nối kết hai văn hóa và hai thế hệ.

Paul Nguyen

Paul Nguyen is Director of Music Ministry at Corpus Christi Church in the Diocese of Orange, Calif., where he serves on the Music Advisory Board and on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Being a 1.5 generation immigrant where he can navigate comfortably between mainstream American and the Vietnamese traditions, he works to bridge the gaps between the two traditions and between generational divides.



Thầy Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

Thầy Rufino Zaragoza dòng Phanxicô cư ngụ tại Orange County, California và là cố vấn trong môi trường thánh nhạc. Hằng năm Thầy về VN 6 tháng để dạy song ngữ và Thánh lễ bằng tiếng Anh. Thầy cũng là người sáng tác và dịch thuật nhiều nhạc từ tiếng Anh, Mỹ và VN và cũng là nguồn cung cấp lấy từ các phong tục của các sắc dân này.

Bro. Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

Composer Franciscan Brother Rufino Zaragoza, based in Orange County, Calif., serves as Liturgical Music Consultant in Research and Development for Oregon Catholic Press. His ministry has him outside the United State for over half of the year, developing English worship resources in Southeast Asia. Bro. Zaragoza has pioneered multilingual song collections in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. He has presented workshops at national conferences to diocesan and parish gatherings throughout Vietnam, Cambodia, Hong Kong and the United States.

6-01 CALLING YOUTH TO PASSIONATE DISCIPLESHIP

Steve Angrisano (bio 3-01)

It's not enough to teach our young people *about* God, we need to provide them with opportunities that draw them into an experience *with* God, an experience they yearn to share with the world. The youth that we encounter in our parishes as part of catechesis, youth ministry and sacramental preparation are ready for this challenge. In this workshop, we will explore ways to engage youth to live the Word, share the Word, and *be* the next generation of faith-filled disciples.

6-02 WOMEN AND THE WORD: BRIDGING THE GAP

Dianne Bergant, CSA (bio 4-02)

In this session, a lens sensitive to gender issues will be trained on the biblical tradition, examining language, social roles assigned to women, and presuppositions that influence one's worldview. The Exodus theme will then be used as a metaphor for reading biblical passages.

6-03 PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT: SHAPING LENT FOR THOSE IN THE RCIA PROCESS

Relying on decades of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) ministry experience, Mary Birmingham shares the sessions she has developed to shape a Lenten season with conversion at the core for those in RCIA. Discover ways to create a 40-day retreat to help prepare catechumens for the celebration of the sacraments of initiation.



Mary Birmingham

Mary Birmingham has been involved in RCIA ministry on a national level since 1992. She is a Master Catechist for the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., and travels extensively throughout the United States and Canada presenting diocesan workshops. Birmingham is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and currently Director of Liturgy, Music and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Fla. Her works include the book, "Formed in Faith."

6-04 SEEING IN THE DARK

After struggling through darkness, suffering and even traumatic events, how might God be inviting us to turn the corner? What are the keys to resilience? What can we learn from our faith about the grace to regroup, to be renewed and rise to new life after periods of darkness? Weaving together the wisdom of God's Word and our faith, along with what science is teaching us about the brain's ability to be resilient, we can offer others hope that there will be light at the end of the tunnel. Someone is there in the dark with us helping us to find our way back.



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. With experience as a teacher and missionary, her special interests are in spirituality, formation, women's spiritual development and abolition of human trafficking. Sr. Bryant has authored numerous articles and books and presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States. Her latest work is entitled "Vocations Anonymous."

6-05 THE TRINITY: HOW NOT TO BE A HERETIC

This is a simple workshop about an even simpler subject: the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. This must be simple for the Christian God is "supreme simplicity" (St. Anselm) and "Trinity" is the Church's shorthand description of who God actually is ... and who he needs to be in order to save us. Unfortunately, many Christians – preachers, teachers and catechists included – are uncomfortable talking about the Trinity, fearing they'll say the "wrong thing." Therefore, to equip them to tell others, this workshop explains what it means to say God is a Trinity, why Christianity is so convinced that God must be, and how it can all possibly make sense.



Dr. Stephen Bullivant

Dr. Stephen Bullivant is Senior Lecturer in Theology and Ethics at St. Mary's University in Twickenham, England. He has seven years of university teaching experience, and has given talks and lectures in the United Kingdom, Finland, Italy, the Philippines, Brazil and the United States. The award-winning theologian's recent books include "The Oxford Handbook of Atheism," "Faith and Unbelief" and "The Trinity: How Not to be a Heretic."

6-06 COME AND SEE, COME AND SING, COME AND PRAY!

To sing is to pray twice! But those of us who work with children know that when you move you pray thrice! Come and join Aussie Andrew Chinn as he explores a range of musical, artistic and singing techniques that use the richness of our senses to enhance our religious education programs with children. We'll sing, dance, draw and pray, and share a few laughs along the way. Chinn brings a wealth of experience in the field to share, with 20 years as an elementary teacher and 12 as a full-time music minister. Here is a workshop for those who minister to elementary students.



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.

6-07 TRADING IN OLD WINESKINS: A MISSIONARY APPROACH TO PARISH LIFE 🗣️

Rich Curran (bio 1-04)

Average Sunday attendance is 30 percent, really? What happened to enjoying favor with all people (Acts 2:47)? Is it really the by-product of the culture or did we just get so comfortable doing church that we stopped being Church. While our teachings are timeless, our approach to evangelizing is not. There is no need to retreat to the past or go back to the upper room. Modern realities simply require a new focus on creating a culture of discipleship, identifying missionary leaders, multiplying those leaders and leading boldly into the darkness of the world.

6-08 “SEEING” OUR FAITH – RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES 🗣️

Rev. John C. Cusick (bio 2-06)

Our Catholic faith, like all religions, is a compilation of doctrines, rules and practices. Yet, Catholicism has another two dimensions that are visual reminders of all that we believe: an amazing collection of signs and symbols. All too often we either take them for granted or don't understand them. This workshop will present a practical appreciation for and an understanding of what we “see” inside our churches and homes.

6-09 THE START OF SOMETHING BIG – FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUTH 🗣️

Tom East (bio 3-04)

The sacrament of confirmation strengthens youth for mission and witness. It should be the beginning of something wonderful! How can we support newly confirmed youth in their adventure as disciples? This workshop will explore vision, practices and resources for following through with youth who have received confirmation and active discipleship.

6-10 JOY OF THE GOSPEL FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS IN THE TIME OF POPE FRANCIS 🗣️

Pope Francis has modeled a pastoral stance for embracing lesbian and gay Catholics. This session will examine *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Holy Father's 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, which invites us to catechize and evangelize first and foremost with a spirit of God's love and mercy. This will set the tone for considering the 2014 Synod of Bishops and the 2015 Pontifical Council for the Family's “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.” As Pope Francis challenges the Church to acknowledge difficult pastoral situations and respond with love and mercy, these reflections will guide us in creating a place for lesbian and gay Catholics in today's Church.



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 and the Gay Christian Network. He also appears in several of Ignatian News Network's YouTube series on pastoral care of LGBT Catholics.



Fr. Chris Ponnet

Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983. Since then he has served as Director for the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. Fr. Ponnet has also been involved with the U.S. bishops' peace pastoral regarding non-violent action; their statement, “Always Our Children,” is among the many primary church documents he addresses. He speaks regularly and provides consultation and spiritual direction to those in and connected to ministry.

6-11 TEACHERS, TRANSFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY: HOW TEACHERS HELP STUDENT LEADERS CHANGE THE WORLD 🗣️

Dan Friedt (bio 2-09)

Teachers, are you working at a school that has gone “BYOD” (bring your own device)? Maybe you have just started to bring technology into the classroom and wonder where it's all going. In this dynamic, interactive presentation, you will be taken on a journey of iProtocols, iApps and iDevices (iPAD). Dan Friedt will share his top five apps, and why. He will talk about rolling out 1-to-1 devices and BYOD. Teachers, this session is for you, because the heart of the presentation is how teacher transformation and technology can support students as they choose their tools to change the world.

6-12 THE RAGE AGAINST GOD: THE ARROGANCE AND HOSTILITY OF THE NEW ATHEISTS 🗣️

There is nothing new in the arguments of the New Atheists, but the level of open hostility to people of faith is. This new militant atheism ridicules Christians and people of faith, calling them demented, stupid, anti-human and, in the end, just evil. Religious education is equated with child abuse, and believers are held responsible for the war, violence and evil we see in society. The New Atheists' goal is to eliminate religion from society. Why such hostility? They truly believe the world would be a better place without religion. Let's test that hypothesis and respond to their accusations.



Darrell Hall

Darrell Hall has taught religious education for 34 years and is former Principal at St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. He has presented at the Catholic Educator's Conference in British Columbia, at Catholic Christian Outreach “Rise Up” Conferences, at the Reverence for Life Conferences, and at several senior high schools, retreats and various parishes. Hall has published a book on Christian apologetics entitled, “I Am Convinced: God, the Truth and You.”

6-13 WORSHIP TRANSFORMING THE WORLD: SEEING, SINGING AND SERVING THE REIGN OF GOD

The vocation of every Christian is to be Christ's voice and hands and heart in the world, to labor on behalf of the vulnerable and dispossessed, to advocate and work for peace and equal justice for all. Worship, especially Sunday Eucharist, is the primary place where we are formed and transformed for this calling. How can our liturgies better empower us to "see" Christ present in the world and its people? How do those of us who prepare and lead liturgy refine our skills and talents, support one another, inspire our communities and model Christ's vision of God's Reign?



Marty Haugen

For over 30 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific Rim. With over 35 recordings and 400 published editions, his range of musical compositions continues to appear in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and other Protestant denominations. His latest work, "Lyric Psalter" (with Tony Alonso), is a resource of a three-year cycle of Psalms from the Lectionary for Mass.

6-14 GOSPEL LAUGHTER

Fr. James Martin, SJ (bio 2-20)

Too often the Gospel message is reduced to a bland series of dos and don'ts. Join Fr. James Martin in looking at not only the places where Jesus shows us his own joy, but also how the saints and the great spiritual masters used joy, humor and laughter in their quest to holiness. All this and some great jokes, too!

6-15 MARY OF GALILEE, MARY MODEL OF FAITH

This workshop will gather the core teachings about Mary from the Bible, from Catholic dogma and from Vatican II. Particular emphasis will be given to the implications of these teachings for contemporary Christian faith.



Timothy Matovina

Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he is also Executive Director of the Institute for Latino Studies. He has made presentations and presented workshops for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the United States, and is a frequent and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. His latest publications include "Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church."

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6-16 SEEING THE GIFT OF BODY: JESUS AND THE GOOD USE OF SEXUALITY

How many times did Jesus use his body in relationship with others: comforting, exorcising, healing? And yet, do we consider Jesus' body really human? The sort that made noises, felt worn out and needed care? And yet, interactions of bodies (handshakes, hugs, holding) define a central part of humanity: our sexuality. We exercise this God-given gift through the good use of our bodies, in a consoling pat, an affectionate caress, or a congratulatory high five. Jesus' use of his body can be a model for us. Come learn from Jesus what it means to exercise the gift of sexuality, to bring life and love more fully into the world.



Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson

A self-described street theologian who uses storytelling, poetry and humor, Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson is author and leader of the Beloved Retreat, and holds the position of Resident Theologian and Animator of Faith at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago, where he formerly served as Dean of Formation. Dr. Nelson-Johnson also is founder and Animating & Creative Partner of Soul Play in Evanston, Ill., where he lives. He travels to Europe and across the United States presenting to adult and youth diocesan events and conferences.

6-17 HELP! WE'RE BUSY, ADDICTED AND BORED: REACHING OUT TO THE REAL MODERN FAMILY

Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC (bio 3-21)

If you've ever felt frustrated because your events were competing with everything else families are committed to, this workshop is for you. Effectively inviting families to new life in Christ requires understanding their deep motivations for prioritizing their schedules. This dynamic session will reveal the deep reasons people are busier, more addicted and less content than any other time in history. You'll leave with insight and tools to help craft compelling messages and programing that youth and adults will not only want to attend, but will bring friends.

6-18 ANSWERING THE MOST FREQUENT CATHOLIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY 🗣️

Dale S. Recinella, JD, MTS &
Susan M. Recinella, PsyD (bios 3-23)

Dale and Susan Recinella will begin by sharing their answers to the general Catholic questions most frequently directed to them about the death penalty and death row/execution ministry: “How can American Catholics approach the reality of the death penalty in light of current church teaching?” “How do you pray with inmates on death row?” “How is the death penalty and abortion linked for Catholics?” “How does restorative justice function in murder cases?” A significant portion of the time will be spent answering audience questions from the floor.

6-19 STORY TIME WITH UNCLE FR. TONY: BRINGING THE SCRIPTURES TO LIFE 🗣️ ARENA

It said that a parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus frequently used parables as a means of illustrating divine truths. These stories are easily remembered and their symbolism is rich in meaning. As preachers and teachers of the faith, we are called to awaken Sacred Scripture for those we serve by the using our personal parables. This interactive workshop will guide you through the use of our personal stories as we reconnect with the stories of Jesus and his followers. Together, let us explore how the Scriptures of old are alive and well today.



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, La., currently serves as theology teacher for St. Augustine High School in his native city of New Orleans. He is also an instructor for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University and Director of Knight Time Ministries. Fr. Tony Ricard, a former pastor and public schoolteacher, has authored many books and has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation, and has preached in 22 countries.

6-20 PAULINE SPIRITUALITY FOR LENT 🗣️

Brian Schmisek (bio 2-24)

Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, was a multilingual, multicultural minority living in the multi-religious Roman Empire. His experience of the Risen Christ radically changed the trajectory of his life. Rather than a mere recitation of doctrine or creeds, Paul's very life gave witness to the power of the Risen Christ. His letters are often the second reading of the Sunday liturgy but can be overlooked in favor of the Gospel. What can we learn from Paul and his experience that is applicable today? In this session, we will explore how Paul's life and spirituality can be an example for us in this Lenten season.

6-21 LONGING TO SEE YOUR FACE: PREACHING FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM 🗣️

Rev. Thomas J. Scirghi, SJ, ThD (bio 2-25)

Pope Francis says: “It takes more than intellectual assent to truly get to know Jesus – we must also develop a personal relationship.” Preaching helps us to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Liturgical preaching is sacramental: It provides an opportunity to meet the living Lord. The Word of God proclaimed and preached comes alive for us – at least it should – in our hearing. This session will discuss the craft of Christian preaching from the pulpit as well as from the pew. How do we tell the story? How do we hear it?

6-22 “HERE’S WHAT HAPPENED”: TELLING SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCES IN STORY FORM 🗣️

John Shea (bio 4-24)

When we take stock of the resources we have to support, develop and direct our spiritual life, we immediately consider the many offerings the Church provides to deepen our relationship to God and neighbor – sacraments, Scripture, ministries and multiple service opportunities. However, there is often a complementary and overlooked resource – our own experiences. We will tell stories of spiritually significant experiences and explore how this process enriches and transforms our lives.

6-23 AN INVITATION TO CON VERSION: 7 PRACTICAL IDEAS TO INVIGORATE THE SACRAMENTS 🗣️

The New Evangelization calls us to take a closer look at what we have been doing in catechesis and do it in a different manner. We no longer can just say, “This is the way we have always done it,” we need to make it better. The sacraments are a great opportunity for the New Evangelization. We must focus preparation for sacraments by focusing on conversion and mystagogia. This workshop will provide practical ideas and activities so that catechesis around the sacraments can be transformed into powerful faith moments.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela is a National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources for William H. Sadlier, Inc. For more than 20 years has been working in Hispanic ministry and in various parish ministries including youth ministry and religious education, even writing and developing new materials. Valenzuela has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent and fully bilingual and bicultural, he has lived most of his life in the Bay Area and currently resides in Alameda, Calif.

6-24 “LORD, I SEE! – CAN I SING ABOUT IT?” 🎧

Come and sing! This session will help you to learn and enjoy exploring ways that music can lead us closer to God and one another. It will offer practical help on good principles on leading people in song as cantors, choir members and teachers.



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.

6-25 MERCY IN THE CITY 🎧

We are called to lives that incorporate prayer and service, and sometimes that means early mornings, late nights or long hours. America magazine’s Managing Editor Kerry Weber discusses her efforts to participate fully in city life and in the life of the Church – while still maintaining her sanity. Drawing upon her new book, “Mercy in the City,” she will offer her thoughts on how she tries to balance breadlines and deadlines and describe how she finds a moment’s rest in the city that never sleeps.



Kerry Weber

Kerry Weber, Managing Editor at America magazine, is a graduate of Providence College and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She also has worked as an editor for Catholic Digest and as a special-education teacher on the Navajo Nation. Weber has presented at numerous parishes, colleges and catechetical conferences. Her book is titled “Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job.”

6-26 BUILDING CHILDREN’S COURAGE 🎧

Char Wenc, MEd (bio 1-26)

Do you feel exhausted from dealing with your children all day? Do you worry if you are parenting correctly? Do you often ask yourself, “Now what do I do?!” Are your children the only ones having fun in your house? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come to hear internationally recognized speaker and author Char Wenc. Char teaches parenting skills that make a difference in how children and parents live together. She shares her knowledge and experience with humor and realism. Her passion for the topic of parenting is found in her style and content.

6-27 BLACK SPIRITUALITY – WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD 🎧

Historically, black spirituality has provided a means for the community to celebrate and praise God, work toward justice for all peoples, and remind the community that all are welcome at the table of the Lord. One must understand the spirituality of a people to best minister to the community. This spirituality, which is experienced and dwells down in the souls of black people, has been instrumental in helping the community fight for justice together. This workshop will use various sources of black religious expression to immerse those participants in a dynamic experience of black spirituality as lived today.



Dr. C. Vanessa White

Dr. Vanessa White is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator, spiritual director and teacher who lectures nationally. She is currently Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Ministry/Director of the Certificate in Pastoral Studies as well as Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is on the faculty and Coordinator of Elders Retreat at Xavier University of Louisiana’s Institute for Black Catholic Studies, and also on the adjunct faculty at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

6-70 Mẹ Maria, Gương Giăng Viên Giáo Lý Hoàn Hảo 🎧

Cha Hy K. Nguyễn, SS (buhay 1-70)

Mẹ Maria, Theotokos (Đấng Cứu Mang Thiên Chúa), là một mẫu gương giảng viên giáo lý hoàn hảo. Mẹ truyền dạy chân lý cho người khác cách rõ nhất bằng chính việc làm và lời nói của Mẹ. Mẹ thật là mẫu gương hoàn hảo cho mọi giảng viên giáo lý (xem GLCG 2030). Buổi hội thảo giúp chúng ta bắt chước gương Mẹ trong ơn gọi và mục vụ làm giảng viên giáo lý, không chỉ trong những gì ta nói mà trong tất cả những gì ta trao đổi với người khác.

MARY, THE PERFECT MODEL CATECHIST 🎧

Fr. Hy K. Nguyen, SS (bio 1-70)

Mary, Theotokos (God bearer), is the perfect model catechist because of who and what she is. If a catechist is one who instructs others in the true faith, then Mary is the perfect catechist who communicates truths to others most clearly by her words and actions. Indeed, she is the perfect model for what every catechist should be (cf. CCC 2030). The workshop helps us to imitate Mary in our call and ministry as catechists, not only in what is said but also in all that is communicated.

