

A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR



Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I invite you to register for Youth Day 2015 – a day that brings young people together, engages them in their faith and allows them to experience the larger Church. At Youth Day, there are many opportunities to celebrate and witness the richness of our Catholic faith, to share our stories and to experience God’s bountiful love. Additionally, we will have the chance to deepen our encounter with Christ through Eucharistic liturgies, workshops, rallies and much more. Youth Day is not only about the experience; it is also about each of us being called to share what we receive with as many people as possible: our friends, our family,

and even people we may not know yet. As expressed in the reflection below, our theme “**Talk Jesus with Me**” calls us to fulfill Pope Francis’ vision of missionary discipleship.

Youth Day is being planned from beginning to end by a committee comprised of adults and young people from across the Archdiocese who are joyfully sharing their gifts and talking about the Good News. The team is planning an energetic, exciting and faith-filled day for everyone. They invite you to “Talk Jesus with Me” on social media. The handle is @LAYouthDay across all platforms and use the following hashtags: #TalkJesusWithMe, #ShoutItOut, #LAYouthDay. The dialogue is live on social media; join the conversation today.

The following pages in this Guidebook offer information on how to prepare young people for the day, as well as instructions for registration and information about opportunities for young people and adults to get involved. Please remember that you can register for Youth Day online or through the mail. When registering for the day, make sure to select a track and remember the schedule for the track you selected. Note that our liturgy times have changed for both tracks. I encourage you to frequently visit our website www.RECongress.org/YD where you will find the most current information about the day and resources for engaging young people through social media leading up to, during and even after Youth Day.

Our team looks forward to celebrating with you at Youth Day 2015. Thank you for your willingness to share this great day with young people from your parish and school. As you prepare, remember to find opportunities to “Talk Jesus with Me” especially with the young people you minister to and with.

Christina Lamas
Associate Director
Office of Religious Education

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Want more than just to attend the day? Check our site at www.RECongress.org/YD for more info and all the ways you can be more involved at Youth Day 2015.

SPIRIT SQUAD – We are looking for a team of high-energy, dynamic, high school aged youth, to be part of our Spirit Squad! The Spirit Squad will be used throughout the day to pump up the crowd with games and chants, promote the theme, help direct attention to social media, and transition participants from events throughout the day.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Are you good with social media? Do you have a passion to #spreadtheGospel using social media? #LAYouthDay needs you! We are looking for a team of high school aged youth to help us populate our social media platforms the day of L.A. Youth Day.

YOUTH DAY EMCEE – Youth Day is looking for young people to introduce speakers and help with rallies. Do you like performing in front of large crowds? Do you like to help others have a good time? If you answered “yes” to these questions, then come be part of this great day!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – Youth Day 2015 is looking for high school aged youth to serve as ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and musicians to sing and play in the archdiocesan Choir & Band for the liturgies.

YOUTH DAY RALLY – Do you love to sing? Are you a person who can speak in front of a large group of teens? We would love to have teens be part of the Youth Day Rally!

TRAINING DAY – January 3, 2015 at Holy Family in South Pasadena, Calif.



Youth Day

TRACK 1

8:00 AM – ARENA RALLY

For those registered for Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2015 begins in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **Jeremy and Ryan** will be on hand to get the day started with music, followed by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities throughout the morning.



ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Track 1 participants will participate in a Spirit-filled liturgy with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita. (Please note that this liturgy will begin at approximately 8:30 am.)



ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the liturgy, Track 1 participants will remain in the Arena for our featured speaker, **Fr. Greg Boyle**. He will explore ways of finding God in the world.



11:45 AM – LUNCH

Following the Arena Workshop, Track 1 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There will be many places inside and outside the Convention Center for purchasing food.

1:00 PM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Track 1 participants will be able to attend one of the 12 workshops offered to inspire and challenge them in new ways. These workshops are held in the meeting rooms throughout the Convention Center. We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them. Please review the offerings on the following pages.

2:30 PM – CLOSING SESSIONS

Youth Day 2015 ends for Track 1 participants with energetic Closing Sessions in either the Convention Center Ballroom or Hall B. Musical artists **Ike Ndolo** and **The Jacob and Matthew Band** will be performing for these events. Young people from across the Archdiocese and beyond will also be helping us to close out our day with much excitement.



3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

After being reminded to “Talk Jesus with Me” every day and everywhere – in our parishes, our schools, our homes, and the entire world – participants will be sent out to be missionary disciples.

PREPARING FOR THE DAY

YOUTH DAY 2015 LITURGICAL READINGS

Youth Day 2015 takes place on Thursday of the Third Week of Lent. We hope you will use the readings of the day as you prepare young people for the event:

First Reading: 1 Jeremiah 7:23-28
 Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
 Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

REFLECTING ON THE THEME

“TALK JESUS WITH ME!”

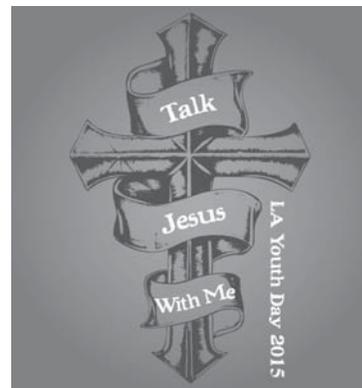
Our theme, “Talk Jesus with Me,” may surprise you, but not the youth who read, wrestled with and reflected upon the readings of the day. These young people made a strong appeal for a theme that resonated with meeting Christ in the context of their world, their life experiences and what they are hearing and seeing. It was definitely a challenge that awakened the adults in the room. Yet, it was also a great opportunity to dialogue “Talk Jesus with Me,” to meet young people where they are and to journey with them.

Our theme becomes ever more important as we realize how challenging and complicated the world that our young people experience today. This is the reality of young people in schools, at home, on social media and in popular culture. It makes it difficult for them to focus upon the voice of God in the midst of such a noisy world.

In the readings, we hear many action verbs that express speaking and listening. Phrases such as “listen to my voice,” “hear his voice,” “the mute man spoke” appear many times, each requiring a response. In the same way, the voice of our loving God is shouting to today’s young people, awaiting their response. As individuals working with young people, we are challenged to guide them and help them to focus upon and respond to God’s voice. Therefore, it is crucial that we spend time understanding the world of our youth, dialoguing with them about Christ, and encouraging them to carry on the conversation with others in words and deeds.

Our theme also invites us to look within ourselves and to share the Good News with others. Every day we are presented with many opportunities to share Christ’s love. Are we acting on this invitation, or simply passively listening? I invite you to join us in taking our theme “Talk Jesus with Me” to an even higher level. Let us connect our lives with the Gospel and share it with others. Together we can take steps to fulfill Pope Francis’ vision of young people as “street preachers (*callejeros de la fe*); joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 106).

We hope this day will encourage every participant to “Talk Jesus with Me” every day and everywhere!



ADULT VOLUNTEERS

The Youth Day staff invites any adult not chaperoning a parish or school group to be a volunteer for our event. Youth Day volunteers are assigned to a variety of positions throughout the day. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone – and to enjoy our event for free. To volunteer for Youth Day 2015, an adult needs to have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection policies and have had the appropriate diocesan required background check. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to find out more details about your required programs. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our team, please contact Erin Avila at recyouthday@gmail.com or at (559) 259-8232. Come join the fun! We need you.

SUPPORTING OTHERS

In an effort to enhance the work of the Office of Religious Education in developing youth leaders across the Los Angeles Archdiocese and to support the work of other key organizations, there will be a collection during liturgies at Youth Day. We will use some of this money to help young people who need assistance to attend programs at the local, regional and national levels. We also share part of the collection with a different organization each year, and for 2015 we have chosen Homeboy Industries (www.homeboyindustries.org). We ask that you share this information with participants coming to Youth Day and emphasize how their contributions can continue the formation, education and quality of life for others. Thank you in advance!



**Talk
Jesus
with Me!**

YOUTH DAY THEME SONG

You can find our Youth Day 2015 theme song online and available to download at www.JeremyAndRyan.com.



YOUTH DAY APP

Keep watch our web site for the Youth Day app for iPhone and iPod Touch. With this app, you can stay up-to-date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them on Twitter, viewing their websites, and even finding them on Facebook. Youth Day is much more than just a one-day experience and this app will allow you to keep with you what each speaker and musician says long after the day is over.

REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

All high school students (9th-12th grades ONLY) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with an adult chaperone, who must attend with the group. Two adult chaperones must accompany the first group of 1-10 youth and then one additional adult must be added with each additional group of 1-10 youth. Chaperones are required to stay with their group throughout the entire day. Each group chooses Track 1 or Track 2 (Arena access allowed only during assigned times) and then selects the Convention Center workshop of their choice. Convention Center workshops will be offered twice – once in the morning and once in the afternoon – so everyone gets a chance to participate. We try to accommodate first choices for workshops, but sometimes they fill up and we must move you to your second choice.

NOTE: YOUTH DAY OFTEN FILLS UP BEFORE THE FEE INCREASE ON January 23. Please understand that there is limited seating for the event. If Youth Day fills to capacity prior to the January cut-off date, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but please understand that there are no exceptions.

Remember, there are two tracks to Youth Day and every group must choose one. This allows every participant to experience all Arena activities while still giving everyone the chance to hear two workshops (one is automatically chosen for you when you are in the Arena). To enter into the Arena for either Track 1 or Track 2, please line up and use the doors nearest the Hilton Hotel. We allow the exact number of participants as there are seats in the Arena. So please know that there will be room for everyone. Your name badge will make it clear as to which track you have been assigned. We ask you to not go to the Arena until your assigned track. Lastly, please remember that we will clear out the Arena at mid-day and no one is allowed to stay in that space.

TRACK 2

8:00 AM – OPENING SESSIONS



For those who register for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2015 begins with the opportunity to experience one of two energetic Opening Sessions offered in the Convention Center: Hall B will welcome **Ike Ndolo**; the third-floor Ballroom will host **The Jacob and Matthew Band**. Young people from across the Archdiocese will also be part of these great events. Groups are welcome to attend either of these high-energy sessions – you get to choose that day!



9:30 AM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

After the Opening Sessions, Track 2 participants will be able to attend one of the 12 workshops offered in the Convention Center meeting rooms. We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them. You can find the listing on the following pages.

11:00 AM – LUNCH

Following the workshops, Track 2 participants are invited to enjoy lunch; there are places throughout the Convention Center for purchasing food. The Arena will open for Track 2 participants at 11:45 am. Everyone will need to enter through the main Arena glass doors near the fountain. Enjoy lunch, there are seats for everyone!

12:15 PM – ARENA RALLY



For Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day continues in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **Jeremy and Ryan** will be on hand to get everyone energized, followed by young people from the Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities throughout the afternoon.

ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Track 2 participants will participate with a Spirit-filled liturgy presided by our own Los Angeles **Archbishop José Gomez**. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir and instrumentalists under the direction of Ed Archer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita. (Please note that this liturgy will begin at approximately 12:45 pm.)



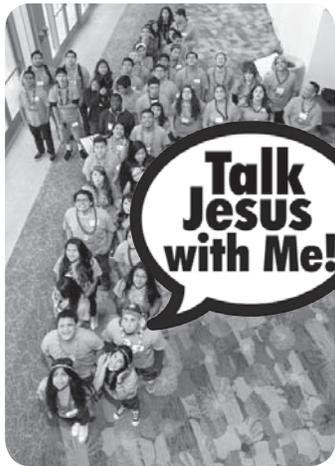
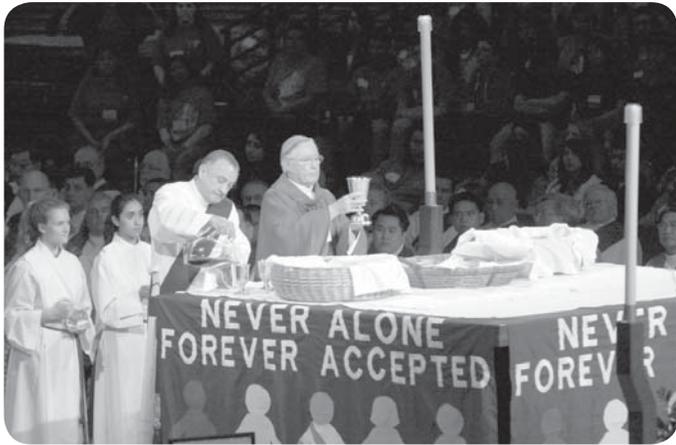
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We invite you to review all the workshops on the following pages. All Youth Day attendees will be able to see our Arena speaker, Fr. Greg Boyle. But you can make first- and second-choices among the remaining 12 workshops as a selected workshop. Track 1 will see their Convention Workshop offering in the afternoon. Track 2 will attend the morning session workshop.

ARENA WORKSHOP

Both Youth Day tracks get to see our Arena speaker. You can make your choice of Convention Workshop from the remaining 12 speakers whose sessions are held in the Convention Center meeting rooms.

BARKING TO THE CHOIR – NOW ENTERING THE KINSHIP OF GOD

This workshop will explore what “being in the world” means, and where we can find God in the world – in compassion and loving kindness. Fr. Greg Boyle will reflect on the sacredness of life through the lens of Ignatian spirituality, drawn from more than 30 years of work with formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women in Los Angeles.



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.”

A BRINGING CHRIST TO YOUR FAMILY

Is Christ part of your life? Do you live out your Catholic faith? Do you try to share and involve your faith with your family? The New Evangelization challenges teens to work together and empower their families to proclaim Christ’s love and mercy to the world. Come and explore new ways in which you can become a disciple who comfortably shares the joy of your Catholic faith with your family.



Katherine Angulo

Born in Mexico and raised in Bogota, Colombia, Katherine Angulo is fluent in English, Spanish and French. She has over 14 years of experience in youth, campus ministry and religious education in the dioceses of Richmond, Va.; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Miami. Angulo is presently on staff at the Department of Catholic Formation and Evangelization as Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C. She has presented at both local and national events, and has been a trainer at the Youth Leadership Institute for the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn.

B REAL TALK: THE POWER OF PRAYER

In this workshop, we will look at the importance of prayer: communicating with God. Why do we find it hard to pray at times? What can we do when we know we need to pray but don't know how? How do we handle the times when it seems like God is not listening to our prayers? How do we wait on Him?



Dr. Ansel Augustine

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked in ministry for over 15 years around the country and 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 at 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.

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C THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS

This session presents the two hottest topics on the planet for teens: God and sex. Focusing on the virtue of chastity as being more than just “no sex,” this talk exposes the lies the world offers regarding relationships and sex, and points to a deeper truth of authentic love found in Christ. Through funny stories and compelling witness, Mary Bielski presents a message of hope for purity and freedom found in the power of Jesus.



Mary Bielski

Born in Indianapolis, Mary Bielski lived her passion through youth ministry. In 2006 she founded ALLAHIM Ministries and three years later left her pharmaceutical sales job to immerse herself in full-time ministry. With 15 years of experience in youth ministry and 12 years as a national speaker,

Bielski has spoken to over 75,000 teens and adults around the nation at high schools and young adult retreats, from major national youth conferences to parish and diocesan rallies.

D DIGITAL CATHOLICS

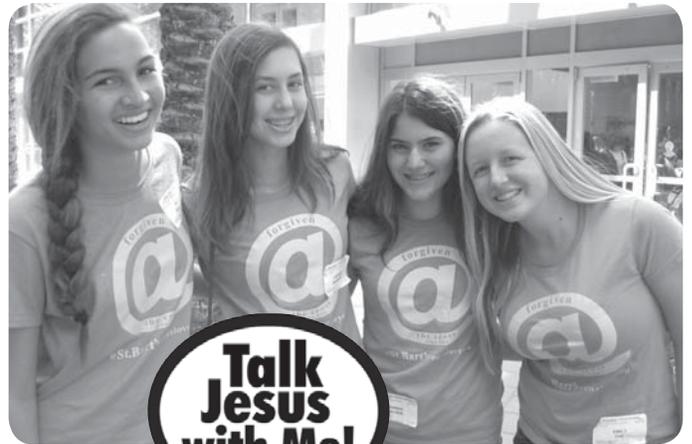
Our world is increasingly a media world. But, are you perfectly happy with the way you use media, the way your friends and family use media? How can we live Catholic in a digital world? How do we make media work *for us* and not *against us*? How can we be more Christ-like on social media? Ever wish you could just unplug? Where's God in a wired world? Technology doesn't make us civilized – the way we use it does.



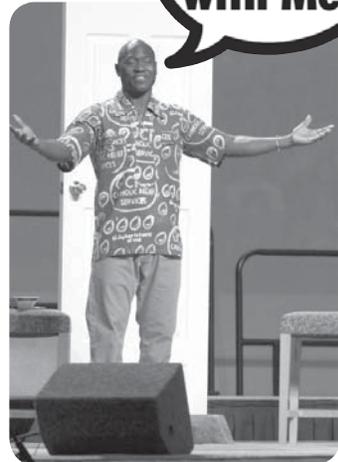
Sr. Helena Burns, fsp

Sr. Helena Burns, a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, is a movie reviewer for Life Teen, writer-director of the documentary on the life of Blessed Fr. James Alberione, founder of the Daughters of St. Paul, and a co-producer on www.The40Film.com. She is also on the vocation team of the Daughters

of St. Paul. Sr. Burns has presented media literacy talks and seminars since the '90s, and since 2006 she has presented Theology of the Body talks to teens and adults across the United States and Canada.



Talk Jesus with Me!





E DO IT SCARED!

For too long we have let fear stop us from reaching our God-promised potential. Fr. Rob Galea will share stories of his journey from victim to victor. You will learn ways to overcome and face your fears to become all you are called to be in Christ.



Fr. Rob Galea

Singer/songwriter Fr. Rob Galea, a Catholic priest, is an assistant parish priest and also a Chaplain at Notre Dame College, both in Shepparton, Victoria, Australia. In addition to his series of recordings and CD releases, Fr. Galea has written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. He was selected to sing the official 2008 World Youth Day song, "Receive the Power," and performed in some key events before the 500,000 pilgrims in Sydney. He is co-founder of Stronger, a youth program that is quickly becoming one of Victoria state's largest Catholic youth movements.



H TALK JESUS, TALK WE ... A WORLD THAT JOURNEYS TOGETHER TOWARD ONE LOVE

Catholic Relief Services and local service and outreach ministries invite you to an experience of entering into the lives and stories of people around the world. Through storytelling, decision-making and learning of the consequences of those decisions, discover the realities that many young people face around the world and how we can journey together toward greater unity, justice and love.



Ted Miles

Since 2005, Baltimore-native Ted Miles has been Catholic Relief Services' Relationship Manager for Religious Education and Coordinator of their Youth Outreach in the United States. Prior to joining CRS, Miles served in parish youth ministry, social ministry and Catholic high school education and faith formation for over 25 years, including the development of Baltimore Archdiocese's "Justice Action Week." In 2009, he was honored with the national award for leadership in youth ministry from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.



Sergio Lopez

Musician and speaker Sergio Lopez is a former youth minister and worship leader from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He has presented at the Los Angeles Regional Congresses, the Fresno Diocesan Youth Day, the Christian Leadership Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif., and The Center for Ministry and Development in Buffalo, N.Y. Since 2014, Lopez has worked for Catholic Relief Services as a Relationship Manager, and is based in Simi Valley, Calif.

ORDERING OFFICIAL YOUTH DAY T-SHIRTS

Official Youth Day T-shirts are available for custom and group pre-orders. Customize your Youth Day shirt with your youth group or parish name on the back for only \$2 additional. All orders with payment must be received by February 16, 2015 for direct shipping.

Special pre-order discount pricing (valid thru Feb. 16, 2015):

T-shirts: \$13* (\$15 at Youth Day)

V-Neck: \$16* (\$18 at Youth Day)

Sweatshirts: \$25* (\$30, limited quantity at Youth Day)

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

*2XL - 4XL sizes are \$2 extra for T-shirts and \$5 extra for hoodies.

On Youth Day, merchandise will be available at the Seraph 7 booth in the prefunction area of the Convention Center. Please order at www.seraph7.com or email us at seraph7clothing@gmail.com. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

K DEALING WITH STRESS

Are you stressed? Does just being asked the question stress you out? We all get stressed from time to time, but how we choose to deal with it can really say something about us. Come to this session if you are OK with laughing and loving God and, oh ya, totally stressed out!



Judy McDonald

Judy McDonald, a professional comedienne for the past 20 years, is in great demand at parishes and conferences across the United States and internationally. She was a residential minister at the University of San Diego and became Youth Minister for the San Diego Diocese. McDonald has been in full-time traveling ministry for over 10 years, including shows for military bases in Germany, Italy, Belgium and parishes in Ireland, Croatia, Scotland and across the United States.

M THE HAPPY CATHOLIC

Jesus is like us in all things except sin. I bet he laughed, really hard! So why are so many Catholics always so serious? If the joy of the Lord is our strength, it would seem that we should find ourselves in the midst of a lot of “happy” Christians. Why does it seem like our Catholic faith isn’t joyful at times? How can we truly find joy in our Catholicism? This workshop looks at the beauty of being Catholic and embracing joy.



Chris Padgett

Songwriter, musician, speaker and worship leader Chris Padgett travels around the world giving talks, missions and concerts. As a founding member of Scarecrow and Tinmen in 1994, he wrote, recorded and toured with the band for seven years. Since then he has been on his own presenting keynotes and concerts, writing articles and presenting at four World Youth Days, several Steubenville youth conferences and numerous diocesan events. He also has four solo albums. He and his wife, Linda, recently published their first book, “Not Ready for Marriage, Not Ready for Sex: One Couple’s Return to Chastity.”

P TRIPLE D: DISCERNING, DECIDING & DOING

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, who hosts the TV show “Savoring Our Faith” and the radio show “Entertaining Truth,” provides practical tools to discern God’s will for you and shows how to develop the necessary virtue to do it.



Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Baltimore-based Fr. Leo Patalinghug, a priest member of Voluntas Dei, is founder, host and Director of Grace Before Meals, a family, faith and food movement. In addition to his priestly duties, Fr. Patalinghug is host for the EWTN TV show “Savoring Our Faith” and co-host with Tom Leopold of the SiriusXM radio show “Entertaining Truth.” A best-selling author and contributor to newspaper and magazines, the popular speaker has been featured on ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS and even the Food Network, where he appeared on “Throw Down! with Bobby Flay.”

S BE THE ONE!

Over 160,000 students miss school every day due to a fear of this. Many teens say it’s a greater problem than racism, sexual pressure or the use of drugs and alcohol. Some people say it’s why there have been tragic things happening in schools. Could you “be the one” to see it ... and stop it? Challenging stuff. For all ages.



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. He also was on the adjunct faculty at the Graduate School of Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Patin 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.”

X SNAPCHAT RELATIONSHIPS

Have intimacy issues? Do relationships last as long as a Snapchat picture? Do we understand what it means to be intimate? This workshop will look at healthy intimacy in all our relationships – with others and especially with Christ.



Bob Perron

Bob Perron has been sharing his style of standup and storytelling for over a decade. He has presented at major national youth ministry conferences in over 60 dioceses across the United States and Canada. 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.”

Z LIGHT IT UP, SALTY

Everyone always tells high school students to witness to the faith and to stand up for their beliefs. But what does it mean to witness, and how are you supposed to even do that? And do you even really know what it is that you believe and why you believe it in the first place? Katie Prejean is a theology teacher and parish youth director who likes to dance, should probably never sing (ever), and wants to help you discover how you can truly become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It isn’t easy to always witness to the faith, nor are you expected to evangelize alone. Let’s figure out what we believe and how we can share it ... join us!



Katie Prejean

Youth minister and speaker Katie Prejean 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 has spoken at various events across the country, ranging from a workshop at the National Catholic Youth Conference to smaller events. She reads voraciously, blogs occasionally, is a diehard New Orleans Saints fan, binge watches Netflix, loves Jesus, works out every day, and doesn’t like to be hugged.



WHO MAY ATTEND?

Youth Day is open to students from parishes and high schools (public and Catholic) that are in grades 9 through 12. Students below 9th grade are not allowed to participate in this event and will be refused admission. We appreciate your adherence to this guideline.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$30 per person. After January 23, 2015, fees increase to \$35 per person. Everyone in your group **MUST** be registered for Youth Day, **including all priests who will be accompanying your group or coming to concelebrate Mass.**

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

For the initial group of 1 to 10 youth, there must be two adult chaperones. An additional chaperone must be included with every consecutive group of up to 10 youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day, with at least one chaperone attending each activity with each group of up to ten youth. Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without a chaperone.

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and remains with the group to supervise throughout the day. Chaperones must participate in the events – youth find it more difficult to participate if adults are not engaged. The format of Youth Day enables everyone to have a seat, but large groups may be unable to sit together. We ask that chaperones divide up and stay with their groups.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing the adult chaperones with all the necessary forms and emergency information for each student. Youth Day name badges are mailed to the Contact Person, who may also be included as one of the group chaperones or registrants.

It is the responsibility of the contact person to make sure ALL Chaperones have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection Policies and the appropriate diocesan-required background check has been completed. Please contact your parish or school for more information on these guidelines for your diocese.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early since Youth Day often fills up prior to deadline dates. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. This is due to a limited number of seats. Please note that hitting capacity often happens **before the registration fee increase on January 23, 2015.** If we receive your registration after Youth Day has filled and closed, it will be returned to you. **SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.**

NAME BADGES

All registered persons are given a name badge that serves as their admission to Youth Day. In order to gain and maintain admission into the Convention Center, each person must wear the official Youth Day name badge throughout the day. We require a full first and last name. Registrations will **NOT** be processed if the same name is used in all the spaces on the form or if the names are obviously made up. If needed, you may substitute name badges already sent. We will not be able to print out new badges on site. The name badge color also identifies to which track you have been assigned. You will not be allowed to enter certain parts of Youth Day until your track is scheduled for that event.

PLEASE distribute name badges to all participants prior to leaving your parish or school or before exiting the bus. Those who become separated from their group and do not have name badges will not be allowed entry into the Convention Center or Arena.

Youth Day Packets will be mailed after January 27, 2015, to the contact person. Please check your packet **IMMEDIATELY** upon receipt to verify that each chaperone and each participant has a name badge.

NOTE: There is a \$50 fee for reprinting the name badges for a group attending Youth Day.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be made online or by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form (next page) along with a check for the proper amount. Please remember that everyone **MUST** be registered for the day (including Chaperones and priests – even if they are just coming for Mass). A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. There must be two Chaperones listed in your first group of registrants. **Forms, information and online registration by credit card are available at www.RECongress.org/YD.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. You may duplicate the form, as needed.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form – all attending the same workshop. The first form must include two Chaperones. Please do not register more people on the form than will be attending, since space is limited.
3. Once a registration has been submitted, additional registrations **CANNOT** be added to the group. To add registrants, a new registration (with another paid Chaperone) must be completed online or sent in. **PLEASE** remember to register priests who accompany your group as well, even if only coming for Mass.
4. All youth must remain with their Chaperone throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name and information of the Contact Person on each form used and indicate if he/she will attend. If the Contact Person plans to attend, his/her name **MUST** appear again as a Chaperone or registrant.
6. For mailed forms, indicate your choices of track and workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of \$30 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by January 23, 2015 to: Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, PO BOX 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955. Make checks payable to: Religious Education Congress. Total fees must accompany registration forms. All incomplete registrations will be returned. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. See www.RECongress.org/YD for online registration info.
8. After January 23, 2015, the Youth Day Registration fee will be increased to \$35 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by January 23, 2015. There are **NO REFUNDS** after that date. There will be a \$10 per registration refund processing fee.
10. **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY!**
11. Questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT

MAKE SURE to mark on the registration whether your group will attend **TRACK 1** or **TRACK 2** (see the previous pages for the descriptions of the tracks). Also, print the letter of your first- and second-choice workshops plainly on the spaces provided. All participants attend the Arena workshop and can choose a second workshop from the listings on the previous pages. The same workshops are offered for both tracks.

Workshop Assignment: Our registration system will assign your first choice for the workshop. If your first choice is full, then you will be assigned your second choice.

FOOD SERVICES

Track 1 and Track 2 have staggered lunch times. There are food concessions at various places in the Convention Center, Arena Lobby, and outside. Lines can be long, so please be patient. **PLEASE NOTE** that it is unacceptable to cater lunches for your group. Participants are allowed to bring individual lunch bags, but large ice chests and group catering are not permitted. Also, since time is limited, we suggest that you do not use the nearby restaurants.



YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ONLY PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED – NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered with each paid Adult Chaperone. All must attend the same workshops. The first registration form for every group should have two Chaperones listed.
2. Once a Registration Form has been submitted, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new registration AND another paid Chaperone. Please be sure to register all priests who will accompany your group.
3. **YOUTH DAY FEE:** \$30 per person (U.S. dollars only). After January 23, 2015 the fee increases to \$35 per person.
4. **NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE.** The FINAL Registration deadline is February 14, 2015. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Total payment must accompany this form.
6. Mail checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
7. **Name badges will be mailed after January 27, 2015.** Please check your packet when it arrives, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has a name badge. Students MUST remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 23, 2015. Note: There is a **\$10 per registration** refund processing fee.
9. **REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.**

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

Diocese _____
 Parish _____
 School/Org. _____
 City _____ State _____ Country _____

– For Office Use Only –

Stamp Number _____
 Date Received _____
 Total Registrants _____
 Check Number _____
 Total Amount _____

CONTACT PERSON (If attending, please also include your name below as Chaperone or Registrant, whichever is applicable.)

Name _____ Day Phone (_____) _____
 Address _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
 E-mail _____

SERVICES • Any special service needs? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)
 Wheelchair access • Name of student/adult requiring assistance _____

ADULT CHAPERONE

			\$30	\$35
First Name	Last Name		By Jan. 23	After Jan. 23
REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Adult)				
Adult?	First Name	Last Name		
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$60	\$70
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$90	\$105
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$120	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$150	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$180	\$210
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$210	\$245
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$240	\$280
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$270	\$315
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$300	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/>			\$330	\$385

Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 23, 2015.

Choice for Group:
Track 1 or Track 2

Workshop choice:
1ST _____
2ND _____

If track or workshop is not indicated, we reserve the right to make the assignments for your group.

Please note: It is unacceptable to cater lunch at Youth Day due to a liability issue for the Convention Center. There are many places through the Center to purchase food. People are invited to bring individual lunches, but catered meals (by restaurants or individuals) will not be allowed. Convention Center staff will ask these groups to leave the premises.

Mail to: RECONGRESS, PO BOX 76955, LOS ANGELES CA 90076-0955

– YOU MAY DUPLICATE THIS FORM –