### 2007 RECongress Theme Reflection

Light poured out wraps all of creation in beauty, in warmth, in love and in solace. The invitation, “Stand in the Light,” nudges us to bask in the incredible radiance of a God whose glory and brightness penetrates everyone, everything and everywhere.

Standing in the Light we touch this all-pervasive presence and recognize our inner glory because of it. Christ’s Light shining in our hearts pouring energy and inspiration into us can be a powerful revealer of truth if we allow it to pierce the dark corners of our lives and transform us anew.

Acknowledging that “Heaven’s brightness flows from me to you, and on behalf of God, I say that’s right” (B. Kenneally), we dare to be that brightness and go on creating our world so that all might live in peace and right relationship.

– Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC
Director, Office of Religious Education

### WHAT IS THE LOS ANGELES RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the United States. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today it is so much more! Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 280 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You can use the Registration Form on the inside back cover or, with the added incentive of using your credit card, you can register online at www.RECongress.org.

### RECongress Location & Cost

RECongress is held at the Anaheim Convention Center, located at 800 West Katella Avenue in Anaheim, Calif., directly south of Disneyland and California Adventure.

**COST:** The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all events, workshops (tickets are required), exhibits, concerts and liturgies throughout the three days. Fees for the Congress days are:

- $55 – by January 5, 2007
- $65 – after January 5, 2007

**NOTE:** If you have not registered online or mailed in your Registration Form by February 19, 2007, please bring your completed card with you to register on site.

### OVERVIEW

#### WHAT IS YOUTH DAY?

Youth Day, held on Thursday, March 1, 2007, is designed for public and Catholic school students, grades 9 through 12. Youth Day has a separate registration and fee from the Congress days.

**COST:** Adult chaperones are required for each group of 10 students (maximum), all attending the same workshop choices. Fees for Youth Day 2007:

- $20 – by January 5, 2007
- $25 – postmarked after January 5, 2007

**NOTE:** Register for Youth Day with the form found on page 13 (photocopies accepted) or on our website at www.RECongress.org/youthday. There is no on-site registration for Youth Day.

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• Workshop recording form
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• Endowment Fund “Thank You”
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You can check our site on the web at www.RECongress.org for updates—or sign up for our E-Mail Updates filled with important information.

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Sacred Space

This year, Sacred Space finds a new home on the third level of the Convention Center. Take a respite from the day’s events and enter a space dedicated to facilitating a sense of peaceful reflection and spiritual rejuvenation. Our Sacred Space will offer eucharistic adoration in the Chapel, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a labyrinth, and meditative music and inspirational art.

General Info

Register online at www.RECongress.org
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Once again it is my delight to welcome you to yet another wonderful faith-filled Congress. The weekend offers us the opportunity to gather, renew and recommit to sharing the “Good News.”

Our theme for 2007, “Stand in the Light,” nudges us to bask in the incredible radiance of a God whose glory and brightness penetrates everyone, everything and everywhere. Recognizing that this all-pervasive Light is both a source of comfort and challenge invites us to celebrate the gift of God’s constancy while acknowledging our sometimes refusal to “Stand in the Light – to be light.”

We are very excited about the quality and quantity of our insightful and challenging workshops, liturgical celebrations, multicultural experiences, processes and opportunities to network which are offered throughout the weekend. Your leadership and participation is key to the ongoing spiritual renewal of our parish communities of faith.

The inspirational liturgical celebrations and entertainment provided are sure to renew our spirits and lift our hearts. In the midst of the myriad activities, there is also space for quiet contemplative moments, time to walk the labyrinth and opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Again, I thank you for your leadership and faithful commitment to keep on pouring out “the Light of Faith.” You are gift and blessing!

Sincerely,

Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC
Director, Office of Religious Education

A MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL

Dear Congress Participants,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to our annual Religious Education Congress. This spirit-filled event provides a wonderful opportunity for us to gather and renew our commitment to pass on the richness of our Catholic faith: our beliefs, our rituals and our spiritual traditions.

The theme selected, “Stand in the Light,” flows from the transfiguration account in Luke’s Gospel where we encounter the splendor of Christ in dazzling brightness manifesting His divinity. This same Christ now illuminates our lives and bids us to recognize our inner glory. His light shining in us can be a powerful revealer of truth if we allow it to penetrate the deep recesses of our hearts.

I am very heartened that so many of you take the time to be enriched by the excellent workshops, liturgical celebrations, multicultural experiences, processes and opportunities to network which are offered throughout the weekend. Your leadership and participation is key to the ongoing spiritual renewal of our parish communities of faith.

Please be assured of my support and encouragement as you so generously continue to “share the light of faith.” Asking God’s blessing upon you, your families and your parish communities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends:

As Co-Coordinators, it is a joy for us to invite you to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2007 held at the wonderful Anaheim Convention Center.

Standing in the presence of our God and one another, we invite you to participate in the abundant variety of opportunities available to you for enrichment, growth and renewal. The weekend, including our energetic and spirited Youth Day, will be filled with presentations by impressive local, national and international speakers who will both challenge and affirm you in your ministry.

Following in the rich tradition of Congress, there will be ample time to celebrate with others during liturgical prayer, lunchtime and evening concerts, art and multicultural exhibits, as well as quiet time in Sacred Space.

In Exhibit Hall A, you will find a vast array of great resources and be able to meet with representatives of more than 225 companies to discuss your particular needs.

Workshops, events, housing information, mail-in and online registration instructions are included in this Guidebook and updated regularly on our website at www.RECongress.org.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Congress office at 213-637-7346, or by e-mail at congress@la-archdiocese.org.

We welcome you and look forward to your presence and participation at our 2007 Religious Education Congress.

Standing in the Light of Christ, we are

Paulette Smith
Congress Event Coordinator

Jan C. Pedroza
Congress Programming Coordinator

THE EARLY HISTORY OF CONGRESS

The origins of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress spring from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD, a ministry that actually began in Los Angeles in 1922 under Bishop John Cantwell. Bishop Cantwell appointed Fr. Leroy Callahan, Pastor of San Antonio de Padua in East Los Angeles, to this ministry.

By 1937 the program was so successful that a full-time director was needed. That same year Archbishop Cantwell appointed Msgr. John Clarke as archdiocesan CCD Director, who headed the program for the next 33 years. All the while classes grew from 30,000 to more than 200,000 in 1969.

In 1956, Msgr. Leland Boyer joined Msgr. John Clarke in helping to organize the first CCD “institute” held at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. Some 500 teachers and catechists attended the two-day conference. In 1957, the event at Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School saw attendance double. In subsequent years attendance continued to increase at Loyola University; and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College by 1960. (You can read about the Congress Milestones online at www.RECongress.org/ccd-rec.htm.)
FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR

Dear Friends,

Thanks for deciding to be part of Youth Day 2007! Our theme this year, “LIVE OUT LOVE,” reminds each of us that we are called to follow Christ’s example in all that we do. To Live Out Love we must sometimes be willing to go “against the flow” and mirror God’s love even in the midst of chaos. We are enabled to be faithful in sharing our love because we remember that God’s love is unchanging. Even when we fail, God’s healing touch is always there to guide us back to a path of joy and peace.

To Live Out Love in our daily lives is to be BOLD and CONFIDENT in how we share God’s message of justice and peace. It is more than words – it is action! It is remembering that we are all part of God’s loving community and this connectedness gives us the strength to reach out and be Christ for others.

Youth Day is a perfect place for young people and adults alike, to stand up and be affirmed in how they Live Out Love. Our readings for the day are Esther 12:14-16, 23-25 and Matthew 7:7-12. These words give us the foundation for our theme and our exciting day! We hope you will take time before Youth Day to help young people reflect on the message shared in these readings and in our theme for the event.

Each year Youth Day welcomes over 14,000 high school students and their chaperones to Anaheim as the beginning of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. It is a day full of energy, music, speakers, liturgies and much more. The work that you do, along with many other coordinators, makes our day possible. Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm. The Youth Day Coordinating Team is busy planning a day that will encourage each of us to return to our homes, schools and parish communities to LIVE OUT LOVE!

Mike Norman
Youth Day Coordinator

YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION

All high school students (9th-12th grades) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register along with an adult Chaperone who will be attending with them. One adult Chaperone must accompany each group of no more than 10 students throughout Youth Day. Each group then chooses which workshops they would like to attend. Make first, second and third choices from the following 13 workshops. Please note that there are two workshops (clearly marked) which take place in the Arena and are not repeated. All other workshops are offered in the morning and again in the afternoon. We try to accommodate first choices for workshops, but sometimes they fill up and we must move you to your second or third choices.

NOTE: Youth Day often fills up BEFORE the January fee increase, since there is a limit to the number of people we can allow into the facility. If Youth Day fills up to capacity prior to the February 2, 2007 deadline, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS

Order Your Official Youth Day T-Shirts

Youth Day T-Shirts are available for group pre-orders. Group orders with payment must be received by February 2, 2007 and will be available for pick up starting at 8 am on Youth Day at the Congress T-Shirt Booth in the Convention Center Arena Lobby. T-Shirts are $15 (including sales tax), available in Short-sleeved Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL

Special sizes available upon request.

Order by phone (951) 734-6495 or find more info online at www.RECongress.org/youthday.

NOTE: This year, your group can receive their T-Shirts in advance of Youth Day! Please call us for shipping and handling charge information.
Youth Day kicks off in the Arena with the music of Jesse Manibusan and Curtis Stephan. In Hall B we welcome Jacob and Matthew as our musical guests. Our Opening Sessions follow, featuring the gifts of young people throughout the Archdiocese. These Opening Sessions will call each of us to LIVE OUT LOVE through music, prayer and inspirational talks.

Immediately following our opening, participants will be able to attend one of the 13 Morning Workshops (listed on the following pages) that offer specific ways we can LIVE OUT LOVE in our daily lives. We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10) who they would like to hear.

Our Eucharistic Liturgies follow with Cardinal Roger Mahony celebrating with us in the Arena, with music provided by youth from throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese under the direction of Ed Archer of St. Monica’s Parish in Santa Monica. In Hall B, Fr. Tony Ricard will be celebrating liturgy with music led by Jacob and Matthew. The Grand Ballroom Liturgy welcomes Fr. Richard Leonard as presider along with the music of Jesse Manibusan and the choir of St. Bernard Parish in Bellflower.

Following our Eucharistic celebrations everyone will have time to make new friends and spend time with old ones during lunch.

The Afternoon Workshops are a second chance to hear from some of the best speakers assembled. Remember, all these workshops (except session “S”) are repeats from the morning session.

Youth Day 2007 ends with two energetic Closing Rallies, one in the Arena and one in Hall B! These powerful sessions will include the speakers and musicians from our day, as well as the talents of young people from across our Archdiocese. Come be renewed in your commitment to LIVE OUT LOVE in all that you do!
YOUTH DAY

YOUTH DAY THEME: “LIVE OUT LOVE”

A  LIVING OUT LOVE: CARING FOR OTHERS

More powerful than his words were Jesus’ actions. He came with a radical message of love. But he didn’t just talk about it; he lived it out in the way he cared for others. Join APeX as they explore, in their unique way, what it means to follow Jesus’ example by being a servant to others.

APeX Ministries

APeX, aka Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer, are two young men who make their living by criss-crossing North America as evangelists. They use a unique presentation style they call Christian Vaudeville, which includes death-defying juggling, humor, sketch comedy, storytelling, audience participation and personal testimony. They have been throwing things at each other (professionally) since 1996. Gene one day hopes to compete in the Olympics in synchronized swimming. Brad is very strong!

B  LIVE OUT LOVE – EVEN IN THE HALLWAYS!

St. Francis said, “Preach the Gospel at all times; use words if necessary.” By the very way we live our lives, we preach the Gospel of Christ. Before Jesus did anything else on Earth he loved in word and in action. He calls us to the same kind of love, the same kind of life. Let’s explore what it means to be a person who follows Jesus … even in the hallways, classrooms, locker rooms and Friday night football games, for we preach the Gospel with our lives.

Tammy Evevard

Tammy Evevard has spent the last 20 years traveling the country. She has presented to countless audiences, and has been featured on several TV programs. She was recently a keynote at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Atlanta. Evevard is a past member of National Evangelization Team and Reach Youth Ministry Team, both traveling retreat teams. She is an active member of her parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus, where she leads music each week for the Life Teen Mass.

C  WIDER ARMS AND BIGGER HEARTS: REACHING IN AND REACHING OUT TO THE WORLD

Christ invites all of us to be “agents of compassion” in a broken world. As followers of Jesus we reach out with love so we can let God’s people in, to change our hearts and minds. How do we embrace this great dream of God for a better world? How do we “raise the standard of loving” in our lives? What happens to our service when we let others break into our hearts, setting us free to care more deeply? Using prayer, ritual, music and stories, this workshop inspires young people to move from service to reflection and out again to “be” a better world.

Joseph Grant

A native of Scotland, Joe Grant has ministered in Europe, the Amazon and the United States. He lives in Louisville, Ky., where he serves as the Youth/Young Adult Coordinator for JustFaith Ministries and creator of the JustFaith process, JusticeWalking. The co-founder of Crossroads Ministry has authored youth ministry publications on prayer, justice and Scripture, and presents numerous keynotes, workshops and retreats around the country.
D  OKAY, JESUS LOVES ME ... NOW WHAT?!?
How do you make your “church life” fit into every other part of your life without people thinking you’re insane? How do you get more involved at your age, with little free time, in a world where people still treat you like a kid? How do you make your faith come more alive? Hear the truth, have some laughs, learn some tips and get some ideas on “where you go from here.” Receive an answer to the raw, honest question, “Now what?” – the answer might change your life forever.

Mark Hart
Mark Hart is an author, evangelist and teacher. He has taught on junior high, high school and college campuses, and has spoken at World Youth Days, LIFE TEEN national events, youth conferences and eucharistic congresses. He has lead retreats, missions, camps and conferences in over 50 dioceses around the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia. Though Vice President of LIFE TEEN International, he is known to tens of thousands simply as the “Bible Geek.”

E  BECOMING THE-BEST-VERSION-OF-YOURSELF
God doesn’t want to control you, or manipulate you, or stifle you. “God wants you to become the-best-version-of-yourself!” This is the ultimate dream – God’s dream for you – and the Church and Catholic spirituality are gifts from God to help us live this dream. Examining each of the four aspects of the human person – physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual – this presentation will consider the ways we can live God’s dream for us. Participants will discover that at every moment they choose between the-best-version-of-themselves and some second-rate version of themselves.

Matthew Kelly
Matthew Kelly is a New York Times best-selling author and widely recognized speaker. Over the past 14 years he has spoken in over 50 countries to a collective audience of more than 3 million people including schools, churches, businesses, corporations, conferences and workshops. Hundreds of private, Catholic and public schools have hosted him. Kelly is author of a number of books, including “Perfectly Yourself: Nine Lessons for Enduring Happiness.”

H  LIVE OUT LOVE IN THE MEDIA: INTERNET RESPONSIBILITY AND MEDIA MINDFULNESS
Internet, movies, TV – most of us love all forms of media. And yet we’re told that they can be hostile to our faith. They can be, but with a few skills and some guidance, the Internet, TV and the movies can be sources of support in our journey of faith, and help us grow in hope and love.

Richard Leonard, SJ
Fr. Richard Leonard directs the Australian Catholic Film and Television Offices. He lectures in cinema and theology at the United Faculty of Theology in Australia and has been a visiting lecturer at the University of Melbourne. Dr. Leonard is a consultant to the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Media Committee and a film critic for all the major Catholic newspapers of Australia. He has traveled on speaking engagements throughout Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.
I LIVING WITH PASSION, LIVING WITH COMMITMENT, BEING WHO YOU ARE CALLED TO BE!

Come see how Tony Melendez and the Toe Jam Band share their music and passion for life. Tony will present how he has been able to transform adversity into hope, passion and strength! Experience the energy of his band and how they are also tied to the kind of Love that sends us soaring and celebrating the gift of life through music. (Afternoon Arena session only.)

Tony Melendez

Tony Melendez was born in Nicaragua with no arms and a clubbed foot due to the doctor-prescribed drug Thalidomide his mother took while pregnant. He had to learn to do almost everything with his feet and taught himself how to play the guitar. In 1987 he played for Pope John Paul II on his Los Angeles visit. Now, 19 years later, Melendez has recorded five albums, has made numerous TV appearances and has traveled to all 50 states and 31 countries sharing his story.

K GRIEF AND LOSS – HOLDING ON IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

Death, broken relationships, moving away from friends and loved ones all cause pain in our lives. How can you “Live Out Love” when you are dealing with grief and loss? This workshop will help to name the cause of grief and loss in our lives, and offer practical strategies for holding on when all seems lost.

Robert J. McCarty, DMin & Maggie McCarty, DMin

Drs. Maggie and Bob McCarty have a combined 60 years in ministry. Maggie is Director of Development for the Good Shepherd Center, a residential treatment program for adolescent girls in Baltimore. Bob is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. They present workshops and retreats internationally, and volunteer on the youth ministry team at their parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Fulton, Md.

M BEING CHRISTIAN TO YOUR FAMILY – IT CAN BE DONE!

Do you feel like your parents, brothers and sisters just don’t understand you? Are you uncomfortable talking to them about your faith? Then this workshop is for you! Being a part of the Body of Christ also means being a part of your own family. The workshop will focus on communicating with your parents, and getting them and your siblings excited about their faith, or at least understanding about yours. Hear from someone who’s figured out how to have close, faith-based relationships in her own family.

Judy McDonald

Judy McDonald, based in San Diego, Calif., has been performing stand-up for 12 years. In college, she worked at KFMB studios in radio and television. Her professional comedic experience includes an appearance on the “Dennis Miller Show” and opening for such comedians as Paula Poundstone, Mark Curry, Caroline Rhea and Margaret Cho. Her touring has taken her to parishes, conferences and military bases.
**P WHUT IT DOO? FALLING IN LOVE WITH JESUS**

This workshop will focus on falling in love with Jesus. As Jesus reveals himself to us, he also shows us who we are. As we come to know the beauty of God, we also come to know ourselves.

**Righteous B**

Bob Lesnfsky, whose "rapper name" is Righteous B, is really, really holy. His thuggish ways combined with his passion for Christ make this homie straight up off the heezy fo-sheezy. He has worked as a youth minister for the last seven years and has recorded three CDs, which have received critical acclaim (from his mom). He is now a full-time rap star and has recently started a non-profit, Dirty Vagabond Productions, for the development of quality urban youth ministry.

**S SEX STILL HAS A PRICE TAG**

In this workshop Pam Stenzel takes a hard-hitting look at the consequences of sexual activity. Combining her personal story and extensive pregnancy counseling experience, Pam talks frankly about the consequences of sexual activity outside of God’s design for sex, which is marriage. Stenzel tackles the tough issues with candor, insight, humor and a challenge to get the “abstinence advantage.” (Morning Arena session only.)

**Pam Stenzel**

Pam Stenzel’s career as a speaker stems from years on the “front lines” counseling young girls with crisis pregnancies. For the past 14 years she has presented abstinence assemblies to private, parochial and public schools around the world. Founder of Enlighten Communications, Stenzel has been a guest on numerous TV and radio programs, including “The Dr. Laura Show” and “Politically Incorrect.”

**X LOST THAT LOVING FEELING?**

In the busyness of this world, we often find ourselves burned out, discouraged, angry, cold and numb. Well, get excited because you don’t have to feel that way! It’s time to rediscover the source of love and peace and get reconnected with God. Through music and prayer Curtis Stephan and Sarah Hart will help find that loving feeling in the Light of Christ’s Love.

**Curtis Stephan**

Singer, songwriter and clinician, Curtis Stephan is presently Music Director at St. Ann Parish in Coppell, Texas, where he formerly served as youth music minister. Stephan’s experiences have been as Catholic campus music director at the University of North Texas and as Itinerant Witness at many parishes. His CD collections include “Sacred Revolution.”

**Sarah Hart**

Sarah Hart has been a staff songwriter for major Christian publishers, an award-winning record producer and a founder of the popular all-women singing group Daughters of God. Either as solo artist or with the Daughters, Hart has performed before intimate café crowds to the 30,000 teenagers at the National Catholic Youth Convention in Indianapolis and the 500,000 at World Youth Day in Toronto.

**Z THE ULTIMATE EXTREME MAKEOVER, U.K. EDITION: CHANGING LIVES ONE PRAYER AT A TIME**

Happy with the way you are? Feel in need of a “grace-lift” or perhaps a little inner renovation? Well, you’ve seen the TV show, you may even have attended the liturgical makeover at last year’s Congress ... now tune in to the ultimate spiritual makeover led by this United Kingdom-based trio. Under the watchful eye of the greatest design team ever – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – this workshop draws on prayer, reflection, Scripture and songs of faith to help “re-decorate us from within.” So whether you need a last-minute touch-up or the whole transformation experience, this is the workshop for you!

**David Wells**

David Wells is Director of the Department for Formation in the Diocese of Plymouth, England. Previously, he served in England as Director of Adult Religious Education for the Nottingham Diocese. He is a well-known speaker with engagements throughout the United Kingdom, Europe and North America. Also an author, Wells has appeared at conferences of catechesis and evangelization as well as a number of Canadian TV broadcasts.

**Mike Stanley & Jo Boyce**

Singers/songwriters Mike Stanley and Joanne Boyce – together known as cmj|music – work in the United Kingdom as music and workshop leaders with youth in high school and parish settings. Mike worked as a teacher and youth leader for many years. Jo became Music Director of Soli House in Stratford-upon-Avon, where Mike eventually worked as a music coordinator. They partnered professionally in 1996.
WHO MAY ATTEND?
All students from public and Catholic schools, grades 9 through 12, are invited to our annual YOUTH DAY on Thursday of the Congress weekend. STUDENTS BELOW THE 9th GRADE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT AND WILL BE REFUSED ADMISSION.

WHAT IS THE COST?
Registration to attend Youth Day is $20 per person. Fees increase after January 5, 2007; the price goes up $5 each person – a total of $25 per person.

CHAPERONES & CONTACT PERSON
For each group of up to 10 students there must be one Adult Chaperone. However, there must be two Chaperones listed in your first group registration. Groups must stay together throughout the day, all attending the same workshops. Students are not to be dropped off at the Convention Center without a Chaperone.

The Adult Chaperone should be at least 21 years of age and must stay with and supervise his or her group throughout all of Youth Day. Chaperones should participate in the events of the day – youth find it more difficult to participate if the adults are off to the side. Understanding that it is often difficult to sit together as a large group, we ask that Chaperones divide up and stay with those they brought.

The Contact Person is responsible for providing the Adult Chaperone with all the necessary forms and emergency information for each student in the group. All Youth Day tickets will be mailed to the Contact Person. The Contact Person may also be one of the group Chaperones or registrants.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?
Registrations can be made by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form along with a check for the proper amount or online by credit card at www.RECongress.org/yd. A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. However, there must be two Chaperones listed in your first group registration.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
We recommend that you register early. Once Youth Day fills to capacity it is CLOSED to further registrations. This sometimes happens BEFORE THE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE ON JANUARY 5, 2007. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.

TICKETS AND NAME TAGS
Each ticket must be issued to a specific person. Registrations will NOT be processed if only one person’s name is used in all the spaces on the form. In order to gain admission into the Convention Center, each person must have tickets and be wearing the official Youth Day name tag. If needed, you may substitute names. We will not be able to print out new name tags or workshop tickets.

Due to the large number of people who attend and unpredictable weather, we strongly encourage that tickets and name tags be passed out before you leave your parish or school or before leaving the bus. Those who become separated from their group are not allowed entry to workshops or the Arena. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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Tickets will be mailed after February 5, 2007, to the Contact Person. Please check your packet to verify that each Chaperone and each student has his or her own tickets.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. Please feel free to duplicate the form.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form, with the group attending all the same workshops. The first group must include two Chaperones. PLEASE do not register more people on the form than will be attending.
3. Once registration has been sent in, additional students CANNOT be added to that group. To add students, a new form (with another paid Chaperone) must be filled out and sent in.
4. All youth need to remain with their Chaperones throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name 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. Indicate your choice of workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of $20 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by January 5, 2007 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 form. All incomplete registrations will be mailed back. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. After January 5, 2007 (postmarked), the Youth Day Registration fee will be $25 per person.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 5, 2007. There are NO REFUNDS after that date. There will be a $5 per person refund processing fee.
9. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY.
10. Any Youth Day questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION & ASSIGNMENT
Print the letter of your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice workshops plainly on the spaces provided. All workshops are repeated in the afternoon session, unless otherwise stated.

WORKSHOP ASSIGNMENT: Our registration computer will assign your first choice for the morning session and your second choice for the afternoon. If your first choice is full, then the computer will give you your second choice first and your first choice second. You are given your third choice only if your first and second choices are full.

FOOD SERVICES
During the brief time we have scheduled for lunch, there will be food concessions at the Convention Center. Lines are always long, so you may prefer to have your group bring lunches. You can bring ice chests and other supplies in your vehicles (to be brought in at lunchtime only). We ask that no one go to the nearby restaurants.
YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007 – 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered with each paid Adult Chaperone – all attending the same workshops.
2. Once the Registration Form has been mailed in, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new form AND another paid Chaperone.
3. YOUTH DAY FEE: $20 per person (U.S. dollars only). After January 5, 2007 fee increases to $25 per person.
4. NOTE: YOUTH DAY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE. Youth Day Registration deadline is February 2, 2007. All registrations received after this date – or after Youth Day fills to capacity – will be returned.
5. Mail checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
6. Total payment must accompany this form.
7. Tickets will be mailed after February 5, 2007. Please check your packet when you receive it, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has his or her own tickets. Students must remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 5, 2007. Note: There is a $5 per person 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 _____________

CONTACT PERSON (If attending, please also include your name below as Chaperone or Registrant, whichever is applicable)
Name ___________________________________________ Day Phone ( ____ )_____________________
Address ___________________________________________ Eve. Phone ( ____ )_____________________
City ___________________________________________ State ____________________________ ZIP Code________
Email ___________________________________________

SERVICES • Will anyone in your group require special services? ☐ Sign Interpreter ☐ Oral Interpreter ☐ Deaf-Blind Interpreter ☐ Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) • Name of student/adult requiring assistance ___________________________

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- $80  $100
- $100  $125
- $120  $150
- $140  $175
- $160  $200
- $180  $225
- $200  $250
- $220  $275

Fees are an additional $5 per person if postmarked after January 5, 2007.

Workshop Choice for Group:
1ST _____
2ND _____
3RD _____

Mail to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO BOX 76955, LOS ANGELES, CA 90076-0955
FRIDAY EVENTS

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am
On-site registration begins
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:30 - 9:30 am
Opening Rite / Welcome
(Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am
Period 1 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Music (Arena)
– Matt Maher & Nellie Cruz
Music (Hall B)
– Jacob and Matthew with
Chris de Silva

1:00 - 2:30 pm
Period 2 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm
Period 3 Workshops

5:15 pm
Evening Prayer &
Eucharistic Liturgies

8:00 pm
Concert (Arena)
– “Fiesta!”

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Matt Maher & Nellie Cruz

“Your Grace is Enough”
We will celebrate the joy that comes from knowing that we have a faithful
God of promise and hope. Come and spend your noontime with Matt Maher,
one of the most popular and critically acclaimed Catholic artists in the country, along with gifted
new artist Nellie Cruz, in singing some of the finest contemporary songs of faith used in worship
today.

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Jacob and Matthew with Chris de Silva

“Jammin’ with Jesus” – Psalm 150
Come and enjoy lunch with the awesome sounds of Jacob and Matthew with Chris de Silva. Their high-energy music will make you
want to dance for the Lord. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

Matt Maher & Nellie Cruz

“Fiesta: Sing and Dance in the Light”
Come bask in the light of God’s glory! Celebrate, praise and give thanks in song accompanied by
the festive sounds and rhythms of some of the leading Latino composers and artists, including
Tony Alonso, Jamie Cortez, Eleazar Cortes, Nellie Cruz, Santiago Fernández,
Jorge Rivera, and Friends! Hosted by Pedro Rubalcava, all under the musical
direction of Peter Kolar.

Jacob and Matthew with Chris de Silva

“Fiesta: Canten y Bailen en la Luz”
¡Vengan y gocen de la luz y gloria del Dios vivo! Celebren, den gracias y
alaben con cantos, acompañados de las melodías y ritmos de algunos de los
más conocidos compositores y artistas latinos de los Estados Unidos.
Con su anfitrión Pedro Rubalcava y la dirección musical de Peter Kolar.
SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am  On-site registration (Prefunction Lobby)
          Morning Praise (Arena)
8:30 am   Keynote Address
          – Bryan N. Massingale, STD
10:00 - 11:30 am  Period 4 Workshops
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  Music (Arena)
                    – Peña & Centeno
                    Music (Hall B)
                    – Vietnamese /Lasallian Youth
                    Noon Exchange
1:00 - 2:30 pm  Period 5 Workshops
3:00 - 4:30 pm  Period 6 Workshops
5:15 pm  Evening Prayer & Liturgies
8:00 pm  Concert (Arena)
          – “Light the Night”
          Filmmakers’ Showcase
9:30 pm  Compline Service
9:30 pm -12:30 am  Young Adult Dance (Marriott)
Registration Hours
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Exhibit Hours
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sacred Space
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

MORNING PRAISE

PEÑA, KENDZIA & DAIGLE

Join us for Morning Praise. Our morning will begin with Donna Peña, Tom Kendzia and Gary Daigle leading us in song and praise celebrating our faith. Our presider will be Maryann Nguyen; Tricia Hoyt will give the reflection. Together, we shall arise in the new Light.

SUNDAY KEYNOTE

REV. BRYAN N. MASSINGALE, STD

“At Table with Jesus: The Welcome and the Challenge of the Light”

Sitting at table with Jesus is about allowing his Light to pierce our hearts and minds, enlightening the shadows of our lives and transforming our discipleship. To be a disciple of Jesus is to share his Light with a world sometimes unwilling to stand in the Light. Together, let us consider what it might mean for us to respond more deeply to the Christian call of Jesus. We will look at the challenges of becoming beacons of hope in a world where hope is often scarce.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

DONNA PEÑA & MAURICIO CENTENO

Donna Peña joins Mauricio Centeno in bringing you a bit of North-meets-Southwest for your lunchtime entertainment. The music is sure to please your ear, get your foot tapping and your hips swingin’ (for those who eat on their feet)! Grab your lunch and come grab a seat!

VIETNAMESE FOLK DANCE TROUPE/LASALLIAN YOUTH WITH BRO. FORTUNAT PHONG

Travel to exotic and festive Vietnam for lunch! Come, enjoy a lunch break and see how teen and young Vietnamese use the art of graceful dance, colorful costumes and drum to catechize and celebrate the Catholic faith in a festive yet spiritual way. You will have the opportunity to drum and dance too! It’s an opportunity you won’t easily forget!

SUNDAY EVENING CONCERT

“Light the Night”

Come light the night – celebrate the gifts, the sights and sounds of many talented artists. Ever-energetic Jesse Manibusan will plunge us into an experience of church ablaze, a church on fire with the Spirit. Join in an unforgettable festival of song, dance and ritual including a musical quartet and contemporary artists Danielle Rose, Matt Maher, Trevor Thomson, David Yackley, Sarah Hart, Meredith Dean Joseph, John Angotti and more, all under the musical direction of John Flaherty and Gary Daigle.
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SUNDAY EVENTS

MARCH 4, 2007

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am
On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:15 - 9:30 am
Eucharistic Liturgy
(Arena)

8:30 am
Morning Addresses
English: Jim Wallis
Spanish: Ricardo Grzona

10:00 - 11:30 am
Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Entertainment (Arena)
– Doug Brummel

11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Music (Hall B)
– John Angotti & Val Jansen
Meredith Dean Joseph

1:00 - 2:30 pm
Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm
Closing Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)

Registration Hours
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Hall A)

Sacred Space
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm

BISHOP GABINO ZAVALA,
PRESIDER

As Congress 2007 draws to a close, we come together to pray, to celebrate and to go forth to a life renewed. We witness to our new life in Christ, and place our lives and ministry at the service of God’s people in the world. Our Closing Liturgy, led by Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Gabino Zavala, will feature the 200-plus voice Congress Choir ’07, under the direction of John Flaherty.

MORNING LITURGY

Cardinal Roger Mahoney, Presider

As the start of the day brings light, we share an opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give thanks, to celebrate in God’s Light. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, we start our day to go forth to make our Stand in the Light.

SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS

Jim Wallis

“How Might Spiritual Revival Cause Change?”

From Ireland’s Bono to Britain’s Gordon Brown to a new global generation, poverty is focusing and energizing the faith of many around the world and in the United States. For the first time in history we have the information, knowledge, technology and resources to bring the worst of global poverty virtually to an end. What we don’t have is the moral and political will to do so. How might spiritual revival cause such social change?

Author, preacher and activist, Jim Wallis is Editor in Chief of Sojourners magazine and Convener of the Call to Renewal Network. A regular contributor on ethics and public life for MSNBC Online, Wallis is also author of numerous books and columns that have appeared in hundreds of newspapers and magazines.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Lighten Up! with Doug Brummel

Experience for yourself one of the most refreshing and original whole-community Catholic celebrations! Catholic comedian and character-actor Doug Brummel and his “cast of characters” help audiences of all ages lighten up in body, mind and spirit. This “one-man, character-changing” celebration addresses hundreds of teachable moments intertwined with sidesplitting laughter and timeless wisdom which aims to foster faith and family life … one laugh at a time! If you are trying to reach all generations … then this is a must-see event! Warning: Expect the unexpected. So bring your lunch and don’t be late! You’ll be glad you came.

Angotti, Jansen & Joseph

John Angotti and friends ValLimar Jansen and Meredith Dean Joseph are going to be bringing the power of their voices and spirits to Hall B. Come and rejoice and rock it out with some of the top talents in the country. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience this evangelistic approach that will make you encounter Christ through songs of witness and faith that will touch your soul. So, “rise up my people!”
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Living in the gift, promise and spirit of the Second Vatican Council, our liturgies have also grown as they have embraced a wonderfully diverse Church. We have worked diligently to inculturate the liturgy to authentically reflect the church of Los Angeles. Here in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, liturgy is celebrated every Sunday in no fewer than 40 different languages.

Over the years, both the Congress choir and band have grown considerably in depth and membership. Today’s Congress Band/Orchestra consists of approximately 40 instrumentalists and a choir of over 225 members representing six dioceses. Nearly 275 musicians comprise the Congress Choir that provided the music for the final liturgies at last year’s Congress, with thousands in attendance!

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICES (5:15 & 9:30 pm)

Vespers (Latin for “evening”) is our evening prayer service. Taizé, named after the monastic order and city in France, uses silence and music that draws upon simple phrases from the Psalms.

Vespers (5:15 pm) Dung Tran Therese Donohoo/Rory Cooney
Vespers (9:30 pm) – LMU & Mount St. Mary’s students

SATURDAY – MARCH 3

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE (8:00 am)

Morning Praise Maryann Nguyen Donna Peña/Tom Kendzia/Gary Daigle
Tricia Hoyt (reflection)

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SATURDAY PRAYER SERVICES (5:15 & 9:30 pm)

At the end of the day, let our Compline prayer rise like incense in gratitude for the gifts received. We pray for the Light to shine down upon us anew.

Vespers (5:15 pm) Michelle Youssef Chris de Silva
Compline (9:30 pm) Ginny McKinley-Temple Richard Cheri

SUNDAY – MARCH 4

Morning Liturgy Cardinal Roger Mahony Congress Choir 2007 8:15 am
Closing Liturgy Bishop Gabino Zavala Congress Choir 2007 3:30 pm
Young Adults Celebrate Congress 2007

Young Adults are singles and couples who are in their late-teens, 20s and 30s.

The Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod calls us to build solid Young Adult Ministries in our parishes, our pastoral regions and our Archdiocese. The Religious Education Congress offers numerous opportunities for young adults to be engaged and empowered in vibrant ministry. This weekend is a chance for young adults to be renewed and energized in their spiritual life and in their commitment to our Church.

We invite young adults, in a special way, to come share in the prayer, music, networking and joy of Congress. There are a variety of experiences geared specifically for young adults.

**Eucharistic Liturgy**

*Young Adult Liturgy, Saturday, March 3 at 5:15 pm*

Fr. Richard Leonard will preside over our Young Adult Liturgy with music led by Matt Maher, Victor Wheeler and young adults from across the Archdiocese. Come join in this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.

**Welcome Dance and Social**

*Saturay, March 3 from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am*

The annual Young Adult Dance and Social will take place at the Marriott Hotel. After a full day of Congress workshops, networking and celebrating liturgy, continue dancing into the night with new and old friends! The cost is only $5 per person. All young adults are invited to share in this wonderful Congress event.

**Young Adult Workshops**

The following workshop sessions address the psychological and spiritual formation of young adults. We encourage young adults and those who serve young adults to consider the following workshops. We strongly encourage you to also review this Registration Guidebook for topics that meet your needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

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ASIAN-PACIFIC EVENTS

ASIAN-LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

Friday, March 2
1-70 Dr. Peter Phan (Vietnamese)
2-70 Bro. Linh Hoang (Vietnamese)
3-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong (Vietnamese)

Saturday, March 3
4-70 Rev. Peter Ngo (Vietnamese)
4-80 Most Rev. Luis Tagle (Tagalog)
5-70 Rev. Anthony Dao (Vietnamese)
5-75 Katherine Ja-Eun Cho (Korean)
6-70 Bro. Fortunat Phong (Vietnamese)

Sunday, March 4
7-70 Msgr. Joseph Duc Dao (Vietnamese)
8-70 Bro. Linh Hoang (Vietnamese)

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

Friday, March 2
2-25 Bishop Luis Tagle
3-15 Jesse Manibusan

Saturday, March 3
4-23 Dr. Peter Phan

Sunday, March 4
8-13 Jesse Manibusan

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE EVENTS

Friday, March 2, 5:15 pm
LITURGY: Vietnamese Language
Msgr. Dinh Duc Dao, presider

Saturday, March 3, 11:45 am
LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT:
Vietnamese Folk Dance Troupe/
Lasallian Youth with
Bro. Fortunat Phong

Saturday, March 3, 5:15 pm
LITURGY: Indonesian Perspective
Bishop Luis Tagle, presider

Rejoicing in the Asian and Pacific Presence

Asian and Pacific communities rejoice that they are called to the house of the Lord. As the bishops of the Church in the United States, we rejoice in their presence. Blessed be God for the peoples of Asia, so rich in their diversity yet one in their yearning for peace and fullness of life.

By being authentically Christian and truly Asian in the footsteps of Christ, they have brought to us a more profound understanding of what it means to be truly Catholic. They have taught the Church in the United States the meaning of harmony; the necessity of dialogue with their cultures, with other religions, and with the poor; a renewed sense of family loyalty; the unity between diverse cultures and diverse Catholic church communities; and the closeness of all God's creation.

As bishops of the church, we acknowledge the contributions of all Asian and Pacific persons, especially their many creative initiatives that assist our ministries in our dioceses and parishes.

— Asian and Pacific Presence, Harmony in Faith
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2001

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday
10 am - 3 pm
Convention Center, 2nd Floor
Prefunction Lobby

The Multicultural Exhibits are presented by the many ethnic groups in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. This is a collaborative work of the Archdiocesan Offices of Religious Education and Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry.
Congress 2007 is pleased to offer workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry and areas of interest, has been 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 website www.RECongress.org for updates as well as other category listings of speakers by topic. Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.

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**I-01 THE OLD TESTAMENT IS GOOD NEWS TOO!**

Sometimes the Old Testament is presented merely as preparation for the New Testament, or an old way of thinking replaced by Jesus’ teaching. But the Old Testament was the source of Jesus’ human understanding and language about God his Father. We will explore how the Old Testament forms the essential context that we need to understand Jesus’ message. The key Old Testament motifs are not sin and punishment, but the astounding claims about God’s love, compassion and loyalty to us – and how we need to respond to it with all our hearts!

*Lawrence Boadt, CSP*

Fr. Lawrence Boadt has served as President and Publisher of *The Paulist Press* since 1998. After the Los Angeles native joined the Paulist Fathers Order, he taught Old Testament studies at Fordham University, at St. John’s University in Queens, N.Y., and at the Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C. Fr. Boadt is author of several books and commentaries, and writes a regular magazine column and a weekly Catholic newspaper column.

**I-02 RECONSTRUCTING AMERICAN COMMUNITY: CATHOLIC PARISHES’ CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN CULTURE**

Isolation and individualism permeate the culture and society that we live in. Many parishes around the world are organically growing Small Christian Communities and related communal groups as an innovative way of experiencing parish. One of the contributions that Catholic parishes can make to the world is the generation of genuine communities with social capital that enrich the world around us. Time will be given to considering how such communities can move beyond self-nurture to concern about public mission.

*Fr. Patrick Brennan*

Serving nearly three decades as a priest, Fr. Pat Brennan is Pastor of Holy Family Church in Inverness, Ill. A licensed psychologist, he is currently specializing in “re-imaging” parishes to help develop evangelization and to build genuine experiences of community. Fr. Brennan is also President of the National Center for Evangelization and Parish Renewals.

**I-03 CREATING AN INTIMATE MARRIAGE**

It takes hard work to keep a marriage intimate and healthy. In this session, you will learn how to set the mood, tone and atmosphere in your relationship, make your marriage your top priority, and learn that your circumstances might not always be able to change but your attitude can change and that makes all the difference. Jim Burns will speak frankly about romance and intimacy, communication and conflict, friendship and fun, and growing toward spiritual intimacy with your spouse. You will receive practical help to refresh your marriage and be encouraged with a strategy for keeping a marriage healthy.

*Jim Burns, PhD*

Dr. Jim Burns is founder and President of *HomeWord* and host of their daily and weekly radio broadcasts, which air on over 800 stations. A frequent presenter and award-winning author, Burns has written a number of books and magazine columns for parents, youth workers and students. He is author of the book, “Creating an Intimate Marriage,” which is also available in audio format.

**I-04 THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

In Matthew 5, Jesus tells us, “You are the light of the world.” Sounds like a real stretch, unless we understand the beginning of that chapter – the love song we call the Beatitudes. They are not a newer, harder set of Commandments; they are the gift we have been given so that we might be a light for others. Come and discover your own beatitude and risk letting your light shine.

*Dr. Kathleen A. Chesto*

Kathleen Chesto is an author, a retreat director and religious education/family life consultant. The former parish and diocesan Director of Religious Education has taught kindergarten through graduate school and has 15 years experience speaking internationally to groups of parents, catechists, directors, clergy and care-givers. Chesto is author of numerous books and videos on spiritual and family life and recipient of many awards for her work.

**I-05 THE LIGHT OF GRACE**

Most people who work in ministry are idealistic. Paradoxically, this places them in great danger of burnout. Mindful of the Augustinian conviction that “to those who faithfully attend to their vocation, God will provide the grace to fulfill their vocation,” Australian Dr. Michael Downey’s ongoing exploration of lay teachers’ daily work experiences that nourish and sustain their spirituality sheds light on what is important for lay people working in ministry. The insights shared in this workshop are applicable in a wide range of situations and ministries.

*Dr. Michael J. Downey*

Based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Dr. Michael Downey is an author and lay teacher who consults with dioceses and schools both in Australia and the United States. He has been assistant principal in a variety of all-boys, all-girls and co-ed primary and secondary schools in Australia. Dr. Downey is a speaker at education and religious education conferences across Australia and in the United States. His latest book is entitled “Hear! I Am.”
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I-06 HOW DO I GO TO GOD WITH MY LOVE, JOY, NEED, FEAR, SORROW AND ANGER?
In this session, Fr. Bob Fabing will explore the origin and significance of our experiences of love, joy, need, fear, sorrow and anger. He will focus on how to bring these experiences to Christ, and how Christ will personally and sacramentally bring us and our experiences to God. Fr. Fabing will touch upon his experience as a marriage and family therapist and spiritual director as a source for our finding this sense of support and consolation in our emotional journey. He will also be using music from his recently re-recorded CD, “Let Me Follow.”

Bob Fabing, SJ
Fr. Bob Fabing has founded 48 marriage counseling and family therapy centers called the Jesuit Institute for Family Life Network, with locations in California, Oregon, Africa and Mexico. He is Director of the 36-Day Program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat House in Los Altos, Calif., where he lives. He is author of four books and composer of seven liturgical music compilations.

I-07 DID YOUR HEART BURN WITHIN YOU?
The Scriptures are God’s living Word among us, “a lamp unto our feet.” But how often are they read like ancient words that have no impact on us today or, even worse, like a page out of the Wall Street Journal? What can you do to proclaim readings in ways that bring God’s shining Light to the world? If you are involved in liturgies in any capacity – Mass, Rites of Christian Initiation, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, weddings, funerals, etc. – this practical training session will give you the information you need to help Scripture leap off the page and into your assembly’s hearts.

Amy Florian
Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant with over 30 years of experience in parish ministry. Her regional and national appearances span the country, as keynote or workshop speaker, leading training sessions or giving retreats. She was a regular columnist for Liturgical Catechesis magazine until January 2005 and has written dozens of articles and two books. Florian also serves as Executive Director of Stauros USA.

I-08 THE MAKING OF THE CHURCH: FIVE INSIGHTS VATICAN II CAN STILL OFFER US
Our Church is always on a pilgrim journey. Until Jesus returns we will always be “a Church in the making.” This workshop will consider some ways in which the teachings of Vatican II can guide us in the process of becoming more fully the people God wants us to be.

Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD
Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Murray/Bacik Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo, Ohio. A frequent speaker at academic and pastoral conferences, he has also authored numerous articles and six books, including “A Church in the Making.” In 2000 Dr. Gaillardetz received the Sophia Award from the faculty of the Washington Theological Union in recognition of “theological excellence in service to ministry.”

I-09 WHEN KIDS GRIEVE: PARENTS, SCHOOLS, CONGREGATIONS AND COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER
This seminar will explore, in practical ways, the well-spread (and believed) myth that grief is an adult experience. Children and teens also grieve, often alone or with distorted pictures, and can experience grief as lifetime scars without healthy care and support along the way. This seminar will engage you so that you will engage children.

Rt. Rev. Richard B. Gilbert, PhD, CT
The Rev. Richard Gilbert is Executive Director of The World Pastoral Care Center, based in Elgin, Ill. The Anglican priest is a member of the Board of Directors of The Association for Death Education and Counseling, and editorial advisor to Illness, Crisis, Loss, Healing Ministry and The American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Care. He is extensively published and has two books available.

I-10 EVANGELIZATION: EVERYDAY CATECHESIS, EVERY DAY
God is timeless, but how do we keep our evangelization efforts timely? How do we keep our catechesis from looking “dated”? God may be unchanging, but we cannot be. Seeking a breath of renewal? Searching for some fresh ideas? In the words of Christ, “Come and see.”

Mark Hart
Mark Hart is an author, evangelist and teacher. He has taught on junior high, high school and college campuses, and has spoken at World Youth Days, LIFE TEEN national events, youth conferences and eucharistic congresses. He has lead retreats, missions, camps and conferences in over 50 dioceses around the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia. Though Vice President of LIFE TEEN International, he is known to tens of thousands simply as the “Bible Geek.”

I-11 IN THE DAYS TO COME: LITURGY AND THE CALL TO PEACEMAKING
In the Eucharist we encounter and receive Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who calls all of us, as St. Augustine says, “to become what we receive.” How does the Church, the Body of Christ, become more and more the “instrument of peace” in a world of violence, hatred and division, and how does the liturgy name, nurture, celebrate and express this truth?

Marty Haugen
For over 25 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops and concerts across North America, Europe, Polynesia, Asia and Central America. His range of musical compositions continues to appear in numerous hymnals for North American and Australian Catholics, U.S. Evangelical Lutherans and several other Protestant denominations.

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I-12 SELF-HELP FOR DUMMIES: LIVING AN ABUNDANT LIFE

We are so self-conscious: Am I living fully? What am I doing right or wrong? All the while, we’re missing the point. Join Terry Hershey, who believes that getting your act together is highly overrated! The more important issue: How do we re-train ourselves to appreciate simple pleasures? Is there a spiritual practice that we can incorporate into our lives, that opens our eyes to the simple pleasures that surround us? Laugh and learn with Terry about making the choice to receive life’s gifts. Life is to be lived, not managed. We will learn what it means to be open: available, curious, willing to be surprised by joy.

Terry Hershey
Terry Hershey lives and teaches the subject of his eighth book, “Sacred Necessities: Gifts for Living with Passion, Purpose and Grace.” Founder of “A Few Things That Matter” Seminars, Hershey is a Protestant minister and landscape designer on Washington’s Vashon Island, near Seattle. He speaks throughout the country on relationships, spirituality and gardening.

I-13 WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GRACE?

We all make our way through life by trusting in God’s Grace. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, having and not losing Grace was the business of Catholic life. But whatever happened to all that? Is Grace still part of the spiritual life? What are we saying about Grace today in the Church, and how can we help others see and live in this powerful divine source of love and life?

Bill Huebsch
Bill Huebsch has served in several diocesan and parish ministry positions and now works in Catholic publishing, as President and Publisher of Twenty-Third Publications. He is author of more than a dozen books, along with numerous booklets, articles and screenplays. In 2000 he established the Whole Community Catechesis project, to help parishes and dioceses around the world implement the “General Directory for Catechesis.”

I-14 GOSPEL VALUES – FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!

Would you like some wonderful ideas for working with children, and a chance to renew your own faith at the same time? Come join Fr. Joe Kempf and Big Al (Fr. Joe’s blue, furry helper) for a very special presentation, with music by John Burland! Through demonstration, stories and down-to-earth wisdom, you will see how Fr. Joe helps children understand and love the message of Jesus. Even as you learn some great ideas to help children, let Jesus speak to that part of you which has the heart of a child.

Fr. Joe Kempf
Winner of the “Great Preacher Award” from the Aquinas Institute of Theology, Fr. Joe Kempf is a diocesan priest from St. Louis and Pastor of Assumption Parish in O’Fallon, Mo. Author of “No One Cries the Wrong Way,” he perhaps is best known for his videos for adults and children on celebrating Eucharist and Reconciliation. Fr. Kempf recently completed a series of DVDs called “Big Al Live - Gospel Values for Children.”

I-15 CO-WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

Recently the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published a document titled “Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Resource for Guiding the Development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry.” This workshop will explore the background of the document and its implications for laity involved in the mission of the Church, especially in education and catechesis. This session will be an opportunity to understand the implications of the document and explore directions for its implementation.

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD, STL, PhD
Bishop Gerald Kicanas, ordained a priest for the Chicago Archdiocese, was appointed Auxiliary Bishop there in 1995. In 2001 he became bishop-designate for the Diocese of Tucson, Ariz., and two years later was installed as Bishop of Tucson. A speaker at numerous diocesan gatherings, Bishop Kicanas had formerly served as a pastor, high school teacher and counselor, and as Rector at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein in Illinois.

I-16 WHAT I KNOW FOR SURE: GIFTS TO GIVE CHILDREN

In this session, Keri Krout will reveal the eight gifts that those who love children absolutely must share with them.

Keri Krout
Keri Krout, mother of seven children, is a columnist for Vancouver Family Magazine and author of a soon-to-be-published book. She is owner of Hand in Hand Consulting and Hand in Hand Child Development Center, based in Vancouver, Wash. A member of the Association for the Education of Young Children, her speaking engagements have taken her throughout all the Western states, as well as Oklahoma, Minnesota and West Virginia.

I-17 THE DA VINCI CODE, THE OMEN, AND BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN: A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO CONTEMPORARY CINEMA

In the last two years, a number of films have raised issues which few Catholics have been able to ignore. What have these films put on our agenda, and what is our response? This workshop will both answer specific questions and provide a methodology for how we can face contemporary culture.

Richard Leonard, SJ
Fr. Richard Leonard of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, is Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting. He has been a visiting professor at universities from Rome to Los Angeles. Dr. Leonard is a consultant to the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Media Committee and a film critic for all the major Catholic newspapers of Australia. He is also author of “Movies That Matter: Reading Film Through the Lens of Faith.”
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1-18 THE NDC AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION: ENRICHING THE VISION
The “National Directory for Catechesis” (NDC) reaffirms the principles that adult faith formation is both the “principal form” and the “organizing principle” of all catechesis. This session will explore the many dimensions of the ongoing and still urgent challenge.

Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, ThD
Bishop Richard Malone served as former Director for the Boston Archdiocese’s Office of Religious Education, and as Secretary of Education for the Archdiocese. In 2004, he was installed as the 11th Bishop of Portland, Maine. He has produced and hosted television programs for Boston Catholic Television; was the archdiocesan liaison with the local Jewish community; and lectures nationally on Catholic education.

1-19 STAND IN THE LIGHT: DON’T JUST DO SOMETHING – STAND THERE!
We are summoned to “Stand in the Light,” to stand before God, alone and together with others drawn into the covenant God has with human beings. Where we stand is crucial – the ground we stand on is holy ground. But where do we stand? There are places in the world that reflect the Light of God more surely, more brightly and more clearly than others. It is time for us to stand up for what we believe about the God of creation, the God of covenant and the God of ecology/justice and light. Come stand in the Light and stand your ground – and hear the stories of God standing with us on Earth.

Megan McKenna
Megan McKenna is a theologian, author and storyteller. Her latest books are “The New Stations of the Cross,” based on the Scriptures used by John Paul II; an anthology, “Send My Roots Rain”; and “Christ All Merciful: Icons.” McKenna travels in Asia, Latin America, Europe and the United States, and has recently been named an Ambassador of Peace by Pax Christi, USA.

1-20 LIVING IN THE LIGHT: THE UNFOLDING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR
There is much that happens in the critical moments of our lives — birth, initiation, maturation, vocation, forgiveness, death. And because our lives are filled with such intense moments, we pause for a time that we might remember who we are and whose we are. We remember that through Christ our Light, our God saves; that we are members of a being-saved community. This is integral to the mystery of salvation. Come learn again what it means to celebrate the mystery of salvation at dawn and at dusk, Sunday after Sunday, season after season, year after glorious year!

J-Glenn Murray, SJ
Fr. J-Glenn Murray, a member of the Maryland Province of Jesuits, is Director of the Cleveland Diocese’s Office of Pastoral Liturgy. He was the principal drafter of “Plenty Good Room: The Spirit and Truth of African American Catholic Worship,” a document from the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Liturgy and the Black Catholic Secretariat. In addition to his other duties, Fr. Murray maintains a busy national speaking schedule.

1-21 SEE WITH NEW EYES: FORMING THE MIND AND HEART IN JUNIOR HIGH
The “General Directory for Catechesis” directs us to inform the mind and form the heart of our young people, so that they might meet the challenges of our time as a disciple of Christ. “See with New Eyes” is a one-week alternative or supplemental catechetical experience that invites young people to more deeply explore a variety of moral issues and respond with action.

Jo Ann Paradise
Dr. Jo Ann Paradise is Director of Parish Ministry, Life and Spiritual Formation at St. Sebastian Parish in Pittsburgh. She has been an elementary and high school teacher as well as adjunct faculty member at Duquesne University, La Roche College and Carlow University in Pittsburgh. Dr. Paradise is a popular retreat director and provides spiritual direction. She is also a national consultant and textbook collaborator for William H. Sadlier.

1-22 WORKING WITH YOUTH – NEW CHALLENGES, SAME COMMITMENTS
Youth today are filled with questions, decisions, possessions and temptations we never had. Still, they seek security, direction and belonging. In this workshop we will look at what is different and what is the same in this rapidly changing world of reaching out to young people. We will explore the strategies for working with the youth of today. If this workshop does not help you to re-commit to working with youth, Mike Patin guarantees double your problems back!

Mike Patin
Mike Patin lives in Lafayette, La. Since 1984 he has worked with teenagers and the adults who work with them. He spent the first six of those years as a high school teacher and coach; and he worked in youth ministry for 13 years for the New Orleans Archdiocese. Since 2003, Patin has been speaking full time across the country to young people and adults on issues of Catholic faith, positive attitude, using your gifts and living life fully.

1-23 MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS – PART I
Participants will learn how to implement Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences Theory in their assessments and lessons for the development of skills. In this workshop, Dr. Robert Pavlik will focus on how to (a) observe students in action and informally assess their strengths and interests, and (b) create bridging points for supporting literacy development and skill mastery. (Further developed in Session 6-16.)

Dr. Robert A. Pavlik
Dr. Pavlik is Director of the School Development Center at the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University in Milwaukee. His career spans 42 years as a high school teacher, university professor and administrator, and author. Today, Dr. Pavlik conducts staff development internationally and coordinates a team to help existing schools transform their programs and help various groups design and open new schools.
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1-24 KEEPING A MELLOW HEART IN A BITTER TIME

Many things today push us toward bitterness, hardness and cynicism. The world is not at peace. The Church is polarized. Our communities are often divided. Our families don’t always get along. We carry many disappointments and wounds inside of ourselves. It’s easy to give in to bitterness, to harden ourselves so as not to be vulnerable. But greatness invites us precisely to remain mellow, warm, gracious and generative in the bitterest of times. This is the human and Christian invitation to move from being good to being great.

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Ronald Rolheiser is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. A member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, he is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. For most of the 34 years of his priesthood, he taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and remains as adjunct faculty member at Seattle University. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and more than 60 newspapers worldwide carry his weekly column.

1-25 DUSTING OFF OUR PRAYER

Does your prayer life need to be revitalized? Seeking to reconnect with God in the midst of your busy life? Wondering how to pray for self and others? This is a workshop for anyone desiring to refresh one’s personal prayer life or seeking innovative prayer forms to bring to one’s ministerial experience. In this session, Joyce Rupp will not only offer her current insights about the theory and expression of prayer, she will describe and demonstrate creative ways to pray. Come prepared to pray at this workshop on prayer. Leave with new possibilities for yourself and for those in your ministry.

Joyce Rupp, OSM

Joyce Rupp is a spiritual director, retreat facilitator and international speaker. For 25 years she has spoken at retreats and conferences in the United States, Canada, Africa, Asia, New Zealand and Australia. Sr. Rupp, a member of the Servants of Mary community, is a volunteer for hospice and describes herself as a “spiritual mid-wife.” The award-winning author’s latest works include “Walk in a Relaxed Manner” and “The Circle of Life.”

1-26 TANTALIZING TEENS WITH THE INSPIRED SCRIPTURES

Starting teens with a positive view of Bible study is critically important for the future of a church-life grounded in a confident grasp of Scripture. In this session, we will encourage creative approaches to serious biblical study for youth.

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher

Born in Portland, Ore., Dr. Daniel Christopher served for two years in volunteer peace work/research with the Quakers in Israel/Palestine from 1986-88 and maintains an active interest in peace issues, particularly the Middle East. Currently, he serves as Director of Peace Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he has taught since 1989. He has published dozens of articles and reviews, and nine books.

1-70 Giáo Hội và Bí Tích Thánh Thể

“Eucharistia facta ecclesiasticam” – Bí tích Thánh Thể cấu tạo nên Giáo Hội. Nêu đâu là một nguyên tắc thanh lịch thì làm thế nào để việc cử hành Bí tích Thánh Thể thực sự tạo nên Giáo Hội? Người lai, Giáo Hội phải chịu toàn sự mình của mình cách nào để có một Bí tích Thánh Thể thực sự?

Linh Mục Giáo Sư Phan Đình Cho

Giáo sư Phan Đình Cho có ba bút tần trọng và là tác giả dạy đạo đức, tâm hồn và trí tuệ. Chính ông là người tiên phong trong việc nghiên cứu và giảng dạy về bí tích Thánh Thể. Ông đã giảng dạy về bí tích Thánh Thể và đạt được nhiều thành tựu.

“Trong Tây Trời,” “Being Religious Interreligiously” và “Vietnamese-American Catholics.”

Stand in the Light

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2-01 THE UPSIDE-DOWN CHURCH

Roman Catholicism is currently being turned on its head by the intersection of four “mega-trends”: the North-South demographic shift; new communications technologies; a strong press for Catholic identity; and changing conceptions of the role of the laity. Like Pulitzer Prize-winning author Thomas Friedman in “The World is Flat,” this session offers a brief history of the 21st century – before it happens!

John L. Allen Jr.

Since 1999, John Allen Jr. has served as prize-winning Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and as CNN’s Senior Vatican Analyst. He also appears on National Public Radio, and divides his time between New York and Rome. Allen lectures widely on Vatican affairs, and is author of several books, including two books on Pope Benedict XVI as well as a book on Opus Dei.

2-02 DANCING INTO THE LIGHT

The Scriptures give us many images of God’s people dancing – Miriam, David, the Psalms, the Prodigal returning home from exile; even the biblical word for “repent” means “to turn around”! How can we as church embody this call? In this workshop, explore sign language, gesture, procession, interpretive movement and drama as simple ways to invite our assemblies (children and adults) to practice embodying the faith we proclaim. Come dance through liturgy into the light!

Betsey Beckman, MM

Betsey Beckman is a freelance liturgical dancer, storyteller, spiritual director and retreat leader based in Seattle. With her extensive background in performance, movement therapy, ministry and InterPlay, she regularly appears as artist/presenter at national conventions as well as at her home parish, St. Patrick. Beckman has authored books, audiocassettes and videos, and she is co-teacher of “Awakening the Creative Spirit.”

Judith Jane Reichsman

Judith Reichsman, a consultant for liturgical dance, now lives in Vermont and leads InterPlay and sacred dance in parishes, dioceses, prisons and schools across the country. She has danced, sung and told stories in a number of liturgical companies. The former Spirituality Coordinator and Associate Professor at Landmark College in Putney, Vt., has taught and has lead retreats across the United States and in Israel.

Laura Ash

Laura Ash is the music director at St. Patrick Church in Seattle where, with Betsey Beckman, she has been involved in the ministry of dance for over 14 years. Ash and her husband, David, have composed and published three albums of liturgical music and have created music for numerous liturgical dance and InterPlay offerings, including the video, “The Dancing Word: Miriam and Mary.”

2-03 STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH: A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF RESPONSIBLE CARE FOR CREATION

God’s creation – the Earth, its environment and its creatures – is a wonderful gift and a sacred trust to humanity. Celebrate the beauty and rich diversity of the created world and develop a sense of loving care for our planet through the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Listen anew to the biblical texts which help us understand our privilege and responsibility in caring for the Earth and humbly recognize our place within it. In our present age of vast environmental degradation, a biblical spirituality of God’s creation can help motivate believers toward an understanding and practice of ecological justice.

Stephen J. Binz

Stephen Binz is a Catholic biblical scholar, popular speaker and author of more than 20 books on the Bible, including the acclaimed series, “Threshold Bible Study.” He has offered numerous study trips and pilgrimages to the lands of the Bible, and speaks frequently at parishes, diocesan events and national conferences about a variety of biblical topics.

2-04 PEACE IN THE FAST LANE

Have you ever been overwhelmed? Have you ever cried out, “I can’t handle this!” Renée Bondi speaks to all of us, from those who have “to do” lists a mile long to those experiencing major challenges. In this workshop you will be given new ideas and simple tools to help keep your life under control.

Renée Bondi

A Catholic speaker and recording artist, Renée Bondi travels throughout the United States speaking and singing at Christian conferences, church events and youth rallies. She has appeared as a guest on EWTN’s “Life on the Rock” and on St. Joseph Radio. She has been keynote at the National Catholic Youth Conference and special guest for many adult formation programs, sharing her life story before and after her accident.

2-05 THE STORY WITH JUNIOR-HIGHERS

This session will discuss the most recent research we have regarding junior-highers, expose some prevalent myths and offer several new initiatives we might want to consider in our efforts to foster the spiritual growth of young adolescents.

Michael Carotta, EdD

Religious educator and author Mike Carotta has worked for over 30 years in pastoral, educational and clinical settings. The national speaker is presently Adolescent Catechesis Consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers. Carotta has co-authored with John Shea “Lincoln Park,” a mystery series with a spiritual message; “Have Faith,” a new Confirmation candidate-sponsor program; and was consultant on the Call To Faith junior-high series.

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2-06 DOES OUR IMAGE OF GOD DO JUSTICE TO GOD?

The first part of the “Great Command” invites us to love God with our whole heart, mind and being. However, many Catholics find difficulty observing the Great Command because of faulty and limiting notions of God. This workshop will examine our restricting ideas of God and invite us to love the God who loves us unconditionally.

Michael H. Crosby, OFMCap
Fr. Mike Crosby lives in a Capuchin community in downtown Milwaukee that serves the poor. Three-quarters of his time is spent writing, lecturing, giving retreats and parish missions. The other quarter finds him challenging U.S.-based corporations regarding issues of justice and advising Catholic investors on how they can bring their moral principles into the marketplace.

2-07 RETHINKING THE GIFT: OF ORIGINS, CREATION AND THE ETHICS OF LIFE

A theological understanding of the ethics of life for contemporary issues of bioethics presupposes a rethinking of our origin, creation and the gift of being alive. So many of the contemporary challenges raised by advances in medicine and biotechnologies fall short when framed too narrowly. A theological analysis of such questions entails an invitation to deeper mindfulness. How can the Christian tradition contribute to public discussions on stem cell research, cloning and euthanasia? Is there an alternative to dogmatism on the one hand and, on the other, cheap trivialization of the questions at hand?

Roberto Dell’Oro
Since 2003, Dr. Roberto Dell’Oro has been Assistant Professor of Bioethics at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and a Graduate Director at their Bioethics Institute. He also serves as a bioethicist at St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, Calif., and a medical ethicist at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Dr. Dell’Oro has been published in national and international journals and has authored three books.

2-08 YOU MEAN THEY DON’T ALL LEARN THE SAME WAY?

Students are unique and have their own ways of learning best. When a catechist/teacher is aware of these styles, the classroom can come alive in new ways! Come to this workshop to 1) explore how to more effectively identify students’ learning styles and avoid common mistakes in judgment, 2) understand your learning style and see how it influences how you teach, and 3) use some simple steps to create a learning-favorable classroom for everyone.

Steven Ellair
Steven Ellair has been involved in catechetical ministry for a dozen years. A former parish catechist, youth minister and Catholic schoolteacher, he served as the Consultant for Elementary Catechesis in the Los Angeles Archdiocese for over eight years. Ellair is currently a Senior Editor with RCL and continues speaking and writing nationally on issues related to catechesis.

2-09 HOW TO PREPARE CHILDREN – AND THEIR PARENTS – FOR THE SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments are the special and intimate ways God becomes present in our daily lives. This presentation takes a family approach in making these important connections to God come alive in our young children and their parishes, instilling in all of us a deeper appreciation of our Catholic faith. (This workshop will be repeated as Session 8-06.)

Elizabeth Ficocelli
Best-selling Catholic author Elizabeth Ficocelli is a Catholic convert and mother of four sons. After a 20-year career as an advertising copywriter, she now focuses her writing about the faith. She has written articles for a variety of online and print publications, and has written eight children’s books (two awaiting publication). Ficocelli has appeared at national and local conferences, general assembles and classroom visits.

2-10 CULTURE: FAITH’S FRIEND OR FOE?

This presentation will use images in PowerPoint to evoke the long history of religious searching, as well as the lights and shadows in what we call “modernity” and “post-modernity.” How does our contemporary culture impact on what John Henry Newman calls our “religious imagination”? The second half of this session will change focus, asking attendees to discern something of their own dispositions faced with all this complexity: Desolation or consolation? Signs of hope?

Michael Paul Gallagher, SJ
Fr. Michael Paul Gallagher is Professor of Fundamental Theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, where he is also Dean of the faculty of theology. Previously, the Irish Jesuit priest taught modern literature for nearly 20 years at Ireland’s largest state university. For five years he worked at the Vatican in the Pontifical Council for Culture. Fr. Gallagher is also author of nine books on pastoral or spiritual theology.
2-11 CHRIST THE ICON: A MUSICAL PRAYER EXPERIENCE ECHOING THE LOVE & CALL OF CHRIST

This trio of talented musicians, along with noted theologian and speaker Fr. Richard Fragomeni, will entertain and inspire you with songs, prayers and stories based on the challenging and faith-transforming image of Christ as set forth in Colossians 1: “Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God.”

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni

Since 1990, Fr. Richard Fragomeni has taught at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he now is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship. He has been active in parish workshops and retreats and has presented liturgy and keynote speaker or presenter at many national events. Fr. Fragomeni has authored a number of articles that have appeared in a variety of publications.

Rory Cooney

Rory Cooney is Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Anne Catholic Community in Barrington, Ill. He is composer of a dozen recorded collections of liturgical music, which can be found in the hymnal editions of Glory and Praise, Gather, Breaking Bread and Music Issue. Cooney also presents workshops on musical liturgy around the country with Gary Daigle and Theresa Donohoo.

Gary Daigle

Gary Daigle is a composer, artist and producer of pastoral music. After serving as Director of Music Ministry at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Arizona, he relocated to churches in Arizona, California and Illinois. He is presently Associate Director of Music at St. Anne Catholic Church in Barrington, Ill. He has collaborated with Rory Cooney, Marty Haugen and Ed Foley, and appears regularly on the national conference and workshop scene.

Theresa Donohoo

Terry Donohoo is a recording artist and soloist from the Chicago area. She has recorded two solo collections and many collections of liturgical music with her husband, Rory Cooney, and their musical partner, Gary Daigle. Donohoo is also featured on the recordings of Dan Schutte, Tom Kendzia, Liam Lawton and Marty Haugen. She has performed concerts around the country and has presented at many national conferences on liturgy and music.

2-12 HELPING KIDS MIND THE MEDIA

Media, in all its forms, has a fascinating allure for many of us. But today’s youth spend a great deal of time interacting with the media with little discernment skills. Navigating the media requires understanding how each medium works. In this session we will address the strategy of “media mindfulness” – a method of engaging the media culture through the eyes of faith.

Sr. Gretchen Hailer, RSHM

With over 35 years as a catechist practitioner, Sr. Gretchen Hailer is a faith-formation consultant, author, spiritual director and presenter at workshops and retreats. She is a seasoned catechist and media educator who designs print, audio and video resources in faith formation for children. Sr. Hailer, a religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, is active in ecumenical and interfaith circles and is also a frequent presenter on topics of spirituality and media.

Rose Pacatte, FSP

Sr. Rose Pacatte is Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Culver City, Calif. She is a media literacy education specialist and award-winning co-author of the “Lights, Camera ... Faith! A Movie Lectionary” series. She is a film TV columnist for St. Anthony Messenger magazine and regularly contributes film essays to The Tidings, newspaper of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Sr. Pacatte’s newest book, with Sr. Gretchen Hailer, is “Media Mindfulness: Educating Teens about Media and Faith.”

2-13 THE GENIUS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

Many think that Catholicism has nothing to offer in the modern world. Others say that it’s just a lifeless set of ancient rules and regulations. In this presentation, Matthew Kelly will discuss why Catholicism is being so openly attacked and rejected. He will also share how to prepare your children so that they continue to participate meaningfully in their faith long after they have left home. Find out how Catholicism can become a dynamic way of life for you. Set aside what you thought Catholicism was about and prepare yourself to experience it on a whole new level that is both practical and inspiring.

Matthew Kelly

Matthew Kelly is a New York Times best-selling author. His latest release is “Perfectly Yourself: Nine Lessons for Enduring Happiness.” Collectively his titles have been published in over a dozen languages. Born in Sydney, Australia, Kelly began his Catholic ministry in 1993 at the age of 19. Since then, he has given talks, seminars and retreats in his travels to 50 countries, and has also made numerous appearances on radio and television programs.

2-14 COLLABORATION IN MINISTRY

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD, STL, PhD

Too often parish staffs find themselves in conflict and at odds rather than working together. This presentation will consider ways for priests, religious, deacons and lay to better collaborate with one another and to unify efforts to carry on the mission of Christ.
2-15 MAINTAINING FAITHFULNESS AMID TENSION AND AMBIGUIT Y

Sometimes it seems that the Church is chaotic! This session examines the Gospel call to lives of faithfulness, especially in the midst of tension and chaos. Such integrity requires vision, discernment, occasional courage and a capacity to hold the contradictions. In our turbulent times we are challenged to be rooted in mission.

Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C. He has been in professional youth ministry since 1973, serving in diocesan, parish, school and community programs. Author of six books, McCarty offers workshops and training programs in youth ministry skills and issues, and is a volunteer in his parish youth ministry program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md.

2-16 THE OUR FATHER: EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

In this session, we will reflect on Teresa of Avila’s writing on the Our Father from “The Way of Perfection” together with the commentary on The Lord’s Prayer in the “Catechism of the Catholic Church.” A variety of approaches to praying and sharing the richness of meaning in this prayer – “ever ancient, ever new” – for adult spiritual formation will be explored.

Sr. Margaret McDonald, IHM

Sr. Peggy McDonald is a member of the religious congregation of the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, based in Immaculata, Penn. She is Associate Professor of Theology at Immaculata University. Her years in ministry have included a wide range of teaching experiences. In addition to her classroom teaching, she has given workshops, retreats and presentations on various themes of Christian spirituality and adult faith formation.

2-17 ON DEATH ROW: A SYSTEM OF GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT

Juan Roberto Melendez languished on Florida’s death row for almost 18 years for a crime he did not commit. He is a living testament to the pervasive problems that exist in the death penalty system. Beyond the capital punishment sentence, his story is a remarkable and inspirational one of human resilience, courage, faith and hope.

Juan Roberto Melendez-Colon

On January 3, 2002, Juan Roberto Melendez became the 99th death-row inmate in the United States to be exonerated and released since 1973. Since his release from prison, he spends part of the year traveling throughout the United States telling his story at conventions, conferences, universities and law schools. The rest of the year he works at home in Puerto Rico on a plantain field, where he also counsels troubled youth who work alongside him.

2-18 EMBODY THE LIGHT: FULL, CONSCIOUS AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE EUCHARIST

Some 40 years after Vatican II, the goal is still the same: “Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people ... is their right and duty by reason of their Baptism.” In this presentation we will examine and embody each of those aspects – full (our deliberate actions, our internal and external dispositions); conscious (understanding what we do from being present to Real Presence); and active (engagement with and of all the senses).

J-Glenn Murray, SJ

The most wondrous gift of God is the miracle of the human mind. When the mind awakens, it is like a new dawn breaking forth within us. All the energy that nourished our fears, anxiety and negativity now works for our healing and transformation. Jesus is the new priest of awakening light. Through allowing himself to fall into the dark abyss of crucifixion, he awoke and released the perpetual light of resurrection. The awakening mind fills with the youthful resurrecting light. To inherit the Paschal Mystery is to put on the mind of dawn – to open the secret door to freedom, renewal and creativity.

2-19 PUTTING ON THE MIND OF DAWN: TOWARD A SPIRITUALITY OF AWAKENING

John O’Donohue, PhD

John O’Donohue is a poet, priest, philosopher and scholar from Conamara, Ireland. The storyteller, teacher and acclaimed prolific author is a popular seminar lecturer and speaker at major conferences throughout the United States and Europe. “Echoes of Memory” was his first collection of poetry published in 1994; his most recent book is “Beauty: The Invisible Embrace.”

2-20 WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT LENT?

Christine A. Ondrla

Christine Ondrla is in her 17th year as Director of Religious Education at Ascension Parish in Oak Park, Ill. She has been involved in various aspects of religious education for over 35 years – as a catechist, teacher-trainer and director. She has been active in assisting elementary schoolteachers in developing their religion curriculum and has been a resource person and coordinator of many liturgies involving children.
2-21 EXTREME MAKEOVER: CURRENT TRENDS IN YOUTH MINISTRY

Mike Patin

From “Kumbaya” to LIFE TEEN, youth ministry has changed within our life time. The face of today’s teen culture so rapidly changes … and there are things we can learn from taking a step back and looking at the landscape and noting trends that can help us for the immediate future and beyond.

2-22 PARENTING YOUR TEEN WITH TLC

Raising teens can be frustrating and complex. Learn parenting strategies that may help you stay cool and worry less as you face unexpected parenting challenges and controversial teen issues. Find out how this method of “Time-Limits-Caring” may help you successfully guide your teen through these critical years.

Steve and Patt Saso

Patt and Steve Saso are authors of “Parenting Your Teens with TLC.” Patt, a psychotherapist, has served as a marriage and family therapist for over 18 years and currently is co-owner of Saso Seminars & Counseling Services, based in Milpitas, Calif. Steve has over 34 years of experience in the field of education as a high school teacher, administrator and pastoral counselor. Together, they have written an award-winning book, have produced educational CDs on parenting, and write a monthly online newsletter.

2-23 COMMUNICATING CHASTITY EFFECTIVELY TO THIS GENERATION

People today are faced with a raging plague of sex-related problems. Pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and rape statistics are at all-time highs. Even so, today’s society encourages sexual activity and young people must have a compelling reason to commit to sexual abstinence. In this session Pam Stenzel combines her personal story and extensive pregnancy center experience into a hard-hitting look at the consequences of sexual activity outside of God’s design for sex – marriage. In this session she tackles the tough issues of sex and equips parents to talk to their teens about the benefits of abstinence.

Pam Stenzel

Pam Stenzel’s career as a speaker stems from years on the “front lines” counseling young girls with crisis pregnancies. For the past 14 years she has presented abstinence assemblies to private, parochial and public schools around the world. Founder of Enlighten Communications, Stenzel has been a guest on numerous national TV and radio programs, including “Hannity and Colmes,” “The Dr. Laura Show” and “Politically Incorrect.”

2-24 LEADING WITH WISDOM IN THE WORKPLACE … IN THE HOME

This presentation will recount one woman’s leadership journey – a leadership marked by wisdom, grace, compassion and life giving values. The call to make a difference in the world, in the family will be woven throughout the session. Challenges such as how to balance work, family and personal time will be discussed. Where does one find the support, the energy and enthusiasm to keep on leading with vision, hope and courage? Where is God in all of this? Come “Stand in the Light” and be inspired.

Anne Sweeney

Anne Sweeney is Co-Chair of Disney Media Networks and President of Disney-ABC Television Group. She is responsible for Disney’s entertainment and news television properties that includes the Toon Disney, ABC Family, A&E Television Networks and E! Entertainment Networks. Active in organizations both within and outside the cable industry, Sweeney has been honored by Forbes magazine and others for her role as a woman in leadership.

2-25 MIGRATION AND THE FORMATION OF A MISSIONARY CHURCH

Migration is an experience of leaving home, crossing frontiers and establishing new homes. This workshop will explore the phenomenon of migration as a model for renewing the Church as a communion-in-mission.

Most Rev. Luis Antonio G. Tagle, STD

Ordained for the Diocese of Imus, Philippines, in 1982, Fr. Luis Antonio Tagle was appointed Bishop of the diocese in 2001. Previously Rector at the diocesan Major Seminary of Imus, he had taught theology for over 25 years in various seminars. Bishop Tagle is a member of the Ordinary Council of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican, and Bishop Member of The Office of Theological Concerns at the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences.
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2-26 NICEA: A REFRESHER COURSE

What is the faith of the Church? What do we really teach, believe and understand about God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Community of Believers? This is a look at the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) and the development of our faith. This is a visit to long ago and far away, into the world of Latins, Greeks, Gnostics, Arius the Priest, Eusebius the Bishop (historian of the Council), and Emperor Constantine. It is a look at our history, our traditions, our deep roots.

Thomas Weston, SJ
A retreat director for more than 20 years, Fr. Tom Weston has worked extensively with alcoholics and addicts in recovery and their families. A resident of Oakland, Calif., he is a pastoral assistant at St. Patrick's Church, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and at Holy Names College, all in the Oakland area. He is an active member of the Jesuit Retreat and Renewal Ministries at retreat houses and parishes throughout North America and Asia.

2-27 ATTENTION, PLEASE! MANAGING BEHAVIORAL NEEDS IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSROOM

This workshop, led by a clinical child psychologist and parish Director of Religious Education, will discuss simple and effective ways to meet special behavioral needs in the catechetical setting. Our discussion will include prevention techniques, simple ways to address behavior problems and effective ways to collaborate with parents on children’s behavioral issues. If time allows, we will include an “Ask the Psychologist” Q & A period for discussion of more complex situations.

Joseph D. White, PhD
Dr. Joseph White is a clinical psychologist and former parish Director of Religious Education. He is author of several books on catechesis. Dr. White has taught catechetics through the Institute of Religious and Pastoral Studies at the University of Dallas and pastoral guidance in the School of Theology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. He is currently Director of Catholic Family Counseling and Family Life for the Diocese of Austin, Texas.

Ana M. Arista
Ana Arista has 20 years of teaching experience in early childhood education. She is co-author of the Catholic Parent Know-How and Teach-It series. Arista has worked in various capacities in religious education, including administration of catechetical programs in two parishes. She is currently a National Catechetical Consultant with Our Sunday Visitor and the Assistant Director of Faith Formation at St. Austin Parish in Austin, Texas.

2-51 IMPROVISING ON THE GUITAR

In this workshop, learn the techniques to become a better guitarist. Jaime Cortez will share some ideas to help you improvise on the guitar. Important: You will need to bring a 6-string guitar, picks and capo. (This will be a bilingual presentation.)

Jaime Cortez
Jaime Cortez is a pastoral musician, composer, recording artist, music teacher and clinician. He lives in Mesa, Ariz., where he is Music Director at St. Bridget Church and music teacher at Queen of Peace Catholic School. Over the past 25 years he has specialized in music and liturgy for Catholic schools and bilingual music. His lastest collection is titled “Adviento.”

2-70 Trớ Trọ Thánh Người Mừng: cuộc thọ hiêp của các thế hệ người Việt với những di biệt về văn hoá tại Hoa Kỳ

Cucुu hơ behave ngày nẳm kháo sat việc hoà hấp của người Việt Nam triêm địm yêu trien kinh nghiêm của những người di dân và tịn. Nhừng kinh nghiệm này đã không đúng những hệ khúc nhu cầu sống cho cệ các thể hệ một rỗi, tổi hũ và thọ bạ da bán rõ rệt, hoặc gàn như không nhóm “tụ” gi vì quẹ xẹ của tổ hự. Do đó, việc trò thành người Mừng huyện phải chia phả của người ta sống cho nên nụm vì mùa hệ dễ đzu rịng mình đài di đúng hựng.

Tu sĩ Hoàng Linh, OFM, PhD
FRIDAY, MARCH 2 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

3-01 PRAYER IN MOTION

Here is a workshop for those involved in Dance Ministry. Learn how to weave prayer movement and ritual into liturgical celebrations. Reflect on the reverence, responsibilities and appropriateness that encompass this type of ministry. New music, new dances, new ideas – come prepared to dance!

Donna Anderle

Donna Anderle is a well-known liturgical dancer and choreographer who has served on the liturgy committees for several national associations and conferences. She co-founded The Good News Company, a touring group, and operates her own dance studio. She also teaches at the Cincinnati Ballet Company and at Northern Kentucky University. Presently, Anderle is Assistant Liturgy Director at Summit Country Day School in Cincinnati.

3-02 THE NEW ADULT CATECHISM AND TODAY’S YOUNG ADULTS

What does the new (2006) “Catholic Catechism for Adults” offer specifically for young adult Catholics and those who minister to them? We will consider how this catechism relates to the faith lives and needs of Catholic young adults today.

Dr. Tom Beaudoin

Tom Beaudoin is Assistant Professor in the Religious Studies Department at Santa Clara University in California, and a Fellow in the American Psychoanalytic Association. He lectures nationally and internationally on practical theology, and is author of “Consuming Faith,” as well as many published articles and essays. Dr. Beaudoin is a frequent and popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress.

3-03 FOUR SECRETS OF THE SPIRITUALITY OF SELF-CARE

Even on an airplane, the flight attendants states, “In the unlikely event of a loss of cabin pressure, make sure your oxygen mask is secure before helping others.” So why do we, as ministers in the Church, continually nurture others before taking care of ourselves? Join us as we explore wellness as a way of life for leaders and look at the spirituality of self-care as a call to the integration of body, mind, spirit and emotions.

Nancy Bird

Nancy Bird has been involved in religious education for over 30 years as a Master Professional Catechist, parish catechetical leader and youth minister. She has been a featured speaker at the East Coast Conference, the Ohio Catholic Education Association, the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, as well as many diocesan events throughout the country. Presently she serves as Lead Manager for RCL.

3-04 RITUAL AS A MEANS OF TRANSFORMATION IN THE LIGHT

Traditionally human beings have created rituals for time-of-life transitions. Creating meaningful rituals assists a community or individuals to stand in the light of awareness and transformation. In Western society many individuals have forgotten this ancient wisdom. For this workshop, we will explore opportunities and practices for ritual-making in times of midlife transitions and beyond.

Rev. Jim Clarke

Fr. Jim Clarke is presently Director of Spiritual Formation and Chair of the Spiritual Theology Department at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. He is also Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles. Fr. Clarke is a popular retreat director and conference speaker in and around the Southern California area.

3-05 ISAIAH: GOD’S POET OF LIGHT

One of the central themes in the Book of Isaiah is light. With rhetorical eloquence, the prophet explores this metaphor in relation to God, God’s glory, God’s people and the nations who will walk by the light into the way of peace. As God’s poet, Isaiah links the theme of light to compassion, calling God’s people to hospitality that leads to healing. This presentation explores the theme of light in the Book of Isaiah and offers people today a vision of hope as they journey from light to Light.

Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD

Sr. Carol Dempsey is Professor of Biblical Studies and Theology at the University of Portland, Ore. A member of the Order of Preachers, Dominican Sisters of Caldwell, N.J., she is author of four books, editor of four books, and Associate Editor of The Catholic Biblical Quarterly. Sr. Dempsey has taught at the grade school and high school, undergraduate and graduate levels. She has given numerous keynotes nationally and internationally.
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3-06 MARRIAGE AND THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: A SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD

We live in a culture dominated by the values of consumerism, an obsession with glamour, romance and an aversion to lifelong commitment. In such a culture, Christian marriage and the domestic Church must be seen as a school of discipleship calling us to conversion and preparing us for a prophetic engagement with these cultural values.

3-07 WOMEN’S ISSUES/CHURCH ISSUES: SURVIVING IMPOVERISHMENT

The impoverishment of women is a yet-to-be-fully-explored global epidemic. Among the symptoms of this epidemic are hunger, homelessness, mental distress and AIDS. The magnitude of the problem exceeds national borders and cultural identities. The fact is that poor women around the world are under physical, emotional and spiritual siege. As followers of Christ, we have a moral obligation to respond to the needs of our impoverished siblings. This session will explore the plight of poor women, and the spiritual poverty that has contributed to the escalating global dehumanization of them.

Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon, a veteran diocesan administrator and theologian, is author of numerous books, articles and videos in the fields of catechetics, pastoral theology, women’s issues and diversity concerns. Dr. Gordon formerly served as Director of the Office for Black Catholics in the Boston Archdiocese; Director of Adult Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.; and Consultant for Catechist Formation in the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.

3-08 FROM CURING TO CARING: SOLIDARITY THAT CHANGES YOUNG PEOPLE’S LIVES

The Gospels and our social teachings challenge us to move beyond “doing for” into “being with” people who are marginalized and vulnerable. Christ did not simply help the poor, he became poor. What does it mean for us to invite young people (in Confirmation and youth ministry settings) to move through service into solidarity — building friendships on the margins that might just break their hearts and change their minds? With prayer, ritual and stories this workshop “lights up” avenues to lead the young church into encounters that “do justice” to our faith, giving them a taste of the Reign of God.

Joseph Grant

A native of Scotland, Joe Grant has ministered in Europe, the Amazon and the United States. He lives in Louisville, Ky., where he serves as the Youth/Young Adult Coordinator for JustFaith Ministries and creator of the JustFaith process, JusticeWalking. The co-founder of Crossroads Ministry has authored youth ministry publications on prayer, justice and Scripture, and presents numerous keynotes, workshops and retreats around the country.

3-09 THE FUTURE OF MINISTRY: OUR BEST HOPES

Beginning with the ministry of Jesus and the first Christian communities, and building upon the Church’s best wisdom since then, this workshop will propose new hopes for the future of Catholic ministry – ordained, lay ecclesial and the ministries of all the baptized.

Thomas Groome, PhD

Dr. Tom Groome is Director of Boston College’s Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. The award-winning author has written more than a half dozen books and over 100 published articles and essays. He has made over 500 public presentations in the past 25 years, including keynote addresses at all the major North American conferences of religious educators, both Catholic and Protestant.

3-10 “CONVERSATIONS WITH DOROTHY DAY”

This presentation of “Conversations with Dorothy Day” depicts Dorothy stopping by to share a cup of coffee and to visit with friends while she talks about her life. The setting is the present time and the “powers that be” have given Dorothy permission to be gone from the heavenly realm for a very short time. During the visit Dorothy reads from her journals, her books and other writings as she shares the story of her conversion and the founding of the Catholic Worker. Come learn about this amazing woman and her message of peace and justice.

Sharon K. Halsey-Hoover

Sharon Halsey-Hoover lives in Orange, Calif., where she is on the adjunct staff for The Center for Spiritual Development, and is Assistant Director of Bethany, a transitional residence for homeless women. For over 20 years this wife, mother, grandmother, actor, storyteller and spiritual director has been a public speaker and retreat presenter, and has served as youth minister, Director of Religious Education, and as therapist in a domestic violence shelter.
3-11 FROM HUNGER TO HOPE: FORMATION FOR GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

Thomas Awiapo survived childhood hunger to become an international relief worker, bringing school meals to children all over his native Ghana. He travels to parishes, schools and colleges across the United States sharing his inspiring story. His life embodies Africa’s gift of solidarity. This workshop gives participants tools for sharing that solidarity with our parishioners – children, youth and adults.

Joe Hastings, MDiv

Joe Hastings has worked for over 15 years teaching classes and workshops in parish social ministry, religious education, ministry formation and young adult leadership. Based in Seattle, he now works with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) promoting global solidarity in West Coast dioceses. He has visited the work of CRS and local Catholic churches in the Middle East, Latin America, Africa and the Philippines.

Thomas Awiapo

Born in Ghana, West Africa, Thomas Awiapo was orphaned by age 10; his two younger brothers died from malnutrition and neglect. He survived to later attend college and receive a master’s degree from California State University, Hayward. He is now Senior Program Officer with CRS. Sharing his experiences as both a CRS beneficiary and as a staff member, Awiapo directs programs of solidarity and justice for all of West Africa.

3-12 PASSING THE TORCH: CREATING HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH

Story and song are both powerful ways to pass faith on to the next generation! Join ValLimar and Frank Jansen as they direct a dynamic intergenerational group – including Tammy and Tom Booth, Kari and Jaime Cortez, Mary Carol and Tom Kendzia, Anna and Mike Betancourt, Eileen and John Bonaduce, Estella and Rudolf Lopez, Mary and Burleigh Drummond, Laura and Jim Gibson, Consuelo and John West, with family and friends – using song and story that can enrich households of faith. Come and be inspired as this dynamic group shares the riches of our Catholic Christian story and tradition.

ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar has served as cantor, principal vocalist, psalmist, lector or workshop presenter at local festivals to major national conferences. She also conducts retreats, parish missions, youth rallies, liturgy in-services and parish workshops. She and her husband Frank perform concerts at the parochial, diocesan, regional and national levels. She presently serves as Adjunct Professor at Riverside City College in California.

Frank Jansen

Frank Jansen, a professional musician for over 30 years, has performed with The Coasters, The Platters, The Drifters and Jan & Dean. He now performs with countless names in the fields of sacred, popular and jazz music, and has been composer, arranger or music director for numerous liturgies and concerts at local festivals and national events. He is presently Director of the Music and Drama Program at the Columbia School in El Monte, Calif.

3-13 PUT ON A HAPPY FACE

Recruiting volunteer support for your ministry does not have to be painful. It can actually be enjoyable and fulfilling. Attitude and approach are key elements in the successful recruitment and retention of adult volunteers for youth ministry. Learn about strategies and tools to enhance your volunteer recruitment efforts as we share a few laughs along the way!

Colette A. Kennett

Colette Kennett has served diocesan youth and their adult leaders regionally, nationally and internationally. She was a U.S. Delegate to the Latin American Youth Congress in Santiago, Chile. In ministry for over 30 years, Kennett has mission experiences which took her to Haiti, Mexico, Rwanda and Guatemala. She has been a volunteer with extensive ministry to the elderly and disabled and also has served as a prison minister for over 20 years.

3-14 “U.S. CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS”: EXPLORING ITS RICHES

Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, ThD

The new “U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults” is yet one more major resource of our current catechetical renewal. We will explore its riches and discuss ways of mining this treasure in our work of adult faith formation.

3-15 REJECT THE STRANGER: STUMBLING IN THE DARKNESS

“We have Vietnamese, Italians, Filipinos, Mexicans, African-Americans, Croatians…” “All are welcome!” “We welcome the stranger.” “We are the Body of Christ!” – all wonderful and holy claims. But do we genuinely welcome everyone? Jesus got into serious trouble doing that. How about us? Does the Light of Christ get us into hot water with parishioners, priests, family, neighbors? There are no easy solutions. However, in this workshop, one might find hope, solidarity, celebration, a little bit of singing and probably a lot of squirming.

Jesse Manibusan

Chamorro-American Jesse Manibusan considers himself “a long-time itinerant witness, under-cover catechist, singer, songwriter, author, storyteller, bodybuilder and strange enigmatic presence in the Church.” The former Music Director now travels the United States, Canada, Europe and the Pacific Rim presenting at local, national and international events, including World Youth Days in Rome, Toronto and Cologne.
3-16 LAUGHING WITH THE SAINTS: JOY IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

“Joy is the surest sign of the Holy Spirit,” as Léon Bloy wrote. Yet in some parishes, chanceries and spiritual circles, laughter and humor are seen as unwelcome guests. This workshop will explore why humor is an essential requirement in a healthy spirituality, a key ingredient for a humble attitude toward God, and critical for the life of the Church. The joyful attitude of the saints and modern spiritual masters will be used to provide concrete ways to become more joyful Christians, and to offer simple ways to use humor in your lives and ministries. All that, and some funny jokes, too!

James Martin, SJ
James Martin, a Jesuit priest, is Associate Editor at America magazine. He is the author of numerous books, including, most recently, “My Life with the Saints” and “Becoming Who You Are.” He has spoken at various religious conferences, parishes and retreat houses, and he is a frequent commentator in the media on Catholic issues. Fr. Martin’s articles have appeared in America, Commonweal, The (London) Tablet and U.S. News & World Report.

3-17 ADVOCACY: STANDING WITH, BY AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Advocacy with, by and for youth is an essential component of comprehensive youth ministry. This workshop will look at advocacy from a scriptural and theological perspective and offer practical strategies for infusing advocacy efforts into parish and civic communities.

Maggie McCarty, DMin
Dr. Maggie McCarty is Director of Development at the Good Shepherd Center, a residential treatment center for adolescent girls in Baltimore. She has been in youth ministry since 1977 working at the parish, diocesan and national levels. McCarty, author of “Making Decisions,” is also a volunteer at her home parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Fulton, Md.

3-18 CHRIST THE TEACHER, CHRIST THE STUDENT

Join Brother Michael O’Neill McGrath in an exploration of the many images and faces of Christ, and how they transform and transfigure our faith and help reveal ways we can reflect his love through lives of service. Bro. Mikey will inspire religious educators, clergy, lay ministers, teachers and all the faithful through visual art and storytelling to follow Christ and be the Way, the Truth and the Life to others.

Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath, OSFS
Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is a nationally recognized artist, speaker and leader of retreats and workshops. He has spoken at conferences of Catholic religious educators around the country, and has been a teacher and director at the Grunewald Guild in Leavenworth, Wash. His award-winning work regularly appears in Catholic and Christian publications. Bro. McGrath is presently Artist-in-Residence at Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C.

3-19 LISTENING TO LUKE

Since the third reading at this year’s Religious Education Congress Sunday liturgy will be drawn from the Gospel of Luke, this session will focus on understanding more deeply Luke’s distinctive theology, the needs of his community, and his challenge to the modern believer. This workshop will provide material not only for preaching and Lectionary-based instruction but also for believers who would live a Gospel-based life.

Fr. Pat Mullen, PhD
Fr. Pat Mullen, author of “Dining With Pharisees,” is Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, New Testament at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. The priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, originally from Holy Family Parish in Glendale, has served at St. Margaret Mary’s in Lomita and St. John Vianney in Hacienda Heights. He directs retreats and is a regular speaker at the Religious Education Congress and at annual diocesan conferences in Las Vegas; San Diego; Reno, Nev.; and Boise, Utah.

3-20 BRINGING HIV/AIDS INTO THE LIGHT

More than 25 years after recognition of the first cases of AIDS, the topics of HIV infection and AIDS, as well as people affected by them, still dwell in the shadows in many parts of our society and our world. Bring HIV/AIDS into the light by hearing the latest scientific and medical facts from Dr. Liz Crabb Breen, and sharing stories of hope, outreach and compassion with Fr. Chris Ponnet.

Fr. Chris Ponnet
In 1999, Fr. Chris Ponnet, a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, was appointed by Cardinal Roger Mahony as his Liaison and Director for the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. Fr. Ponnet also serves as Pastor at St. Camillus Center for Pastoral Care. He is a board-certified Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Care at LAC+USC Medical Center in Los Angeles, where he works with persons infected or affected with HIV/AIDS.

Elizabeth Crabb Breen, PhD
Dr. Liz Breen, an immunologist who has been involved in HIV/AIDS research for more than 20 years, is presently Assistant Research Immunologist at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA in Los Angeles. She is a member of the AIDS Education Task Force/Human Sexuality Committee for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has lectured extensively to scientific, academic and lay audiences on the topics of immunology, HIV infection and AIDS.
3-21 JESUS AS THE FIRST NON-DUALISTIC TEACHER OF THE WEST

Much of our historical misunderstanding of Jesus comes from the fact that we interpret the Gospels through a dualistic mind (either-or thinking), which is the almost exclusive style of rational thinking in Western civilizations. Fr. Richard Rohr will present the teaching patterns of Jesus who “taught only in parables” and whose God “let the sun shine on both the good and the bad, whose rain fell on both the just and the unjust.” Come prepared to have your mind changed – which may change your entire Christian life and your approach to justice-making in particular. (Further developed in Session 4-24.)

Richard Rohr, OFM

Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province. He founded both the New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati and the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, N.M., where he presently lives. He divides his time between local work and preaching/teaching around the world. Fr. Rohr is probably best known for his writings and numerous audio and video recordings. Many of his books and conferences have been translated into German, Spanish and other languages.

3-22 PARISH LEADERSHIP: PRACTICAL SKILLS

This workshop will focus on practical aspects of leadership in the parish. We will explore some of the skills required of leaders, such as the skill of dealing with conflict and working with groups discerning gifts.

Bro. Loughlan Sofield, ST

Brother Loughlan Sofield, a Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity, is Senior Editor of Human Development magazine. He formerly served as Director of the Consultation and Counseling Center in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Bro. Sofield has worked in over 200 dioceses on five continents and in all 50 states. He is co-author of a number of books on collaboration, community, forgiveness and other topics related to psychology and ministry.

3-23 SALT OF THE EARTH, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

St. Paul tells us that “each of us is a letter from Christ.” What would happen if we took St. Paul seriously and truly understood that our mission as religious educators is to be “letters from Christ”? If we reclaimed the truth of Pentecost, we might just re-light the fire of Pentecost and bring the Spirit of Christ to a world hungry for the Gospel.

Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD

For the past 17 years, Sr. Maureen Sullivan has been a member of the Theology Department at St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. The Dominican Sister of Hope from New York also serves as a national religion consultant for the William H. Sadlier Publishing Co., a position that enables her to speak nationally to Catholic school teachers, catechists and diocesan leaders. Her second book, “The Road to Vatican II,” will be available in 2007.

3-24 CELEBRATING AND PRAYING THE WORD WITH CHILDREN: ENRICHING THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

This workshop will focus on actual prayer experiences with children. We will discuss “the spirituality of children,” and provide samples of Liturgy of the Word with Children, Way of the Cross with Children, and other forms of prayer with children. And we will also discuss the spirituality of the catechist. Come ready to participate, pray and sing.

Christopher Walker

Christopher Walker is an internationally known speaker and musician. His music – especially his children’s music – is sung throughout the United States, the United Kingdom and in other parts of the Catholic world including Australia. The former Director of Music for the Clifton Cathedral in England is presently Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Los Angeles.

Paule Freeburg, DC

Sr. Paule Freeburg, a Daughter of Charity, has been an elementary and high school teacher, a parish Director of Religious Education and a diocesan religion consultant. She is the primary author of “Sunday,” an adaptation of the Lectionary for children, co-author of “A Child Shall Lead Them,” and presenter on 24 video taped programs on St. Paul. Currently, she is Director of Development for St. Vincent’s in Santa Barbara, Calif.
3-25 STAND IN THE LIGHT: YOUR CHAIR IS PUTTING YOU TO SLEEP!

In this session we will look at the temptation of comfortable armchair religion. The Light beckons us to stand, but there is anxiety to overcome. By naming and understanding these anxieties we can become more skilled to respond to them. Jesus understood, named and confronted reluctance. Let us follow his example, and endeavor to enable others to stand confidently in the Light. This workshop will incorporate recent research, storytelling and music as tools for catechists and teachers. Come and help us to throw away the comfy cushions and stand together—in the Light.

David Wells

David Wells is Director of the Department for Formation in the Diocese of Plymouth, England. Previously, he served in England as Director of Adult Religious Education for the Nottingham Diocese. He is a well-known speaker at events throughout the United Kingdom, Europe and North America. Also an author, Wells has appeared at conferences of catechesis and evangelization as well as on a number of Canadian TV broadcasts.

Mike Stanley & Joanne Boyce

Singers/songwriters Mike Stanley and Jo Boyce—together known as cjm|music—work in the United Kingdom as music and workshop leaders with youth in high school and parish settings. Mike worked as a teacher and youth leader for many years. Jo became Music Director of Soli House in Stratford-upon-Avon, where Mike eventually worked as a music coordinator. They partnered professionally in 1996.

3-26 PARENTING – ARE WE HAVING FUN YET!

Do you worry if you are parenting effectively? Do you often ask yourself, “Now what do I do?” Are your children the only ones having fun in your home? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this workshop is for you! Char Wenc teaches parenting skills that make a difference in how children and parents live together. She shares her knowledge and experience with passion, humor and realism. Learn how taking simple steps can lead to positive changes in your home.

Char Wenc

Char Wenc is an internationally known author of two books and numerous articles. She is on the faculty at both Loyola University and The Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago. Wenc is a professional speaker for 25 years in the areas of parenting, teaching and training for cooperation and social interest in youth. She is a consultant to the medical and business communities, school districts and parenting associations.

3-27 FAITH: LIVING OUT THE FULL CYCLE OF CREATION

Too often faith is misunderstood as the ability to hold to a fixed set of beliefs, to keep to a certain line no matter our outward circumstances. But our great contemplative and artistic traditions speak to something more subtle, something profound and conversational which takes into consideration not only the wisdom and the religious tenets bequeathed us, but the nature and perspectives of each individual who must live out those revelations. Join David Whyte for a poet’s perspective on the subject of faith.

David Whyte

Poet David Whyte, a native of Yorkshire, England, is author of five volumes of poetry and two best-selling books of prose. He brings his perspectives on creativity into the field of organizational development, where he works with American and international companies. He has traveled extensively, including working as a naturalist guide and leading anthropological expeditions. He brings this wealth of experiences to his poetry, lectures and workshops.
4-02 THE PARISH AS SYSTEM: MOVING TOWARD GREAT PARISHES

Fr. Patrick Brennan

All parishes are systems. Sometimes the system the parish uses is from a different era, and does not fit the time nor serve the true mission of the Church, which is the emergence of the Reign of God. This workshop will look at systems of congregational and parish life in both Roman Catholic and Evangelical cultures to explore what is really working and to help congregations approach greatness.

4-03 SACRED MOMENTS – OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH LONG FOR THEM

This workshop will actively engage participants in developing skills in facilitating meditation and ritual with children and youth, which can draw them into deep stillness and intimate prayer. Using Scripture, storytelling, mime, sacred clowning, music and ritual, together with active imagination and visualization, Monica Brown and Hilary Musgrave will demonstrate how we can provide sacred moments for our young people ... even in our classrooms!

Monica Brown

Monica Brown, who lives in Australia, has composed and recorded 16 collections of songs for children, youth and adults, and has written and produced videos and other resources in the areas of faith formation, liturgy and ritual. She is an author and teacher with expertise in religious education, worship and ritual. Brown is also founding Director of Emmaus Productions.

Hilary Musgrave, RSC

Hilary Musgrave, a Religious Sister of Charity, is former teacher, principal and Religious Education Advisor in the Diocese of Dublin, Ireland. In more recent years, she became a clown and facilitator in creative spirituality, working in Ireland and many other parts of the world. Sr. Musgrave is presently Director of the Croí-Ruah Creative Spirituality Centre in Dublin, Ireland.

4-04 IT’S A BRIGHTER DAY!

Giving praise to an awesome God is a simple act of giving energy and excitement to what comes naturally. We all have the ability to give a joyful noise. Come and share a good time singing songs that lift up praise.

Richard Cheri

Richard Cheri is Director of Liturgy at Our Lady of the Sea Catholic Church in New Orleans. He formerly served on the faculties at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana and at Loyola University of New Orleans. Cheri has published several musical compositions and has made numerous presentations at liturgical and catechetical conferences throughout the country with his team of liturgical musicians.

4-05 LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: FAMILY IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Dr. Kathleen A. Chesto

It has been said that home is the place where, when you return, they have to take you in. Good times unite us, but tough times define us. Crisis molds and shapes a family. Some families are torn apart by crisis. Others grow stronger. What makes the difference? How do we create home bases that are safe, where you can return to catch your breath and never be tagged out?

4-06 KIDS ARE WORTH IT! GIVING YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF INNER DISCIPLINE

Barbara Coloroso

This workshop will cover ways to buffer kids from sexual promiscuity, drug abuse and suicide, while helping them grow in increased self-discipline, independent problem-solving skills and responsibility.

Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized speaker and author in the areas of parenting, school discipline and nonviolent conflict resolution. A classroom teacher, a laboratory school instructor, and a university instructor -- Coloroso now serves as an educational consultant for school districts, the medical and business community, the criminal justice system and other educational associations in the United States, Canada, Europe and elsewhere.

4-07 FREEING CELIBACY

This workshop explores celibacy as a spiritual calling and as a burden of obligation. While the gift of celibacy is to be cherished, the obligation or law of celibacy is to be questioned.

Donald Cozzens, PhD

For more than a decade, Fr. Donald Cozzens has been writing and speaking internationally about the crisis facing the Church and the priesthood; one of his latest book offerings is “Freeing Celibacy.” He is presently Writer in Residence at John Carroll University in Cleveland, where he teaches in the Religious Studies Department. A pastoral theologian and psychologist, Fr. Cozzens has served as spiritual director, counselor and retreat master.
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4-11 READING THEM AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME: THE DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II TODAY

The 16 documents of the Second Vatican Council are the most important texts produced by the Catholic Church in the past 400 years. They shape virtually every aspect of Church life today. But hardly anyone ever reads them. This session seeks to empower participants to read and understand the documents themselves. It also explores strategies for incorporating the documents of Vatican II into our religious education and adult faith-formation programs – with special emphasis on the challenge of introducing the Council to the next generation.

Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD

Dr. Edward Hahnenberg is Assistant Professor of Theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He is a past consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on Lay Ministry. He has presented at conferences across the country, and is author of numerous articles and two books, “Ministries: A Relational Approach” and “A Concise Guide to the Documents of Vatican II.”

4-12 “I’D LIKE TO SEE THAT”: GETTING YOUNG PEOPLE EXCITED ABOUT SCRIPTURE

Mark Hart

You know the challenges. You know the audience. You know the Lord. You have the Gospel. It’s time to connect the dots for them. Right now. They need it … and so do we.

4-13 ONLY YOU, O GOD: SIMPLE SONGS FOR WORSHIP

Marty Haugen

This session arose out of a request to provide simple and accessible musical resources for parish worship. Music that is scripturally based and faithful to the Eucharistic Rite will be presented, along with examples of how music is wedded to Word and Rite.

4-14 LOST IN WONDER: FINDING HEAVEN ON EARTH

Terry Hershey

Often we live a postcard’s truth: Having a good time, wish I was here. We live out of breath and out of time. In the words of TS Eliot, we are distracted from distractions by distractions. And we see less, listen less and savor our own fullness less. Terry Hershey agrees with Henry David Thoreau, “Nothing can be more useful to a man or woman than a determination not to be hurried.” To be lost in wonder is to be present in our lives. So let us rediscover Radical Amazement. Let us be free to see our worth and significance, not in power or possessions, but in the extraordinary Grace of our Creator.

4-08 THE GOD OF THE PROPHETS: A THEOLOGICAL TAPESTRY

Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD

With great rhetorical style, Israel’s poets down through the ages have tried to sketch a portrait of the grandeur of God, according to how they perceived and understood God who acted dynamically with peoples and communities that were often at odds with one another. This presentation explores the prophets’ artistic portrayal of God, and how prophetic imagination and life experience, as they relate to God, continue to inform and influence one’s understanding of God and God’s ways in present times.

4-09 EASTER SPIRITUALITY IN THE MIDDLE OF LENT

Rev. Richard Fragomeni

Easter fills us with hope and promise throughout our whole lives. As we prepare for this great season, we are already celebrating. Come, experience and meditate on the richness of the rituals, symbols and spirituality of this glorious season of the liturgical year.

4-10 HORIZONS AND HOPES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: OUR WAY FORWARD

Thomas Groome, PhD

This workshop will pick up the key “principles” from the “General Directory for Catechesis” and from the “National Directory for Catechesis” to weave a vision statement to guide the Church’s “best practices” in catechetical ministry. These documents offer us a new horizon; let us work into it together.
4-15  **ICONS: THEOLOGY IN COLOR AND LIGHT**
Sometimes termed “windows onto Heaven,” icons are a distinctive form of Christian liturgical and devotional art. We will explore the theological and catechetical insights to be gleaned from contemplative engagement with icons of the Trinity, Christ, Mary and liturgical feasts.

**Rev. Jan Michael Joncas**

Ordained in 1980 as a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, Fr. Michael Joncas serves as Associate Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He is the author of three books and over 100 articles and reviews in journals, including Worship, Ecclesia Orans, and Questions Liturgiques. Fr. Joncas has composed and arranged over 200 pieces of liturgical music.

4-16  **SEVEN STYLES OF LEARNING IN THE PRESCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

**Keri Krout**

Keri Krout will apply Dr. Howard Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences at the pre-school level. In this highly interactive workshop, participants will develop a daily curriculum where all seven styles of learning are present, ensuring success for every child.

4-17  **OUR HUNGER FOR INTIMACY**

Intimacy is not an option for adults striving to live full, spiritually connected lives. Yet, women and men, including religious and clergy, are not exempt from this desire and type of connection. This presentation will assist participants to understand intimacy as fundamental to being human and being sexual and will include discussion of what is intimacy, ways of being intimate, how men and women address intimacy in healthy and unhealthy ways, supports for developing a healthy intimate life, and the negative consequences for one’s personal and ministerial life of ignoring/denying this fundamental need.

**Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD**

Lynn Levo, a sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a licensed psychologist, consultant and lecturer. She has presented nationally and internationally to women and men religious. Currently, Sr. Levo is Director of Education and Editor of Lukenotes at Saint Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Md. Prior to serving in this capacity, she was a member of her congregation’s leadership team, acting as Congregational Director.

4-18  **LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR THE COMMON GOOD**

This workshop will examine ways of transforming adversarial relationships into partnerships. Participants will examine means of dealing with ideological differences that intensify community rather than fragment it.

**Donna Markham, OP, PhD**

Sr. Donna Markham holds a doctorate in clinical psychology and is a Fellow at the American Academy of Clinical Psychology. She has authored numerous articles on organizational change, leadership development and group behavior. She is currently Prior General of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Mich.

4-19  **DOES RELIGION HAVE A PLACE IN A TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY?**

This session will approach the question of religion and the digital age from an overarching aspect, that of the centrality of the human person, which is always a primary focal point when reflecting on ethics and religious thought.

**Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin**

Fr. Diarmuid Martin was appointed Archbishop of Dublin, Ireland, in 2004. He previously served on the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Family and as Secretary of the Council for Justice and Peace. During his service there, Archbishop Martin represented the Holy See at the major U.N. conferences, and took part in activities of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, especially on the topics of international debt.

4-20  **NOSTRA AETATE – 40 YEARS LATER**

This session examines the way in which the Catholic Church understands dialogue with people of other religions and faiths. It expounds the various theories that underlie inter-religious dialogue and shows how the Catholic Church is committed to this dialogue as a result of Vatican II’s declaration on the relation of the Church to non-Christian religions. These issues are particularly pertinent in this age of conflict. This session will also suggest ways in which dialogue can progress.

**Rt. Rev. Malcolm McMahon, OP**

Since 2000, Malcolm McMahon has served as the ninth Bishop for the Diocese of Nottingham, England. The London-born former provincial for the English Dominican Province has served in a variety of pastoral and academic posts, including lecturing at Blackfriar’s College at Oxford University. Bishop McMahon is a member of Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and contributed to its recent Agreed Statement.
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4-21 JESUS THE JEW

Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD

Loving our Lord Jesus requires us to take seriously one of the least appreciated and understood aspects of Jesus’ life – his roots in Judaism. The Bible is clear that both he and his parents were steeped in all that was best in Judaism, and that they were concerned to be faithful to their Jewish beliefs and practices. This workshop will help to increase our understanding of Jesus’ devotion to Judaism in order to expand our appreciation of how and what Jesus taught, and why we might want to imitate him with a similar appreciation for contemporary Judaism.

4-22 THE SACRAMENTALITY OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

There are more permanent deacons in the United States than anywhere else in the world. This workshop will consider the role of the permanent deacon in today’s American Church. Such a role involves three elements: theology, ministry, and the self-identity of the deacon. If these elements are healthy, the deacon is doing well; but if any one of these elements is at risk, the deacon is also at risk. A major aspect of today’s deacon is diaconal spirituality. All of these issues will be considered during the workshop.

Kenan B. Osborne, OFM
Fr. Kenan Osborne is Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology at the Franciscan School of Theology, Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., where he has taught for 38 years. He has lectured throughout the world and is a frequent speaker at the Religious Education Congress. Fr. Osborne is author of a number of books, and he has published three volumes in 2006-07.

4-23 CHURCH: A COMMUNITY OF IMMIGRANTS

The American Catholic Church is becoming an “institutional immigrant” again. What does it mean for the Church to be an immigrant? What does “immigrantness” add to the “one, holy, catholic, apostolic” characters of the Church? What do immigrants bring to the American Church? What gifts does the American Catholic Church offer to immigrants?

Peter C. Phan
Since coming to the United States as a Vietnamese refugee, Peter Phan has taught at the University of Dallas; at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.; at Union Theological Seminary in New York; at Elms College in Chicopee, Mass.; and at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he currently holds the Ignacio Ellacuria Chair of Catholic Social Thought. He is author of a dozen books and over 300 essays.

4-24 PAUL AS THE SUCCESSOR OF JESUS IN NON-DUAL THINKING

Fr. Richard Rohr

Fr. Richard Rohr is convinced that many people do not like St. Paul because they interpret him dualistically (either-or thinking) instead of dialectically (the overcoming of presented contradictions by a “reconciling third”). To live and think “in Christ” is, for Paul, to overcome all the usual oppositions between flesh and spirit, law and freedom, weakness and strength, male and female, the individual and the community. Christian “justification” and the unique Christian meaning of justice are found in this synthesis. (This workshop expands upon Session 3-21.)

4-25 SEEING BY THE LIGHT OF ANOTHER: LEARNING FROM OTHER PEOPLE’S STORIES

A tool of spiritual development is reflection on our own experiences, especially those experiences that have brought us significant and long-lasting insights into the ways of the Spirit. But another tool is to listen to the illuminating experiences of others and learning to see through their experiences. This workshop will borrow light from others. We will ponder the stories of people coming into the light, seeing themselves, others and the world from a spiritual perspective. Our pondering will lead to standing in their light and allowing it to inform our seeing.

John Shea
John Shea is Director of Program and Processes Development for the Ministry Leadership Center in Sacramento, Calif. A theologian and storyteller, he is an author and lectures both nationally and internationally. His latest books are a four-volume series on “The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels for Christian Preachers and Teachers” and a reprint of “Starlight: Beholding the Christmas.”

4-26 HELPING OUR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS & ADULTS WHEN THEY ARE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

Drawing from the gifts, wisdom and resources of our faith, we can offer hope, comfort and compassion to those who mourn the illness and death of a loved one. Children of all ages need to be surrounded by security and honest, gentle information. Adults (family, parish staff, friends) can best help when given practical tools and resources to guide conversations. As people of faith, we can find and offer solace and love to the grieving in our midst – no matter their age.

Lizabeth Sumner
Liz Sumner is Palliative Care Coordinator for The Elizabeth Hospice, based in Escondido, Calif. She has spent her lengthy career in hospice, working with all age groups. She is also Editor of the California Catholic Conference website, EmbracingOurDying.com. She has been involved in initiatives on end-of-life care for children and collaborates on Catholic conferences. She lectures nationally on a range of topics.
4-27 ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS: NEW APPROACHES TO OLD TRUTHS

The Church has been struggling lately with how to help teens embrace the fullness of their Catholic identity. The secret to success is not in diluting the message, but in taking more risks with the methods. Come and enjoy a lively and engaging examination of some models and methods that will give you a new sense of mission for adolescent catechesis today.

Michael Theisen

Michael Theisen is author of over 15 books and numerous articles on adolescent catechesis and youth ministry. With more than 20 years of experience at the parish, diocesan and national levels, he is a frequent speaker and trainer throughout the United States and Canada. Theisen is currently Director of Membership Services for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C. His latest book, “FaithSharing,” is to be released February 2007.

4-28 CROSSING THE DESERT: THE SPIRITUALITY OF LETTING GO AND INNER FREEDOM

There are four questions and three steps everyone must encounter on the spiritual journey. How they are navigated – especially in the “deserts” of life – can make all the difference. This presentation draws upon contemporary and ancient desert wisdom to provide guidance.

Dr. Robert J. Wicks

Dr. Robert Wicks is a Professor at Loyola College in Maryland. He has taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, social work, nursing and theology. Over the past several years he has spoken on the prevention of secondary stress and the integration of psychology and spirituality. Dr. Wicks has served as General Editor of three series of books, and published over 40 books for both professionals and the general public.

4-29 THERE IS MUCH MORE TO NOT DRINKING THAN JUST NOT DRINKING

Thomas Weston, SJ

The 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous have helped thousands of people recover from a seemingly hopeless condition of mind and body. What can these simple tools show to the larger community, and how can we all benefit from this practical experience of grace and community?

4-70 H.ONE, Ly HON, Tuie Hon, Tai Hon theo Giaco Huuan va Giaco Hoi va Cong Giaco va cung de caph de banh an That Pha-ro va That Pha-lo.

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4-80 SIMBAHAN: PAGDADAUPANG-PALAD SA KATAWAN NI KRISTO

Susurin ng workshop na ito ang mga tradisyonal na konseptong “Katawan” ni Kristo at “Ministri” sa paggamit ng mga katutubong pang-unawa sa “Katawan” at “Pagdadaup-palad.”

Most Rev. Luis Antonio G. Tagle, STD

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5-01 THE CROSS AND THE CRESCENT: CATHOLICISM AND ISLAM AND BENEDICT XVI

John L. Allen Jr.

After the global uproar triggered by Pope Benedict XVI’s comments on Islam in September 2006, this session examines the challenge Pope Benedict is offering to Islam, and what it means for Catholic-Muslim dialogue.

5-02 MINISTRY AS NEW LIGHT IN OUR CHURCH AND WORLD

We are all called to share in the priesthoood of Jesus Christ, each according to our gifts. This presentation will show six historical models of how ministry developed in our Church and how ministry today is shaping the Church and its mission in our world.

Msgr. Arturo J. Bañuelas, STD

Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas is a native of the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, where he presently serves as Pastor at St. Pius X Church. He is co-founder of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States and founding Director of the Tepeyac Institute, a diocesan ministry formation center. Msgr. Bañuelas is a member of various boards and commissions and presents at conferences in dioceses across the country.

5-03 JESUS THE WISDOM TEACHER AND OLD TESTAMENT WISDOM

Lawrence Boadt, CSP

The Gospels often emphasize that Jesus followed in the traditions of the great Old Testament prophets, but often overlook that most of his teachings are parables and proverbs that draw heavily on the Wisdom Books of the Bible. Even more, our major doctrines that Jesus is the Divine Word-become-human and that there are “persons” of the Trinity come from Wisdom traditions. Religious educators need to learn more about Old Testament Wisdom, and especially the forgotten Book of Proverbs, as a source for understanding Jesus our teacher. This session will explore Proverbs in particular but will draw on the whole range of Old Testament Wisdom sources.

5-04 THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF YOUR TEEN

Michael Carotta, EdD

As ministers, we spend so much time working with other people’s teens, but what about our own? Presented in a casual parent-to-parent style, this session helps us take some time to think about our own kids. The session is designed to help us gain clarity and confidence in how we can more fully participate in the spiritual journey of our own adolescents.

5-05 PARENTING THROUGH CRISIS: HELPING KIDS IN TIMES OF LOSS, GRIEF AND CHANGE

Barbara Coloroso

Each day offers opportunities to give children the gift of inner discipline. But what are parents/catechists to do when daily routines get overshadowed by tragedy or traumatic events? What do we need to offer our children/students when they are faced with crisis or loss in their lives? In this workshop, Barbara Coloroso will help parents and catechists navigate the waters when they get turbulent, offering practical answers to difficult questions and situations.

5-06 ADVENT MUSIC: MUSIC OF HOPE, JOY AND PROMISE

Jaime Cortez

In this session we’ll take a look at music resources for the Advent season and present some ideas on how to use this music in parish and school settings. Advent music that strengthens the Scriptures of the season and some ideas for bilingual celebrations will also be featured. (This will be a bilingual presentation.)

5-07 THE EUCHARIST AND JUSTICE

Michael H. Crosby, OFMCap

In the early days of liturgical reform, the link between the Eucharist and justice was an essential component. However, this vision is being eclipsed by a new stress on rules and regulations that may be creating a “heresy of rubricism.” This workshop will re-place the Eucharist in the context of Micah 6:8 – justice, mercy and humility.

5-08 THE EVOLVING ROLE OF DEACONS IN THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH: TRENDS AND ISSUES

William T. Ditewig

After his ordination as deacon and service in several dioceses, Bill Ditewig joined the staff of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, where he serves as Executive Director for both the Secretariat for the Diaconate and the Secretariat for Evangelization. Deacon Ditewig has been keynote or speaker on theology and the diaconate at several national conventions and more than 125 diocesan events.
5-09 THE CHALLENGE OF EVANGELIZATION
The “National Directory for Catechesis” calls for a “new evangelization.” This is radical stuff, especially for Catholics! In this workshop, we will look at the challenges posed by this call and the opportunities to rethink how we minister. From the texts we choose, the catechists we call forth, the structures we develop and the adolescents with whom we minister, the call for a “new evangelization” puts everything in a whole new “Light!” Come prepared to be involved, to dream a little, and go home with a “pack” of new ideas! If you are a leader or a catechist in a parish or school, this workshop is for you!

Ken Doran
Ken Doran’s three decades in catechetical ministry reflect broad experience on diocesan, school and parish levels. He is currently National Religion Consultant for William H. Sadlier and has been a workshop presenter at numerous national and diocesan catechetical events. Doran is also Master Catechist for the Diocese of Camden, N.J., as well as fifth-grade and Confirmation catechist at Holy Saviour Parish in Westmont, N.J.

5-10 ILLUMINATING THE YOUNG CHILD’S FAITH JOURNEY
Bringing the young child to recognize God’s love involves finding teachable moments that occur in our everyday lives. The Early Childhood Advisory Board of Los Angeles will share ways of guiding 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds to experience and celebrate God’s gifts through concrete experiences appropriate to their developmental level.

Early Childhood Advisory Board
Continuing the work of nearly 30 years, this multi-talented group of catechists and educators strives to help others appreciate the importance of experiencing God’s love concretely during the formative pre-kindergarten years. Workshops offered by the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Early Childhood Advisory Board are informative, inclusive and inviting.

5-11 SEX AND THE CITY OF GOD: WHERE LOVE AND JUSTICE MEET
In today’s popular culture the search for intimacy is easily reduced to images of sex, power and violence. In contrast, our biblical vision speaks of a “sacred eros”: a grace-full energy that honors mutuality, gender equality and reverence in relationships. This presentation explores the urgent need to reclaim a sexual ethic that is grounded in the Gospel values of relationships and the prophetic vision of justice-love.

Fran Ferder, FSPA and Rev. John Heagle, MA, JCL
Sr. Fran Ferder and Fr. John Heagle, are the Co-Directors of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA), a counseling and consultation resource in the Pacific Northwest. They also serve as adjunct faculty in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University, and are internationally recognized authors and workshop leaders. Their latest book is “Tender Fires: The Spiritual Promise of Sexuality.”

5-12 THROWING LIGHT ON GLOBALIZATION
In North America and Europe it is countercultural to question globalization. But for the poorest of the poor, globalization is a very mixed blessing. It has a logic but no ethic. Last year the quest for trade justice collapsed. We need to look at the process of globalization from the perspective of the poor and then challenge the current orthodoxy.

Julian Filochowski
Julian Filochowski is a consultant in international development and Director of the Tablet Publishing Co. of London. For 21 years he was Chief Executive of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and Chair of the Caritas International HIV/AIDS Task Force; at the Catholic Institute for International Relations he was Coordinator of Education. He has given keynotes and lectures throughout the United States, Asia and Latin America.

5-13 INGREDIENTS OF FAITH FOR TODAY
Our culture can leave us “unfree” for faith, wounded in our memory, belonging and imagination. This presentation will revisit some of the great thinkers on faith, to retrieve and translate their wisdom for now. It will be structured in three parts: new preambles (ministry of wonder); new proposals (especially the role of affectivity and imagination); and new practices (“doing the truth” through a shared life-style and spirituality).

Rev. Michael Paul Gallagher
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5-14 ONE WOMAN’S FAITH JOURNEY
From her call to work in Africa, England and the streets and brothels of Chicago, Edwina Gateley shares her experiences of how God calls each one of us to move mountains. She reveals how prayer and faith lead us to discover the power of the Holy Spirit working in our world and in our hearts.

Edwina Gateley
Edwina Gateley is an internationally known speaker, author, poet and advocate for marginalized women. She is the founder of a school in Africa, the international Volunteer Missionary Movement, and Genesis House in Chicago for women recovering from prostitution. She is author of 11 books and recipient of 15 national and international awards.
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5-15 EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT: CELEBRATING THE BREATH OF LIFE

The Spirit of God is the energy and force that gives us strength, wisdom, energy, life, love, joy and momentum for ministry and renewal. In this session we will sing, pray and celebrate the power of the Spirit in our lives as the Body of Christ, and how this “breath of life” continues to flower as a force in our lives as ministers and leaders. Come ready to sing and explore the many images and movements of the Spirit, so we can call upon that power to become a joyful witness of the Good News!

David Haas

David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry in Minnesota, where he also serves as Campus Minister/Artist in Residence at Benilde-St. Margaret’s High School in St. Louis Park. Active as a conference speaker, workshop leader, concert performer and recording artist, Haas has composed over 45 recorded collections of original liturgical music, and has authored over 15 books on music, prayer and spirituality.

5-16 RCIA: DEEP WITHIN – FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE SCRUTINIES

“Stand in the Light” is at the heart of the process for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This workshop will help deepen our understanding of the role of the Scrutinies both for the catechumens and the worshiping community. We will explore the rites and Gospel accounts with a view toward deepening the religious experience of those God has entrusted to us. Suggestions and resources for liturgical celebration will be provided, as well as preparation models (including retreats), options and tools for personal reflection.

Dorothy Hulburt

Dorothy Hulburt currently serves as Director of Adult and Family Ministries at St. Thérèse Parish in San Diego. She has taught for over 30 years in pastoral, catechetical and liturgical ministries. She is a popular presenter at the parish, diocesan and national levels, and is a frequent Religious Education Congress presenter. She has co-authored a guide to parish evangelization, and a new book, “The Scriptural Words of Mary,” is in the works.
5-17 BAPTISM: LIFE NOW ... AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH
Fr. Joe Kempf

What difference does Baptism make for life now ... or at the hour of our death? And when people bring their children forward to prepare for Baptism, how might we utilize that precious, teachable moment to catch their hearts for life? In this presentation Fr. Joe Kempf offers some great ideas for all who prepare others for Baptism, and offers insights and inspiration to all of us already baptized. Using story, example and the wisdom of lived experience, Fr. Joe will help lead us more deeply into the great baptismal promise of life now ... and at the hour of our death.

5-18 ENDLESS IS YOUR LOVE
Musical liturgy is the centerpiece of a balanced parish program focused on evangelization. Liturgy and catechesis must be regarded as partners in this important work of the Gospels. The quality of our song is ever-important to all on the journey.

Tom Kendzia
A liturgical musician for over 20 years, Tom Kendzia is known throughout the United States as a composer, arranger, recording producer, performer, teacher and clinician. He is currently Director of Music Ministries at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. Kendzia has authored a number of articles and columns. He also is composer of the 2001 L.A. Congress theme song, "Clothed in Love."

ValLimar & Frank Jansen
Frank Jansen is a Santa Clara University educated liturgist who has been a professional musician for over 30 years. He is a well-respected composer, arranger, teacher and performer. ValLimar Jansen has served as a cantor, principal vocalist, psalmist, lector, workshop presenter, and/or emcee at major festivals and conferences regionally, nationally and internationally. Together, they perform nationally and have CDs.

5-19 MALCOLM X AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD

Malcolm X is a mythic and much misunderstood figure. Yet one cannot have a complete understanding of the Black experience without dealing with this man’s life and legacy. This presentation looks at Malcolm’s social ideas and practices, asking, “How would Catholic social teaching and engagement look if it took Malcolm’s thinking seriously?” We will examine the central ideas of Malcolm’s social message, and see their relevance for today’s Christians who want to live faith-inspired lives in U.S. society.

5-20 THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY: OUR TEACHER, MODEL, GUIDE IN CONTEMPLATING THE FACE OF CHRIST
Sr. Margaret McDonald, IHM

What is the “something” about Mary that draws us, attracts us, challenges us as we ponder her prayerful presence throughout the events of Jesus’ life? Because Mary “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” (Luke 2:19), she is our teacher, model, and guide in “learning Christ” and discovering how the mysteries of his life relate to our own. In this session, we will focus on how “Contemplating with Mary the face of Christ” can illumine the path to an ever-deepening relationship with Christ.

5-21 THE TWILIGHT WISDOM OF THE HEART: THE ART OF HARVESTING YOUR INNER LIGHT
John O'Donohue, PhD

After its creative voyage of light, the day slows down at twilight to recall and illuminate all of its hidden color and investment. We need to learn to trust the wisdom of the heart, to take twilight-time so that the hidden color of our becoming might illuminate for us. Experience is squandered if it is not savored and integrated. The Holy Spirit, mother of the soul, harvests each day’s light so that when night overtakes us, we can rely on its hidden, inner twilight-light. Everything we need for the journey has already been secretly given to us. It awaits us there on the twilight-altar of the heart.

5-22 RAISING AN EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY CHILD
Steve & Patt Saso

One of the first steps in raising a resilient child is to fully understand, and learn from, the experiences of your own childhood. Find out how relationships affect developing minds and behavior, and learn parenting strategies that promote healthy emotional maturity in children.

5-23 TUNE IN: USE THEIR ISSUES, TEACH TO THEIR ISSUES, TOUCH THEIR HEARTS!
Anna Scally

Jesus instructed his Apostles “to make disciples of all nations and to teach them to observe all that he had commanded.” (The Church has not ceased devoting its energy to this task.) This workshop will show you that young people’s issues are found in their culture and expressed in popular music and media. And so are the solutions to their concerns. You will learn effective, practical and easy-to-use strategies to catechize through music that they are already listening to. This approach works!

Anna Scally, President of Cornerstone Media, is a workshop and youth rally speaker, youth ministry training consultant and disc jockey. She was Master of Ceremonies at various catechetical sessions for World Youth Days in Germany, Denver and Toronto. Scally has made over 2,300 appearances at youth rallies and other events, including all the major religious education conferences in North America.
5-24 **BE OPEN TO THE LIGHT: LAUGHTER IS A TOOL**

One thing that gets in the way of us living our lives wholly and holy is that we are way too serious. We try so hard to have all the right answers and to “get ahead” in society that we miss the positive energy and grace in the moments in front of us. The gift of laughter provides us with a tool to be “open to the Light” and thus be blessings in our interactions with others.

*Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD*

Sister of St. Joseph Anne Smollin is a therapist and group facilitator, lecturer and consultant. She is currently Executive Director of Counseling for Laity, based in Albany, N.Y. The former elementary schoolteacher lectures extensively throughout the continental United States, Hawaii, Canada and Australia speaking to religious communities, conventions and businesses.

5-25 **DANCING IN THE LIGHT**

This workshop will offer participants an experience of a prayer service using gesture, movement and dance. This session is for those who are looking for ways to incorporate embodied prayer in their parish life and religious formation programs. The prayer service will be inspired by the Gospel of the Transfiguration and will use the music of Bernadette Farrell and Paul Melley.

*Robert VerEecke, SJ*

Fr. Bob VerEecke has offered workshops on movement prayer in the United States, Jamaica, Canada, Australia, France and England. He has served for nearly 20 years as Pastor of St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Fr. VerEecke is also Director of the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble and is Jesuit Artist-in-Residence at Boston College.

*Jamie Huggins*

Jamie Huggins, Associate Artistic Director of the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble, received his formal dance training from the Joffrey Ballet School in New York City. He has danced with the Louisville Ballet, the Berkshire Ballet, and numerous other dance companies. Huggins co-teaches the Summer Study in Sacred and Liturgical Dance at Boston College, and has worked with Fr. Bob VerEecke for more than 20 years.

5-26 **HOW TO OVERCOME MARITAL CRISIS**

One of the main differences between happy and lasting marriages and those that break up is not the type of crises that the couples face but how they manage and resolve them. John Yzaguirre and Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre will present effective approaches to transform a threatening crisis into a strengthening experience of unity.

*Dr. John Yzaguirre and Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv*

Dr. John Yzaguirre and Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre are a Christian licensed psychologist and Marriage and Family Therapist with 30 years of clinical and ministry experience. Together they co-Direct the California Prosocial Institute in Irvine, Calif. Each year they offer their marriage, family and spiritual programs across North America and Europe.
5-27 BECOMING AN ADULT CATHOLIC: SPIRITUALITY, RELIGION & STRUGGLE FOR INTEGRITY

What does a mature Catholic “look like,” and how does a person become one? Tom Zanzig will share a model of the dynamics of lifelong conversion and suggest implications for our efforts in adult formation. He will then explore the gifts and challenges of institutional religion in the spiritual life, and close by identifying the traits of the mature, adult Catholic.

Tom Zanzig
After devoting 25 years to the development of youth ministry and adolescent religious education materials, Tom Zanzig is now freelance writer, trainer, retreat director and speaker. President of his own publishing and consulting company, Zanzig & Associates, Zanzig has presented hundreds of workshops and retreats throughout the United States and Canada and around the globe.

5-70 Đại Giáo Lý Dưới Nhân Quan Châu Á – Thái Bình Dương

“Bộ sách giáo lý này không nhằm cung cấp những thích ứng trong khi trình bày tín lý và phương cách can thiệp giảng dạy giáo lý mà các nền văn hóa và tuội tác đời hồi” (Sách Giáo lý số 24). Đang khi giảng dạy giáo lý, bên cạnh các vấn đề đặt phương pháp như nền đúng ngôn ngữ nào, đầu là các tiêu chuẩn của giáo lý viễn, cần lưu tâm đến các trách do trên lãnh vực rộng lớn hơn. Mọi người sẽ cùng phân tích và thảo luận những đề tài giáo lý qua làn kinh A Châu-Thai bình Dương: Phải chúng tôi đo lường cách chuyền đạt để nên nhận? Là người Châu, chúng ta hiểu và sống cùng các nghị thức đạo đức thế nào cho thích hợp? Đâu là vai trò của người quản phụ trong bộ sách giáo lý? Làm cách nào cung cấp những thích ứng trong khi trình bày tín lý và phương cách can thiệp giảng dạy giáo lý trong đời sống hàng ngày? Nguời lại, làm cách nào giúp phong phú hoá Giáo lý bằng đến số Châu của mình?

Linh mục Anthony Đạo Quang Chính
Linh mục Anthony Đạo Quang Chính đã nội chuyện và thuyết trình tại nhiều hội nghị và giảng dạy tại Đại học Giáo lý Los Angeles, Thành phố Atlanta, Texas và Missouri. Ông đã giảng dạy tại các trường đại học và cao đẳng như: California State University, Northridge và Đại học California State, Fullerton. Ông cũng đã giảng dạy tại các trường đại học tại California và Texas. Ông đã từng giảng dạy tại các trường đại học và cao đẳng như: Đại học California State, Fullerton và Đại học California State, Northridge.

5-75 MINISTRY WITH KOREAN-AMERICAN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS – IS THERE STILL HOPE?

Everywhere we go we hear about the difficulty of ministering to youth and young adults in the Church. It is especially challenging to minister to Korean-American youth and young adults. So what are the challenges specific to our younger generation of Korean-American Catholics? How can we more effectively catechize them and walk the spiritual journey with them as companions in ministry? Let’s explore together practical ways to bring the Light into the lives of our present generation – not future generations.

한인 청소년 사목 – 아직 희망이 있는가?


Katherine Ja-Eun Cho
Katherine Cho has been involved in religious education, youth ministry and music ministry for over 25 years as a Master Catechist, parish Director of Religious Education, Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Director of Music Ministry. She currently works as Diocesan Director at the Office of Ministry with Youth for the Diocese of San Bernardino, Calif. Cho has given workshops for all age groups at the parish and diocesan levels.
6-01 DANCE IN THE LIGHT

Donna Anderle

Here is an invitation to express in dance form the love, beauty and light within us. This workshop will lift you up as the room fills with energy, laughter, beautiful music and moments of reflection. Come prepared to move! Here’s an opportunity for all those who love to dance to join together to simply celebrate life. Experience Christ’s light before us, behind us and within us!

6-02 MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS: INSIGHT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

In this session we will hear testimonies about Catholic identity, drawing on the experience of lesbian and gay Catholics, which calls the whole Church to examine what it means to live a full, Catholic life. All are welcome. (This is the conclusion of a three-year cycle of sessions on homosexuality and Catholicism moderated by Dr. Tom Beaudoin; speakers will include Fr. James Martin, Sr. Patricia Farrell and panelists from the Los Angeles Archdiocese.)

Dr. Tom Beaudoin

Tom Beaudoin is Assistant Professor in the Religious Studies Department at Santa Clara University in California, and a Fellow in the American Psychoanalytic Association. He lectures nationally and internationally on practical theology, and is author of the book “Consuming Faith,” as well as many published articles and essays. Dr. Beaudoin is a frequent and popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress.

James Martin, SJ

James Martin, a Jesuit priest, is Associate Editor at America magazine. He is author of a number of books, including, most recently, “My Life with the Saints” and “Becoming Who You Are.” His articles have appeared in America, Commonweal, The (London) Tablet and U.S. News & World Report. Fr. Martin has spoken at various religious conferences, parishes, retreat houses, and is a frequent commentator in the media on Catholic issues.

Sr. Patricia Farrell, OP

Sr. Patricia Farrell is active in vocation ministry for her religious community, as well as for the larger Church community. She has studied theology at Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., and at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. Sr. Farrell also completed the program at the Spiritual Directors’ Institute at Mercy Center in Burlingame, Calif. She leads retreats for parishes, young adult groups and faculties.

6-03 SIMPLE PLEASURES AND THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Nancy Bird

Sometimes living the moments and recognizing the sacredness in everyday things is very hard to do. We are challenged to think about how we spend our days with what truly matters. Come away with 12 tips for truly “seizing the day.”

6-04 DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY IN THE EXAMPLE OF PAUL

Drawing on the example of the Apostle Paul, from his ministry we learn wisdom for our own. Adherence to the Risen Christ in the Body of the Church, passion to proclaim the Gospel, confidence in the power of God over our human weakness, collaboration in ministry, freedom from all that impedes the Gospel – all these are hallmarks of St. Paul’s life that can also empower our own.

Barbara E. Bowe, RSCJ

Sr. Barbara Bowe is Professor of Biblical Studies and Director of the Biblical Spirituality Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. While biblical spirituality is an underlying emphasis in her teaching, her special research interests include Johannine and Pauline studies plus issues of early Christian ecclesiology. She is author of “Biblical Foundations of Spirituality” and “Touching a Finger to the Flame.”

6-05 SING! MOVE! CELEBRATE! THE POWER OF MUSIC IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Music can easily and effectively be woven into religious education to enhance knowledge, understanding and faith development. This workshop will demonstrate a variety of practical activities suitable for children at the elementary level, utilizing song and movement. Come ready to participate in activities that will energize, unite and inspire your students as they grow in faith!

John Burland

John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults. He was a classroom teacher for 14 years and has spent over 20 years as a religious educator in school and parish communities. Burland presently is the Project Officer-Liturgy/Music for the Catholic Education Office in Sydney, Australia, where he conducts workshops, celebrations and reflection days for children, families and teachers.
6-06 **WE LEAD SACRED LIVES – EVEN WHEN WE DON’T THINK SO!**

Our Catholic faith is a treasury of lived experiences of Emmanuel, “God-with-us.” When we gather for weekly worship, we bring with us our lives and experiences that will be connected to the Word of the Lord. Fr. John Cusick will use seven short human experiences passed on to him from his dad to reveal “God-with-us.” We will explore how and where the secular and sacred meet in the routine of every day. After all, we are the light of the world. The light is within; let’s turn it on!

**Rev. John C. Cusick**
Fr. John Cusick is Director of Young Adult Ministry for the Chicago Archdiocese. His full-time ministry is with those in their 20s and 30s, and he speaks nationally on young adult issues. Also, he does extensive speaking and preaching at parish missions several times a year throughout the United States and in parts of Europe. Fr. Cusick’s work and thoughts on young adults was highlighted in the October 2006 issue of U.S. Catholic.

6-07 **PRAYING THE HOURS WITH MERTON**

Thomas Merton retrieved the contemplative depths of the Liturgy of the Hours for contemporary Christians. In this session, Sr. Meg Funk will present a teaching on this monastic form of the Liturgy of the Hours prayed in common. Sr. Kathleen Deignan will offer an experience of praying the Hours with Thomas Merton as personal contemplative practice.

**Mary Margaret Funk, OSB**
Sr. Meg Funk, a Benedictine nun from Indiana, is currently Director of the School of Lectio Divina at Benedict Inn in Beech Grove, Ind. She formerly served as Executive Director of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, as Prioress, and as Director of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. She has given retreats at abbeys in Ireland, the United Kingdom and Bismarck, N.D. Sr. Funk’s most recent book is “Humility Matters.”

**Kathleen Deignan, CND**
Sr. Kathleen Deignan is Professor of Religious Studies at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., and founder and Director of its Iona Spirituality Institute. A sister of the Congregation of Notre Dame, she is a composer of sacred song and musician in residence with Schola Ministries, which has produced over a dozen of her original recordings. Her recent books include “When the Trees Say Nothing: Thomas Merton’s Writings on Nature.”

6-08 **THE CATHOLIC APPRENTICE: “YOU’RE HIRED!”**

Move over, Donald Trump! Our bishops were the first to give us the vision for catechesis: apprenticeship-learning by doing. Explore this Vatican II-inspired generating vision for Christian formation that can help transform catechesis at all age levels.

**Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
Jerry Galipeau is a published author, composer and recording artist. The Worship Resources Editor at World Library Publications presents keynotes and workshops throughout North America on initiation, liturgy, evangelization, catechesis and ritual music. He is also a parish initiation minister and a team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

6-09 **MEXICAN IMMIGRATION AND CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

This workshop will look at the dynamics of Mexican immigration, Christian spirituality and human transformation. It will also look at effective ways of ministerial outreach to the growing presence of Latinos in the Church. The presentation will begin with a film produced by Fr. Daniel Groody called “Dying to Live: A Migrant’s Journey,” which examines the places of hope and faith among some of the godless moments of the journey across the Mexican border and into the United States.

**Rev. Daniel Groody, CSC**
Fr. Daniel Groody is Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He has worked many years in Latin America, particularly along the U.S.-Mexico border, and has authored a book and is Executive Producer of a video about migrants. A member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, he has given talks worldwide and has numerous published articles.

6-10 **THE SEVEN LEVELS OF INTIMACY**

We need intimacy. However, our culture equates intimacy with sex, and this myth drives much of our modern culture; all the while most people are left starving for real intimacy. Make a list of what’s not working in your life. Most people name a relationship somewhere on their list. Maybe it’s a relationship with your spouse, or your boyfriend or girlfriend, or perhaps a relationship with a child or parent. In this session, Matthew Kelly will help you understand what has brought you to where you are in this relationship, and will offer you a road map for how to get to where you need to be in the relationship.
6-12 PASTORAL CHALLENGES: MANAGING DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Donna Markham, OP, PhD

Team, staff and parish tensions involving individuals are an inevitable part of the human condition. This workshop will explore alternatives for dealing with such situations.

6-13 INCARNATION: THE IMMIGRATION OF GOD

The instances of migration in the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ birth are noteworthy: Mary’s trek to visit Elizabeth, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the travels of the shepherds and the Magi to see Jesus, the escape of the Holy Family to Egypt. But the most significant migration is the migration of Christ himself: from heaven to Earth, from divinity to humanity. Indeed, Jesus’ birth is a history of divine revelation manifested through human migration! It is recommended that participants study in advance the infancy narratives in Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2 and bring their Bibles to the workshop.

Timothy Matovina

Timothy Matovina is an Associate Professor of Theology and the William and Anna Jean Cushwa Director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. In addition to his scholarly work, Matovina offers presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and on ministry and theology. His publications include the recent, co-edited book, “The Treasure of Guadalupe.”

6-14 STAND IN THE LIGHT: DON’T JUST STAND THERE, DO SOMETHING – ABSORB THE LIGHT!

Megan McKenna

Our God is the maker of the Earth and the ground we stand on, with our heads in the sky, listening to the Word that is revealed to us. How do we absorb the Light of God? How do we take it into our bodies, into our communities and stand transfigured by the light of truth, and mercy, justice and peace intertwined. To stand in the presence of the Light is to know security, sanctuary and refuge. Come stand in that Light and absorb the power of the Holy Ones. Listen to the stories of God telling us not to fear and who – and what – to listen to. This is where we learn how to be “light standing in Light.”

6-15 PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING – REALLY?

Jo Ann Paradise

Through Baptism we are made one with Christ. As we share his life we share in his ministry of priest, prophet and king. This workshop will explore the ways catechists live this call, in the presence of those being catechized, for the sake of the Kingdom. How do we speak the truth, call forth blessing, and imagine the Kingdom to and for those who so desperately need the “Living Word”?

6-16 MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS – PART II

Dr. Robert A. Pavlik

Participants will learn how to implement Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences Theory in their assessments and lessons for the development of understanding, problem-solving and special talents. In this workshop, Dr. Robert Pavlik will focus on how to (a) enhance and diversify how topics and concepts are accessed, understood and demonstrated; (b) simulate solving real-life problems; and (c) assist students in the development of special areas of expertise. (This workshop expands upon Session 1-23.)

6-17 THE DEATH OF INNOCENTS

Sr. Helen Prejean shares the story of her journey accompanying six death-row prisoners to their deaths. In so doing, she began to suspect that some of those executed were not guilty. This realization inspired her second book, “The Death of Innocents.” In this workshop Sr. Helen tells of her experience with the U.S. courts and its broken death penalty system. She will expose how innocent people are condemned to death along with the guilty.

Sr. Helen Prejean

Sr. Helen Prejean has lived and worked in Louisiana all her life. In 1991, while working with inner-city residents, she began counseling death-row inmates. This Sister of St. Joseph of Medaille wrote a book about the experience, “Dead Man Walking,” which became a best-seller and Oscar-winning movie. She divides her time between campaigning against the death penalty and counseling individual death-row prisoners.

6-18 LITURGICAL SPIRITUALITY: SOURCE OF TRANSFORMATION

Discovering the spirituality of the liturgical year through service of the poor is a way of living the core of Christian life. Authentic prayer and real service revitalizes the parish community. We will explore the elements of liturgical spirituality including embracing suffering, truth-telling and shared ministry.

Ronald Patrick Raab, CSC

Fr. Ronald Raab serves as Associate Pastor at the Downtown Chapel of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Old Town Portland, Ore. He preaches parish missions and directs retreats around the country. Fr. Raab writes about his ministry experiences in Ministry and Liturgy magazine. He also hosts a weekly Scripture commentary on radio KBVM-FM 88.3, serving Oregon cities.
6-19 “I STILL BELIEVE!”

Since August 29, 2005, my city of New Orleans, my parish, and I have been working hard to recover from the flood waters of Hurricane Katrina. I assure you that it has not been easy. During the past year, my faith, my strength and my courage have all been tested. Many people ask, “What is it that makes you get up each morning to face the hard task of redeveloping a faith community?”

Well, my answer is quite simple: “I Still Believe!” This interactive and fun workshop will focus on the “core beliefs” of our faith and how these core beliefs can be strength through the storms of our lives!

Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

Fr. Tony Ricard is a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese. He currently serves as Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in New Orleans and as a Core Instructor for Church Doctrine at Xavier University’s Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Notre Dame University in Indiana. The popular and returning Congress speaker also serves as the Director of Knight Time Ministries and as one of the chief editors for Two Knights Publishing Co.

6-20 SWEATING BLOOD IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE – JESUS AS LOVER

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Why did Jesus’ agony take place in a garden rather than in the temple, in the desert, on a mountain or a plain? Because gardens are the archetypal place for lovers. The tears that Jesus sheds in Gethsemane are not the tears of a physical athlete, but the tears of a lover, a moral athlete. What was the real drama that took place in Gethsemane? What is its real lesson for us? What really was the Passion of the Christ?

6-21 STANDING IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: SPIRITUALITY AND JUSTICE

John Shea

The majority of the Sunday Gospels that we will hear in 2007 come from the Gospel of Luke. This Gospel holds together interior spiritual development and exterior efforts to adjust the social structures toward justice. This is just the pairing we need today. Too often spirituality is pursued independent of justice, and justice is pursued independent of spirituality. The Gospel of Luke sheds light on both and how they are intrinsically related.

6-22 LEADERSHIP: THE PERSON OF THE LEADER

Bro. Loughlan Sofield, ST

The primary aspect of leadership is self-definition. This workshop will focus on the person of the leader, looking at issues of self-esteem, personal development and related issues dealing with the person of the leader.

6-23 STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY: BUILDING CHARACTER

Pam Stenzel

In this session Pam Stenzel discusses the importance of character-building in children. You will hear Pam’s insight and knowledge in this comprehensive training seminar for parents and educators. Don’t miss this valuable information on the difficult task of raising emotionally healthy children.

6-24 USING ART TO TEACH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Victor Valenzuela

Using art as a method to teach religious education is not a new concept. Throughout most of the Church’s history art has been and continues to be an effective way to educate people about Christ’s love for us. This workshop derives from Multiple Intelligence Theory and specifically looks at the visual learner. The focus will be on art and images that are readily available in textbooks or other printed media, on the Internet, on video, etc. The end result is to help catechists be more sensitive to students who learn primarily through visualization and to apply this in the religious education class.

Victor Valenzuela

Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent, Victor Valenzuela is fully bilingual and bicultural. He has been in ministry for 20 years, including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training and writing and development of new materials. He has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. Valenzuela currently is a National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources at William H. Sadlier.
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6-25 THE EUCHARIST: RECONCILIATION, REMEMBRANCE, REJOICING
Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD

German theologian Karl Rahner once wrote, “The real challenge in accepting the God-man is to accept the fact that we human beings are the very ones with whom God has chosen to be the ones in whom God means to become all in all” – an incredible concept. The Eucharist is where this can occur. Drawing on the Emmaus story, we will reflect on the relationship between the Eucharist and our daily lives.

6-26 MUSIC OF LIGHT – OR MUSIC “LITE”?
Christopher Walker

Going from “performance” to expressing the hidden depths of music isn’t easy. Whether you sing as a cantor, in the choir or in the pew, come and discover ways to get at the heart of our music ministry. Come ready to sing, laugh, pray and transform your music in church.

6-27 GOD’S POLITICS: WHY THE RIGHT GETS IT WRONG AND THE LEFT DOESN’T GET IT
Jim Wallis

Across the world today we face both religious fundamentalists with a scary interpretation of faith and politics as well as secular fundamentalists who think faith should have no impact on our public life. The first group doesn’t speak for many of us; the second group doesn’t want us to speak. We will explore an exciting alternative and one that is sweeping across the globe that focuses on the crucial connection between the two deepest hungers in our world today: the hunger for spirituality, and the hunger for social justice.

6-28 YOU CAN’T DO GOD’S WORK WITHOUT IT – FIVE SKILLS TO KICK YOUR COMMUNICATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL
Char Wenc

Over 80 percent of our day is spent communicating. Char Wenc will focus on the people skills that are crucial to success in communication and the practical things that really make it work, even with the most challenging person. As a Professor of Interpersonal Communication at Loyola University in Chicago, Wenc will share her knowledge and experience with humor and realism. What you will find in this workshop is what you were never taught in any classroom, but it will empower you in both your professional and personal life.

6-29 THRESHOLDS: NAVIGATING THE DIFFICULT TRANSITIONS OF LIFE
David Whyte

Every new epoch in the life of an individual or a society announces itself initially through difficulty, confusion or a sense of losing anchorage. We seem to be in this stage at the present. In the midst of a challenging complexity – personal or political – how do we navigate rough waters? Through the insights of poetry, David Whyte will look at the part of us that can “go ahead,” beyond the boundaries. It is this experience of the frontier where courage, imagination and energy are all found for transitional challenges. Poetry can be our conversation with the intangible, the numinous and the about-to-happen.

6-30 THƯỞNG DÁY CẮM EM LỚP RUỘC LỄ LÀN DẦU VỀ THÀNH LỄ
Frere Trần An-Phong, FSC

7-01  JESUS AND THE POLITICS OF COMPASSION

Barbara E. Bowe, RSCJ

Who is Jesus for us today and how do we live faithfully in his footsteps? Compassion is a central hallmark of the Judeo-Christian understanding of God and of the life and ministry of Jesus. By exploring several key Gospel passages we will learn from Jesus what it means to embrace in our lives a “politics of compassion” today.

7-02  IT’S ELEMENTARY! USING MUSIC & MOVEMENT CREATIVELY IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

John Burland

How can music and movement be incorporated into religious education to creatively and effectively enhance the learning process? Participants in this workshop will be actively involved in a variety of energizing activities and songs that are suitable for children at the elementary level. Areas such as Scripture, Sacraments, doctrine and Church seasons will be addressed during this session.

7-03  INTEGRITY AND GOSPEL LEADERSHIP

Donald Cozzens, PhD

This workshop will address our call to integrity, transparency and accountability in light of the recent scandals that have touched our Church.

7-04  CONFRONTING THE MASSIVE SECULARITY OF TODAY’S YOUNG ADULTS

Rev. John C. Cusick

There is a lament among many in the Church today that our parishes are older, lacking in attendance and missing the vitality brought to communities by younger people. Apparently an increasing number of young adults do not see the need and value of religion in their lives. They are good people, spiritual people, but not religious people. This workshop will address that phenomenon and offer some practical strategies to make parish life more accessible to today’s younger, more secular, less-religious-but-spiritual young adults in their 20s and 30s.

7-05  BEARERS OF LIGHT: A GIFT AND CHALLENGE

The Gospel message reminds us that “we are light” and counsels us not to hide our light but rather “give it away.” As evangelizers we are summoned to share the light of faith in our households, in our parish communities, at work and always. What are the hopes and challenges for our evangelizing efforts as we proclaim the Word and live the Word in deed and action?

Msgr. Ray East

Msgr. Ray East is presently Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila in Washington, D.C., where he also directs the Office of Black Catholics and is Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese. Msgr. East works in the areas of youth ministry and evangelization.

7-06  EFFECTIVE PRAYER WITH CHILDREN: IT’S EASIER THAN YOU THINK!

Steven Ellair

Ever get stuck when it comes to prayer with children? Looking for new and creative ideas to use? Then sign up for this workshop! We will explore how essential prayer is for children and learn easy techniques for creating powerful prayer experiences. We will identify the keys necessary for nurturing a child’s relationship to God.

7-07  OSCAR ROMERO OF THE AMERICAS – A MARTYR FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Julian Filochowski

On Monday, March 24, 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, capital of the Central American nation of El Salvador, was shot dead at the altar because he spoke the truth about the dark evils of repression and exploitation in his country. He loved his people and authentically lived out the option for the poor. He was an ordinary pastor who did extraordinary things. He walked in the Light, and it was his road to Calvary.

7-08  WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THESE KIDS?

Amy Florian

Are you involved in preparing Children’s Liturgy of the Word? Have you found that sometimes it turns into entertainment or just keeping the kids busy until they can return to worship? Who is looking for creative and liturgically appropriate ideas? This practical session explores why and how we create energizing and meaningful liturgical experiences for Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

7-09  BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Paul F. Ford, PhD

Since 1988, Dr. Paul Ford has taught at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., where he is currently Professor of Systematic Theology and Liturgy. In addition, he teaches ecclesiology, sacramental theology, eschatology, Mariology, music and liturgy, chant and spirituality. In 1995 he was honored by Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony with the Laudatus Award “for excellence in the promotion of the liturgical life of the parishes and the people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.”
7-10 **LECTIO DIVINA WITH THOMAS MERTON**
Meg Funk, OSB & Kathleen Deignan, CND

Thomas Merton left a rich legacy of spiritual writing that rekindled the practice of *lectio divina* (“sacred reading”) for contemporary Christians. Sr. Meg Funk will teach the tradition of *lectio divina* through the manifold voices of Scripture, nature and experience, and musician-composer Sr. Kathleen Deignan will explore how spiritual master Thomas Merton invites modern worldly contemplatives to the sustaining art of *lectio divina*.

7-11 **FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION: WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS**
Dr. Jerry Galipeau

Each and every parish exists in order to evangelize: “Go, therefore, and teach all nations!” Explore ways that Whole Community/intergenerational catechetical models can embrace this Gospel mandate for evangelization and Christian formation.

7-12 **SOUL SISTERS – WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE**
Edwina Gateley

During this session we will explore the role of some women in Scripture as they come alive and speak to contemporary women. We will be empowered and affirmed by the living spirits of our sisters who have gone before us.

7-13 **WHEN GRIEF FOLLOWS A SUICIDE: ARE GOD’S LOVING ARMS WIDE ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US?**
The Rev. Richard B. Gilbert, PhD, CT

The growing numbers surrounding suicide should be a concern to all of us. While we respond with horror when it involves a child or teen, the fastest growing numbers are with people over 65. Sometimes religion has burdened the griever. This seminar will discuss the journey of grief following a suicide, how we can walk with them and the wideness of God’s mercy through all of this.

7-14 **THE MINISTRY OF LITURGICAL MUSIC: A MUSICAL, LITURGICAL AND PASTORAL MISSION**
David Haas

Since Vatican II, the journey of liturgical music has been filled with creativity, experimentation, growth and diversity, alongside an explosion of repertoire and resources; resulting in a divided conversation about the role and place of music. Music ministry often becomes a division over style and purpose in communal worship. This session will explore these stances, and through music and reflection, re-focus us all to the true role of music in the liturgy and to our calling as ministers of music – whether in leadership or in the assembly.

7-15 **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: THEOLOGY AND MUSIC**
Rev. Jan Michael Joncas

The “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” calls the Eucharistic Prayer the “core and summit of the entire celebration” (GIRM #78). In this session, we will explore its structure and theological themes and compare various musical settings of the texts.

7-16 **AMAZING YOUTH MISSION TRIPS: HOW TO CHOOSE THE BEST FOR YOU**
Jim Knowles

Jim Knowles is the Special Markets Manager for Group Publishing. He has more than 25 years of youth ministry experience in high school teaching, retreat work, parish and diocesan ministry and on the national youth ministry front. He has been a workshop presenter at both the Religious Education Congress and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry.

7-17 **PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED: HOW DO WE PREACH AND TEACH THE GOOD NEWS TO MODERN PEOPLE?**
Richard Leonard, SJ

As proclaimers of the Good News it is not what we have to say but how we say it that counts in the transmission of the faith. Using parables, stories and examples from television and film, Fr. Richard Leonard will show how we can present complex and traditional spiritual insights in the modern tongue.

7-18 **THE CHURCH DESIRED BY VATICAN II**
Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin

This session will reflect on the questions: Is the Church today truly the Church desired by Vatican II? Has the doctrine of Vatican II been received in the Church universal? Are there areas where this vision has been blocked or impeded? What are the challenges in the Church’s future?

7-19 **EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY**
Kenan B. Osborne, OFM

A Gospel-centered community is the basis for both the celebration of the Eucharist and for a eucharistic spirituality. Though these realities are interrelated, the health of the Christian community is at its foundation. This workshop will consider the eucharist of the world and the eucharist of the altar. Liturgy itself is a tool to enhance a Christian community, but it cannot play the major role. The Gospel plays the key role in building up a community and enhancing the Mass and eucharistic spirituality.
7-20 MORE THAN A JOB: RESPONDING TO THE CALL

The U.S. Catholic population has grown by 20 million over the last 40 years. This growth also ushered an explosion of needs and expectations for ministry in every possible arena of Church life. Lay ecclesial ministers are the “new kids on the block” when it comes to parish leadership – a reality that continues to unfold throughout the United States, and most especially in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. This workshop will provide the theological foundation for alternative models of leadership and the hands-on experience of those already serving in a parish as a Parish Life Director or Priest Minister.

Sr. Carol Quinlivan, CSJ
Sr. Carol Quinlivan, a sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a spiritual director, retreat facilitator and a certified Master Catechist. She currently serves as Director for the Office of Parish Life at the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Previously, she worked for seven years as a Regional Coordinator for the archdiocesan Office of Religious Education, and five years as Campus Minister at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Rev. Jim Clarke
Fr. Jim Clarke is presently Director of Spiritual Formation and Chair of the Spiritual Theology Department at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. He is also Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles. Fr. Clarke is a popular retreat director and conference speaker in and around the Southern California area.

7-21 DISCOVERING OUR HIDDEN TREASURE

Joyce Rupp, OSM

In our busy world we often get caught in the whirlwind and miss the beauty of our truest, deepest self. This workshop is based on the parables of the pearl of great price and the treasure hidden in the field. Joyce Rupp’s reflections and suggestions will help restore confidence not only in your personal talents and self-worth, they will motivate you to enthusiastically re-enter your ministry with stronger belief in your inner resources. This workshop will also inspire those in leadership to enable others to believe in and activate their talents and abilities. It is time to recognize and celebrate our treasures!

7-22 STAND IN THE LIGHT: NOURISH YOUR SOUL!

David Wells, Jo Boyce & Mike Stanley

Your soul receives and responds to the Light! In this session we will look at what we mean by the “soul” and how we nourish it. The session will revisit tradition, recent research, spiritual writers, art and music to consider what we understand by the soul, and how it compels us to bask in the Light. In the session we hope to inspire and encourage you to reconsider the soul, how it shapes our deeper desires and how we might feed it! As catechists and teachers we will look for ways to communicate what we are learning so that we not only stand in the Light, but reflect it!

7-23 TAKING THE NEXT STEP IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Dr. Robert J. Wicks

One participates in liturgy, prays regularly, is active in the parish, and tries to be a good person, but it doesn’t seem to be enough anymore. One is plagued with the honest and practical question: What do I do next? In this presentation, invitations from both the East and the West are offered as to how the “inner soil” needs to be prepared for the next step in the spiritual life.

7-24 FROM MENTAL ILLNESS TO SPIRITUAL WISDOM: A FATHER-DAUGHTER ODYSSEY

Tom & Barbara Zanzig

Based on the powerful response to their presentation last year, Tom and Barbara Zanzig return to tell the moving story of their journey as father and daughter – through the pain and occasional trauma of Barb’s bipolar condition to spiritual insight and personal transformation. The lessons they have learned can help all young adults and their parents who love them.

Tom Zanzig, 62, is a freelance writer, trainer, retreat director and speaker. He is President of his own publishing and consulting company, Zanzig & Associates. Barb Zanzig, 31, works as a make-up artist for MAC Cosmetics in Madison, Wis. She has learned to accept her mental illness as a gift that offers powerful spiritual lessons.

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Thánh Thế là Suối Nguồn và Mẫu Gương của Đối Song Kì-tố Hữu


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8-01 A BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART: FOUNDATION FOR CONTEMPORARY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

Stephen J. Binz

The traditional devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is solidly rooted in Scripture and offers a rich source of spiritual renewal today. The human heart – the biblical symbol for the human will and passion – can become hardened. But God has promised to change our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. The heart of Jesus, pierced and flowing with living streams of blood and water, is a threshold inviting us into the experience of divine love. Discover how devotion to the Sacred Heart can be revitalized in our day through a spirituality that is biblical, ecumenical and oriented toward the contemporary world.

8-02 EVANGELIZED BY GANG MEMBERS: SOLIDARITY AND FRIENDSHIP IN THE BARRIO

Using stories and parables from the “barrio” and Homeboy Industries, the theological underpinnings of solidarity will be explored. This session will posit that by allowing ourselves to be evangelized by those on the margins, we evangelize the culture.

Gregory J. Boyle, SJ

Jesuit Fr. Greg Boyle is founder and Executive Director of Jobs For a Future/Homeboy Industries, an employment referral program for gang-involved and at-risk youth. The former Pastor of Dolores Mission in Los Angeles is a nationally renowned speaker at conferences for teachers, social workers and criminal justice workers.

8-03 QUIET MY SOUL – CARING FOR THE CATECHISTS

Monica Brown & Hilary Musgrave, RSC

Join us for an opportunity to pause and be still, to come into a sacred space and simply be. Through the blending and weaving of music with Scripture imagery, sacred clowning and ritual, this session will be a chance to reflect on one’s own journey in the quiet of one’s own heart, and find there a sense of God.

8-04 DEACONS TODAY AND TOMORROW: HOW DO THEY FIT INTO THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH?

William T. Ditewig

The impetus for Vatican II’s renewal of the diaconate as a permanent order of ministry came from Western Europe, especially Germany. While the Germans had been talking about the renewed diaconate as early as 1840, the real catalyst is found at the Dachau Concentration Camp during World War II. The insights from these historical reflections will fuel a discussion about the future of the diaconate in the contemporary Church, dispel lingering myths and misperceptions, and offer ways the diaconate may provide support for pastoral efforts and renewal in the Church and in the contemporary world.

8-05 “HEAR! I AM”

Dr. Michael J. Downey

Nothing sheds light on life like Scripture, and nothing sheds light on the Scriptures like life. In teaching Scriptures to youth, Australian Dr. Michael Downey noticed how often the phrase “Here I am” appeared, and when it did, the spotlight turned to something significant. Working with teachers, youth leaders and others in ministry, he noticed how the same teaching stories helped adults shed light on their own particular situations. This workshop will offer ways how, like Mary, we can attend to life’s chaos if we ponder all these things in our hearts.

8-06 HOW TO PREPARE CHILDREN – AND THEIR PARENTS – FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Elizabeth Ficocelli

The Sacraments are the special and intimate ways God becomes present in our daily lives. This presentation takes a family approach in making these important connections to God come alive in our young children and their parishes, instilling in all of us a deeper appreciation of our Catholic faith. (This is a repeat of Session 2-09.)

8-07 THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY: CAN I GET AN UPGRADE?

D.J. Florian

Every time we profess belief in the resurrection of the body, we acknowledge that we are destined to exist for all eternity as a human person – body and soul. Our belief in the resurrection of the body should inform and guide our moral decision-making. Using the teachings of John Paul II’s “Theology of the Body” as a lens, we will explore the implications of the human person created in the image of God. We will also try to understand what God intends for us by looking to the future resurrection of the body – the human person fully alive.

8-08 CAN WE TALK? FINDING INTIMACY IN A CULTURE OF ISOLATION

Fran Ferder, FSPA and Rev. John Heagle, MA, JCL

Recent studies are pointing to an alarming reality in our society: As our information technology becomes more sophisticated, our experience of true intimacy is diminishing. Ironically, despite cell phones, email and instant messaging, we are rapidly becoming a culture of isolation. This session addresses the deep human longing for heart-to-heart intimacy by exploring the spiritual practice of “intentional communication” – a path that honors our holy desire for closeness that lasts.
8-09 THE BYSTANDER’S DILEMMA: A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE

Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Bullies, like most people, have no power in and of themselves. Their initial source of power comes from the active encouragement of others. However, the bully’s greater source of power comes from the silent witnesses of their violence. This silent, observing majority unwittingly endorses and participates in the bully’s assaults on others. Those who see the attacks but do nothing share responsibility for the attacks. Thus, the bystander is faced with a problem of moral conscience. This session will address the moral/ethical responsibility of teachers, politicians, parents and even small children on schoolyards.

8-10 CO-WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD: TOWARD A TOTAL THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY

Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD

This session takes the U.S. bishops’ recent document, “Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Resource for Guiding the Development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry,” as a starting point for reflecting theologically on today’s reality of ministerial diversity. What impact has the rise of lay ecclesial ministry had on our understanding of the ordained ministry? What role do these new ministries play in empowering all of the baptized to take up the mission of Christ in the world?

8-11 THE GRACE OF EACH MOMENT

This workshop explores through song and word, the presence of God in daily living. Much of Liam Lawton’s work is rooted in early Irish and Celtic spirituality, where each day had its own rituals in facing the ups and downs of everyday life. God’s presence was the life-giving force from which people drew strength in times of difficulty and hope in times of doubt. Thus, the omnipresence of God is celebrated from dawn until dusk.

Liam Lawton
Liam Lawton is a priest of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin in Ireland. The composer and performer has recorded 11 albums. He has been director of music in his own diocese for a number of years, and is often invited to speak at various conventions and present workshops at home and abroad. Among his numerous radio and TV appearances, Fr. Lawton’s second PBS TV special, “The Song of the Celtic Soul,” will be broadcast in the U.S. in March 2007.

8-12 EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE (EQ) IN LEADERSHIP

Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD

Even highly skilled leaders often fall short when dealing with the emotional issues that arise when working with individuals and groups. This workshop will explore Emotional Intelligence (EQ), the array of personal and social skills that allow leaders to be more successful in their leadership role. Participants will have an opportunity to assess their EQ, understand its personal and social dimensions and, through case examples, examine how to balance information from their emotional center with information from their rational center. Practical suggestions for becoming more skillful will be explored.

8-13 YOUNG ADULTS: FINDING OUR PLACE, AND THE CHURCH FINDING US

Jesse Manibusan

“I’m lost, and I can’t be found!” Welcome to the many shades of light and darkness in the reality of being a young adult in the Church, and in the world. Who are young adults? They’re in college. They’re working full time. They’re single, married, divorced, separated, ordained, religious, parents, professionals. How can the baptized begin to more fully reach out and serve, sacrifice for, seek reconciliation from and celebrate young adults in our lives? I don’t know. But if we get together, we might take a shot. Be prepared to write, sing, laugh, cry, wonder, shout, move, question and challenge.

8-14 IGNITING THE PASSION OF CATHOLIC BELIEFS AND RITUALS

This workshop is designed to help families to infuse faith conversations and spiritual dimensions into their everyday activities. Practical tips will be presented to engage the whole family to see God’s presence everywhere. All of life is holy. It’s time to be wide awake. Catechetical moments are around us all the time.

Leland D. Nagel
Lee Nagel is an educator by profession and a catechist by vocation, a teacher by trade and an evangelist by Baptism. His expertise as author and lecturer has taken him to all areas of the United States, speaking at diocesan and youth events as well as parish missions. He serves as a part-time national sales consultant for Benziger, a division of Macmillan/McGraw-Hill.
8-15 *FOSTERING CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS IMAGINATION*

This workshop will explore the importance of imagination in the learning process, particularly in the processes of religious education. Some practical suggestions and applications in religious education will be made, especially for children aged 4 through 12 years.

**Brendan O’Reilly**

Brendan O’Reilly is a teacher, lecturer, catechetical writer and national Director of Catechesis in Ireland. Previously he was Administrator for the “Alive-O” Catechetical Programme for Ireland and Scotland. He has taught all levels from primary (elementary) to post-primary (high school). O’Reilly is currently working on various national (Ireland) initiatives as Executive Secretary of the Irish Episcopal Commission on Catechetics.

**Maura Hyland**

Since the 1970s, Maura Hyland has been working in religious education in Ireland as a teacher, catechist and author of religious education texts for use at the national (Ireland) level. Most recently she has been employed as Director of Veritas Communications, an agency of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference, and is Publisher of the National Catechetical Programmes of Ireland.

8-16 *SINGING AND PRAYING THE SEASONS*

**Christine A. Ondrla**

Each season of the Church year has its own colors, sights, sounds and smells. How can we introduce our children to the beauty of the changing seasons? Come, pray and sing with us. Take home new songs and prayers for the children in your parish.

8-17 *BEARERS OF THE LIGHT: THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN TODAY’S WORLD*

The People of God share a mission of restoring Gospel values in today’s world and working toward a more just society. As a result of Baptism, it is our “right” and “duty” to enter into this mission. We are the People who God has gifted to be bearers of the Light and to be the love of God to those in need. But we need encouragement to enter into the mission, people who can help us discern our gifts and calling, and support for our ministries. This workshop will help renew and restore enthusiasm for the journey. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps will be introduced as one opportunity for retired laity to enter into the mission.

**Josie Piranio**

San Diego native Josie Piranio – wife, mother and grandmother – has developed and presented workshops, retreats and presentations. As a presenter of Isaiah Parish Missions and as founder of Revive All! Ministries, she has traveled as a national speaker giving missions in Catholic churches throughout the country. Piranio is presently San Diego Regional Director of Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

8-18 *WELCOMING THE STARVING: RCIA AS BREAD FOR PARISH LIFE*

**Ronald Patrick Raab, CSC**

Welcoming the poor in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults becomes a source of revitalizing the parish. We will explore celebrating the various RCIA rites as new life for the assembly. We will name ways of community involvement, teaching people to pray and challenging the assembly to serve those in need.

8-19 *BIBLICAL BORDER-RUNNING: VIOLATING THE LINES THAT SEPARATE US*

**Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**

In this session, we will explore those biblical voices that suggest that the People of God ought to ignore the separation of nation and culture that divides peoples and be willing to reach out to others in the name of faith, peace and justice. We will explore Old Testament and New Testament concepts of “biblical border-running.”
8-20 LOOKING FOR BEAUTY AND LIGHT MOMENTS

Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD

There is so much beauty surrounding us – if only we would take the time to notice. Beauty has a way of capturing our senses, and the wonderful thing about beauty is that we store it in our minds to be played over and over again. We can find those light moments in a sunset, a smile, a tender embrace, a shared laugh with a friend, a moment of reconciliation. It is this contagious joy that gives us the ability to be open to the exultation, rejoicing and celebration of each lived moment!

8-21 LITURGICAL MUSIC – EXTREME MAKEOVER II

They’re back! Last year this dynamic team brought the house down with the passionate participation of all who attended. Join in this year’s new, uplifting and informative session with some creative pastoral musicians in the Los Angeles region as they demonstrate simple to advanced techniques for breathing new life into some more of our most beloved Catholic standards. You’ll leave with a renewed outlook on music in the liturgy and how to achieve full and active participation from your parish community. This session is for all. Come prepared to sing your heart out!

Vic Vanacore
Celebrating 25 years as Music Director at St. Euphrasia Church in Granada Hills, Calif., Vic Vanacore is an accomplished composer, arranger, conductor and music educator. He has traveled the world performing with the London Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Vienna Boys Choir, the Jackson 5, Johnny Mathis, Barry Manilow, among others. Vanacore was recently honored with a Grammy Award for his work with Ray Charles.

Cesar Marquez
With 20 years in music ministry, Cesar Marquez is a bilingual Catholic recording artist and founder of Wings Music Ministry. He has led music ministry workshops and formation classes in the Los Angeles area and has served as a cantor, featured presenter and performer at parishes and retreats throughout Southern California. He currently serves as music minister at St. Monica’s Parish in Santa Monica, Calif.

Sean Mahon
Sean Mahon is a Los Angeles-based musician and songwriter with over 25 years in music ministry. He currently shares music director responsibilities at American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Mahon has recently formed the Catholic Artists and Musicians Group, which seeks to promote the advancement of Catholic music through the development of new artists, new music and new recordings.

8-22 RE-IMAGINING ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Michael Theisen

The recent results of the National Study of Youth and Religion clearly show that adolescent catechesis is at an all-important crossroads in our Church. If we are to embrace this component as central to our efforts, we must look honestly and openly at what is and is not working effectively in today’s culture. This workshop will examine the “what” and “why” of the models and methods that can be used for echoing the Catholic faith to younger and older adolescents in today’s rapidly changing culture.

8-23 EVERYBODY CELEBRATE! MEETING DIVERSE NEEDS WITH MULTI-SENSORY SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Ana M. Arista & Joseph D. White, PhD

This workshop, led by a clinical child psychologist and a parish Director of Religious Education, will discuss ways to use multiple senses in preparing for the Sacraments in order to accommodate for the various learning styles and special needs represented in our parish communities. Special emphasis will be placed on preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.
**UN MENSAJE DEL CARDENAL**

Queridos Participantes al Congreso:

Con gozo les doy la bienvenida a nuestro Congreso de Educación Religiosa anual. Este evento lleno del Espíritu representa una maravillosa oportunidad para reunirnos y renovar nuestro compromiso de transmitir la riqueza de nuestra fe católica: nuestras creencias, nuestros rituales y nuestras tradiciones espirituales.

El tema seleccionado “Permanecer en la Luz” fluye a partir del relato de la transfiguración en el evangelio de Lucas, en el cual encontramos el esplendor de Cristo en medio de una luminosidad deslumbrante, manifestando así su divinidad. Este mismo Cristo ilumina hoy nuestras vidas y nos obliga a reconocer nuestra gloria interior. El resplandor de su luz sobre nosotros puede ser una fuerza reveladora de la verdad, si permitimos que penetre hasta lo más profundo de nuestros corazones.

Me alienta saber que muchos de ustedes aprovecharán la oportunidad para enriquecerse en los excelentes talleres, celebraciones litúrgicas, experiencias multiculturales y en las diversas oportunidades de inter-comunicación que se les ofrecerán durante todo el fin de semana. Su liderazgo y participación son clave para la constante renovación espiritual de nuestras comunidades parroquiales de fe.

Estén seguros de mi apoyo continuo mientras siguen “compartiendo la luz de la fe” con tanta generosidad.

Por favor déjennos así nuestras bendiciones sobre cada uno de ustedes, sus familias y sus comunidades parroquiales, dicho de ustedes.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Su Eminencia, Cardenal Rogelio Mahony
Arzobispo de Los Ángeles

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**UN MENSAJE DE LA DIRECTORA**

Queridos Amigos:

Es un placer para mí darles de nuevo la más cordial bienvenida a otro maravilloso Congreso. Durante este fin de semana se nos ofrece la oportunidad de reunirnos, renovarnos y reafirmar nuestro compromiso de compartir la “Buena Nueva.”

Nuestro tema para 2007 “Permanecer en la Luz” nos impulsa a disfrutar del increíble resplandor de un Dios cuya gloria y luz nos penetra a todos, a todo y en todo lugar. Al aceptar que esta luz que todo lo envuelve es al mismo tiempo un reto y una fuente de consuelo, nos invita a celebrar el don de la constancia de Dios, reconocemos también que algunas veces nos rehusamos a “Permanecer en la Luz – ser luz.”

Nos sentimos muy entusiastas por la calidad y cantidad de nuestros retadores y profundos talleres, temas y recursos ofrecidos durante todo el fin de semana. Consciente siempre de la realidad multicultural del Sur de California, el Congreso de Educación Religiosa ofrece muchas oportunidades de experimentar y celebrar la riqueza de nuestras diferentes comunidades de fe.

Las motivadoras celebraciones litúrgicas y los momentos de entretenimiento preparados ciertamente renovarán nuestros espíritus y llenarán nuestros corazones de gozo. En medio de estas diversas actividades, habrá también espacios para disfrutar momentos de silenciosa contemplación, tiempo para recorrer los laberintos y oportunidades para celebrar el sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Nuevamente agradezco su liderazgo y compromiso fiel de seguir esparciendo “la Luz de la Fe.” ¡Son ustedes un regalo y una bendición!

Espero verlos y saludarlos en este gran evento.

Sinceramente,

Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC
Directora, Oficina de Educación Religiosa
Apreciables catequistas y ministros de la Iglesia,

Una vez más, me siento privilegiado de darles la bienvenida al Congreso de Educación Religiosa, que año con año nos da la oportunidad de crecer en nuestra fe.

El tema del congreso, “Permanecer en la luz,” nos invita a descubrir y profundizar en las maravillas de Dios. Las primeras palabras de la Escritura nos recuerdan como la luz es la primera obra de la creación que al disipar las tinieblas nos permite ver todo lo bueno que hace Dios. Es esa misma bondad de nuestro creador que nos da el Sol que baja de lo alto para alumbrar a los que nos encontramos entre tinieblas y sombras de muerte. Ese resplandor luminoso es Cristo, que penetra en nuestros corazones y nos transforma colmándonos de su amor y llevándonos hacia Él, quien es camino verdad y vida.

Los conferencistas, las liturgias y la convivencia fraternal, indudablemente nos señalarán maneras prácticas para “permanecer en la luz” y con esta luz iluminar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, mostrando todo lo bueno que Dios ha hecho e irradiando el amor de aquel que es la Luz del Mundo.

Agradeciendo a Dios por esta oportunidad que nos reúne como Iglesia para convivir, crecer en nuestra fe y solidarizarnos permanezco,

Atentamente su hermano Cristo,

Humberto Ramos
Director Asociado
Oficina de Educación Religiosa

La luz se expande llenando toda la creación de belleza, calor, amor y consuelo. La invitación a “Permanecer en la Luz” nos despierta para que nos dejemos envolver por el increíble resplandor de un Dios cuya gloria y luminosidad penetra en cada uno, en todas las cosas y en todas partes.

Permaneciendo en la Luz, recibimos plenamente esta presencia penetrante y así descubrimos nuestra gloria interior. La Luz de Cristo, que brilla en nuestros corazones derramando en nosotros energía e inspiración, puede ser una fuerza reveladora de la verdad, si permitimos que penetre hasta los oscuros rincones de nuestras vidas y nos transforme en seres nuevos.

Reconociendo que “En nombre de Dios, digo que es verdad que el resplandor del Cielo brota de mí hacia ti” (B. Kenneally) nos atrevemos a ser esa claridad para ir co-creando nuestro mundo en el que todos podamos vivir en paz y en una relación armoniosa.

– Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC
Directora, Oficina de Educación Religiosa
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### MENSAJE DE LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Muy queridas compañeras, queridos compañeros en el ministerio catequético:

Permanecer en la luz es el tema del congreso 2007. La luz es una de las imágenes preferidas por el Evangelio. En Juan 1,9 leemos que Cristo es la luz verdadera que ilumina a toda la humanidad. Juan 8,12 Jesús nos dice “Yo soy la luz del mundo. El que me sigue no caminará a oscuras, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida.” El simbolismo de la luz designa con frecuencia a las personas bautizadas “ustedes son la luz del mundo” “Qué brille la luz de ustedes ante la humanidad.”

¡Ser luz para el mundo! Gran privilegio y tremenda responsabilidad, es el conjunto de todas las personas bautizadas viviendo a la manera de Jesús la que hará resplandecer la luz de Cristo, la que encenderá al mundo con su claridad para disipar las tinieblas del egoísmo y desamor. Es por esto que con gran entusiasmo me dirijo a ustedes para invitarles a vivir nuevamente los días maravillosos de nuestro Congreso anual de Educación Religiosa del 2 al 4 de marzo del 2007. Como todos los años disfrutaremos de talleres propios para cada uno de nuestros ministerios, tendremos la oportunidad de renovar antiguas amistades y convivir con tantas personas que con gran ardo tratan trabajan por el Reino.

Celebraremos, como siempre hermosas e inspiradoras liturgias y quiero recordarles de nuestra liturgia bilingüe el sábado 3 de marzo en el Hall B, ahí les espero.

Hasta vernos en el congreso 2007, les abrazo con mi cariño de siempre.

Lourdes González-Díaz
Coordinadora de Ministerios Catequéticos
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ASAMBLEA GENERAL (“KEY”)

RICARDO GRZONA

“Catequista: Luz para alumbrar a las naciones”

Domingo, 8:30 am

Ricardo Grzona fue profesor de catequesis y de catequética en varios seminarios e universidades. También, fue Secretario de Catequesis y Educación del CELAM. El es Presidente de la Fundación Ramón Pané y Consultor Católico de las Sociedades Bíblicas Unidas para las Américas.

MISA DE LAS AMERICAS

Sábado – 5:15 pm

Combinando la música, el ritual y el espíritu de los participantes que hablan dos idiomas – Español e Inglés. La Misa de Las Américas honrará la riqueza de la cultura y sus talentos de nuestra cultura y afirmará nuestra llamada a celebrar la unidad en la diversidad.

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I-51 LA NUEVA LUZ: CÓMO EL MINISTERIO FORMA LA IGLESIA Y SU MISIÓN

Todos somos llamados a participar en el sacerdocio de Cristo, cada quien según su don. Esta presentación tratará seis modelos históricos mostrando como se desarrolló el ministerio en la Iglesia y como hoy está formando la Iglesia y su misión en el mundo de hoy.

Mons. Arturo J. Bañuelas, STD

I-52 AÑO LITÚRGICO Y AÑO RELIGIOSO HISPANO

¿Por qué nuestro Pueblo Hispano prefiere celebrar el miércoles de ceniza a los domingos de Cuaresma? ¿Por qué le da más gusto celebrar el vía crucis del viernes Santo que el domingo de la Pascua de Resurrección? ¿Por qué le llamará y llenará más la atención el celebrar la fiesta de Guadalupe que los domingos de Adviento?

Benjamín Bravo Pérez

I-53 CUANDO EL SUFRIMIENTO DE LOS JÓVENES NO ES NORMAL

Durante este taller hablaremos de los síntomas y manifestaciones de los problemas principales que afectan a la juventud en su salud psíquica, mental, emocional y espiritual. La salud es un derecho de la persona, y el joven, en su proceso de crecimiento, merece crecer en un ambiente que le facilite superar las crisis de su etapa de desarrollo y adaptarse a la sociedad como una persona adulta responsable. Durante este taller se darán algunas pautas para la prevención y el tratamiento de los desórdenes psiquicos más comunes de la juventud.

Carlos Carrillo Velásquez
Carlos Carrillo, nació en la ciudad de México, llegó a los Estados Unidos a trabajar con la comunidad Hispánica. En 1985 trabajó en la Clínica de Campesinos en el Área de Salud Mental como terapeuta y supervisor. Al mismo tiempo fue contratado por la Diócesis de Yakima, Wash., para trabajar con la juventud hispana. El orador nacional es miembro del Instituto Fe y Vida. Actualmente es el Administrador en el Departamento de Servicios Sociales para Familias y Niños en la ciudad de Richland y Walla Walla en el estado de Washington.

I-54 APRENDER DE LOS FRACASOS

Los éxitos y fracasos entrelazan nuestra existencia, son inherentes a la naturaleza humana. Expresan nuestra potencialidad y nuestras limitaciones, nuestra grandeza y fragilidad. Hablamos de fracaso cuando nuestras expectativas, proyectos y aspiraciones no llegan a realizarse o a cumplirse como esperábamos. Provocan un sentimiento de frustración, que a veces se acompaña de tristeza, enfado, serenidad en función del valor que otorgamos a esa aspiración no lograda. Hablamos de éxito cuando llegamos a cumplir nuestros proyectos según las expectativas que nos planteamos. El éxito, al igual que los fracasos son indispensables para vivir. Sin embargo, son unas de las experiencias más difíciles de asumir. ¿Cómo podemos afrontar los fracasos? ¿Cómo podemos extraer de ellos una sabiduría válida para la vida? El propósito de este taller es poder responder a estas preguntas y encontrar claves de comprensión y de actuación.

Ana García-Mina Freire
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### SESIÓN 1

#### 1-55 LA COMISIÓN LITÚRGICA EN LA PARROQUIA – ¿BENDICIÓN O CONFUSIÓN?

En este taller se expondrá este recurrente e interesante tema analizando la realidad y necesidad de las comisiones litúrgicas en nuestras parroquias. Se presentará un modelo para el equipo de liturgia parroquial, estudiando los diferentes desafíos culturales, lingüísticos y ministeriales que existen en las parroquias hispanas de los Estados Unidos. Se ofrecerán sugerencias prácticas, dando a conocer una cronología de pasos a seguir “para que florezca el sentido comunitario parroquial sobre todo en la celebración común de la Misa dominical.”

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#### 1-56 EL ARTE DE ENSEÑAR LOS SACRAMENTOS

Es importante que los niños aprendan a vivir los sacramentos. Una tarea específica del catequista es enseñarlos a vivir una vida sacramental. Este taller presenta diferentes técnicas para enseñar los sacramentos a niños de 7 y 8 años. Se les enseñará a incorporar la música, juegos de computadora, videos, danza litúrgica, el calendario litúrgico, el Internet y los medios de comunicación en general en la enseñanza de los sacramentos. También se ofrecerán ideas para preparar a niños de 10 a 12 años.

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### SESIÓN 2

#### 2-51 IMPROVISANDO EN LA GUITARRA (BILINGÜE)

En este taller Jaime Cortez compartirá algunas ideas de cómo improvisar en la guitarra que ayudarán en tu ejecución como guitarrista. Importante: Usted deberá traer una guitarra de 6 cuerdas, su cejilla y su uña. (Este taller será una presentación bilingüe.)

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#### 2-52 DIFICULTADES, HOY, EN LA TRANSMISIÓN DE LA FE

Padres y catequistas sentimos hoy la dificultad de transmitir nuestra fe. Pero, a pesar de las dificultades, nos animamos porque queremos a nuestros niños y jóvenes. Creemos en la bondad del corazón joven. Confiamos y nos apoyamos en la riqueza de la Buena Noticia que anunciamos. Queremos cultivar los valores que deben asesorar padres y catequistas: La paciencia, el amor… sin esperar nada a cambio.

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**Pedro Rubalcava**

Pedro Rubalcava es orador, músico y canta-autor, quien ha grabado y editado cinco colecciones de cantos para el culto, una de las cuales fue nominada para el premio Grammy en 1990. Durante los últimos 20 años ha trabajado en la pastoral en varias áreas de liturgia y música, catequesis, evangelización, RICA, jóvenes y el ministerio hispano. Actualmente sirve como Director de Ministerios Hispanos de Oregon Catholic Press. También es miembro del Consejo Ejecutivo del Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia así como miembro de la mesa directiva de la Oficina Regional para Asuntos Hispanos del Noroeste.

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**Santiago Fernández**


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**P. Ángel de la Parte Paris**

2-53 FORMACIÓN DE LA CONCIENCIA MORAL

Este taller intenta exponer las ideas fundamentales sobre la conciencia moral, tanto desde el punto de vista psicológico como a partir de la revelación cristiana. Analiza la presentación que el Concilio Vaticano II ofrece de la Conciencia y sugiere algunos puntos para la educación y la catequesis.

José-Román Flecha Andrés

José-Román Flecha ha trabajado en la Diócesis de Buffalo, N.Y., y ha impartido cursos en Los Ángeles y en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa. Es autor de numerosos libros y escribe sobre temas de ética y moral bíblica, catequesis, bioética y vida familiar. Sus reflexiones sobre personajes bíblicos son transmitidas por Radio Vaticano. Además de enseñar en la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca, España, ha sido invitado como profesor por diversas universidades internacionales y como conferencista sobre temas éticos y teológicos en diversos países en cuatro continentes.

2-54 LA VIDA ES UNA EUCARISTÍA (SACRAMENTO DE LA EUCARISTÍA)

El taller pretende presentar el sacramento central de nuestra fe como una realidad que celebramos en la comunidad cristiana y en el corazón de la vida, allí donde trabajamos, vivimos, nos alegramos, sufrimos, hacemos pan y vino. En primer lugar se trata de que los catequistas revisen y actualicen su forma de entender y celebrar la Eucaristía. Sólo cuando hayamos hecho este trabajo podremos tener “ideas y vivencias” para explicar a los demás el verdadero sentido de la celebración eucarística.

Álvaro Ginel Vielva


2-55 LAS CONTRIBUCIONES DE LOS HISPANOS EN CALIFORNIA

Los obispos de los Estados Unidos declararon hace años que los Hispanos somos una bendición para este país. El incremento de hispanos en California ha causado pánico para algunas personas porque estamos cambiando la propia identidad Anglo-Protestante con una identidad Latino-Católica. El Dr. David Hayes-Bautista nos presentará su más reciente estudio publicado en su libro “La Nueva California.” La emergente realidad de California se ve con mucho optimismo, confirmando la voz profética de nuestros obispos.

Dr. David E. Hayes-Bautista

Dr. David Hayes-Bautista es actualmente Profesor de Medicina y Director del Centro para el Estudio de la Salud y la Cultura Latinos y Director, UCLA/Drew Centro de la Excelencia para la Educación Médica Minoritaria en la Escuela de David Geffen de Medicina en la Universidad de California, Los Ángeles. Sus publicaciones aparecen en Family Medicine, el Diario Americano de Sanitaria (American Journal of Public Health), Family Practice, Medical Care y Salud Pública de México.

2-56 ¡LA TRANSFORMACIÓN DEL CORAZÓN DE LOS ADULTOS A TRAVÉS DE LA CATEQUESIS LITÚRGICA!

La Catequesis de Adultos y los sacramentos, bien preparados y celebrados, son un medio excelente para ayudar a la conversión y al proceso de crecimiento de la fe de los adultos. Presentaremos la importancia de enfatizar y reflexionar más profundamente en las palabras, gestos y símbolos de la catequesis litúrgica; así como lo fascinante que es distinguir e implementar habilidades prácticas para la Catequesis litúrgica como proceso en la vida de los Adultos; la Liturgia como Catequesis; la Catequesis para la Liturgia y la Catequesis acerca de la Liturgia.

Laura López

Laura López es Coordinadora del Instituto de Formación para los Ministerios en la Diócesis de San Bernardino, Calif. Licenciada en Educación de la Universidad de Baja California con estudios de Teología Pastoral en Universidad de Santa Clara. Ha sido Consultora para la Oficina de Educación Religiosa y Coordinadora de Ministerios Hispanos. Tienes seis años de experiencia en México como maestra de orientación para Jóvenes y Padres de Familia en el Centro Psicopedagógico Federal, y 13 años de experiencia como presentadora de talleres, retiros e instructora en la Escuela de Formación de la Diócesis (Ahora Instituto de Formación) Ha sido facilitadora de talleres de comunicación interpersonal por más de ocho años (Asociación LECI). Ofrece talleres y retiros sobre comunicación, espiritualidad, corresponsabilidad, catequesis y formación de adultos.
3-51 LA COMPRENSIÓN COMO CAMINO AL AMOR

En todas las relaciones humanas, entre padres e hijos, entre hombres y mujeres, entre diversas razas y religiones, puede haber coexistencia, paz y mutualidad fecundas, sólo si se logra comprender quien es en realidad nuestro interlocutor o interlocutora. La comprensión del otro es el camino para aprender a amar. Sólo amando vamos a lograr una humanidad auténtica.

Rudolf A. Finke

Rudolf Finke nació en Borken, Westfalia, Alemania, con 28 años comenzó actividades pastorales en Argentina y Paraguay. En la Ciudad de México fue Profesor de Humanidades en la Universidad del Tepeyac y Psicólogo en el Colegio Vista Hermosa. En 1984 fue invitado a colaborar con los Misioneros Oblatos de María Inmaculada en la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia en Wilmington, Calif. Desde enero 2003 es Director del Centro de Desarrollo Integral Comunitario en Wilmington, Calif.

3-52 LA MIGRACIÓN MEXICANA Y ESPIRITUALIDAD CRISTIANA

El taller explorará las dinámicas de la migración mexicana, la espiritualidad cristiana como transformación humana. También dará a conocer formas eficaces de apoyo pastoral para la creciente comunidad latina en la Iglesia. El Padre Daniel Groody presentará su más reciente producción cinematográfica titulada “Morir Para Vivir: El Camino del Migrante” (en inglés con subtítulos en español) donde analiza los momentos de fe y esperanza en unos de los lugares más inclementes por donde viajan los migrantes.

P. Daniel Groody, CSC

El P. Daniel Groody es Profesor de Teología y Director del Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture del Institute for Latin Studies en la Universidad de Notre Dame, Ind. Miembro de la Congregación de Santa Cruz, él ha trabajado varios años en Latinoamérica, en particular, en la frontera de Estados Unidos y México. El Padre Groody es el autor de dos libros y uno video cuya explores la vida espiritual de los inmigrantes indocumentados. También ha dado pláticas importantes en numerosas partes del mundo y publicados artículos en varios diarios.

3-53 SÍMBOLOS, ARTE Y CELEBRACIÓN LITÚRGICA

Fe y arte – ¿diálogo o divorcio? Esta sesión descubrirá nuevos lenguajes para expresar la fe. Los símbolos para el anuncio y la denuncia. Celebrar la vida, el dolor, la alegría, la ternura, la justicia.

Siro López Gutiérrez


3-54 LOS PRIMEROS DISCÍPULOS Y MISIONEROS DE JESUCRISTO

En sintonía con el tema de la Quinta Conferencia del CELAM, estudiarremos el discípulo cristiano en el programa narrativo de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Como discípulos de Jesús resucitado, examinaremos las tres indicaciones de su testamento en Hechos 1,8 con el propósito de aprender a valorar la historia, ser sus testigos y organizar la misión que él nos ha encomendado.

P. Armando Noguéz Alcántara

Armando Noguéz es un religioso y presbítero mexicano. Enseña Sagrada Escritura en seminarios, centros teológicos y universidades de México. Colabora periódicamente con las Oﬁcinas de Educación Religiosa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y de otras diócesis de California. Es autor de un manual para estudiar los Evangelios y colaborador de la edición de la Biblia Católica para Jóvenes.

3-55 LOS MANUSCRITOS DEL MAR MUERTO

Presentación de los descubrimientos bíblicos y arqueológicos de los famosos manuscritos del Mar Muerto. Se presentará la importancia de este descubrimiento para en el ámbito de los estudios bíblicos y analizaremos algunos de los manuscritos más conocidos como la “regla de la comunidad,” el “Rollo del Templo,” y el libro “Guerra de los Hijos de las Luz contra los Hijos de las Tinieblas.”

Jaime Vázquez Allegue

Jaime Vázquez Allegue nació en Ferrol, La Coruña, España, es profesor de Introducción a la Biblia, Judaísmo y Literatura Inter-testamentaria en la Facultad de Teología de la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca, España, donde es también Profesor de Comunicación Religiosa en la Facultad de Comunicación. Es miembro del Consejo Directivo de la Asociación Bíblica Española.

3-56 LA INTIMIDAD EMOCIONAL Y ESPIRITUAL EN EL MATRIMONIO

¿Cómo controlar y superar las emociones negativas entre los esposos? ¿Cuáles son los ritos de intimidad que promueven la felicidad mutua? ¿Cómo profundizar la vida espiritual de los esposos cuando hay escasez de tiempo y exceso de estrés? El Dr. John Yzaguirre responderá a estas interrogantes con estrategias concretas y realizables.

John Yzaguirre, PhD

El Dr. John Yzaguirre es un psicólogo católico y autor que se especializa en la integración de la psicología y la espiritualidad católica en la vida familiar. Ha ofrecido sus servicios a la comunidad hispana en Estados Unidos y México desde 1976. Numerosas diócesis y parroquias han usado sus programas de formación a través de los departamentos de Educación Religiosa, Vida Familiar y Pastoral. Actualmente Dirige el Instituto Pro-social de California en Irvine con su esposa Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, M.Div.
4-51 EL SER, SABER Y SABER HACER: COMO CONSTRUCTORES DE LA COMUNIDAD DE FE

Construir la comunidad de fe no es simplemente un ministerio al que dedicamos tiempo, talento y tesón. Es una espiritualidad que brota del ser Discípulos de Jesucristo. Es una manera de saber y saber hacer comunidad en medio de nuestra realidad culturalmente diversa. Ven y descubre nueve pasos concretos para ser y construir una comunidad parroquial más fiel a Jesús y sus enseñanzas, y al pueblo con quien compartimos y damos ejemplo de nuestra fe.

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus
Aguilera-Titus es Director Asociado del Secretariado para Asuntos Hispanos de la Conferencia Episcopal de Estados Unidos (USCCB). Tiene más de 20 años de experiencia en el ministerio, especialmente en el ministerio hispano, el desarrollo del liderazgo y la formación, catequesis, el ministerio con jóvenes y planificación pastoral. Aguilera-Titus, un orador y escritor nacionalmente conocido, es co-autor de la serie “Profetas de la Esperanza” y redactor de la revista Liturgia y Canción.

4-52 LA HISTORIA DE LA SALVACIÓN ES NUESTRA HISTORIA

Mi vida personal y la vida de la Iglesia sólo tienen sentido cuando se integran dentro del proyecto salvífico de Dios. Es necesario aceptar la visión que Dios tiene de la existencia, revelada en el Antiguo Testamento y en Jesús. Este taller nos introduce en una visión actual del sentido de la historia, para reorientar nuestra vida y convertirla de verdad en historia de nuestra salvación.

P. Juan Luis Calderón Varona, OAR
P. Juan Luis Calderón, nació en Valladolid, España, es sacerdote Agustino recoleto. Es Profesor de teología en España, Italia y Estados Unidos, y sirve como Director del Instituto de Formación Pastoral del “Centro Guadalupe” en la Arquidiócesis de Newark, N.J. Es tesorero de la Federación Nacional de Institutos Pastorales y predicador de retiros espirituales.

4-53 LA EVOLUCIÓN DEL SENTIMIENTO RELIGIOSO Y LA EDUCACIÓN EN LA FE EN NUESTRA VIDA

Ana García-Mina Freire
El sentimiento religioso es una dimensión que nos acompaña desde el inicio de nuestra existencia. Si bien, no surge por generación espontánea, vital y psíquicamente existe en el ser humano una gran disposición para que esta vivencia tenga lugar. El niño, la niña nacen preparados con todas las actitudes y capacidades necesarias para dejarse querer por Dios y confiar y creer en Él; pero para que este proceso sea una realidad necesitan de la familia, de un entorno educativo que sea testimonio del Reino y que les ayuden a madurar en la fe. Necesitan de una catequesis que les acompañe en su vivir. El propósito de este taller es ofrecer pistas. Educar desde esta dimensión requiere de una intervención educativa personalizada sensible al proceso evolutivo del niño y la niña.

4-54 ENCARNACIÓN: LA INMIGRACIÓN DE DIOS

Es impresionante la situación de migración que se vivía durante el nacimiento de Jesús: la visitación de María a su prima Isabel, la jornada de María y José a Belén, la migración de los pastores y los reyes magos a donde Jesús, el escape de la Sagrada Familia a Egipto como refugiados políticos, su regreso, y sus peregrinaciones anuales desde Galilea a Jerusalén para las fiestas judías. Pero la migración más significante en la historia de la Navidad es la migración de Cristo mismo: del cielo a la tierra, de la divinidad a la humanidad. Como dice San Pablo, “Él, siendo de condición divina, no reivindicó, en los hechos, la igualdad con Dios, sino que se despojó, tomando la condición de servidor, y llegó a ser semejante a los hombres” (Filipenses 2:6-7). En verdad, ¡el nacimiento del niño Jesús es una historia de revelación divina por medio de migración humana! Esta presentación examinará todos estos temas. Se recomienda a los participantes consultar previamente la historia del nacimiento de Jesús en Mateo 1-2 y Lucas 1-2 y traer su Biblia a la ponencia.

Dr. Timoteo Matovina
Dr. Timoteo Matovina tiene más de veinte años de experiencia sirviendo entre los católicos hispanos y dando conferencias al nivel diocesano y nacional. Actualmente es Profesor de Teología y Director del Cushwa Center para el Estudio del Catolicismo Americano en la Universidad de Notre Dame en South Bend, Ind. Sus publicaciones incluyen un libro en español, “Camino a Emaús: Compartiendo el ministerio de Jesús.”
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**4-55 COMO HABLAR SOBRE LA SEXUALIDAD CON LOS JÓVENES: UNA PERSPECTIVA DE FE**

El Obispo Jaime Soto reflexionará sobre el tema de la sexualidad y el mundo del joven latino. El mundo de hoy presenta una visión distorsionada de la sexualidad que atrae al joven, y está provocando varios problemas para los jóvenes, sus familias y toda la comunidad latina. Muchos catequistas y agentes pastorales se sienten incómodos hablando del tema de la sexualidad. Nuestro silencio es parte del problema. Mons. Soto presentará una perspectiva Católica que nos ayudara a redescubrir el sentido sacramental de la sexualidad humana. El cuerpo humano es templo del Espíritu Santo (1 Cor 6,19) y participa en la obra evangélica de Jesús.

**Mons. Jaime Soto**

Mons. Jaime Soto es actualmente auxiliar de la Diócesis de Orange, Calif. Durante más de 20 años ha servido a la comunidad latina a través de "Caridades Católicas" y luego como Vicario. Una dimensión de su ministerio que le ha dado mucha esperanza fue el acompañamiento a los grupos juveniles en las parroquias de la Diócesis. Sirve ahora como miembro del subcomité para Adolescentes y Jóvenes de la Conferencia Católica de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB).

**4-56 EJES DOCTRINALES DE LA REVELACIÓN JUDEO-CRISTIANA**

Existe la tentación de pensar que la revelación es una serie de verdades abstractas sin conexión con los problemas reales de la vida. La experiencia de la revelación judeo-cristiana nos ha mostrado un Dios que sale a nuestro encuentro. Esta revelación se concretiza de manera personal en el encuentro de Dios con la humanidad en Jesucristo.

**Gonzalo Tejerina-Arias**


**4-57 EL EVANGELIO DE JUDAS**

Jaime Vázquez Allegue

Ante la polémica suscitada por la publicación del evangelio de Judas, haremos una presentación del libro, de su contenido y de los apócrifos cristianos.

**SESIÓN 5**

**5-51 ENORMES TAREAS PARA LOS “MINI”STROS**

Benjamin Bravo Pérez

Las pláticas pre-bautismales y el Ministerio de la Eucaristía con los enfermos tienen vital importancia en el crecimiento y desarrollo de la comunidad familiar en donde se siembra la semilla para una Evangelización continua. ¿Cuáles son las tácticas y estrategias que favorecen este proceso?

**5-52 HACIA UN LIDERAZGO CRISTIANO**

Carlos Carrillo Velásquez

"Porque a los que antes conoció, también los predestinó para que fuesen hechos conforme a la imagen de su Hijo, para que él fuera el primogénito entre muchos hermanos" (Romanos 8,29). Dios nos ha creado a su imagen y semejanza. Nosotros somos el barro y Él es el alfarero. Un taller para descubrir y desarrollar los dones que Dios ha puesto dentro de nuestros corazones. Hablaremos sobre la importancia del carácter, cómo identificar nuestras propias cualidades, conocer el valor auténtico de la persona, y las condiciones negativas y positivas para ser un buen líder de acuerdo a la voluntad de Dios. Un taller de motivación y renovación.

**5-53 LA FAMILIA: UN MINISTERIO DE GRACIA Y ESPERANZA**

La familia enfrenta un gran reto en esta cultura de hoy, especialmente la familia hispana. ¿Cómo puede continuar la familia siendo un signo de esperanza y santidad en medio del caos que la rodea? Nosotros, como miembros de una familia necesitamos regresar a nuestra propia experiencia familiar y reflexionar sobre nuestros hogares y nuestras relaciones con los que vivimos. El documento sobre la familia, “Siguiendo el camino del Amor,” de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos nos ayudará a profundizar en esta reflexión.

**5-54 APRENDER A ORAR CON NIÑOS Y JÓVENES**

Padre Ángel de la Parte Paris

Como padres y catequistas, queremos que nuestros niños y jóvenes tengan experiencia de Dios. El orar juntos es la cumbre de nuestra tarea. Hoy existen experiencias de oración con niños y jóvenes que atestiguan que esto es posible y nosotros queremos utilizar sencillos instrumentos: Símbolos, narraciones, ritos, parábolas, canciones, silencios, lugares, motivos, tiempos especiales, celebraciones, etc.
5-55 VIVIR PERDONADOS (SACRAMENTO DE LA PENITENCIA)

Álvaro Ginel Vielva

El sacramento de la Penitencia (o Perdón, o Reconciliación) es muy importante en la comunidad eclesial. Por lo que sea, en algunas comunidades está un poco olvidado, no bien celebrado o convertido en “encuentro terapéutico” más que en momento sacramental, es decir, momento en el que Dios actúa dando gracia, alianza, paz, salvación. La conferencia quiere poner de relieve las ideas básicas del sacramento e invitar a una celebración más consciente y plena de él. Partimos de la experiencia personal de la necesidad de perdón. Con ideas renovadas esperamos contribuir a una mejor catequesis y celebración del sacramento para todo tipo de personas.

5-56 LOS PREADOLESCENTES 11-13 AÑOS Y SU CONFIRMACIÓN

Diversas formas de dirigir y hacer vivir un Encuentro con Cristo para preparar a la Confirmación o para renovarla, en la preadolescencia (11-13 años). Es una iluminación sobre la Confirmación en la línea de la Evangelización para motivarnos a vivir como bautizados y confirmados.

Eduardo Levy, SJ


5-57 LAS ÚLTIMAS SIETE PALABRAS DE CRISTO

¿Cómo pueden las últimas palabras de Cristo servirnos de alimento para el alma y para el espíritu? ¿Cómo pueden estas palabras inspirarnos y formarnos en la vida y en nuestro ministerio? Por medio del arte, la oración, la música y la reflexión, Eduardo y Jorge Rivera nos presentarán la tradición de “Las Siete Palabras” y ofrecerán ideas para compartirla en tu comunidad.

Eduardo Rivera

El editor de recursos hispanos, Eduardo Rivera empezó su trabajo con WLP como editor de Palabras Pastorales y como vocalista en las grabaciones de Cantos del Pueblo de Dios. Con frecuencia se le invita a dirigir talleres para catequistas, agentes de pastoral juvenil, jóvenes y adultos, y la oración en todo el país. Actualmente es Director de Música en una parroquia multicultural en la sección de South Shore en Chicago.

Jorge Rivera

Jorge Rivera tiene más de 10 años trabajando con la comunidad hispana en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, donde es el coordinador de la Pastoral Juvenil.

5-58 LA IGLESIA QUE SOMOS – LA IGLESIA QUE QUEREMOS SER

Solo abrazando nuestra experiencia de cómo somos iglesia aquí en el momento actual, podremos responder al llamado del Espíritu Santo que nos llama a seguir creciendo, a seguir adaptándonos a la situación cambiante y renovadora de la iglesia. Atrevámonos a hablar de lo que vivimos como pueblo de Iglesia.

Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

Natural de Puerto Rico, Domingo Rodríguez Es Misionero Trinitario desde hace 45 años y es Párroco en Puerto Rico y en Cleveland, Ohio, desde hace 14 años. Actualmente es Rector del Seminario Mayor de los Misioneros Trinitarios. Ha sido Superior General durante dos períodos. Fue también Presidente de NCCHM y Vice Presidente de ANSH. Profesor del Seminario Menor y predicador itinerante. Es miembro del equipo facilitador del III Encuentro Hispano y homilista del programa TV “Nuestra Familia.” Ha sido predicador de las misiones trinitarias por 20 años por toda la nación.

5-06 LA MÚSICA PARA EL ADVIENTO: CANTOS DE ESPERANZA, JÚBILO Y PROMESA (BILINGÜE)

Jaime Cortez

Veamos algunos recursos nuevos para el Adviento. Veamos como poder aplicar la música durante esta estación de la Iglesia. También se verán algunas ideas de cantos bilingües. (Este taller se presentará como bilingüe.)
6-51 LA MISA DOMINICAL: CANTEMOS COMO FAMILIA

El salmista nos reta a cantar con todo nuestro ser en la asamblea de los santos. En este taller trataremos las distintas partes de la liturgia y aprenderemos cantos para adultos y niños en español e inglés, y en otros idiomas. Este taller se presentará en español.

Dr. Lorenzo Florian
Dr. Lorenzo Florian es liturjista, cantor, compositor, profesor universitario, arreglista y autor. Es Director del Centro de Estudios de Latinos en North Park University en Chicago. Ha producido una colección de música para niños llamada “La Familia de Dios.” Evangéliza a través de su música, y promueve liturgias y cultos con gran alegría y profundidad.

6-52 DEL DISCIPULADO A LA MISIÓN: ESPIRITUALIDAD BÍBLICA DEL CATEQUISTA

El Catequista es alguien que escucha al Señor, sabe escuchar a Dios, para después proclamarlo. El “encontrar con Jesús,” a través de la lectura orante de la Biblia, es el primer servicio que hacemos mediante el Evangelio. En este taller aprenderemos a utilizar mejor la técnica de la lectio divina, preparada especialmente para los catequistas, quienes deben enfrentar a un mundo que ofrece ideologías opuestas a Evangelio y dar respuestas desde la Iglesia.

Ricardo Grzona
Ricardo Grzona nació en Mendoza, Argentina. Fue profesor de catequesis y de catequética en varios seminarios, universidades e institutos. Fue Secretario de Catequesis y Educación del CELAM. También fue Rector de la Universidad Champagnat en Mendoza, Argentina. Es Presidente de la Fundación Ramón Pané y Consultor Católico de las Sociedades Bíblicas Unidas para las Américas.

6-53 ARTE CONTEMPORÁNEO Y CRISTIANISMO

Siro López Gutiérrez
Actualización del arte en los nuevos códigos de la publicidad y del diseño. Actualización del rostro de Cristo en el siglo de la imagen y de la comunicación.

6-54 CELAM Y EN BRASIL

La V Asamblea General del Episcopado Latino Americano y Caribeño (CELAM) se va a realizar en Aparecida, Brasil. Se ubica en el proceso de las cuatro asambleas anteriores ofrece. Propuestas para reconstituir la instancia eclesial de base en una nueva perspectiva de parroquia, así como inculturación y diálogo. El papel de los movimientos y su “conversión” eclesial.

José Marins
José Marins, nació en Brasileño, Brasil, es Coordinador Emancipación Internacional de Servicio a las Comunidades. Miembro del equipo de reflexión teológica del CELAM desde 1970. En los últimos 29 años, coordinador de un equipo pastoral itinerante que sirve a Las Iglesias de América Latina y del Caribe.

6-55 LAS ESTRUCTURAS FAMILIARES Y EL DISCIPULADO CRISTIANO

P. Armando Noguez Alcántara
Se examinarán los relatos de Mateo 19 y 20 buscando su mensaje sobre las estructuras principales de la familia. Se trata de ir descubriendo en la narración evangélica las características del estilo de vida familiar de los discípulos de Jesús.

6-56 DOS FORMAS DE SOBRELLEVAR LA PENA: JOB Y ECLESIÁSTES

Las ciencias de la salud y los servicios sociales modernos han facilitado la cura de nuestros males y también han propiciado medidas que previenen enfermedades o que favorecen la recuperación. Aunque la fe también tiene parte en la curación de las personas y de sociedades. El taller propondrá la ruta de curación de dos personajes bíblicos, Job y Eclesiastés: uno la aprendió en carne propia; el otro se fijó en qué y cómo podría mantenerse sano y ayudar a otros a lograrlo.

Abundio Parra Sánchez

6-57 ESPIRITUALIDAD SACERDOTAL CONTEMPORÁNEA

Dedicada especialmente a los sacerdotes, asumiendo los desafíos del tiempo presente. Este taller es una invitación a re-encontrarnos con la espiritualidad del sacerdote secular y con el ministerio pastoral.

P. Christian Precht Bañados
Rev. Christian Precht, sacerdote diocesano chileno, nació en Santiago, Chile. Su ministerio se ha desarrollado como formador del Seminario y ha sido estrecho colaborador de los últimos arzobispos de Santiago como Vicario de la Solidaridad, de la Esperanza Joven, encargado de Comunicaciones, Vicario General de Pastoral y Vicario para dos Zonas Episcopales. Es autor de varios libros de liturgia, derechos humanos y espiritualidad juvenil y sacerdotal.
7-51 DISCÍPULOS JÓVENES EN ENCUENTRO Y MISIÓN HOY  
Alejandro Aguilera-Titus
Los obispos de Estados Unidos ven en la juventud hispana una gran fuerza transformadora en la Iglesia de hoy. Este taller ofrece pautas y sugerencias concretas sobre cómo desarrollar una pastoral juvenil completa y transformadora en nuestras parroquias. Las pautas y sugerencias tienen como base el documento de los obispos “Encuentro y Misión: Un Marco Pastoral Renovado para el Ministerio Hispánico” y la voz de la juventud hispana a lo largo del “Primer Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil Hispánica.”

7-52 REPENSAR EN EL DON DE LA VIDA: TEOLOGÍA Y ÉTICA  
En un periodo de extrema complejidad moral, nuevos problemas ocupan la conciencia de la sociedad y de los individuos, especialmente en el área de la bioética. Problemas como la eutanasia, el suicidio asistido, la clonación y la experimentación de embriones humanos nos obligan a pensar más allá de lo ordinario, hasta al significado último de la vida humana. ¿Cuál puede ser la contribución de la teología y tradición cristiana a estos problemas? ¿Es posible encontrar una alternativa entre dogmatismo por un lado y, por otro, absoluta superficialidad?

Dr. Roberto Dell’Oro
El Dr. Roberto Dell’Oro desde el otoño del 2003 ha sido Profesor Asistente de Bioética en la Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Ángeles y Director del Programa de Maestría en Bioética en el Instituto de Bioética. El sirve también como un bioetiquista en St. Francis Medical Center en Lynwood, Calif., y un especialista en ética médica en los Institutos Nacionales de Salud de Bethesda, Md. El Dr. Dell’Oro ha hecho publicaciones en diarios nacionales e internacionales y ha escrito tres libros.

7-53 EDUCACIÓN PARA ADULTOS EN VALORES Y VIRTUDES  
José-Román Flecha Andrés
En este taller se analizan los conceptos fundamentales relativos a los valores y virtudes morales. Se presenta un panorama de la ética y se ofrecen algunas orientaciones pedagógicas sobre la educación de los valores éticos y de las virtudes morales.

7-54 LOS NIÑOS CANTAN A DIOS  
Dr. Lorenzo Florián
Estudiaremos y aprenderemos cantos para niños especialmente cantos con mímica, cantos bilingües y cantos basados en los salmos.

7-55 LA TENTACIÓN DE LOS FUNDAMENTALISMOS  
José Marins y Hna. Teolide Maria Trevisan
Los fundamentalismos son una manera de ser y de pensar, donde se discutirán aspectos históricos y actuales. Tipos dominantes: económico, político, religioso y bíblico (tanto evangélico como católico). Terminaremos con una evaluación y perspectivas operativas.

7-56 EN EL PABELLÓN DE LA MUERTE: UN SISTEMA DE SE CULPABLE HASTA COMPROBARSE INOCENTE  
Juan Roberto Meléndez-Colón
Juan Roberto Meléndez soportó casi 18 años en el pabellón de la muerte de Florida siendo inocente. El es un testamento vivo de lo injusto que es la pena de muerte. Además de la pena de muerte, su historia es una historia extraordinaria e inspiradora de fortaleza humana, coraje, fe y esperanza.

Juan Roberto Meléndez-Colón
El 3 de enero de 2002, Juan Roberto Meléndez era el preso número 99, cuando fue exonerado y liberado de una condena de muerte en los Estados Unidos desde 1973. Después de su liberación de prisión, ha pasado parte de su tiempo viajando por los Estados Unidos y presentando su historia a varios congresos, conferencias y simposios. El resto del año vive en Puerto Rico y trabaja con jóvenes de alto riesgo en una finca de plátanos enseñándoles a trabajar la tierra y aconsejándoles a seguir por un buen camino.
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8-51 **AL ESTILO DE JESÚS: LA MORAL CRISTIANA EN MI HISTORIA DE SALVACIÓN**

P. Juan Luis Calderon Varona, OAR

El taller plantea la moral como “vida en Cristo” y como expresión de la participación del cristiano en la historia de salvación. Nuestra fe se vive diariamente en un estilo de vida aprendido del ejemplo de Cristo. Buscaremos bases sólidas para iluminar la vida al estilo de Jesús.

8-52 **LOS ADOLESCENTES 15-18 AÑOS Y LA CONFIrmACIÓN**

Eduardo Levy, SJ

Modo de dirigir y hacer vivir un Encuentro con Cristo para preparar o renovar a la Confirmación en la adolescencia – 15 años en adelante. Se ilumina lo que es la Confirmación en el proyecto de Dios y se les muestran los modos contrarios de vivir como jóvenes, el espíritu que confirman.

8-53 **LA ALEGRIÁ DE VIVIR: LIBRO DEL ECLESIÁSTICO O BEN-SIRÁ**

Abundio Parra Sánchez

No toda la vida es mala para cuantos nos quejamos de ella; ni siempre es positiva, cuando decimos que la gozamos. La vida humana conlleva momentos alegres y tristes, positivos y negativos, bellos y feos. El chiste está en la actitud y convicción creyente con la que vivimos cada momento. El taller rescatará algunas de las actitudes y valores que Jesús Ben-Sirá transmitió a los judíos que vivieron en el extranjero unos 120 años antes de Cristo, y cuyos mensajes siguen siendo válidos para el 2007 y el futuro.

8-54 **EL ENCUENTRO CON CRISTO EN LA LITURGIA**

P. Christian Precht Bañados

Un lugar privilegiado para encontrarnos en comunidad con Cristo resucitado, haciendo una Lectio de los textos post-pascuales vistos a la luz del lenguaje contemporáneo.

8-55 **EL MISTERIO DE DIOS ENCARNADO EN SU IGLESIA**

Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

Se nos pierde de vista que la comunidad parroquial, el sacerdote, la liturgia, la asamblea reunida, los ministerios laicales … todo contribuye a conocer, a comunicarnos, a entrar en el misterio de Dios. Expliquemos lo que todo esto significa.

8-56 **LA FE CRISTIANA ENTRE EL RACIONALISMO Y EL FIDEÍSMO**

Gonzalo Tejerina-Arias

Desafortunadamente en nuestro tiempo la religión se ha utilizado para dividir a los pueblos. Dentro de nuestras propias parroquias nos encontramos con personas de polos opuestos; los de avanzada, utilizando sus conocimientos racionales, no soportan a las ideas de las personas más apegas a las tradiciones religiosas y visa versa. En este taller veremos como fe nos invita a ser mas como Jesús de Nazaret que no rechaza la tradición ni la ley pero la perfecciona.
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**DETACH AND SEND DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL**

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**REHEADING EDUCATION CONGRESS – MARCH I (YOUTH DAY) & MARCH 2-4, 2007**

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  - Visa
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**THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT** in Orange, Calif., is offering a week-long program called “Sabbath Space,” from February 26 through March 4. The Center is providing lodging, food and transportation to the Anaheim Convention Center, as part of their “Sabbath Space” program, which the Religious Education Congress will be woven into.

Center for Spiritual Development
434 S. Batavia St., Orange, CA 92868
Online: www.thecsdl.com
Phone number: 1-714-744-3175

- Single: *$66
- Double: *$60 ea

“Sabbath Space” Program cost: $395

Check-in Time: 3:00 pm

(Please note you must register separately for the Religious Education Congress.)

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• write a 1-2 page reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
• registration fee: $30

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• write a 2-3 page reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
• registration fee: $45

To register, fill out the form below, and either FAX it or mail it to the address below.

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• Send your materials by e-mail (CRS@lmu.edu), or FAX (310-338-2706), or regular mail to:
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b. Earn 1 C.E.U. in any of these areas by attending four of seven workshops in the desired area:
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   • Hispanic Ministry certification (S.3)
   • Master Catechist recertification (S.4)
   • Liturgical recertification (S.5)
   • High School cert./recertification (S.6)

c. To obtain one C.E.U. in any of the areas, S.2-6, four of the seven workshops must be related to the desired area. (4 of 5 for .8 C.E.U.)

* All General Arena Keynotes (non-liturgies) also count toward workshop credit.

For more information, contact: Brigidann Cooper, Program Assistant • (213) 477-2640 • bcooper@msmc.la.edu

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☐ Please send me the registration packet ☐ Please reserve a packet for me at the MSMC Congress Booth

Circle one:  S.1  S.2  S.3  S.4  S.5  S.6

Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________ SS# ___________________________
Address_________________________ City ___________________________ State ________ ZIP _____________

Date of Birth ________________

Return to: Graduate Religious Studies
Mount St. Mary’s College
10 Chester Place
Los Angeles, CA 90007

☐ S15 enclosed (Check payable to Mount St. Mary’s College)
No registration will be honored without accompanying payment.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER BY MAIL: February 16, 2007
HOTEL FACILITIES/HOSPITALITY

We have always asked that everyone observe the rules and regulations of the hotels regarding food and beverages in their rooms. Hotel regulations regarding food are as follows:

1. **THE CITY OF ANAHEIM PROHIBITS THE USE OF ANY TYPE OF COOKING APPLIANCES.** This includes microwave ovens, warming ovens, toasters or any type of similar appliances.

2. **FOOD AND BEVERAGES – OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY HOTEL CATERING DEPARTMENTS – ARE FORBIDDEN IN ROOMS.** Notices will be filed with the management if anything is found in the rooms by housekeeping personnel. Hotel management will take appropriate action.

Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all major hotels, and they have agreed to work very closely with us in providing a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms as well. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at each of these facilities.

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CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

The following regulations have been given to the Congress Office regarding policies. PLEASE, PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES, AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

1. No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center Parking lots.
2. No free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

This is a violation of the Convention Center's contract giving exclusive rights to Aramark Food Service, Inc. and Orange County Board of Health regulations.

PARKING

The parking fee at the Anaheim Convention Center is **$9 each time you drive in.** NO PARKING PASSES will be available, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted. Camping and picnicking are NOT allowed.

NOTE: Cars will be ticketed if backed into designated head-in spaces. CARS WILL BE TOWED FROM RESTRICTED AREAS.

MESSAGE CENTER

If your family or friends need to contact you during Congress, they may do so from **9 am to 6 pm** by phoning **(714) 765-8883 or (714) 765-8884** and leaving a message. You may also leave a message at this Message Center for friends you wish to contact.

WORKSHOP RECORDING

Many of the Congress workshops will be recorded by CSC. Individual audio/video taping is not allowed. Further information about cassette tapes and audio CDs can be found online at www.RECongress.org; an order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF/HARD OF HEARING

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2007 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices.

The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, please request an interpreter upon your arrival. We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by February 2, 2007, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask the Information Desk where Interpreting Services is located. We can accommodate most requests for last-minute changes, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Religious Education Congress Committee wants you to enjoy your Congress experience and offers the following options:

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other Congress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant’s – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by January 5, 2007.

- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large. However, the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.

- NOTE: The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Alpha Drugs Pharmacy at either of their two locations in Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; or 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Web: www.RECongress.org
E-mail: congress@la-archdiocese.org
Phone: (213) 637-7346
REGISTRATION FORM

DO . . .

1. Affix address label in designated area on Registration Form (inside back cover). If address label is not correct, fill out registration card completely. Please be sure to PRINT your Name, Address, ZIP Code and Phone Number.
2. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
3. Make checks payable to: Religious Education Congress.
4. Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.
5. Register by credit card online at www.RECongress.org.
6. Register on site during the Congress weekend if you have not registered by February 19, 2007.

PLEASE . . .

1. DO NOT make copies of the Registration Form.
2. DO NOT register two people on one form.
3. DO NOT mail registrations after February 19, 2007.
4. DO NOT clip or staple your check to the registration form.
5. DO NOT expect the Congress Office to make changes in workshops after you have registered. (You may exchange tickets for any available sessions after noon on the Friday of Congress.)

REMEMBER

2. Refunds are made, less a $25 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by January 5, 2007. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. Registrations received after February 19 will be processed and must be picked up through Advance Pick-Up or at the Registration Booth.
4. TICKETS will be mailed after FEBRUARY 5, 2007. Please allow two weeks for delivery. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.
5. Replacement tickets cost: $25.

ADVANCE TICKET PICK-UP

To avoid the Friday morning ticket rush, you are encouraged to pick up your Congress tickets and Program Book in advance. Program Books and ticket pick-up begins on Thursday evening, March 1, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the Convention Center Hall A Prefunction Lobby.

REMINDER: Congress is an adult/young adult-ONLY religious education event. All workshops are directed to these age groups. If you must bring your child(ren), they MUST be registered and they must accompany you. We ask that they be your sole responsibility so they do not disturb the other delegates.

LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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1. Pague la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su Nombre, Dirección, Zona Postal y número de teléfono.
2. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
3. Haga su cheque pagadero a: Religious Education Congress.
4. FIRMÉ SU CHEQUE.
6. Si para el 19 de febrero de 2007 no ha enviado su registro, puede hacerlo personalmente durante el fin de semana del Congreso.

POR FAVOR . . .

1. NO reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. NO inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. NO envíe su inscripción después del 19 de febrero, 2007.
4. NO asegure ni enpague su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.
5. NO espere que la Oficina del Congreso le cambie los talleres después de inscribirse. (Podrá cambiar sus boletos por otra sesión con cupo, el viernes del Congreso.)

RECUERDE

2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 5 de enero, 2007. Se cobrarán $25, por persona, si cancela su registración. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por el fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del 19 de febrero, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se les entregaran solamente a la persona que se registró y necesitara presentar su identificación.
4. LOS BOLETOS se enviarán por correo después del 5 de febrero, 2007. Por favor espere 2 semanas para recibirlos. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIÓ con los boletos, y recoja su programa en la casilla de programas.
5. El costo para reemplazar boletos es de $25.

PARA RECOGER LOS BOLETOS

Para recoger sus boletos por adelantado puede hacerlo el jueves, 1 de marzo, por la noche desde las 6:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm en el Prefunciones área del Salón A del Centro de Convenciones.

El Congreso es un evento de educación religiosa para adultos/jóvenes adultos SOLAMENTE. Todos los talleres son dirigidos a estos grupos. Si usted debe traer a su niño/s, ellos deben ser registrados y deben estar acompañados. Le pedimos hacerse responsable de ellos para evitar distracciones a otros delegados.

REQUEST FORM FOR SERVICES FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING PERSONS

The Religious Education Congress staff will make every effort to assure that Congress 2007 is accessible to the Deaf or Hard of Hearing person. For those who would like to request an interpreter or use of Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs).

Please fill out and include this form along with your registration.

SERVICES

What services do you need?  □ Sign Interpreter  □ Oral Interpreter  □ Deaf/Blind Interpreter  □ ALD

WORKSHOPS

□ I will attend the following periods (circle all that apply):  FRI: 1 2 3  SAT: 4 5 6  SUN: 7 8
□ I do not know which workshop session(s) I will be attending. Please contact me before Congress for final information:

Email: ____________________ or Phone number: ____________________

or contact the DRE at which parish? ____________________ in which city? ____________________

CHANGING REQUESTS

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