

# FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

## PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 **The Real Presence in the Eucharist**  
- Bishop Robert Barron
- 1-02 God Help Me! Getting Teens Excited About Mass (\*) - Sarah Hart & Steve Angrisano
- 1-03 The Catholic Church and the Deadly Epidemic of Gun Violence in the United States (\*) - Bishop Edward Braxton
- 1-04 Jesus, You Are Here for Me: Finding Hope Amid the Struggle of Mental Illness (\*) - Andrew Chinn & James Wahl
- 1-05 Why Should I Go to Church? (\*) - Fr. John Cusick
- 1-06 Seeing and Savoring Stillness and Silence with Teenagers Among #alldthings (\*) - Stephanie Cloutre Davis
- 1-07 I Pray to *Dios!* Tools to Embrace Hispanic Youth in Our Parish Ministries (\*) - Ivan Diaz
- 1-08 Let's Talk About Truth (\*) - Ann Garrido
- 1-09 Made for Mission: How to Change the Culture of Your Parish (\*) - Tim Glemkowski
- 1-10 The Spiritual Journey: A Process of Transformation (\*) - Fr. Albert Haase
- 1-11 The Family as the Heart of Mercy (\*) - Kathy Hendricks
- 1-12 This Is the Life: Mindfulness, Finding Grace and the Power of the Present (\*) - Rev. Terry Hershey
- 1-13 Promise and Hope: Accompaniment in the Parish (\*) - Bill Huebsch
- 1-14 Neuroscience and Spirituality for Teens and Young Adults (\*) - Anne Kertz Kernion
- 1-15 The Awe-Inspiring Rites of the RCIA: Training for Baptismal Living (\*) - Diana Macalintal & Nick Wagner
- 1-16 Shifting Parents from the Parking Lot to Participation (\*) - Sr. Patricia McCormack
- 1-17 "...On His Shoulders with Great Joy": Jesus as Model of Ministry (\*) - Fr. J. Patrick Mullen
- 1-18 Meeting Young Children Where They Are and Walking with Them on Their Spiritual Journey (\*) - Pamela Perrino
- 1-19 Accompanying Traumatized Teens (\*) - Roy Petitfils
- 1-20 Jesus' Justice League: Superheroes of Faith (\*) - Fr. R. Tony Ricard
- 1-21 Youth Group is Dead. Christ is Alive (\*) - John Rinaldo
- 1-22 The Power of Ecumenism in an Immigration Crisis (\*) - Rev. Alexia Salvatierra
- 1-23 Wise Guides on the Road to Sainthood: African American Ancestors of Faith (\*) - Dr. C. Vanessa White
- 1-24 The Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart: Strengthening Your Inner Life in Challenging Times (\*) - Dr. Robert Wicks
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Cross – Mystery of Divine Love) (\*) - Bishop Thanh Nguyen

## PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 **Super Heroines and Heroes of Holiness and Mercy (\*)** - Sr. Kathleen Bryant
- 2-02 Adaptive Learning: Meeting Special Needs in Catechesis - Ana Arista & Dr. Joseph White
- 2-03 Finding Forgiveness in the Family (\*) - Danielle Bean
- 2-04 Saint Mary: In the Image and Likeness of the Father of Mercies (\*) - Prof. Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez
- 2-05 Martin Luther King Jr.: What If He Were Still Alive Today? (\*) - Bishop Edward Braxton
- 2-06 The Power to Transform Your Parish (\*) - Rev. Jim Clarke & Bobby Vidal
- 2-07 Effective Prayer with Children: It's Easier Than You Think! (\*) - Steven Ellair
- 2-08 The Opioid Crisis: What You Need to Understand (\*) - Amy Florian
- 2-09 Standing in Awe and Wonder and Praise: The Transformative Power of Humble Thanks (\*) - Fr. Richard Fragomeni
- 2-10 Transformation from the Heart: Why Your Encounter with Jesus Changes the World (\*) - Sr. Miriam Heidland
- 2-11 Ministry with Young People Through an Intercultural Perspective (\*) - Paul Jarzembowski & Marilyn Santos
- 2-12 St. Paul as Organizer of Missionary Disciples (\*) - Rev. Felix Just
- 2-13 Death by Comic Strip – Laughing, Loving and Letting Go (\*) - Fr. Joe Kempf
- 2-14 God at the Movies - Rev. Richard Leonard
- 2-15 Sing Mercy, Live Mercy, Be Holy (\*) - Michael Mangan
- 2-16 How to Keep Your Family Catholic and Happy: Practical and Realistic Help for Families! (\*) - Rev. Leo Patalinghug
- 2-17 Burning Hearts: Helping Teens Meet and Fall in Love with Jesus Christ (\*) - Katie Prejean McGrady
- 2-18 Do Not Aspire to Be Called Holy Before You Really Are! (St. Benedict) (\*) - Abbot Richard Purcell
- 2-19 Speak, Sing, Pray – Spirituality for Our Grade School Children (\*) - Christopher Walker
- 2-20 Accompanying LGBTQ Youth and Their Families (\*) - Greg Walton
- 2-21 Be Who You Are – Teaching Holiness (\*) - David Wells
- 2-22 Living Holy, Dancing the Living Spirit (\*) - John West
- 2-23 What Are They Saying About Women Deacons? (\*) - Dr. Phyllis Zagano
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Growth in Holiness by the Divine Mercy) (\*) - Sr. Mary Nguyen

## PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 **Start with Jesus: WE the Missionary People! (\*)** - Elsy Arevalo, Dr. Ansel Augustine, Becky Eldredge, Joe Paprocki, Julianne Stanz
- 3-02 Encountering Christ in Harmony: Celebrating the New U.S. Bishops' Response on Asian-Pacific Islander Cultures and Ministries (\*) - Fr. Ricky Manalo & Bishop Oscar Solis
- 3-03 Flipped Catechesis: What Every Catechist Needs to Know - Steve Botsford
- 3-04 Firm in the Faith: Music for Catechesis with Children and Families (\*) - John Burland
- 3-05 How to Bring Healing to Your Parish Staff or Ministry Group (\*) - Craig Colson
- 3-06 Lord, Have Mercy on Us, We Are Married! (\*) - Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera
- 3-07 Learning from Generations of LGBTQ Catholics (\*) - Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice, Fr. Chris Ponnet & Lic. Yunuen Trujillo
- 3-08 Girl Power! Equipping Girls for Leadership (\*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan
- 3-09 Faith for the Heart (\*) - Dr. Thomas Groome
- 3-10 The Hymn of the Day: An Enrichment of Roman Catholic Worship - Fr. Jan Michael Jocas
- 3-11 High is the Heavens - Liam Lawton
- 3-12 Live! Be! Finding the Movement in Our Prayers (\*) - Monica Luther
- 3-13 The Way of Mercy & Holiness – Humility and Vulnerability (\*) - Jesse Manibusan
- 3-14 "Who Do People Say That I Am?" What Young Adults Are Saying ... (\*) - Fr. Michael Martin
- 3-15 The Virtue of Courage and the Moral Life (\*) - Fr. Bryan Massingale
- 3-16 Aligning Our Vision of Youth and Young Adult Ministries with *Christus Vivit* (\*) - Charlotte McCorquodale
- 3-17 Me Cry! Mercy! *Merci!* (\*) - Mike Patin
- 3-18 The Penultimate Invitation to Holiness – Practicing Mercy as Jesus Practiced It (\*) - Fr. Ronald Rolheiser
- 3-19 Children's Liturgy of the Word That is Prayerful, Formative and Exciting (\*) - Michael Ruzicki
- 3-20 Ardi, Ape and Android: Dialogues with the *Imago Dei* in Genesis (\*) - Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher
- 3-21 Overwhelmed by God: Are We Really Called to Be "Perfect"? (\*) - Sr. Maureen Sullivan
- 3-22 From Christendom to Missiondom: Forming Intentional Disciples in the New Normal (\*) - Sherry Weddell
- 3-23 Hope for Individuals and Families Affected by Addiction (\*) - Scott Weeman
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Live Mercy – Be Holy in Family) (\*) - Prof. Quyen Di

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Arena sessions are in color.

**1-01 THE REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST ARENA**

Vatican II says that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. However, recent polls show an insufficient understanding of the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is time for all of us – catechists, Catholic educators and evangelists – to pick up our game about this absolutely essential sacrament!

**Most Rev. Robert Barron**

*Bishop Robert Barron is Auxiliary Bishop for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He is also host of "Catholicism," the award-winning PBS documentary. Bishop Barron is an Amazon best-selling author and has published numerous books, essays and articles on theology and the spiritual life. He is a religion correspondent for NBC and has also appeared on FOX News, CNN and EWTN. He has presented and given keynote addresses for many conferences and events all over the world.*

**1-02 GOD HELP ME! GETTING TEENS EXCITED ABOUT MASS**

Creating liturgies that are both passionate and prayerful is one of the most important things we can do to bring about full, conscious and active participation by our young Catholic church. Are you willing to learn more and dive more deeply into the Mass personally, so that you become that living example of a person transformed by the mystery of the sacred liturgy? Make Mass mean more than the bribe of donuts or something "good Catholics" do. Come learn simple and effective ways to share the meaning of liturgy with young people and be prepared to laugh and sing loudly with musicians and storytellers Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano!

**Sarah Hart**

*Based in Nashville, Tenn., Sarah Hart has been a singer, songwriter, retreat author and keynote speaker for over 20 years. Her itinerant ministry has taken her all over the United States and abroad, performing for countless conventions and events, and even for Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square. A Grammy-nominated songwriter, her songs have been recorded by numerous recording artists and have appeared in TV, film and commercials. Her writing can be found in hymnals across the globe.*

**Steve Angrisano**

*Musician, composer and youth minister, Steve Angrisano has made countless appearances from diocesan gatherings to major events around the world. He has been featured at numerous conferences, including seven World Youth Days. Angrisano has presented at several National Catholic Youth Conferences, the National Pastoral Musicians Conference, and the L.A. Congress & Youth Day. His works include the CD "Leading Us Home" and the book, "Essential Songs for Youth Ministry."*

**1-03 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & THE DEADLY EPIDEMIC OF GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES**

In the face of the endless series of mass murders of innocent people through gun violence, Bishop Edward Braxton asks the question: Is there nothing we Catholics can do? Acknowledging that he is not an expert on these matters, he argues that all Catholics have a responsibility to examine their hearts, study Scripture, attend to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and find ways to be true instruments of peace. After listing practical suggestions, he insists that we can all do something. *We must do what we can!*

**Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, PhD, STD**

*Chicago native Bishop Edward Braxton was installed as bishop for the Diocese of Belleville, Ill. in 2005. He authored several books and many articles and has served on the faculties at The Catholic University of America, the University of Notre Dame, Harvard Divinity School, and the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Bishop Braxton's 2015 pastoral letter, "The Racial Divide in the United States," has been published in several journals and he has lectured on the issues addressed in the pastoral at a number of universities.*

**1-04 JESUS, YOU ARE HERE FOR ME: FINDING HOPE AMID THE STRUGGLE OF MENTAL ILLNESS**

The Introduction to "The Rites for the Pastoral Care of the Sick" begins: "Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit." This is particularly true of mental illness, as individuals and families often are misunderstood, uncertain and alienated. Join musicians and parents Andrew Chinn and James Wahl as they share songs, stories and experiences of walking the journey of mental illness with their respective children, and how they encountered Christ along the way. This workshop is for those who minister to adolescents, teens and young adults living with mental illness and those who care for them.

**Andrew Chinn**

*Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has visited numerous Catholic elementary schools, performing in more than 2,000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released several CDs, DVDs and, in 2013, joined WLP who publishes and distributes his music in North America.*

**James Wahl**

*WLP composer James Wahl has been performing children's music for nearly 20 years. Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Raleigh, N.C., he previously ministered in California and in Arizona. Wahl is a musician/presenter at various national and diocesan youth events over past 10 years, including the National Catholic Educational Association, the Atlanta Eucharistic Congress and the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference. His latest work is "Sitting at the Kids' Table," a CD/songbook for young children.*

## 1-05 WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH? 🗣️

It is no secret that Mass attendance in many of our churches continues to decrease. Obviously, there are many reasons as to why. One of the primary reasons is that people do not know why they should go to Mass, why it is important, and what is the meaning of this highest form of Catholic worship. This workshop will answer those questions in a simple declarative sentence. That answer will then be fleshed out and explained in each of the parts of Catholic Mass: Penitential Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Offertory, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Communion Rite, and Dismissal.



### Rev. John C. Cusick

*Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, served as creator, coordinator and Director of their Young Adult Ministry from 1970-2013. He was also an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame and at Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Pastoral Studies. He continues to speak at church conferences and preach parish missions locally and nationally. He published his first book, "Never Be Ordinary," in 2018.*

## 1-06 SEEING & SAVORING STILLNESS AND SILENCE WITH TEENAGERS AMONG #ALLTHETHINGS 🗣️

Teenagers are bombarded by #allthethings, but like so many of us, they are seeking ways to combat the busyness and seek respite in an intimate relationship with God. Drawing on the 500-year-old prayer tools of St. Ignatius, Stephanie Clouatre Davis will demonstrate ways to help young people to pause, be still and savor the silence so they can engage in personal and imaginative prayer. Join Stephanie for some practical and practiced tools for prayer with young people.



### Stephanie Clouatre Davis, OPA

*Stephanie Davis, an Associate with the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director and itinerant minister based in Covington, La. In her more than 20 years of ministry for the Catholic Church, she has directed hundreds of retreats and spoken at numerous conferences for teens, young adults and adults. Davis has spent more than 15 years teaching junior high, high school and college courses, and has devoted her life to teaching and developing youth and adult retreats and programs.*

## 1-07 I PRAY TO DIOS! TOOLS TO EMBRACE HISPANIC YOUTH IN OUR PARISH MINISTRIES 🗣️

Here is Survival Workshop 101 that explains Hispanic pop culture in the United States, faith, family values and communication. More than 60% of Catholics under 18 are Hispanic, and this demographic transformation in the Church is a great opportunity to evangelize the new generations. Discover great tools to engage Hispanic young people in parishes, youth ministries and schools. This workshop is inspired by the Fifth National Encuentro (V Encuentro) of Hispanic/Latina Ministry in the United States.



### Ivan Diaz

*Ivan Diaz is a songwriter, educator and clinician based in Miami. His latest release with Oregon Catholic Press, "Nuestra Alegria/Our Joy," was chosen as the official youth and young adult song for the V Encuentro. He is also Musical Director at St. Francis de Sales Church in Miami Beach, Fla.; Chorus Director for the National Catholic Youth Conference; and Director of Choral Studies for the Broward County Schools in Florida. Diaz presents at workshops and conferences across the country.*

## 1-08 LET'S TALK ABOUT TRUTH 🗣️

As the country passes through another heated election cycle, questions of truth, lying and "fake news" become part of everyday conversation often causing tension among families, friends and fellow Christians. Discover four ways that the Catholic tradition talks about the word "truth" and consider how each of them gives us clues for how to live our faith in this challenging time.



### Ann M. Garrido

*Ann Garrido is Associate Professor of Homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, and Director of Spiritual Formation in their Master in Arts program. In addition, she is a Consultant with Triad Consulting Group, a conflict mediation and communications team based in Cambridge, Mass. Garrido's teaching and research has focused on Christian conflict management and administration. Her books include "Redeeming Administration," "Redeeming Conflict" and her most recent, "Let's Talk About Truth."*

## 1-09 MADE FOR MISSION: HOW TO CHANGE THE CULTURE OF YOUR PARISH 🗣️

As the call to make missionary disciples rings out from every corner of the Church, many leaders, while inspired, lack clarity on how to make that a reality in their settings. This session gets eminently practical on actionable steps that can be taken to begin building a culture of missionary discipleship at your parish!



### Timothy Glemkowski

*Based in Littleton, Colo., Tim Glemkowski is an international speaker who is President and co-founder of Revive Parishes and founder of L'Alto Catholic Institute, a parish partnership program. He has traveled the globe giving hundreds of presentations over the last 10 years to audiences ranging from intimate gatherings to large conferences. His latest book is titled "Made for Mission: How to Change the Culture of Your Parish."*

### RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

*In 1956, in addition to the training programs for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) teachers held throughout the year and on one Sunday, a three-hour religious education meeting at Immaculate Heart College was held – this became the genesis of the Religious Education Congress.*

**1-10 THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY: A PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION** 🗨️

The spiritual journey is the process of being conformed by the Spirit of God to the image of Christ for the sake of others. In this workshop, we'll explore the stages and dynamics of the spiritual journey, its challenges for 21st-century Christians, and see how ordinary people were transformed by their willingness to surrender to God's grace.

**Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**

*Franciscan priest Fr. Albert Haase is a popular preacher, teacher, spiritual director and guest on talk radio shows. A former missionary to mainland China for over 11 years, he is an award-winning author of 11 books on popular spirituality, most recently, "Becoming an Ordinary Mystic: Spirituality for the Rest of Us," and presenter on five best-selling DVDs, including "The BE Attitudes: Ten Paths to Holiness." He is currently Chaplain at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple, Texas, in the Austin Diocese.*

**1-11 THE FAMILY AS THE HEART OF MERCY** 🗨️

One way to view mercy in action is through the lens of family life. It's not always a perfect picture, but one that offers hope for our wounded world. The Holy Family illustrates how such mercy constitutes the heart of the home. Joseph's vigilance, Mary's spaciousness, and Jesus' redemptive love exemplify the "merciful moments" embedded in daily life. By drawing attention to them through our catechetical efforts, we transform those moments into a legacy for our own families and the families we serve.

**Kathy Hendricks**

*Based in Colorado, Kathy Hendricks is the National Catechetical Consultant for William H. Sadler and contributing writer for their programs. She has presented keynotes and workshops at national and diocesan conferences and offers talks and retreats for catechists and leaders throughout the country. Hendricks is author of several books, including "Seeking Spiritual Balance in an Off-Kilter World" and "Heavenly Friends: An Introduction to the Beauty of Icons."*

**1-12 THIS IS THE LIFE: MINDFULNESS, FINDING GRACE AND THE POWER OF THE PRESENT** 🗨️

Be Here. Now. This life is a gift. To be fully awake and fully alive. This clarity, this permission to savor today. Why are there so many days when we miss the gift? From his new book, Terry Hershey invites us to embrace the sacrament of the present, to see, hear, taste and touch grace, and find God's presence in our world. To stop the noise, distraction, compulsion to perform and fear of rejection. To make space to live today open, available, curious and surprised by joy. So, before we trade in our life for the life we "should" have, let us taste this one. What makes your heart come alive today?

**Rev. Terry Hershey**

*Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author, dad, Protestant minister and landscape designer on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound near Seattle. The internationally renowned speaker and retreat facilitator regularly travels throughout the United States and Canada. His work has been featured on The Hallmark Channel, CNN, PBS and NPR and his gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest.*

**1-13 PROMISE AND HOPE: ACCOMPANIMENT IN THE PARISH** 🗨️

Pope Francis has called on the whole Church to learn the art of accompaniment and make it the chief pastoral strategy in every parish. This offers us all a chance to really *live mercy and be holy*, one and the same thing. But how we do actually do this in a real parish? What does it mean to religious education, liturgy, pastoral care and other ministries? This workshop will demonstrate the method by which accompaniment is enacted in each parish program and provide concrete steps and suggestions to help you succeed as an "accompanying parish."

**Bill Huebsch**

*Bill Huebsch has been a farmer, a writer, a diocesan administrator, a master catechist, a college professor and a spiritual director. He is on the adjunct faculty at the Institute for Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago. For many years, Huebsch has maintained a busy international lecture schedule; he has published more than 30 booklets and books on spirituality and ministry, including "Promise and Hope: How to Become an Accompanying Parish," "The Art of Accompaniment," and several others.*

**1-14 NEUROSCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS** 🗨️

What spiritual practices can help our young people cope with anxiety and depression, both of which are increasing dramatically? In this session, we will explore current neuroscience and positive psychology research on mindfulness, silent prayer/meditation, nature and awe, resilience and empathy. What does our Catholic/Christian tradition say to our teens and young adults in these areas? What specific practices will nurture their spiritual lives, and ours as well? Come discover these important lessons that support our brain health and our physical and psychological well-being.

**Anne Kertz Kernion**

*Anne Kertz Kernion is owner and artist of Cards by Anne. She taught theology at Carlow University in Pittsburgh for over a decade and now teaches chemistry and religion courses at the local Community College of Allegheny County. Kernion is a public speaker, retreat facilitator and teaches yoga. Her latest book is entitled "A Year of Spiritual Companionship."*

## 1-15 THE AWE-INSPIRING RITES OF THE RCIA: TRAINING FOR BAPTISMAL LIVING 🗣️

The liturgy, especially the rites of Christian Initiation of Adults, trains the seekers and the faithful how to become who God created us to be. Through celebration and song, prayer and reflection, we will discover how ritual shapes us for Christian life.



**Diana Macalintal**

*Diana Macalintal is a speaker and author on liturgy and the RCIA. Her latest publications include "Your Parish Is the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of the Community" and the liturgical year resource, "Living Liturgy." She is co-founder and Co-Director of the online resource, TeamRCIA. She has been keynote at several national gatherings, including the National Association of Lay Ministry, the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Los Angeles RECongress in addition to her appearances there as prayer leader.*



**Nick Wagner**

*Nick Wagner is co-founder and Co-Director of the online resource TeamRCIA.com. He has spoken at numerous parish, diocesan and national training events for over 25 years and has been an active team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Wagner also serves on the faculty at the Institute for Leadership in Ministry in the Diocese of San Jose, Calif. He is author of "Field Hospital Catechesis: The Core Content for RCIA Formation" and "Seek the Living God: Five RCIA Inquiry Questions for Making Disciples."*

## 1-16 SHIFTING PARENTS FROM THE PARKING LOT TO PARTICIPATION 🗣️

Why do some parents rely on religious education programs to be the primary providers of faith formation for their children? How can catechists move parents from the parking lot to fuller participation? This presentation will provide practical, applicable, inspirational and compassionate insights for "backdoor" evangelizing that cultivate faith formation within parents as well as children.



**Sr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM, EdD**

*Dr. Patricia McCormack, a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is an international formation-education consultant and serves as the Program Director for the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers. Her experience in education includes both classroom and administration experience at the elementary, secondary and college levels. In addition to publications, Sr. McCormack's ministry includes parent presentations as well as workshops, retreats and days of in-service to the educational community.*

## 1-17 "...ON HIS SHOULDERS WITH GREAT JOY": JESUS AS MODEL OF MINISTRY 🗣️

Church ministers, lay and ordained, all have a particular call to model themselves after the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. Using the texts of the New Testament, this workshop will examine the practices of Jesus and unpack models of leadership for those with pastoral responsibilities or leadership roles in either the community or business.



**Rev. J. Patrick Mullen**

*Fr. Patrick Mullen is Pastor of Padre Serra Parish in Camarillo, Calif., and retired Professor of Biblical Studies at nearby St. John's Seminary. He is author of "Dining with Pharisees" and the high school Scriptures introductory, "Sacred Scripture." Fr. Mullen speaks annually at the Religious Education Congress and to diocesan priests in Phoenix, Utah and seven of the 12 dioceses of California, as well as at diocesan conferences in Michigan, Maryland, Texas and throughout the Southwest.*

## 1-18 MEETING YOUNG CHILDREN WHERE THEY ARE AND WALKING WITH THEM ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY 🗣️

Does working with preschool children ever leave you feeling like you are exhausted and tired? Learn how to harness their energy and joy into a meaningful learning experience. Rediscover the joy of learning through the eyes of young children. Learn how to meet your preschool children where they are to build meaningful learning opportunities as you walk the path with them on their faith formation journey while they discover God's love and mercy.



**Pamela M. Perrino**

*Pam Perrino has been an early childhood advocate and educational consultant for Perrino Consulting since 2004. She has worked as an infant and toddler teacher, preschool teacher, director of a childcare center with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and Professional Development Coordinator for Ohio's Association for the Education of Young Children. Perrino also serves as an adjunct professor in the Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy program at the University of Dayton in Ohio.*

## 1-19 ACCOMPANYING TRAUMATIZED TEENS 🗣️

Many teens have experienced trauma but often do not show the traditional signs. Yet traumatic experiences, combined with lower resilience in teens today, can affect how teens learn, experience and integrate faith. In this workshop, you'll learn the often unrecognized "tells" of trauma, and what role you as a catechist, minister or caring adult can do to help them experience the Good News.



**Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC**

*For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered among youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice. Petitfils shares his natural humor with a common-sense approach to matters of faith at conferences and workshops. He hosts the popular podcast, "Today's Teenager," to help adults understand, reach and influence teens. He has spoken at TEDx and has published several articles and books, including "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."*

**1-20 JESUS' JUSTICE LEAGUE: SUPERHEROES OF FAITH** 📌

In the 1960s, DC Comics debuted a group of superheroes called the Justice League. In this original band of friends, we meet Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, the Flash and a few other Defenders of the Universe. Although DC wanted us to believe that this was the first band of heroes to ever come together, we know of another group that joined as one and can handle far more than the Justice League. Jesus' Justice League has been defeating villains since the world began. This workshop will explore the lives of our spiritual superheroes and bring to light some of the newest members of Jesus' Justice League! Grab your cape! There are villains to fight!

**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv**

*Fr. Tony Ricard currently serves as Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish and as Campus Minister and Chair of Theology for St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also an Instructor for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University and Director of Knight Time Ministries. Fr. Ricard is a native of New Orleans and a former public schoolteacher. He has authored several books and has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation and in a total of 22 countries.*

**1-21 YOUTH GROUP IS DEAD. CHRIST IS ALIVE** 📌

We just can't seem to shake the term "youth group." It's outdated, ineffective and not what we are called to do as Church with our young people. Simply put, "youth group" does not work, hasn't worked and will not work in the future. Yet, we still use the term. In this session, we will bury the term "youth group" once and for all and examine in detail what Pope Francis' *Christus Vivit* is calling us to. In that light, we will reflect on effective strategies to evangelize in our youth ministry and confirmation efforts through disciple-making catechesis.

**Dr. John M. Rinaldo**

*Dr. John Rinaldo is a coach and trainer for the Parish Success Group. He brings a wealth of pastoral ministry experience having served as a parish and diocesan director of youth and young adult ministry, as a parish business manager, has served on the executive leadership team for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Dr. Rinaldo is also an adjunct Professor at Santa Clara University in California.*

**1-22 THE POWER OF ECUMENISM IN AN IMMIGRATION CRISIS** 📌

In John 17:20-21, Jesus prays for the unity of his disciples. Unity in Christ is neither simple nor easy. However, social crisis – which causes great suffering – demands the most effective response possible. We are stronger together. This workshop will present models for effective Christian response to the immigration crisis that can bring Catholics, Protestants, Evangelicals and Pentecostals into deeper collaboration and truer unity.

**Rev. Dr. Alexia Salvatierra**

*Rev. Alexia Salvatierra is an ordained Lutheran Pastor with over 35 years of experience in community ministry, including community development, organizing and advocacy. She serves as an Affiliate Professor in the Centro Latino and the School of Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Rev. Salvatierra was co-founder of the New Sanctuary Movement, the Evangelical Immigration Table, the Guardian Angels project for Unaccompanied Migrant Youth and M25 (Matthew 25/Mateo 25).*

**1-23 WISE GUIDES ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD: AFRICAN AMERICAN ANCESTORS OF FAITH** 📌

Come learn about the six African American holy men and women and their causes for canonization: Venerable Augustus Tolton, Venerable Mother Henriette Díaz De-Lille, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, Servant of God Julia Greeley and Servant of God Thea Bowman. How did they persevere in times of challenge? What made them unique? How can they be our guides in our journey of faith and ministry? What is the process for canonization? Dr. Vanessa White will share her own stories of Sr. Bowman as well as her work with the cause for Fr. Tolton as she facilitates this session on the lives of our "saints" from the United States.

**Dr. C. Vanessa White**

*Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Ministry at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she is also Director of the Certificate in Black Theology and Ministry and the Certificate in Pastoral Studies. She is a member of the Summer faculty at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies as well as adjunct faculty at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Dr. White is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator, spiritual director and teacher who lectures nationally.*

**1-24 THE SIMPLE CARE OF A HOPEFUL HEART: STRENGTHENING YOUR INNER LIFE IN CHALLENGING TIMES** 📌**Dr. Robert J. Wicks (see bio 4-01)**

One of the greatest gifts we can share with others is a sense of our own peace. However, we can't share what we don't have. By discussing psychological and spiritual approaches to maintaining a healthy perspective and enhancing resilience, Dr. Robert Wicks, an expert on the prevention of secondary stress (the pressures experienced in reaching out to others), offers insights into the process of reaching out without being pulled down. Topics include toxic compassion; developing your own self-care program; knowing the four "voices" we need in our circle of friends; benefiting from inner darkness; and deepening your own rule of prayer.

# PERIOD 1

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## 1-70 THẬP GIÁ – MẪU NHIỆM CỦA TÌNH YÊU THIÊN CHÚA ☪

Thánh Giá là dấu hiệu Tình Yêu của Thiên Chúa: “Thiên Chúa yêu thế gian đến nỗi đã ban Con Một, để ai tin vào Con Người thì khỏi phải chết, nhưng được sống muôn đời” (Jn 3:16) và, “Không có tình yêu nào cao cả hơn tình yêu của người đã hy sinh tính mạng vì bạn hữu của mình” (Jn 15:13). Trong buổi thuyết trình này, xin mời quý vị suy tư bốn chiều kích về tình yêu của Thiên Chúa trong đời sống Kitô hữu: Sự liên hệ với Thiên Chúa, Sự liên hệ với Giáo Hội, Sự liên hệ với Gia Đình, Sự liên hệ với Xã Hội, Thế Giới.

### THE CROSS – MYSTERY OF DIVINE LOVE ☪

The cross is a sign of Divine Love: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3:16) and “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). In this workshop, participants are invited to reflect on the four different dimensions of Divine Love in their Christian lives: relationship with God; relationship with the Church; relationships with family; and relationships with the world.



### Giám mục Nguyễn Thái Thành

Đức Cha Nguyễn Thành sinh tại Nha Trang, Việt Nam. Năm 1979, sau khi bị tù đầy vì Đức Tin dưới chế độ Cộng Sản. Đức cha và gia đình đã vượt biển trên chiếc thuyền nhỏ, gặp nhiều bão tố, Nhưng một lòng tin thác Tin tưởng nơi Chúa, họ đã cập bến Phi Luật Tân an toàn và định cư tại Beaumont, Texas. Đức cha Nguyễn tiếp tục giáo dục nghề nghiệp và được thụ phong linh mục vào ngày 11 tháng 5 năm 1991 cho Giáo phận Thánh Augustinô, Florida, nơi ngài phục vụ cho đến khi được bổ nhiệm làm Giám mục Phụ tá cho Giáo phận Orange, California, và được thụ phong giám mục vào ngày 19 tháng 12, 2017.

### Most Rev. Thanh Thai Nguyen

Bishop Thanh Nguyen was born in Nha Trang, Vietnam. In 1979, after suffering religious persecution under the Communist government, he and his family fled the country in a small boat and spent 18 days at sea. They all arrived safely in the Philippines and later settled in Beaumont, Texas. Bishop Nguyen continued his vocational education and was ordained a priest on May 11, 1991 for the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, where he served until his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Orange, Calif., and ordained bishop on December 19, 2017.



# PERIOD 2

1:00 - 2:30 PM • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

## 2-01 SUPER HEROINES AND HEROES OF HOLINESS AND MERCY ☪ ARENA

Need a little inspiration? Stories have power to move us, especially true stories of people who have made a deep impact on other lives. Their creative genius might change the way you think about holiness! God used them in unexpected ways. Let this be the impetus for you to launch out into a fresh witness of holiness and mercy in our world never seen before! There is only one saint like you. No journey like yours. No one else can live YOU to the fullest! Who is to say that you aren't a super heroine in your parish, your neighborhood, your community? Maybe part of your heroism is your invisibility. That has power!



### Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, lives in Dublin, Ireland and serves on her order's leadership team. She has ministered as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter revealing her passion for justice, spirituality, formation, women's spiritual development and the abolition of human trafficking. Sr. Bryant has authored numerous articles and books and has presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States.

## 2-02 ADAPTIVE LEARNING: MEETING SPECIAL NEEDS IN CATECHESIS

We know the Gospel message is for everybody, but how can we make it more accessible for children and teens with diverse learning needs? In this session, co-presented by a seasoned catechetical leader and a child psychologist, we'll explore what our Church teaches about inclusion of persons with disabilities and learn basic skills that catechists and catechetical leaders can use to ensure that everyone can encounter Christ in our Church.



### Ana M. Arista

Ana Arista is Director of Faith Formation at Saint William Church in Round Rock, Texas, one of the largest Catholic parishes in the South. She has over 20 years' experience in early childhood education and has worked as an early childhood teacher, curriculum specialist and child development center director. She has presented at diocesan and national conferences across the country. Arista is co-author of the “Allelu!” early childhood religion series from Our Sunday Visitor.



### Joseph D. White, PhD

Based in Austin, Texas, Dr. Joseph White is a child and family psychologist as well as Director of Catechetical Resources for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He previously worked as a parish catechetical leader and spent seven years as Director of Family Counseling and Family Life in the Diocese of Austin, Texas. A frequent guest on Catholic radio and television, Dr. White is author of 11 books and numerous articles on catechesis and ministry.

**RECONGRESS TRIVIA:**

*In 1956 Msgr. Leland Boyer joined Msgr. John Clarke and helped in organizing 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, listened to speakers and gained experience from other teachers.*

**2-03 FINDING FORGIVENESS IN THE FAMILY** 🗨️

Pope Francis tells us that the most important words we can say in family life are “please,” “thank you” and “sorry.” In this workshop, we focus on the power of “sorry” and the healing power that God’s mercy can bring to family relationships. How can we learn to forgive and begin to heal after experiencing pain and loss in family life? What are some of the ways in which we are called to live out God’s mercy with our spouses, siblings, parents and children? This talk offers spiritual support for the “walking wounded” who have experienced the everyday wounds of imperfect love in family life, with encouragement to trust in God’s unfailing, infinite mercy.

**Danielle Bean**

*Based in New Hampshire, Danielle Bean is Brand Manager for CatholicMom, part of the Holy Cross Family Ministries, and former Publisher and Editor-In-Chief of Catholic Digest magazine. She is author of several books for women, including “M omnipotent,” “You’re Worth It!” and her newest books, “You Are Enough” and “The Manual for Women.” Bean is also creator and host of the Girlfriends podcast and a popular speaker on a variety of subjects related to Catholic family life, parenting, marriage and the spirituality of motherhood.*

**2-04 SAINT MARY: IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF THE FATHER OF MERCIES** 🗨️

This workshop will consider how Mary, the mother of Jesus and the Church, invites us to be the image and likeness of God the Father of Mercies, as based on the Sermons of St. Joan of the Cross, a Spanish Franciscan Sister. St. Joan was a mystic, a pastor and a preacher in the early 1500s. She preached to her parishioners, to her sisters, to bishops and the royal family. Her sermons contained a unique view of Mary as a model of holiness and mercy who intercedes for sinners. In her mercy, she wants to assume everyone with her into heaven.

**Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez, OFM**

*Fr. Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez, former pastor and youth evangelizer, is a Franciscan Friar and Professor of Spirituality working at the Pontifical Academy of Mary and the Pontifical University Antonianum in Rome. He has given retreats, parish missions and academic conferences in the United States, Mexico, Europe and South America. Fr. Cavazos-Gonzalez is author of several books and is currently writing on the Mariology of Spanish Franciscan mystic and pastor, Santa Juana de la Cruz Vasquez Gutierrez.*

**2-05 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.: WHAT IF HE WERE STILL ALIVE TODAY?** 🗨️

**Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton (see bio 1-03)**

What if the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were still alive today? What if the gunshot wound had not been fatal? What if Dr. King, at 91, was among us, like Moses whose eyes were not dimmed? In this presentation, Bishop Edward Braxton will examine factors that are exacerbating the racial divide today. From Rev. Dr. King’s perspective, what would the troubadour for justice and peace have to say about the world today? What would be his response to political discourse increasing the racial divide and the fact of his “dream?” Has the Catholic Church advanced that dream?

**2-06 THE POWER TO TRANSFORM YOUR PARISH** 🗨️

Within the story on the Road to Emmaus lays a power that can transform your parish. Jesus offers to us a model of evangelization: Jesus shares with the two on the road a compelling vision for life, he models for us what spiritual accompaniment looks like, and shows us what disciples do when they are filled with missionary zeal! In this session, individuals will learn six spiritual practices for renewal they can begin to put into practice in their lives now. These spiritual practices are a way of life that can be lived by any baptized person who seeks to infuse into ministry the transformative power and light of the Gospel on the Road to Emmaus.

**Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD**

*Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. With an extensive academic background in the fields of spirituality, adult education, counseling, ritual and depth psychology, Fr. Clarke is also an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles. He is fluent in English and Spanish and is widely traveled with his work and further education, which has taken him to Israel, Mexico, Canada, Africa, Europe, Australia, Guam and American Samoa.*

**Bobby Vidal**

*Bobby Vidal has served as an evangelization consultant with archdioceses, parishes and national evangelization apostolates for more than 25 years and is currently Associate Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He was keynote for Boston Archdiocese’s first conference on Intentional Discipleship and was keynote of the Evangelization Summit in the Diocese of Orange, Calif. Vidal has contributed to “Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples” and co-authored a multi-media training program.*

**2-07 EFFECTIVE PRAYER WITH CHILDREN: IT’S EASIER THAN YOU THINK!** 🗨️

Do you ever get stuck when it comes to prayer with children? Are you looking for new and creative ideas to incorporate into the classroom? Then come to this workshop! Together, we will explore easy (and fun!) ways to create dynamic prayer experiences and learn how to nurture young pray-ers.



**Steven Ellair**

Based on the East Coast, Steven Ellair is Editorial Director and a national speaker with Saint Mary's Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for nearly 30 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic schoolteacher and archdiocesan educational consultant. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for 16 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for the past 25 years.

## 2-08 THE OPIOID CRISIS: WHAT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND

Have you faced opioid abuse or death among your parishioners or staff? If you haven't yet, you will. This crisis is reaching epidemic proportions in this country. A person's job or position offers no protection, and yet parishes and people in general have very little training on the issues. This info-packed session gives important background information on the nature and causes of opioid addiction, along with unique aspects of grief they trigger in families. Then it equips you with practical steps you can take to educate, help prevent, and when necessary, support those who are affected.



**Amy Florian**

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant and CEO of Corgenius Inc., a company that teaches professionals how to support clients in transition and loss. She has 30 years of parish and conference experience, has taught in the graduate ministry department of Loyola University Chicago for 10 years, and has authored over 150 articles and four books. Florian travels the country presenting workshops, training sessions and retreats.

## 2-09 STANDING IN AWE AND WONDER AND PRAISE: THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF HUMBLE THANKS

At the center of our Catholic tradition is the celebration of the Eucharist. It is the third and only repeatable sacrament of initiation, crowning baptism and confirmation. The Eucharist serves as a "school of peace," according to the catechesis of St. Pope John Paul II. Attend this workshop and ponder this wonderful gift of love. Appreciate anew the transformative power of giving humble thanks and praise, our duty and salvation, and the source and summit of true peace.



**Rev. Richard Fragomeni**

Fr. Richard Fragomeni, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also Chair of the Department of Word and Worship. He has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the Catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children, among other subjects. In addition to his teaching and preaching duties, Fr. Fragomeni serves as spiritual director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian American parish in Chicago's Little Italy.

## 2-10 TRANSFORMATION FROM THE HEART: WHY YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHANGES THE WORLD

The most powerful Gospel you will ever proclaim is by how you live your day-to-day life. An authentic, vibrant love of Jesus Christ is captivating to behold, and a sign needed in the world today. How do we practically live this out? What gets in the way of reflecting God's mercy, love and truth in the world? In this workshop, we will explore the deepest desires of the human heart, how Jesus continually calls, pursues and heals each one of us, and why surrendering our hearts and lives to him every day is the most important decision we will ever make.



**Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT**

Sr. Miriam Heidland is a former Division I athlete who joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) in 1998. Her story has been featured on EWTN's "The Journey Home," and at the SEEK Conference, Relevant Radio and other outlets. She currently is Assistant to the SOLT Sisters' General Superior and speaks regularly on the topics of conversion, authentic love, forgiveness, healing ... and sports! Sr. Heidland is author of the book, "Loved As I Am," and her podcast, *Abiding Together*, can be found on iTunes.

## 2-11 MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH AN INTERCULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

We are a diverse and global Church, especially in our ministries with youth and young adults. In *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis' summons to young people, the Holy Father encourages us to look beyond our local, cultural and individual realities – and to be international, intercultural, intergenerational and interconnected (#168-178). When our ministries are holy, whole and holistic, they can truly be effective and impactful on youth and young adults. This session will also look at the English and Spanish translations of *Christus Vivit*, and what we can learn from one another through humility, dialogue and intercultural and intergenerational exchange.



**Paul Jarzembowski**

Paul Jarzembowski is Assistant Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth and is the National Coordinator for World Youth Day for the United States. He previously served as Executive Director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. Jarzembowski has presented to over 300 dioceses, parishes and Catholic organizations in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and at the Vatican.



**Marilyn Santos**

Marilyn Santos is Associate Director of the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. She previously served as Director of Mission Education in the National Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. Santos has held leadership positions in youth, young adult and cultural diversity ministries in the Atlanta Archdiocese; the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and the Diocese of Metuchen, N.J. She also served as President of the national Catholic network, *La RED*.

**2-12 ST. PAUL AS ORGANIZER OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES** 📌

We often think of St. Paul in isolation, as if he single-handedly preached the Christian faith throughout the ancient world. Yet, Paul never worked alone; he always had many associates. Moreover, in every place where Paul and his co-workers established a “church” (a local community of believers), they also trained the new Christians to participate in their expanding missionary efforts. This workshop will explore what we can learn from Paul’s life and teachings for our own efforts at forming communities of missionary disciples.

**Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Felix Just is Minister of the Loyola House Jesuit Community in San Francisco, Calif. He formerly taught at all three Jesuit universities in California – Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. He conducts many adult faith formation programs for parishes and dioceses, and leads biblically based days of prayer, parish missions and retreats. Fr. Just has produced seven audio-CD programs with Now You Know Media and also maintains the internationally recognized website, catholic-resources.org.*

**2-13 DEATH BY COMIC STRIP – LAUGHING, LOVING AND LETTING GO** 📌

Have you ever felt like laughing and crying at the same time? In life, the good and the bad, the hilarious and the heartbreaking, simply do not cancel each other out. Using real-life stories and the humor of some of his favorite comic strips, Fr. Joe Kempf offers us important perspective and helpful coaching as we face life’s heartaches. What do we say to someone who has just buried a loved one or experienced some other tragedy? What can we expect of ourselves – or others – when we are grieving? As we laugh and cry, love and let go, where is God to be found?

**Fr. Joe Kempf**

*A diocesan priest from St. Louis, Fr. Joe Kempf is founder and President of the non-profit Gospel Values, Inc. He is author of “Don’t You DARE Forgive. Unless ...,” “No One Cries the Wrong Way” and a number of books for children, including “My Sister is Annoying,” “Don’t Drink the Holy Water” and “Sometimes Life Is Just Not Fair.” Fr. Kempf has also published a CD of guided prayer reflections as well as several videos.*

**2-14 GOD AT THE MOVIES**

Many people now spend more time looking at their small screens than they spend looking at trees and books combined. Our big stories are often online or at the multiplex; yet, many of us have friends we have never even met. We may not like some of the contemporary films that present religious themes, but, as well-informed evangelizers, we better know what they are saying about what we hold dear.

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, based in Sydney, Australia. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome and a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. A popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress, Fr. Leonard is author of 10 books, including his latest, “Hatch, Match & Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to Sacraments.”*

**2-15 SING MERCY, LIVE MERCY, BE HOLY** 📌

Inspire your parish or school to embrace an attitude of mercy as they sing about it! Music is the perfect way to plant a message and mission into hearts and minds in our Sunday liturgies and religious education classrooms. Australian composer and teacher, Michael Mangan will lead us in a range of powerful songs that will help our faith communities focus on God’s mercy, and on a call to holiness through being merciful.

**Michael Mangan**

*Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. A former elementary Specialist Music Teacher, he has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan is President of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, and Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane.*

**2-16 HOW TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY CATHOLIC AND HAPPY: PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC HELP FOR FAMILIES!** 📌

Explore ways to help families stay rooted in their Roman Catholic faith and traditions. Help answer your family’s questions about what we believe and why we do things as Catholics. This session will help inspire hope and offer practical ways to share your faith in a more effective way. This is suitable for families, parish priests, catechists and lay ministers trying to create and support family evangelization efforts. This will address all stages of family development (from toddlers and teens to adult children who have strayed from their faith). It will help make theology and doctrine more understandable for our participants.

**Fr. Leo Patalinghug**

*Born in the Philippines and raised in the Baltimore area, Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a priest-member of the secular institute Voluntas Dei (The Will of God). He is founder and host of “Plating Grace,” as well as the founder and Chairman of The Table Foundation. Fr. Patalinghug, a sought-out speaker and best-selling author, is host of “Savoring Our Faith” on EWTN and of the podcast, “Shoot the Shiitake,” and winner of “Throwdown with Bobby Flay” on the Food Network.*



**RECONGRESS TRIVIA:**

Since 1957, to accommodate the growing attendance, the “CCD Institute” moved from Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School to Loyola University, and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles in 1963 (pictured).

**2-17 BURNING HEARTS: HELPING TEENS MEET AND FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS CHRIST** 🗣️

We’re facing a crisis of disaffiliation, scandal, confusion and doubt, and we get the opportunity to respond to those crises with hearts full of joy, minds ready to tackle problems creatively, and a zealous love of Jesus. How do we translate that to young people, and do for them what Jesus did on the road to Emmaus: Set their hearts on fire?



**Katie Prejean McGrady**

Katie Prejean McGrady is an international speaker, traveling to 38 states and three countries, and author of “Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist” and “Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus.” She is the host of *The Electric Waffle*, a podcast of conversational chaos about culture and Catholicism. McGrady was one of three delegates chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to attend the Pre-Synod gathering on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment at the Vatican.

**2-18 DO NOT ASPIRE TO BE CALLED HOLY BEFORE YOU REALLY ARE! (ST. BENEDICT)** 🗣️

Nearly 1,500 years ago, St. Benedict wrote his Rule for monks in which he set out the way monastic life should be lived. It has long been recognized that St. Benedict’s wisdom can be applied to many situations beyond the cloister. Chapter 4 of the Rule of St. Benedict gives a list of “tools” that we can use to help us live better lives – to be holy. This workshop will offer insights from the Rule of St. Benedict and various monastic customs, and suggest ways in which they can be applied to our daily lives and enlighten different pastoral situations.



**Abbot Richard Purcell, OCSO**

Trappist monk Fr. Richard Purcell is Abbot of the Cistercian Monastery, Mount Melleray Abbey in Waterford, Ireland. For several years he was on the staff at Cistercian College, a high school for boys on the grounds of Mount St. Joseph Abbey in Roscrea, Ireland, where he taught religious education, music and French in addition to being a member of the chaplaincy team. Fr. Purcell is a member of the Irish Bishops’ Advisory Commission on Church Music and frequently presents diocesan music workshops and directs retreats.

**2-19 SPEAK, SING, PRAY – SPIRITUALITY FOR OUR GRADE-SCHOOL CHILDREN** 🗣️

Our grade school children’s spiritual lives are helped and mature by the way we encourage them to sing, speak and pray. Involving them in active listening, leading to a heartfelt response, sets up positive worship habits for the future. Come and see ways in which children can change from an uninvolved audience into willing participants in church.



**Christopher Walker**

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, a choral conductor, a presenter on liturgical music and broadcasts on the BBC Network about liturgical music and other related topics. He formerly served at the Clifton Cathedral in the United Kingdom and is currently Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker is a worldwide speaker on church music and liturgy, and his music for adults and children is sung in churches worldwide. His latest work is entitled “Love Beyond Knowledge.”

**2-20 ACCOMPANYING LGBTQ YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES** 🗣️

Greg Walton shares his journey as a Catholic parent of LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) kids and the transformation he and his wife underwent from an attitude of being faced with a calamity to one of being offered a call to love more deeply. Greg will encourage a dialogue about pastoral solutions to the isolation that LGBTQ children and their families often experience in their faith communities while providing a crash course on the important terms behind the acronym LGBTQIA+.



**Greg Walton**

The ministry of Catholic musician and speaker Greg Walton has taken him all over the United States, Canada and Europe, performing at local and national gatherings, including World Youth Day and the National Catholic Youth Conference. Walton is author of the Catholic social teaching program, “Ignorance is Not Bliss,” and his latest CD release is titled “King of My Heart.” He currently works as the Electronic Evangelization Coordinator for St. Philip Church in Franklin, Tenn., and plays weekly at nearby Catholic Church of the Nativity in Thompson’s Station.

**2-21 BE WHO YOU ARE – TEACHING HOLINESS** 🗣️

Some Catholics grow up with the idea that to be “holy” means to be more like other religious people. The problem is that our idea of religious people might be wrong; they may not be as we imagine them to be and we can’t be someone else. So, what does it mean to “be holy” and how can I teach holiness in a way that is good for me, good for my community and good for the world? In recent times, Pope Francis and Pope Benedict have spoken much about holiness. Let us look at what they teach and explore how we too might learn, live and then communicate a healthy grasp of holiness.

**David Wells**

David Wells is a religious education consultant whose career began as a teacher before becoming a research assistant for the Bishops' Conference in England and Wales. Since then, his work has taken him all over the world, speaking at more than 500 conferences worldwide and guest lectures in three English universities and two seminaries. Wells has published two books: "The Reluctant Disciple" and "The Grateful Disciple," and recently produced a DVD series titled, "Beloved Disciples." His new book is due out this Lent.

**2-22 LIVING HOLY, DANCING THE LIVING SPIRIT**

Through sacred dance, answer the ancient call to being fixed on living "holy." Learn to make your movements from the rising of your day through the counting of your daily steps, your interactions with children and others, even your sitting or lying down as the ongoing dance of the Living Spirit. Come to move and to be moved (Dt 6:5-7).

**John West, Obl. OSB, MA, MEd**

John West has led local, national and international workshops on medieval and sacred dance and liturgy. His articles appear in various liturgy and sacred dance journals. The Oblate of St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, is a noted choreographer, and Artistic Director for the Valyermo Troupe, and co-producer for Wordnet Productions. West also serves as a workshop clinician and member of the RECongress Liturgy Committee.

**2-23 WHAT ARE THEY SAYING ABOUT WOMEN DEACONS?**

The papal Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women has submitted its report. The 2019 Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon region has made its recommendation. Will the Catholic Church restore women to the ordained diaconate? Are women icons of Christ?

**Dr. Phyllis Zagano**

Dr. Phyllis Zagano is Senior Research Associate-in-Residence and adjunct Professor of Religion at Hofstra University in New York. A leading expert on women in ministry, she has authored or edited hundreds of articles and 23 books, including "Holy Saturday: An Argument for the Restoration of the Female Diaconate in the Catholic Church" and "Women Deacons: Past, Present, Future." She was appointed to the 2016 Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women.

**RECONGRESS TRIVIA:**

The first Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program, better known as CCD, was established at Immaculate Conception Church on 9th Street in Los Angeles in 1922; followed by parish units established throughout the Archdiocese, with Fr. Robert E. Lucey as the first Director. This program in Los Angeles became a prototype for other diocesan catechetical programs across the Southwest, throughout the United States as well as being introduced in Latin America.

**2-70 SỐNG LÒNG THƯƠNG XÓT ĐỂ NÊN THÁNH GIỮA ĐỜI THƯỜNG**

Mọi người Kitô hữu đều được mời gọi nên thánh và đều được Chúa tín nhiệm gởi cả tấm lòng Người. Đó là một ơn gọi rất cao cả như lời Người dạy: "Anh em hãy nên hoàn thiện như Cha anh em trên trời là Đấng hoàn thiện" (Mt 5:48). Nên thánh vừa là một chuỗi cảm nghiệm sự ngọt ngào của ân sủng, vừa là một cuộc chiến gian nan không ngừng, và được đâm rễ vững nền nơi "mảnh đất" của lòng thương xót. Dấu ranh giới giữa thánh thiện và tội lỗi, giữa ánh sáng và bóng tối là mong manh vô cùng. Nhưng hãy can đảm lên, vì Thầy đã thắng thế gian!

**GROWTH IN HOLINESS BY DIVINE MERCY**

Every Christian, of whatever rank or status, is called to holiness, as Jesus said: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). The key to holiness is understanding God's grace. Then, we can experience the beauty of God in our lives as we grow in holiness by the transforming power of God's grace. However, our call to holiness, it also asserts, is a constant battle and if we do not realize this, it warns, we will be prey to failure or mediocrity. "Goodness and perfection are rooted on mercy" (Pope Francis). Although being holy is not easy and path to holiness is almost always gradual, "But be brave! I have conquered the world!" (Jn 16:33).

**Soeur Maria Nguyễn Thị Hồng Quê, OP**

Sơ thuộc Dòng Đa Minh Tam Hiệp, Việt Nam – Đặc trách Chương Trình Chuyên Đề Giáo Dục, Ban Mục Vụ Gia Đình TGP. TP.HCM. Sơ tốt nghiệp Thạc sĩ Tư Vấn tâm lý tại Manila, Philippines; Cử nhân Công tác xã hội – Thần học tại Việt Nam. Với hơn 230 chuyên đề, các khóa huấn luyện, tình tâm, Sơ luôn đồng hành và khuyến khích giáo dân trong và ngoài nước tích cực sống đạo giữa đời.

**Sr. Mary Hong Que Nguyen, OP**

Sr. Mary Nguyen, a member of Tam Hiep Dominican Sisters based in Bien Hoa, Vietnam, is Director of Education for Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) Archdiocese's Family Ministry Committee. She earned degrees in theology and social work in Vietnam, and a master's degree in psychology/counseling in the Philippines. Sr. Nguyen is a marriage guidance counselor, giving talks on leadership, living skills, psychological problems and marriage throughout the United States and abroad, including Australia and Canada.



## 3-01 START WITH JESUS: WE THE MISSIONARY PEOPLE! 🎧 ARENA

Becoming a vibrant parish is the result of small, intentional steps initiated by parish leadership but also accepted by each disciple personally. If our people are renewed, our parishes will be renewed. “We the people” are the ones who will renew our parishes but only if we have been renewed by the Lord Jesus Christ who wants disciples not merely admirers. In this unique presentation filled with joy, humor and practical insights, five popular RECongress speakers will set forth a vision for reaching people and practical ways by which we can become a community of missionary disciples that set the world on fire.



**Elsy Arevalo, MA**

*Elsy Arevalo currently serves as Assistant Director for Program Development and Community Outreach in the Center for Religion and Spirituality at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. In her work with the Latino community, she founded and oversees a three-year Spiritual Direction program led in Spanish. Arevalo has also served in key leadership positions in the non-profit sector and serves as a presenter at nationwide forums and conferences.*



**Dr. Ansel Augustine**

*Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked for over 20 years in his hometown of New Orleans, and around the country in the fields of youth, young adult and black Catholic ministry. He is on the faculty of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana and is former Director of the Office Black Catholics Ministry for the New Orleans Archdiocese.*

*Dr. Augustine has presented at various national conferences and has written numerous publications related to ministry.*



**Becky Eldredge**

*Becky Eldredge is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, retreat facilitator and author of the book “Busy Lives & Restless Souls.” With two decades of ministry experience, she has led youth and young adult retreats, parish missions, Ignatian retreats and days of reflection. Eldredge has presented at the Spiritual Director’s International Conference, the Ignatian Spirituality Conference, and has appeared as a panelist at the U.S. bishops’ Convocation of Catholic Leaders.*



**Joe Paprocki, DMin**

*Based just outside of Chicago, Joe Paprocki is the National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press. He has nearly four decades of experience in pastoral ministry and has presented in over 150 dioceses in North America. Paprocki is author of numerous books, including his most recent, “Living the Sacraments: Finding God at the Intersection of Heaven and Earth.” He blogs about the catechetical ministry at [catechistsjourney.com](http://catechistsjourney.com).*



**Julianne Stanz**

*Julianne Stanz is Director of Discipleship and Leadership Development for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and a consultant to the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. Born in Ireland, Stanz is a nationally known speaker, retreat leader and storyteller. She has extensive workshop and presentation experience and is author of several articles and books, including her latest, “Start with Jesus: How Everyday Disciples Will Renew The Church.”*



*Asian-Pacific Islanders are now the fastest growing minority population in the United States. The recently approved U.S. bishops’ pastoral, “Encountering Christ in Harmony,” helps guide our Church in addressing the pastoral needs of these communities. These two workshops (Sessions 3-02 & 7-02) and our Saturday liturgy are intended to*

*encourage collaborative reflection and action, offer a model of how to better minister toward and alongside our Asian and Pacific sisters and brothers, and provide skill-building opportunities for parish leaders, with a goal of building faith-filled communities.*

## 3-02 ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN HARMONY: CELEBRATING THE NEW U.S. BISHOPS’ RESPONSE ON ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER CULTURES AND MINISTRIES 🎧

There is cause for rejoicing: The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently issued a new pastoral response, “Encountering Christ in Harmony,” which weaves together the rich tapestry of Asian-Pacific Islander communities, cultures and faith practices. Join

us for a dynamic overview full of pastoral suggestions, as we celebrate this important moment in U.S. Catholic history.



**Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, PhD**

*In addition to his liturgical compositions, Fr. Ricky Manalo has written numerous articles and books. The Paulist priest currently teaches in California at Santa Clara University and at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. Fr. Manalo is also Director of the Cultural Orientation Program for International Ministers/Priests at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and serves as an advisor to the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and also the Secretariat on Divine Worship.*



**Most Rev. Oscar Solis**

*When Philippine-born Bishop Oscar Solis was ordained an auxiliary for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2004, he became the first Filipino-American bishop, and served as Episcopal Vicar of San Pedro Pastoral Region. In 2017, he was named to become the 10th bishop of Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah. Bishop Solis is a member of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and Chair of the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs.*

**3-03 FLIPPED CATECHESIS: WHAT EVERY CATECHIST NEEDS TO KNOW**

Flipping the classroom is an educational approach that reverses the traditional methodology to education. In this way the students become familiar with lesson content at home before the lesson begins and you may review responses and adapt session content, making more of session time. Come and learn how to flip catechesis in three steps: create a flipped lesson; send it out; review the responses prior to your next lesson. Bring your device!

**Steve Botsford**

Based in Georgia, Steve Botsford is Senior Director of Digital Catechesis for Sadlier Publishing. He has served over 10 years in parish ministry as a youth minister and director of religious education and is a master catechist in the Atlanta Archdiocese. Botsford was part of the Digital Disciples Network committee, which developed the Digital Disciple Technology Competencies for Ministry. He blogs about catechesis and technology at [transformingcatechesis.com](http://transformingcatechesis.com) and contributes to Sadlier's text series, "We Believe" and "Share."

**3-04 FIRM IN THE FAITH: MUSIC FOR CATECHESIS WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** 🎧

Music has the ability to enrich learning, celebration and the understanding of our faith. In this workshop, composer and educator John Burland will share a variety of songs suitable for children and families at the elementary level. Each song builds knowledge and reinforces the teachings of our Church. These catechetical songs will cover several themes, including Scripture, doctrine and sacraments. John will also show how the addition of prayerful gesture/movement can further enhance the teaching and learning process. Come join us as we stand firm in the faith and celebrate the gift of our Church.

**John Burland**

John Burland is an educator and composer who has been recording religious music for children and adults. He is a keynote speaker, workshop leader and published author in the area of music and catechesis. For the past 20 years Burland has been working in Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia. He is currently the Education Officer: Liturgy/Music for Sydney Catholic Schools, where he conducts workshops and faith celebrations. He is also a National Music Consultant for Bayard, Inc. in North America.

**3-05 HOW TO BRING HEALING TO YOUR PARISH STAFF OR MINISTRY GROUP** 🎧

At times, parish staff members, who are supposed to be the leaders of the community, are wounded by life's difficulties and carry those wounds with them even as they try to lead. This workshop will explore practical steps to bring your parish staff closer together to be the example they should be to the entire parish at large. Craig Colson has over 25 years of experience working on parish staffs and has had multiple experiences with different dynamics among the staff. He will share that expertise with you in a way that motivates, inspires and provides insights

you will be able to use from the moment you return to your community after RECongress.

**Craig Colson**

Craig Colson has been a music and liturgy director in the Phoenix area since 1993 and has served the Phoenix Diocese at many diocesan events. He is former Liturgy Liaison for Life Teen International and still provides music suggestions for the Life Teen liturgy planning guides. Colson has been a presenter at national conferences and several diocesan conventions and Youth Days around the country. His latest works include the collection "Higher Praise" as well as a collection of psalm responses titled "Psalms for the Church."

**3-06 LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US, WE ARE MARRIED!** 🎧

Some say marriage is no longer relevant. After all, aren't fewer people getting married in the Catholic Church? We beg to differ. This workshop highlights the beauty and power in the words exchanged at the altar through a theological and pastoral approach. We will also review the stages of marriage to help both happily married and struggling couples face the normal challenges of life. Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera will present the fresh perspective of a missionary who works with thriving married couples and experiences the painful reality of failed marriages. This session is intended for those married, divorced, seeking to get married or who work with married couples.

**Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera, VDMF, JCL**

Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera's fascination for evangelization began in 1993 when she was introduced to the *Verbum Dei* Missionary Fraternity. As a missionary, she regularly offers retreats and workshops in various dioceses in the United States. She holds a Licentiate in Canon Law and serves the Diocese of Sacramento as a Diocesan Tribunal Judge. Through her work in the marriage nullity process, Sr. Felix-Rivera discovered the need to develop workshops on marriage.

**3-07 LEARNING FROM GENERATIONS OF LGBTQ CATHOLICS** 🎧

This workshop will explore evolving attitudes toward LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) Catholics and implications for the future Church. What can we learn from the Church's leadership during the HIV/AIDS crisis from the 1980s? Why are some LGBTQ Catholics the most loyal apologists while others move to other denominations? Is the Church listening to the voices of LGBTQ and other youth? Is the Church serving LGBTQ Hispanic/Latinx people? This workshop will highlight tenets of successful pastoral ministry in order to learn how we might continue building the Church with LGBTQ Catholics.

**Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD, MTS**

Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is a freelance speaker and minister who currently resides in Uganda, in East Africa. He has served 14 years as Chair of the Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has

received their *Lumen Christi* and the Cardinal's Young Adult awards. Dr. Fitzmaurice has spoken at various professional and religious conferences. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.



**Fr. Chris Ponnet**

Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet serves as Director for the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and as the archbishop's Spiritual Director for Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. Since 1994, Fr. Ponnet has also served as Pastor and Chaplain at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. He has spoken for many years at the RECongress and regional congresses in addition to other local and national gatherings.



**Yunuen Trujillo**

Yunuen Trujillo is a lecturer and lay minister with a specialty in social justice ministry, social doctrine of the church, immigration, sanctuary movement, religious freedom and inclusive LGBTQ ministry. As part of the Archdiocesan Young Adult Ministry in Spanish, she has been regional coordinator responsible for formation programs. Currently, Trujillo is part of the Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons and recently obtained her Juris Doctor (law) degree.

**3-08 GIRL POWER! EQUIPPING GIRLS FOR LEADERSHIP** 🎧

There is a rumble, a stirring in the Catholic Church. And it's getting louder. We want women in leadership roles! Religious education classrooms have a vital role in ensuring that our girls grow into women who lead. This workshop will ask questions. Name the elephants in the room. Look for answers. Most of all it will encourage, inspire and equip you with creative ways to raise up the next generation of wonder women!



**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

Based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Anne Frawley-Mangan teaches at Holy Spirit Seminary and at Australian Catholic University and is also Sacramental and Pastoral Coordinator at All Saints Parish in Albany Creek. She is an experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist who specializes in using the arts to enhance religious education and liturgy. Frawley-Mangan is also Creative Director of Litmus Productions, which produced "Good News: Dramas from Luke's Gospel."

**3-09 FAITH FOR THE HEART** 🎧

For the first 1,000 years, Christian faith appealed primarily to human desires, and St. Augustine of Hippo is the model of this approach ("Our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee"). Then the second 1,000 years appealed primarily to reason, with Thomas Aquinas as the epitome. Of course, faith needs both – the monastic and scholastic – but, for our postmodern time and today's "nones," "dones" and "spiritual but not religious," we must appeal again to the heart to engage them (new or anew) with the truths, values and spiritual wisdom of Christian faith.



**Dr. Thomas Groome**

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry and Director of their doctoral program. The award-winning author has written or edited numerous articles and essays and 10 books. Dr. Groome has made over 800 public presentations throughout the last 40 years, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators, Catholic educators and pastoral ministers. This marks his 38th year of giving presentations at the LA Congress.

**3-10 THE HYMN OF THE DAY: AN ENRICHMENT OF ROMAN CATHOLIC WORSHIP**

Arising from medieval Sequences and Lutheran Scripture-based hymns, the Hymn of the Day can enrich Roman Catholic worship by representing the appointed scriptural proclamations and reinforcing the preaching based on them. Explore and sing together hymn texts specific to particular celebrations in Advent, Christmas-tide, Lent and Triduum.



**Fr. Jan Michael Joncas**

Composer, author and speaker, Fr. Michael Joncas is Artist in Residence and Research Fellow in Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He has served as a parochial vicar, a campus minister and a pastor. Fr. Joncas, ordained as a priest for the St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese, is author of six books and over 200 articles and reviews in journals including *Worship*, *Ecclesia Orans*, and *Questions Liturgiques*. He is also composer and arranger of over 300 pieces of liturgical music.

**3-11 HIGH IS THE HEAVENS**

This workshop explores the influence of Celtic spiritual traditions and beliefs on the worship of today. Writing from the Celtic perspective, "High is the Heavens" is a new musical collection from Liam Lawton. Each song has its own story, with its roots in the past, but written for a contemporary Church. Liam Lawton endeavors to build a bridge bringing the uniqueness of this ancient tradition into finding the same God in our modern world.



**Liam Lawton**

Liam Lawton is a priest of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, where he serves as Director of Music. He has recorded 16 collections of music and has written two books. Fr. Lawton has recorded several TV specials including two on PBS. He has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States and was commissioned to compose the Psalm setting for 2019 Papal Mass in Dublin, Ireland, as well as the Offertory Music for the 2018 Beatification of Brother Solanus Casey at Ford Field in Detroit.

**3-12 LIVE! BE! FINDING THE MOVEMENT IN OUR PRAYERS** 🗣️

Join us as we find ways to encourage assemblies to pray with the whole body. From gestures to our favorite parables to incorporating American Sign Language to enhance liturgical celebrations, you will leave reignited to fully and actively participate in prayer services and liturgies! Be ready to move, pray and gather many ideas to keep students and colleagues praying with more than just words.

**Monica Luther, EdD**

For over 23 years, Dr. Monica Luther has offered her movement ministry at prayer services, concerts, liturgies and conferences with assemblies at RECongress and the Los Angeles Archdiocese Regional Congress as well as across the country. She has over 15 years of teaching in public schools and 13 years teaching adult learners and facilitating professional development. Dr. Luther works as a national staff developer for public school education and as Assistant Principal at Buena Park Junior High School in Buena Park, Calif.

**3-13 THE WAY OF MERCY & HOLINESS – HUMILITY AND VULNERABILITY** 🗣️

“Be strong. Be brave. Don’t show weakness”: Nice sentiments, true. But our faith speaks a deeper transforming truth – be merciful, be humble, be holy. It’s the life of Jesus, his Paschal Mystery. No short cuts and no “Cliffs Notes.” Come and be prepared to “let go and let God.” In the process, we’ll be more inspired to live what we believe and teach!

**Jesse Manibusan**

Jesse Manibusan, founder of Jesse Manibusan Music Ministries, has over 30 years of experience as a liturgical music minister, youth worker, catechist and parish mission director. He has presented at all the major youth conferences, including the L.A. Religious Education Congress and several World Youth Days. Manibusan has performed at various conferences worldwide and has several CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.

**3-14 “WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT I AM?” WHAT YOUNG ADULTS ARE SAYING ...** 🗣️

Understanding how emerging generations understand faith is critical to being messengers of the faith. Join a discussion around how the Church needs to message the Good News in language that rings true in *their* ears (not necessarily *my* ears).

**Fr. Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv**

Franciscan priest Fr. Michael Martin was named Director of the Catholic Center at Duke University, N.C. in August 2010. A lifelong educator, Fr. Martin has held a variety of teaching, coaching and administrative positions since his ordination. He has served on a number of boards and commissions and is a highlighted presenter on strategic issues facing the Church, campus ministry and Catholic schools today. In 2007, he received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal for service to the Church from Pope Benedict XVI.

**RECONGRESS TRIVIA:**

It was on January 13-15, 1967 that the first Southern California Confraternity Congress was held at the LAX-area International Hotel (the property located at Sepulveda and Century boulevards, currently the Hyatt Regency) with a registration fee of \$5. An estimated 3,000 teachers were expected, but more than 7,000 attended, causing major problems with services and programming. Then-Tidings newspaper writer Al Antczak (later to become Editor) recalled waiting 10 minutes to get on a crowded elevator.

**3-15 THE VIRTUE OF COURAGE AND THE MORAL LIFE** 🗣️

As St. Thomas Aquinas teaches, “Courage is the precondition of all virtue.” In short, without courage, it is impossible to live a moral life. This presentation explores what Catholic moral tradition means by “courage” and its role in ethical decision-making. It also considers some concrete situations where courage is essential in responding to contemporary ethical challenges.

**Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD**

A priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, Fr. Bryan Massingale is Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, he has lectured extensively on ethical and racial justice issues both throughout the United States and internationally. Fr. Massingale has presented at numerous colleges and universities and at most of the national Catholic conferences. He is a past keynoter at the Los Angeles Congress. His book is titled “Racial Justice and the Catholic Church.”

**3-16 ALIGNING OUR VISION OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES WITH CHRISTUS VIVIT** 🗣️

Pope Francis, the Synod Fathers and thousands of young people have been actively engaged in dialoguing and reflecting upon pastoral ministry with the young church. In *Christus Vivit* (and other Synod documents), we see a vision for ministry with youth and young adults emerging. With the growing numbers of young people becoming disaffiliated with religion, it is critical that we examine how our vision and practice of youth and young adult ministry needs to change so that we can turn this tide. We will reflect upon how our personal, parish and national visions might be aligned with the insights gained from the synodal process and *Christus Vivit*.

**Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD**

Louisiana native Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale has been President of Ministry Training Source since 2000. Her professional career in Catholic youth ministry and lay ecclesial ministry has spanned almost four decades serving in parish, school, diocesan and university ministry settings. Dr. McCorquodale serves as an international educator, researcher and consultant for the fields of certification standards, youth ministry and e-learning, and has been awarded for her contributions nationally to the field of Catholic youth ministry.

### 3-17 ME CRY! MERCY! MERCI! 🗣️

A play on words? No ... what can the hungers and lives of teens today tell us about our strategies for encounter, outreach, evangelization and discipleship? The “alphabet soup” of their lives (and ours, for that matter) offers us “recipes” for our ministries. We’ll explore how mercy remains the lens for effectively serving young people.



**Mike Patin**

*Mike Patin, the “engaging Cajun,” lives in Lafayette, La. He has served the church as a high-school teacher, coach and diocesan staff person. Since 2003, Patin has been a full-time “faith horticulturist,” addressing multi-generational groups across the United States and Canada as parish mission presenter, trainer, retreat facilitator and more. He is also author of “This Was Not in the Brochure: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry.”*

### 3-18 THE PENULTIMATE INVITATION TO HOLINESS – PRACTICING MERCY AS JESUS PRACTICED IT 🗣️

*Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful:* That’s quite an invitation! It’s also the invitation that lies at the essence of all religion and all religious practice worthy of the name. It’s what, ultimately, makes for holiness. How is God merciful? How do we incarnate that? More importantly, how might the practice of biblical mercy help heal our bitter divisions with society and the Church today?



**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI**

*Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books have been translated into many languages, and his weekly column is carried by more than 80 publications worldwide. Prior to his present position, Fr. Rolheiser taught at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and served as Provincial Superior of his Oblate Province and on the General Council for the Oblates in Rome.*



#### RECONGRESS TRIVIA:

*The Golden Jubilee Mass at the 50th celebration of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in 1972 culminated in a Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Timothy Manning and his Auxiliary Bishops in the Convention Center Arena. Cardinal James McIntyre presided, while Archbishop Manning delivered the homily.*

### 3-19 CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD THAT IS PRAYERFUL, FORMATIVE AND EXCITING 🗣️

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is a liturgical experience that opens young people to hear and respond to God’s Word in ways that enable them to be nurtured and challenged by its power. This workshop will provide a tried and tested vision, animating many adults and teenagers as leaders in this important ministry.



**Michael Ruzicki**

*Based in Chicago, Michael Ruzicki is the Training and Events Manager at Liturgy Training Publications and served as Director of Music at Notre Dame de Chicago Church for the past six years. He is author of “Guide for Training Initiation Ministers: An Introduction to the RCIA” and “Signs and Symbols of the Liturgy” and is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Since 2017, he has served as the MC and conference coordinator for the National Gathering on Christian Initiation in Chicago.*

### 3-20 ARDI, APE AND ANDROID: DIALOGUES WITH THE IMAGO DEI IN GENESIS 🗣️

If Ardi (*Ardipithecus ramidus*) hominid evolution raises questions about the rise of *homo sapiens*; if (the late) Koko the Gorilla achieved a 500-word capacity in American Sign Language; if Artificial Intelligence surpasses human capacity – then are the traditional Christian concepts of “The *Imago Dei*” up to these challenges? Though *Imago Dei* is traditionally about humans, in this session, Dr. Smith-Christopher will draw on his work on theology in the Book of Genesis and “The Image of God” (*Imago Dei*), as well as his love for science fiction(!), in order to propose why biblical theology can, and does, suggest creative responses to very modern challenges.



**Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**

*Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher is Professor of Theological Studies, Director of Peace Studies and Director of the New Zealand Study Abroad programs at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he has taught for 31 years. He has published over 40 scholarly articles and 14 books and has been honored with numerous awards for teaching and research. Dr. Christopher has also appeared on several TV documentaries for A&E and The History Channel.*

### 3-21 OVERWHELMED BY GOD: ARE WE REALLY CALLED TO BE “PERFECT”? 🗣️

Before Vatican II, based on the Scripture quote calling us to be perfect like God, many Catholics believed that true holiness was reserved for priests and nuns. But the Council’s renewed understanding of Scripture required us to revisit our thinking ... seemingly in agreement with St. Augustine who claimed “there is no saint without a past and no sinner without a future.” Grounded in a renewed theology of grace, this workshop recalls the words of Yahweh to Jeremiah: “Before you were in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I consecrated you” (Jer 1:5). We have ALL been consecrated by our God and thus called to be holy.

**Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD**

*Sr. Maureen Sullivan is a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York. After 26 years of teaching theology, she is now Professor Emerita at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. She also serves as a religion consultant for the William H. Sadlier Publishing Company. Sr. Sullivan has written two books on Vatican II: "101 Questions and Answers on Vatican II" and "The Road to Vatican II: Key Changes in Theology."*

### 3-22 FROM CHRISTENDOM TO MISSIONDOM: FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES IN THE NEW NORMAL

Catholics in the West live in a new world where God has no grandchildren and where faith is chosen or rejected rather than inherited. Every believing Catholic and Catholic community has to learn the skills of evangelizing and ministering in a setting where the larger culture does not support faith. Sherry Weddell will share the latest discoveries that she and her global network of collaborators are making in how to effectively evangelize and form disciples in our new normal.

**Sherry A. Weddell**

*Sherry Weddell serves as co-founder and Executive Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute, which provides formation in parish and diocesan-centered evangelization and disciple-making. She and her team have worked directly with 170,000 Catholics in nearly 1,000 parishes and 195 dioceses across North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania. Weddell is author of "Forming Intentional Disciples" and "Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and the World."*

### 3-23 HOPE FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES AFFECTED BY ADDICTION

Addiction devastates the lives of individuals, families and communities across the world. How can the Church provide helpful resources for those who are seemingly out of hope? In this session, Scott Weeman shares personal experience rooted in his own recovery journey while overlapping the sacramental life of the Church with 12-Step spirituality. He will tell how the Church can aid in healing those with addictions and unhealthy attachments by sharing stories of conversion, new life and hope.

**Scott Weeman**

*Scott Weeman is founder and Executive Director of Catholic in Recovery as well as a registered Associate Marriage and Family Therapist. He coordinates with his wife, Jacqueline, the young adult ministry at Saint Brigid Parish in San Diego. Weeman has presented at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in addition to dozens of diocesan and parish events and conferences around the country. He is author of "The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments: A Catholic Journey Through Recovery."*

### 3-70 SỐNG NHÂN TỬ ĐỂ NÊN THÁNH TRONG GIA ĐÌNH

Để có một gia đình hạnh phúc, các phần tử trong gia đình cần biết kiên nhẫn, hy sinh, tha thứ, nhẫn nhịn, nhân từ... Chúng ta yêu thương nhau, không phải chỉ yêu thân xác của nhau. Điều quan trọng hơn là chúng ta yêu linh hồn của nhau, để rồi được gặp lại nhau trên Thiên Đàng sau khi sống trọn vẹn cuộc sống trần gian. "Sống Nhân Tử để Nên Thánh trong Gia Đình" không phải là một khẩu hiệu, nhưng là một cách sống. Với cách sống đó, chúng ta được hưởng cả hạnh phúc trong cuộc sống này lẫn hạnh phúc vĩnh cửu đời sau.

### LIVE MERCY – BE HOLY IN FAMILY

To live happily as a family, its members need to practice patience, sacrifice, forgiveness, endurance and mercy. We love each other – not just love of each other's bodies, but we must love each other's souls – so we can meet again in heaven after living a full life on earth. "Live Mercy – Be Holy in Family" is not a slogan, but a way of life to enjoy both happiness in this life and happiness in eternal life.

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