

## PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01 Keeping the Faith While Teaching the Faith! (\*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 1-02 The New Evangelization (\*) - **Fr. Pat Brennan**
- 1-03 Not So Fast: Prayer in the Life of Jesus and You and Me - **Fr. Robert Fabing**
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- 1-05 The Slave Across the Street: A True Story of Human Trafficking in the States (\*) - **Theresa Flores**
- 1-06 Leadership and Social Justice: How Catholic Schools Can Change Our World (\*) - **Dan Friedt**
- 1-07 The Re-making of the Papacy: From Pope Paul VI to Pope Francis (\*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 1-08 Temptation, Suffering and Forgiveness: The Spiritual Life (\*) - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 1-09 Making a Difference: Being Not Just the Best IN the World, but the Best FOR the World (\*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 1-10 Focusing on Forgiveness: How to Prepare a Successful Reconciliation Retreat for Children (\*) - **Rhea Hristou**
- 1-11 St. Francis, Pope Francis and a Vision for the 21st-century Parish (\*) - **Jack Jezreel**
- 1-12 Forming Students with a Global Catholic Perspective (\*) - **Bishop Gerald Kicanas**
- 1-13 21 Ways to Build a More Robust Catholic Identity (\*) - **Joe Paprocki**
- 1-14 Setting Hearts Afire: Music and Drama in Scripture and Liturgy (\*) - **Michael Mangan & Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 1-15 The Burning Bush: A Model for Ministry? (\*) - **Mike Patin**
- 1-16 Were You There? Walking the Road to Calvary with Jesus (\*) - **Rev. R. Tony Ricard**
- 1-17 Fear and Her Many Children: As Dampening Our Hope and Our Fire (\*) - **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 1-18 Everything is Sacred: An Introduction to the Sacrament of Baptism (\*) - **Fr. Thomas Scirghi**
- 1-19 Singing Daniel: Biblical Interpretation in the African-American "Spirituals" (\*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 1-20 Holistic Chastity Education: Not Just "The Talk" (\*) - **Pam Stenzel**
- 1-21 A Long Look at the Lectionary for Mass (\*) - **Rev. Paul Turner**
- 1-22 HIV/AIDS: A Continuing Challenge to the Church and the World (\*) - **Msgr. Robert Vitillo**
- 1-23 We Shall Praise Your Name (\*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 1-24 Parenting: Are We Having Fun Yet?! (\*) - **Char Wenc**
- 1-25 Growing a Healthy Parish (\*) - **Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran**
- 1-26 Sharing the Old, Old Story: Storytelling in the African-American Community (\*) - **Dr. Vanessa White**
- 1-27 Solace: The Art of Asking the Beautiful Question - **David Whyte**
- 1-28 Just Start Where You Are: Turning the NEXT Corner in Your Spiritual Life - **Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 1-70 Vietnamese Workshop ("My lips shall speak your praise": The Role of the Psalms in the Liturgy) (\*) - **Fr. Thinh Duc Pham**

## PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01 Messengers of Hope: Expanding the Vision of Ministry for the 21st Century - **Tony Alonso & Marty Haugen**
- 2-02 Developing a Children's Liturgical Dance Ministry (\*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 2-03 Walking Together as One Family of Hope (\*) - **Thomas Awiapo & ValLimar Jansen**
- 2-04 Songs of Hope and Celebration for Children (\*) - **John Burland**
- 2-05 Making the Connection with Parents while Preparing Youth for Confirmation (\*) - **Tom East**
- 2-06 Who's Sorry Now? The Challenge of Forgiveness (\*) - **Sr. Fran Ferder & Fr. John Heagle**
- 2-07 Where is God in All This? - **Amy Florian**
- 2-08 Divinization: The Invitation of the Eucharist to Communion of Life and Love with God (\*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 2-09 Getting Teens to "LOL" – Love Our Liturgy (\*) - **Fr. Rob Galea**
- 2-10 RCIA: Discerning Conversion (\*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 2-11 Catholic Spiritual Practices: A Treasury Old and New (\*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome & Dr. Colleen Griffith**
- 2-12 Today's Domestic Church: Driving the New Evangelization (\*) - **Lisa Hendey & Sarah Reinhard**
- 2-13 Immigration: A Moral, Ethical Issue (\*) - **Bishop Gerald Kicanas**
- 2-14 Living with the Lord's Prayer (\*) - **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 2-15 Teaching Kids to Pray – Praying in Color (\*) - **Sybil MacBeth**
- 2-16 Why Catholics Shouldn't Be Fundamentalists (\*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 2-17 Hope and Fire: Catechetical Insights on the Holy Spirit (\*) - **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 2-18 Rekindling the Flame (\*) - **Sr. Carol Quinlivan**
- 2-19 That's a Good Story! Using Narrative to Teach About Morality (\*) - **Dr. Richard Rymarz**
- 2-20 Bringing the Death Penalty Up Close (\*) - **Dale & Susan Recinella**
- 2-21 Fuel for the Fire: How to Keep from Burning Out, Burning Over or Being Burned (\*) - **Christine & Michael Skinner**
- 2-22 Developing the Parish as a Community of Service: A Parish Filled with Life and Hope (\*) - **Bro. Loughlan Sofield**
- 2-23 Announcers of a New Pentecost (\*) - **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 2-24 Revolutionary Hope (\*) - **Jim Wallis**
- 2-25 Islam and the Arab Spring: Democracy and Revolution and War (\*) - **Jihad Turk**
- 2-26 The Brain and God: Are We "Wired" for Spirituality? (\*) - **Jean Marie Weber**
- 2-27 The Pilgrim Way: Setting Direction for a Future Life - **David Whyte**
- 2-28 Reinvigorating Catholic Identity in a Digital Civilization (\*) - **Sr. Angela Zukowski**
- 2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The New Evangelization: Our Identity, Our Mission) (\*) - **Fr. Bao Nguyen**

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## PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01 Confirming Adult Catholics (\*) - **Mary Birmingham**
- 3-02 "In Joyful Hope" – Songs of Joy and Hope for Our Children (\*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 3-03 The Heart of It All: Keys to Awesome Adolescent Ministry! (\*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 3-04 Illuminating Church Teachings on Homosexuality (\*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 3-05 Cry Out with Joy: Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word in Song - **David Haas & Lori True**
- 3-06 The Bible is a Dangerous Book: The Radical and Inclusive Kingdom of Jesus (\*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 3-07 Dying Young: Why the Young Church Is Falling Away and What We Can Do About It (\*) - **Mark Hart**
- 3-08 Five Things Every Kid Needs To Know ... However Old We Are! (\*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 3-09 Do You See What I See? A Catechist's Perspective (\*) - **Dr. Sandra Kennedy**
- 3-10 Discovering the Assembly's Voice: Sacred Music in the Liturgy - **Peter Kolar**
- 3-11 Hearts Burning, or Heartburn? (\*) - **Fr. David Loftus**
- 3-12 Music and Multicultural Ministry (\*) - **Jesse Manibusan**
- 3-13 Praying with Scripture (\*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 3-14 The Social Teaching of Pope Francis (\*) - **Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 3-15 How to Talk with Young People About God! (\*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 3-16 Wear Hope Like a Second Skin! (\*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 3-17 The Church, Pope Francis and You: Where Are We Going? (\*) - **Fr. Jonathan Morris**
- 3-18 The Seven Habits of Highly Evangelistic Catholics - **Hector Molina Jr.**
- 3-19 P.A.R.T.Y. (Parents and Administration Remembering The Youth) (\*) - **Anthony Preston**
- 3-20 Does the Word of God Really Have Authority in the Church? (\*) - **Fr. Timothy Radcliffe**
- 3-21 Culture, Justice and Caritas: The Vision of Popes Benedict and Francis (\*) - **Dr. Jonathan Reyes**
- 3-22 Families ARE the Future of the Church! (\*) - **John Roberto**
- 3-23 Crucifixion: How a Terrible Form of Capital Punishment Became a Symbol of Abundant Life (\*) - **Fr. Donald Senior**
- 3-24 Pope Francis: How Do We Become the "Church of the Poor"? (\*) - **Bishop Sylvester Ryan, Msgr. Timothy Dyer & Joyce Francois**
- 3-25 Intellectual Preparation for the New Evangelization: Four Critical Challenges from Contemporary Culture (\*) - **Rev. Robert Spitzer**
- 3-26 Confirmation in a New Translation (\*) - **Rev. Paul Turner**
- 3-27 The Common Good and an Un-common Hope (\*) - **Jim Wallis**
- 3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Teaching Mission and Evangelization Methods for Today's Young People) (\*) - **Bro. Fortunat Phong**

## I-01 KEEPING THE FAITH WHILE TEACHING THE FAITH! 🎧

This session is a great spiritual boost for anyone teaching the faith! To be “around” faith is not the same thing as “having” faith. With a little humor and genuine appreciation for what catechists and ministry professionals experience, this workshop provides great spiritual and practical suggestions on keeping our own faith strong and keeping us from mistaking our own spiritual journey with our frequent professional “near faith experiences”!



**Steve Angrisano**

*Steve Angrisano has been a musician, music director and youth minister for over a dozen years. The Dallas-based veteran composer/storyteller has been featured at major conferences and events around the world – including appearances at World Youth Days, the National Catholic Youth Conference, and the L.A. RECongress and Youth Day – and at countless diocesan events in more than 200 dioceses. His latest recording is entitled “A New Day.”*

## I-02 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🎧

Beginning in the 1950s, a movement began urging the church to embrace pre-evangelization and evangelization. This movement culminated in the writings of Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and currently Pope Francis. This session will explore how Catholics can live practically the New Evangelization in their faith communities.



**Fr. Patrick J. Brennan, MDiv, STL, DMin, PsyD**

*Chicago native Fr. Pat Brennan founded the Office for Chicago Catholic Evangelization as well as the National Council for Catholic Evangelization. He is currently Director of Development at May-slake Ministries in Lombard, Ill. He also serves as the Minister of Formation at St. Julie’s Parish in Tinley Park, Ill., and as President of the National Center for Evangelization and Parish Renewal. His most current book is “Common Sense Faith,” published in April 2013 by Orbis Press.*

## I-03 NOT SO FAST: PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF JESUS AND YOU AND ME

In this special interest session, Fr. Bob Fabing will ask us to slow down and explore the inner experience of the prayer of Jesus: Why did Jesus pray? How did he pray? What did prayer mean for Jesus? AND ... what does prayer mean for you now in your life experience? Fr. Fabing will touch upon his experience of grace as a spiritual director and marriage and family counselor. Music and poetry will be used to enliven the presentation.



**Fr. Robert Fabing, SJ**

*Fr. Bob Fabing has founded 89 marriage counseling and family therapy centers – The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network – with locations in Europe, Africa, Asia, Central America and the United States. The Jesuit priest is also founder and Director of the 36-Day program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, Calif., where he has lived for 30 years. Fr. Fabing is author of five books and composer of 12 CDs of liturgical music with Oregon Catholic Press.*

## I-04 ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! 🎧

The barriers (rules) in so many parishes are preventing many young people, both single and married, from being present and getting involved in parish life. Let’s begin to put a stop to that. This workshop will take a look at those moments of contact between the parish and young adult people: weddings, baptisms, funerals, eulogies, sponsors (baptism/confirmations). In this session, an alternate model will be presented that is more inviting, inclusive and pastoral to these and other sacred moments in our spiritual lives.



**Rev. John C. Cusick**

*John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, has been an associate pastor, college seminary faculty member, coordinator and (since 1985) Director of Young Adult Ministry. He resides at Old St. Patrick’s Church in downtown Chicago. In May 2004, Fr. Cusick was appointed to the Executive Ethics Commission of the State of Illinois. In February 2012, he received the Blessed John XXIII Award from the Association of Chicago Priests for excellence in priestly ministry and significant contributions to the life of the Church in Chicago.*

## I-05 THE SLAVE ACROSS THE STREET: A TRUE STORY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE STATES 🎧

Hear Theresa Flores’ powerful story of how an all-American 15-year-old was enslaved into the dangerous world of sex trafficking, all while living at home with unsuspecting parents in an upper middle-class suburb of Detroit. Her story peels the cover off of this horrific crime. Learn why this is a silent epidemic in the United States and how this is happening all around us without most of us even being aware. This is a “must” session for any parent or professional working with youth.



**Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS**

*Theresa Flores is a human trafficking survivor, best-selling author, victim’s advocate and founder of SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution). In 2009, the licensed social worker was appointed to the Ohio Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Commission and testified before the Ohio House and Senate; for her efforts, she received The Courage Award from the governor of Ohio. Flores is an international speaker and guest lecturer on the topic of human trafficking in the United States and abroad.*

## I-06 LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE: HOW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD 🎧

Catholic schools are places where students can become leaders for a lifetime. Starting with kindergarteners, this dynamic presentation demonstrates how children who are taught the power of a “Social Justice” mind, the “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and “Effective Behavioral Supports” can change the culture of a school and change the world. With practical examples, and a step-by-step process, you will learn how to support the current culture of your school and invite every child to the practice of effective leadership skills filled with hope.

**Dan Friedt**

Since 1980, Dan Friedt has served as an educator, teaching in Catholic schools at every grade level, and has 15 years of administrative experience. He is currently Principal of St. Charles Elementary Catholic School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Over the past 25 years, Friedt has presented liturgical workshops at parishes throughout the Alberta province, to staffs, educational departments, administrators and superintendents, (and for the past five years) on the topic of leadership for all students at all grade levels.

**I-07 THE RE-MAKING OF THE PAPACY: FROM POPE PAUL VI TO POPE FRANCIS** 🗣️

One of the most remarkable features of the last 50 years is the re-fashioning of the papacy in the wake of Vatican II. This workshop will briefly consider the ways in which Popes Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have each left their mark on the papacy. However, particular attention will be given to the unique contributions of Pope Francis.

**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College. He formerly was Professor at the University of Toledo, Ohio, and Associate Professor at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Gaillardetz has authored over 100 pastoral and academic articles and written or edited 10 books, including "Keys to the Council" (co-authored with Catherine Clifford) and "When the Magisterium Intervenes." He is currently President of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

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**I-08 TEMPTATION, SUFFERING AND FORGIVENESS: THE SPIRITUAL LIFE** 🗣️

Understanding the interior life is at best difficult, and at worst incomprehensible. As modern-day people, we have become less and less aware of the spiritual legacy to which we have been called. In this workshop, the daily human cycle of temptation, suffering and forgiveness will form the backdrop for an analysis of the Christian call to holiness, as an essential element of setting the world aflame, with the hope that is Christ.

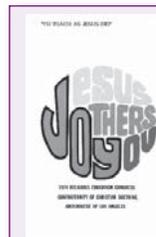
**Dr. Greer G. Gordon**

Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer. She has served on the administration and philosophy faculties at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; on the theology faculty at Regis College in Weston, Mass.; and as a diocesan director in Boston, Washington, D.C., Oakland, Calif., and Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Gordon was one of eight American women invited by the Vatican to respond to Pope John Paul II's Encyclical on Women.

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**CONGRESS FACT:**

In 1970, the then-named "Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress" moved from the LAX airport area to its current home at the Anaheim Convention Center.

**CONGRESS TRIVIA:**

Forty years ago the "CCD Congress" was renamed to the "Religious Education Congress," and Congress 1974, held February 7-10, had the theme "Jesus, Others, You."

**I-09 MAKING A DIFFERENCE: BEING NOT JUST THE BEST IN THE WORLD, BUT THE BEST FOR THE WORLD** 🗣️

Have you ever asked the question, "Why should I care anymore?" Peace comes when we see the difference between doing battle with life's obstacles, and seeing this battle as an uninterrupted struggle. Yes, life is difficult. But if we see it only as a struggle, our mindset is consumed by the next bigger and badder thing – and we never arrive. Terry Hershey helps us see that we are not being asked to let go of the obstacle, but to let go of the struggle. This obstacle – whether pain or fear or limitation – is wrapped around an incredible and grace-filled gift. That gift is an inner life fueled by a capacity to doubt, question, dare, forgive, risk, receive, contribute, celebrate, delight and live unabashedly unafraid.

**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. His gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest, and his work has been featured on CNN, PBS and NPR. Hershey is a regular contributor to The Hallmark Channel's "New Morning" show, and regularly speaks throughout the United States and Canada.

**I-10 FOCUSING ON FORGIVENESS: HOW TO PREPARE A SUCCESSFUL RECONCILIATION RETREAT FOR CHILDREN** 🗣️

Are you in need of some new ideas when preparing your classes for reconciliation? This workshop will provide practical ideas that can be used in a retreat format for religious education classes as well as Catholic school classes. We will discuss how to organize, set up and manage a half-day retreat for your classes. You will receive practical applications, ideas for games, book titles, musical suggestions and Bible story examples that really work!

**Rhea Hristou**

Rhea Hristou has 20 years of teaching experience in the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah. Since 1976, she has taught first through third grades and has earned numerous awards and twice nominated for "Teacher of the Year." Hristou is currently a second grade teacher at St. Vincent's Catholic School in Salt Lake City, where she is also Director of Sacramental Preparation. She is a Representative to the Common Core Curriculum team for National Catholic Schools and is an Intel Master Teacher Trainer in her diocese.

## I-11 ST. FRANCIS, POPE FRANCIS AND A VISION FOR THE 21ST-CENTURY PARISH ☪

The legacy of St. Francis and the leadership and message of Pope Francis paint a compelling portrait for a possible future for the American Catholic parish. Drawing from the narrative of St. Francis being called to “repair” or “rebuild” God’s Church in the 12th century, we will consider how Pope Francis is calling us to “repair” the current Church and how we might respond with creativity and compassion.



**Jack J. Jezreel**

*Jack Jezreel spent six years in a Catholic Worker community before turning his attention to transformative education. For the past 12 years, he has given an average of 40 presentations and workshops per year, including keynote addresses – and was the keynote speaker for this Congress in 2011. Jezreel leads continuing education for priests, deacons and diocesan staff as well as parish, regional and national convenings. He is the original author of JustFaith and now serves as President of JustFaith Ministries.*

## I-12 FORMING STUDENTS WITH A GLOBAL CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE ☪

Catholic Relief Services, an agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, brings Catholic social teaching into action in over 100 countries around the world. This workshop will provide suggestions and examples of how to bring the global mission of the Church into the awareness of catechists, teachers and the people they serve. Participants can share best practices and explore some of the challenges they face in forming others in the principles of Catholic social teaching.



**Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD**

*Bishop Gerald Kicanas, ordained a priest for the Chicago Archdiocese, served in the seminary system there for over 25 years. In 1995, he was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. Six years later, he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Tucson, Ariz., and in 2003 was installed as Bishop. Bishop Kicanas is Chair of the Board of Directors for Catholic Relief Services and serves on various committees and other boards of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He has presented at conferences across the country.*

## I-13 21 WAYS TO BUILD A MORE ROBUST CATHOLIC IDENTITY ☪

If being Catholic doesn’t make a bit of difference in your everyday life, why bother? In this session, Joe Paprocki offers 21 tried-and-true practices that lead us to see differently and, as a result, to live and act differently.



**Joe Paprocki, DMin**

*Joe Paprocki, National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press in Chicago, has over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He has served as a Consultant for Catechist Formation for the Chicago Archdiocese and as a parish pastoral associate and Director of Religious Education. Paprocki has presented in over 80 dioceses across North America. He is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis; he also serves as catechist and blogs about the experience.*

## I-14 SETTING HEARTS AFIRE: MUSIC AND DRAMA IN SCRIPTURE AND LITURGY ☪

Internationally renowned Australian presenters Michael Mangan and Anne Frawley-Mangan will share their combined expertise in using the arts, especially music and drama, to help make school liturgies and religious education programs more vibrant, engaging and meaningful. Come along ready to sing, move, play and to experience new ways to more effectively proclaim, pray and celebrate in parish and elementary school settings.



**Michael Mangan**

*Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Australia. His 200 songs, psalms and Mass settings are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan tours widely presenting school concerts, professional development workshops and speaking at conferences. He is a member of the National Executive of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane, Australia.*



**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

*For over 20 years, Anne Frawley-Mangan has been Creative Director of Litmus Productions in Brisbane, Australia, where she writes and publishes drama and music resources for use in education and liturgy. Anne, who teaches Speech and Proclamation at Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, presents workshops and keynote addresses in Australia, New Zealand and North America. Her research has focused on the arts to enhance religious knowing and celebration. She is presently enrolled in a doctoral program.*

## I-15 THE BURNING BUSH: A MODEL FOR MINISTRY? ☪

Moses saw a burning bush ... but marveled that it wasn’t consumed. In it, he heard the voice of the Living God. How can we be alive, afire and zealous for God while not getting spent, consumed and turned into ash? How can we burn brightly to help reveal God?



**Mike Patin**

*Mike Patin has worked in youth ministry since 1984, spending six years as a high school teacher and coach before working for the Catholic Youth Organization/Youth Ministry Office for the New Orleans Archdiocese. Patin was also on the adjunct faculty at the Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans. Since 2003, the “faith horticulturist” has been speaking full time on the issues of Catholic faith, positive attitude and living life fully. Among his many book titles is “A Standing Invitation.”*

### CONGRESS FACT:

*Our last Congress event, held February 21 (Youth Day) and February 22-24, 2013, had over 37,769 in attendance, with 185 speakers presenting 338 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese), and with 20,783 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 14,613. Our Exhibit Hall had 490 booths with 1,658 representatives from 226 different companies and organizations.*

**I-16 WERE YOU THERE? WALKING THE ROAD TO CALVARY WITH JESUS** 📍

For Catholics, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and especially Good Friday. This devotion, also known as the “Way of the Cross” or the “Via Dolorosa,” commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ’s crucifixion. For many, praying through these 14 Stations has lost its impact and has become as routine as reciting the rosary. This workshop will help to awaken our understanding of the “Way of the Cross.” It will also help you enter into each Station with a renewed focus on being present for each moment. Soon, you will realize that “Were You There?” is more than a traditional slave spiritual. It is a call to be present with our Savior on the “Via Dolorosa.”

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

*Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, currently serves as Campus Minister and theology teacher at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also an instructor for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in Cincinnati, and Director of KnightTime Ministries. The New Orleans native and former public school teacher has authored many books and has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation and in 20 countries.*

**I-17 FEAR AND HER MANY CHILDREN: AS DAMPENING OUR HOPE AND OUR FIRE** 📍

All of us live with religious fears, fears about God, about life, and about our eternal destiny. What kind of fear is healthy in our lives and what kind is unhealthy? From where do our religious fears originate? How do we discern healthy fears from unhealthy ones? How does fear dampen both our hope and our religious fire? This session will be an exploration of the origins and effects of religious fear.

**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI**

*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. Fr. Rolheiser’s books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than 80 newspapers worldwide. For most of the 40 years of his priesthood, he has taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.*

**I-18 EVERYTHING IS SACRED: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** 📍

All of creation reveals the presence of God. The sacraments tell the story of the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ and how the presence of Christ is embodied in the church today. They also tell of the relationship of Christians with the Son of God, and how we find the Holy Spirit in the world. This session will tell the story of Christianity from the perspective of the sacrament of baptism, the initiation into the community of Christ.

**Thomas J. Scirghi, SJ, ThD**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Scirghi is currently Associate Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York, where he teaches Sacramental Theology. He has taught at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Calif., at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, at the University of Western Australia in Perth, and at the Jesuit Theological College in Melbourne, Australia. Fr. Scirghi is an author and has conducted workshops for clergy and laity nationally and internationally.*

**I-19 SINGING DANIEL: BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN “SPIRITUALS”** 📍

Although they have been studied from the perspective of music, folk music and African-American musical forms for decades, it is rare to consider the spirituals as a form of serious biblical interpretation. In this workshop, Dr. Daniel Christopher will focus on a selection of spirituals that deal with themes from the stories in Daniel (chapters 1-6) and consider how many of these spirituals reflect rather significant, and even provocative, interpretations of the Book of Daniel. We will consider the meaning of “vernacular” interpretation of the Bible! Hopefully... some music will be featured! Stay tuned!

**Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**

*Dr. Smith-Christopher has taught at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles for 24 years, where he serves as Associate Director for Graduate Studies in Theology. He has been honored with numerous research and teaching awards, and has spoken at the RECongress for the past 17 years, in addition to Catholic conferences in Las Vegas, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. Dr. Christopher has published dozens of scholarly articles and over 14 books.*

**I-20 HOLISTIC CHASTITY EDUCATION: NOT JUST “THE TALK”** 📍

Our culture is bombarding this generation with messages about sex. It is utilizing every available vehicle, from movies to YouTube, from PlayStation to Snapchat – whatever has your attention influences you. Learn the what and how of chastity education to ensure your students are hearing the truth.

**Pam Stenzel**

*Pam Stenzel has traveled worldwide and has appeared on numerous national TV and radio programs speaking about the consequences of physical and emotional sex outside of marriage. She is presently Director of Enlightenment Communications, based in Minnesota. She previously served on the “front lines” as Director of Alpha Women’s Center, a counseling center for women with crisis pregnancies. Stenzel speaks full time across the United States as well as in South Africa, Australia, Ireland, Mexico and Canada.*

## I-21 A LONG LOOK AT THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS



The Lectionary for Mass has been one of the greatest contributions of the post-Vatican II Church. What can we still learn about its organization? How much does it influence the rest of the liturgy? Are we using it well enough ... or too much?



**Rev. Paul Turner**

*Rev. Paul Turner, a priest of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., is Pastor of St. Anthony's Parish in Kansas City. He is a member (and formerly President) of both the North American Academy of Liturgy and of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy. Fr. Turner serves as a Facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. He is an author of many books and writes "Bulletin Inserts" for Ministry & Liturgy Magazine and presents at national and diocesan conferences around the world.*

## I-22 HIV/AIDS: A CONTINUING CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD



Despite efforts to increase access to treatment of HIV in order to reduce AIDS-related illnesses and death, this pandemic remains a challenge for the Church and the world. Significant numbers of people in developing countries still have no access to treatment, and global solidarity is decreasing because of "aid fatigue" and the global economic crisis. The Church has shouldered some 25 percent of AIDS care in the world, and continues to be present in communities when international agencies withdraw. This workshop will explore challenges and solutions for the Church's ongoing response based in Catholic teaching and tradition.



**Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo**

*Msgr. Robert Vitillo serves as the Special Advisor on Health and HIV/AIDS for Caritas Internationalis and is Head of their Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. He also serves as Attaché for Health and HIV/AIDS and as a Permanent Observer of the Mission of the Holy See to the U.N. in Geneva. He writes and facilitates education and advocacy efforts related to health, HIV/AIDS, human rights, migration and integral human development.*

## I-23 WE SHALL PRAISE YOUR NAME



Good habits of praying and praising God start when we are very young. We will experience how music, woven into liturgy and prayer times, can engage children in an awareness of their own spirituality.



**Christopher Walker**

*Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer and choral conductor. The conductor of choirs and orchestras in England and the United States formerly served for 18 years as Director of Music at the Clifton Cathedral in Bristol, U.K., and presently serves as Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker's music is sung in churches worldwide. He travels around the globe giving workshops and lectures on liturgy, cantor techniques and children's worship.*

## I-24 PARENTING: ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?



Do you feel exhausted from dealing with your children all day? Do you worry if you are parenting correctly? Do you often ask yourself, "Now what do I do?" If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, come to hear internationally recognized speaker and author Char Wenc, who teaches parenting skills that make a difference in how children and parents live together. Her passion for the topic of parenting is found in her style and content.



**Char Wenc, MEd**

*Char Wenc is an internationally known author and speaker on the topics of parenting and teaching. She is a professor at Loyola University and at the Adler School of Professional Psychology, both in Chicago. A member of the National Speakers Association, Wenc is a popular speaker at the L.A. Congress and elsewhere. She is author of "Parenting: Are We Having Fun Yet?" and "Cooperation Learning Through Laughter," and a winner of Those Who Excel in Education award.*

## I-25 GROWING A HEALTHY PARISH



Many parishes today are struggling to retain members. Others see congregations aging in place with little success in attracting newcomers. God is the agent of growth in our communities. But, we are responsible for removing growth-restricting barriers. In this session, we will look at specific strategies to make it happen – anywhere!



**Fr. Michael White**

*Fr. Michael White is a priest of the Baltimore Archdiocese, where he served as an archdiocesan Vice-Chancellor; as Priest-Secretary to (then-Archbishop) Cardinal William Keeler and, during that time, as director of Pope John Paul II's visit to Baltimore. Fr. White is presently Pastor at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., which has seen the congregation nearly triple in weekend attendance and a significant increase of giving and service in ministry. Fr. White is also co-author of "Rebuilt," which narrates the story of Nativity Church's rebirth.*



**Tom Corcoran**

*Tom Corcoran has served the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., in a variety of roles that give him a unique perspective on parish ministry and leadership. Beginning as a youth minister, he later held positions as coordinator of children's ministry and director of small groups. Corcoran currently serves as Associate to the Pastor and is responsible for weekend message development, strategic planning and staff development. Corcoran is also co-author with Fr. Michael White of "Rebuilt."*

## I-26 SHARING THE OLD, OLD STORY: STORYTELLING IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY



African-Americans come from a rich storytelling and spiritual tradition that has helped them to survive times of trial and trouble. This tradition can be seen in the lives of African-American women who have shared their stories with an entire world: Sojourner Truth, Sr. Thea Bowman, Venerable Henriette DeLille and so many

others. What can we learn from these women and how can we use our own stories to strengthen and enrich our faith and the faith of others? How can our stories heal a sin-sick soul? This workshop will help the participants affirm their own stories and honor the stories of their ancestors.



#### Dr. C. Vanessa White

Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is Coordinator of the Elder's Retreat Program at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies as well as on the 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.

### I-27 SOLACE: THE ART OF ASKING THE BEAUTIFUL QUESTION

Human beings cannot quite believe the depth, drama and even the disappearances involved in the average human life. Each one of us grows almost against our will into a steadily unfolding story where the horizon gets broader and more mysterious, the understanding of loss and mortality more keen, the sense of time more fleeting, and the understanding of our own mistakes and omissions more apparent. In the midst of this deepening, we have to make a life that makes sense: There is no other life than the one that involves this constant beckoning, this invitation to the fiercer aspects of existence.



#### David Whyte

Poet and lecturer David Whyte, a native of Yorkshire, England, is author of seven books of poetry and three books of prose, and most recently, a book entitled, "Pilgrim." He is one of the few poets to take his perspectives on creativity into the field of organizational development, where he works with American and international companies offering lectures and workshops. Whyte has been speaking to large and small audiences around the world for more than two decades. He lives with his family in the Pacific Northwestern United States.

### I-28 JUST START WHERE YOU ARE: TURNING THE NEXT CORNER IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Real spirituality dawns when God becomes as real as the problems and joys you face each day. With this in mind, Robert Wicks invites us to become actively and intimately involved in our own personal inner formation. In pursuit of this spiritual goal, some of the intriguing topics will include: rediscovering the lost virtue of the desert; when invited, enter the doorway to awe; mind the wisdom of spiritual sadness; and practice faithfulness and let God take care of the residue. Dr. Wicks will also address the importance of appreciating more clearly Jesus' central call and the three doorways to living a more complete, generative and holy life.



#### Dr. Robert J. Wicks

Dr. Robert Wicks is on the faculty of Loyola University Maryland, located in Baltimore. He has taught in universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology and social work. Dr. Wicks has published over 50 books for both professionals and the general public. A recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Counseling Association's Division on Ethics and Values, Dr. Wicks also received the Papal Medal from Pope John Paul II for his service to the Church.

### I-70 "Miệng lưỡi này xin ca ngợi tán dương": Vai Trò của Thánh Vịnh trong Phụng Vụ

Bài hội thảo sẽ chia sẻ về trọng tâm và vai trò không thể thiếu của Thánh Vịnh trong Phụng Vụ. Nhìn vào sự phong phú về hình ảnh cùng các ý nghĩa tâm linh, chúng ta sẽ học hỏi về những kết hợp mật thiết của Thánh Vịnh trong các nghi lễ phụng vụ và bí tích của Giáo Hội.

### "MY LIPS SHALL SPEAK YOUR PRAISE": THE ROLE OF THE PSALMS IN THE LITURGY

The focus of this workshop will be on the significant and indispensable role of the psalms in the liturgy. By looking at the richness of imagery and spiritual meaning, attendees will study the three functions of the psalms in various liturgical and sacramental celebrations of the Church. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



#### Linh mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh

Thụ phong linh mục cho Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles vào năm 2002, Cha Phạm Đức Thịnh đã phục vụ tại Giáo xứ Thánh Gioan Thiên Chúa ở Norwalk, California. Sau bốn năm phục vụ tại giáo xứ, cha đã được gửi sang Roma để theo học chuyên ngành phụng vụ tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Sant'Anselmo. Cha đã hoàn tất chương trình cao học của Phụng Vụ vào năm 2010 và cha đang làm giáo sư về Phụng Vụ tại Đại Chủng Viện Thánh Gioan, Camarillo, California.

#### Rev. Thinh Duc Pham

Ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2002, Fr. Thinh Pham served for four years as Associate Pastor at Saint John of God Parish in Norwalk, Calif. Upon completing his first assignment, he was sent to pursue graduate studies at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy in Rome. He completed his License of Sacred Liturgy in 2010 and is currently teaching Liturgy at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif.



## 2-01 MESSENGERS OF HOPE: EXPANDING THE VISION OF MINISTRY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Throughout the history of Christianity, faithful ministry has always existed in a deep and authentic relationship with the world. Through song and pastoral reflection, this session will explore the challenges and opportunities contemporary culture offers us to expand our vision of ministry within and beyond worship in a way that faithfully responds to the Gospel.



### Tony Alonso

*Tony Alonso's contemporary liturgical music appears in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. An emerging theologian, he is currently a doctoral candidate in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta, where he is focusing on liturgical and ritual studies. Formerly, Alonso served as Director of Music for Campus Ministry at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He has presented at liturgy, music and theology conferences across the world. His latest work, "Pilgrim" with Liam Lawton and Chris de Silva, is due in 2014.*



### Marty Haugen

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

## 2-02 DEVELOPING A CHILDREN'S LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY

There is more than one model to organize a successful and meaningful Liturgical Dance Ministry in your school or church. A ministry can be either inclusive (involving all of the children throughout the school year) or exclusive (selecting a small group who are responsible for rehearsing and performing). There is also the option of forming a ministry that goes out into your community to serve in this very special way! Learn how to work as a team with your priest, music director and all those involved in your celebrations. Participants should come ready to put down their notes and learn some simple dances and movement pieces appropriate for children's liturgy!



### Donna Anderle

*An accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer, Donna Anderle is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet and Midwest Theatre Ballet, and is involved in CincyDance!, an outreach program for Cincinnati inner-city schools. Anderle has choreographed for major conferences, including the National Catholic Youth Conferences and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video with Oregon Catholic Press. She continues to give workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concert.*

## 2-03 WALKING TOGETHER AS ONE HUMAN FAMILY OF HOPE

Hope can truly set the world on fire with God's love! Come meet and listen to Thomas Awiapo, as he is joined by the dynamic presenter and singer ValLimar Jansen. Together, these two powerful speakers share their stories of survival and success – Thomas in Ghana, West Africa, and ValLimar in the United States. Using reflection, prayer and music, along with their personal stories of hunger and hope, Thomas and ValLimar bring to life God's invitation to live as one human family. They will inspire all of us to embrace hope in a world afire!



### Thomas Awiapo

*Orphaned before the age of 10, Thomas Awiapo survived bleak poverty and hunger in his small village in Ghana. The loss of two younger siblings to malnutrition and his search for food at age 12 led him to school, where he eventually won scholarships to attend college. Today, he works for Catholic Relief Services as an international speaker and trainer for community leaders throughout Ghana, where he lives with his wife and four children.*



### ValLimar Jansen

*ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing,"" winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. She was Emcee for the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference held in Indianapolis, and she performed with her husband, Frank, at the Loreto/Angora International Papal Event in Italy, which was broadcast on EWTN and across the world.*

## 2-04 SONGS OF HOPE AND CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN

Have you been searching for vibrant, engaging and prayerful music for children? In this workshop, Australian educator/composer John Burland will use the gifts of song, movement and story to share original music for children at the elementary level. These songs have been created to help children deepen their understanding of Scripture and provide age-appropriate songs for Mass and celebration. Join Burland and students from Catholic schools in Sydney, Australia, as we gather with joy and hope to celebrate Word and Sacrament.



### John Burland

*John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults. He is Project Officer-Liturgy/Music for the Catholic Education Office in Sydney, Australia, and a workshop presenter, composer and touring musician for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. Burland has worked as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and religious education coordinator for over 20 years in school and parish communities. He is a regular speaker at conventions and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand and North America.*

## 2-05 MAKING THE CONNECTION WITH PARENTS WHILE PREPARING YOUTH FOR CONFIRMATION ☪

How can we support and involve parents as their adolescent child is preparing for confirmation? It's all about strengthening the Church of the home! Research and personal experience demonstrate that parents make a huge difference in the faith life of youth, and that preparing youth for confirmation can be an opportunity to renew the faith life and active participation of the whole family. This workshop will explore resources and strategies to help make the connection to parents and the families of young people as they prepare for confirmation.



**Tom East**

*Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development, based in Washington state. Previously, he served as Director of Youth Ministry and as Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. East is a popular speaker at youth and religious education conferences across the country. He is author of numerous books, including "Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry."*

## 2-06 WHO'S SORRY NOW? THE CHALLENGE OF FORGIVENESS ☪

The themes of forgiveness, guilt and human sorrow are everywhere. Each of us carries wounds from past hurts, and each of us knows that we have hurt others. What does the Gospel say about relational brokenness and the healing power of forgiveness? Is forgiveness the same as reconciliation? Is it possible – or even healthy – to “forgive and forget”? This presentation explores these deeply human questions in the light of Jesus’ vision and practice: forgiveness is an intentional attitude of the heart, a journey rather than an event. And, in the end, it is a doorway to true freedom.



**Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD**

*Sr. Fran Ferder, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, is a clinical psychologist, university teacher, author and international speaker. Since 1985, she has been the Co-Director of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA) in the Pacific Northwest. She is also an adjunct instructor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. Sr. Ferder has authored several books, including "Words Made Flesh" and, with John Heagle, "Tender Fires: The Spiritual Promise of Sexuality." She lives on the Oregon coast.*



**Rev. John Heagle, MA, JCL**

*Fr. John Heagle is a priest, counselor and author with more than 48 years of pastoral experience as campus minister, college professor, pastor and retreat director. Since 1985, he has served as a licensed psychotherapist and Co-Director of Therapy and Renewal Associates (TARA). He is also an adjunct instructor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University in Washington. Fr. Heagle is the author of eight books and lives near Lincoln City, Ore.*

## 2-07 WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THIS?

If God is so good, why do bad things happen? Why doesn't God prevent disasters and tragedy? Why are some people spared while others die? Is God punishing me or teaching me a lesson? If you are willing to challenge your own beliefs and re-examine some things you've always been taught, then come explore the tough questions that inevitably arise when we suffer. It will change the way you pray and the way you minister with and comfort others.



**Amy Florian**

*Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant, an instructor in a graduate ministry program at Loyola University of Chicago, and CEO of Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals how to support grieving clients. Florian has 30 years of parish and conference experience, and has authored over 90 articles and three books. She has presented keynote talks and workshops at over 20 diocesan conferences.*

## 2-08 DIVINIZATION: THE INVITATION OF THE EUCHARIST TO COMMUNION OF LIFE AND LOVE WITH GOD ☪

Early Church writers spoke of the mystical communion with God as the central gift of the Eucharist. Participants will be given a glimpse into this mystery and the wonder of the transformation of all of creation into Christ.



**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

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

## 2-09 GETTING TEENS TO "LOL" – LOVE OUR LITURGY ☪

Let's face it, Generation Y (the Millennial Generation) and Generation Z can find liturgy boring and disengaging; yet it is one of the most powerful ways we can have to connect with our awesome God. Fr. Rob Galea will share stories and give practical tips on how to engage (and possibly draw) young people as well as share about his coming-to-appreciation and love for the liturgy and how it played a vital role in his freedom from addiction and anger.



**Fr. Rob Galea**

*Fr. Rob Galea is currently serving as an assistant parish priest and also as a Chaplain at Notre Dame College, both in Shepparton, Victoria, Australia. He is a singer and songwriter with an international fan base. Apart from his series of recordings and CD releases, Fr. Galea has also written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. He is the co-founder of Stronger, a youth program that is quickly becoming one of Victoria state's largest Catholic youth movements.*

## 2-10 RCIA: DISCERNING CONVERSION

This workshop will focus on ways to discern the level of Christian formation for those who come to us seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We will also examine the types of conversion we can help facilitate for catechumens and candidates in the RCIA process.



**Dr. Jerry Galipeau**

*Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Vice President and Chief Publishing Officer at World Library Publications in Franklin Park, Ill. He is a former parish director of liturgy and music, and is past Chair of the Board of Directors for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Dr. Galipeau has presented keynotes and workshops throughout the United States and Canada, and has authored numerous publications and keeps a blog for those interested in liturgy, music and initiation.*

## 2-11 CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: A TREASURY OLD AND NEW

No faith tradition has a richer treasury of spiritual practices than Catholicism. This legacy from our foremothers and forefathers in faith can truly be a treasury for our time as we reclaim and refurbish their rich array of practices. This workshop will highlight some of the most promising for our own time.



**Dr. Thomas Groome**

*Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education and Chair of the Department of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. The award-winning author has written or edited 10 books and numerous articles and essays. Dr. Groome has made over 500 public presentations over the last 30 years, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators.*



**Dr. Colleen Griffith**

*Dr. Colleen Griffith has taught for nearly 20 years at Boston College, where she is currently Associate Professor in the Practice of Theology at the School of Theology and Ministry, and has lectured widely with special focus on the theology and spirituality of the body. Dr. Griffith has published numerous articles in her fields of specialization, and is co-editor with her spouse, Dr. Thomas Groome, of "Catholic Spiritual Practices: A Treasury Old and New."*

## 2-12 TODAY'S DOMESTIC CHURCH: DRIVING THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

With minivan travels from Scouting meetings to soccer games and all the points in between, today's families are busier and yet more in need of the graces of the Church and the promise of the Gospel than ever before. Learn what Catholic families want from their parishes and schools and hear success stories and concrete examples of faith in action in homes and dioceses around the country. We will offer innovative ways to nurture and invigorate the domestic church as the heart and soul of the New Evangelization.



**Lisa M. Hendey**

*Lisa Hendey is founder and editor of CatholicMom.com and bestselling author of "The Handbook for Catholic Moms." She is a technology contributor for EWTN's "Son Rise Morning Show" and a regular guest on Relevant Radio's "On Call" afternoon show. Hendey is a columnist for Faith & Family, Catholic News Agency, and Catholic Exchange, and her articles have appeared in the National Catholic Register and Our Sunday Visitor. She gives workshops on faith, family and Catholic new media topics, and was selected to participate in the Vatican Bloggers Meeting.*



**Sarah Reinhard**

*Based in Ohio, Sarah Reinhard is a Catholic wife, mom, writer, parish employee and catechist. She has spoken at numerous conferences throughout the United States. In addition to being author of several books, Reinhard is a daily blogger for SnoringScholar.com; a columnist for CatholicMom.com, New-Evangelizers.com, and for Integrated Catholic Life e-zine; and a contributor for AmazingCatechists.com and CatholicExchange.com. She writes and produces segments for popular podcasts and is a frequent guest on other podcasts.*

## 2-13 IMMIGRATION: A MORAL, ETHICAL ISSUE

**Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD (bio 1-12)**

For many years, the United States has been struggling to fix a broken system by passing comprehensive immigration policy reform. This workshop will explore why this is a moral, ethical issue and how we can move forward in securing our border as well as providing migrants economic opportunities for a decent way of life.

## 2-14 LIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Josephine Lombardi will lead us through each petition of the Lord's Prayer (The Our Father) and show how our salvation is connected to the fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer. A brief introduction to the prayer will be followed by a presentation on how the Lord's Prayer can be a powerful guide for daily living. This is an ideal workshop for those seeking the deeper meaning of our church's spiritual treasures. This presentation is based on Dr. Lombardi's book, "On Earth as it is in Heaven." Handouts will be given with activities, resources and suggestions on how to start a study group on the Lord's Prayer in your school or parish.



**Josephine Lombardi, PhD**

*Dr. Josephine Lombardi has worked in a variety of ministries. Currently, she is Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education, and Director of Lay Formation at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. She is an author, retreat leader and has presented at numerous conferences. Dr. Lombardi is host of a weekly radio show on Radio Teopoli (AM 530) on the New Evangelization. She has made numerous guest radio appearances and television interviews.*

**CONGRESS FACT:**

Lunchtime entertainment at Congress 2014 will include Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart and Jackie Francois (on Friday); Australians John Burland, Andrew Chinn and Michael Mangan (on Saturday); and Pedro Rubalcava, Rudy López and Stella García-López (on Sunday), plus MANY more.

## 2-15 TEACHING KIDS TO PRAY – PRAYING IN COLOR 🎧

Prayer is about being wide-eyed, openhearted, spontaneous and receptive. Kids are all of these things. But sometimes, like adults, they cannot find the words to say in their prayers. They feel shy with God. Their bodies wiggle, their minds daydream, and their eyes wander. Praying in Color invites wiggly bodies, dreamy minds and wandering eyes into prayer. With paper, colored pencils, markers, pens and doodles, children can pray for others, express their gratitude, or learn to listen for the “still small voice of God.” Bring a pen, colored pencils or markers, paper and a hard surface to draw on.

**Sybil MacBeth**

Sybil MacBeth is an author, a workshop and retreat leader, and a former community college mathematics professor. She has been a ballet and pre-ballet teacher and liturgical dance workshop leader. MacBeth combines her experience in the classroom with her lifelong love of prayer, and has lead over 150 workshops and retreats on *Praying in Color*. Her 2007 book, “*Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God*,” has now been translated into Korean, Spanish and Italian.

## 2-16 WHY CATHOLICS SHOULDN'T BE FUNDAMENTALISTS 🎧

Many Catholics and others receive their understanding of the Bible from the loudest voices on the radio, who often take positions that leave their listeners confused. This session will provide strategies for helping RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) instructors and parish Bible study leaders move adults from fundamentalist approaches to more satisfying, authentically Catholic interpretations of the Bible. The starting point will be both faith-filled and rational, combining an ongoing trust of the Holy Spirit's inspiration with genuinely intelligent investigation. Bring your Bible.

**Rev. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD**

Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of Los Angeles, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary and Pastor of Blessed Junipero Serra (Padre Serra) Parish, both in Camarillo, Calif. He is author of “*Dining with Pharisees*” and “*Sacred Scripture*,” a high school introduction to the Scriptures. Fr. Mullen speaks annually at the Los Angeles Congress and to diocesan priests in Phoenix, Utah, and seven of the 12 California dioceses, as well at diocesan conferences throughout the Southwest, Texas and Australia.

## 2-17 HOPE AND FIRE: CATECHETICAL INSIGHTS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT 🎧

As Catholics throughout the world embark on the journey of a New Evangelization, it is imperative that we ponder how the Spirit that guides the Church on this important journey works in the lives of believers. In this session, we explore key theological and spiritual insights from various Christian thinkers and consider how these may help us to develop a catechesis on the Holy Spirit that speaks to today's Christians in our faith communities.

**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

Dr. Hosffman Ospino teaches pastoral theology and religious education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, where he is also Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. His research and writings focus on the conversation between faith and culture. Dr. Ospino is currently working on a book on multicultural congregations as well as one on parishes with Hispanic ministries. His most recent book is entitled “*Evangélicación y Catequesis en el Ministerio Hispano*,” published by Liguori.

## 2-18 REKINDLING THE FLAME 🎧

The Celtic Christian propensity to find the Divine in nature speaks to many of the concerns of our present era. The ancient wisdom, visual images, poetry, prayers and blessings of Celtic Christian spirituality take us beyond words to re-ignite our imagination. Seeing through the sentimentality of the stories and legends surrounding saints Patrick and Brigid of Kildare, we re-discover the transformative power of becoming an *Anam Cara* (soul-friend) to ourselves and to those we meet on the road of life. They both epitomize the beauty of hospitality and companionship. Exploring their witness of tireless evangelization can re-ignite our own imaginations and creativity.

**Sr. Carol Quinlivan, CSJ**

Sr. Carol Quinlivan, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a spiritual director and also a retreat director, with extensive experience in spiritual formation at both the archdiocesan and parish levels. Over the last 20 years Sr. Quinlivan has created Sophia Circles, intergenerational gatherings of women for group spiritual direction. Presently, she is a doctoral candidate at the Jungian Institute in Carpinteria, Calif., while ministering at the Serra Retreat Center in Malibu, Calif.

## 2-19 THAT'S A GOOD STORY! USING NARRATIVE TO TEACH ABOUT MORALITY ☪

In teaching about morality from a Catholic perspective, especially in senior high school, a challenge the teacher faces is presenting complex and often countercultural ideas in ways that interest students and can facilitate future learning. One very valuable pedagogical technique is the use of narratives or stories. This is often a powerful way of introducing complex issues in a succinct but engaging manner. This workshop will examine the use of narratives as a means of presenting abstract notions, such as what conscience is and how it is formed.



### Richard M. Rymarz

*Richard Rymarz is the Peter and Doris Kule Chair in the Catholic Religious Education Department at St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta, Canada. He worked as a high school religious education teacher for 12 years before entering academic life. For the past 15 years, his primary teaching has been in programs that prepare teachers to teach religious education Catholic schools. His latest book is entitled "Taking the Next Step: Teaching Religious Education in Catholic Schools."*

## 2-20 BRINGING THE DEATH PENALTY UP CLOSE ☪

Dale Recinella, a Catholic Correctional Chaplain for Florida's death row, and Dr. Susan Recinella, volunteer lay minister for families of the condemned during executions, take the audience by the hand and lead them into the halls of death row, the death house, the death watch visits and final good-byes, the execution chamber and official witness room, and the church where the condemned person's family waits to hear if their loved one has been killed. They will share the rarely discussed truths about how the death penalty affects flesh and blood human beings, including the staff, witnesses and family of the condemned.



### Dale S. Recinella, JD, MTS

*Dale Recinella has served for 20 years as a spiritual counselor and as a Catholic Correctional Chaplain in Florida's prisons; since 1998, serving 400-plus men on death row and 2,000 men in long-term solitary confinement. Dale is an international speaker on the death penalty, prison conditions and faith perspectives on crime and punishment. He has appeared frequently on Vatican Radio and on European and domestic radio. His latest work, "When We Visit Jesus in Prison," is a resource for Catholic prison ministry.*



### Dr. Susan M. Recinella

*Dr. Susan Recinella has served in volunteer ministry to families of the executed for 14 years. She has worked as a licensed clinical psychologist since 1991 in outpatient and inpatient settings. She is presently Clinical Psychologist and Director of Intern Training at the Florida State University Counseling Center in Tallahassee. Dr. Recinella, an international speaker, has worked as a Director of Training for the last 10 years in American Psychological Association-accredited pre-doctoral internship programs.*

## 2-21 FUEL FOR THE FIRE: HOW TO KEEP FROM BURNING OUT, BURNING OVER OR BEING BURNED ☪

The road toward justice and inclusion of the marginalized in the church and in society can be fraught with roadblocks, hills and even danger. As parents (and teachers) of children with a variety of special needs, we need a body of wisdom to help us feed the fire of passion for inclusion in a way that it can be sustained over the course of a lifetime.



### Christine & Michael Way Skinner

*Christine Way Skinner is a full-time catechist at St. John Chrysostom Parish in Ontario, Canada. Michael is Coordinator of Religion, Family Life and Equity for Canada's York Catholic District School Board, where he has also worked as an English religion teacher. Together, they are monthly columnists for The Messenger of St. Anthony Magazine. They are parents to six children with varying special needs and are committed to finding creative and inclusive ways to pass on the church's tradition to the next generation.*

## 2-22 DEVELOPING THE PARISH AS A COMMUNITY OF SERVICE: A PARISH FILLED WITH LIFE AND HOPE ☪

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that the purpose of a parish is "to feed and nurture people to be a leaven in society." This workshop will focus on practical, concrete ways to achieve that. It will explore both the nurturing and the calling forth of all to assume their God-given call to ministry and service.



### Bro. Loughlan Sofield, ST

*Based in Maryland, Bro. Loughlan Sofield, a member of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, is currently Director of their Senior Ministry II Cenacle. He previously served as Director of their Center for Collaborative Ministry in New Jersey; as Director of the Washington Archdiocesan Consultation and Counseling Center; and as Assistant Director of the Center for Religion and Psychiatry in Washington, D.C. Bro. Sofield has taught and spoken in almost 300 dioceses on six different continents. He is the recipient of numerous awards and co-author of several books.*



### CONGRESS TRIVIA:

*Youth Day's attendance is limited to the seating capacity of the Convention Center Arena – just under 15,000 youth and their chaperones – and usually fills to capacity by the date of the fee increase.*

**CONGRESS TRIVIA:**

*The labyrinth has become a landmark feature of Sacred Space, tucked away on the third floor of the Convention Center. In addition to the chapel, Eucharistic Adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation this year, you can pray the Stations of the Cross with an artistic display of artifacts left behind by our undocumented brothers and sisters who traverse the U.S.-Mexican border.*

**2-23 ANNOUNCERS OF A NEW PENTECOST** 🗣️

Pope John XXIII believed Vatican II could be a “new Pentecost.” That dream is still in progress, since we are the bearers of that message. It is time for us to re-discover the Holy Spirit in our midst and to realize what is made possible by this Spirit. We know that our time offers us numerous challenges. This session will examine these challenges and offer ways to “find” the Holy Spirit in our midst and spark the fire of renewal in ourselves and in those to whom we minister. We are guided by the belief that in the end we can discover some meaning to human existence, a meaning that is not imposed ... rather, a meaning that is already there, waiting to be discovered.

**Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP**

*For the past 23 years Sr. Maureen Sullivan, a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York, has been a Professor of Theology at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. In addition to her teaching, she also serves as a Religion Consultant for the RCL Benziger Publishing Co. and has been a popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. 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.”*

**2-24 REVOLUTIONARY HOPE** 🗣️

Jesus was not a zealot, but his movement was revolutionary in that it exposed the misplaced priorities of the world’s systems. Jesus puts the last at the front of the line, blesses the poor, promising them his Kingdom, and offers hope to the hopeless. So what does Jesus’ Kingdom look like, and how is his Kingdom different from any other kingdom? What are the ways in which we’re called to share this hope with a hopeless world?

**Jim Wallis**

*Jim Wallis is a best-selling author, public theologian and frequent national and international speaker. Author of 10 books, he is founder and President of Sojourners and Editor-in-Chief of Sojourners magazine. Wallis’ columns run in major newspapers and blogs, and he appears on radio and television as a commentator. He has taught at Harvard University and currently teaches a course on “Faith, Social Justice, and Public Life” at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.*

**2-25 ISLAM AND THE ARAB SPRING: DEMOCRACY AND REVOLUTION AND WAR** 🗣️

This workshop will give both a historical and religious context to the political upheavals in the Muslim world, with a focus on the role of the youth and social media. It is hoped that our discussion will lead to greater insight into understanding some of the ongoing regional conflicts.

**Jihad Mohammed Turk**

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

**2-26 THE BRAIN AND GOD: ARE WE “WIRED” FOR SPIRITUALITY?** 🗣️

How is our brain “wired” for God? St. Augustine, who lived long before scientists knew that there were brain waves, observed that God has made us, and our hearts and minds are restless until they rest in God! What is some of the recent research by neuroscientists that enlightens our understanding of the brain and God? We will look at how these findings influence our spirituality particularly within the Catholic tradition. We will also explore how this information enhances an understanding of our own uniqueness and connectedness with others. Jesus was an outstanding brain-friendly teacher! Let’s aim at imitating the Master himself who invited us to do so!

**Jean Marie Weber**

*Jean Marie Weber serves as Director of Educational Programs at the Saint Clare Center for Catholic Life at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. She is the former Director of Certification for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Commission on Certification/Accreditation, and former Associate Director of the Office for Schools and Child/Youth Ministries at the Milwaukee Archdiocese, where she currently chairs the Commission on Continuing Formation for Clergy and Lay Ecclesial Ministers.*



**CONGRESS SOUVENIRS:**  
Congress annually has an offering of buttons (pictured), pens, magnets and other assorted Congress logo-ed souvenirs. And look for the Congress 2014 logowear in Hall A.

## 2-70 Tân Truyền Giáo: Căn Tính và Sứ Mạng của Chúng Ta ☪

Ngày 21 tháng 9 năm 2010, Đức Giáo Hoàng Bênêđictô XVI qua tự sắc *Ubicumque et semper* (Mọi Nơi và Mọi Lúc) công bố thiết lập một bộ ngành mới trong Giáo Triều Roma mang tên: Hội Đồng Giáo Hoàng Cổ Võ Tân Truyền Giáo. Từ ngày 7 đến 28 tháng 10 năm 2012, Đức Thánh Cha triệu tập một Thượng Hội Đồng Giám Mục Thế Giới tụ về Tòa Thánh nghiên cứu đề tài: Tân Truyền Giáo Đê Thông Truyền Đức Tin Kitô. Và Năm Đức Tin hoàn vũ được đề xướng kể từ ngày 11 tháng 10 năm 2012 đến ngày 24 tháng 11 năm 2013 cũng không ngoài mục đích đẩy mạnh về Tân Truyền Giáo. Buổi hội thảo này trình bày một vài khía cạnh cốt yếu về Tân Truyền Giáo và tại sao đáp lại lời mời gọi này là căn tính và sứ mạng của mỗi người Công Giáo.

## THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: OUR IDENTITY, OUR MISSION ☪

On September 21, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI, through a *motu proprio* entitled "*Ubicumque et semper*," established a new commission in the Roman Curia named the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. From October 7-28, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI also convened a World Synod of Bishops to Rome to discuss New Evangelization for the transmission of the Christian faith. It was for the same purpose – pushing for the New Evangelization in the world – that the Year of Faith, October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013, was proclaimed. This workshop discusses some principal dimensions of the New Evangelization and how it is every Catholic's identity and mission. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



**Cha Nguyễn Huy Bảo**

Cha Nguyễn Huy Bảo là linh mục triều thuộc Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles. Cha tốt nghiệp bằng Cao Học và thành công đệ trình luận án về linh đạo của Đức Hồng Y Nguyễn Văn Thuận. Năm 2011, cha được mời bởi Bộ Tuyên Ân Phong Thánh cho Đức Hồng Y Thuận làm chứng về vị Tội Tử Chúa. Cha Bảo từng là giảng viên tại Religious Education Congress và Đại Hội Giáo Lý Việt Nam Toàn Quốc. Cha hiện phục vụ tại Giáo Xứ Thánh Gregory the Great, Whittier, California.

### Rev. Bao Huy Nguyen

A priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Fr. Bao Nguyen completed a Master of Arts and successfully defended his thesis on the spirituality of Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan. He was invited by the Postulation for the Cause of Cardinal Thuan's Canonization to give formal testimony regarding this Servant of God for sainthood. He has been a presenter at the Religious Education Congress and the Vietnamese-American National Catechetical Conference. He currently serves as Administrator Pro Tempore at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Whittier, California.



## 2-27 THE PILGRIM WAY: SETTING DIRECTION FOR A FUTURE LIFE

David Whyte (bio 1-27)

Join David Whyte for an exploration of the great questions of human life through the eyes of the pilgrim: someone for whom the nature of the destination changes step by step as the end of the path approaches. One of the central themes will be internal resilience, the necessity for following a certain star not seen or perceived by anyone else, on a path keeping the journey in the world relevant and true. We will look at the necessity for hardiness, for shelter, for risk, for companionship, for vulnerability, for creating a more beautiful mind and the absolute need to ask for help at transition points combined with an ability to recognize when it is being offered and the humor, humility and open hands necessary to receive it.

## 2-28 REINVIGORATING CATHOLIC IDENTITY IN A DIGITAL CIVILIZATION ☪

Pope Francis is calling all Catholic educators and catechists to study and implement new methodologies for faith formation in a digital civilization. New digital learning environments, brain research, collaborative learning and stimulating learning experiences demand we re-imagine how we communicate faith in the 21st century. How can we apply these new developments and insights for reinvigorating the Catholic identity of our Catholic schools and parish catechetical communities, as well as adult faith formation?



**Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, MSHS, DMin**

Sr. Angela Zukowski is Director of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton in Ohio. There, she also serves as a professor in the Department of Religious Studies and teaches online for the School of Education. Sr. Zukowski, a member of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, serves as an international consultant for incorporating digital resources for faith formation in diocesan, parish and school pastoral communication plans.

**3-01 CONFIRMING ADULT CATHOLICS** 🗣️

This workshop will explore ways to evangelize and form already practicing Catholics who simply “missed” the sacrament of confirmation. Using a liturgical approach, Mary Birmingham will unpack a model that provides appropriate and proximate preparation for the sacrament, which has been used effectively in a parish setting for years.

**Mary Birmingham**

*Mary Birmingham is Director of Liturgy, Music and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Fla. She has been involved in RCIA ministry on a national level since 1992. An author and a Master Catechist for the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., Birmingham travels extensively throughout the United States and Canada providing diocesan workshops in the areas of initiation, sacramental and liturgical catechesis. She is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.*

**3-02 “IN JOYFUL HOPE” – SONGS OF JOY AND HOPE FOR OUR CHILDREN** 🗣️

Australian Andrew Chinn shares songs of joy and hope, some from his new collection and some old favorites, for the passing on of our faith from one generation to the next. Chinn shares his experiences, skills and songs gathered over 30 years as a teacher firstly, and then as a full-time music minister for children. Come and bring the child within and share your joy as we visit songs for celebrations: sacraments, liturgies, prayer, blessings and special events throughout the year. This session is geared to those who work with elementary and early childhood students.

**Andrew Chinn**

*Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has presented at Catholic education conferences in 20 dioceses across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released nine CDs, four DVDs and five picture books. In 2013, Chinn became part of the WLP family, who now distribute his music in North America.*

**3-03 THE HEART OF IT ALL: KEYS TO AWESOME ADOLESCENT MINISTRY!** 🗣️

Effective ministry begins with effective ministers. In this workshop, we will take some time to look deeply at our role as ministers to adolescents and see how our approach directly impacts the effectiveness of our ministry. If you are looking to start or renew your work with adolescents and learn some of the key influencing factors, you don’t want to miss this workshop!

**Steven Ellair**

*Steven Ellair is a Senior Editor and National Presenter with Minnesota-based Saint Mary’s Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 21 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic schoolteacher and catechetical consultant for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for nearly 11 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for 18 years.*

**3-04 ILLUMINATING CHURCH TEACHINGS ON HOMOSEXUALITY** 🗣️

Homosexuality is a controversial topic within the Church and in society. Official Church teachings offer a plethora of information for lesbian and gay Catholics and their families, but it’s often misquoted or out of context. This workshop will provide an overview of Church teachings on homosexuality from the Scriptures, Catechism, papal encyclicals and pastoral letters. Attendees can expect to better understand the Church’s three primary teachings on homosexuality: 1) the dignity of the human person; 2) the Church’s opposition to discrimination and harassment; and 3) the call to chastity. Additionally, teachings to help lesbian and gay Catholics participate fully and actively in the Church will be discussed.

**Arthur G. Fitzmaurice, PhD**

*Based in Washington, D.C., Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice is Resource Director of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry. He formerly served as Chair for the Los Angeles Archdiocese’s Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. Dr. Fitzmaurice speaks on topics ranging from bullying and suicide prevention to the pastoral care of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) Catholics, and has presented at various regional and annual conferences. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.*

**Fr. Chris Ponnet**

*Born and raised at St. Luke’s in Temple City, Calif., Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983 (during the AIDS pandemic), and has been involved for over 25 years as Director of the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. He also serves as Pastor of St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care. Fr. Ponnet has spoken about consistent life ethics and the death penalty at the Pax Christi Peace and Justice Conferences, to local congregations, and at meetings around the county.*

**CONGRESS FACT:**

*One of the most popular locations of Congress is the Exhibit Hall. Congress 2014 will showcase 489 booths housing over 200 companies as exhibitors – ranging from religious art to music, and from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to our own represented Archdiocesan ministries. Exhibit Hall A hours at Congress are from 8 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday and from 8 am until 3 pm on Sunday.*

### 3-05 CRY OUT WITH JOY: CELEBRATING THE LITURGY OF THE WORD IN SONG

One of the most significant reforms of the liturgy since Vatican II has been the evolution of the importance of the Liturgy of the Word. The significance of the renewed Lectionary has become a central path for celebrating the presence of Christ in the praying assembly, and music continues to be an important force bringing the Scriptures to life. This workshop will be a musical celebration of the ritual tonality needed for the Word to be integrated in the prayer of the liturgy. Come and learn how the ritual elements are connected and take part in the singing, praying and celebrating while we examine many musical examples and options, as well as the roles of the cantor/psalmist and the choir/vocal ensemble.



**David Haas**

David Haas is a member of the Campus Ministry team at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn., where he is founder and Executive Director of "Music Ministry Alive!" – an international liturgical music formation program for high school and college-age youth. Haas has composed over 50 original collections and recordings of liturgical music, available through GIA Publications. He has spoken internationally and has authored over 20 books on music, liturgy, prayer and spirituality.



**Lori True**

Lori True is Campus Minister and Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn. She is Associate Director of "Music Ministry Alive!" and active as a workshop presenter, concert performer, master cantor and recording artist. A published composer of several collections of liturgical music with GIA Publications, True has authored several articles on liturgy and music, the ministry of cantor, and liturgical planning.

### 3-06 THE BIBLE IS A DANGEROUS BOOK: THE RADICAL AND INCLUSIVE KINGDOM OF JESUS

Jesus' teaching of the doctrine of the Kingdom of Heaven was an uncompromising demand for a transformative change; an utter cleansing, without and within. Jesus asks us to put him before all else – before nation, ethnic clan, family or self. It is dangerous because Jesus gives everything on our behalf and then demands the same of us. It is radical and inclusive because Jesus' teachings defy the social, political and religious foundations of the times. What was it about Jesus and his message that led the Jewish Sanhedrin and Imperial Rome to join forces to execute him? And what does it mean to be a new creation in Christ?



**Darrell Hall**

Darrell Hall is former principal at St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, where he has taught religious education at the senior high level for 34 years. Hall has spoken at the Catholic Educators' Conference (in Vancouver, Canada), at the Reverence for Life conferences, at various high schools and senior retreats, and at numerous parishes. He last presented at the Religious Education Congress in 2013; his book is entitled, "I Am Convinced: God the Truth and You."

### 3-07 DYING YOUNG: WHY THE YOUNG CHURCH IS FALLING AWAY AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

The Church isn't getting any younger ... but why not? While youth and young adult ministries flourish in some parishes, young people are seemingly non-existent in others. We know the challenges, and in this session Mark Hart will propose some tangible and practical solutions to the problem.



**Mark Hart**

Mark Hart serves as Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. He is a best-selling and award-winning author and co-author of over a dozen books, including "Embracing God's Plan for Marriage," and has created the popular DVD Bible Study Series, "T3." Hart has traveled the globe speaking to millions and is a regular guest on several Catholic radio programs, including a weekly spot on SiriusXM and produces a weekly podcast for Life Teen.

### 3-08 FIVE THINGS EVERY KID NEEDS TO KNOW... HOWEVER OLD WE ARE!

Every child – whatever our age – needs to know these five essential truths about ourselves and our place in the world. As a parish priest of 34 years, Fr. Joe Kempf sees what yields lives "afire" with hope, meaning and joy, and shares his insight as only he can. Through demonstration, stories and down-to-earth wisdom, find anew what matters most for your children ... and the child in you. (Including a brief segment on what every religious educator needs to know!)



**Fr. Joe Kempf**

Fr. Joe Kempf is Pastor of Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, Mo., and founder and President of "Gospel Values." He is a well-known speaker and appears at religious education gatherings around the country and Canada. Fr. Kempf is author of numerous books, videos and CDs, including "You Want Me to be Good ALL DAY?" and "My Sister is Annoying!" He also has four volumes of DVDs under the "Big Al LIVE" series.

### 3-09 DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE? A CATECHIST'S PERSPECTIVE

What we see in life depends on lots of things. What is it that contributes to how we see or how we form our perspectives? What are the perceptions that we hold as catechists? It's important to ask ourselves these questions from time to time to make sure that our answers reflect the call of Jesus in our lives. This presentation will discuss perspectives and perceptions that catechists might hold in regard to their ministry, their faith and their students, and how these perspectives and perceptions contribute to our teaching as Jesus did.



**Dr. Saundra Kennedy**

After many years as a Catholic elementary, junior high and high school teacher, Dr. Saundra Kennedy became a representative for William H. Sadlier publishing, where she now serves as National Religion Consultant. Kennedy has been a contributor

and consultant for the production of many of Sadlier's religious education materials and their sacramental programs. She has been keynote for diocesan Catholic school events and major religious education conferences across the country.

### 3-10 DISCOVERING THE ASSEMBLY'S VOICE: SACRED MUSIC IN THE LITURGY

According to the U.S. bishops' document on liturgical music, "Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship": "The musical formation of the assembly must be a continuing concern in order to foster full, conscious, and active participation" in the liturgy. This means that musical formation is not just for the choir, but for everyone. How can parishes form their assemblies so that vibrant sung participation is the norm? This session explores how to improve our singing and to be more attentive to sacred music's role in the liturgy, so that, as the gathered body of Christ, we may to lift our voices in praise to God in the manner our Church envisions.



**Peter Kolar**

*Peter Kolar is Senior Editor of Hispanic Resources for World Library Publications. His bilingual Mass setting, "Misa Luna," is sung in cathedrals and parishes nationwide. Kolar is a faculty instructor and Music Program Coordinator for the Tepeyac Institute in El Paso, Texas, and sits on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Liturgical Conference. He resides in El Paso, Texas, where he is Director of the El Paso Diocesan Choir. He is a frequent workshop presenter at the Religious Education Congress.*

### 3-11 HEARTS BURNING, OR HEARTBURN? 🔊

Fifteen years ago, the visionary and inspirational document "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us" charted a course for the future of adult faith formation in the United States. This session will explore some of what has occurred in these 15 years, taking into consideration changes that have taken place in our Church, in our country and in our world. To where does Jesus now call us?



**Fr. David Loftus**

*A priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese and a graduate of both All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland, and Boston College, Fr. David Loftus currently serves as Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge, Calif. For a number of years, he worked in the archdiocesan Office of Religious Education as Coordinator/Consultant in Catechist Formation and Adult Education. Fr. Loftus maintains membership in the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, where he has served as Vice President.*

### 3-12 MUSIC AND MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY 🔊

Navigating multi- and inter-cultural realities in ministry is a lifelong process of learning, unlearning and learning anew! Come enter into an experience that will inspire, affirm and encourage the ongoing ministry and work of living, teaching, welcoming and worshiping in a Church and world that is wonderfully and beautifully diverse! There will be singing, laughing and a great cultivation of hope and joy!



**Jesse Manibusan**

*Itinerant witness, songwriter, speaker, joy cultivator, storyteller and evangelizer, Jesse Manibusan is co-founder, along with his wife, Jodi, of 2by2 Ministries. With over 28 years of experience as a music minister, catechist and youth worker, he travels throughout the United States, Canada and beyond, with numerous appearances at the L.A. Congress, World Youth Days, and various parish missions, Catholic schools and diocesan events. A workshop clinician, composer and recording artist, Manibusan has several CDs published by Oregon Catholic Press and spiritalandsong.com.*

### 3-13 PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE 🔊

How can I pray with the Bible? Fr. James Martin will teach you two simple ways to help you enter more deeply into the Old and New Testaments, enrich your spiritual life, and encounter God in Scripture. We'll use simple methods to learn about the practices of *lectio divina* and Ignatian contemplation, and you will learn easy techniques of prayer that anyone can use.



**James Martin, SJ**

*Fr. James Martin, a Jesuit priest, is Editor at Large of America, the Catholic magazine. He is author of several award-winning books including, most recently, "Together on Retreat," "Between Heaven and Mirth," "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything" and "My Life with the Saints." A popular speaker, Fr. Martin presents frequently at parish groups, retreats and national conferences, including the past several years at the Religious Education Congress.*

### 3-14 THE SOCIAL TEACHING OF POPE FRANCIS 🔊

Pope Francis has captivated those both within and outside of the Catholic Church with his sense of open engagement. For many, he represents a new beginning and thus has created a renewed interest in Catholicism. This session will explore Pope Francis' teachings on social justice issues. We will discover how he is deeply rooted in the long history of prior Catholic social teaching, and consider the new emphases and challenges he offers to people of faith living in an unjust world.



**Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD**

*Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is Professor of Moral Theology at Marquette University. A former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, he is a noted expert on Catholic social thought and a speaker on social justice issues. A former Congress keynote, he has addressed most major Catholic social justice conferences in the country and is a consultant to many faith-based leadership groups nationally and internationally.*

## 3-15 HOW TO TALK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT GOD! ☺

The call to discipleship is a response to the Word! This session will provide participants with practical skills on how to use symbols, analogy and metaphors in developing God talk. These skills are applicable to home, classes, youth ministry settings and in our conversations. Further, this session will identify spiritual practices, faith skills and rituals that enable young people to “talk” about God and faith, and to live out their discipleship. Let’s talk about young people and about God!



**Robert J. McCarty, DMin**

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

## 3-16 WEAR HOPE LIKE A SECOND SKIN! ☺

Desmond Tutu, the retired South African Anglican bishop, has said: “Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.” The Light of Christ is a spark that is seeded in each of us, in all of us. Life in God as the children and the servants of light is our birthright and our way of setting the earth on fire with hope and compassion. Hope, like the Spirit of God, “sleeps beneath our paper flesh like dynamite,” writes Thomas Merton. Come practice hope!



**Dr. Megan McKenna**

*Megan McKenna, a native of New York City now living in Albuquerque, N.M., is an international speaker, storyteller and author of 49 books, including “This Will be Remembered of Her,” which won her an award from the Catholic Press Association. The Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA also won the Isaac Hecker Award for Justice and Peace. McKenna teaches at a number of universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world. Her recent book is “Like a Hammer Shattering Rock.”*

## 3-17 THE CHURCH, POPE FRANCIS & YOU: WHERE ARE WE GOING? ☺

Fr. Jonathan Morris will give a synopsis of what Pope Francis has done for the Church and how the Pope wants us to respond in our own lives and as a Catholic family.



**Fr. Jonathan Morris**

*Fr. Jonathan Morris is Program Director for the Catholic Channel on SiriusXM, the Communications Advisor to Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the New York Archdiocese, and parochial vicar at the historic Saint Patrick’s Old Cathedral in New York City. Fr. Morris also serves as Campus Minister at Columbia University in Upper Manhattan in New York City. He is author of “The Promise” and “God Wants You Happy,” both available from HarperOne. Fr. Morris regularly presents at universities, parishes and conferences, including the University Series, sponsored by parishes in the Los Angeles Archdiocese.*

## 3-18 THE SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY EVANGELISTIC CATHOLICS

Every Catholic is called to live out and share their faith with others. Yet exactly how should we go about it? The Church holds up the great example of the saints, whose very lives give witness to what it means to be joyful messengers and ambassadors for Christ. Join Hector Molina as he shares the seven common habits of these highly evangelistic Catholics and how we might incorporate them into our daily lives in order to win others for Christ.



**Hector Antonio Molina Jr.**

*Hector Molina is an international lay apologist and speaker for Catholic Answers, the largest lay-run apostolate of apologetics and evangelization in North America. The seasoned evangelist was a former Director of Evangelization for the St. Louis Archdiocese, and founding Director of their Office for the New Evangelization. Molina has nearly 25 years of professional speaking throughout the United States, Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, Australia, and Singapore.*

## 3-19 P.A.R.T.Y. (PARENTS & ADMINISTRATION REMEMBERING THE YOUTH) ☺

Having a hard time speaking to your teen? Getting lost in the onslaught of technology? Need to figure out pop culture nomenclature or desperately trying to understand the acronyms of texting? Look no further. The ELEV8 team’s P.A.R.T.Y. workshop is for you. We even answer some of those questions about a teen struggling with their sexual orientation. That’s right. We said that. Come to this empowering session for adults, learn how ELEV8 bridges the gap between parent and teen, and leave knowing your teen really is looking to you more than you think they are.



**Anthony Preston**

*Anthony Preston is an actor, musician, motivational speaker, and creator and Executive Producer of ELEV8, a teen integrity program based in Southern California. Preston has been a representative for hundreds of schools and institutions since 2001 and has worked with a host of secondary education programs and organizations, including The Right to Life League, Upward Bound and Rachel’s Challenge. His presentations call teens to embrace a holistic lifestyle, free of bullying, drugs and promiscuous sex.*

## 3-20 DOES THE WORD OF GOD REALLY HAVE AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH? ☺

At Vatican II, the Church affirmed the preeminent authority of the Word of God, whose servant we all are. What does this mean? Does it challenge how authority is exercised by the Church?



**Timothy Radcliffe, OP**

*Fr. Timothy Radcliffe joined the Dominicans in 1965 and taught Scripture at Blackfriars Hall at the University of Oxford, England, before being elected Provincial of the English Province of the Dominicans in 1988, and Master of the Order of Preachers (1992- 2001). Fr. Radcliffe is an itinerant lecturer who has preached in over a hundred countries. His books include “Seven Last Words,” and he is an Editor Advisor and regular contributor to the daily prayer periodical, Give Us This Day.*

**3-21 CULTURE, JUSTICE AND CARITAS: THE VISION OF POPES BENEDICT AND FRANCIS** ☪

This workshop will consider the interaction between modern culture and the Catholic commitment to justice and caritas through the lens of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. The Church's ethical voice and witness are much needed in the current debates about globalization, human development and the common good, as much of this discourse has been dominated by political rather than deeper cultural concerns. At the heart of this conversation is an understanding of what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God and how this informs everything we do for justice, charity and truth in the world around us.

**Jonathan J. Reyes, PhD**

*Dr. Jonathan Reyes is Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. In 2009, he became President/CEO of Catholic Charities in the Denver Archdiocese. In 2005, Dr. Reyes helped found the Augustine Institute of Denver, and served as its first President. He also taught in the History Department at Christendom College in Front Royal, Va., where he served two years as Vice President for Academic Affairs.*

**3-22 FAMILIES ARE THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH!** ☪

The research tells us! Our pastoral experience tells us! Our own faith journey tells us! SO, when are we going to make families – across the life cycle – the center of faith formation in every parish? If we want vibrant faith in our children, teens and young adults, then family faith formation needs to be our No. 1 priority – and we need to devote our time and resources to building strong family assets and strong family faith. Learn how to equip today's family for discipleship and lifelong faith growth, and how to support parents and grandparents as faith formers.

**John Roberto**

*John Roberto is President of LifelongFaith Associates, based in Naugatuck, Conn., and Editor of the Lifelong Faith Journal. He is also coordinator of the Faith Formation 2020 Initiative and the Faith Formation Learning Exchange (with Vibrant Faith Ministries). Roberto works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, and give presentations and workshops in lifelong faith formation across the United States. Among his latest publications is "Faith Formation 2020: Designing the Future of Faith."*

**3-23 CRUCIFIXION: HOW A TERRIBLE FORM OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BECAME A SYMBOL OF ABUNDANT LIFE** ☪

In Roman antiquity, death on the cross was considered as the most horrible and shameful form of capital punishment. The Gospel Passion narratives reflect the actual procedures used in the process of crucifying a condemned prisoner. Yet, because of who Jesus was and

why he was led to the cross enabled the New Testament to transform this most abject form of death into a symbol of life for all humanity.

**Fr. Donald Senior, CP**

*Fr. Donald Senior is President Emeritus of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also a member of the faculty as Professor of New Testament. The Philadelphia native is a member of the Passionist Congregation and was ordained a priest in 1967. Fr. Senior has published both scholarly and popular works on Scripture, is a frequent lecturer and speaker throughout the United States and abroad, and serves on numerous boards and commissions.*

**3-24 POPE FRANCIS: HOW DO WE BECOME A "CHURCH FOR THE POOR"?** ☪

In his inaugural homily, Pope Francis committed himself to "embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially to the poorest, the weakest, the least important, those whom Matthew lists in the final judgment on love: the hungry, thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison." We can do no less! Join Bishop Sylvester Ryan and a panel of educators working in solidarity with the poor in the United States and internationally, as they reflect how, as a Church community, we can be the "church for the poor" together.

**Bishop Sylvester Ryan**

*Bishop Sylvester Ryan, a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, served as principal of St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Calif., in the 1970s. In 1986, he was named President-Rector of the archdiocesan St. John's College Seminary, and then appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles in 1990. He was installed as the third Bishop of Monterey in California in 1992; he retired December 2006 at age 76. Bishop Ryan also served as President of the California Catholic Conference from 1997-2004.*

**Msgr. Timothy Joseph Dyer**

*Timothy Dyer, born and raised in Los Angeles, attended St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and St. Mary's College in Baltimore. A priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, he has served the parishes of St. Columbkille and Nativity Church since 1974 and was archdiocesan Vicar for Clergy from 1991-1995. Msgr. Dyer has taught Scripture courses and presented parish retreats and archdiocesan events for parish communities and schools. He is currently Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Los Angeles.*

**Joyce Francois**

*Joyce Francois has worked for years in the Office for Youth Ministry for the Detroit Archdiocese, where she is currently Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator. She has created a partnership between her archdiocese and the Diocese of Riobamba, Ecuador, and has taken numerous groups on mission and cultural immersion trips. Francois works primarily with youth from churches within the city of Detroit. She leads various local presentations and training connected to youth ministry.*



**BOOK SIGNING:**

*Last year at Congress, there were 56 scheduled times by 29 authors and musical artists to sign their books, CDs or other materials (pictured is 2013 keynote Mark Shriver).*

**3-25 INTELLECTUAL PREPARATION FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: FOUR CRITICAL CHALLENGES FROM CONTEMPORARY CULTURE** ☪

A Pew Research Center study indicates that unbelief among Americans is increasing at 1 percent per year (from 25 percent to 35 percent in the last 10 years). Catholics are no exception. Much of this unbelief is attributable to three false dichotomies from popular culture: 1) faith vs. science and reason; 2) suffering vs. the love of God; and 3) virtue and morality vs. individual freedom. There is also considerable doubt surrounding the historicity and divinity of Jesus. Fr. Robert Spitzer will address resolutions to these intellectual challenges from the latest scientific, philosophical, historical and exegetical evidence. He will also address ways they can be taught in our schools and parishes so that we can help stem the tide of unbelief.



**Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Institute and of the Spitzer Center in Irvine, Calif. The former President of Gonzaga University (from 1998 to 2009) has published five books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer gives over 90 public lectures annually at universities in the United States, Canada, Europe, Hong Kong, as well as presentations to Boards of Directors of major corporations, to priests conferences and other Catholic academic societies and meetings.*

**3-26 CONFIRMATION IN A NEW TRANSLATION** ☪

**Rev. Paul Turner (bio 2-21)**

The Rite of Confirmation in the Catholic Church will soon be reissued with a new English translation. What should we expect? How different will the prayers sound? What can we learn by looking once more at the confirmation liturgy?

**3-27 THE COMMON GOOD AND AN UN-COMMON HOPE** ☪

**Jim Wallis (bio 2-24)**

Ours is a shallow and selfish age and we are in need of conversion – from looking out just for ourselves to looking out for one another. It is easy to feel hopeless, that this is all there is. But how does our pursuit of the common good point us to and awaken an “uncommon hope” of the world that is to come?

**3-70 Thử chia sẻ một lớp cho giới trẻ về sứ mạng và phương thức rao truyền Tin Mừng của người trẻ thời nay** ☪

Chúng ta sẽ cùng nhau thử tìm cách chia sẻ với giới trẻ về lời mời gọi của Chúa Giê-su – “Hãy đi và biến muôn dân thành môn đệ” – của Chúa, giúp các bạn trẻ nhận ra sứ mạng cao cả và thúc bách này, cũng như một vài phương thức và môi trường thích hợp với tuổi trẻ, để các bạn đóng góp tích cực vào việc Tân Phúc Âm Hóa của Giáo Hội.

**TEACHING MISSION AND EVANGELIZATION METHODS FOR TODAY’S YOUNG PEOPLE** ☪

In this workshop, we will share with youth about the urging of Jesus’ challenge – “Go and make disciples of all nations” – some instruments of and environments for evangelization suitable for today’s youth, so they can actively contribute to the New Evangelization of the Church. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



**Frère Fortunat Phong, FSC**

*Frère Fortunat Phong là một tu sĩ thuộc Dòng La San, chuyên lo việc giáo dục. Trước năm 1975, Frère từng phục vụ tại trường La San Taberd, Sài Gòn, và các trường La San khác bên Việt Nam. Ngoài việc dạy học trong các cơ sở giáo dục của Dòng La San trong 48 năm qua, Frère thường được các nơi, trong nước cũng như ngoài nước, mời đến chia sẻ trong các khóa huấn luyện giáo lý viên, tình tâm, đại hội giới trẻ.*

**Bro. Fortunat Phong, FSC**

*Brother Fortunat Phong, a member of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, is an international speaker and retreat facilitator. Prior to 1975, he served at the La San Tabard in Saigon, Vietnam, and at other Lasallian schools in Vietnam. In addition to teaching in the educational institutions of the Lasallian order for 48 years, Bro. Phong is often invited to present at catechist trainings, retreats and youth conferences both in the United States and in foreign countries.*

