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  hotel workshops and Anaheim-area restaurants
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• Exhibitor listings and categories
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EXHIBIT HALL
One of the perks of registering for RECongress is admission to Exhibit Hall A – showcasing over 250 companies as exhibitors ranging from religious art to music, from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to a variety of Los Angeles archdiocesan ministries. (Friday through Sunday)

OVERVIEW
WHAT IS THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS?

One of the unique features of RECongress is that it annually offers a variety of liturgies of different character. This year we will be offering 14 Eucharistic Liturgies – from Byzantine Divine Liturgy to a Mass Promoting Harmony – along with daily morning and evening prayer experiences. (See page 22.)

LITURGIES

ACC NORTH IS HALL B
Last year, RECongress was among the first events to use the new ACC North building. This year, we have moved all our Hall B (“Spanish Arena”) events to the 200 level – the upper level – of ACC North. Both Youth Day and our Adult Days will utilize the new “North Hall.” (Thursday through Sunday)

HELD IN ANAHEIM
Begun as an “Institute” back in 1956, our event became the “CCD Congress” and is now known as the “Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.” And since 1970 (when Orange County was still a part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese), the Anaheim Convention Center has been home to our annual event.

YOUTH DAY
The Religious Education Congress starts off the long weekend on Thursday, March 21, with the high-energy, day-long event for high school youth. It’s an opportunity for students to share in a mix of workshops, keynote and a liturgy to be sent out to live as missionary disciples. (See pages 7-15.)

ART EXHIBIT
Come enjoy our 2019 Art Exhibit located in the Arena Lobby. Each year RECongress features a display of works of art – whether by a local artist or a display to bring to light some current and important issues of our day. Drop by to view and experience this year’s display. (Arena Lobby)
MARCH 21 (YOUTH DAY) & MARCH 22-24 (ADULT DAYS)

OVERVIEW

SPEAKERS
Over the four days, RECongress 2019 will offer 308 workshops presented by 192 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And our Saturday Keynote speakers in English and Spanish are again ensconced in our Morning Praise.

ENTERTAINMENT
Admission to RECongress includes free lunchtime and evening concerts presented by well-known and loved RECongress artists – ranging from contemporary Christian music to the leading Latino composers and artists. Enjoy the variety of musical styles from around the world. (Friday through Sunday)

SACRED SPACE
Spend some time in a quiet place, in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, participating in the sacrament of reconciliation or experience the ancient practice of walking the labyrinth. Note the new location in ACC North: Sacred Space in North 151-152 and confessions in North 153/156. (Thursday through Sunday)

PERFORMANCE STAGE
Several of the performing artists at the Religious Education Congress have scheduled time to appear at the Performance Stage, located in the southeast area of Hall A. The stage showcases 20-minute sets of live music. Stop by for a listen and check the on-site schedule. (Friday through Sunday)

FILM SHOWCASE
In partnership with Loyola Marymount University’s Center for Religion and Spirituality, RECongress annually presents excerpts from a number of feature films, shorts and documentaries whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, ministry, spirituality and theology. (Friday evening)

SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2019
An annual event at RECongress is Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest fine art photography, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, brings us deeper to the care and to the heart of God. (Saturday evening)

HALL EVENTS
The Exhibit Hall is one of the busiest locations during the Religious Education Congress, where you can find a variety of exhibitors – including departments of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. And be sure to stop by the ORE Booth (photo) and the RECongress Technology Center. (Exhibit Hall A)

AND MORE... There is much more to Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, whether you attend just Youth Day or spend the whole weekend long, you will find a variety of constant events from early morning through the evening. Be sure to experience the sampling of all that the RECongress has to offer.

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RECONGRESS SPEAKERS

Workshops are designated by two numbers separated by a dash. The first number indicates the period; the number after the dash is the workshop number. Workshop numbers -01 to -30 are in English; -51 to -60 are in Spanish; and -70 is in Vietnamese. Sessions -01 are in the Arena; Session -51 are in ACC North Hall. "YD" indicates an English or Spanish Saturday Keynote.
You can check our site on the internet at www.RECongress.org for updates or sign up for our Emailing Updates filled with important information.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

It fills me with joy to welcome you to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2019!

Growing up in California I have been quite used to efforts to conserve water. Water is a precious resource and living through experiences of prolonged drought one can often be left wondering if there will ever be a change, if anything will get better: Will there ever be enough for everyone? We should always be good stewards of all the many blessings we receive from God, which includes this magnificent planet. We also long for a day when we don't have to count every drop. This experience of shortage, of not having enough, sets the context for our themes, “Trust! God’s Gotchu” and “Thirsting for Justice.”

The theme that draws us together for the Adult Days of RECongress is “Thirsting for Justice.” And of course, we hear in this theme Our Lord’s promise from his Sermon on the Mount: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.” Righteousness in the Scriptures means “rightness” or justice. Things are righteous or just when they are the way God wants them to be.

What we are all thirsting for is Jesus Christ. We are like that woman from Samaria who meets Jesus at the well and asks him: “Give me this water, that I may not thirst.” And Jesus longs to give us the gift of God, the living water that brings eternal life. As we thirst, so does Jesus. His final words on the cross are words of desire: “I thirst.”

I pray that these days will be a time of renewal for all of you. May you come to a new awareness of how Jesus thirsts for your love and a new dedication to following him in seeking holiness in your life and justice in our world.

In your prayers this weekend, please remember me and our ministry here in Los Angeles. I entrust you all to the loving heart of Our Blessed Mother Mary.

Sincerely,

Fr. Chris Bazyounos
Director, Office of Religious Education

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the whole family of God here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I want to welcome you to our 2019 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress!

Our time together begins with our annual Youth Day. This year’s theme is “Trust! God’s Gotchu.” I look forward to this day every year – it is a great time to pray and worship and spend time with our young people and to call them to a deeper love for Jesus Christ.

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We are born with this thirst inside us – a thirst for holiness, for love and mercy, for a society that reflects God’s beautiful intentions for creation. This is how God calls us to live – to walk with Jesus and to grow in holiness, to seek his Kingdom through works of justice for the poor and vulnerable.

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Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles
A MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends,

We have the great joy of warmly welcoming you to this extraordinary, annual, four-day event: The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, 2019. The RECongress begins with a vibrant gathering of our youth reflecting on the theme: “Trust! God’s Gotchu.” You can read more of the specifics on the theme and all other Youth Day events on pages 7-15 of this Registration Guidebook.

The weekend continues, inspired by the Adult Days theme – “Thirsting for Justice” | “Sed de Justicia” | “Khát Khao Công Lý” – which is drawn from the Scripture readings from the Third Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel reading, the Samaritan woman’s encounter with Jesus at the well ensures that no one is ever outcast. Just as Jesus invited the Samaritan woman to drink deeply from God’s well of mercy, each of us is invited to do the same and then to testify to our salvation in Jesus. May our weekend together inspire us to go forth and lead others to Christ by the witness of our lives well lived.

As the weekend unfolds, you can look forward to outstanding workshops offered in a variety of languages by some of the preeminent national and international presenters. A variety of liturgical prayer opportunities will provide time for prayer and reflection. Join us for amazing concerts, inspiring art exhibit and the joy of learning more about our diverse communities at the multicultural exhibit. Sacred Space, along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will be offered as a time for prayer and renewal. Also, be sure to take some time to visit the Exhibit Hall. A wide variety of resources and company representatives will be available to offer you personalized service. Do not miss out hearing a variety of musicians performing throughout the day at the Exhibit Hall Performance Stage. These are just some of the many highlights that await you!

Workshop descriptions and event listings, housing information, online and mail-in registration instructions are included in this Registration Guidebook and updated regularly on our website at www.RECongress.org. You can obtain additional information by email at congress@la-archdiocese.org or by calling the RECongress general office line at (213) 637-7348.

As an international gathering, RECongress is also a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and meet people from all over the world. If you know of others whom you feel may be enriched by participating in RECongress, please share your experience with them and extend a personal invitation to join us for the weekend. We would love to see them! For those not able to join us in Anaheim, remember that our event is available via our live stream at www.RECongress.org/Live.

Again, we look forward to personally welcoming you at our 2019 RECongress.

Paulette Smith
Associate Director
RECongress Program Coordinator

Jan Pedroza
RECongress Event Coordinator
Coordinator, Early Childhood Catechesis

A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATORS OF CATECHIST FORMATION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ and in faith, we want to express our joy in meeting you again at our annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

The theme of our Congress, “Thirsting for Justice,” reverberates permanently throughout the history of humanity, and it is expressed as the thread that weaves the realities of peoples in Sacred Scripture. Although we seek (and must find) concrete improvements for the common good, “justice” is much more than political and social results. Justice is the constant struggle to build God’s Kingdom. Justice is a process through which we become more human with each attitude and each action that transform us to see the sacred face of God in each person. Justice is an evolution in which we grow in the conscience of knowing ourselves intrinsically one with creation, understood as the exteriorization of God. Therefore, the thirst for justice is the journey that every human being, and every Christian in particular, must traverse every day of his/her life, especially us, catechists and ministers of the Word.

The Religious Education Congress is an excellent opportunity for all certified catechists to make use of the many workshops for continuous formation and for the process of basic and advanced recertification. To obtain a recertification form, please visit our web page at www.la-archdiocese.org/org/ore, or send an email requesting one at eargueta@la-archdiocese.org.

We invite you, therefore, to prepare your heart to continue the struggle of the numerous witnesses and lovers of peace and justice. Our faith journey is to be done in community, may we continue to be blessed by your presence.

In Christ our peace,

Dione L. Grillo
Coordinator of Catechist Formation

Giovanni O. Perez Campos
Coordinator of Catechist Formation
A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR

Greetings!

On behalf of the Youth Day Coordinating Team, it is my honor to welcome you and the young people in your ministry to Youth Day 2019. Youth Day begins the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. The day brings together more than 12,000 Catholic young people from across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and beyond. Together with their Chaperones, young people will be invited to renew, experience and celebrate their Catholic faith.

There have been some changes to Youth Day this year. We are excited to debut our new format and hope that this new model might serve you better. Youth Day still features two tracks; however, these tracks now offer a staggered start and end time. All Youth Day participants will hear our Keynote speaker, experience the Arena general session, participate in a Spirit-filled Liturgy, and attend two workshops (chosen on site). All workshops will be in ACC North, the new Convention Center expansion space. Workshops are presented in a variety of settings, such as round tables to allow for group processing and rooms with open space to allow for movement. When registering your group, you will only need general group information and the names of your Chaperones. Youth badges are now able to be purchased without assigning a name to the badge.

It is our hope that these changes will help you to more fully engage in the day. As you continue to prepare, I invite you to dialogue with us online. Follow us across all social media platforms @LAYouthDay. Use #LAYouthDay and this year’s official hashtag #TrustGodsGotchu in your posts. Make sure to download our app and visit our website – www.RECongress.org/YD – for the most current information.

Thank you for your willingness to share this opportunity with those you serve. Our team looks forward to welcoming you at Youth Day 2019: Trust! God’s Gotchu.

Victoria Radleigh Smith
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

PREPARING FOR YOUTH DAY

Youth Day 2019 takes place on Thursday of the Second Week of Lent. The readings of the day have helped to shape our theme, Trust! God’s Gotchu, and the events of the day. Below you will find the readings, along with a theme reflection prepared by young people for young people.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

The first reading gives a warning to those who place their trust in others and not in the Lord. Like a barren bush in the scorching desert, those without hope in the Lord will receive no relief. However, those who hope in the Lord should not fear, for they will be rewarded. The passage reminds us that the Lord alone knows our struggles and will judge “everyone according to the merit of his deeds” (Romans 2:6).

We see God’s judgment later in the Gospel as we hear of Lazarus and the Rich Man. Lazarus had little and suffered greatly throughout his life. Through it all, his faith never wavered. Though he sat at the door of the rich man’s house, he received no comfort or aid. When he died, he was carried away by angels and brought to a place of peace. The rich man also died but found himself in a place of torment. He had a vision and saw Abraham with Lazarus in heaven. He begged Abraham for mercy, yet Abraham replied, “My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus received what was bad.” The rich man begged for Lazarus to be sent to his family to warn them so they would not suffer as he did. Abraham reminded the man that his family had Moses and the prophets, saying, “If they will not listen to them, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.”

These passages invite us to reflect upon our own trust and disbelief. In what ways are we Lazarus? In what ways are we the Rich Man? As those who have hope in the Lord, how are we being invited to deepen our trust in God’s goodness? In modern jargon when someone says “I gotchu” it means that they have you covered and that you can lean on them for support. Trust! God’s Gotchu offers a message of comfort and hope to young people attending the day. It is a reminder that when we persevere in faithfulness, we will be rewarded. Our theme is broadly applicable and transcends time and circumstance. Young people will discern their own faith journey and be called to renew their commitment to trust in Christ. They will leave challenged to joyfully embrace this message of hope. Whatever you are experiencing, whatever struggle or burden – Trust! God’s Gotchu.
YOUTH DAY

REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

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Young people must register as part of a group and be accompanied by a Chaperone at all times. One Chaperone is needed for each group of 10 young people with two Chaperones being needed for the first group of 10. Parents and Chaperones wishing to accompany young people at Youth Day must be 21 years of age and in compliance with their diocese’s Safe Environment Policies.

When registering for the day, please select a Track. This year, tracks have a staggered start and end time. Workshops will be chosen on site. We recommend that you become familiar with our offerings in advance.

Youth Day registration is $40 per participant with special discount pricing of $35 being available until February 22, 2019. Youth Day often fills to capacity, please register early to avoid disappointment. The last day to mail in registration will be March 1. Registrations received after this date will be returned to the Contact Person.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY

Adults not chaperoning young people are invited to volunteer on Youth Day. All volunteers assisting with Youth Day must be over the age of 21 and in compliance with their diocese’s Safe Environment Policies. This includes fingerprinting, attendance at awareness sessions, and proof of active participation and good standing with your parish community. If you are unsure of what is required by your diocese, please contact your diocesan Youth Ministry Office.

Volunteers interested in serving at Youth Day are asked to be available for the entire day beginning at 6:30 am. Your service will conclude by 4:00 pm. All new and returning volunteers are asked to attend a Volunteer Meeting prior to the event as well as a morning gathering on the day of the event.

Youth Day volunteer positions include:
- **Area Captain**: Those who are responsible for overseeing a specific area of space, such as the Arena or ACC North.
- **Chairperson**: Those who are responsible for overseeing a specific room.
- **People Moving**: Those who will assist with the traffic flow and crowd control during the day.
- **Hospitality**: Those who serve as a welcoming face to young people. These individuals may also be used to assist in giving information and directing participants.
- **Prayer Team**: Those who are committed to praying for the young people throughout the day.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact Anita and Robert Gil at youthday@la-archdiocese.org.

TRACK 1

7:30 AM – DOORS OPEN
8:00 AM – ARENA SESSION
For those registered in Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2019 begins in the Arena with a General Session led by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and music by WAL. The General Session will also include:

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

**KEYNOTE**
Our featured keynote speaker, Fr. Mike Schmitz, is known for his presence in the digital world. He will challenge participants to Trust God in all circumstances as he breaks open the theme: “Trust! God’s Gotchu.”

11:30 AM – LUNCH
Following the General Session, Track 1 participants will break for lunch. Food is available for purchase inside the Convention Center, in the Youth Day food court (Hall C), and outside in the Grand Plaza.

12:45 PM – FIRST WORKSHOP
Track 1 participants will be able to attend two of the 14 workshops offered. New this year: You do not have to register ahead of time for any of the Youth Day workshops. Large groups are welcome to split into smaller groups as long as young people are chaperoned.

2:15 PM – SECOND WORKSHOP
Track 1 participants will be able to attend a second of the 14 workshops offered.

3:15 PM – DISMISSAL
After being reminded to be Jesus for others every day and everywhere – in our parishes and schools, homes and communities, online and in the entire world – participants will be sent out to live as missionary disciples.
YOUTH DAY THEME: “TRUST! GOD’S GOTCHU”

LOGO WEAR FOR THE DAY
Make sure to get your official youth day logowear. T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts will be available on Youth Day. Sizes range from small to XXXL. Quantities are limited, so stop by early. Logowear can be found in our exhibit space in ACC North in the lower 100 level.

SACRED SPACE ON YOUTH DAY
Sacred Space provides a quiet place to pray, visit the chapel or walk the labyrinth. It offers a place to take a respite from the busy day and enter a space dedicated to facilitating a sense of spiritual rejuvenation through quiet prayer with Christ. Each year a themed multi-media exhibit is presented that both inspires and challenges the people of God to live the Gospel more fully. Sacred Space will be open from 7:30 am-4:00 pm and can be found in ACC North 151-152 (lower level).

APP FOR YOUTH DAY
The Youth Day App is available in the AppStore for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch and in the Google Play Store. With this app, you can stay up to date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them on social media, viewing their websites and reading their workshop synopsis. Learn more about Sacred Space, vendors and other Youth Day features. Find useful maps and links to all our social media channels.

OFFICIAL HASHTAGS FOR YOUTH DAY
Be part of the conversation. Join us online across all social media platforms with @LAYouthDay. Use the official Youth Day hashtag #LAYouthDay along with this year’s hashtag #TrustGodsGotchu in all your posts.

SUPPORTING OTHERS ON THE DAY
Each year, a collection is taken during our Youth Day liturgies. A portion of this collection goes to support the Youth Ministry Division’s efforts to form youth leaders and encourage youth participation in our various programs and leadership camps. These funds make scholarships available for those local, regional and national opportunities. The other part of our collection is donated to key organizations in an effort to support their work.

Our primary collection beneficiary is chosen by young people who serve as part of the Youth Day Coordinating Team. This year, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles was selected. The young people have asked that funds be split to support Disaster Relief, Immigration and Refugee Services. To find out more about Catholic Charities, visit their website at www.catholiccharitiesla.org. You are also encouraged to stop by their booth in our exhibit area on the 100 level of ACC North. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
Title: MISSION-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP: MAKE YOUR DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD
Speaker: Ted Miles
Location: ACC North 160 (lower Level 100)
Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

Have you ever thought of your life as a mission? Do you see yourself as mission, or as called to holiness? Pope Francis reminds us that “every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth” (Message for World Mission Day 2019). Explore the difference God invites YOU to make in helping to build the Kingdom!

We live in a world in which God’s people and resources need to be watched over and protected. TRUST that YOU have something to offer, that our world needs YOUR leadership, and that God’s Gotchu in your efforts to make a difference. Join this interactive workshop of story-telling, dialogue and stepping toward global action to discover how to charge your life with mission!

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Title: MEDITATION: PAYING ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD
Speaker: Susan Searle
Location: ACC North 160 (lower Level 100)
Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

Yes, even you can learn to meditate! Sitting in meditation takes practice and, by its very nature, requires some preparation and training. A meditative prayer practice can teach you to be attentive to the presence of God while helping you to cope with the distractions and stresses in your daily life. Besides the obvious spiritual benefits, there are also several well-documented health advantages to beginning a meditation practice. We will practice meditation using a variety of techniques to help you develop the habit of praying in this transformative way. Come begin your quest into stillness and paying attention to the presence of God.

Based in Colorado Springs, Colo., Susan Searle is a Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services for The Center for Ministry Development (CMD) and is Project Coordinator for their Just3Days middle school missions and YouthLeader high school programs. She also provides nationwide ministry workshops, trainings and teaches courses for the National Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. Searle has several published sessions for youth ministry and blogs quarterly for CMD.

Title: UNSTOPPABLE CONFIDENCE: TRUST IN A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE DIES IN THE END
Speaker: Fr. Mike Schmitz
Location: Convention Arena

Have you ever had someone ruin a movie for you by saying, “It was good, but I didn’t like how everyone died in the end”? Spoiler much? And yet, that’s the truth when it comes to every one of our stories: no one gets out alive. This world is dangerous. In fact, if you live long enough, something in this world will kill you. How is a person supposed to be able to walk through life with trust in God? Is real joy possible in a world of danger, pain and suffering?

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Title: ARENA KEYNOTE

Both Youth Day tracks get to see our Arena speaker. In addition to the Arena Keynote, you make your choice of two Convention workshops from the remaining 14 sessions – all held in the new ACC North.

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Title: **LEAN ON ME: HELPING YOUR FRIENDS WITHOUT HURTING YOURSELF**  
**Speaker:** Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC  
**Location:** ACC North 161-162 (lower Level 100)  
**Times:** 9:45 am & 2:15 pm  

It’s hard watching your friends struggle. It’s like, “I wanna help, but I’m not sure how, and I don’t want to say the wrong thing! And I’ve got my own problems, so will helping them make mine worse?” In this session, you’ll learn how by using a few simple skills and remaining connected to Jesus you can help your friends while taking care of yourself.

For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered in parish, school and diocesan settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice in Lafayette, La., and hosts a podcast, “Today’s Teenager,” to help adults understand, reach and influence teens. He continues to present at regional and national conferences and workshops in over 30 dioceses across the United States. He has spoken at TEDx and has published several articles and books; his latest title is “Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression: A Field Guide for Catholic Parents, Pastors, and Youth Leaders.”

Title: **MY GOD IS BIGGER**  
**Speaker:** Fr. Rob Galea  
**Location:** ACC North 155-157 (lower Level 100)  
**Times:** 9:45 am & 2:15 pm  

Sometimes we just don’t realize how BIG God is. We limit God in our lives because we don’t know what He is capable of. He is bigger than your anxiety, bigger than your worries, bigger than sickness, death and the universe as we know it. Come and be amazed at the greatness of my God! Fr. Rob Galea will use music and story in this workshop to remember.

Fr. Rob Galea is a parish priest and university chaplain in the Diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria, Australia. He is also founder and Director of FRG Ministry and, in 2008 (with the late Australian Bishop Joseph Grech), founded the Stronger Youth Program “By God’s Grace.” Fr. Galea speaks and sings at schools, churches and conferences across Australia and around the globe. The singer/songwriter has seven CD releases and has written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences, and his latest book is entitled “Breakthrough.”

Title: **LIVING AN AUTHENTIC LIFE IN CHRIST**  
**Speaker:** Doug Tooke  
**Location:** ACC North 161-162 (lower Level 100)  
**Times:** 8:15 am & 12:45 pm  

In this workshop, Doug Tooke will guide to an exploration of the dynamic invitation to be a contagious, compelling and enthusiastic Catholic. Especially in a world needing the light of Christ now more than ever!

Doug Tooke is Director of Partnerships for ODB Films and owner of Monarch Catholic Ministries, based in Helena, Mont. He has over 20 years of professional ministry experience, traveling to over 75 dioceses in the past 20 years teaching, keynoting conventions and training youth ministers. Tooke has spoken at World Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry and continues to serve as a leader in the field.

Title: **DISCONNECTED**  
**Speaker:** Mike Patin  
**Location:** ACC North 155-157 (lower Level 100)  
**Times:** 8:15 am & 12:45 pm  

All you wanna do is livestream, post, chat or text. Then you lose your signal or connection – so frustrating! Today, we’re gonna look at SIN. We are all sinners. How does sin disconnect, frustrate, weaken us? And how do we get the “signal” back? Fear not. “Trust! God’s Gotchu.”

Mike Patin, the “engaging” Cajun, lives in Lafayette, La. He has served the church as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan staff person. Patin previously was with the CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese and, since 2003, he has been a full-time “faith horticulturist” addressing groups across the United States and Canada as parish mission presenter, trainer, retreat facilitator and more. He has published two books: “A Standing Invitation” and “This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry.”
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CHOOSE 2 WORKSHOPS TO ATTEND

Title: CAN YOU REPLY: JESUS, I GOTCHU BACK!
Speaker: Katherine Angulo
Location: ACC North 251-252 (upper Level 200)
Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

Have you found yourself hanging out with people who don’t believe in God? Have you found that your family’s faith does not match your needs? Do you find that people are making fun of your faith? More and more I hear of teens feeling hopelessly alone in their faith by being “Catholic at church” but simply avoiding the topic of religion everywhere else. In this session, Katherine Angulo will point out the many obstacles that can keep us away from Jesus and will encourage us to be the counterculture that strongly responds: “Jesus, I gotchu back!”

Born in Mexico and raised in Bogota, Colombia, Katherine Angulo is fluent in English, Spanish and French, and has over 19 years of experience in youth ministry. Presently, she is Program Director of the Thriving in Ministry Initiative for the McGrath Institute at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Angulo has presented at diocesan and national events, including the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry and the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. She is also Editor of The Mark, a Catholic magazine for teens, and Executive Producer for the volunteer training program, Called to Accompany/Llamados a Acompañar.

Title: FEEL THE POWER: EXPERIENCE GOD IN MUSIC
Speaker: Joe Melendrez
Location: ACC North 252-253 (upper Level 200)
Times: 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

It is said that music expresses that which cannot be shared through words. Music is powerful, it can change a person’s mood, attitude and energy. Why did God give us music? What is its purpose? How can we use music to glorify God? In this session, we will feel the power of God in music! Get ready to reflect, pray, dance and praise Jesus with every breath we take and every sound we make!

Billed as a Catholic performer who is “Latino, relevant, relatable, and deep,” Joe Melendrez is a speaker, musical performer, MC and retreat leader who currently serves as Assistant Director of Campus Ministry at Chaminade College Preparatory in West Hills, Calif. He has presented at numerous national and diocesan youth conferences across the United States in addition to World Youth Days in Brazil and Spain and the God is Good Festival in Germany. His CDs include “Kingdom Come” and “Fully Alive” along with his latest digital release, “Chosen.”

Title: ONE RACE: A DIALOGUE TO DEFEAT RACISM
Speaker: John Angotti
Location: ACC North 252-253 (upper Level 200)
Times: 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

This is a workshop that will break open the reality that racism occurs because we don’t know each other. Through music and dialogue, John Angotti along with hip hop producer James Dukes from Unapologetic Records will use real situations of racism today and how we can learn from each other to unite and celebrate our differences.

John Angotti travels the world presenting concerts, workshops, retreats, missions and worship. Angotti is a frequent presenter at diocesan and regional conferences in the United States and abroad, including all the major national youth conferences and World Youth Days in Sydney (2008) and Madrid (2011). He is also Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Philip Church in Franklin, Tenn. He is an accomplished composer, with numerous music collections under the World Library Publications label. John Angotti Music Mission (JAMM) debuted his original musical, “Job: The NOW Testament” in 2013. His articles have appeared in Today’s Liturgy and Pastoral Music Magazine among others.
**Title: UNDERSTANDING THE MASS**
**Speaker:** Robert Feduccia  
**Location:** ACC North 256-258 (upper Level 200)  
**Times:** 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

You probably know the “what” about Mass. It is when we worship God and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. But, so what? Why does this matter and what does it mean for a high school student trying the best with her or his life? Come to this workshop and you will never look at the Mass in the same way again.

Robert Feduccia Jr. was founding director of the national Youth Liturgical Leadership Program at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana. In addition to his work as a parish youth minister, keynote speaker and retreat leader, he has been an instructor in deaconate formation programs and a speaker at various diocesan and major national youth conferences. Feduccia has led diocesan in-services in over 20 dioceses. He has several publications and is a regular contributor to “Youth Ministry Access” by the Center for Ministry Development and to “Today’s Liturgy,” a magazine from OCP. Now based in Tennessee, he now serves as Vice President of Christian Faith Events for Declan Weir Productions.

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**Title: TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD**
**Speaker:** Bishop Frank Caggiano  
**Location:** ACC North Hall (upper Level 200)  
**Times:** 8:15 am & 12:45 pm

St. Theresa of Avila once taught her sisters, “Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassionately on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. … Christ has no body now on earth but yours.” What she reminds us is the obligation to live our Christian faith effectively in the world. Pope Francis speaks of our obligation to make mercy real in the world, living Christian charity one person at a time. During our time together, we will explore the meaning of serving as God’s instruments of justice and mercy in the world and how such service can deepen our own life of faith in Christ.

Bishop Frank Caggiano is currently head of Diocese of Bridgeport, Ct. The noted catechist was a speaker at World Youth Days in Sydney (2008), Madrid (2011) and a catechist in Rio de Janeiro (2013) and Krakow (2016). He was a featured speaker at World Youth Day REUNITE in Washington, D.C. (2017) and preached at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Tipperary, Ireland. Bishop Caggiano has also served as episcopal advisor of The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

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**Title: GOD’S GOTCHU**
**Speaker:** Christina Lamas  
**Location:** ACC North 256-258 (upper Level 200)  
**Times:** 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

Come listen and dialogue with your peers. A panel of young people will share how they are living the Gospel in their home, at school and on social media. Pope Francis would call them “callejeros de la fe” (“street preachers”) in today’s world. Learn what’s working for them and walk away with a desire to trust in God and the confidence to say, “God’s Gotchu.”

Christina Lamas made her way into the field of Youth Ministry after 10 years of volunteering at her home parish. She went on to serve as Associate Director and Division Coordinator of Youth Ministry in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Lamas has presented to national and international audiences. Currently, she is serving as Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and brings with her more than 20 years of experience in catechesis and youth ministry.

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**Title: SHE SAID WHAT? MARY, OUR MOTHER**
**Speaker:** Katie Prejean McGrady  
**Location:** ACC North Hall (upper Level 200)  
**Times:** 9:45 am & 2:15 pm

Who is Mary? The nice, kind looking lady we see in statues, pictures, religious medals and holy cards? She always looks super calm and peaceful, with a slight smile and knowing eyes. But who is she really? She potty-trained baby Jesus, after all, so you know she’s got some stories, and can probably help us get to know Jesus pretty well. This workshop will explore who Mary is, why she’s important to us as Catholics, and how the life she lived – however quiet she may have been – is one that gives us a perfect example of how to be a faithful disciple of her Son, Jesus.

Katie Prejean McGrady is a freshman theology teacher at Saint Louis Catholic High School in Lake Charles, La. She has spoken at various events in 38 states and three countries. McGrady is also author of several books, including “Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist” and “Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus,” and host of the podcast, “The Electric Waffle.” In addition to being one of three delegates chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to attend the 2019 Pre-Synod Gathering, McGrady was also a presenter at that year’s USCCB General Assembly Meeting.
WHO MAY ATTEND?

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WHAT IS THE COST?

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CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

Young people must attend Youth Day with a parent or Chaperone or as part of a group.

All Adult Chaperones must be 21 years of age and in compliance with their diocese’s Safe Environment Policies. Please contact your diocesan Youth Ministry Office if you are uncertain of your diocese’s policies. Chaperones are to remain with their group for the entirety of the day. Chaperones are encouraged to participate and fully engage with the workshops and activities.

The Contact Person is responsible for providing Adult Chaperones with all necessary forms and emergency contact information for each young person attending Youth Day. Permission forms are to remain in the possession of the Contact Person. If asked, the Contact Person must be able to produce compliance records for each Adult Chaperone. Youth Day badges will be mailed to the Contact Person and are to be distributed prior to arriving at Youth Day.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Youth Day frequently fills to capacity. Once capacity is reached, Youth Day will close. Registrations will be accepted online and by mail. The last day to mail in a registration will be March 1. Online registration will close on March 8. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, or after we have reached capacity, your registration will be returned to the Contact Person.

BADGES:

All registered participants will receive a Youth Day Badge. This badge is to be worn in a visible place and will be required to gain access to Youth Day events and activities. The color of the badge identifies which track your group is part of. You will not be permitted in the Arena until the appropriate time for your track.

PLEASE distribute badges prior to arriving at Youth Day. We recommend distributing badges in the car/bus or before you leave your parish or school.

Youth Day packets will be mailed to the Contact Person prior to the event. Please check the packet IMMEDIATELY upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and participant has a badge.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be completed online by credit card or check, or by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form (next page) along with a check for the proper amount. Each person in your group MUST be registered for the day – including Chaperones and priests attending with your group.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page.

1. A maximum of 10 participants can be registered with each paid Adult Chaperone.

2. All participants in your group must be registered for the same track.

3. The Youth Day fee is $40 per participant with special discount pricing of $35 available until February 22, 2019 (U.S. dollars only).

4. Youth Day registrations will be accepted until March 1, 2019 by mail and March 8 online, or until Youth Day fills to capacity.

5. Please make checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS. Registrations and payments can be mailed to PO Box 761157, Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157.

6. Total payment must accompany the registration form. We are not able to accept payment installments.

7. Badges will be mailed prior to the event and sent to the Contact Person. Please check your packet immediately to verify that you received the correct number of badges.

8. Refunds must be requested in writing and received before February 15, 2019. There is a $10 processing fee for all refunds.

9. HAVE QUESTIONS? Please call the registration line at (213) 637-7348.

TRACK AND WORKSHOP SELECTION:

Make sure to indicate on the registration form whether your group will attend Track 1 or Track 2. As a reminder, all members of your group must select the same Track. There is no need to select workshops in advance.

FOOD SERVICES:

Outside food is prohibited at the Convention Center. This includes catered meals, deliveries and large coolers. Food options are available throughout the Convention Center, in the Youth Day Food Court (Hall C) and the outdoor Grand Plaza. Lunch options in the Youth Day Food Court will be offered at a flat rate of $10 (tax included).
YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A REMINDER: THERE IS NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY.

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY.

Diocese ________________________________
Parish/School __________________________________________
City __________________ State __________ Country __________

CONTACT
(If attending, please also include your name below as a Chaperone.)

It is the responsibility of the Contact Person to ensure that all attending adults are in compliance with their Diocese’s Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks).

Name __________________________________________ Cell Phone ( _____ ) ______________________
Address __________________________________________ Alt Phone ( _____ ) ______________________
City __________________ State __________ ZIP Code ______

Email __________________________________________

SELECT TRACK:

If Track is not indicated, we reserve the right to make the assignment for your group.

☐ TRACK 1  ☐ TRACK 2

TOTAL NUMBER OF BADGES

Quantity of youth badges ______
Quantity of adult badges ______
TOTAL NUMBER ______

GROUP CHAPERONES

☐ By checking this box, you are acknowledging that the Chaperones listed are at least 21 years of age and in compliance with your diocese’s Safe Environment Policies and Procedures.

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SERVICES
• Any special service needs?  ☐ Sign Interpreter  ☐ Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)  ☐ Wheelchair access

Number in group requiring assistance: ______

Mail form with check or money order to: RECONGRESS, PO BOX 761157, LOS ANGELES CA 90076-1157

Facebook: LAYouthDay • Twitter: @LAYouthDay • Register online at archla.org/ydregistration


**FRIDAY SCHEDULE**

7:00 am - 3:00 pm  
On-site registration & Program Book Pick-up  
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:30 - 9:30 am  
(Arena)  
Opening Ceremony & Welcome

10:00 - 10:30 am  
RECongress Chat  
(Tech Center - Hall A)

10:00 - 11:30 am  
Period 1 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm  
Music (Arena)  
– Meredith Augustin & John Angotti

Music (ACC North Hall)  
– WAL

1:00 - 2:30 pm  
Period 2 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Period 3 Workshops

5:15 pm  
Eucharistic Liturgies & Evening Prayer  
(see page 22)

7:45 - 9:45 pm  
Film Showcase 2019  
(Convention 201)

8:00 pm  
Concert (Arena)  
– Fr. Rob Galea

Registration & Program Book Pick-Up  
7:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(Hall A)

Sacred Space  
10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
(ACC North 151-152 & Confession: 11:30 am - 3 pm  
(ACC North 153-156)

Speaker Signings  
11:30 am - 5:00 pm  
(Northwest side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs  
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting  
Noon (Marriott) San Diego

**OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME**  
Areana – 8:30 am

**“THIRSTING FOR JUSTICE”**

We are a people thirsting for holiness, for love and mercy, who are called to walk with Jesus and to grow in holiness, to seek his Kingdom through works of justice for the poor and vulnerable. Come, let us join to be people “Thirsting for Justice.” Our gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

Archbishop José Gomez  
Fr. Christopher Bazyounos  
Paulette Smith  
Jan Pedriza  
John Flaherty  
Tony Alonso  
Donna Anderle  
David Anderson  
John Angotti  
Steve Angrisano  
Ed Archer  
Meredith Augustin  
Betsey Beckman  
Anna Betancourt  
John Burland  
Helena Bucema  
Karla Carrillo  
Andrew Chinn  
Jeanne Cotter  
Harrison Cronshaw  
Iván Díaz  
Chris de Silva  
Christine Engelfried  
Chris Estrella  
Santiago Fernández  
Rob Galea  
Estela García-López  
Jesse Garcia  
Dolores Gomez  
Laura Gomez  
David Haas  
Sarah Hart  
Marty Haugen  
Erick Infantas  
Frank Jansen  
ValLimar Jansen  
Mary Janus  
Tom Kendzia  
Mel Kennedy  
Kristin Kissell  
Gaile Krause  
Rudy López  
Michael Mangan  
Jesse Manibusan  
Clarissa Martinez  
Nicole Masero  
Emily McKinley  
Monica Miller Luther  
Ann Myers  
Linda Nguyen  
Paul Nguyen  
Kristina Ortega  
Brenda Smith  
Trevor Thomson  
John West & the Valyermo Dancers  
Mark Voris  
James Wahl  
Christopher Walker  
Rufino Zaragoza  
and many more...

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT**

**CONVENTION ARENA:**

**Meredith Augustin & John Angotti**

“**All Who Enter Here**”

Join WLP artists John Angotti and Meredith Augustin for a lunchtime concert in the Arena, where they will welcome you with uplifting and inspiring songs of praise and worship.

**ACC NORTH HALL**  
(Upper Level):

**WAL**

Lunch always tastes better while listening to great music! Come join WAL (former the Jacob and Matthew Band) at lunchtime and join them in giving thanks and praise to God through song. WAL carries with them an energetic sound that rejoices in the goodness of our Lord. For over 15 years, WAL has been serving the Church through God’s gift of song throughout the country and internationally. WAL looks forward to seeing you.

**FILM SHOWCASE 2019**

Convention 201  
7:45 - 9:45 pm

The Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University’s Center for Religion and Spirituality, presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts and documentaries whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, social justice, ministry, spirituality and theology.

**EVENING CONCERT**

**Arena – 8:00 pm**

**Fr. Rob Galea**

“**Coming Home**”

Fr. Rob Galea and his band will deliver a concert that will take you on a journey from Earth’s struggle to a taste of heaven – home. Get ready to be encouraged, inspired and filled with joy through an evening of music and story.
PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

1-01 Giving a Reason for the Hope That is Within Us - Bishop Robert Barron
1-02 Engaging and Retaining Youth in Music Ministry - David Anderson
1-03 Abused, Grieving, Graced, Healing: What Victims of Sexual Abuse Have Taught Us About the Journey of Healing - Dr. Heather Banis & Suzanne Healy
1-04 Stop the Stampede: How Engaging Parents Can Keep Kids in the Church (*) - Paul Canavese
1-05 Unchaining Confirmation (*) - Dr. Michael Carotta
1-06 We Lack for Nothing: Five Essentials to Grow the Church (*) - Rich Curran
1-07 How to Teach Faith with Fiction (*) - Jared Dees
1-08 Forgiveness and Healing: A Road to Peace (*) - Msgr. Ray East & Val Limar Jansen
1-09 Discover the Way to Help Faith Come to Life! (*) - Steven Ellair
1-10 Thus Says the Lord: Making God’s Voice Heard (*) - Amy Florian
1-11 Creating Catholic School Culture: Why and How (*) - Dan Friedt
1-12 The Permission to Be You in a FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) World (*) - Rev. Terry Hershey
1-14 The Future of Learning in the Digital Culture and Its Implications for Faith Formation (*) - Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale
1-15 Living the Sacraments: Helping People Find God at the Intersection of Heaven and Earth (*) - Dr. Joe Paprocki
1-16 Human Sexuality and the Catholic Church (*) - Fr. Chris Ponnet
1-17 The Synod on Youth: Why It Matters and What We Must Do (*) - Katie Prejean McGrady
1-18 Reforming Church Governance: What Pope Francis Has Done and What He Needs to Do - Fr. Thomas Reese
1-19 The Power of Ecumennism in an Immigration Crisis (*) - Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, Dr. Juan Martinez & Fr. Michael Gutierrez
1-20 Inspiring Middle Schoolers with Social Justice (*) - Susan Searle
1-21 Songs of the Refugees in the Bible and Today (*) - Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher
1-22 How to Make a Convincing Case for the Pro-Life Movement – Especially for Young People (*) - Fr. Robert Spitzer
1-23 Sitting at the Table, Not Staring at the Screen: Music to Engage Children in Liturgy (*) - James Wahl
1-24 Crowns, Castles and Commoners; Royalty and the Thirst for Justice (*) - David Wells
1-25 Early Childhood Faith Formation: From A to Z (*) - Dr. Joseph White
1-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Dominance of a Culture of Relativism) (*) - Dr. Nhung Vu

PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

2-01 Women Deacons: Who Were They? What Did They Do? (*) - Dr. Phyllis Zagano
2-02 RCIA and Church: Mystagogia – What It Is and What It Is Not (*) - Mary Birmingham
2-03 Pray, Learn and Celebrate the Truths of Our Faith (*) - John Bland
2-04 The Challenges of Biblical Vocabulary (*) - Fr. William Burton
2-05 Why Does the Church Need the Consecrated Life? (*) - Sr. Sara Butler
2-06 The Catechist Ready to be Surprised by Joy (*) - Bishop Frank Caggiano
2-07 Becoming Bridge Builders: Imagining a Theology of Welcome for a Changing Church - Chris de Silva
2-08 Thirsting for R.E.S.T. (*) - Becky Eldredge
2-09 Teaching Young People How to Pray (*) - Robert Feduccia
2-10 Thirst and Hunger in John 4: What Can the Samaritan Woman Teach Us About Justice? (*) - Fr. Felix Just
2-11 Sacramental Preparation and Ritual Prayer (*) - Tom Kendzia
2-12 Where Is Justice in the Suffering of Humanity? (*) - Sr. Grace Duc Le
2-13 God at the Movies - Fr. Richard Leonard
2-14 Stand Up and Pray: Movement and Gestures for All Ages (*) - Monica Luther & Nicole Masero
2-15 From Status Quo to Status Grow (*) - Jesse Manibusan
2-16 Showing Welcome and Respect to LGBTQ People in Our Parishes (*) - Fr. James Martin
2-17 Race and the Limits of Dialogue (*) - Fr. Bryan Massingale
2-18 Why Is Immigration So Important to the Church? (*) - Bishop David O’Connell, Linda Dakin-Grimm & Dr. Luis Zavala de Alba
2-19 Keeping Your Family Happily Catholic (*) - Rev. Leo Patalinghug
2-20 Poetry to Enrich, Refresh and Deepen Our Spiritual Journey (*) - Sr. Edith Prendergast
2-21 What Does the Catholic Church Teach About Assisted Reproductive Technology? (*) - Angelique Ruhi-Lopez & Carmen Santamaria
2-22 Thirsting for Justice: Religious Education and Children with Disabilities (*) - Sr. Kathleen Schipani
2-23 Moments, Missions and Milestones: Three Things Every Family Needs to Grow Their Domestic Church (*) - Michael Theisen
2-24 Ministering with Youth in a Non-traditional Setting (*) - Doug Tooke
2-25 Bring Life and Relevance to Your School Liturgies – Prayer and Praise Through Music (*) - Christopher Walker
2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Our Male and Female Bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit) (*) - Bishop Louis Nguyen Anh Tuân

3-01 “Dreams I Never Had” – Justice Denied (*) - Fr. R. Tony Ricard
3-02 A Vision for Conversion: Leading for Change in Your Life and Your Parish (*) - Leisa Anslinger
3-03 Encounter: The Challenges of Our Faith (*) - Sean Callahan
3-04 With a Father’s Heart, With a Mother’s Heart: Processing Grief, Loss and Renewal with Children (*) - Andrew Chinn
3-05 Parenthood as Spiritual Practice - Jeanne Cotter
3-06 Using Amoris Laetitia in Defense of Life and Natural Family Planning (*) - Fr. Luke Dysinger
3-07 Reimagining Confirmation Ministry with Youth (*) - Tom East
3-08 “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”: Wisdom from a Childhood Diddy (*) - Fr. Richard Fragomeni
3-09 Curses of the Apple (*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan
3-10 Administration as a Spiritual Journey (*) - Ann Garrido
3-11 Educating in Faith that Does Justice (*) - Dr. Thomas Groome
3-12 Baptism: Welcome to a Lifelong Journey of Faith (*) - Marty Haugen & Diana Macalintal
3-13 YOU Are the Beloved: Praying and Celebrating the Daily Living Reminder - David Haas
3-14 A Multidisciplinary Approach to Human Formation (*) - Dr. Josephine Lombardi
3-15 Sing Justice, Live Justice! Using Music to Promote and Inspire Social Justice in Lent and Easter (*) - Michael Mangan
3-16 As We Forgive – Freedom Through Forgiveness (*) - Fr. Jim Marchionda
3-17 “We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites”: The Bible on Our Multicultural Church (*) - Fr. J. Patrick Mullen
3-18 Amazon, Sears and Google: Ministering to Families Today (*) - Mike Patin
3-19 How to Do Ministry Without Destroying Your Vocation (*) - Bob Perron
3-20 The Sex Abuse Crisis: A Church that Needs to Take Action - Fr. Thomas Reese
3-21 God, Christ, the Churches and the Poor – Knowing Our Tradition (*) - Fr. Ronald Rolheiser
3-22 Social Media and Digital Catholic Leadership (*) - Paul Sanfrancisco
3-23 Reclaiming the Fire of Parish Life (*) - Julianne Stanz
3-24 Islam, Conflict, Peacemaking and the Modern World (*) - Jihad Turk
3-25 Accompaniment: Leading Seekers to Encounter Christ (*) - Nick Wagner
3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Heart That Moved: A Way Toward Life-Fulfillment and Wholeness) (*) - Sr. Bich Quyen Ly
SATURDAY EVENTS

MARCH 23, 2019

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 2:30 pm
On-site registration & Program Book Pick-up
(Prefunction Lobby)

7:50 am - 9:30 am
English (Arena)
Morning Praise & Keynote – TBA
Spanish (ACC North Hall)
Morning Praise & Keynote – Sr. Norma Pimentel

10:00 - 11:30 am
Period 4 Workshops

10:30 am
Front Row with Archbishop Gomez (Hall A)

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Music (Arena) – Sarah Hart & ValLimar Jansen
Music (ACC North Hall)
– John Burland, Michael Mangan, Andrew Chinn & James Wahl

1:00 - 2:30 pm
Period 5 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm
Period 6 Workshops

5:15 pm
Eucharistic Liturgies & Prayer Services (see page 22)

8:00 pm
Concert (Arena)
– ValLimar Jansen

8:30 pm
Sacred Illuminations 2019 (Convention 213)

9:00 pm
Taizé Prayer (Convention 303)

9:00 pm
Young Adult Dance (Marriott)

Exhibit Hours
8:00 am - 5:00 pm (Hall A)

Sacred Space
10:00 am - 9:00 pm (ACC North 151-152)
Confession: 11:30 am - 2:30 pm (ACC North 153-156)

Speaker Signings
11:30 am - 5:00 pm (Northwest side, Hall A)

Massage Chairs
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting
Noon (Marriott) San Diego

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE & KEYNOTE

7:50 am - 9:30 am
We open our day with prayer and thanks to God! Our Saturday morning Keynote Address will be situated within the context of Morning Praise. With Scripture, movement and song (lead by Jesse Manibusan), we enter a prayerful space to ask God to open our hearts and minds as our Keynote speaker is presented. After the address, we close with prayer and song as we ask the Spirit to make what we heard a call to proclaim God’s goodness. Please make sure that you arrive at the beginning so that you enjoy the full experience.

FRONT ROW WITH ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ

10:30 am – Performance Stage, Hall A
Archbishop José Gomez will host an interactive discussion live from the Hall A Performance Stage and online via Facebook. The conversation will be moderated by Christina Lamas, Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Grab a front row seat on Facebook Live and ask your questions about the “Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.”

SATURDAY LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

CONVENTION ARENA:

SARAH HART & VALLIMAR JANSSEN

“Women Make Music”

Yes they do! Come sing along and join the party as Sarah Hart and ValLimar Jansen host a lunchtime concert celebrating the gifts of women.

ACC NORTH HALL (UPPER LEVEL):

JOHN BURLAND, MICHAEL MANGAN, ANDREW CHINN & JAMES WAHL

“Kids at Heart”

Come and share lunch and sing at the “kids’ table” with Australian children’s composers John Burland, Michael Mangan, Andrew Chinn and James Wahl. These four have dedicated much of their adult lives composing for, and singing with, children, helping them to learn their faith and celebrate with all their heart. An afternoon of joyful song, including songs of justice – featuring students from local Catholic elementary schools. Here’s an event for the young ... and the young at heart!

EVENING CONCERT

8:00 pm

VALLIMAR JANSSEN: “I Will Live Until I Die”

Join VaLLimar Jansen and some of your favorite RECongress musicians and dancers as they perform “I Will Live Until I Die,” a dynamic musical on the life of African-American nun Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA. In the late 1980s and prior to her death in 1990, Sr. Bowman was a renowned international speaker, including presentations at the RECongress. The U.S. bishops endorsed the sainthood cause of Sr. Bowman on November 14, 2018, during their fall assembly in Baltimore. Her prophetic life and her work toward an end to racism left a lasting mark on U.S. Catholic life in the late 20th century.

SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2019

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm

Join us for Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND will bring us to encounter in a deeper way, the love and power of the Father’s love, transforming the reality of our daily lives.
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**MORNING ROSARY**

Conventioan 303 – 7:00 am

“My God and My All: Praying the Rosary with Francis and Clare” with David Haas

A time of prayer for you “early risers”! Start off your morning by gathering together with David Haas to participate in a more “liturgical” and “sung” celebration of the rosary, steeped in the spiritual wisdom and simplicity of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi. Discover a possible path of prayer for you individually, as well as for your communities of faith back home. Come and pray with us.

**SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY**

Arena – 8:00 am

As we welcome a new day, we again share the opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give praise and thanks. Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will preside at this morning’s Eucharistic Liturgy. Nourished by Word and sacrament, may we go forth, quenched in our “Thirsting for Justice”!

**SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT**

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

**ARENA:**

M. Roger Holland II

“Honey from the Rock: Antiphonal Praise”

Join Roger Holland II for 45 minutes of worship where you participate in the singing. Music will include familiar hymns as well as selections from his latest collection, “Honey from the Rock.”

**ACC NORTH HALL (UPPER LEVEL):**

Jesse Manibusan & Tom Kendzia

“Just for Fun!”

Let’s get together and sing! Join Jesse Manibusan and Tom Kendzia as they lead us in a fun concert of some of our favorite music. Upbeat and inspirational – this musical event will be the perfect mid-day pick-me-up! Grab a friend and come join in song in our new North Hall.

**CLOSING LITURGY**

Arena – 3:30 pm

As our Religious Education Congress 2019 comes to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and to give thanks for the blessings of the weekend. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez as our presider, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2019, under the musical direction of John Flaherty. Let us go forth to spread the Good News to all!
**PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

- **7-01** Rejoice and Be Glad: (Y)Ours is the Kingdom of God! - David Haas
- **7-02** Sign of the Times: A Review of the Worldwide Catholic Landscape (*) - John Allen Jr.
- **7-03** Reflections Through Music and Movement (*) - Monica Luther & Nicole Masero
- **7-04** The Art of Storytelling (*) - Mary Birmingham
- **7-05** The Power of Possibility: The Untold Story (*) - Sean Callahan
- **7-06** Unexpected Occasions of Grace (*) - Dr. Michael Carotta
- **7-07** Liberating Christian Spirituality (*) - Prof. Gilberto Cavazos-González
- **7-08** Quenching Others’ Thirst (*) - Becky Eldridge
- **7-09** The Voice: How to Proclaim Scripture and Make Chairs Turn! (*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan & Douglas Leal
- **7-10** Racism: Hating God’s Image in My Neighbor - Dr. Greer Gordon
- **7-11** Four Spiritual Stages of Mature Adulthood: Living into the Mystery (*) - Richard Groves
- **7-12** When Every Day Is Hump Day: A Primer for Workplace Restoration (*) - Sarah Hart
- **7-13** Not Because of Sin: A Renewed Spirituality of the Incarnation (*) - Fr. Daniel Horan
- **7-14** Women of the Word (*) - ValLimar Jansen
- **7-15** Upgrading Your Ministry Tool Box: A Community Organizer’s Approach to Youth Ministry (*) - Sergio Lopez
- **7-16** I’ve Got A Song About That! Integrating Music into a “Friendly Format” (*) - Michael Mangan
- **7-17** Our Lady of Guadalupe: Theology and Pedagogy for Justice (*) - Sr. Hilda Mateo
- **7-18** Silver Saints: Growing in Age, Grace and Wisdom - Bro. Michael O’Neil McGrath
- **7-19** Quenching the Thirst of Jesus (*) - Sr. Norma Pimentel
- **7-20** What’s Your Story? A Personal Engagement Process for Parish Leadership (*) - Jayne Ragasa-Monday
- **7-21** The Other Voice: Biblical Prophets Then and Now (*) - Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher
- **7-22** Science and the Shroud of Turin: New Evidence of Jesus’ Resurrection (*) - Fr. Robert Spitzer
- **7-23** Walking with Mary: The Model Disciple (*) - Dr. Edward Sri
- **7-24** Family: The Missing Piece in Religious Education (*) - Dr. Joseph White
- **7-25** The 12 Steps and the Sacraments: A Catholic Approach to Addiction Recovery (*) - Scott Weeman
- **7-70** Vietnamese Workshop (Hope in a Culture of Relativism) (*) - Dr. Nhung Vu

**PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM**

- **8-01** Thirsting for Justice: Teaching Virtues as Tools for Change (*) - David Wells
- **8-02** Is Your Parish Ready to Grow Young? (*) - Leisa Anslinger
- **8-03** Justice to and from the Peripheries (*) - Dr. Ansel Augustine
- **8-04** The Care and Feeding of Catechists: Seven Simple Strategies to Honor, Inspire and Motivate Your Catechists! (*) - Nancy Bird
- **8-05** Wine and Dine with Jesus: The Greatest Invitation of Your Life (*) - Sr. Kathleen Bryant
- **8-06** Sing for Justice: Songs Proclaiming God’s Love and Mercy (*) - John Burland
- **8-07** Follow the Leader? The Bible on Who’s Boss (*) - Alice Camille
- **8-08** Apprentice-Based Formation for Catechesis and Evangelization (*) - Rich Curran
- **8-09** Miracles: The Intersection of Science and Faith (*) - Prof. Michael Dennin
- **8-10** Combating Stigma: HIV/AIDS, the Latinx Community and the Catholic Church (*) - Dr. Arthur Fitzmacurce
- **8-11** Shut Up and Love Me (*) - Fr. Rob Galea
- **8-12** Redeeming Conflict (*) - Ann Garrido
- **8-14** Tradition and the Thirst for Change (*) - Fr. Richard Lennan
- **8-15** I’ve Been at This a Long Time Now (*) - Jesse Manibusan
- **8-16** Life IS a Mission (*) - Ted Miles
- **8-17** A Ministry of Presence: Accompanying Those Who’ve Suffered the Death of a Loved One to Homicide (*) - Suzanne Neuhau
- **8-18** Technology Evangelizers of the Gospel (*) - Paul Sanfrancesco
- **8-19** Athirst is My Soul for God: Prayer and Children with Disabilities (*) - Sr. Kathleen Schipani
- **8-20** Whose Reflection Do You See in the Mirror? (*) - Stacey Sumereau
- **8-21** Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2019 and Beyond: What Awaits Us? (*) - Michael Theisen
- **8-22** Digital Discipleship: Becoming Cultural Mystics (*) - Sr. Nancy Usselmann
- **8-23** Countering the “Fake News” About RCIA (*) - Nick Wagner
- **8-24** Transforming the Ordinary into the Extraordinary (*) - Tracy Welliver
- **8-25** Mary, Our Mother: Spirituality Through a Mother’s Eyes (*) - Kate Williams
- **8-70** Vietnamese Workshop (Family: The Icon of the Divine Mercy) (*) - Bishop Louis Nguyễn Anh Tuan

* and (*) are recorded sessions. Arena sessions are in color.
OUR LITURGIES  Living in the gift, promise and spirit of the Second Vatican Council, we are compelled to embrace our multicultural, diverse and vibrant communities. In the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Sunday liturgies are celebrated in no fewer than 40 different languages. This year, inspired by the Masses for various needs in the Roman Missal, we offer each liturgy of a particular intention in the context of a unique culture. Our hope is for participants to come together in grateful prayer to encounter Christ present among us.

FRIDAY  EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

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FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

In addition to our Eucharistic liturgies, RECongress also offers non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers) experiences on Friday and Saturday nights.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)  Sergio Lopez  Sarah Hart

SATURDAY  EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

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SATURDAY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Find prayer experiences that “bookend” our day, including a Taizé service, named after the monastic order and city in France that uses silence and music which draws upon simple phrases taken from the psalms.

Morning Praise & Keynote (7:50-9:30 am - Arena)  Jesse Manibusan
Alabanza matutina y asamblea (7:50-9:30 am - ACC North Hall)  Santiago Fernandez
Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)  Anne Frawley-Mangan  Michael Mangan
Taizé Prayer (9:00 pm)  —  David Anderson

SUNDAY  EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (8:00 am & 3:30 pm)

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The Religious Education Congress annually presents the Multicultural Exhibit, a collaborative effort with the Archdiocesan Office of Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry. This provides opportunities for attendees to interact with the diverse ethnic communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. You will find a variety of cultural and religious artifacts, expressions of faith or practices, stories of saints and martyrs, and a plethora of items from the cultural communities of Native America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa (African-American) and Asia. It’s a wonderful resource for catechists and all involved in faith formation processes.

**ASIAN AND PACIFIC PRESENCE**

The Asian and Pacific communities in the United States – both those born in the United States and immigrants who came to the United States – span several generations. This tremendous increase in Asian and Pacific Catholics across the United States at the beginning of the third millennium is a teaching moment. It is also a teaching moment because of the welcoming spirit to which we are called in “The Church in America (Ecclesia in America)” and in the recent pastoral statement “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity,” The Church in the United States is enjoined “to offer a genuine and suitable welcome [to newcomers], to share together as brothers and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve the quality of life for society’s marginalized members.”

The Church is blessed with Asian and Pacific pastors, social workers, educators, diocesan directors and lay leaders who are actively and selflessly contributing to building the Kingdom of God in this country. The number of Asian and Pacific Catholics who have been given responsibility in church structures or are well-known in their fields of endeavor is growing.

Besides these living role models, Asian and Pacific Catholics come to the United States with a long heritage of extraordinary witness of life and martyrdom. The Church recently recognized many Asian saints and martyrs; however, the total number of saints and martyrs could fill an entire Asian and Pacific Litany of Saints.

— Asian and Pacific Presence, Harmony in Faith
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

**ASIAN PERSPECTIVE LITURGY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

**Mass for Persecuted Christians**
(Vietnamese) - 5:15 pm
Location: Marriott Grand
Presider: Bishop Louis Nguyen Anh
Music: Bro. Rufino Zaragoza & Paul Nguyen

**IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC PERSPECTIVE**

**ASIAN PERSPECTIVE WORKSHOPS**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

1-70* Dr. Nhung Vu
2-70* Bishop Louis Tuan Nguyen
3-70* Sr. Bich Quyen Thi Ly

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

4-70* Prof. Quyen Di
5-70* Sr. Bich Quyen Thi Ly
6-70* Sr. Grace Duc Le

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

7-70* Dr. Nhung Vu
8-70* Bishop Louis Tuan Nguyen
Young Adult Ministry at RECongress 2019

A ministry to and with adults, ages 18 through 39, married and single

The Religious Education Congress welcomes young adults and those in ministry to young adults with a number of events on Saturday that are intentionally designed for this community. Establishing strong and vibrant ministries for young adults is one of the priorities of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod. This weekend is a chance for young adults to be renewed and energized in their spiritual life and in their commitment to our church.

YOUNG ADULT DANCE

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 pm - midnight
Cost: $7 per person

Keep a great RECongress Saturday going into the night. Our DJs will be spinning and taking your requests for an amazing time. Young adults 18 to 39 are welcome. Picture ID is required for admission. A no-host bar is provided, as well as complimentary water stations. NO outside containers are permitted.

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

The following list of names and session numbers are workshops that focus on young adult issues or may be of interest to young adults and those in ministry to young adults. You can find additional speaker recommendations under the Young Adult listing on the next page. Review this Registration Guidebook and our website for topics that meet your needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

Leisa Anslinger
3-02* A Vision for Conversion: Leading for Change in Your Life and Your Parish
8-02* Is Your Parish Ready to Grow Young?

Chris de Silva
2-07 Becoming Bridge Builders: Imagining a Theology of Welcome for a Changing Church

Katie Diller, Fr. Michael Martin & Rosie Shawver
4-02* Mission Drives Schedule, and Money Follows Mission
5-02* Rethinking Retreats and Small Groups
6-02* Mission Drives Schedule, and Money Follows Mission

Dr. Michael DiPaolo
6-07* Contemplative Dating

Fr. David Dwyer, CSP
4-08* What Our Young Adults Are Thirsting For

Tom East
3-07* Reimagining Confirmation Ministry with Youth
6-08* Sharing Faith as Parents of Young Adults – Let’s Talk

Douglas Leal
1-13* What is Spirituality? Do I Need Some? Where Do I Get It?
5-14* #PrayingWithHashtags

Sergio Lopez
7-15* Upgrading Your Ministry Tool Box: A Community Organizer’s Approach to Youth Ministry

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale
1-14* The Future of Learning in the Digital Culture and Its Implications for Faith Formation
5-20* Being a Listening Church: Engaging Your Community in the National Dialogue

Katie Prejean McGrady
1-17* The Synod on Youth: Why It Matters and What We Must Do

Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC
2-20* Poetry to Enrich, Refresh and Deepen Our Spiritual Journey

Paul Sanfrancesco
3-22* Social Media and Digital Catholic Leadership
8-18* Technology Evangelizers of the Gospel

Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, PhD
1-22* How to Make a Convincing Case for the Pro-Life Movement – Especially for Young People
7-22* Science and the Shroud of Turin: New Evidence of Jesus’ Resurrection

Michael Theisen
2-23* Moments, Missions and Milestones: Three Things Every Family Needs to Grow Their Domestic Church
8-21* Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2019 and Beyond: What Awaits Us?
RECongress 2019 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry/areas of interest, has been identified by the speakers and compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

Check our www.RECongress.org website for updates as well as the category listings of speakers by topics. Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.

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### Gay/Lesbian Ministry
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### Hispanic Perspective
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### HIV/AIDS
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### Interreligious Dialogue
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Register online at www.RECongress.org • Facebook: RECongress • Twitter: LACongress
Tip: With you in mind, the Religious Education RECongress has contracted with certain hotels in the Convention Center area with a variety of pricing and room types that should meet everyone’s needs. Please pay special attention to the amenities offered – some properties offer free breakfast options and several hotels offer suites that can house up to six people – that can add even greater value to your stay. We look forward to your presence with us at the 2019 Religious Education Congress.
# HOTEL LISTING

**HOTEL NOTE:** We have negotiated special rates with the following properties. To get the quoted rates, be sure to inform the hotel that you are attending the Religious Education Congress. Room availability is not guaranteed after dates indicated. The hotel room rate is subject to applicable state and local taxes plus any resort fees in effect at the time of check-in. A portion of the room rate is used to offset Convention Center expenses. Hotel updates and links can be found online at www.RECongress.org/hotels.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL PROPERTIES**

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